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Disadvantage's Advantage

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

The Truth Contributor

I try to build within each [student]... a reservoir of strength that they can draw from as they face the countless tribulations, small and large, that poor children face every day.

- Geoffrey Canada



In *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants* (2014), author Malcolm Gladwell illustrates how what are sometimes perceived as negative experiences, including trauma, often "create opportunities to make possible what otherwise have seemed impossible."

Sheena Barnes, the Democratic Party's endorsed candidate for the Toledo School Board, has both survived and overcome several "negative" experiences during her youth. She feels that her personal trials have not only made her "stronger and wiser," but also provided her with a perspective that other, more "privileged," individuals cannot fully comprehend.

Does Barnes' adversity translate to a better understanding of the needs and lived experiences of urban public-school students and their parents, many of which also face an uphill climb in life?

I spoke with Barnes about how her exposure to trauma and other struggles may have uniquely equipped her for public service.

Perryman: Who is Sheena Barnes, for those who don't know?

Barnes: I am a community engagement specialist, which means I see challenges that our community is facing and try to develop a plan to organize folks to gather around to discuss those and achieve change.

Perryman: Okay, a change agent where you first see a problem and then attempt to address it?

Barnes: Yes. So one of the things we have very high in our community is homelessness and especially teen homelessness due to trafficking and things like that, so I partnered with Equality Toledo to open up a barrier-free pantry, which means anyone can come regardless of how they identify sexually in orientation, housing status and their family status.

Perryman: What other issues are you addressing?

Barnes: We're of course addressing things that have to do with Black Lives Matter, just because our young folks are not knowing their rights and things like that. I work closely with LGBT Relations. I work closely with Women's Rights Relations. I am an escort for Capital Care, which is our last abortion clinic here, and that's because I know the dif-

ficult challenges when making a decision like that happen and I want to make sure folks are having complete safe access to that choice.

Perryman: You do not choose easy issues to work on?

Barnes: I do not. Unfortunately, some of those things are just pretty much folks-related and if we just love people for who they are and where they are, I think a lot of things will actually remove barriers. So, I try to pick the tough challenges that people don't want to talk about or unite to make those changes work. That's the kind of person I am.

Perryman: Please tell our readers a little bit about your background.

Barnes: I was born and raised in Flint, Michigan. At that time, we had the highest homicide rate in the country for cities under 100,000 in population. My dad was a retiree from GM, my mom was at the time a nurse, then she went back for education for teaching, but yet I was still surrounded by gang violence, gun violence and drugs. I'm a survivor of rape and molestation, so I had my daughter at 15 years of age and was determined to graduate, because a lot of people said of course she couldn't do it, but I did it. I moved out on my own very much against my parents' will, at 16.

I worked in nursing. I got my patient care technician certification and worked in nursing homes and hospitals until I was about 21-22. I had my second child, a son, and ended up here in Toledo about 10 years ago.

Perryman: Why Toledo?

Barnes: Because I didn't know anybody here. Where I'm from, you are affiliated automatically because of your family. So even though I did things in Flint that, what we call now survival tactics, I wasn't



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Community Calendar

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"

July 4

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July 20

African American Parade: Starts at 10 am at 1441 Dorr Street

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

Obama Is Your Reparations

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column

How many are you still reeling from the inane comments of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell when he said recently, with a straight face, that among other issues regarding the debate on reparations for slavery and for slaves, that the election of Barak Obama to the White House also qualifies as reparations!

Yes, in McConnell's warped racial and thoroughly damaged illogical thinking, the election of America's first African-American president signals that black people should shut up about getting money for the past and present ills of slavery.

McConnell, a true Southerner from Kentucky, was saying, in no uncertain terms, that the issue of reparations, if it ever got to his bailiwick, the Senate, it would be dead upon arrival.

Make no mistake, McConnell, as the upholder of all things southern, white and male, would rather sing hip-hop and twerk in his undies on the senate floor rather than call for a vote on reparations.

Unless you understand that white America is in no mood to shovel out hundreds of billions of dollars, directly or indirectly, to the descendants of slaves, you will fail to understand the underlying volcanic angst against the US Treasury being "raided" by "you people!"

Currently, there are "debates" in Congress on the issue of reparations and from where I sit, it will just be that and that alone.... debates.

No one is going to jeopardize his vote with the white voters in the South by taking a no prisoners stance about supporting reparations to millions and millions of black people (and do we include the Native Americans in this discussion?).

White America wants to lay low on this hot topic issue because a full scale and frontal assault regarding obtaining monies for past and present racial injustices will cause a breach in this society as big as the divide which caused the Civil War.

Be assured that the Civil War was about keeping or not keeping slavery in America. President Abraham Lincoln was quoted as saying that if he could have kept the Union intact and maintained slavery, he would have.

The Emancipation Proclamation was also a method by which the Union could rally and enroll thousands of black soldiers (formerly enslaved people) in their cause against the South, which if it had their wishes, Lakeisha and DeMarcus would have been slaves longer than the end of the year 1865.

Imagine the mindset of a Mitch McConnell that he would say that the passage of civil rights legislation and the election of Barak Obama was white society's payback to enslaved people.

That is how little McConnell knows of American history and also how callous he is to think that such "trinkets" as doing the right thing vis a vis the civil rights acts of the 1960s and the subsequent election of a black man to the highest office in the land was sufficient to eradicate the debt of slavery.

Without supplying a book list of the incalculable value and contributions of enslaved people to America and done so gratis, ignorant people like McConnell speak in racial gibberish when they want to short circuit conversations about race in America.

It takes a person of unfathomable moronic intelligence to remotely try to equate electing a black man to the presidency as the equivalency to reparations.

Somehow, a black person serving eight years in the White House compensates for hundreds of years of subjugation and enduring post slavery in what is erroneously called, Jim Crow (as opposed to being called: Neo-Slavery).

Somehow, Barak and Michelle Obama are being forced by McConnell to serve as poster kids for the balm that would cause McConnell, and others of his ilk, to sit back and relax and say, "All is paid for!"

Now, remember, this is the same person who vowed after the first election of Barak Obama, that he would work to make Obama a one-time president. So much for championing Obama as his reparations idol which would calm any discussions of reparations.

If the Democratic Party uses reparations as one of their "planks" in their party platform to run on in the upcoming national elections, you can be assured that Herr Trump and his racist minions will whoop and holler because they can "tar and feather" the Democrats as beholden to the black vote and they, in turn, are attempting to drain the US Treasury.

If you thought the ads of Willie Horton that were used by the past Republican Party standard bearer, George H.W. Bush, to gin up racial animus against both the black voter and the Democratic Party, imagine the ads that would be cranked out if the issue of reparations was placed before even white Democratic voters.

Chaos, anyone?

If black voters demand that the Democratic Party include a reparations plank in the party's platform, be ready for the political fire storm to follow. It would practically guarantee Herr Trump a second term in the White House.

If you thought Herr Trump was an adept race baiter, with the reparations issue as new fodder, Trump would, at his rallies and through his tweets, slam and ram his Democratic opponent as being beholden to special interest groups.

I would not want to be on the debate stage with Herr Trump and with a national audience looking on trying to champion racial reparations, regardless if America has paid reparations before to other identified injured persons.

The difference is that the recipients in this case would be black people and the average white factory worker outside of Scranton, Pennsylvania; Macomb County, Michigan; Milwaukee, Wisconsin or the white cashier in Montgomery, Alabama or the white farmer in Fargo, North Dakota would go into that closed-door voting booth and with glee, pull the lever for Herr Trump.

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involved in gang life, that was a decision I made to make sure I was around for my daughter. However, because of my family's affiliation with different gangs that meant that I was affiliated and increased my risk of dying by gun violence or being assaulted because of some retaliation. So, I figured if I could go somewhere where I didn't know anybody, I could choose the best path for me and my family.

Perryman: Why not Cleveland, Detroit, Findlay, or any other city?

Barnes: I moved in one week. So, I sat down, I meditated, I asked my elders different advice. They said, well, education is the key, so I started applying to all the colleges possible, big and small, and Owens Community College was the first to call me back. So, I started applying for jobs and I got a call back like that Thursday from Otterbein Nursing and that Saturday I was packed with several bags, a mattress for my daughter, a crib for my son, and I moved down here. That's all I had. I didn't even have a car.

Perryman: And that was 10 years ago. What has happened since?

Barnes: Being a survivor, I started volunteering at the YWCA Hope Center for sexual assault outreach, and there I found my calling as an advocate. I found my healing to start telling my story, but also, I found healing in helping others that I felt wouldn't get that help if I wasn't talking to them to help them through the process of their rape and that experience turned into a mission for me.

Perryman: So how does that experience connect to your candidacy for the school board?

Barnes: Every position I've had, whether work-related or in volunteerism, has involved youth that have had challenges and felt like nobody was speaking up for them. And, also seeing different things with my kids going to Toledo Public Schools (TPS) and working with kids that were in TPS. I felt the things that were getting addressed were great, but that we also needed to look at mental and emotional health and how that affects education and is missing the mark.

I thought, with my experience as specialist with trauma, and experience with actually going down to the level that some kids need to get down to - where it's really raw and truthful, would help TPS hopefully come out of this report card scare. But also, my experience as actually going through tough challenges and making people's voices be heard, can bring an even higher perspective as a board member.

So, I will be taking those organization skills and the advocacy skills

to the state legislature and saying to them that 'You have to treat all high poverty areas, urban and rural districts more fairly' because you're funding them at a disadvantage right now. We're not given money to address those social and emotional needs.

Perryman: What do you see as the District's main challenges?

Barnes: Well, one of the challenges that they have is with the special needs program. My youngest son is autistic. We have to go through a lot of battles to get an efficient Individualized Education Plan (IEP). It's more of a case of the TPS system being overwhelmed so they don't have the money to actually have the workers to get to the children in enough time, they don't have placement efficiently, the kids are always moved kind of periodically between schools that can actually assist them. So, parents are getting frustrated yet they need the TPS system.

I have amazing teachers for my youngest son and the principals were outstanding as well, along with the bus drivers, but we should all unite and to figure out the best approach to getting more financial stability for their programs and increasing minority teachers in that field.

Perryman: Are there other challenges for the District?

Barnes: So, addressing poverty is a challenge that extends to trauma and to the schools to prison pipeline and also affects our graduation rate.

With our district having the highest population of youth homelessness, one of the things I want to work on is trying to get more programs like the champion absentee program to actually help those kids who are not making it because they're missing their bus or because they have moved several times and now they're away from their home school, but they want to stay at that home school because it's familiar. I want to make sure they have that opportunity without getting punished merely because they don't have adequate transportation.

Perryman: How would Sheena Barnes' presence enhance the board?

Barnes: I can look at policies and procedures and see how they affect the groundwork. I think we have amazing people on the board with educational backgrounds; however, it's one thing to experience, not only the things that our youth are experiencing, but also to see and work with them because you are more able to get an in-depth understanding of where those families are coming from. Not just reading about it, but also working and knowing where to send them for the assistance they need. Resources are really plentiful here, but if you don't know what exactly are the resources within that family, you're not really going to help that family. So, I have the groundwork, I think you can say, to boost those families that are lacking for whatever resources, and I have the networking skills in the community to get those things accomplished.

This is more than a vote for me. I live in the community and my kids live in the community. I work in the community and I go everywhere in the community. So, it is very important to me to make sure the folks that are voting for me know that I'm not just going to come around only at election time or when we win something, I'm going to be there when times are hard, when they are mediocre, and when we have challenges as well.

Perryman: Thank you.

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Remembering Mildred Hamilton Pack Guy

By Sherlon Brown, PhD, Daughter of Mildred Blanche Pack Guy

Mildred Blanche Hamilton Pack Guy born September 20, 1925, was the seventh of 14 children born into the loving family of Otie B. and Sadie Kate Hamilton of Red Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. While sleeping, Mildred passed into eternal glory on June 18, 2019.

Mildred attended Windydale Elementary School in Ballard, West Virginia. She attended and graduated from Genoa Senior High School in Bluefield, West Virginia. She worked as a live-in-maid for four years while in high school. Upon graduating from Genoa High School, she was awarded a scholarship to Bluefield State College. In 1957, Mildred graduated magna cum laude earning a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from West Virginia State College (University).

Mildred married two men who were the loves of her life. First, was the sweetheart of her youth, Robert Thomas Pack, in 1943. To their union one child, Sherlon Patricia Pack, was born. In 1980, she married the love of her maturity, Carl S. Guy.

Mildred repeatedly stated, "I was born to be a teacher. I had great role models. My parents were visionaries. Although they were not educated, they knew the importance of being educated. They knew education was one way to have a better life."

In keeping with that divine calling, Mildred moved to Toledo, Ohio where her first position was as a kindergarten teacher at Washington Elementary School. In August of 1964, she completed her master's degree in Administration and Supervision at the University of Toledo. She interned at East Side Central and Beverly Elementary Schools in 1965.

She became an assistant principal at Pickett, Spencer Sharples, Spring and Lagrange Elementary Schools. She retired from the Toledo Public Schools as the principal at Marshall Elementary School.

In later years, Mildred wrote, "As I reflect on my life, I am reminded of how greatly God has blessed me and my family. In every phase of my life I have seen God's work. Even when things were difficult, they were replaced with a double blessing from God. I promised God and my parents to always share my talents and blessings with others. I have tried to do that and God has been good to me and blessed me bountifully."

As a testimony to her service to her faith in God, Mildred (lovingly known as Sister Guy) was a vibrant, engaging member of First Church of God for at least 50 years. She was visible, dependable and impactful until her health failed. She founded and was the first director of 4-Corners



Mildred Guy

Project tutoring program offered at the church. As a member of the 50 Plus Group, she enjoyed participating in the annual "Older Saint's Mini-Convention".

Sister Guy chaired the Education Committee for many years and served as Sunday School superintendent and also worked to coordinate Vacation Bible School. She regularly gave money each year to enable a child to attend the Annual National Youth Convention. She was a leader for the Light of the World Congregation and served as a member of the Church Official Board for several years.

Her community service included membership of the boards of directors of FOCUS and TUSA, organizations that provided educational enrichment for neighborhood children. She also served on the Education Committee at TUSA.

A gracious, dignified and stylish lady, Mildred was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority for 60-plus years. She served in numerous capacities including as an Ivy Academy Tutor, a member of the Education Committee, and the Scholarship Committee. She was president of Women's Service Institute (WSI) as well as President of the Saddlebrook Platt II, Lot 9 Condo Association and a member of Frederick Douglas Community Association.

Mildred loved reading books, playing cards, watching Wheel of Fortune, and spending time with her family. She and her family functioned as a team with each member supporting and encouraging the other during times of tribulation and success. Her motto was, "That's what families do!"

Mildred Pack Guy was preceded in death by her parents, 12 siblings, Robert Pack and Carl Guy. Remaining to fondly cherish her memory are her dedicated daughter, Sherlon Brown, PhD (Alolson); grandchildren Allison Kimbrough (Les), Scott Allen Brown, Tony Olson Brown; great grandchildren: Taylor Brown-Smith, Courtney Smith, Camryn Smith and Aaliyah Brown-Coleman; her sister Bessie Anderson of Institute, West Virginia, sisters-in-law Shirley Hamilton of Austell, Georgia and Margie Guy of Toledo as well as host of nieces, nephews and friends.



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An Examination of the Positive Impact of Black Family Reunions

By Germaine Julien-Palmer, PhD

Guest Column

Family reunions and homecomings become important focal points of interaction between kin, as they reestablish ties of descent from key ancestors and hence determine status within their families. Such events serve to signal the status of the participant as either a direct descendant of an important ancestor through blood links, or an affine whose familial history is centered outside of the area.

Although family reunions and homecomings are integrative social events, they articulate the presence of centrifugal and centripetal forces which operate within the entire domain of familial relationships.

Schneider (1969) stated that there are two kinds of relatives distinguished in American culture: those related "by blood" and those related "by marriage."

Homecomings are primarily events of those related "by blood". Although attended by "affines" (those related by blood), participants emphasize their relationship to the original founding ancestors of the "hamlet" (small settlement), and there is a core of "consanguineal" (blood kin) around whom events occur.

Alice Walker's *The Color Purple* (1982) analyzed the family reunion this way: "'Why us always have family reunion on July 4th', say Henrietta, mouth poke out, full of complaint. 'It so hot'.... White people busy celebrating they independence from England July 4th', say Harpo, 'so most black folks don't have to work. Us spend the day celebrating each other'."

Most family reunions are characteristic of extended families, who plan the occasions

around celebration, abundant good food, shared reunion responsibilities, simple recreational activities, and, above all, talk.

Although summer is the most popular season and the Fourth of July a popular date for family reunions for black families, family reunions can happen at any time. Some families have them annually, others have them only once or twice in a generation's lifetime, depending on some members' initiative in getting the reunion organized.

The impetus for a family reunion, if it is not an annually scheduled event, may be a late-decade birthday party for one family member, a holiday, wedding anniversary or the celebration of an achievement such as paying off a home mortgage.

Sometimes a family holds a reunion for a homecoming of one of its members, as in the case of Eudora Welty's novel *Losing Battles*, which is a family reunion story focused around the day a son and husband return from a stay at Parchman, the Mississippi State Prison.

Families often gather in someone's home, though summer picnic versions are commonly held in state or city parks. Motels, hotels or restaurants host them, as do clubhouses or community centers, but by far the most popular settings after homes are churches.

The occasion for catching up on the relatives' news and gossip, perhaps for transacting a little family business, for settling or even stirring up family disputes, for generally getting in touch again, a family reunion usually has no program.

There might be an occasional game or swim or boat ride, but the main activities are eating and conversation. The time span may be overnight or even several days, but it will usually include a meal.

After evaluating the material included in this article, the takeaway is that any circumstance we get to fellowship with family who reside where we are or who may travel to from other states provides an opportunity for us to bond, reminisce and enjoy each other's company.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union

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 +
Confunkshun "The Heroes of Funk"
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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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The Soulcial Scene

Fros, Fashions & Finds

The Juneteenth Dashiki Block Party

By Megan Davis

The Truth Contributor

Rain was in the forecast but it didn't overshadow the shine of the entrepreneurs and guests who participated in and attended the Juneteenth Dashiki Block Party.

On June 15, the community came together to celebrate Juneteenth, the official Independence Day for African Americans. This independence was more than about marking the end of slavery; it also liberated people to curate their own careers, whether by pursuing literacy or by establishing businesses of their own to serve their communities. This new freedom enabled free men to acquire land once owned by slaveowners and to even participate in the political process.

Today, the spirit of liberty, education and commerce is strong in Toledo's black community. This was evident as 20 black-owned small businesses set up mobile boutiques, galleries and concessions at Powell's Beauty and Barber Supply, located at the corner of Nebraska Avenue and Miller Street.

The sidewalks were lined with tents as vendors came prepared, rain or shine, to present their goods and services to the community in this one day event. On the upper level of Powell's building, additional vendors were set up with their displays and staff ready to serve new and returning customers.

These businesses were family owned – parents and their children and husbands and wives were managing all aspects of each business from customer engagement to suggesting merchandise and completing sales. These are the businesses that build families and provide a legacy for the next generation to grow and build upon. A legacy that the Powell family has exemplified for over 50 years.

There can't be a block party without a dope soundtrack to shop to, so DJ Miss T was spinning neo soul, R & B and new trends in black music throughout the day from Jill Scott to Lil Nas and everything in between along with karaoke that brave souls signed up to sing to.

Throughout the event, over 100 guests pulled up, donning vibrant Dashikis, including Kente and Ankara abstract prints. Men and women with bold natural hairstyles such as Afros, locs, braids and gorgeous headwraps, some of which

were wrapped by Meeche El, creator of Otswanii who also adorned children with tribal face paint; made for a day of connecting and embracing blackness in all of its glory.

Michal Hamilton, owner of Michal T. Productions, LLC was a part of the block party, transforming the main entrance to Powells into a dance floor with his dance partner Amanda, bringing Latin Soul flavor with a salsa demonstration, followed by a group lesson for guests, despite the rain that arrived in the mid afternoon. He is an instructor at the Azuca Social in Maumee, as well as offering salsa, Bachata and Kizomba classes throughout the region.

"Rain doesn't stop people from going to Walmart or out to eat, so why would we cancel today?" said Kendra Pinkelton of Glass City Skincare when responding to questions from potential guests. She was stationed near the Powell entrance and there was no shortage of foot traffic for her or any of the vendors that included Jewelry by Kathy, U Collins, Natural Vibe or Taharah's Garden. In

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Vince Moore and Jodie Summers



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The XI Tau Chapter, of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Amateur Scholarship Golf Outing

By Vince Davis, Xi Tau Golf Outing Chairman
Special to The Truth



Jeff Rollins; Vince Davis; State Rep. Paula Hicks-Hudson; Joseph Sommerville, PhD; Charles Welch

The start of The Omega Psi Phi Scholarship golf outing, on Saturday, June 8 at the Legacy Golf Club, was accented by the playing of the Star Spangled Banner by national jazz musician and recording artist, Joey Sommerville. Former Toledo Mayor and current

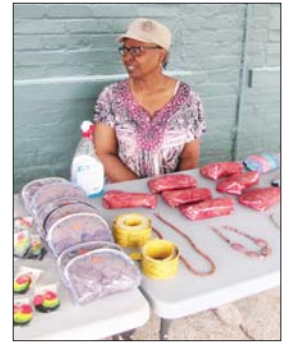
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fact, the traffic was steady throughout the day inside and outside, as people shopped for Father's Day gifts, unique items for the home, clothing and hair and body goods.

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Athletes of 70s and 80s Organize Reunion and Community Picnic

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On Saturday, May 25, the Athletes of the 70s and 80s hosted their first ever community picnic at Ottawa Park and offered the public an afternoon of food, music and networking. The group began in 2012 as an effort to start to reconnect with former classmates and to reminisce – during the picnic, they had the chance to do just that – among themselves and with family, fans and friends.

The athletes initially assembled a startup group of about 50 former high school players from the 70s and 80s. Today the membership has grown to include over 1,600 former athletes of Toledo area high school sports teams – a membership that is spread all over the United States, as well as in a few foreign countries.

The project got jumpstarted, says Terry Crosby, one of the administrators, when Rob Johnson, the co-CEO of the group, began posting online which permitted members to interact with each other and spread the word efficiently.



NANBPWC Disaster Relief

The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc., Toledo Adult and Youth Clubs, collected items for NANBPWC disaster relief program to help the victims of the recent tornadoes that hit the Dayton Ohio and Celina Ohio areas that left many families without homes, water, and so much more. The Toledo Club has collaborated with ISOH Impact to deliver the donated items.

The Toledo Club has collected several items such as cleaning supplies and gloves, baby wipes, diapers and formula, can goods, deodorant, tooth brushes and other toiletries and personal hygiene items. Cases of water have also been collected.



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James Brooks and State Rep. Paula Hicks-Hudson



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black-owned businesses. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., visitors had the opportunity to purchase items such as pillows, jewelry, fragrances, candles, books.

The purpose of the event, said organizer Washington Muhammad, was to feature the work of black entrepreneurs and connect them with an audience. Other organizers were Julian Mack and Jodie Summers.



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This year's inductees included:

- Ron "Butch" Allen is the only Toledo athlete to receive All-City honors in baseball, football, basketball and track and field and a former member of the Cleveland Indians organization;

- Crystal Ellis was the first African American to play on the Bowling Green State University basketball team (All Mid-American Conference Team in 1956) and a former principal and superintendent with Toledo Public Schools;

- Kamesha Hairston, a First Team All-City Basketball athlete for three years, All-American at Temple University, named A-10 Player of the Year, first team all A-10 twice, all defensive team three times and was the nation's fourth leading scorer and part of three A-10 championship teams. She became a WNBA player and later played overseas in Italy and Spain;

- David Jones, football and track and field athlete at Scott who set a high school triple jump record in 1977 that still stands today. Jones was the first African-American athlete enshrined in the John Carroll University Hall of Fame for his football and track exploits;

- Dickie Jones played football and track at Scott also and was selected to the 1962 All-City Track Team. He attended Central State and started coaching football in 1966, one of the founders of the Mid-City Football League;

- Jeremy Lincoln is a retired NFL player. A graduate of DeVilbiss, Lincoln earned a scholarship to the University of Tennessee in football and ran on two national championship track teams. Drafted by the Chicago Bears in 1992, he played nine years in the NFL and then created the Jeremy Lincoln Foundation. Unable to attend Saturday's ceremonies, he was represented by his mother Deborah Roberts;

- Mel Long graduated from Macomber and then joined the Marine Corp serving in Vietnam in 1966-67, earning the Bronze Star and Navy Cross – the most highly decorated veteran to play professional football. He played on the standout UT teams that won 35 straight games, then played in the NFL for three seasons with the Cleveland Browns;

- Lawrence Moreland is the "father of modern boxing" in Toledo. He started the Brand Whitlock Area Gym, along with Al Perales, that brought in boxers from all over the city. Moreland died in 2004 and he was represented by his son, Larry Moreland;

- Kelvin Ransey attended the Ohio State University and is still the second leading scorer of all time. He was selected fourth overall in the 1980 NBA draft and played six years, leaving at age 27 to start his own full-time ministry.

- Ann Strong Jaynes is a Libbey graduate who earned All City honors in basketball, volleyball and track as a high jumper. She attended Cheyney State and was part of the school's 1983 Final Four team. She played professionally in Spain.

- Chester Trail also graduated from Libbey and earned All State honors in basketball and baseball. He attended BGSU in order to play both sports and joined the New York Yankees organization in 1964, playing five years with the Yankees and two with the Baltimore Orioles organization. He began in the ministry in 1976 and has been the pastor of Grace Temple Church COGIC since 2001.

The Sports Legends Committee is comprised of a host of sports legends, among others, including: Brandynn Adams, Douglas Allen, Leroy Bates, Robert Bates, Land Battles, James Coogler, Terry Crosby, Robert Goree, Wes Harper, William Hayes, Jackie Jackson, Edward Jones, Willie Loper, Marcus Newbern, Eddie Norris, Robert Shorter, Keith Mathis Smith and George Snelling



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State Representative Paula Hicks Hudson was on hand to help out with the accolades. There were 67 golfers and 36 hole sponsors. Net scholarship proceeds are projected to exceed \$5,000 and will be given to young men and women who show potential to finish their education and have financial need.

On this day, two senior icons of our community were showcased by hitting out the first ball. Joseph Sommerville, PhD, (father of Joey) is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He was initiated into the fraternity at Psi Chapter, Morehouse University in 1948. He has distinguished himself by earning a Ph.D at The University of Michigan in 1969. Sommerville was on faculty at The University of Toledo for close to 30 years from 1970 until 1997. At the young age of 92 years, Sommerville continues to give back to the youth of our community. He has been scholarship chairman of the chapter for many years. To this day he continues to motivate and inspire the youth, the middle-aged and seniors alike with his energy and never-say-quit attitude. For my 30-plus years of knowing Sommerville he always left with these few words of wisdom. "Brother, hang in there."

Many a person has hung in there as a result of the uplift bestowed upon them by Sommerville.

The other community star that we honored was Charles (Charlie Chuck) Welch. Welch is the type of role model that we need today. He has been in the radio and entertainment business for over five decades and is a true entrepreneur.

He started out as a DJ at KLR in 1962. At the time Welch, who is originally from Alabama, commuted from Detroit. He started out at KLR in February of 1962. Great things would happen in February for Welch. In February 1997, Welch Entertainment started The Juice Radio Station, 107.3.

Welch has started numerous small businesses in his 50 years in business. He has promoted concerts and charitable events. He is a devout Christian and family man. His family is involved in the business. I have always admired the fact that Welch has conducted himself like a gentleman in both triumph and diversity. The Juice 107.3 has supported The Omega Psi Phi Scholarship Golf Outing for 30 years and for most of those years Welch has been a competitive player. Often he invited and hosted relatives from all over the country to play in the tournament. We were honored to salute him.

This year's golf outing co-chairmen are Vince Davis, Jeff Rollins, Alan Bannister, Keith Jordan, David Meneffee, Julian Highsmith and Eldon Payne

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was no doubt when the community streamed in and out of the Juneteenth Dashiki Block Party. For those who were presenting their goods and services for the very first time, they expressed joy at the response they received from their consumers.

This love shown to the small businesses represented was echoed as Toledo's Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz sent a proclamation to the event, both acknowledging and honoring Calvin Powell and his family who has been the only black-owned business to have survived throughout the changing economy and demographics for more than 50 years in Toledo.

The document highlighted the challenges blacks faced during the Civil Rights Movement and the opportunities blacks had to create during those times in order to grow and thrive. The proclamation was pre-

sented by Megan Davis of The Kitchen Salon and coordinator of the Juneteenth Block Party.

When asked what is ahead for Powell's, Calvin stated that with such a great response, "we may have to do this again before the year is out and definitely

next June!"

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There's a whole big summer ahead of you, so how are you going to fill it? You could go to the pool again. You could play in the yard. You could run up and down the sidewalk for no reason. Or you could have some fun with science!

No kidding, science is easy. If you go outside, look at a tree, listen to birds, smell the flowers and have an ice cream cone, you're using science. Next, all you need is curiosity, a notebook and pencil, and someone to help you when you need help.

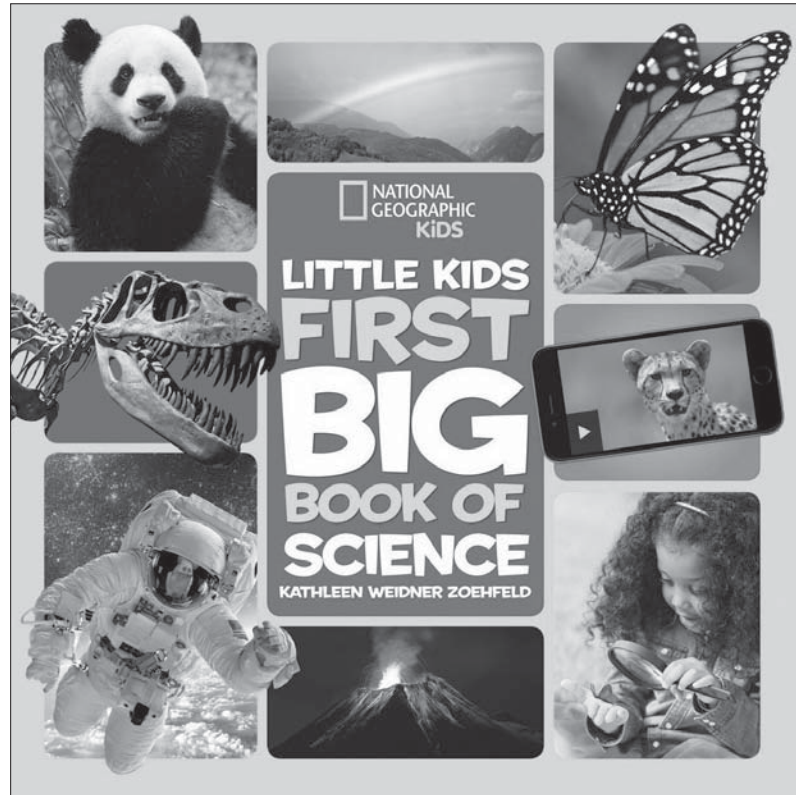
If you're a kid who loves animals, you'll love science, too. Scientists study creatures as small as bugs, or as big as whales. They learn about the human body but they also know about rocks. Scientists look at trees, fish, plants, and dinosaurs. They know about the environment and the planets and stars. Since "there are so many kinds of living things" and natural elements on earth and beyond, a scientist "usually chooses one" focus, but you can choose to study anything that runs, swims, grows, crawls, or just sits. Science is a pretty big subject!

If you want to learn to be a good scientist, you'll need to know how to do experiments, which are like tests that answer questions. Where do insects live, for instance? What happens when you boil water? How is it possible that airplanes can fly? Visit your neighborhood. Look for cool ecosystems while on vacation. Take a peek at the rocks you're walking on and look up at the sky.

Maybe you can predict the weather.

Uh-oh. Maybe you've learned some fun science!

School has been out for how long? and you're already hearing how there's "nothing to do." That's the time to have this book tucked away; *Little Kids First Big Book of Science* offers a great cure for boredom.



Here's a book that pushes STEAM without making your kids' imagination run out of steam. Author Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld carefully attracts children to several branches of science here by pointing out that biology, etymology, geology and ecology are enjoyable, easy, and that, in fact, most children are probably already using science every day anyhow. For a kid, that makes the subject less scary.

There are activities that will get your child thinking in new directions here, experiments to try, and lots of pictures to spark new ideas. Best of all, this is a book that your six-to-10-year-old can enjoy alone, or together with you; the activities invite more experiments and you'll want to join in on a summer filled with learning, so get *Little Kids First Big Book of Science* and get started.

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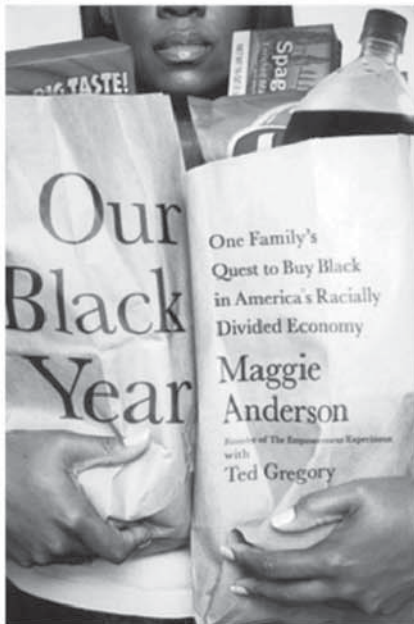
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Sponsors such as Toledo Lucas County Public Library, Stop and Go, ProMedica, Columbia Gas, TARTA, UAW Local 5242, Buehrer Group supplied gifts and food.

An army of volunteers kept the party moving along and a core group worked with Toledo City Councilman Tyrone Riley in planning the massive event – his seventh annual such event.

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BLM Juneteenth

Just a few blocks away, literally within walking distance and due south towards Indiana Avenue, the Community Solidarity Response Network of Toledo, along with the Frederick Douglass Community Association, celebrated Juneteenth, a Black Lives Matter Day, at the FDCA. Dozens of vendors set up booths inside and outside of the FDCA presenting an array of goods from

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African American Sports Legends Hall of Fame

At the east end of Dorr Street, in the Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Willie Perryman hosted his neighbor (African American Legacy Project's Executive Director Robert Smith) for the annual induction of some of Toledo's sports legends into the AALP's Hall of Fame. Eleven athletes were inducted this year in a ceremony directed by master of ceremonies Tom Cole of BCSN and the Taylor Automotive Family. Each athlete was presented by a HOF committee member and was given a kente cloth and a plaque as his or her achievements were related to the audience.

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