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A Community Advocate Back Home In Toledo!



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UPCOMING EVENTS



**23
JULY**

Prayer Breakfast

Date: Friday, July 23, 2021

Time: 8:00 AM

Location: Glass City Metropark Pavilion 1001 Front Street, Toledo, OH 43605

\$10 Tickets available at Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union

- 1441 Dorr St, Toledo, OH.

Honorees: Lee Campbell, Zahra Collins, Michael Day Sr., & Bishop Larry Mack

African American Parade

Date: Saturday, July 24, 2021

Time: Kickoff at 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Parade Location: Dorr & Detroit

Festival: 2:00 PM

Location: Promenade Park, 224 Water Street, Toledo, OH 43604

Festival -
DJ Money Knox
Emcees:
Alexis Means
Big Trice

**24
JULY**

African American Festival

Date: Saturday, July 24, 2021

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Promenade Park, 224 Water Street,
Toledo, OH 43604

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Darius Coleman

Tickets for the festival are \$20 for General Admission and \$50 for V.I.P. (special seating), on sale now and available at Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union and all TicketMaster.com.
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The Difference a Day Makes

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

The Truth Contributor

We must trust the people.

- Faye Wattleton



It has been a little over a month since Toledo's political intelligentsia forecasted an unimpeded and surefire path to a second consecutive term for incumbent mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz.

What a difference a day makes.

Record-breaking homicide and violent crime rates, FBI scrutiny of the Summit Street Improvement Project, and the contempt held by some black leaders offended by Kapszukiewicz's butterfingers remarks about his lack of black support in the 2017 electoral victory over Paula Hicks Hudson have changed the calculus.

Once seen as infallible, Kapszukiewicz is now perceived as vulnerable by several potential challengers. I spoke with Jan Scotland, a longtime businessman and Republican Party candidate who recently dropped his hat in the ring for mayor of Toledo in 2022.

Here is our conversation:

Perryman: Many readers may not be familiar with you. Would you mind providing a little of your background?

Scotland: I was born in Harlem, New York. My father was a Methodist minister at the Wesley Methodist Church there. He died when I was five years old, so we had to move out of the parsonage and moved to Queens, where I grew up until I went to college. I went to Hampton University, the best HBCU in the country.

Perryman: Howard and a few others might argue about that (laughing).

Scotland: At Hampton, I played football and got my degree in chemistry and was hired by B.F. Goodrich in Akron, Ohio as a chemist. I was the chemical purchasing agent, and was recruited here to Owens Corning as a chemical purchasing supervisor. Some years later, someone approached me about the insurance business, and I've since been a State Farm agent for 30 years. I've been married for 37 years and have two kids, a boy and a girl. So far, it's been a good life. Not without its struggles, but a good life.

Perryman: Tell us about your involvement with youth in Toledo.

Scotland: I've run the Sleepy Hollow Athletic League for 29 years. Some 86,000 kids have been through the program, teaching them skills, making sure they have fun, and teaching respect for adults. I have a good track record and several kids have gone on and played high school, college, and some pro. It's been a blessing and something that I can hold high in my accomplishments of the past.

Perryman: Who are some names that we might recognize that have gone through that program?

Scotland: Cheatham Norrills comes to mind. Zia Cooke, who plays basketball for South Carolina University, is another. She's done well and maintained a good attitude, some of the things I hope we helped instill in her when she was a young person.

Perryman: Why are you running to be mayor?

Scotland: The city is in a mess, and this is a good time to do some things to correct it. Crime-wise, youth-wise, economic development-wise, there's just a ton of problems that nobody seems to want to put together a transparent plan to solve.

Perryman: Toledo is less safe than it was approximately five years ago. The mass shooting we witnessed on July 4th was upsetting. The tragedy added to the fact that gang-related violence and other violent crime has increased each year over the past few years. Under your administration, will you drive crime down to its previous levels or less? What strategies would you use?

Scotland: The bottom line is that this defund-the-police movement is a detriment to our community and needs to be stopped because it is taking down the morale of the police department. Defund-the-Police has caused many police to retire and made it harder to recruit. People who came up with the slogan don't live in the neighborhoods that are affected by it. We need to do something about the police that are bad apples, but we need to promote the ones that aren't. That is absolutely necessary to reduce crime.

Simultaneously, we need citywide youth programs. Right now, we do not. We have a lot of scattered efforts. So, what they need to do is put together a comprehensive program, which is separate as much as possible from the

City's funding, because that's what kills many of our youth programs. We start them and do it one year; the next year, it's not there. You have pools one year; and then pools aren't open the following year. We need to try to get separate funding for youth athletics and youth enrichment to make them sustainable. Otherwise, we make joining a gang easier than joining a team, and we've then lost our youth.

Perryman: Would you recommend anything to address youth unemployment?

Scotland: Yes, many youths turn to crime because there are no job opportunities. So, not the least important is we have to try to get our youth struggling with their academics into programs like electricians, pipefitters, and other vocations where there's a significant shortage.

Perryman: Public safety encompasses a massive portion of Toledo's budget. What is your position on reducing the amount of the budget that public safety receives, possibly placing more in social services?

Scotland: No, I would maintain the level in the police department and the fire department because those are absolutely necessary. As far as social services are concerned, there is funding from the state and other kinds of things that enter into that, but I would not sacrifice police and the fire for social services.

Perryman: Would you retain or replace the police chief?

Scotland: I don't know enough about the police chief and would not predict a removal or replacement until I can win the election. I would certainly have conversations with all those in key positions and decide whether I would want to hold onto them or not.

Perryman: The exact question for the fire chief, would you retain or replace?

Scotland: The same answer, but he's a good guy.

Perryman: What are the most challenging issues in the City's budget?

Scotland: My problem with the City right now is anytime they have a shortage, they go after the public to pay for it. You can only do that so many times successfully. Several past proposed levies fell short as a result. But then the City has resorted to hidden taxes by adding a water tax, a garbage tax, or you had the speed light cameras. All these are taxes not voted for by the public.

Perryman: As Mayor Jan Scotland, how do you go about developing a good leadership team?

Scotland: Well, I've known people over the years that I think would be



Jan Scotland

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excellent in certain positions, but the bottom line is you have to come into office with a vision. I have ideas of what I want to do in every department, so I have to find people ready to move forward.

Perryman: Do you have experience successfully organizing a diverse and inclusive team to accomplish a significant task?

Scotland: I'm now the chairman of the President's Committee for recruitment and retention for the University of Toledo Medical College, and I've been doing that for 10 years. We have a diverse committee of people from the community, including doctors and lawyers, and others on that committee. Our mission has been to raise more money to increase black students in the medical school and increase student enrollment in the health college programs for nurses and physician assistants. We've significantly increased money for scholarships and it has gone very well, I'm pleased to say.

Perryman: Can you be specific about the types of things you've done in the black community?

Scotland: The Sleepy Hollow Athletic League by itself has taken care of thousands of kids, and I've been involved with this recruiting of black doctors and medical professionals for over ten years. In addition, I was, for many years, board chair of the Fredrick Douglass Community Association. I also chaired NAACP Freedom Fund for about five years in a row, way back in the day.

Perryman: And, the Neighborhood Health Association. I recruited you to that board.

Scotland: That's right. I'm still on there. When people view my resume of things I've done in the black community, no one matches what I've been involved in. I've done these things since I first arrived in Toledo.

I was also involved with a political group with Judge Doneghy that tried to encourage the Democratic Party to pay more attention to the black community when we weren't getting their attention even though we voted for them. So, one of the reasons I became a Republican was to try to balance that out and it did help back in the day. Since the beginning, I've been involved in one black organization or another, and I've never stopped.

Perryman: How do you compare or contrast your candidacy to the other mayoral candidates?

Scotland: I won't know the exact candidates until we all get our petitions in, but it seems like it's Wade, Carty and myself. I don't see the vision from Wade; let's just put it that way, which is likely why he calls for

a committee to meet every time something important comes up. Carty is a formidable candidate, and a lot of people like him. However, I don't think when it came to business he made the best deals for Toledo, such as the one he did with Owens Corning.

However, I can't say anything bad about Carty. I like Carty, but I don't think he has the vision that fits the time right now. We can't take him for granted. He is the best campaigner in town, but I just don't see where he brings anything new to the table.

On the other hand, I bring a lot of new ideas, and whether you like them or not, they'll be out there for you to comment on. When it's all said and done, I'll have a direction that we're going to move in.

Perryman: Are you an outside-the-box thinker?

Scotland: I don't think we're inside the box, but there are cities all over this country that have found their niche and have implemented programs to bring commerce and constituents back to their city. Why Toledo is stuck on what we're doing, I have no idea. I went out to Kansas City, and how they attract people to the economic areas they're trying to promote from a tourist standpoint is amazing. We have nothing like that here.

Perryman: What do you envision for Toledo?

Scotland: We don't have a black enterprise area. Junction, Dorr, and Detroit used to be big time as far as people promenading up and down the boulevard and going there for entertainment and food. Why we haven't put that back together and have allowed some of our anchors in that area to disappear, is negligent and thoughtless. Why can't we go in and revitalize that area for entrepreneurship?

Meanwhile, downtown looks great. We have the MudHens baseball, the Huntington Center, and gambling. That's fantastic, but there should be a black center for sure. When you go to various cities, they have diverse entertainment centers where people can get to easily.

I plan to bring black enterprise back to Toledo.

Contact Rev. Donald Perryman, PhD at drdlperryman@centerofhope-baptist.org

How to Protect Your Family from the Delta Variant

Special to The Truth

Despite significant gains in vaccinations and fighting COVID-19, the rise of the more transmissible Delta variant poses a significant risk for unvaccinated people.

"We are at a critical moment in the COVID-19 pandemic. We have the vaccines and public health measures necessary to protect people and stop the spread of the virus, but the onus is on all of us to get vaccinated in order to protect ourselves and our communities. Despite the gains we have made, the dangers -- particularly of the Delta variant -- are real and concerning," says Gerald E. Harmon, M.D., American Medical Association (AMA) president.

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Ashley Futrell: A Social Engineer Is Back Home Where She Belongs

By Fletcher Word

You have to love it when a plan comes together!

And what a plan this would be. A brilliant young student graduates high school and, like so many before her, leaves Toledo for college. She spends some years in the big city with the bright lights, winding up in an even bigger city with the brightest lights of all and, unlike so many wandering Toledoans before and after her, she plots and schemes and, eventually, finds her way back home and into the loving arms of the community that groomed her.

Great plan indeed. We would have to love something coming together so perfectly.

However, even though Ashley Futrell is indeed back home and indeed grateful to have returned- just as so many in her hometown are so grateful to have her back, it was not exactly part of a carefully designed plan on her part.

"I learned a long time ago, I plan and God laughs," she says. "I believe everything happens for a reason; I believe in faith. When I think of the unbelievable opportunities I have had, it must be God."

Futrell, now an associate attorney with Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, graduated from Toledo Christian in 2002 and headed to American University in Washington, DC to earn a bachelor's in Law and Society. After graduation she remained amongst the bright lights and in the big city to work in the federal government and to earn a masters from Johns Hopkins University.

After several more years working in government on Capitol Hill as a senior staff member advising several members of Congress on legislative issues, she entered Howard University's School of Law.

Then came the really bright lights when Futrell moved to New York after graduation from law school to accept a position as assistant district attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office.

She never really had her eye on returning to Toledo at that point but fate, or God, intervened. "I really loved the experience I had in New York," she says, and part of that experience included membership in the National Black Prosecutors Association which, as do so many national organizations, held annual conferences.

As fate would have it, a senior prosecutor in the Manhattan office who was also part of the Association found himself too busy to attend a conference that was scheduled for Cleveland that year. Futrell was asked to attend in his place.

During the conference she met Marisa Darden, then an Assistant United States Attorney stationed in Cleveland, who had also started out as an assistant prosecutor in the Manhattan office.

"We connected," recalls Futrell, "She told me that I should start to think about coming home." The two kept talking, remained friends and "when the opening came up in Toledo, I eagerly applied," says Futrell.

Finally, three and a half years ago, Futrell made it back to the Glass City after 16 years of wandering around in the ... really bright lights.

"I look at Toledo as home; I have had a chance to rediscover Toledo as an adult," she says. "I connected with the people here when I came back and the community has really embraced me."

That the community has really embraced her may be an understatement. Futrell has become an integral part of the

community, active in so many groups and causes. She is a member of the Thurgood Marshall Law Association, a member of the Toledo Chapter of The Links and a member of the boards of directors for Toledo Opera, United Way Women's Initiative, Leadership Toledo, Toledo Alliance for the Performing Arts and the Toledo Bar Association.

In 2019 she was the recipient of Toledo's 20 Under 40 Leadership Recognition Award.

While the return may not have been a part of a grand scheme, she is more than satisfied with the results of the path she has taken. "The biggest thing is that I've been able to find myself and where I am needed."

When she was in law school, in fact, she sought an opportunity to go where she was needed by moving into a prosecutor's position in Manhattan. That was a decision that was ridiculed by some of her colleagues who opined that her knowledge and talents would be of better use defending people rather than prosecuting them,

Her take on that is two-fold. First, victims need to be helped also and, second, "we as people of color need to be in every aspect of the criminal justice system - that's the only way real change can happen."

As an example, she points to the issue of jury demographics and how so very few people of color are on juries, particularly federal juries. "What can a person do to impact the justice system? Respond when called to jury duty," she says.

After three years as an assistant U.S. attorney, Futrell joined Shumaker last December as an associate where she focuses on business, employment issues, white collar crimes and litigation in federal court, among other specialties. "I help businesses of all sizes," she notes,



Ashley Futrell

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TARTA Seeks Community Feedback at Upcoming Virtual Public Meeting on July 21

By Paul Hubbard and Fletcher Word

The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) will host a virtual public meeting on July 21, 2021 from 6p.m. – 7p.m. The forum is open to the public and all TARTA riders including those who use the Toledo Area Regional Paratransit Service (TARPS) and Call-A-Ride. The webinar-style public meeting will discuss changes that were made in the past year due to the coronavirus pandemic and receive feedback on the following topics:

- A review of fare elimination, reduced service hours and frequency, and express service elimination due to the coronavirus pandemic.

- Spring service changes to eight of TARTA's fixed route services including routes 2, 5, 19, 51, 52, 12, 14 and 31.

- Service changes related to TARTA's new fixed bus route 10L.

The virtual public meeting will include a question-and-answer session with TARTA staff.

Meeting registration and details are available at www.tarta.com or by calling 419-243-7433. Customers and the public should submit their comments and questions ahead of time by sending them to customer-relations@tarta.com by 12p.m. on July 21, 2021.

V Project to Offer Vaccinations at Three Metroparks

The V Project will provide COVID-19 vaccinations at three Metroparks this month. Everyone who gets a shot during these special events will receive a \$15 gift card to an area restaurant and be entered in a drawing for a chance to stay overnight in a six-person treehouse.

The Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following dates.

Farnsworth Metropark, Indianola Shelter parking lot, 8505 S. River Rd., Wadsworth, Saturday, July 31

Oak Openings Preserve Metropark, Oak Openings Lodge parking lot, 5440 Wilkins Rd., Whitehouse, Saturday, July 17, and Sunday, July 18

Pearson Metropark, 761 S. Lallendorf Rd. (between Navarre and Starr), Oregon, in the playground shelter parking lot, Saturday, July 24, and Sunday, July 25

Anyone under 18 getting the Pfizer vaccine must have a parent or legal guardian present.

Metroparks will provide a free overnight stay in The Stables treehouse to one person whose name is drawn. Everyone vaccinated at one of these events will be entered in the drawing. The person whose name is drawn can reserve one night at no cost for up to six guests. The Stables is the largest of the overnight treehouses at the Cannalee Treehouse Village at Oak Openings Preserve in Swanton.

"Throughout the pandemic, Metroparks has provided places to relax and unwind safely outdoors, working closely with the Toledo Lucas County Health Department," said Matt Killam, Chief of Outreach and Experiences. "Bringing vaccination sites to parks on opposite ends of the county for the convenience of our residents is another way we are working together to combat this serious threat."

The V Project is a grassroots community initiative in Toledo and northwest Ohio to educate, motivate and vaccinate residents in the region and slow the spread of COVID-19. The project's goal is to vaccinate 70 percent of the community. The V Project is working in partnership with the Lucas County and Wood County public health departments.

If You're Human, You're Biased. Now What?

The YWCA of Northwest Ohio will present the film "bias," a documentary by award-winning filmmaker Robin Hauser that highlights the nature of implicit bias, the grip it holds on our social and professional lives, and what it will take to induce change. According to Hauser, "bias...is the underlying precursor to many of the "-isms" that plague our society: sexism,

racism and ageism".

To obtain an exclusive link to the film, please register at bit.ly/bias viewing. The link will be active from July 16th at 5:00 pm until July 19th at 12:00 pm. You may also stream the film from Hoopla with a Toledo Lucas County Library card. Then join the filmmaker/director and community leaders for the virtual panel discussion on July 19th at 6:00 pm. You will be sent the link to the panel discussion when you register. This is a free event.

Our goal is for everyone in the community to watch the film and to begin the conversation on different ways to dismantle bias and move forward toward the mutual goal of ensuring and maintaining equity for all. A discussion guide complete with action steps and selected resources for further study will be provided to participants upon request.

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FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT

(Moved to a new location)

"Sir" Calvin Hughes is requesting your presence to attend an outdoor "JAZZ IN THE AIR" Concert

3740 West Alexis Rd., Toledo, OH (Calvary Bible Chapel Parking Lot)

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In Loving Memory

Rev. John E. Roberts – March 9, 1927 – July 9, 2021

Rev. Dr. John E. Roberts was born March 9, 1927 in Bryant, Mississippi. He got his clearance to take off at 2:30 a.m. on July 9, 2021. He was the son of George and Melvina Roberts. He had three siblings Mattie (Roberts) McClain, Anne Gertrude-Adams and Brother Alex Loggins, all of whom preceded him in death. His early education was in Mississippi. At 12 years old he accepted Christ and was baptized. He worked with his grandfather, who was a sharecropper. His grandfather called him preacher growing up.

After his grandfather passed, at the age of 17, he came to Toledo, OH to be with his mother. He finished his high school education in Toledo, attending Scott and graduating from Libbey High School. He was employed at Woolworth's, Martin Box, Toledo Steel and Tube and Toledo Public Schools, where he retired as a bus driver.

He was united in holy matrimony to Bernice Thompson on April, 6, 1950. Pastor said he liked the way she would pat her foot in church. To this union three sons were born: Rev. Dr. Derrick E. Roberts, Rev. Jeffrey J. Roberts and Tracey B. Roberts. Pastor and Mother Roberts celebrated 71 years of marriage on April 6, 2021.

Pastor Roberts loved to tell stories about his baseball expertise with his friends John Butts, Charles McDaniel and Willie Perryman Sr. They ruled Swayne Field's baseball diamond. He also had a killer left hook and he played center on his basketball team.

Pastor Roberts' faithfulness and dedication has been demonstrated by the various roles he has accomplished at the Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, along with his commitment to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He has been an active member of Indiana since its organization in February 1946, where he was a founding member. He has served and walked in the footsteps of most positions in the church, from custodian to Pastor. He received his divine call to preach in September 1962 and he was called to Pastor on the third Sunday in January 1965.

He graduated from the Toledo Bible College and was Valedictorian of his class for Bachelor of Arts in Religious Education in 1975; he received a Master of Theology in 1984 and his Doctorate in Biblical Theology in 1985.

As a Pastor, he has fed the flock and encouraged them to be effective soul winners. As a result, membership grew from around 60 to thousands.

As a Teacher, he has opened the eyes of many who were stumbling in spiritual darkness and led them to the light through his preaching and the Bible study of the Word of God. Under his leadership, the Christian Board of Education was organized, and the positions of Director and Advisor of Christian Education were created. Other auxiliaries organized under his leadership are Junior Church, Couples Fellowship, Singles Fellowship, Widows Fellowship, Recreation Department, Youth and Young Adult Departments and many others.

As a Preacher, he preached purity of heart and baptism to all true believers; his speech and his preaching were not just the words of man's wisdom, but a demonstration of the Spirit and of the power of God in the man. All the most important successes of his life were the results of upright living and prevailing prayer. Rev. Dr. John Roberts tried to live what he preached.

He saved numerous marriages, curtailed many youngsters from leaving home and has sent a lot of youngsters back home; helped countless others deal with bereavement and illness.

He has been instrumental in moving the congregation from the basement to the upper level, then into the present sanctuary, which he designed and later the building of the Stephenson-Roberts Fellowship Hall. When Pastor Roberts was first elected Pastor, the church had no parking facilities, but under his administration we purchased over thirty-nine (39) houses to provide the church with four existing parking lots. Later accomplishments have been the building of the Stephenson-Roberts Fellowship Hall and the establishment of the Hall of Farmers.

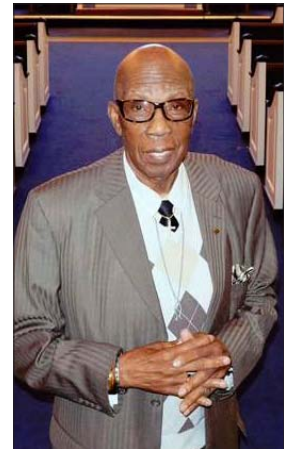
Christ-like in devotion: strong in faith and mighty in prayer. His life, with its results, is a never-failing inspiration and challenges people of all ages and races, creating strong men around him.

Not only has Pastor Roberts been a leader in the church, but he has given a religious aspect to the community. Our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Roberts

has received numerous accolades and recognitions through the years, resolutions, and commendations from local, state, and federal officials. He has walls full of plaques, shelves of gifts and three keys to the City of Toledo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, son Rev. Dr. Derrick E. Roberts and grandson John Jeffery Roberts. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife and friend of 71 years Mother Bernice, sons Rev. Jeffery and Tracy, daughters, Deborah and Crystal, grandchildren Jeremy, Jelise, Juston, Traci, Teontré, Darius and five great-grandchildren, and a host of beloved nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, cousins, church family, adopted family and kind friends.

Special thanks to St. Anne's Progressive Center, Ebeid Hospice, Ohioans Home Health Care nurses, Rev. Dr. Willie Perryman, Jerrilyn Hodges, Paul and Mother Sue Lee, Phylliss Robinson, Letha and Robert Goree, Herman Thomas, Jim Johnson and Elmore Sturdivant.



Rev. John E. Roberts

PUBLIC NOTICE

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) FY 2021 through 2023 Goals

The purpose of this notice is to afford certified Disadvantage Business Enterprises (DBEs), general contractor groups, minorities, and woman's organizations an opportunity to participate and comment on the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) draft FFY-2021 to FFY-2023 DBE program and Goal.

The TARTA DBE program proposed goal and methodology may be reviewed for 30 calendar days starting with the first day of publication of this notice during normal business hours from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday at the TARTA administrative office, located at 1127 Central Ave., Toledo, OH 43610. Questions and comments regarding the goal setting process, the draft DBE goal and the final FFY-2021 to FFY-2023 DBE goal may be mailed or emailed to the email addresses below.

It is the policy of TARTA to provide Disadvantaged Business Enterprises the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or part with federal funds. In accordance with the requirements of Title 49 CFR 26.45, TARTA is publishing its DBE goal for Fiscal Years 2021 – 2023 of 11.65%. TARTA's proposed goal and its rationale are available for inspection at www.tarta.com.

To request a copy of the DBE Program or goal, or further information about the DBE program please call Chris Kirk at 419-245-5201 or email ckirk@tarta.com.

TARTA will accept comments on the goal for 45 days from the date of this notice.

Comments may be addressed to:

**Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority
TARTA DBE Liaison Officer - Samuel Henderson
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Or 419-245-5202 or email at Shenderson@TARTA.com**

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Pastor Cedric Brock Celebrates 28th Pastoral Anniversary

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On June 27, 2021, Rev. Cedric Brock and First Lady Debra Brock celebrated their 28th Pastoral Anniversary at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church with the special help of Mother Frieda Banks, Head Usher Edward Sanders, Trustee James Taylor and his wife Bessie Taylor, all of whom have been members of the Mt. Nebo congregation for 50 years or more.



Mother Freida Banks, Head Usher Edward Sanders, First Lady Debra Brock, Pastor Cedric Brock, Trustee James Taylor, Bessie Taylor



Rev. Cedric Brock and Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur

The Sunday service's guest speaker was Bishop Pat McKinstry and the celebration event included dignitaries such as Toledo Mayor Wade Kapsukiewicz, former Toledo Mayor Carty Finkbeiner and Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur who also extended their congratulations for the achievement.



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If you like a picnic, you are really going to like Destination Picnic! We are not talking about a blanket thrown on the ground and you scrambling through a basket for a bucket of chicken and some bottled water. Destination Picnic offers a bit of luxury in a spectacular outdoor setting – or indoors if you prefer, especially as the weather takes a turn for the colder in a couple months.

Sabriyah Davis, a 2017 graduate of the Toledo School of the Arts, has created a company that offers custom picnic set-ups for parties of two or more.

Davis, and her assistant, Corionn Taylor, opened for business just at the start of the summer and have already held picnics in a variety of Metroparks around the area – Glass City, Wildwood, Toledo Botanical Garden, Oak Openings, Swan Creek, among other sites. They have also made a commitment to utilize the services and products of local companies, such as Avocado & Cheese – owned by Alisa Gafeney.

Comfort and a classy presentation in the great outdoors is the experi-

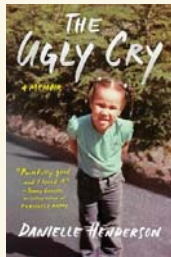
ence awaiting Destination Picnic's guests.

Davis, a very busy young lady who has started another business named Davis Design & Consulting Group and is a costumer for the Toledo Repertory Company, has dotted her "i's" and crossed her "t's" as she has gotten Destination Picnic up and running. Licenses and the appropriate approvals are in place, marketing is happening, family and friends are on board.

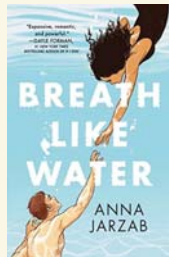
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Settlement Requires Defendants to Provide Extensive Modifications and Pay \$400,000 for Accessibility Violations at Senior Housing Community

Special to The Truth

A settlement has been reached in a lawsuit filed by The Fair Housing Center, The Ability Center, and Brooklynn Park resident Jenny Tillman that requires defendants to complete extensive accessibility modifications for Brooklynn Park and pay \$400,000 in damages to cover fees, litigation costs, and compensation for the nonprofit organizations' diversion of resources and frustration of mission. Remediation for the 55+ housing community, conducted at the defendants' expense, will help bring properties into compliance with design and construction requirements and ensure residents of the senior housing development can benefit from full use and enjoyment of their owner-occupied villas while they continue to age in place. Plaintiffs were represented by Stephen Dane of Dane Law LLC and Relman Colfax PLLC.

Plaintiffs filed a joint lawsuit in 2018 in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, accusing Moline Builders, Inc., JLG Development, LLC, James E. Moline, Lance Fuller, Larry Fast, Oravec & Associates, Inc., Graham Design Group, LLC, and Joel Graham of discriminating against persons with disabilities by failing to comply with federal design and construction regulations for accessible housing.

"Having lived with MS for 30 years, I bought my home thinking about my future. After moving in and living in my home, it became clear it was not accessible to me or others in this community," stated Jenny Tillman, Brooklynn Park resident. "The step at my front door can be difficult for me, so often I can't even use my main entrance and have to enter the house through the garage. I asked the builders many times to make changes to make it accessible but they refused. I'm looking forward to no longer facing daily challenges just trying to get around my home, and I'm grateful to The

Fair Housing Center and The Ability Center for standing by me."

"Fair housing ensures everyone can choose where they live and people with disabilities can find homes that meet their needs," explained Marie Flannery, President and CEO of The Fair Housing Center. "Because of the limited supply of accessible housing, people with mobility impairments and seniors have limited choice in where they can live. If builders do not comply with the Fair Housing Act, they continue to limit those choices. Hopefully, this case helps to increase awareness in the design and construction industry about the ways the Fair Housing Act applies to them. Improving compliance not only benefits those seeking accessible housing, but can also help builders and developers avoid costly violations."

"An accessible home is the foundation of independence for people with

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Jenny Tillman at last week's settlement announcement



In 2018 Resident Jenny Tillman stands at entrance of her home just over the step which makes entrance inaccessible for some disabled individuals



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New City of Toledo Disparity Study Online Survey of Business Owners

The City of Toledo is committed to ensuring that small, minority, women-owned businesses have an equitable opportunity to participate in the City's procurement process.

GSPC has partnered with Creative Research Solutions to create and distribute the Survey of Business Owners. This Survey is designed to capture demographic, statistical, and anecdotal information regarding businesses, their operating capacity, and impressions on doing business, or attempting to do business with the City of Toledo, OH. This survey takes approximately

10-15 minutes to complete.

The City of Toledo thanks all businesses for choosing to participate in the study survey. To begin the survey, please click "Access Online Survey of Business Owners" button at the bottom of this page. For questions, or to report technical difficulties with the Study, please contact GSPC at toledostudy@gspclaw.com.

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Tips to Keep Kids Learning and Having Fun All Summer Long

Special to The Truth

With the encouragement and support of parents, a love of learning can begin early and last a lifetime. To inspire kids to have fun while learning this summer, consider the following tips:

- **Reward Curiosity:** Children are naturally curious, and the way you respond to their questions, stories, and observations about the world around them is important. Be sure to reward their curiosity with your authentic attention.
- **Build Reading Confidence:** Literacy is the foundation of all learning, and you can help improve reading comprehension and fluency, while building spelling, vocabulary and writing skills, using tools that offer instant guidance and feedback. The interactive pages of the LeapReader Learn-to-Read 10-Book Bundle build reading and writing confidence by allowing kids to sound out letters and words, or follow along with the stories as they're read out loud. Each book includes lively character voices that spark interest, as well as activities that introduce vowel sounds, sight words, word blending, spelling skills and more. The LeapReader also helps kids build writing skills with stroke-by-stroke guidance and instant feedback using mess-free, no-ink paper.
- **Get Outdoors:** Whether it's a trip to the backyard or a vacation out of

town, a change of scenery gives young minds an opportunity to absorb and process new information, while encouraging them to explore new sights and sounds. Be sure to mix things up whenever possible.

- **Introduce Learning Toys:** Games, puzzles and creative challenges are all interactive experiences that can enhance learning. Check out learning toys with these features built right in, such as the LeapStart Preschool Success interactive learning system from LeapFrog. It features touch-and-talk pages that help build math, reading, problem-solving skills and more. An expansive library of books, sold separately, cover a variety of preschool through first grade subjects, with more than 30 activities in every book. Many activities have two levels with over 50 key skills per grade level, so kids can play and learn at the right level and move up when they're ready.
- **Expand Horizons:** Exploring new places can build knowledge, as well as the natural curiosity that helps inspire kids to keep learning. Using the Magic Adventures Globe, young explorers can travel the world and experience new places, languages, cultures, animals, geography, habitats and more through high-quality BBC videos. Featuring a 2.7-inch integrated video screen, animations and live-action videos fully immerse kids in the curriculum to provide a better understanding of the world through more than five hours of videos. Kids can also play three interactive games called Around the World, Quiz Show and Where in the World to explore the globe, challenge a friend and solve mysteries.

With interactive tools, toys and strategies, it's always the right time of year to get your child excited to learn!

Courtesy StatePoint

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adding that her previous position can inform clients "what the government is thinking."

So, what's next for the young lawyer? Since her return, some have speculated that a run for elected office might be in her future but that's not something Futrell is focused on at all.

"The best leaders are the ones with life experiences," she says. "I'm still learning and gathering information. The best way to be an advocate is not always to run for office. I'm a community advocate doing what I can for Toledo."

A community advocate and a lawyer, of course. And always mindful of the words of a Howard law professor who told his students that a lawyer is either a "parasite on society or a social engineer who uses the Constitution in a way to benefit the community."

As a law student Futrell got a head start on benefiting the community and created a program called HUSL for Change – Howard Uni-

versity School of Law for Change – crafted to demonstrate ways in which lawyers can be of help to the community.

"I'm going to be a social engineer," says Futrell.



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disabilities,” said Tim Harrington, Executive Director of The Ability Center. “As The Ability Center continues the quest to become the disability-friendly community in the country, we value partners that protect the rights of people with disabilities to live in the community of their choosing. We hope this outcome begins to fuel conversations around universal design housing builds that will create greater stock of accessible homes in our area.”

“Ensuring that Brooklynn Park Villas complies with the Fair Housing Act adds 92 accessible units to our Toledo area housing stock and ensures that residents can maintain independence, stay connected to the community, and remain in their homes as they age,” stated Katie Hunt Thomas, Disability Rights Attorney and Director of Advocacy with The Ability Center. “We believe that educating the community about issues that affect people with disabilities is key to improving accessibility and paving the way toward a community where everyone can feel at home.”

The Fair Housing Center and The Ability Center both emphasize their role as resources for the housing industry, encouraging builders and developers to proactively contact them for assistance with reviewing plans, understanding their responsibilities, and ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Highlights of the Settlement:

- Defendants will pay \$400,000 in damages to cover fees, litigation costs, and compensation for the nonprofit organizations’ diversion of resources and frustration of mission.
- Over the next four years, the developers of the project will also work to make remediations to the project to ensure that it is more accessible for persons with disabilities.
- These remediations will be provided for free, at no cost at all, for the residents and the homeowners association.
- The residents will receive notices from the developers about the availability of the free remediations.
- Over the course of the four-year period, if a new resident purchases a home, they will also have the option to obtain the free remediations.
- Remediations will consist of modifications to common areas and individual residences including: creating accessible entrances where steps or slopes currently impede access; modifying routes to enable access between different areas of the housing development; moving mailboxes, light switches, thermostats, and other fixtures to compliant heights; installing accessible door handles and parking spaces; correcting sidewalk slopes,

curb cuts, and ramps; and removing obstacles that block access to key amenities.

This case also established an important legal precedent that will have a far-reaching impact on other similar cases. In a ruling on Summary Judgment, the Court found that the accessibility requirements for front entrances remain even if the housing developer asserts that other entrances, like the garage door, may be accessible. This particular issue in the case was one of first impression, meaning that no other court had specifically decided this legal issue. The Court found “Whether one is a... neighbor [who uses a wheelchair], friend, or family member, a political candidate, or a repairman - all are making ‘public use’ as they approach a [housing] unit’s sidewalk-adjointing front door. Not to let them get there unimpeded, and, in effect, to send them away as if unwelcome, is precisely the discrimination the FHAA forbids.” This decision will undoubtedly help guide the law on accessibility requirements and assist other persons with disabilities in the future.

Brooklynn Park Villas is a senior community built between 2014-2018 that was advertised as “fully accessible.” Seniors and people with disabilities, attracted to the community because it was advertised as fully accessible, purchased units that have inaccessible kitchens, bathrooms, and for many, inaccessible entrances on a campus with inaccessible community center and sidewalks that are too steep. Many seniors purchased condos in order to age in place but ended up with unlivable homes.

In 2016, The Fair Housing Center contacted the defendants to let them know that the villas were out of compliance with accessibility standards and asked them to assist residents by fixing the issues. However, the defendants refused to bring residents’ villas up to accessibility design standards. When The Fair Housing Center and The Ability Center returned to the property a year later, they discovered that new villas constructed after the defendants had been notified of the violations exhibited the same accessibility obstacles. At that point, the organizations determined that a lawsuit was the only way to ensure that residents were able to live in accessible homes. Examples of accessibility violations include: many entrances contain steps; walkways are impassable due to steep slopes or lack of curb cuts; environmental controls, mailboxes, and other amenities are located out of reach; and kitchens and bathrooms do not provide sufficient clear floor space to be usable by persons with disabilities.

While many people with disabilities are able to live independently, current research shows that a growing number are unable to find accessible housing that meets their needs. Likewise, many seniors wish to age in place but are not able to find an apartment due to physical barriers. People with disabilities and the aging who are unable to find housing that is accessible are often forced to move out of their own homes into institutional housing such as nursing homes. Because of this, Congress amended the Fair Housing Act in 1988 to require all new, multi-family housing built after March 13, 1991 with four or more units to meet certain accessible design guidelines.

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For more information, frequently asked questions, and to view the trailer visit ywcanwo.org/bias.

The film and discussion are being made available with support from

ProMedica, Fifth Third Bank, and Lucas County Children Services.

The YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The YWCA serves more than 15,000 individuals each year through various programs. The programs include: Domestic Violence Shelter, Rape Crisis Center, Child Care Resource and Referral, Youth Development, Long Term Housing, and Healthy Connections.

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THE RAFFLE IS BACK

As part of the summer festivities at The Padua Center we offer a chance to win some great prizes. Coming out of the COVID protocols we are ready to come together and celebrate with some winners. The tickets will be drawn at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday July 18, 2021 at St. Martin de Porres, as part of the BBQ dinner. The prizes are listed below.

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First, the history: it had to start somewhere – but where? You can imagine how Black mobility was affected by slavery but how and why did it continue? Surely, it wasn't arbitrary, not just “no, you can't travel here,” so how did restrictions on Black mobility happen, how did African Americans fight the system, and why does it matter now? In *Traveling Black*, (Belknap, Harvard University Press, \$35.00), author **Mia Bay** answers these questions, starting back when travel was largely of the horse-and-wagon type.

Starting with *Plessy v. Ferguson*, Bay explains how segregation in travel began, and how it spread along roads and rails and then spread to accommodations, and the uncertainty of what might await a traveler along the journey. Bay separates each mode of travel to examine how Jim Crow laws affected a Black traveler in different manners, and she looks at the ways in which travel was sometimes used as activism.

Now, though, you're free to travel – not just in the U.S., but around the world, if you want. In *Travelling While Black* (Hurst, \$19.95), author **Nanjala Nyabola** shares some stories of her travels, and how her skin color matters when she's on the move.

Indeed, what's it like to travel as a Black woman, when guidebooks are not written with a Black woman in mind? How can you draw a line from African Americans on the road in the Old Days, to travel now? And now that you can travel, what does it tell you about yourself?

These are just a few things Nyabola ponders as she takes readers from Haiti to the Far East, Mexico, Africa, Europe, and the American South. She muses about suffering, the need for literature in Black culture, identity, asylum, and the meaning of home.

This is the kind of book you'll want to read when you want to go somewhere but you're stuck at home for whatever reason. Nyabola goes to the popular places but she also travels to spots that are generally sought by adventurers. This gives readers a sense of travelogue with a hint of the unusual; her musings on the places she goes make this a book you won't want to put down. Her observations will make you glad she took you along with her.

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According to the AMA, here is what you can do now to decrease the risk to you and your family.

1. Talk to your doctor. Speak to your own physician about vaccines. Physicians remain one of the most important sources for information about vaccines. And with 96 percent of physicians vaccinated, according to a recent AMA poll, they are prepared to answer your questions and speak about their own experience with vaccines.

2. Get vaccinated ASAP. If you're not already vaccinated, get the first vaccine available to you. Three vaccines are now available in the United States: those made by Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen Pharmaceuticals. All are safe and highly effective at preventing severe COVID-19 illness, hospitalizations and death.

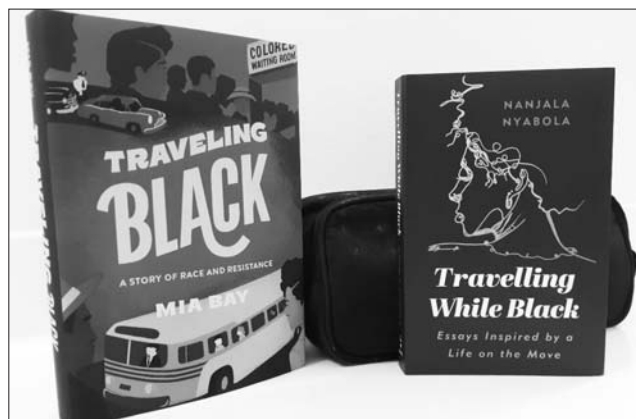
3. Immunize your child. Now is the time to immunize your child, if they are eligible, so they are fully vaccinated by the start of school. It takes five weeks for the two-dose Pfizer vaccine to be fully effective. With schools reopening in person in August in many places, and with just one in five children between 12-15 years old vaccinated, you should start the vaccination process as soon as possible.

Additionally, childhood and adolescent vaccination rates against diseases such as measles, pertussis and human papilloma virus dropped precipitously during the first few months of the pandemic stay-at-home orders. Although rates have picked up, they have not picked up enough to achieve catch-up coverage, so make sure your child's immunizations are on track during well-child visits with their doctor.

“In order for communities to fully move on from COVID-era restrictions and ensure we don't fall back due to spread of COVID variants, everyone must do their part now and get vaccinated. Too much is at stake,” says Dr. Harmon.

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No bids will be accepted after 2:00 p.m., July 23, 2021; bids that are submitted via any method other than that described in the RFQ will not be accepted.

The Request for Qualifications will be available on July 7, 2021 and can be downloaded from the Lucas County Department of Job & Family Services websites Quick Links Tab at <https://www.co.lucas.oh.us/858/Job-and-Family-Services>

An electronic Question & Answer period (Q&A) will be from July 7, 2021 to July 15, 2021. PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL BUT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED. Questions for the Q&A must be submitted in writing to LUCAS_FISCAL@jfs.ohio.gov. The posting of the Q&A will be on July 16, 2021. If any changes are made to the RFQ as a result of the Q&A, an addendum to the RFQ will be added to <https://www.co.lucas.oh.us/858/Job-and-Family-Services> address noted above.

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PUBLIC BID ADVERTISEMENT (ELECTRONIC BIDDING) STATE OF OHIO STANDARD FORMS AND DOCUMENTS

PROJECT # 1130-21-232

Building Envelope/Waterproofing Project
The University of Toledo
Lucas County

Bids Due: 2:00pm, July 20, 2021; through the State's electronic bidding system at: <https://bidexpress.com>

EDGE Participation Goal: 15.0% of contract
Domestic steel use is required per ORC 153.011.

Contract	Estimated Cost
General Contract – Roof Replacement	\$1,000,000.00
Alt G-1 Sculptural Studies	\$3,600.00
Alt G-2 Health Education Building	\$456,000.00
General Contract – Window Replacement and Facade Cleaning	\$600,000.00

Pre-bid Meeting: July 6, 2021, 10:00am, Plant Operations Building - Room 1000, The University of Toledo, 2925 East Rocket Drive, Toledo OH 43606

Walk-through: A walk-through of the project site is scheduled for July 6, 2021 immediately following Pre-bid.

Walk-through Location: Plant Operations Building.

Bid Documents: Available electronically at: <https://bidexpress.com>

More Info: A/E contact: Christopher Dewey, Phone: 216-241-2220, E-mail: cdewey@vaakins.com

PUBLIC BID ADVERTISEMENT (ELECTRONIC BIDDING) STATE OF OHIO STANDARD FORMS AND DOCUMENTS

PROJECT #1130-21-235

Building Automation System Upgrades
The University of Toledo
Lucas County

Bids Due: 2:00pm EST July 20, 2021; through the State's electronic bidding system at: <https://bidexpress.com>

EDGE Participation Goal: 15.0% of contract
Domestic steel use is required per ORC 153.011.

Contract	Estimated Cost
General Contract	\$332,490.00
Alternate 1 - Health Education (HE)	\$7,500.00
Alternate 2 - Health and Human Services (HH)	\$75,000.00
Alternate 3 - Lake Erie Research Center (LE)	\$80,000.00

Pre-bid Meeting: July 6, 2021, 1:00pm, Plant Operations Building - Room 1000, The University of Toledo, 2925 East Rocket Drive, Toledo OH 43606

Walk-through: A walk-through of the project sites is scheduled for July 6, 2021 immediately following Pre-bid.

Walk-through Location: Plant Operations Building.

Bid Documents: Project contact: Brian Kane, Osborn Engineering, Phone: 216-861-2020, E-mail: bkane@osborn-eng.com

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Omegas Give a Helping Hand to Young Scholars

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Xi Tau Chapter, overcame the delay in their usual scholarship donations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and handed out college funds to two young students on Monday, July 12.

Chapter President Alan Bannister and Ed Dixon, chairman of the Scholarship Committee, presented Mekhi Henderson and Malene Ricks with scholarships in the amount of \$2,000.00 each.

Henderson, who just completed his high school career at St. John's Jesuit, will be entering the University of Toledo this fall where he will major in psychology. He plans on using his education to become a licensed therapist.

Ricks, who is a 2020 graduate of Start High School, will be returning to Eastern University in Saint Davids, Pennsylvania in the fall to continue her pursuit of a double major – bio-chemistry and psychology – with a minor in Spanish. Richardson is a pre-med student planning a career as a cardiologist.



Alan Bannister, Mekhi Henderson, Malene Ricks, Ed Dixon

Read Every Day with the Toledo Lucas County Public Library

Whether it is for enrichment or enjoyment, reading or listening to a book every day provides an assortment of benefits that contribute to your overall well-being.

Reading is fun—and there is plenty of fun to be found at the Toledo Lucas County Public Library this summer! Stroll along the Library's 19 StoryWalks® or go on a geocache adventure. Enjoy any number of outdoor programs, including yoga, hip hop dance, and mindfulness classes. Live music returns to the Library with its free Brown Bag Concert Series at locations throughout Lucas County. Discover even more outdoor fun at toledolibrary.org/summer.

Reading improves brain function.

A person who reads every day gets better at it over time. It can even improve memory and critical thinking skills and has been linked to a lower risk of Alzheimer's disease.

Reading reduces stress.

Modern life is stressful and reading may reduce stress more than walking, listening to music, or playing games.

Reading can improve your state of mind.

People who frequently read tend to be more empathetic and have higher self-esteem. When we read about other people, it introduces the idea that people are human and expands our horizons.

Reading improves overall wellness.

Spending 30 minutes a day reading a good book does a body good (and

burns calories - who knew?) People who read daily may live longer. And reading before bed can help improve sleep.

Reading aloud to children has a lasting impact.

Reading aloud to children from day one is incredibly important and can have a lasting impact on a child's life. Making reading part of a daily routine helps children to cultivate good reading habits, higher vocabularies, and a love of reading.

Reading every day can also win you prizes when you participate in the Toledo Lucas County Public Library's Summer Read program. Just read or listen to any book for about 20 minutes a day for a total of 30 days before Aug. 7, 2021, then log your reading accomplishments digitally using the Beanstack Tracker app or on a reading folder, which you can download from the Library website or pick up at any Library location.

Readers can redeem a variety of rewards, including a Summer Reader yard sign, a free book for kids and teens, and a Find Your Happy mug for adults (while supplies last.) Everyone who completes the program and enters virtual tickets in the random drawing is eligible for Summer Read grand prizes.

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The Third Annual Delroy Chance Cleat Event

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The third annual Delroy Church Angels Wings Foundation Cleat Event was held on Saturday, July 10 at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Steven and Caroline Lewis put together funds from donations and private monies – including their own – in order to purchase 700 pair of athletic footwear for whatever youth in the community needed them.

The couple was inspired by their son, Delroy, who passed away in 2018, was a football coach and mentor to so many youth. "He was always trying to help," said Steven Lewis. After their son passed, "we jumped in, grabbed the baton and started running," he said.

Their son's girlfriend gave them the idea for a footwear giveaway and the donations started in 2018. Due to the pandemic, 2020's event was called off and, even this year, a degree of pandemic uncertainty prevented the Lewis's

from collecting as many donations as they had hoped for.

The mission of the Foundation, a non-profit agency, is to provide athletic equipment, sport physicals, academic support, team meals and athletic enhancement to adolescents in northwest Ohio. The Foundation also hosts winter coat giveaways and, on June 20, 2021, held an Angels' Night Out event at Ottawa Park featuring jazz artists Johnny Britt and featuring Stacey Richardson Crawford.

In addition to the footwear given away on Saturday, the donations also provided bags and sports physicals for those who sought them as well as Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines. Netty's offered hot dogs for the hungry guests – and also chipped in with a donation.




Steven and Caroline Lewis



Caroline and Steven Lewis receive donation from Netty's Brad Fields





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