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## The Lady Rams Win More Jewelry



Lady Ram Seniors Zia Cooke, Kearrah Peace, Tanaziah Hines

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# Rarefied Air

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, Ph.D.

The Truth Contributor

*Every day of my life I walk with the idea I am black, no matter how successful I am.*

- Danny Glover



I have often wondered, what does it feel like when a person has successfully reached the top of one of the highest mountains? What does it look like? And, what does it take to actually conquer such lofty aspirations?

The Antoinette Perry Award, also known as the Tony Award is the highest honor for U.S. Theatre and recognizes excellence in live Broadway Theatre. This much-coveted award is situated at the summit of entertainment achievement and is equivalent to the Academy or Oscar (film), Emmy (television) and Grammy (music) awards.

When the Broadway musical *Oklahoma!* earned the honor of Best Revival of a Musical at the 2019 Tony Awards held June 9 in New York City, many Toledoans - including myself - were elated.

For, it meant that cast member Anthony Cason, one of our own, was now among select company and sitting on top of the world after the typically arduous, uncertain and benumbing journey through the entertainment industry.

I spoke with the young actor about his quest to reach the entertainment industry's rarefied air and the factors which made his journey survivable.

**Perryman:** Wow! What an honor.

**Cason:** Yeah, it's something else. Thank you!

**Perryman:** What does it feel like to have played a part in *Oklahoma!*, which won the 2019 Tony Award for the Best Revival of a Musical?

**Cason:** There aren't many times that you get to do a job that you fully believe in and aligns with speaking to larger issues, speaking to the community, sparking conversation, bridging the gap between age groups and social classes and things like that, and this show somehow does all of those things. I feel grateful to be a part of something that is really challenging people.

**Perryman:** How does the current version differ from the original?

**Cason:** The original is more of a musical. I would say this revival is more of a play with music. In the original staging and the way normal productions go, they speed through the scenes to get to the songs, they speed through the texts to get to the people that come hear people sing. In this production, we really slow it down, so people can hear every word of the show and hear these people say these things that are so vile and so dark. I fully believe that the way we're doing the show, is probably the way the show is supposed to be done, but 75 years ago when the original musical came out,

people weren't ready for it. So, I think it was all supposed to lead up to this, I truly believe that.

**Perryman:** The musical, according to the promotion, 'tells a story of a community circling its wagons against an outsider and the violence of the frontier that shaped America.' Can you please provide a synopsis of the musical through your own lens?

**Cason:** I would say most, if not all communities, operate on having someone that everybody looks upon as not belonging. People are afraid of "other" people coming in and taking their jobs; people coming into their communities and gentrifying; and people coming to their communities and bringing danger. Only because they don't look like them or they don't sound like them or they haven't been here since the beginning or they're not "American." That's what it is, that driving on that 'outsider' is what has always been at the core of America and we haven't yet got past it.

**Perryman:** Please describe your character in the musical.

**Cason:** I play a federal marshal who is a part of the community. I have a relationship with everyone to an extent and it's not until the very end that my part really comes to the forefront. In the end, someone dies and in true fashion they want to gloss over it to get the person who committed the crime free and just get it over and done with, and everybody agrees except me. The outsider who was there before is now gone, so they need a new person to put into that slot and in this production, I become that person.

**Perryman:** So, talk about the journey to what I call "the rarefied air" of Broadway and the experiences that helped you to successfully arrive there.

**Cason:** I grew up in a normal household during my formative years and then as I matured into early teenage years it was more of a single mother household but my dad was still around and a large part of my life.

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Anthony Cason

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## Community Calendar

### June 22

Juneteenth at the Frederick Douglass CA: 11 am to 4 pm; Black Lives Matter Day

### June 23

United MBC Youth Day Service: 10:45 am

St Paul MBC Annual Youth Day: Joint Sunday school at 9:30 am with Min.

Jaron Jackson; Morning service at 10:45 am with speaker Jasmine Aaron-Pope of Canaan Manifested Word Church; "God's Got It:" 419-246-2886.

### June 30

Calvary Baptist Church Lion of Judah Victory Choir Anniversary Celebration: 4:00 pm; "I Will Bless the Lord at all Times, His praises shall Continually Be in My Mouth!"

St. Stephen AME Annual Pew Rally: 3 pm; An inspirational program: 419 244-0402

Ebenezer MBC 100 Women in White Service: 4 pm; Speaker Min. Kay Crenshaw of 2nd Baptist; "This Little Light of Mine; I'm Gonna Let It Shine"

### October 23

UT's "Tricks Treats & Dunks:" 6 to 8 pm; Savage Arena; Trick or treat for kids from 6 to 7 pm; Costume contest at 7; Rockets players at various games



# Let's Take It From the Top

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq  
Guest Column

I know...I know. Everyone has an opinion on the hot button topic of abortion. People on the "left" and people on the "right" and even people in the "center" will bare their political fangs if you step on their abortion bunion.

So, for me, I am going to start from the Top (if you didn't know by now, the word, "TOP" is an euphemism for God...the uncreated cause of everything including life itself.

I am arguing from a point of reference that TOP has not been obliterated from our jargon, life, politics, welfare, culture or conscience and, as such, TOP, because of his eternal presence, takes the position (not ever successfully contested) that there are no other "tops" before him...or after him.

As such, TOP's position, reflecting on his detailed history and recorded authenticity as stated in the Bible (both Old Testament and New Testament) is worthy of consideration regarding his authority to inform us that he has the final word on his creation.

For starters, search as you may, you will find no moral or spiritual approval in the Bible for TOP approving abortions either as a means of birth control or a convenient way to rid of the results of criminal acts of rape or incest, fornication or adultery. None.

Why is that you say? Simple: All life is generated from TOP and in the final analysis, it returns to TOP. TOP created mankind (includes woman) in his image for his pleasure and as his highest creative act.

Nothing we can do can have TOP disavow his creation in the sense of total renouncement because what came from his creative powers is precious and life was and is part of his creative genius.

The only absolute moral authority that exists is from TOP. Mankind can attempt to impose their relative humanist philosophies and man-made religions, but the story of TOP is that such artifices will fail regardless of their appeal to the vanities of mankind and his/her attempt to replace TOP with their own created, "tops".

So, where does that leave us? It leaves us exercising our free will to either follow TOP or to spurn his rule and reign upon his creation. Sometimes we do those things that are singularly pleasing to us despite TOP telling us that there are other options available.

With TOP, we have the freedom to disregard his instructions and go our own way but know that in his creative decision of allowing free will, there is a built-in alarm system (some call it, "conscience") that informs us that there are consequences to our actions...some good...some not so good.

Abortion triggers that built-in alarm system because abortion informs us that we are choosing to go our own way and will not submit to his rule and reign on this topic.

TOP has clearly said that life begins at conception and that TOP even knew you before you were formed in your mother's womb (citations omitted). So, in the overall scheme of things, babies are not accidents or coincidences, but they receive that "spark" of life force (from conception) and go on a wondrous journey to the final miracle we call, birth.

Understand that in the journey call gestation and birth, negative things may have happened. Like, war, rape, miscarriage, illicit drug use, DNA deviations and a host of other intervening causes that result in that journey being interrupted or stopped or even the birth results, not to our liking.

TOP knows that. TOP saw it from the beginning when TOP put into existence his creation and the freewill actors or influences that may have hindered, marred or blemished both conception and the final birthing process.

Abortion has not caught TOP off guard. He is not at a loss of words for those who are caught up in abortion including those, men or women, who intentionally cause abortions or those who negligently cause abortions.

For TOP, life is life and its myriad of consequences are noted; and the agents or causes of abortion are noted for all of eternity with TOP. This final accounting will occur when TOP causes everyone to cease their worldly activity and they are called to give an account of their deeds done while in the flesh. Abortion also will be judged.

For those who argue that a woman has an absolute right to do as she pleases with her body and according to her freewill, that is correct but with a caveat, that decision will be confronted by the word of TOP and everyone will have answer to it.

If one was to argue for the rights of the unborn, one would have the woman as the designated guardian ad litem for the rights of the unborn child and those rights are limited to doing things that guarantee a reasonable and safe in utero journey and birth; and with rights thereafter to

grow and to be free from want and oppression.

Conduct or actions that bespeak that the child in the womb is not wanted or appreciated and is thus ended by an abortion, TOP will honor that life in the hereafter (remember, I said that TOP has his plan to honor that life that we may have not honored but the decision does not absolve one from an accounting as to why the act of abortion was undertaken).

An abortion extinguishes a life (at whatever stage of development it may be at), but it does not extinguish the accompanying indwelling spirit of the unborn child. That eternal spirit is the sole and exclusive property or "treasure" of TOP.

Is abortion TOP's best for you? No. It may be the best decision, as you think it was at the time, but remember, TOP's eye is ever upon that yet-to-be ended life.

In some segments of American society, medical science has erroneously termed an aborted fetus as simply the "products of conception" and nothing more. Nothing could be further from the truth because that "product" was known by TOP when that "product" was in the mother's womb and in that womb, that child was fearfully and wonderfully formed by TOP (citation omitted).

So, what does TOP do when abortions happen? Simple: TOP sees all and knows all and nothing escapes his attention and the same holds true for the aborted fetus and the mother of the fetus.

The fetus is reunited with TOP and the birth mother (even an abortion is a "birth" in the sense that a life ceases to exist) can be told that TOP's love for her is not preconditioned on her having or not having that child.

Freewill allows for abortion but freewill also will be called into account for all decisions made that knowingly cheapened TOP's gift of life.

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# Hicks-Hudson Announces Release of over \$1,900,000 in State Support for the Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital

*Lawmaker says funds will provide a better quality of life for Northwest Ohioans*

State Rep. Paula Hicks-Hudson (D-Toledo) last week announced the release of \$1,940,200 in state funds to support infrastructure improvements at the Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital. The Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital (NOPH) is a state-owned and operated, in-patient behavioral healthcare facility located in Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio.

"I am happy to see the Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital receiving an important investment from the state toward much needed infrastructure improvements," said Hicks-Hudson. "This project will help support the daily operation of our community institution and provide

a better quality of life for Northwest Ohioans."

The release of state funds were approved for the following projects:

- \$872,600 to replace the window's in the Patient Unit Annex portion of the facility with more energy efficient and secure windows, improving facility operation and patient safety.

- \$1,067,600 to replace the heating, venting, and air conditioning controls in the facility, restoring functionality and improving energy efficiency.

The funds were approved at Monday's meeting of the state Controlling Board, a bipartisan panel that oversees state spending.



Rep. Paula Hicks-Hudson

# Sobecki Votes to Address Drug Overdoses, Children's Behavioral Health Issues

State Rep. Lisa Sobecki (D-Toledo) last week joined her colleagues in the Ohio House in voting to pass House Bill (HB) 10, creating the Office of Drug Policy to help coordinate statewide and local efforts to combat drug addiction and overdose issues; and House Bill (HB) 12 creating the Children's Behavioral Health Prevention Network, which will create a new approach to addressing children's mental and behavioral health issues.

"My district has one of the highest drug overdose rates in the state, so supporting HB 10 is personal to me," said Sobecki. "Through the Office of Drug Policy, we can build a better atmosphere of cooperation and coordination to ensure each person affected by addiction—whether they are the victims of addiction or their families—can receive the help they need and have the chance to achieve the Ohio Promise of a better life and a brighter future."

Regarding the passage of HB 12, Sobecki said, "This legislation helps us to step in early and prevent behavioral issues instead of reacting to them. Additionally, it protects our communities' most valuable resource: our children. HB 12 lives up to our promise to protect children and families."

Both bills now head to the Ohio Senate for consideration.



Rep. Lisa Sobecki

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# Lady Rams Add More Rings to Their Fingers

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

Rogers High School Lady Rams accepted championship rings for the second year in a row this month in a celebration at the school that also featured a special honor for Head Coach Lamar Smith. Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz announced that the Rogers street will be temporarily named Lamar Smith Drive.

"You can't tell me you're not a legend now," shouted Zia Cooke from her seat in the front row. Cooke, a national player of the year finalist, the Ohio state Division II player of the year and a McDonald's All-American, led the Lady Rams to their second title in a row, the first Toledo basketball team, boys or girls, to achieve that feat.

In the Final Four, Cooke had 37 points in the semifinal game against Sheridan, to go with 13 rebounds. She added 13 points and 11 rebounds in the championship game against No. 1 ranked Dayton Carroll. All-Ohio guard Madison Royal Davis led the team in the championship game with 17 points, nine rebounds and seven assists. Senior center Tanaziah Hines added eight points, seven rebounds and six blocked shots against Carroll.

For Smith, the title game was his 200th victory during his nine years as the school's head coach and a tribute to the success he has had instilling a team-oriented atmosphere in the program. He has led the team to eight consecutive City League championships.

They team maintained a 3.2 overall team GPA; they ran the hills during the off-season; they overcame the tragedy of two classmates passing away – one

during Final Four week. They stayed focused on their goals despite their own personal battles outside of basketball and the pressure of having to deal with all the media hype due to Moore's growing stature as one of the best players in the nation – she has also earned two gold medals with USA Basketball and has committed to the University of South Carolina in the fall.

This year's championship was never a foregone conclusion. The team had to fight their way to a City League Championship against Start High School by knocking down free throws in the final minute and go to the wire against Central Catholic and Napoleon in the District Championship and Regional semifinal, respectively. The tough matches prepared them for monster games against Bellevue in the Regional finals and much easier victories in the Final Four, even against the number one seed Carroll.

For the three seniors on the team – Cooke, Hines and Kearrah Peace – the matching jewelry was a perfect way to ring out their high school careers.



*Lady Ram Seniors Zia Cooke, Kearrah Peace, Tanaziah Hines*



*The Lady Rams*



*Zia Cooke introduces Coach Smith*



*Assistant Coach Quinsey Hammond; TPS Superintendent Romules Durant, EdD; Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, Coach Lamar Smith*



*Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz*





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*Perryman... continued from page 2*

**Perryman:** In Toledo?

**Cason:** Yes. I was always positioned around a tight-knit community of people who really instilled the values of inner growth and aspiring to do whatever you wanted to do. That came from my family, that came from my church, that came from my community. Really instilling education and also following your dreams and really doing what you wanted to do in this life.

And so I took that to heart and I wanted to do what I wanted to do, so after early adulthood I went to the Toledo School for the Arts from seventh grade to 12th grade, studied acting there the entire time and had fantastic teachers who, again, instilled those same values. I then auditioned for colleges and for theatre, ended up at Otterbein, a small liberal arts school just outside of Columbus. I moved to New York City in 2015, after graduating and I've been here ever since.

So, it's a journey when you get here because no one knows who you are and you have to put in the work. You put in that work when no one's looking. You're the one who goes to the auditions and works the day jobs. I can't tell you how many jobs I've had. I can't tell you how many day jobs I've had. Waking up at 3:30 in the morning to get to work at 5 to open the fitness studio, then get off work at 11, go to audition at 12 and then I've done so much in my day already, so much in my day, and then you wake up and you do it all over again.

So it was about two and a half to three years of auditioning and getting work here and there. My first job in the city was a small spot on a TV show on VH1 and then I did an episode of Law and Order and then I did Oklahoma! off Broadway in early 2018 and that was honestly my introduction to the theatre community here.

It was the show that people came to see, people loved and it got me into the rooms of other top casting directors who I'd never been in for, and ever since then it's been, I wouldn't say an easy journey at all, I just had more people on my team, more people who are like, 'oh, he is good, he should come in all the time for this. We like him, we love his work, he should

always be seen.' And so, it's from those things that I have really been able to build from.

**Perryman:** Can you tell me when and how you found your voice, knowing strongly that you were not going to accept anything short of being an actor?

**Anthony:** Well, we had a Christmas production at Center of Hope Church and then I think ya'll gave me a speech to memorize, but gave it to Keshia, my sister, to give to me and she didn't give it to me until like a day before. I don't remember the logistics of it, but I didn't have a lot of time, but I remember looking at it and memorizing it and knowing instinctively what to do with it before I even had an acting class.

I also can remember reading A Raisin in the Sun for the first time and I actually finished reading the play at church on a Sunday and feeling so moved by it. It was a play that talks about the struggle of our people, number one, but also it was just beautifully constructed and it just felt like beautiful storytelling, and I was like that's the kind of work I want to do. I want my work to speak for something, and I felt like that play really awakened maybe that feeling I have now or that desire I have now to only do work that I feel is driving something or has a narrative or is causing people to communicate in a way in which they weren't before. Now I say that to say there probably will be times in which I have to pay the bills, then I'll have to pay the bills, but the goal is to do work that I feel emotionally connected to. I felt so emotionally connected to A Raisin in the Sun that I'm sure that's somehow in my subconscious helped shape where I am today.

And then, once I got to the Toledo School for the Arts and started taking acting classes it was like oh, I like this. This thing brings me joy, even beyond people clapping for you, the putting an idea out into the room and talking about it, putting a theme in there and having people really grapple with it, that's interesting to me.

**Perryman:** So fittingly, then, Oklahoma!, The Revival, is the first musical to join the entertainment industry's gun neutral initiative. Talk about that.

**Cason:** We have an epidemic of violence in this country and so the production sends donations to a partnering organization that are trying to use our art to spark conversation. Gun violence is a problem that we have to talk about and in this show there is a gun and one dies from the gun so it seems like the perfect fit to have this conversation about gun control and to have all these guns on the set and have them all be representative of change. If you walk into the show, we throw all these ideas at you, which cause you to look inward and tackle all those things that you probably may have neglected or that you choose not to talk about.

**Perryman:** What advice do you have for aspiring actors and dancers, performers?

**Cason:** I would say make sure you love it. I would also say don't make being famous your goal. Fame is fleeting, so I really think understanding why you're doing it in the first place. Your motivation may come from any place in the beginning, but I would hope that it would grow to something more deeply rooted in service or in transformation.

I would also say, know that you have all the tools and you're perfect just the way you are. So, don't let anyone tell you that you have to change to be better because you are better, you are wonderful, you are beautiful. I think that's really what I would say. Yes, learn your lines, do all that, but what's important is loving and appreciating who you are because if you don't do that you can't inhabit a character believably and fully the way in which it should be done, so I think the work is on yourself.

**Perryman:** Thank you and the best of luck in the future!

**Cason:** Yes, thank y'all, Toledo. I am really grateful to have had so many people along the way who have helped me in so many ways.

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# The Sojourner's Truth Economy and Financial Health

## Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

**SPEAK UP • Improve IRS • We Listen**

By Andrea Price, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Member Representing Ohio

The Truth Contributor

The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) is supported by and aligned with the IRS but is not part of the IRS and are not employees of the IRS. TAP is comprised of civic-minded citizen volunteers from all walks of life representing each state, D.C., Puerto Rico and an international member (citizens living, working or doing business abroad).

TAP's mission is to listen to taxpayers, identify taxpayers' issues and make suggestions for improving the IRS service and customer satisfaction.

This month, I would like to highlight: 1) a few recommendations adopted by the IRS from taxpayers to include CPAs/tax practitioners and tax attorneys, and 2) IRS Taxpayer Tip.

The IRS has agreed to adopt the following suggestions submitted by taxpayers:

**1. Informational Returns Toll-Free Filing Information Returns Electronically (FIRE) Line. Suggestion:** Reorder the position in the phone script of the announcements 57439, 56354, 58053 and 58054 to appear at the beginning of the phone script. IRS action: Changed the order of the messages played on the FIRE telephone line. Will first play the welcome message, and then play the modified 56354 as follows: If you are calling about the status of your refund, press 1. If you are calling about CP2100/2100A or Notice 972CG press 2. For all others, press 3. To hear these options again press 9.

**2. Letter 63C. Suggestion:** Under What You need to Do, add the option of "Your information is correct; however, our records indicate you didn't reach the minimum income reporting level required for the issuance of a Form W-2".

**IRS action:** agreed to update the letter.

**3. 1099-MISC & Instructions. Suggestion:** Change Text to include property managers as not all property managers are real estate agents. Clarify the wording to provide definitive reporting status. IRS action: Change to read: "Payments of rent to real estate agents or property managers. However, the real estate agent or property manager must..." Change to read: "However, if the value of a pass provided in a month is greater than \$21, the full value is part of the gross income and must be reported on Form 1099-MISC."

**4. 1040 Sch. A & B. Suggestion:** Replace eligible person with: "You may deduct up to \$50 per night each for the patient and a person traveling with the person receiving treatment. IRS action: Modify the last sentence of the bullet to read: "Don't deduct more than \$50 a night for each person who meets the requirements in Pub. 502 under Lodging."

**5. Pub. 560-Deduction Worksheet for Self-Employed. Suggestion:** Add "Elective Deferral" definition to the Definitions You Need to Know list. IRS action: the following definition has been added: Elective Deferrals. An elective deferral is the contribution made by employees to a qualified retirement plan. Non-owner employees: The employee salary reduction/elective deferral contributions must be elected/made by the end of the tax year and deposited into the employee's plan account within seven days (safe harbor) and not later than 15 days. Owner/employees: The employee deferrals must be elected by the end of the tax year and then can be made by the tax return filing dead-

line, including extensions.

**IRS Tax Tip- Do a Paycheck Check-Up** at least once a year

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- Have high income or a complex tax return
- Had a large tax refund or tax bill the last time you filed

**Use the IRS Withholding Calculator to do a Paycheck Checkup**

The IRS Withholding Calculator helps figure out if you should submit a new Form W-4 to your employer or make estimated tax payments to the IRS before the end of the year.

- Have your most recent pay stub and federal tax return on hand.
- The calculator's results are only as accurate as the information you enter.
- Find the IRS calculator at [IRS.gov/withholding](https://www.irs.gov/withholding).

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"We are thrilled to partner with LISC and NeighborWorks to make this program available in the communities we serve," said Reginald E. Temple, director of Community Development for First Federal Bank. "Individuals who choose to enroll in the Gateway Loan Program will have the full support of the partnership as they work to achieve long-term financial stability," he added.

"We know the lasting impact of financial stability can have on families and the community. With this program, we are proud to continuously reinvest in our communities as part of our Better Together philosophy," said Martha Woelke, First Federal Bank director of Retail Lending.

The program is designed specifically for individuals with no or low credit scores. Participants in similar programs have seen credit score improvements of 100 points in just six months.

"People with no or low credit scores pay higher interest rates and have a harder time accessing credit for large purchases like vehicles or homes, which makes it an uphill battle to financial stability," said LISC Program Assistant Shaulonda Jones explaining why LISC is establishing partnerships with local banks. "That's why building credit is such a major focus of LISC's FOC model."

A key component of the Gateway Loan Program is the relationship between participants and their FOC coaches. Throughout the program, participants will continue to meet regularly with their coaches to develop strategies for increasing income and accessing additional supports and resources as their credit improves.

"Gateway is another tool in our arsenal to help people build credit," said Mandy Jacomet, director of finance at NeighborWorks Toledo Region. "It will help our clients achieve financial success."

"Participants will form and maintain crucial partnerships with their financial coach and First Federal Bank during the program," explained Nicole Reno, Financial Opportunity Center manager at NeighborWorks Toledo Region. "Many people with credit problems feel stuck with them, and do not have a positive relationship with any financial institution. The Gateway Loan partnerships ensure that participants are educated, empowered, and connected to develop healthy financial habits and build long-term financial stability. It's very exciting to be in partnership with First Federal and LISC."

Individuals interested in participating in the Gateway Loan Program should contact the NeighborWorks Financial Opportunity Center at (419) 776-2103.

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# Terry Crosby Joins Taylor Automotive Family Team

The Taylor Automotive Family is proud to announce that Terry Crosby has joined the Team. Mr. Crosby was a remarkable football and basketball player at DeVilbiss High School in Toledo, Ohio. Many would claim that Mr. Crosby is one of the greatest two sport athletes to come out of the city of Toledo. Mr. Crosby went on to continue his outstanding basketball career at the University of Tennessee. After attending the university, he was picked in the third round of the NBA draft by the Kansas City Kings. After his time with the Kings, he went on to play for 17 years in four different countries in the European league. He still holds the single highest scoring record in the European league with 73 points, in an era when the three-point shot did not exist yet. Mr. Crosby would like to personally express his gratitude and appreciation to the entire Taylor Automotive Family for bringing him on board to work with yet another amazing team. Mr. Crosby hopes he can bring his unrivaled enthusiasm and energy to his Ambassador role for the greater Toledo community, where he will strive to make meaningful collaborations and relationships for years to come.

"I am thrilled to have Terry join the Taylor Team! Terry's connection with the Toledo Community, his positive attitude, and his unending quest to give back to his community are a perfect fit with our organization," Steve Taylor said. "We look forward to working together to continue to make a lasting impact in Northwest Ohio and we could not be happier to welcome such a great addition to the Taylor Automotive Family."



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# More Women and Minorities Needed for Financial Planning Jobs

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Americans' need for competent and ethical financial advice continues to grow, but the population of professionals who can provide such advice is shrinking.

At the same time, the demographics of wealth in the U.S. are shifting. The average net worth of African American families increased by 30 percent from 2013 to 2016, according to the Federal Reserve. Women now control more than one-third of wealth in the country, according to The Boston Consulting Group. And an "InvestmentNews" report found the top-fifth of Latinos, or more than 2.1 million households, have an average wealth of more than \$400,000.

Not reflecting these changes, however, are the demographics of today's financial planning workforce. Less than one-fourth of the more than 84,000 Certified Financial Planner (CFP) professionals are women, and only 3.6 percent are Black or Latino.

The gap between the current state of the financial planning profession and what is needed in this shift-

ing landscape presents big career opportunities for aspiring CFP professionals, particularly female and minority candidates.

"We need more financial planners," says Brittney Castro, a Los Angeles-based Latina CFP professional. "It's such a great career. You're helping people with their money, you make good money, and you have ultimate freedom over your time. That's a win-win-win."

Financial planners earn a median pay of \$89,000, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which also projects that job opportunities within the financial advisory industry are expected to grow by 15 percent between 2016 and 2026. This means CFP professionals can enjoy lucrative careers with long-term opportunity and room for growth, all while helping others.

The ways in which diverse financial professionals benefit their communities is multifaceted, according to Justin Sullivan, CFP, an African American invest-

ment advisor for a wealth management company in Atlanta. Giving back is a central part of the work, he says, whether through formal financial planning services or simple conversations with people in the community. "I think we take for granted what people know, especially when you talk about groups that have not historically been exposed to wealth."

Becoming a CFP professional also provides opportunities to serve as a mentor for future generations of financial planners and encourage even greater diversity in the profession. "There are not many of us -- women of color -- who are financial planners, so I have a responsibility," says Rianka Dorsainvil, a CFP professional in Washington, D.C. "I have to volunteer and raise my hand for leadership positions so other women of color can say, 'I see her in me, so I can do that too.'"

To learn more about financial planning careers, visit [cfp.net/become-a-cfp-professional](http://cfp.net/become-a-cfp-professional).

Today's CFP professionals take pride in meeting the growing need for financial advice, helping people in their community achieve their financial goals, and making a positive difference in their clients' lives.

Courtesy StatePoint

## Five Reasons Why Financial Planning is a Great Career for Women

Special to The Truth

As Americans have increasingly realized they need competent, professional advice about how to manage their money, financial planning has grown significantly as a profession over the past several decades.

Yet, only 23 percent of the more than 83,000 Certified Financial Planner (CFP) professionals today are female, even as women control more than one-third of the wealth in the U.S. This means there's both a tremendous opportunity, as well as need, for more female financial planners.

Here are five benefits of financial planning careers that make them a great fit for women, according to those in the industry:

1. **Work-life balance:** Financial planning careers offer the flexibility to balance professional demands with your personal life, whether you are making time for family or for other activities that are important to you.

2. **Opportunity to make a difference:** Financial planners are often key parts of their communities and enjoy the satisfaction of helping people in important,

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## 19 JULY

### Prayer Breakfast

Date: Friday, July 19 2019  
Time: 8:00 AM  
Location: Friendship Baptist Church - 5301 Nebraska Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43615

## 19 JULY

### Gospel Concert

Date: Friday, July 19 2019 | Time: 6:00 PM  
Location: Friendship Baptist Church - 5301 Nebraska Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43615

## 20 JULY

### African American Parade + Festival

Dates: Saturday, July 20 2019 | Time: Kickoff at 10:00AM (1441 Dorr St.)  
Festival Location: Seagate Center (401 Jefferson Ave., Toledo)  
Featuring: Local Talent 1:00 PM - 9:00PM +  
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## 21 JULY

### African American Festival

Date: Sunday, July 21 2019 | Time: 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Location: Seagate Center (401 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, OH 43604)  
Featuring: Local Talent + The ZAPP Band +  
R&B Singer - Angela Windbush  
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# Social Security Questions and Answers

By Erin Thompson, Public Affairs Specialist, Toledo, OH

Guest Column

## Question:

How can I protect myself against identity theft?

## Answer:

First, don't carry your Social Security card with you. Keep it secure at home with your other important papers. Second, don't readily give out your Social Security number. While many banks, schools, doctors, landlords, and others will request your number, it is your decision whether to provide it. Ask if there is some other way to identify you in their records.

If you are the victim of identity theft, you should report it right away. To report identity theft, fraud, or misuse of your Social Security number, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) (the nation's consumer protection agency) recommends you:

- Place a fraud alert on your credit file by contacting one of the following companies (The company you contact is required to contact the other two, which will then place alerts on your reports.):
  - Equifax, 1-800-525-6285;
  - Trans Union, 1-800-680-7289; or
  - Experian, 1-888-397-3742.
- Review your credit report for inquiries from companies you have not contacted, accounts you did not open, and debts on your accounts you cannot explain;
- Close any accounts you know, or believe, have been tampered with or opened fraudulently;
  - File a report with your local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place; and
  - File a complaint with the FTC at 1-877-438-4338 (TTY 1-866-653-4261).

## Question:

Can I conduct my Social Security business online in the event of a hurricane or other disaster that keeps me from visiting an office?

## Answer:

Yes. You can conduct most of your business with Social Security online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), where you'll find a wealth of information and services. For example, you can create or access your own my Social Security account, apply online for Social Security benefits or Medicare, and check the status of your pending application. If you're already receiving Social Security benefits, you can change your address, phone number, or your direct deposit information, get a replacement Medicare card, or get an instant proof of income letter. You also can get your Social Security Statement online. Your Statement lets you check and verify your earnings record and see estimates of your future benefits. You also can find out if your local office is open at [www.socialsecurity.gov/emergency](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/emergency). That site lists any office closings and delays.

## Question:

I applied for a Social Security card for my child at the hospital and the card came back with the first name misspelled. What should I do?

## Answer:

Go to your local Social Security office or card center to ask for a corrected card. We need to see at least two original documents proving your child's:

- U.S. citizenship; and
- Identity.

We also must see proof of your identity, as the parent.

The documents you show us must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies. To find out more, go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber). There, you can learn what documents you need to fill out and print, and then bring or mail the information to us. You may also want to read the publication, Social Security Numbers For Children, available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs).

## Great Career for Women... continued from page 10

life-changing ways. By taking a holistic look at their clients' finances, they help families build wealth, manage financial challenges and achieve their goals.

"I think this is such a great field for women because we naturally want to take care of people. Becoming a financial planner is just another way of helping people out -- but in the money department," says Brittany Castro, a Los-Angeles-based CFP professional.

3. Financial stability: Financial planning careers offer excellent income potential that is comparable to other distinguished careers. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the median pay for personal financial planners is \$89,000.

4. Freedom to shape your own path: You may choose to work for a large firm, a small company, a bank or a broker dealer. Or, you may decide to start your own business. Roughly one in five personal financial planners are self-employed, according to the BLS.

"The beautiful thing about being a CFP pro is that we're still blazing trails. It's still a very young profession, so you can make this career anything you want," says Rianka Dorsainvil, a CFP professional in Washington, D.C.

5. Room for growth: The BLS projects that the financial advisory industry, including financial planning, will grow 15 percent between 2016 and 2026. That's 4 percent higher growth than other occupations are projected to experience. This high demand for financial planning services, coupled with an aging current workforce, means there is long-term opportunity and room for growth within the profession.

Financial planning is a satisfying career for many women already -- 72 percent of women who earned the CFP certification are very satisfied with their jobs, according to research from the CFP Board Center for Financial Planning. For more information on how to join the ranks, visit: [cfp.net/become-a-cfp-professional](http://cfp.net/become-a-cfp-professional).

Offering growth potential, work-life balance and the freedom to chart your own professional path, financial planning is a career that provides many tangible perks.

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# Toledo Museum of Art Film Series Begins June 27

*Automobile-related films to be screened Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons*

The movies and the automobile share a common history, born at the end of the 19th century and becoming ubiquitous throughout the 20th century. *Find One in Every Car: On the Road in American Movies* explores the impact and central role of the car in American culture.

The film series is held in conjunction with *Life Is a Highway: Art and American Car Culture*, which explores the rise of the automobile as a popular visual symbol of American culture. The exhibition runs through Sept. 15, 2019, and includes more than 150 works of art in a wide variety of media.

"The timelines of cinema and the automobile really coincide," explained Scott Boberg, manager of programs. "This film series provides the opportunity to see how the automobile has influenced our culture as well as showcase the history of cinema."

The film contains two themes with Thursday evening films focusing on action and the sense of individualism and freedom that the car provides. These include the 1967 Steve McQueen film "Bullitt" and the first film in the *Fast and Furious* franchise.

"Thursday's films include chase films, comedies and cult classics that explore American landscapes and identity," Boberg said.

Saturday afternoon films focus on the interwoven history that the automobile shares with cinema, and includes family-friendly selections and historical genre films.

"Saturday's film selection speaks to what the automobile means to America," Boberg said.

Tickets are \$5 for TMA members, \$7 for nonmembers, and \$4 for students and military. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [toledomuseum.org/](http://toledomuseum.org/)

## Film Schedule:

Thursday, June 27 - "Bullitt" (1968, PG, 1 hour 54 minutes)

Saturday, June 29 - The Automobile in the Silent Era (short films)

Thursday, July 11 - "Duel" (1971, PG, 1 hour, 30 minutes)

Thursday, July 18 - "Two-Lane Blacktop" (1971, R, 1 hour, 42 minutes)

Saturday, July 20 - "The Crowd Roars" (1932, not rated, 1 hour, 25 minutes)

Thursday, July 25 - "Vanishing Point" (1971, R, 1 hour, 39 minutes)

Saturday, July 27 - "The Grapes of Wrath" (1940, not rated, 2 hours, 9 minutes)

Thursday, Aug. 1 - "The Cannonball Run" (1981, PG, 1 hour, 35 minutes)

Saturday, Aug. 3 - "Thunder Road" (1958, not rated, 1 hour, 32 minutes)

Thursday, Aug. 8 - "Repo Man" (1984, R, 1 hour, 32 minutes)

Thursday, Aug. 15 - "Lost in America" (1985, R, 1 hour, 31 minutes)

Saturday, Aug. 17 - "Tucker, The Man and His Dream" (1988, PG, 1 hour, 50 minutes)

Thursday, Aug. 22 - "Thelma & Louise" (1991, R, 2 hours, 10 minutes)

Thursday, Aug. 29 - "The Fast and the Furious" (2001, PG-13, 1 hour, 46 minutes)

Saturday, Aug. 31 - "Cars" (2006, G, 1 hour, 57 minutes)

Saturday, Sept. 7 - "Green Book" (2018, PG-13, 2 hours, 10 minutes)

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# In West Mills by De'Shawn Charles Winslow

By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
The Truth Contributor

The burden on your shoulders is heavy.

Your whole body sags with the weight of things you know but can't tell, and each new whisper adds to the pack. Secrets you carry are more than you can bear sometimes, which is why you need to share them – but in the new book *In West Mills* by De'Shawn Charles Winslow, there's virtue in hushing up.

Azalea "Knot" Centre was in the process of throwing her man, Pratt, out of the house for the last time. Or maybe she wasn't because, although she hated having him underfoot, scolding her for evenings spent at Miss Goldie's bar, she also loved Pratt.

It was true that Knot drank a lot; even Otis Lee Loving, Knot's best friend down the road, told her so. Otis Lee and his wife, Pep, worried about Knot. When Knot woke up one day and realized that she was pregnant, they worried even more.

Seems that was what Otis Lee did best: worry.

After he found a nearby family to take Knot's daughter and raise her up, Otis Lee and Pep warned Knot not to sleep around anymore but pretty soon, Knot's belly grew big again. She mourned for months about her first girl-child, who was named Fran, and when Otis Lee found another family for the second girl, Knot mourned again. Otis Lee knew he'd have done the same thing, much as he loved his own son, Breezy.

And time passed in West Mills. Knot's girls were raised almost right beneath her nose and Otis Lee and Pep kept her secret. There was no use telling those girls about who'd given them birth, just like there was no reason to tell Otis Lee the secret about his family that Knot had heard from another friend. There was just no sense in hurting Otis Lee with that information.

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But in a little North Carolina town like West Mills, secrets have a way of escaping. Sometimes, they're slippery little things.

And sometimes, they're let go in anger and revenge...

*In West Mills* is one of those novels that makes you want to pause.

It's slow, that's it. It takes place over decades, as its two main characters grow, for better or worse, and age together and apart. At first, you might even think that it'll never get to the point – although it seems that is the point.

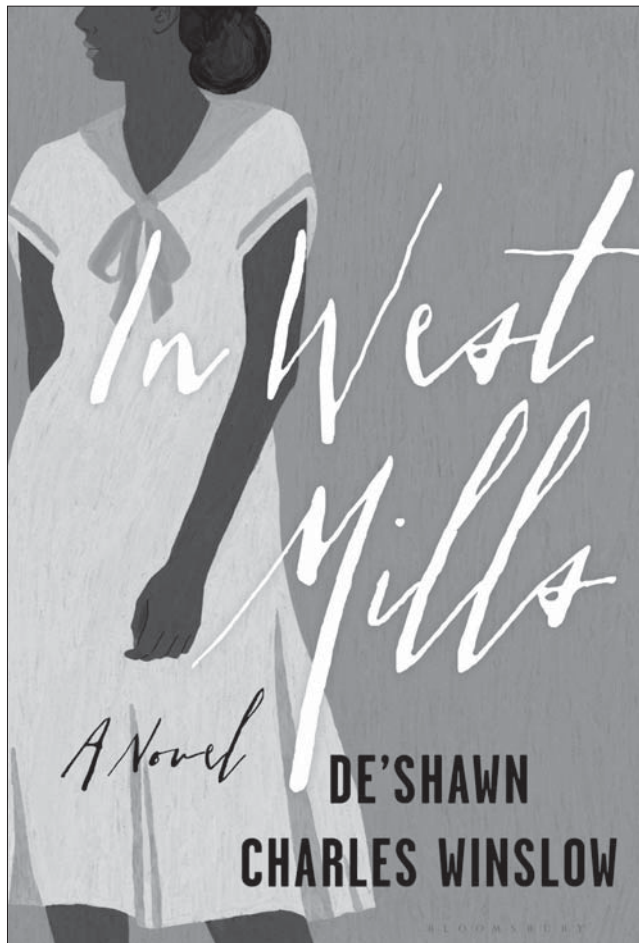
Yes, this novel works its way through slowly, but you'd be hard-pressed to find a tale that depicts friendship any better. Author De'Shawn Charles Winslow puts truth in this novel, in the form of frustration and exasperation real friends have between them, even though they love one another fiercely. He does that without ruining the story with too much silly drama, and there's your slow-down factor.

In the end, though, that offers a languid, hazy feeling, somewhat like walking barefoot down a dusty Carolina road on a summer's day. It makes you want to linger.

In the end, that makes *In West Mills* a book that's no burden to enjoy.

## National AA Male Wellness Walk & Run

Every year African American Men die prematurely of the top five preventable diseases nationwide. The National African American Male Wellness Walk Initiative (AAWALK) addresses these issues, but also raises awareness from a national perspective. In 2019, Toledo will be building on the success of last years AAWALK by bring together the community to host the African American Male Wellness Initiative 5k Walk/Run. This health awareness campaign, which has been in existence nationwide for more than 15 years, will bring together various entities with the community to collectively address the health of African American men. Looking at the challenges facing African American men and their families, it is our understanding that our readers share the same vision as AAWALK, to empower individuals and raise awareness regarding the health disparities impacting African American men. Join us Saturday, August 17 at Warren AME Church



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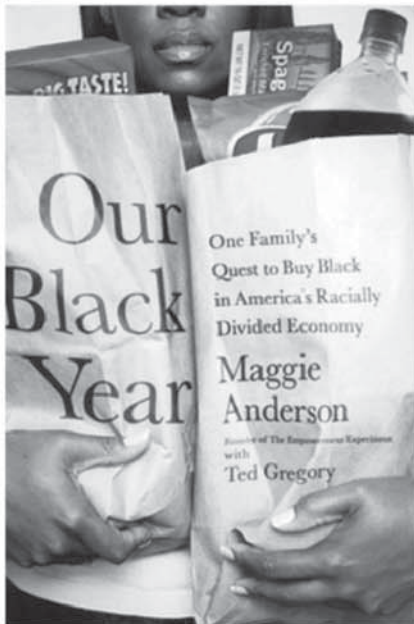
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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), located in Toledo, OH is seeking experienced applicants for the following position(s): Safety & Security Patrol Officer, Maintenance Mechanic III, Family Self-Sufficiency Specialist, Education Success Coach, Laborer. For complete details, visit [www.lucasmha.org/Careers](http://www.lucasmha.org/Careers). Deadline: 07/02/19. 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.



## ABUNDANT LIFE OF PERRYSBURG ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Abundant Life of Perrysburg is accepting applications for its subsidized apartment facilities. Abundant Life #1 offers independent living for senior citizens 62 years of age or older and individuals 55 or older with a physical impairment. Abundant Life #2 is a supportive living complex for people 62 and older. To apply individuals must meet the age requirement and an annual income requirement of no more than \$24,150.00 for one person or \$27,600.00 for two people.

We are located in the Three Meadows subdivision near the Manor of Perrysburg. Our garden apartments offer one bedroom, private patios, with individually controlled thermostats for heat and air conditioning.

Abundant Life #1 offers bathtubs, while Abundant Life #2 offers walk-in showers and pull cords for emergencies.

We have a bus that transports all residents to area grocery stores and monthly outings. We offer exercise, worship services and a variety of opportunities for our active and not so active seniors. Please call (419)874-4371 to find out more about our fabulous facilities and our availability for apartments. You may also visit us on the web at [abundantlifeperrysburg.org](http://abundantlifeperrysburg.org).



Triad Residential Solutions is seeking to fill multiple positions including direct support professionals as well as a full time, salaried Residential Manager for their Toledo area. The Residential Manager will oversee the operations of 5-6 homes with individuals with disabilities. Supervisory experience is preferred and experience working with people with disabilities is a must. For more information, please contact Wendy Bejalge, [wbejalge@triadresidentialolutions.net](mailto:wbejalge@triadresidentialolutions.net)



## NOTICE OF 'CONDITION PRECEDENT'

In compliance with Executive Order 13132 ("Federalism") signed by President Bill Clinton on August 10, 1999 Section 2:

"(d) The people of the States are free, subject only to restrictions in the Constitution itself or in constitutionally authorized Acts of Congress, to define the moral, political, and legal character of their lives."

I hereby define my political and legal characters as follows:

Be it known by all, that I Ramona Smith, as a living flesh and blood man that on this day of 25 in the month of May and the year 2019 do hereby give notice to all in the world that I am not a citizen of the United States Federal corporation. [See 28 U.S. Code Sec 3002] Any who wish to challenge this admission must do so by responding to this notice within 30 days of last publication. Notice is also given to any one in the world who may have a contract (or unsigned presumed contract) under the above name, living at the below address, that this notice serves as an addendum to all contracts or presumptions ab initio, in which the signatory name (or electronic signature) may appear. Notice that the following be included as part and above the signatory name: "without prejudice."

Let it be known to all that this notice also serves to amend my son's and daughter's Certificate of Live Birth and rebut any presumption that the State has parental authority (parens patriae doctrine) over my son's and daughter's Kyle Martel Milton (date of birth: 4-15-1991), Kariana Chafon McKinney (date of birth: 4-8-1996), Kemyia Nicole Smith (date of birth: 6-26-2001), Henry Benjamin Smith Jr. (date of birth: 11-06-2002), Emmanuel Smith (date of birth: 02-20-2005). All return address or responses to be addressed as follows. Notice – all three line addresses will be returned to senders.

Ramona Smith  
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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for bidding on **Glass City Metropark Bid Package No.1, 1001 Front St., Toledo, OH 43608** will be received; opened; and read aloud at the Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area, Fallen Timbers Field Office, 6101 Fallen Timbers Lane, Maumee, Ohio 43537 **Friday, July 12, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.** local time.

THE SCOPE OF WORK consists of **park site construction**: select demolition, erosion control measures, mass excavation and embankment, riprap, stone landscape walls, landscaping, irrigation, seed & mulch and **park amenity construction**: including boardwalk overlooks & bridges, railings, aggregate paths, riverfront platform/structure, asphalt road and lot, concrete curbs and plaza, 3,500 sq. ft. pavilion building, green roof, rooftop plaza, concrete retaining walls, benches, signage, and site utilities. Bidders may obtain copies of plans, specifications, contract documents and plan-holder's list through Newfax Corporation, 333 West Woodruff, Toledo, Ohio 43604 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (check made payable to Newfax Corporation) or via the Newfax Digital Plan Room at [www.newfaxcorp.com](http://www.newfaxcorp.com). Newfax can be contacted at 419-241-5157 or 800-877-5157. A non-refundable fee of \$100 is required for each set of full-size documents obtained. For additional information, please contact Jon Zvanovec @ 419-360-9184, [jon.zvanovec@metroparktoledo.com](mailto:jon.zvanovec@metroparktoledo.com).

EACH BIDDER MUST FURNISH either (1) a bond for the full amount of the bid or (2) a certified check, cashier's check or irrevocable letter of credit in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid with its bid. The successful bidder must furnish a 100 percent (100%) Performance Bond and a 100 percent (100%) Labor and Materials Bond.

No bidder may withdraw its bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF THE TOLEDO AREA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informality in bidding.

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# St. Paul MBC Vacation Bible School

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In addition to the daily schedule of classes, the church also held a "Charity" during which staff and children provided all kinds of supplies – paper towels, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, among other supplies – to the "Beach House."



J'Vann Winfield and Rev. James Willis conduct final assembly



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