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Reconcilable Differences

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

The Truth Contributor

Confrontation is about closing a gap between what should happen and what is happening. You are communicating to find a solution, not to bring someone down.

- Garrett Gunderson



Tensions were sky-high, and every eye in the stressful room was upon Michael Ashford, Lucas County Democratic Party Chair. Fingers were pointed and accusations made in hopes, by some, that he would resign. Some were even selling wolf tickets, and others aggressively called their bluffs. But Ashford had done an excellent job of organizing his supporters to come out and stand in his defense.

The issue was the Party's finances. There was barely the ability to cobble together enough funds to pay basic operating expenses in a year with a controversial Lucas County commissioner's race between incumbent Gary Byers and State Rep. Lisa Sobecki. In addition, long-serving Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur finds herself in the race of her life in a yet-to-be-determined district for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Yet, fights about cash and checks are not just about the money but something more profound.

The truth is that the Lucas County Dems, having had seven different chairs in the past 15 years, have displayed a pattern of relationship difficulty.

It is also a fact that due to COVID, the Party has been unable to hold its yearly Jiggs dinner or annual fall event. These two major fundraisers bring in approximately forty thousand dollars per year.

The Party chair's primary responsibility is to get Democrats elected in Lucas County. Therefore, the issue also is not about job performance. Last year the Democrats won 19 of 21 electoral seats, losing Sylvania Township, winning in Oregon, but picking up a seat in Maumee.

Instead, as in most arguments about money, at the root of the Party's

internal dispute lies the issue of control.

In addition to the critical midterm races of 2022 and the presidential election of 2024, there will be several important district and municipal races in 2023. In 2024 or 2025, there will also be high-profile county vacancies as several politicians could be leaving office. Political mainstays such as Bernie Quilter, Tina Skeldon Wozniak, Julia Bates, Jack Puffenberger, and others could be gone. So, the stakes are high for the Dems.

For the Party, then, the heightened tensions are about control and the ability to choose candidates who will do their benefactors' bidding.

So, who will call the shots?

The good news is that although arguments often bring a negative connotation, conflict can also help organizational (and individual) relationships evolve and grow.

Part of the Party's problem is the Building Trades' outsized power and influence. The Trades provide a disproportionate amount of money and volunteers. As a result, they have most of the say in what happens inside the Party.

State Representative Paula Hicks-Hudson has recommended a caucus system where the progressives and three or four other wings of the Party can gather among other like-minded individuals to develop ideas and bring a platform to the larger body.

This caucus idea, along with a proposed "change committee," has the potential to "spread the wealth" of power, give voice to unheard groups, and reduce conflict in a Party known for fighting amongst themselves.

The Building Trades are aware of their enormous power and "are not that crazy about keeping it." Therefore, the meeting provided a chance for everyone to think about and appreciate others' perspectives.

Finally, a plan was laid out to unify and bring the Party back together. People signed up to be part of the discussion to start the change at the meeting.

Ashford must support each perspective and tune in to all members of the Party. In addition, the Party must help provide the funding necessary for Ashford to lead adequately and not threaten or attempt to intimidate him into resigning.

Then, although the strife exposed cracks in the relationship, it also provided the Party with an opportunity to reconcile, evolve, and grow.

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Community Calendar

April 30

VOTE HOOD FOR LUCAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER Town Hall meeting: 4-5PM @ Kent Branch Library: 419-270-5751.

May 1

MLK "Time to Break Silence:" 4 pm; Free presentation of Dr. King's important speech; Monroe Street Church. Refreshments and a time for conversation will follow. The venue is accessible, with elevator and ramps, and organizers encourage all to wear masks according to their personal circumstances.

May 5-6

Rummage Sale, Thursday and Friday from 10-6 PM at the J. Frank Troy Senior Center, 545 Indiana Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43604, 419-255-6206 ext. 7032.

May 5-7

Kahle Senior Center Rummage Sale: Thurs 9-7; Fri 9-5; Sat 9-1

Introducing ... The Cousin of Jim Crow!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

If you are mildly informed and conversant with the woefully sad state of political discourse and affairs as it regards the raging, but false phenomenon known as the "cultural wars" initiated by the GOP, you will notice the following converging streams of events that should give you much pause for concern:

(1) The "cultural wars" are fictions of certain GOP politicians and their fan bases and news organs like FOX NEWS(?) which are creating a Frankenstein monster of lies, distortion and duplicitous literature that portrays people of color (and others, but primarily Black and Brown people) as less than American.

(2) The "cultural wars" have the intent and purpose of degrading and impugning the motives of minority journalists and their allies by telling a false narrative that such undertakings as the 1619 Project is being done by "woke" (whatever that means) people who want to destroy America.

(3) The cultural wars and their warriors want to scare the living "heebie-jeebies" out of white folks so that they are fearful of even having their school age kids engage with children of color due to the false narrative that all Black children are inherently "dangerous" and thus should be avoided as playmates and classmates.

(4) The cultural wars and the support of warped far right news outlets want to give the impression that people of color are, in fact, socialists and demagogues and are victims of the nebulous far left political machine. This false narrative wants to gain traction by attempting to tie the aspirations of people of color to a senile President Joe Biden.

(5) Former President Donald Trump, a con and grifter of the first order, smugly promotes this divisive rhetoric when he publicly calls out the Attorney General for the State of New York, Letitia James, as a racist for pursuing possible criminal charges against him!

As you also may know, the hype of the cultural wars has resulted in dozens of states passing legislation that would forbid the teaching of Critical Race Theory (CRT) on grounds that it teaches white children to hate themselves and that they are oppressors.

It does not matter, fact wise, that such a curriculum is not being taught in the lower school grades, but why let facts get in the way of a good boogeyman story doing its job?

By using CRT as a cudgel, the feckless GOP has sold its soul for a mere pittance in return for the rewards of being in power, regardless of the cost. The GOP has described its present day crusade as saving the very soul of America from these marauding infidels who seek to remake America in an image that white folks are terrified of.

The lying purveyors of CRT, with bushel baskets of dark money to spread their poison manure, are nigh gleeful at the thought that if they can bum rush the 2022 election polls and take over the House and the Senate, they will win their fabricated cultural wars.

If such duo wins were to occur and if it were also the occasion in which dozens of Trump wannabee GOP clones were to take power, watch out, because the cousin of Jim Crow would be leaving his swamp pit and heading for the US Capitol.

Assuming that if the GOP and its zombie Trump followers were to take the levers of power in the Capitol, you would have a massive stand off because President Joe Biden would be practically left alone with his veto power to try to stem the deluge of regressive legislation that would flood his desk.

This is legislation that would hamstring and turn back the clock on voting rights, environmental rights of clean air and water, women's rights and the entrenchment of the monied class of billionaires owning more of Congress with their dark money donations.

If you believe that money is the milk of politics, a takeover of the House and Senate by politicians whose first love is Trump, Trump and more Trump, America would return to an era where the cousin of Jim Crow would feel right at home, roosting in the comfortable nest feathered by the likes of Mitch McConnell, Kevin McCarthy, Paul Gosar, Jim Jordan, Ted Cruz, Rick Scott and Tom Cotton, et.al.

Make no mistake about it, an America where the voices of Q Anon and other radical right wing fringe groups are given a widening listening ear, it would change the political conversation from that of what is now toxic to that which is deadly.

And no, the US Supreme Court would not be a dependable ally and bulwark against extremists, given its current makeup of Trump sympathizers.

In the current divided political context of blue states v. red states, logical arguments and Fair political give and take in Congress would be jettisoned for a longing of Americans (white America) wanting to return to a lifestyle

that is calmer and without the jolting headlines of the George Floyd type.

Jim Crow, when it was the law of the land, took no small measures in suppressing people of color by both legal and extra-legal methods (including lynching and biased criminal sentencing) to make sure that "colored" people knew "their place."

Jim Crow survives, in some forms, because it has the unspoken stamp of permission from a populace that threw overboard the dictates of the US Constitution and a US Supreme Court that handed down edicts which were blatantly racist and reactionary.

Jim Crow was temporarily disabled, and it hobbled off the scene but with a prophetic last word that it would be back when the pendulum swung its way again, ushered in by an agent provocateur who would stir up in the country the suppressed feelings that America needs to return to the good ol' days typified when Ozzie and Harriet and Leave It To Beaver were the top running TV programs in America (don't know those programs?... try YouTube).

And that cousin of Jim Crow? That agent provocateur who has read the suppressed racial tea leaves of too many Americans, and has adroitly reopened Pandora's Box?

That man of destiny who disdains all matters moral, legal and civil and holds in contempt anyone who does not kiss his ring finger and pledge undying homage to him? that smirking and duplicitous cousin of Jim Crow? Donald Trump and his feckless minions.

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Connecting Kids to Meals Receives USDA's Turnip the Beet Bronze Award

Connecting Kids to Meals (CKM) announced the distinct honor of being awarded the Turnip the Beet Bronze Award for the work done during last year's Summer Meal Program to feed thousands of kids.

Every year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) presents Summer Meal Program sponsors who provide high-quality meals that are appetizing and nutritious a prestigious award for their efforts. This year, FNS awarded 84 summer meal sponsors nationwide with Turnip the Beet awards for their programs in 2021. There were only 4 organizations highlighted in all of Ohio, and CKM was one of them.

The Turnip the Beet Award was created to place a spotlight on sponsors who go above and beyond to present children in low-income households with free, healthy meals when school's out for the summer.

"Nutritional meals are extremely important for kids' developing minds and bodies," said Wendi Huntley, President of CKM. "Providing these meals ensures that these kids are receiving the nutrition they need for growth and development, and that they are ready to return to school and learn in the fall."

CKM makes it their mission to provide free, well-balanced meals to kids in need all year long, but especially during the summer months when kids who rely on school meals are vulnerable. As part of their Summer Meal Program, CKM partners with popular locations where kids gather in the summer – schools, libraries, parks, pools, churches and community centers.

During the summer of 2021, more than 6,000 nutritionally balanced meals were served each day at more than 100 locations. This summer, CKM strives to create more than 185 site locations, allowing them to serve more than 350,000 meals to kids in need.

"We are beyond grateful for the opportunities our partnerships have brought to these kids. Without them, our program wouldn't be as successful as it is today," said Huntley. "Collaboration with the community is essential



Wendi Huntley, Connecting Kids to Meals CEO

for reaching kids and their families."

In addition to providing summer meals, afterschool meals packed full of nutrition are also available on weekdays, and weekend meals are handed out with Friday meals. In 2021, more than 776,000 nutritious, hot meals were served by CKM and more than 7,000,000 meals have been served since the organization started in 2002. You can help feed children in low-income families by donating at www.ConnectingKidsToMeals.org. A site list is also available on their website.

Connecting Kids to Meals has been feeding hungry at-risk kids for over 19 years. Some of the trusted partners where meals are served include schools, libraries, churches, community centers, parks and other locations where kids gather. Last year, about 776,000 nutritious meals were provided to kids during out-of-school time. To learn more about CKM, visit www.ConnectingKidsToMeals.org.

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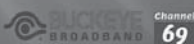
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Democratic Candidates for Senate Speak at Town Hall for Young Voters

By Dawn Scotland

The Truth Reporter

The Ohio Young Democrats and Ohio Young Black Democrats held a virtual town hall meeting April 21 with Democratic candidates for the Ohio Senate. Morgan Harper and Congressman Tim Ryan engaged in a Q&A session with representatives from the organizations in anticipation of the May 3 primary election.

Jordan Hawkins, president of the Young Black Democrats served as moderator for the evening. He introduced Chris Anderson, president of Ohio Young Democrats, and the candidates present.

"We know for a fact that when young people show up to the polls, we show up in force and the candidate we support wins..." said Anderson, "I want to thank the candidates [tonight] for not taking our votes for granted."

The two groups curated questions in advance to probe the candidates on pertinent issues. The organizations represent two very important voting blocks: young voters and young Black voters.

Morgan Harper, Congressmen Tim Ryan and Traci Johnson (of Toledo, Ohio) were listed in the agenda. Traci Johnson was not in attendance. The meeting was a town hall and not a side-by-side debate. Each candidate was asked a series of questions individually for an allotted time block.

Harper was first on the agenda. When asked what her pitch was for Senate she stated, "We need to make sure we have a policy agenda that is going to guarantee opportunity for every Ohioan," said Harper. "Just like I'm so grateful that Ohio gave me."

Harper is the progressive candidate from Columbus, Ohio. The 38-year-old attorney spent her early childhood in the foster care system. She cites her early experiences in her demand for change. Harper grew from humble beginnings to graduate from Princeton and furthered her education at Stanford Law. She has also spent years in grassroots community organizing. She sees the value in the essentials many Americans are not afforded and wants to bring that change to her seat in Washington.

Harper highlighted her policy agenda:

- "Creating jobs in sectors of the future" and gave the example of clean energy jobs that both address the climate issue and are high paying;
- "Debt free vocational four-year public college opportunity" to train for those jobs;
- and "Healthcare for everyone; Medicare for all."
- Harper also supports the codifying of Roe v. Wade into law.

When asked if her platform is too progressive or extreme Harper stated, "we have data that shows actually over 80 percent of likely Democratic primary voters support things like universal healthcare, want to see the minimum wage increase, [support] cancelling student debt..." "She believes that the party needs to be real about where they are and that most voters- not just within the party- support these policies."

She said she is what the Democratic Party needs to win and combat voter apathy. "We have to have an authentic message and an authentic

message that is going to mobilize the key constituencies that we need to turn out to vote... the biggest barrier we're facing is this disillusionment threshold [with voters]."

"We have done a lot of business-as-usual for these Senate seats and lost." She believes

what makes her different is what will get the party its seat in the Senate.

Congressman Tim Ryan was next. He has served Ohio's 13th District since 2013. Elected to the House of Representatives in 2002, he is now serving his 10th term. Ryan is the endorsed Democratic candidate for the Senate seat and has also been endorsed by U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown.

When asked what his message is to young Black voters, Ryan said that it is to invest into all communities "black, white and brown." He stated that the challenges in the black community are significant. Ryan mentioned that he has fought to get resources into his district to address lead poisoning, infant mortality, criminal justice and voting rights.

He believes that the work that he's started in his time in the House of Representatives he can complete in the Senate, including a pathway to the building trades program for high schools in the inner city.

The moderators asked Ryan how he plans to address voter apathy and how he will engage young Black voters. He says he is building grassroots organizing and also has a fellows' program at universities and colleges in the state. "We're going to have a massive voter contact operation happening in the state," he says that will get young people out to vote.

He spoke about his platform of "Cutting workers in on the deal". "We have to build an economy that looked more similar to the economy my grandfather was in," said Ryan. "He didn't have to work a second job... he had a garden...a good wage, good retirement, good benefits. He had time...without being so burnout so squeezed, that you don't know how you're going to make ends meet." He said his policies will support this future for all Ohioans.

To view more information on the candidates, go to morganharper.org (Morgan Harper); timforohio.com (Congressman Tim Ryan) and ohioforjohnson.com (Traci Johnson).

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Congressman Tim Ryan



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Lucas County, Ohio, Issue 3, Property Tax Renewal for Mental Health and Drug Addiction Services

By Asia Nail

The Truth Reporter

Moving forward through the chaos and existing uncertainty in this world can be so challenging.

Thankfully the staff and board of directors at the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County literally show residents, by strong and loving example, how to simply move forward every single day.

Whether your situation in life is wonderful or dreadful, it's easy to feel overwhelmed if you don't have a road map. When you're facing a mountain to climb in life, sometimes we all just need some therapeutic help.

Those in Ohio who value mental health and wellness advocate for the passage of Issue 3 on the May 3 primary ballot.

"Our voters historically see the value of investing in these wellness services," explains Scott Sylak. "This is also a renewal, not a new tax for residents."

Scott Sylak is the executive director of Lucas County's MHRBS. As organizational strategist, he develops the culture of the Board by motivating and mentoring staff and volunteers.

The proposed restoration, which was approved for the ballot by the Lucas County Board of Commissioners in January, will be a \$1 million, 10-year renewal that will cost a property owner \$24.20 per \$100,000 of valuation with the aim of generating \$7.9 million annually.

Local funds generated through personal property tax levy's are very flexible in their nature. This renewal will be listed on the ballot as **'mental health and substance abuse treatment services.'**

"Sometimes the smallest actions lead to the biggest changes in somebody's life," shares Sylak. "The more we act deliberately in the interest of mental health awareness, the better our community will function."

MHRBS addresses mental health promotion and substance abuse prevention in

over 60 schools locally. "We also have a dedicated suicide prevention awareness campaign," shares Sylak. "We provide a 24/7, 365 accessible crisis service for anyone residing in Lucas County."

Regardless of your ability to pay, if you or your loved one experiences a psychiatric crisis, you can call (Zeph Centers Care Line).

In an era where everyone seems to be consumed by social media, multiple studies have found strong links between excessive media consumption and an increased risk for depression, anxiety and self-harm.

Who's popular and who's not is now quantifiable by how many people are 'following you' on your social media accounts, forming a breeding ground for constant self-comparison and maneuvering for status.

Therapists say hidden feelings drive much of our human behavior and it is important to connect our thoughts with our feelings. Without genuine human connection, people oftentimes struggle to control their behavior or physical symptoms arising from their feelings.

We internalize our outer world experiences from the start and they become a part of us.

Many physicians say when we receive love early in our development, our brain and body have more opportunity to run at optimal levels.

Receiving the proper love and care (or lack of it) therefore, has profound effects on our physiological development. The degree of care we receive and maintain in life can determine how well we get along with others, whether we are able to give and receive love, how stable our relationships will be, how intuitive we are, how well we learn, and how healthy we will be.

"We understand mental health is such an important piece of life's puzzle," says Sylak. "We have a number of different programs encompassing criminal justice services designed as intervention to support residents before misconduct occurs. We also help incarcerated citizens successfully transition back into our community."

The mission of MHRBS of Lucas County is: To cultivate a high-quality network of resources that inspire personal recovery and promote mental wellness.

They prioritize their funding decisions ensuring clients are able to choose from treatment providers that are accessible, responsive to their individual needs, provide the appropriate levels of care, and are receptive to the community's cultural language needs or preferences.

"We're in the habit of being very transparent and engaging with the people in our community. We make sure to do the best we can with our limited resources.

Out of each dollar MHRBS takes in, 93 cents goes to support our mental health service providers," says Director Sylak.

There is no such thing as a small election. By nature your vote can change the trajectory of the entire state.

Issue 3 is truly a non-partisan issue, meaning this renewal affects both Democrats and Republicans alike.

Help make a difference in our Toledo community with **your VOTE** this primary election, Tuesday, May 3.

MHRBS is authorized by the Ohio Revised Code as the community safety net for uninsured, underinsured or indigent persons who need mental health and/or substance abuse recovery services. In the current fiscal year, MHRBS is projected to spend about \$24.5 million in public funds to support 67 programs that will provide prevention, treatment and recovery support services to an estimated 32,000 Lucas County residents. The programs are provided by 27 organizations that employ 1,800 local residents.

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If you would like further information on any of the programs, please visit our website, www.pathwaytoledo.org, or contact Avis Files, the director of Family and Supportive Services, at 419-279-0798 or afiles@pathwaytoledo.org.

Area Partners Form an Eviction Prevention League

The Truth Staff

Local governments and area agencies announced a new eviction prevention initiative on Thursday, April 21, in order to “create resources within our community ... to prevent evictions,” said Gary Byers, president of the Lucas County Board of Commissions as he opened the press conference that would feature comments from representatives of those bodies explaining how they would contribute to the new effort.

The Eviction Prevention League is the brainchild of Michael Hart, executive director of the Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board (TLCHB). The concept creates a partnership among Lucas County, the City of Toledo along with the following agencies: Legal Aid of Western Ohio (LAWO). The Fair Housing Center, Access to Basic Legal Education (ABLE); Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC); Pathway Inc; Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH), Area Office on Aging and United Way of Greater Toledo.

The Homelessness Board will act as a lead facilitator of the collaborative and will provide leadership “to ensure the sustainability and success of this effort,” according to the prepared statement from the Board. Other entities will provide expertise and resources according to their resources to eliminate and prevent evictions in a much earlier stage than is now the case.

The TLCHB will provide services that will include case coordination, navigation of community resources and providing referral services to Eviction Prevention partners. The Lucas County Commissions are providing the initial funding to support the resources.

LAWO and ABLE, for example, will provide legal resources; United Way provides a free, confidential, around the clock, multilingual information line and website that connects people with the services and resources in their communities; Pathway provides financial assistance; LISC implements best-practice programs that support equitable communities of opportunities; LMH attempts to resolve unpaid rent issues as the largest landlord in northwest Ohio and Area Office on Aging works with seniors to help them remain in their homes.

The need for expanded, collaborative action was summed up by George Thomas, vice president and general counsel of the Fair Housing Center.

Evictions filed in Lucas County for just the first quarter of 2022, noted




Commissioner Gary Byers and government and agency leaders announce Eviction Prevention League

Thomas, totaled 1298. “The people affected are the most vulnerable. The new eviction prevention initiative, said Thomas, will be “a new energized commitment to all working together – we will try to resolve disputes before evictions occur.”

The Fair Housing Center has organized a Landlord-Tenant Mediation program to alleviate tensions between landlords and tenants and will continue to use this program to deal with eviction issues – other agencies will refer parties to the program as part of the Eviction Prevention League.


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Contact Greg Dempsey at gdempsey@centralcatholic.org or call 419-255-2280 for more information.



Lourdes University Athletic Camps

Lourdes University athletics is excited to host a variety of summer camps in various sports for all ages this summer.

The summer camp season begins with a cheer skills clinic on May 14, and runs through early August, concluding with a youth soccer camp and a girls basketball summer elite camp. Other camps throughout the summer include, boys basketball, volleyball, golf, cross country, softball, girls lacrosse and baseball.

Campers have the opportunity to learn from Gray Wolf coaches and student-athletes while playing at Lourdes athletic facilities. Dates, times, and prices vary by camps. For more information or for registration information, visit <https://lourdesathletics.com/sports/2019/3/8/camp-offerings.aspx>. Camp information will be updated as it becomes available throughout the spring and summer.

St Francis de Sales School Summer Camps 2022

SFS is gearing up for another great summer! Each year our coaches and faculty members try to add something to make our camps even better than the year before. Our camps cover a variety of interests including, sports camps, cyber camp, robotics and much more!

Our camps allow students to go deeper into their interests as we encourage them to "be who you are and be that well." This year, St. Francis has a few co-ed camps as well. For more information, visit us at SFSStoledo.org.



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WEEK OF JUNE 20 Cooking Soccer Lego Robotics	WEEKS OF JUNE 7-JULY 28 Hockey (T, TH)

Contact Larry McDaniel, Director of Summer Camps, at lmcdaniel@sjjtittans.org.

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The Padua Center Summer Camps

"You Really Matter"

This summer, 2022, once again The Padua Center will be offering a variety of summer camp experiences for youth, grades K-8th.

In addition to some of the usual opportunities that The Padua Center has offered in the past this year there will be an emphasis on financial literacy during the first week of camp.

The Camps are

- June 6 - Money Matters during which the campers will learn about money, investing, saving, and spending deals.
 - June 13 - Culture Matters. Learning about Juneteenth will be an important part of camp.
 - June 20 - Health Matters will explore the topics of gardening, healthy eating, and cooking
 - June 27 - Country Matters will prepare the campers to celebrate the 4th of July.
 - July 4-8 - No camp this week
 - July 11 - Our Common Home Matters - Vacation Bible School will examine our Care of Earth.
 - July 18 - Metroparks Matters. This is a week of exciting activities directed by Toledo Metro-parks
 - July 25 - Teamwork Matters will round out the summer with a sports and teamwork week.
 - August 1 - You Matter - Each individual matters In addition to the camps which run from 10:00-2:00, breakfast will be served at 8:30 and from 9:00-10:00 campers will be able to join the Padua Potters Garden Club, the Spanish Language Club, or TutorSmart.
- Trips to the zoo, Metroparks and other venues are also planned.
- For more information or to register for these free camps, please call or email. The Padua Center, 1416 Nebraska Ave, Toledo Ohio 43607; 419-241-6465 or email thepaduacenter@gmail.com

Extras for the Summer Programs This summer a volunteer, Ann Peltier, will offer "Let's have fun in Spanish" every Tuesday and Thursday before camp - starting at 9:00 am. Ann volunteered at The Padua Center last summer and wanted to come back this year and be more involved and share her Spanish skills.

In addition, on Wednesday from 9:00-10:00 students can join the Padua Potters Garden Club. This special club will provide opportunities and outings for students to grow in their understanding of gardening

Toledo Museum of Art Classes

Children's Summer Camps (Ages 6-13)

Join TMA this summer for exciting youth art camps and explore the museum's art collection. School-age students may enroll in three session options: morning, afternoon or a day-long combination of both. A supervised lunch space is provided for students enrolled in the entire day, but students must bring their own food and drinks. All campers will receive a TMA summer camp t-shirt.

Adult Classes

Students will find inspiration from the Toledo Museum of Art's vast and vibrant collections and special exhibitions in our in-person and virtual class formats. There are plenty of exciting options for adults! Try one of our many workshops – perfect to take with a friend – or try your hand in a traditional or non-traditional class in drawing, painting, jewelry, glass, and metal! Sign up soon to reserve your spot. See you at the Museum!

SUMMER SEMESTER REGISTRATION BEGAN MARCH 26

Questions? Email us at classes@toledomuseum.org.

LOURDES UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

SUMMER CAMPS

Lourdes University athletics is excited to host a variety of summer camps in various sports for all ages this summer.

The summer camp season begins with a cheer skills clinic on May 14, and runs through early August, concluding with a youth soccer camp and a girls basketball summer elite camp. Other camps throughout the summer include, boys basketball, volleyball, golf, cross country, softball, girls lacrosse, and baseball.

Campers have the opportunity to learn from Gray Wolf coaches and student-athletes while playing at Lourdes athletic facilities. Dates, times, and prices vary by camps. For more information or for registration information, visit <https://lourdesathletics.com/sports/2019/3/8/camp-offerings.aspx>. Camp information will be updated as it becomes available throughout the spring and summer.



Tips for Enjoying the Sunny Season Safely

As the days grow long and the weather warms, you're likely spending more time outdoors. Whether you're taking a brisk walk around the neighborhood or competing in a triathlon, keep these five sunny season tips in mind:

1. Replenish fluids: It's easy to become dehydrated when you're active. Replenish your fluids by drinking plenty of water and healthy beverages and by consuming water-rich foods like fresh fruits and vegetables. Because sweat contains electrolytes, you'll also want to add foods that contain sodium, potassium, magnesium and calcium to your diet.

2. Protect skin: Sun exposure can contribute to the production of free radicals. More free radicals in the body means more damage can accumulate over time, and this DNA damage can cause gene mutations that can lead to skin cancer. This is why a multi-layered approach to skin protection is vital.

In addition to recommending daily use of topical broad-spectrum SPF, a 2020 survey found that 87% of U.S. dermatologists recommend that their patients take a daily dose of Heliocare Daily Use Antioxidant Formula as a simple way to help protect the skin. This natural, dietary supplement contains 240 milligrams of a powerful antioxidant formula derived from the extract of *Polypodium leucotomos* (PLE). *Polypodium leucotomos* is a tropical fern native to Central and South America that has been used for centuries as a remedy for skin-related conditions.

"Adding a daily supplement like Heliocare to your routine is a simple precaution you can take to help your body protect itself from the damaging effects of free radicals," says New York-based dermatologist, Rachel Nazarian, MD.

For more information, visit heliocare.com.

3. Protect your feet: Wearing properly-fitting, sports-specific footwear can help you avoid overuse injuries such as plantar fasciitis and tendonitis. Over time and mileage, athletic shoes lose their ability to absorb shock and will need to be replaced to help keep the muscles and joints in your feet and ankles protected. Headed for a swim? Always wear pool shoes or flip flops in the locker

room to prevent athlete's foot and skin infections.

4. Protect your vision: UV light is harmful to eye health and can put you at greater risk for a number of conditions that impact vision. Wearing sunglasses with UV protection is a good idea. A hat with a brim or cap with a visor can offer eyes additional shade with the bonus of protecting your scalp and face too. At the pool, keep chlorine and other disinfecting chemicals out of your eyes by always using goggles. Some pairs even offer UV protection.

5. Ward off bugs: There's nothing more calming than connecting with nature, that is until biting and stinging bugs find their way to you. When going for walks in the woods, wear long sleeves and use an EPA-approved insect repellent. When you get home, do a quick inspection for ticks. You can also make your yard a safer, more comfortable place to spend time by using a citronella candle or tiki torch to ward off mosquitoes.

Warm sunny weather is ideal for fun, active days spent outdoors. Just be sure to take precautions to stay healthy and safe.

Courtesy StatePoint

The National Youth Sports Program

In 1968, The University of Toledo became one of the first universities in the nation to offer the National Youth Sports Program. NYSP provided economically disadvantaged youth, ages 9 to 16, the opportunity to receive daily sports instruction and educational programs.

Annually, NYSP has been providing approximately 150 at-risk Toledo youth with enrichment and sports programs that have not only benefited the participants but also the entire community. In the summer of 2021, due to COVID-19 restrictions we offered an abbreviated program with a maximum of 32 children. Despite this and other obstacles, we have continued to make a remarkable difference in the lives of our Toledo youth by providing them with a positive, nurturing and safe social and learning environment necessary for a successful future.

The success of our youth depends on us; a successful future depends on our youth. In 2004, The University of Toledo's National Youth Sports Program received the Silvio O. Conte Award of Excellence recognizing UToledo's NYSP as the best program in the Nation for 2004. This was the second year in a row that the UToledo NYSP had won this award which was a first for any program in the country. The UToledo NYSP serves as a model program for other universities across the United States. This has not been an easy task. Those who

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Community Partnership Connects Toledo Public Schools to STEM

Project Discovery aims to introduce all TPS third graders to the wonders of science

TOLEDO, Ohio - It takes one spark; one "ah-ha" moment to inspire a child to explore more. Imagination Station is determined to make that moment a reality for all third-grade students in Toledo Public Schools.

In 2019, Imagination Station received a three-year grant from the KeyBank Foundation for Project Discovery. This program is designed to complement the science curriculum and standards in Toledo Public Schools and build literacy skills at the same time. After the pandemic delayed delivery, the science center is excited to announce the start of this amazing collaboration.

"Imagination Station's goal is to make our exciting, hands-on approach to learning easily accessible. Project Discovery allows us to engage in multiple learning opportunities with students," said Imagination Station's Director of Educational Advancement, Sloan Eberly Mann. "These experiences can be defining moments for students, and to be able to include their families in the learning is extremely important."

Through the program, all TPS third-graders will experience Science Festivals at their schools and receive classroom kits. Students will also visit the science center to explore exhibits and attractions and see a 3D film in the KeyBank Discovery Theater. They will also participate in a Think Tank workshop during their visit, focused on developing their understanding of circuits and electricity.

"KeyBank is thrilled to welcome students from Toledo Public Schools to experience the new Discovery Theater at Imagination Station," said KeyBank Toledo Market President Jim Hoffman. "The state-of-the-art theater is an opportunity to inspire and educate children of all ages. We are proud to support their innovative, interactive and inspirational approach that brings learning to life."

Additionally, Project Discovery includes teacher professional development, a Family Science Night that includes a meal and an evening at Imagination Station and books for every third grader in TPS.

Join us and see firsthand the impact Project Discovery is having on local students.

WHAT: Project Discovery Field Trip
WHEN: Tuesday, April 26 | 11am
WHERE: Imagination Station
1 Discovery Way, Toledo, OH 43604

KeyBank Toledo Market President, Jim Hoffman and Director of Educational Advancement at Imagination Station, Sloan Eberly Mann will all be available to answer questions.

Imagination Station provides a critical layer of science enrichment by serv-

ing as an educational partner for teachers, schools and parents. It's with a thoughtful blend of exhibits, experiences, education and excitement that Imagination Station inspires visitors to pursue STEM careers in Northwest Ohio.



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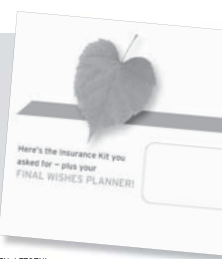
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Toledo Ballet Announces 2022 Summer Programs

Featuring Professional Dancers from Los Angeles Ballet, English National Ballet, and more

Last week, Toledo Ballet announced its 2022 summer programs for children ages 4 and above and all ability levels. Toledo Ballet's summer offerings include regularly scheduled classes, Summer Camps (for ages 4+), and Summer Intensives (for ages 9+) taught by professional dancers and teachers from Los Angeles Ballet, English National Ballet, and more.

These week-long Intensives are designed for dancers looking to refine their skills in classical ballet techniques, choreography, and learn more about standard ballet repertoire, including Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty, Coppelia, and The Nutcracker. Registration is available now to both Toledo Ballet and non-Toledo Ballet dancers by calling 419.471.0049 or visiting toledoballet.com.

SUMMER SESSIONS

Toledo Ballet's Summer Sessions are available throughout the summer for dancers of all ages and ability levels interested in exploring classes in ballet, jazz, tap, and more.

Summer Session I: June 13-July 8

Summer Session II: July 11-29

Summer Session III: August 1-19

SUMMER CAMPS

Toledo Ballet's week-long dance camps are designed to expand horizons, build coordination, and encourage self-expression. For ages 4+. No formal dance experience required.

Encanto!

July 18-22, 9AM-10:30AM

Young children explore the magic of Encanto in this 90-minute camp that includes a Pre-Primary Ballet class, story time, snack break, mini-performance, and more. For ages 4-5.

Lions, Tigers, & Bears, Oh My!

July 25-29, 9AM-10:30AM

This animal-themed, 90-minute camp includes a Pre-Primary Ballet class each day plus story time, snack break, mini-performance, and more. For ages 4-5.

Dance Exploration Camps

July 18-22, 10:45AM-12:45PM

July 25-29, 10:45AM-12:45PM

Toledo Ballet's Dance Exploration Camps are for children ages 6+ and will include story time, crafts, and the study of classical ballets and other dance genres.

The Nutcracker Exploration Camp

August 1-5, 11AM-1PM

In Toledo Ballet's Nutcracker Exploration Camp, students will learn about the storyline, characters, music, and choreography in The Nutcracker, concluding with a mini-performance at the end of the week.

SUMMER INTENSIVES

Toledo Ballet's Junior Intensives are available to Level 2.5 through Level 3 dancers (ages 9+). Additional Summer Intensives are available for dancers Levels 4+ (ages 11+ or with teacher permission). These week-long Intensives will focus on Classical Ballet technique, music, and choreography from the standard ballet repertoire, including Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty, Coppelia, and The Nutcracker.

Summer Intensive I: July 11-15 led by Debra Norton focusing on Swan Lake.

Summer Intensive II: July 11-22 led by Anaïs Chalendard focusing on Sleeping Beauty.

Summer Intensive III: July 25-29 led by Hope Daniel focusing on Coppelia.

Summer Intensive IV: August 20-27 led by Petra Conti & Eris Nezha focusing on The Nutcracker.

Debra Norton holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Western Michigan University (WMU) and has been teaching dance since 1991. She currently

teaches at the Ballet Arts

School of Dance, Woods Lake Elementary School - A Magnet Center for the Arts, Education for the Arts Aesthetic Education Program, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, and more. She holds several student and teacher Cecchetti certificates and in 2016, she successfully completed the ABT® Teacher Training Intensive and became certified in Pre-Primary through Level 3 of the ABT® National Training Curriculum.

Anaïs Chalendard currently serves on faculty at the School of Nashville Ballet where she teaches Levels 5, 6, & 7 and the Professional Training Division. Chalendard joined the English National Ballet in 2008 under the direction of Wayne Eagling where she was promoted to First Soloist following performances in Manon and The Dying Swan. In 2009, she received the "Emerging Dancer Award" after dancing Nikiya's Death from La Bayadère and has been listed in the "100 Best Dancers in the World" by Dance Europe Magazine. Chalendard has taught summer intensives with Dance Theater International, Allen Conservatory, and Boston Ballet School.

Hope Daniel, former dancer with Michigan Ballet Theater successfully completed the ABT® Teacher Training Intensive in Pre-Primary through Level 5 of the ABT® National Training Curriculum and teaches ballet and various other dance genres. Her students have performed all over the world on cruise ships, in theme parks, on Broadway, and have attended some of the most prestigious institutions, including Julliard, University of Michigan, University of the Arts, Pace University, and Oklahoma City University.

Petra Conti was born in Italy and began her dance career at an early age. She graduated with honors from the National Academy of Dance in 2006 and at the age of 17, she was invited by the Arena di Verona Ballet as an étoile guest to perform her first full length ballet, Cinderella. Conti has danced with many prominent ballet companies around the world, including Mariinsky Ballet Theatre, Bavarian State Ballet Company, La Scala Ballet Company, Boston Ballet, Los Angeles Ballet, and more.

Conti has performed alongside many worldwide famous dancers like Roberto Bolle, Ivan Vassiliev, Massimo Murru, and is the recipient of many prestigious awards, most recently the Premio Positano (2018), Premio Capri (2017), Antonio Fini's "Extraordinary Dancer" Award (2016), among many others. In addition to her extensive performing experience, Conti is passionate about coaching the next generation of dancers and uses her 20+ years of experience and knowledge to mentor aspiring dancers.

Eris Nezha was born in Albania and graduated from Teatro alla Scala Ballet School in Milan, Italy in 2002 and immediately joined La Scala Ballet Company as Principal Dancer. In addition to La Scala Ballet Company, Nezha has danced with numerous other distinguished ballet companies such as Boston Ballet, Los Angeles Ballet, and the Great Russian Ballet. He has performed around the world as a Principal Dancer and danced with many famous ballerinas, including Svetlana Zakharova, Natalia Osipova, Polina Semionova, Evgenia Obraztsova, Alina Somova, Ana Sophia Scheller, among others.

Registration for all of Toledo Ballet's summer programs is available online at toledoballet.com. For more information, call Toledo Ballet's administrative office at 419.471.0049 or email Rachel Schultz, Director of Education and Community Engagement for the Toledo Alliance for the Performing Arts at rschultz@artstoledo.com<mailto:rschultz@artstoledo.com>.

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have taken active roles in the program have been sensitive to the needs of our participants.

Our staff consists of parents, principals, teachers, social workers, college students, UToledo student athletes, recreation therapy students and other community and university leaders. The University of Toledo boasts an excellent participant-staff ratio of 7 to 1. With the ongoing support of our community, The University of Toledo's National Youth Sports Program will continue to be the benchmark for the best.

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Conversations with People Who Hate Me: 12 Things I Learned From Talking to Internet Strangers by Dylan Marron

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

Sometimes, it just makes you feel gruff.

Seriously, the internet should be the G.O.A.T. invention. It should be a place to connect with friends and share laughs, a safe place to go when you want to be yourself. It should be a place to tell your story, free of danger and full of truth. Nobody should butt heads online, or be victim of a bullygoat. Instead, as in *Conversations with People Who Hate Me* by Dylan Marron, we gotta deal with the trolls.

The fact that Marron had a "HATE FOLDER" in his email should speak volumes.

As a gay man and a writer-performer, he expected a certain amount of negativity online; that's the nature of the internet. But as a creative employee of Seriously.TV, the emailed hate, death threats and homophobia just got to be too much.

Before his job at Seriously.TV, he'd acted, reported, waited tables, and cultivated a "prompt" that served him well. "What am I going to do about it?" is what he asked himself every time he was faced with something that bothered him and this time, the answer was a series of conversations with haters who'd commented.

He began to mine the HATE FOLDER for people to talk with.

The first was a guy Marron calls "Josh," a decent guy who was a lot like Marron. Their conversation, done remotely, was a hit with fans and it gained Marron a lot of "points." In a small way, it gained him a friend, since he and

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Josh came to an understanding. Marron was happy with that, and with subsequent Conversations...

But after he quit his job at Seriously.TV to go it alone, he found himself at an impasse.

The old way of doing his conversations needed to expand to include a wider angle and different guests. Marron imagined himself bringing together hater and target on bigger subjects. He'd learn more about people – and in the process, he'd learn more about himself.

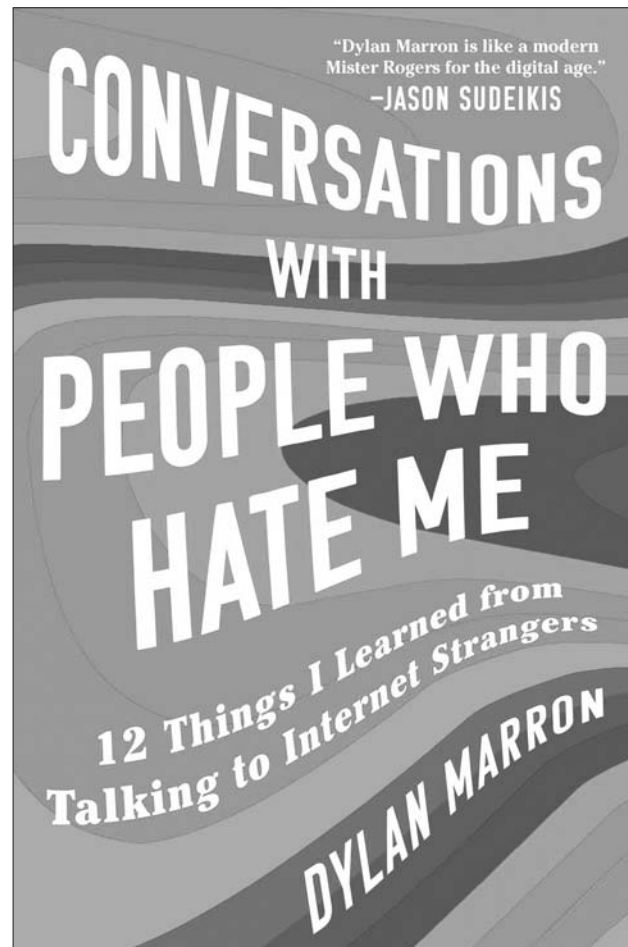
The lesson was underscored a few Sundays ago: something huge happens, something loud, and everybody's got an opinion. *Conversations with People Who Hate Me* helps show that we can talk civilly about issues without insults.

But will haters – the people who presumably need this book – be willing to read it?

Surprisingly, on one side of this book, author Dylan Marron shows that that's entirely possible: once he approached his interviewees, many people who hid behind the 'net rued their actions and words. Granted, the haters he hosted were highly, carefully curated, but Marron's approach shows hope.

The other side of the book is the one that teaches tolerance and a sort of Zen approach when you're the target of a troll. Haters gonna hate, as they say... but with enormous grace and thoughtfulness, Marron offers better ways to perceive it.

Readers looking for another way to invite open dialogue, and those who are aghast at spewing commenters on social media will love this book. If you want to do better, *Conversations with People Who Hate Me* could help make happy bridges.



Eviction Prevention... continued from page 7

"This is another great day for Lucas County," said Jay Black, CEO of Pathway, Inc., as he explained the funds that were made available to his agency during the pandemic with the American Rescue Plan Act – Pathway helped over 5,000 families avoid eviction with rental assistance.

LMH, as the largest landlord in the area, will continue to work with local service providers to connect households to rental assistance programs when appropriate. "We want to make sure that those families that are housed today remain housed," said Joaquin Cintron Vega, LMH CEO.

The 211 hotline is open around the clock to aid those who have questions or issues with housing matters.

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To learn more and to apply, visit <https://LucasCountyLandBank.org/about/jobs>

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INVITATION TO BID

The Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area is conducting a competitive, comprehensive Invitation to Bid (ITB) process to retain ONE (1) General Contractor for district-wide HVAC and backflow device preventative/corrective maintenance.

SEALED PROPOSALS for bidding on the Metroparks Toledo District-Wide HVAC and Backflow Device Preventative/Corrective Maintenance will be received; opened; and read aloud at the Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area, Fallen Timbers Field Office, 6101 Fallen Timbers Lane, Maumee, Ohio 43537 on **Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.** local time. Bids received after that date/time will be marked late and will receive no consideration for selection to provide the specified services.

THE SCOPE OF WORK consists of furnishing qualified and licensed professional services, equipment, labor and materials necessary to provide preventative/corrective maintenance services and repairs for HVAC units and backflow prevention devices at Metropark buildings and facilities located throughout Lucas County. The term of the Contract will be for one (1) year, fixed pricing, with the option for two (2) additional one (1) year terms.

Bidders may obtain copies of plans, specifications, contract documents, plan-holder's list, or additional information by contacting Nate Ramsey @ 419-407-9775, nate.ramsey@metroparkstoledo.com.

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

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

By order of the Board of Park Commissioners
METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF THE TOLEDO AREA
David D. Zenk, Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board (MHR SB) of Lucas County invites proposals from interested parties with expertise in performing assessment and research along with the ability to work collaboratively with MHR SB Staff to discern how the organization's internal services are currently being delivered by evaluating its existing business processes, the technology supporting them, and how data flows throughout the organization. This discovery process will be a key component in the development of the organization's digital transformation. Proposals are to be delivered no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on May 30, 2022. All questions should be submitted to sspinelli@lcmhrsb.oh.gov by May 8, 2022. Details regarding the project deliverables and submission criteria are located on the MHR SB website at: <http://www.lcmhrsb.oh.gov/publicnotice/>.

LEGAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Toledo Lucas County Public Library
Roof Replacement for Maumee Branch Library

Sealed proposals will be received at the main Toledo Lucas County Public Library, 325 N. Michigan St., Toledo, Ohio, 43604 (Dispatch Office addressed to the Fiscal Officer) until May 17, 2022, 12:00 P.M. to be opened immediately thereafter for furnishing the necessary labor, equipment, tools and materials for the roof replacement at Maumee Branch Library.

Copies of the bid and contract documents including instructions to bidders and specifications may be obtained, upon deposit of \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars) in cash or check for each set, from the office of Buehrer Group Architecture & Engineering, Inc.; 314 Conant Street, Maumee, Ohio 43537. Electronic documents are available at no cost. **NOTE: CASH DEPOSITS WILL NOT BE REFUNDED. If within ten (10) days after the opening of bids,** documents are returned undamaged, deposits **paid by check** will be fully refunded. The bid and contract documents shall be on file, for inspection, at the office of Buehrer Group Architecture & Engineering, Inc. 314 Conant Street, Maumee, OH 43537.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee and Contract Bond in the amount of 100% of the bid; or a certified check; cashier's check or letter of credit in the amount of 10% of the bid which will require a 100% Performance Bond upon award of the contract. All bids shall be submitted on forms of proposal supplied by the Architect. All bidders, by bidding, agree to pay wages not less than the minimum as determined by the State of Ohio, Department of Industrial Relations, and agree to comply with Executive Order No. 11246 of the President of the United States.

The Board of Trustees, Toledo Lucas County Public Library reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in bidding. No Bidder may withdraw his or her bid for a period of sixty (60) days after bid opening.

A voluntary pre-bid meeting will be held at 3:00 pm local time, on May 3, 2022, at the Maumee Branch Library, 501 River Road, Maumee, Ohio 43537.

By order of the Board of Trustees, Toledo Lucas County Public Library.

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Our Time to Break Silence Returns May 1

By Lynne Hamer, PhD

Special to the Truth

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King is more than I Have a Dream. Given one year to the day before his assassination, Dr. King's *Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence* expressed his opposition to the Vietnam War and urged all people to unite to confront "the giant triplets of racism, materialism, and militarism."

The public is invited to attend a free presentation of Dr. King's important speech on **May 1 at 4:00** at Monroe Street Church, 3613 Monroe Street, Toledo (monroestreetchurch.org). Refreshments and a time for conversation will follow. The venue is accessible, with elevator and ramps, and organizers encourage all to wear masks according to their personal circumstances.

Representatives from over 25 organizations across Toledo and northwest Ohio will present the speech in a reader's theater. For Hope Bland, PhD, director of Diversity Equity Inclusion & Strategy - Lucas County Children's Services, this will be the third time she will participate. This year, she will represent Lucas County Children's Services. She is also on the planning committee for the event.

Bland notes, "This event is a reminder that it is not for us to stand by and watch history be made but to embrace the courage to fight for social justice for all humankind. Bringing communities together in solidarity to continue to honor MLK for his monumental efforts to challenge social injustices only strengthens the path toward a more righteous and just world."

Up until *Beyond Vietnam*, Dr. King was considered the most important civil rights leader, but his work was seen as specific to civil rights and limited to racism. With *Beyond Vietnam*, Dr. King made clear that he was a leader for human rights. He called for people across the globe and across all human

groups and activities to unite.

Bill Hoover, PhD, retired UToledo history professor and member of the Monroe Street Church, is also part of the planning committee. He notes, "Although most people remember Martin Luther King for his role in civil rights, I feel it is important to recognize and honor his contributions to world peace." Hoover will represent Toledo Sister Cities in the reading.

Needless to say, this speech shocked that era's powers-that-be and motivated the masses across lines that had formerly divided groups. In our time of needless war and military proliferation, of surging white supremacy and hate, we must continue to recall & to act on his words.

This event has become a Toledo tradition. In 2017, organizers based at Monroe Street Church gathered leaders from all walks of life to present the speech locally. This event followed the lead of the National Council of Elders (www.nationalcouncilofelders.com) who asked that people across the nation mark the 50th anniversary of the speech by presenting it in their communities. They called on "schools, churches, civil rights groups, labor organizations, museums, community organizations, and others to join... in building this movement to break silence, promote dialogue and engage in nonviolent direct action."

The 2020 and 2021 annual readings were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. So, after that pause, this is the fourth annual community reading of this inspirational speech. If you would like to participate in presenting the speech, call or text 419-283-8288 by Friday, April 29, and we will be happy to add you and your group into the line-up of local citizen-leaders.

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A Community That Believes In Fathers: Brothers United is Changing the Narrative

By Mariah Maddox, Brothers United

Special to The Truth

Brothers United has been serving Toledo's most challenging neighborhoods since 2015, having a seven-year track record. As of April 1, 2022, the Fatherhood program has served 2,158 fathers and 5,776 children. And we only plan to serve more! Because Pathway Inc. Brothers United Fatherhood Program believes that all children are important. Every day, we support and advocate for Fathers because when children have involved Fathers the whole community thrives.

The work that we do has been evident over the years, not only to our fathers and their families, but to the city as well. As of April 2022, our Brothers United program has been given \$100,000 from the Lucas County Commissioner's office in order for us to continue to provide our services to fathers and families. It is truly an honor to have city officials that believe in the work that we are doing enough to support us financially.

If you are unaware about our programs and the services that we offer, here is a little information on them. Brothers United has three subsets: BYouth, Brothers United Healthy Start, and Brothers and Sisters United.



Avis Files

Brothers United serves low income TANF eligible fathers and non-TANF fathers, non-custodial fathers, inmates, those recently released from prison whose children are 18 years or younger. This program helps facilitate to Fathers the importance of Fatherhood and Healthy Relationships with their co-parent and their children.

BYouth is Pathway Inc.'s newest program that serves young men, 12-17 years old, who are NOT yet fathers. Its purpose is to allow young men to learn about fatherhood and healthy relationships before they become fathers. Parental consent is needed before the young men can start the program.

Brothers United Healthy Start serves mothers and fathers with an expecting co-parent connected to Healthy Start or fathers who have a child between 0-17 months. Its purpose is to assist fathers with babies in order to decrease the infant mortality rate, especially amongst African American infants.

Brothers and Sisters United serves mothers and fathers in Lucas County. Its purpose is to teach healthy relationships and encourage healthier co-parenting habits in order to cultivate healthier families.

Avis Files, director of Family and Supportive Services, is proud of the work BU has done and continues to do within the community.

"The work of Pathway Inc. Brothers United Fatherhood Program is vital to this community. The impact that the program has made shows that this community appreciates and needs the services that are provided. We will continue to be a grassroots, boots-on-the-ground program because that's what this community needs, especially with us focusing on the 10 most challenging neighborhoods in Lucas County where high poverty and high crime exist."

A few commissioners talked about why they support the work that Pathway Inc. is doing with fathers and families.

Commissioner Pete Gerken: *"As a single father raising children, I know the struggles of working to make ends meet while making child support payments. During my tenure serving as a Lucas County Commissioner, we have invested in and are committed to ensuring that children have ample opportunities to grow and learn in healthy sustainable environments. The work that Pathway, Inc. performs supporting fathers in Lucas county helps to strengthen single parent and co-parenting relationships within families. Our commitment to fathers and families comes with understanding the historical disparities associated with fathers being displaced in various sectors such as education, employment, and within the criminal justice system. The Lucas County Board of County Commissioners and its subsidiaries have partnered with Pathway, Inc. to help raise awareness of these issues and will continue to seek programs and services that support Fatherhood in the everyday lives of children."*

Commissioner Gary Byers: *"We like to support grassroots programs such as Brothers United! It reflects real people helping real people. Brothers United is a program that changes the community. We are proud to support a program that is innovative in its approach and we support Fathers and families in Lucas County."*

Commissioner Tina Skeldon Wozniak: *"Pathway's Brothers United program provides a critical service for our community. It gives fathers the support and the resources they need to strengthen their relationships with their children and to become the role models their sons and daughters deserve. Lucas County is proud to provide funding for the Brothers United*

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