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The Toledo Museum's Block Party

Latarsha Cook and daughters Manhattan Cook and Kylee McMillion

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Children Matter

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

The Truth Contributor

I have proven that children labeled "untouchable" can learn.

- Marva Collins



I believe the children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way. Show them all the beauty they possess inside. Give them a sense of pride, to make it easier.

Those were the words to the chart-topping R&B song "Greatest Love of All" that the late silver-tongued diva Whitney Houston so passionately belted out in 1984. Written by Michael Masser and Linda Creed as a biopic of Muhammad Ali, the tune was originally recorded in 1977 by famed guitarist George Benson.

Never before, however, have these lyrics seemed more relevant than they are today.

Three Democratic Party candidates are running for only two seats on Toledo Public Schools school board at a time when too many low-income youth are leaving school without the education and training required by today's labor market economy.

Who is looking out for our children's future to ensure that they are prepared for college, work and life? Who is providing our youth with meaningful alternatives to high levels of unemployment, incarceration or poverty so they might succeed beyond high school?

I spoke with Perry Lefevre, who is a candidate for re-election to the Toledo Public Schools Board of Education. The Board is charged with providing leadership, guidance and oversight to Toledo Public Schools to ensure that its 22,000 students enter and successfully navigate the public school system and exit with the opportunity to have a successful future.

This is the final segment of our two-part conversation.

Perryman: Having talked about the challenges of educating children in an urban setting with high poverty rates, let's talk about the successes you've experienced since being elected to the Board.

Lefevre: I think if somebody was to ask me what we've achieved in my four years, I would definitely say expanded opportunities and I believe those expanded opportunities have led to our dramatic increase to our graduation rate. If you look at Career Tech programs, the Advancement Via Individual Determination program (AVID), College Credit Plus (CCP) courses or Advanced Placement (AP), which we've expanded opportunities across the board. I believe those programs are what's leading our increased graduation rate.

If kids get into a Career Tech program, they are 94 percent graduated. That's where we're getting our graduation increases at, so we've got to attract more kids to those programs and that's one of my goals. I would love to make it a district policy that every kid is in one of these programs because they are going to learn something that I absolutely believe we need to be teaching more, and that's rigor.

We need to do a better job of teaching rigor to high school students and I know those programs do it.

Perryman: How do you define rigor?

Lefevre: It means that I have the tools, I have the ability to overcome challenges instead of throwing up my hands and giving up. Rigor, to me, means that I have worked hard on something and achieved and worked very hard and actually turned my achievement into a success, and it makes me want to go work harder.

Now, for me, I didn't have to work that hard in high school and I achieved after learning the hard way, and I know a lot of kids who are also like that. Unfortunately, they get to college and they're just not prepared and that's why I promote these programs, because those classes have rigor. The students are challenged. They have to work harder in those classes.

Perryman: Please elaborate on some of these special programs.

Lefevre: College Credit Plus (CCP) has classes that students take in high school that qualify both as high school credit and college credit. If you happened to see



Perry Lefevre

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Community Calendar

July 20

African American Parade: Starts at 10 am at 1441 Dorr Street
Ottawa Park Free Summer Concert Series: 6 to 8 pm; East River Drive

July 22

St. Anthony's Community Meeting: 5 to 7 pm; Mott Branch Library; To discuss future of St. Anthony's Church

July 22-26

Glass City Church Vacation Bible School: 6 to 8:30 pm nightly; Parents, children, relatives and friends welcome; An adult class also; Kickoff event on Sunday July 21 in church parking lot

July 27

Ottawa Park Free Summer Concert Series: 6 to 8 pm: Boffo

July 26

Toledo Museum of Art's Visiting Artist Series: Featuring Kay Weprin – oil pastel, mixed-media and handmade paper; 6 pm; Offers families an opportunity to hear directly from local artists and musicians

August 3

Ottawa Park Free Summer Concert Series: 6 to 8 pm: The Good, The Bad & The Blues

Warren A.M.E. Church Care Enough FREE Community Event: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sponsored by Women of Faith; Free Clothes, Commodities, Food Baskets, Food, Praise Dancing, Games, Music, Fun & More

August 10

Rossford First Baptist Church Health Fair: 11 am to 4 pm; Blood sugar checks, blood pressure checks, Kidney Foundation, Helping Hands; Check out your sickness for your wellness: 419-481-6922

Ottawa Park Free Summer Concert Series: 6 to 8 pm: Dezire

August 17

Ottawa Park Free Summer Concert Series: 6 to 8 pm; Nu-Tones

August 24

Ottawa Park Free Summer Concert Series: 6 to 8 pm; The 25's

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

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Beat the Heat: Prevent Heat-Related Illnesses

High temperatures are forecasted for Northwest Ohio this week into the weekend, and the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department is advising all individuals to take special precautions to prevent heat-related illnesses, such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

"Exposure to excessive heat can pose a serious health risk for all people, especially for the elderly, the very young, and those with chronic health problems," said Health Commissioner, Eric Zgodzinski. "Heat related illnesses are preventable if precautions are taken."

Here are some tips to follow during periods of high temperatures and high humidity:

Be a Good Neighbor

- Family, friends, and neighbors are urged to periodically check on the elderly and those with chronic medical conditions since they are among those at highest risk for heat-related illnesses.
- Encourage them to stay in air-conditioned environments as much as possible, and to look for an air-conditioned shelter if necessary.
- Recommend that they take cool showers or baths to cool down.
- Tell them to seek medical care immediately if they have symptoms of heat-related illness like muscle cramps, headaches, nausea or vomiting.

Drink Cool Fluids

- Help your body sweat and cool down by staying well hydrated with water. Don't wait until you are thirsty before you start drinking water.
- Adults should drink eight 8-ounce glasses of water each day. Monitor your body – you may need to drink more on hot and humid days.
- Drink from two to four cups of water every hour while working or exercising outside.

- Avoid fluids that contain alcohol or caffeine, because they can add to dehydration and increase the effects of heat illness.

Monitor or Limit Outdoor Activities

- Plan outdoor activities for the early morning or evening when the sun is less direct.
- Wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothing.
- A wide-brimmed hat protects against sunburn and helps keep the body cooler.
- Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen that protects against UV-A and UV-B rays and has a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15.
- Move to the shade or into an air-conditioned building at the first signs of heat illness.
- Very young children may become preoccupied with outdoor play and not realize that they are getting overheated. Adults should require frequent breaks and bring them indoors for a cool drink.
- Children or youths involved in team sports should be closely monitored for signs of heat stress. Consideration should be given to shifting practices and games to cooler times of the day.

Know the Signs of Heat Exhaustion (serious)

- Heavy sweating, nausea or vomiting, muscle cramps, dizziness, headache, and cold, pale, or clammy skin are all associated signs of heat exhaustion.
- People experiencing heat should move to a cool place, loosen clothes, sip water, and put cool cloths on their body.
- Medical help should be contacted if the individual is throwing up, symptoms are worsening and/or lasting longer than 1 hour.

Know the Signs of Heat Stroke (life-threatening)

- Heat stroke is a potentially life-threatening condition, characterized by a body temperature of 103 degrees or higher; red, hot and dry skin with no sweating; rapid pulse; headache; dizziness; nausea; confusion; unconsciousness; and gray skin color.
- People experiencing heat stroke need immediate medical assistance – call 911.
- Before help arrives, begin cooling the victim by any means possible, such as spray from a garden hose or by placing the person in a cool tub of water.

Don't Forget Your Pets

- Animals kept outdoors should have plenty of fresh water and a covered area to get out of the sun and cool down.
- Never leave pets in vehicles. Even if the windows are cracked open, interior temperatures can rise almost 20 degrees within the first 10 minutes.

Additional information on heat-related illness can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/ExtremeHeat/>

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Toledo Museum of Art and Toledo Symphony Orchestra Celebrate Local Composers During Northwest Ohio Summer Music Festival August 9-11

Event features free and ticketed concerts

The Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) and the Toledo Symphony Orchestra (TSO) present the 4(19) Festival Aug. 9-11, the fifth in the organizations' ongoing summer music marathon series. This summer's festival features four concerts highlighting the works of 19 composers with ties to the Toledo area performed by musicians from the region.

"We hope to create a vibrant portrait of Toledo in music and art that captures the rich cultural history of this city while also looking forward to what lies ahead," said Scott Boberg TMA's manager of programs and audience engagement.

While past years have explored the works of single composers, this year's Summer Music Festival will feature 19 composers including Evan Chambers, Jennifer Higdon, Elaine Lillios, Paul Schoenfield and Alain Trudel. Also included in the festival are composers featured include Sandra Clark, Estar Cohen, Pete Ford, Brandy Hudelson, Andrew Massey, Robert McClure, Anne Neikirk, Jason Quick, Luke Rosen, Jamie Leigh Sampson, Marilyn Shrude, Andrew Martin Smith, Evan Williams and Armond Wimberly.

"The idea is to celebrate the originality, diversity, and genius of those composers who have called Northwest Ohio home," says Merwin Siu, artistic administrator for the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. "From church hymns to Pulitzer-Prize winning composers, there is such a wonderful variety of music for us to select from."

The music marathon has been organized into four themes or filters—"Glass City," "Black Swamp," "Saturday Night in Toledo, Ohio" and "Holy Toledo"—to group the 19 composers into the four different concerts.

The 4(19) Festival is comprised of three ticketed and three free concerts. Tickets for the three paid performances can be purchased individually and are \$10 for TMA members and TSO subscribers, \$12 for nonmembers, and \$5 for students and active military each. A festival pass—which grants the holder access to all three ticketed concerts and priority seating at the free Saturday, Aug. 10 evening performance—is \$20 for TMA members and TSO subscribers, \$24 for nonmembers, and \$10 for students and active military. Tickets and passes can be purchased online at toledomuseum.org, by phone at (419) 255-8000 ext. 7448 during Museum hours, or in person at any TMA Information Desk.

The 4(19) Festival is a collaborative program of the Toledo Museum



Evan Williams

of Art, the Toledo Symphony, and the ADJ•ective New Music.

4(19) Festival Schedule

4(19) Festival: Glass City

Friday, Aug. 9: 6– 8 p.m., GlasSalon

The 4(19) Festival begins with "Glass City," located in TMA's GlasSalon, the perfect location for a unique combination of pieces for acoustic and electro-acoustic instruments. This multi-media concert celebrates Toledo's unique legacy of tradition and innovation through music that explores innovation, transparency, and brightness. Tickets are \$10 for TMA members and TSO subscribers, \$12 for nonmembers, and \$5 for students and active military

4(19) Festival: Black Swamp

Saturday, Aug. 10: 1–5 p.m., GlasSalon, Museum Grounds, and Wolfe Gallery

Once known as the Black Swamp, Northwest Ohio's natural wonders have been a source of inspiration for our region's composers. The breadth of works presented here explore the complicated relationship

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Social Security Column

Five Ways to Use Social Security Online

By Erin Thompson, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Toledo, OH

Guest Column

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Tips to Get Control of Your Spending and Budget Effectively

Special to The Truth

Finances can be a significant source of stress in your life, especially if you do not have a clear picture of your income and expenses.

In a recent survey conducted by CFP Board, 77 percent of Americans said they find it easy to spend money, but nearly 60 percent do not track their spending. More than one-third of those surveyed acknowledge that they spend more than they save.

A well-crafted budget provides financial clarity, and is an essential tool for managing your finances. Outlining your spending for specific household needs over a period of time can give you more control over your money and better position you to meet financial goals.

In order to create an effective budget, you must first gain an accurate understanding of your cash flow, or the amount of money that flows in and out of your household. Start by determining your monthly income, then calculate the amount you spend on essential expenses every month. Any income remaining after your expenses are paid can be allocated for saving, investing or recreational spending. A Certified Financial Planner (CFP) professional can help you make these calculations and provide guidance on how to use leftover income.

Here are four recommendations for evaluating cash flow and getting started on your budget:

1. Think about your "money rules." Do your spending and savings decisions vary based on the source of income? You might use income from a work bonus differently than your regular work pay, for example. If there is a difference, how does each decision support your monthly budget needs and long-range financial priorities?
2. Be sure to account for all payment methods: checks, cash, credit and debit cards, automatic payroll deposits and deductions, online payments and other payment accounts such as PayPal, Zelle or Venmo. Taking the time to collect all the statements necessary to create a true picture of existing money flows is imperative to taking financial control.
3. Reconsider automated purchases. Keeping credit card information on file with online retailers such as Amazon and iTunes makes shopping quick and painless, but it also makes it easier to overspend. Taking the time to enter payment information manually means more time to consider a purchase before completing your order.
4. Think of your budget as a "spending and saving" plan. Consider including a line item for regular savings as a cash expense.

Budgeting can be tricky, and it is only one piece of the financial puzzle. Consider partnering with a financial planner to create a comprehensive and personalized financial plan that includes a household budget.

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By Andrea Price, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel member (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. We not only listen to taxpayers; we try to do something about it.

Since my appointment as a new TAP member representing the State of Ohio, I was invited to speak to the leadership of The Ohio Society of CPAs in Columbus. At that meeting, I presented information about TAP and recruitment. More importantly, I listened to feedback as to how the IRS could improve its services. I received two suggestions:

1) The first suggestion was from two CPAs regarding the IRS 1099 (R) Form.

They informed me that their retired clients donate to qualified charitable organizations [501(c) 3] through their retirement fund company and not directly. However, there is not an option to indicate the donation on the 1099 (R) Form. As a result, the clients receive a letter from the IRS stating their 1099 (R) Form does not match their 1040 Form.

2) The second suggestion was from an Enrolled Agent who stated that a Taxpayer Advocate Service office need to be located in Columbus. She has many clients who cannot afford the time and money for travel. There are only two offices in Ohio. The offices are located in Cleveland and Cincinnati.

Both suggestions have been submitted, assigned an issue number and are going through the screening process for review.

So, what is the Taxpayer Advocacy Service?

The Taxpayer Advocacy Service (TAS) is an **independent** organization **within the IRS**. They protect taxpayers' rights by ensuring that all taxpayers are treated fairly and that they know and understand their rights under the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. TAS is the taxpayer's voice at the IRS. You must first try to resolve your problem with the IRS. But if you can't, then go to TAS. **The service is free.**

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Here is an example. The taxpayer has a lien. He is trying to refinance his mortgage, which could result in a lower monthly payment and would allow

him to pay his outstanding tax liability. He has filed an amended tax return which would eliminate the tax liability. The amended return has been selected for examination, but no action has been taken.

Call TAS at 1-877-777-4738 or complete and submit FORM 911: *Request for Taxpayer Advocate Service Assistance*. You can also ask an IRS employee (in person or over the phone) to complete the form for you.

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Thousands Enjoy Annual Toledo Museum of Art Block Party

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

Music, laughter and entertainment filled the 2400 block of Monroe Street on Saturday, July 13, 2019 for the annual Block Party. The free community festivities began at 6:00 p.m. and concluded at 10:00 p.m. and was sponsored by the Toledo Museum of Art.

The block party is a community event that welcomes residents, food vendors and local entertainers and presents an opportunity to enjoy an

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Brown, Jones-Carpenter family



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Jasmine Smith



7th Annual African American Conference

NAMI Greater Toledo is hosting our 7th Annual African American Conference on August 2, 2019 at the Glenwood Lutheran Church, located 2545 Monroe St. Toledo, Ohio. We are very excited about this year's conference "Our Children's Minds Matter" which deal with helping our youth in the African American community live happy and healthier lives. NAMI will do this by educating and supporting all whose lives are affected by mental health in the community. Mental illness does not discriminate. This conference is a way for NAMI to educate the African American community on mental health and to help them understand it is ok to seek help and treatment works.

This year's conference will have resource tables from our local community mental health agencies and NAMI's Creative Expressions Support Group for ages 7-17. Coffee and lunch will be provided!

NAMI's main goal is to fill in the gaps and correct misunderstandings of our youth by parents, teachers, counselors, caregivers and peers on why African Americans are not seeking help for mental health treatment and missing the signs of mental illness.

We hope to educate our African American Community and let them know that NAMI is a great place to start if they need help finding services/resources.

This year our keynote speaker is Dr. Romules Durant, Superintendent of Toledo Public Schools and an amazing panel of experts who will address sensitive issues that affect our African American youth in today's schools. Both Dr. Durant and the panel will be speaking on *Our Children's Minds Matter*, the theme of this year's conference. For more information please call Sonya Quinn at 419-243-1119 ext. 207.

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Center of Hope Family Services Fueling A Vision of Success

From the Toledo Community Foundation 2018 Annual Report

From the Toledo Community Foundation 2018 Annual Report

From its beginnings, Center of Hope has had the mission, "Fostering resilience across the lifespan." And as the Center has continued to develop innovative programs to empower disadvantaged area residents, Toledo Community Foundation has been a partner.

Education is an important focus for the Center. Explains founder Dr. Tracee Perryman: "As far back as 1997, we saw how so many young people of color start with brightness and promise, and that light dims as they get older — then by their teen years, they're gone. We asked: What kind of curriculum works best for children of color? We discovered we could restore children's love of learning through a stronger sense of self and a focus on social justice."

With this vision, Center of Hope established a 501(c)(3) in 2007 and implemented the first Children's Defense Fund Freedom School in the area. As an afterschool and summer-only program, Tracee and collaborators Dr. Staci Perryman-Clark and Willetta Perryman created a culturally centered

curriculum tailored to students' age and development, while including life skills and character-building principles.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Prayer Breakfast

Date: Friday, July 19, 2019
Time: 8:00 AM
Location: Friendship Baptist Church - 5301 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, OH 43615
\$10 Tickets available at Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union
1441 Dorr St, Toledo, OH - **No tickets will be sold at door**

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JULY

Gospel Concert

Date: Friday, July 19, 2019 | Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Friendship Baptist Church - 5301 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, OH 43615
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Illustrating the concept, Tracee explained, "Our students expressed an interest in athletic shoes. Because it was important to them, we developed a lesson called, 'What's in a shoe?' Kindergarteners are able to recognize the letters in words like shoe, and draw or color a shoe for display. But, our 3rd-5th graders developed marketing plans, and learned about the costs associated with manufacturing shoes. We structure content so that it is culturally relevant, while integrating a continuum of learning benchmarks so that every child has the opportunity to contribute and feel smart."

Tracee's personal dedication had an impact on the Toledo Community Foundation's decision to fund the program. "During the on-site visit, the Foundation asked, 'What if we gave you partial funding?' I said I'd donate my time to the project, and they approved the grant in full."

But children don't learn when their family life is unstable – so the Center has also embraced opportunities to support parents and siblings through workforce development, parenting education, support and advocacy. These programs, including Workforce Support, Parent Support, Elevate and Family Navigator, all received support for launch from Toledo Community Foundation.

Commenting on Center of Hope, TCF's program officer, Chris Dziad, said, "Tracee really knows her community, and knows what works. And, she is committed to doing the research and analysis that shows what works. Supporters want to know they are having an impact – and she can demonstrate that."

Tracee's perspective on data collection is similar. "What we do needs to be intentional. We work hard to identify what data we need," she said. "I look closely at the data on a weekly basis and ask, 'Who is being served? Who is NOT being served? Are we meeting the community's real needs?' Our research shows our programs are aligned with best practices and are producing results."

Collaboration supports sustainability

Tracee also credits the Foundation's Center for Nonprofit Resources as a partner in Center of Hope's success. "I've received consultation from The Center, and call regularly with questions. We've done their training in accounting and regulations. We want to learn from people who've been there and done that. My focus is on assuring the programs are sustainable, because so many families have been disappointed by good programs that come and go."

Describing their involvement with the Foundation, Tracee said, "I always feel like TCF's decisions are about what is good for the community. Some funding agencies come at you with low expectations. Toledo Community Foundation does not do that. They have high expectations – but they also help you meet them."

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"Forty-five years of inspired giving has resulted in the awarding of grants and scholarships of more than \$233 million to nonprofit organizations in our region and beyond. In 2018, Toledo Community Foundation awarded more than \$16.1 million in grants and scholarships (the most grants awarded by the Foundation in a single year) and received nearly \$20 million in donations.

"In 2018, the Foundation awarded 3,015 grants totaling \$16,138,401 to 1,013 different nonprofit organizations including support for Health & Human Services (33 percent), Education (26 percent), Arts & Culture (nine percent), Animal Welfare (seven percent), Religious Organizations (seven percent), Environment/Conservation (five percent) and Economic Development (one percent). This is double the amount of grants Toledo Community Foundation awarded just nine years ago."

Family Fun Day at Navarre Park

Sponsored by Toledo Refining Company

Toledo Refining Company is sponsoring a day of Family Fun at Navarre Park on Sunday, July 21, 2019 from noon to 4:00pm. Family Fun Day is a continuation of the efforts of Toledo Refining Company and Mercy Health to revitalize the East Toledo community by providing fun family activities and connections to needed resources available to the community. The Toledo Design Center will also be on hand to present possible options for new structures and updated infrastructure for the park.

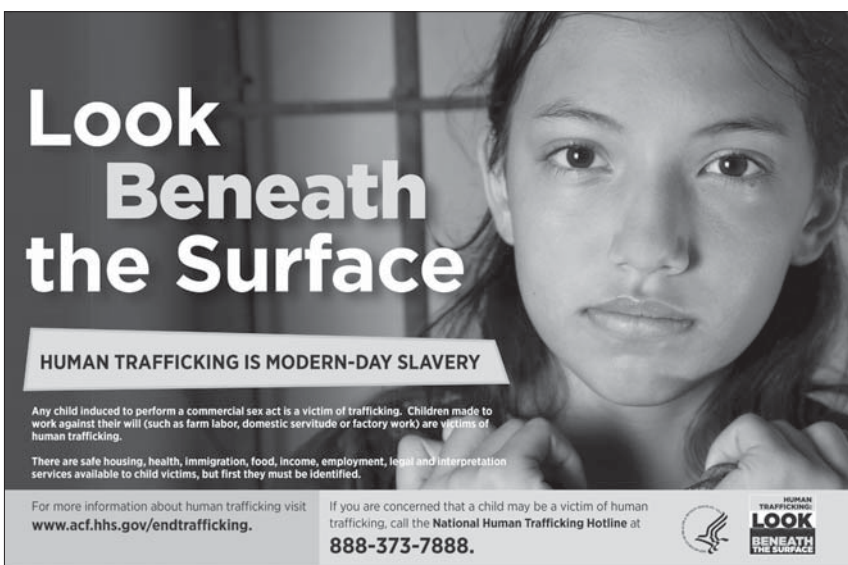
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Activities and Attractions

- * Bounce Houses
- * 4H Animal Experience
- * Oversized Tricycles
- * Imagination Station Science Demonstration
- * Muddy and Mudonna noon to 2pm
- * Spiderman and Wonder Woman from 2pm to 4pm
- * Hot Dogs and Chips Available at noon (til they run out)
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Look Beneath the Surface

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS MODERN-DAY SLAVERY

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING
LOOK BENEATH THE SURFACE

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outdoor event within the city limits. The block party featured three primary entertainment areas that featured performers throughout the night.

The Main Terrace area outside the museum featured local and regional artists from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. including: DJ Big Lou the Mayor, Moving in Stereo a Tribute to the Cars, jazz vocalist Ramona Collins and Cirque Amongus Performance.

The second entertainment area was located on Monroe Street. A line of Jeeps was displayed on Monroe Street, each featured different features, colors and were occupied by the owner to answer specific questions. This was inspired by Life is a Highway: Art and American Car Culture, the current exhibition inside the museum.

The third entertainment area was located inside the Glass Pavilion, where glassblowing demonstrations were held until 8:00pm.

"We're here because we wanted some girl time, we also get a chance to enjoy our city," explained first time attendee Latarsha Cook. "I'm excited to see Cirque Amongus and the food trucks. I am excited to see the glass demonstrations and blowing too," shared Cook who was accompanied by her two daughters, Manhattan Cook and Kylee McMillion.

In addition to those three featured entertainment areas, guests could enjoy caricature artist Isaac Klunk, magician Martin Jarret, stilts walkers and jugglers from Cirque Amongus, Toledo School for the Arts Pagan Puppets, Bubble Sharks, museum admission to Life Is a Highway: Art and American Culture, kids games and open picnic areas.

Local food truck vendors were available to provide attendees a variety of menu items for all age groups. Opa! Cuisine, P & P Street Food (Nick and Nino), Rusty's Road Trip, Snowie Summer Shaved Ice, The Leaf and Seed Vegan Food Truck, Fat Boyz by Al & Zoe, Pizza Cat, The Loaded Chicken, Deet's BBQ, Eric's Ice Cream Factory, Jeanies Comfort Cuisine, S&T Munchie Connections, Mustache Mike Italian Ice, Rosie's Rolling Chef, Jan's Famous Chili Dogs, and K&K Concession.

"We're excited to welcome different performers this year. Each year this continues to grow larger and larger, with more trucks, more people and more entertainment. We appreciate the community's support" explained Mike Brice, the Toledo Museum of Art Public Relation Specialist.



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R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc. is hosting its Ninth Annual Dads and Kids Kampout!

Special to The Truth

R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc., founder, Mark Robinson vows to make a positive impact in the lives of children by strengthening their relationships with their dads through camping. R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc. is in the midst of preparations for its 10th Annual Dads and Kids Kamp Out on Friday, August 2 @ 5 p.m. thru Sunday, August 4 @ 11:00 a.m. The event will be held at Camp Miamokonda Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania, OH.

Children attending the Kamp Out will be roughing it with dad under the stars, pure quality time, good old fashion fun, food, games, contest, and giveaways. A \$50.00 registration fee per family is required. A limited number of scholarships are available.

"This is a community event, we are still in need of sponsors to support our scholarship fund for dads who cannot afford the registration fee of \$50, and volunteers to make this a very memorable event for the Dads and their children," said Mark Robinson. R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc. is a faith-based not-for-profit 501(c)(3). Its Mission is to restore fathers back to the head of the family through the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and reverse the trend of fatherlessness in the greater Toledo Area.

R.E.S.T.O.R.E. Inc. provides a variety of practical services, such as, Fatherhood Education and spiritual support; and it uses biblical principles that are applicable and effective regardless of one's belief system. This non-profit's aim is to help men get the support, education and services they need to be the best fathers they can be.

R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc. was founded in 2006 by Responsible Fatherhood Advocate, Mark Robinson, a recipient of the 2013 Fatherhood Heroes Award, through President Obama's National Fatherhood Initiative Campaign. He knows first-hand about the lack of support provided to men with children having been a single parent for six years.

Robinson recalls, "It was extremely difficult to get any type of support from the social service networks in my community, they were not designed with me in mind". Robinson is a social worker by profession. He has an extensive background in the field of Social Work and has served on numerous committees here in Ohio and in New York.

He is currently serving on the Ohio Practitioners Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF) Board, which is a statewide collaboration that seeks to advance a fatherhood and family agenda at the state and local level. According to Robinson the 2010 Census is a clear indicator that we as a community must be proactive in our support of men in their role as fathers and husbands.

"Dads are vitally important in the lives of their children and must be supported as they assume non-traditional and somewhat unfamiliar role as primary caregiver", said Robinson.

For more information about R.E.S.T.O.R.E. and/or "The Dads and Kids Kamp Out" please contact or visit our website to register: Mark Robinson Founder/Executive Director R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc. 419-377-1488 restorefathers@aol.com

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between music and our natural environment and run the gamut from appreciation to activism. There will be three parts to the "Black Swamp"—themed concert.

4(19) Festival: Black Swamp (Part One)

Saturday, Aug. 10: 1-3 p.m., GlasSalon

Tickets are \$10 for TMA members and TSO subscribers, \$12 for nonmembers, and \$5 for students and active military.

FREE 4(19) Festival: Black Swamp (Part Two)

Saturday, Aug. 10: 3:15-3:45 p.m., Museum Grounds

FREE 4(19) Festival: Black Swamp (Part Three)

Saturday, Aug. 10: 4-5 p.m., Wolfe Gallery

4(19) Festival: Saturday Night in Toledo, Ohio

Saturday, Aug. 10: 7:30-9:30 p.m., Great Gallery

Toledo has often been given an identity by outsiders, choosing to brand it as a particu-

larly culturally bereft outpost in flyover country. Nowhere is this more evident than in the famous John Denver song, "Saturday Night in Toledo, Ohio." This iconic line is put under the microscope in a pair of evening concerts. The first examines the concept of identity vs. identification, with composers whose works delve deep into the issues of self and its perception from the outside. Tickets are \$10 for TMA members and TSO subscribers, \$12 for nonmembers, and \$5 for students and active military.

FREE 4(19) Festival: Saturday Night in Toledo, Ohio

Saturday, Aug. 10: 10-11:30 p.m., Bellwether at Toledo Spirits

The second Saturday evening concert is a celebration of the joy and exuberance that characterizes a true Toledo Saturday night and takes place at Toledo Spirits' new sensory-immersive cocktail bar north of downtown. While this concert is free to

attend, 4(19) Festival passholders receive priority seating for this performance.

FREE 4(19) Festival: Holy Toledo

Sunday, Aug. 11: 2-4 p.m., Throughout the Museum

The weekend concludes with an exploration of the rich history of sacred music by Northwest Ohio composers in an event entitled "Holy Toledo," performed throughout the Museum galleries alongside complementary works of visual art.



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The God Groove: A Blues Journey to Faith by David Ritz

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

One thing leads to another.

Isn't that how it goes? You start somewhere and a door is opened. You enter that door and see a window. The window takes you elsewhere and each new place teaches you something different. Isn't that the way life is – and in the new book *The God Groove* by David Ritz, isn't that the way faith is?

Growing up in New York City, David Ritz fell in love with music. Finding it was "as easy as walking down Fifty-Second Street," or just to his parents' living room: Ritz's father loved classical music and shared his passion with his son.

For Ritz, though, jazz was the thing. It was always there in New York but when he was a teen, his family moved to Dallas, where hearing jazz meant a lengthy search and at least a "ninety-minute bus trip." One day, in his quest for good music, he stumbled upon an open door from which emanated tight harmonies and soaring voices.

He'd found a black church, but he was reluctant to enter. Though his family had never been all that religious, the fact remained that Ritz was white and Jewish. God was a distant thought. Jesus was someone he barely knew about.

And so it continued through most of his life, until he was a married father of twin girls. He was 32 years old then, and desperate for a career change so, because he'd "become obsessed with Ray Charles' voice," Ritz pestered Charles to let him write the singer's biography. That led to an opportunity with Marvin Gaye and an introduction to Aretha Franklin, who led Ritz to another jazz-and-blues singer and another and another. As each person sat down with him in interviews, the conversation often turned to religion, God, and the love inherent in Christianity.

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As he was ministered to, Ritz began to listen, and he began to think. He started to see Christ in a different way, and he visited churches. And yet, he still wasn't ready to call himself a Christian...

For a lot of reasons, *The God Groove* is a challenge to read.

The name-dropping is first on the list: author David Ritz worked with many premiere performers and they're all in this book, which is impressive, initially, but becomes like background noise after awhile. Alas, those star-stories get tangled up in Ritz' own tale, which can drown out his fascinating memoir; and the back-and-forth, does-he-or-doesn't-he religious argument also goes on too long.

And yet – there's an underlying personal change of direction that Ritz allows to run just beneath the surface of his story, as he meets flawed people and confesses his own flaws, including drug use and infidelity related to bisexuality. At the risk of spoiling, there's a happy ending available, but getting there might be tough.

Readers who are questioning their faith may find takeaways here. Jazz fans might also like what they see but if you're neither, you may struggle. *The God Groove* isn't awful, you might be led to just put it aside.

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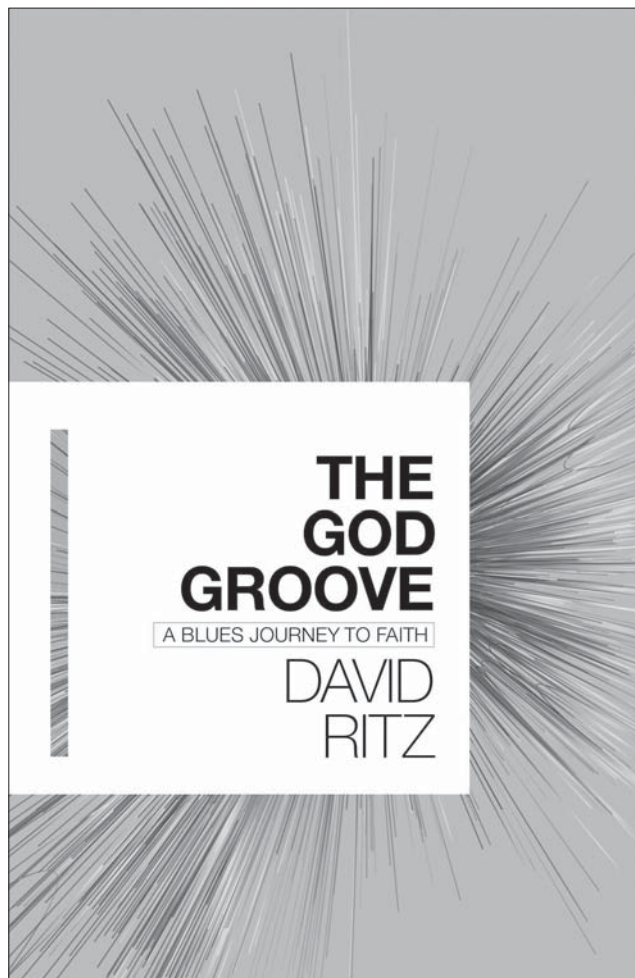
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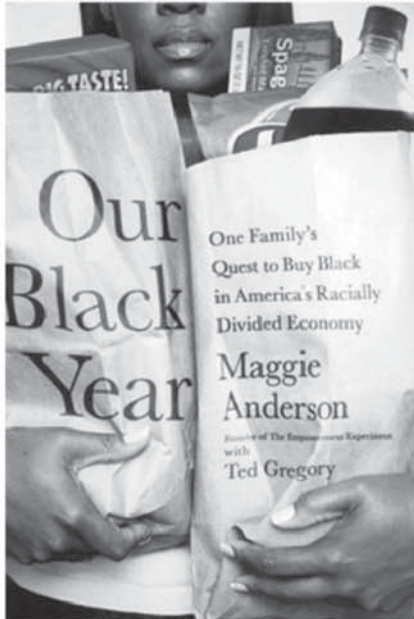
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General Summary

Actively participates in keeping the University of Toledo safe, clean, attractive, and maintained. Performs grounds maintenance duties including: plant, weed, and clean flower beds, fertilize, mow, trim and edge lawns. Applies insecticides to lawns, shrubs and trees. Performs routine grounds maintenance and general labor e.g., removes snow and applies salt to ice; maintains parking lots & streets; assists with minor building construction.

Impact on the Organization

This position contributes to the safety and aesthetics of the exterior grounds for student, visitors, and staff at Main Campus. The Care of Grounds Department supports other departments in obtaining their goals (i.e. Athletics-setup and cleanup for sporting events, Campus Police-barricade placement and accident cleanup, Residence Life-cleanup after move in and move out, help with student activities, event setup, and Maintenance Trades-assist with equipment operator for trenching and hauling material, etc.). The grounds appearance is a contributor to recruitment of prospective students and this position supports this.

Qualifications (Indicate minimum required to qualify or perform this job.)

- Ability to comprehend and follow oral and written instructions.
- Ability to apply mathematical functions to calculate area, volume, ratios and application rates.
- Ability to work alone, with minimal supervision. • Ability to plan, layout, select appropriate tools and perform groundskeeping tasks in an efficient manner.
- Ability and willingness to work overtime.
- Ability to pass required health and safety tests as required by the University of Toledo such as respirator fit, heart stress for pesticide screening, administered after hire on an annual basis.
- Must possess and maintain a valid Ohio Pesticide Applicator's license. If license is held in state that receives reciprocity, Ohio license must be approved before start date.

Reporting Relationships In addition to the direct supervisor (above), indicate the titles of other positions—both within the organizational unit (department, college or division), as well as outside the unit—which provide work direction to this position. Also, indicate which positions report directly to this position, as well as other positions that receive work direction from this position. (Use more space if needed.)

Working Conditions

Ability to work at heights, work outside in extreme weather conditions, safely work with potentially dangerous equipment and chemicals. May work rotating shift or hours. Ability to pass required health and safety tests as required by the University of Toledo (such as respirator fit, heart stress, pesticide screening, depth perception, night vision, etc.). Expected to work overtime.

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The Annual Combined Session of the Order of the Pythagorans and Grand Girls Assembly

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The 2019 Grand Session of the Order of Pythagorans and the Grand Girls Assembly, the boys and girls youth chapters, respectively, of the Order of the Eastern Star, was held on July 11-14 on the campus of the University of Toledo.

Approximately 125 boys attended the weekend conference as members of the Order of the Pythagorans. The Order was established 74 years ago in the State of Ohio in order to emphasize programs for educational, social, vocational and moral development.

Two hundred girls were present for the 67th meeting of the Grand Girls Assembly, which was organized in 1952 and dedicated to the development of character in youth.

The Grand Session, which rotates around the State of Ohio, was hosted this year by The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The purpose of the Grand Session is to give youth from around the state the opportunity to fellowship and to compete in a range of activities – in the classroom and on the playing fields.

Eric Warren, the R.W. Director of Youth Activities, led the Pythagorans events and Valencia Meeks, Grand Director of Youth Activities, led the Girls Assembly.

Daytime activities included sessions devoted to breakouts on math, science and other educational topics along with voting sessions for elected officials.

The Awards Banquet on Saturday night featured the Grand Royal Queen Banquet as Prester Pickett, R.V. Grand Junior counselor, and Faith Sawyer, Grand Royal Princess, served as master and mistress of ceremonies, respectively.

The event culminated with presentations, acknowledgement and awards with remarks offered by Grand Royal Queen Tyra Jones, and the Most Valiant Grand Master Counselor, Jordan Young.

On Sunday, the main event was a divine service held in the Student Union and attended by both youth groups. Rev. John Hicklin offered the sermon.

The scripture reading was offered by the newly-elected Most Valiant Grand Master Counselor Brian Ellis, Jr, and the invocation offered by the newly-elected Grand Royal Queen Heaven Andeson.



L. to R.: Patricia A.P. Taylor, Grand Associate Matron, Amaranth Grand Chapter, Inc.; Renae Willis, Grand Worthy Matron, Amaranth Grand Chapter; Valencia D. Meeks, Grand Director of Youth Activities; Princess Heaven Anderson, Grand Royal Queen of Grand Girls Assembly; Companion Brian Ellis, Jr. Most Valiant Grand Master Counselor for the Most Vulnerable Chapter Order of Pythagorans; Eric Warren, Right Worshipful Director of Youth Activities; Honorable Kelvin Davis, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio; Bob Estelle, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio F & AM



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