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## Area Office on Aging holds annual holiday Party with a sell out crowd



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**AOA President/CEO Billie Johnson, Board Chairman Bill Harris and Master of Ceremonies Jerry Anderson greet seniors with a warm welcome at the AOA Holiday Party.**

*By Michael Daniels  
Toledo Journal Staff  
Reporter*

It's been a great year of activities for the Northwest Ohio Area Office on Aging. In the spring there was the party of parties, the Senior, Senior Prom. Then this summer, area seniors came together again for an exciting day at the Toledo Zoo during the AOA sponsored Seniors Safari. Plus, there was the Senior Hall of Honor, Caregiver Expo, Spring Fling 2019: Country Jubilee and more.

Now as the year comes to a close, the organization gave its final 2019 big fling. The Annual Holiday Party at the Premier Banquet Hall on Friday December 13, 2019. Open to anyone 60 and over, the party is a chance for the senior community to come together with old friends, make new friends and fellowship together.

It was a slightly, chilly, winter day and seniors who got there early stood in a long line outside waiting for the doors to open, knowing that once inside it would be

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**(Front L-R) Audrey Wright, Gertrude Robinson, and Joan Woods, with (back L-R) Barbara Campbell, Kim Ham, Ann M. Hughes, and Gladys Blanton were all smiles at the AOA Holiday Party.**



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**The ladies from Monroe St. Community Center's Savvy Seniors Wellness Program, (L-R) Ladonna Joplin, Jeanette Martin, Executive Director Clara Petty, Toni Tisdale, and Mary Conner were dressed to impress upon arriving at the AOA Holiday Party.**



# Invitation to Spend Christmas Day with Santa Over a Shared Lunch with Others Extended to Those Age 60 and Better

Those age 60 and better who are interested in celebrating Christmas with Santa and others are invited to the Hunt Center, 2121 Garden Lake Parkway, Toledo, OH 43614. Those who want to be a part of the free meal and festivities (live music) at the Hunt Center from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Hunt Center can RSVP by December 23rd to be sure to have a meal waiting for them. To RSVP, please either call 419-382-5791 or register on-line at: [www.AreaOfficeOnAging.com/Events](http://www.AreaOfficeOnAging.com/Events).

This is a great opportunity to share a meal with others on the holiday as well as make new friends. Those age 60 and better who want a meal, but are not able to go to the Hunt Center due to mobility issues, may RSVP for a meal to be delivered to their home. The Area Office on Aging encourages those who are able to do so to invite an older adult they know who might be lonely to join them for Christmas to make sure they have someone with which to celebrate the holiday.



Those who are still a kid at heart are invited to experience the joy of celebrating Christmas Day with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Hunt Center in South Toledo. In addition to a free meal, live holiday music will also be provided. Those who are not able to attend can request their meal be delivered to their home on Christmas Day.

# Area Office on Aging Receives Collaboration Award in Mansfield

The Project Collaboration award was presented to the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio on December 5th for its work helping to expand the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program by the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging. The Area Office on Aging has helped make it possible for older adults in the Mansfield area to be able to receive \$50 worth of coupons that act as cash at

local farmers markets. In northwest Ohio, this program has served over 18,000 older adults each year for over 15 years. This program helps make sure that older adults with limited incomes are still able to get the fresh fruits and vegetables in their diets that have been proven to help older adults live long, healthy lives. The recognition from the Ohio District 5 Area Agency

on Aging is one of numerous awards that have been presented to the Area Office on Aging by those outside the region for the impact it makes both in northwest Ohio as well as outside the region with the best practices it develops that are able to be helpful also to those in other areas. The agency has received 13 national awards for its innovative programs and services that were developed for older adults as well as State awards.



Lisa Thompson and Mrs. Billie Johnson from the Area Office on Aging are pictured with Duana Patton from the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging and Dr. Rebecca Liebes from the Area Office on Aging

*Happy Holidays!*



**Area Office on Aging  
of Northwestern Ohio, Inc.**



# Ongoing Events

Every Third Wednesday  
**Lucas County Human Trafficking**  
Coalition and Social Justice Insitute  
Anyone interested in joining, meet at Kent Branch Library, 3101 Collingwood Blvd., from 9:15 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Every Saturday  
Glass City Church of Christ  
Free Meal  
Soup kitchen now open at 901 Hoag. Hours: 1:00-2:00 pm every Saturday. We are reaching out to individuals and families in need of a free meal. Please see our Facebook page for menu items and any updates.

Auditions for the Toledo Repertoire Theatre's Production of "A Raisin in the Sun"  
By Lorraine Hansberry. Directed by Irina Zaurov. Looking for strong African American Actors! December 19 and 21 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Rep. Show will take place from February 28-March 8, 2020. 8 Male roles from ages 20ish-50 years old, and one boy 10-12 years (not tall), 4 female roles from 20 ish-65 yers old.

Now Thru Dec. 21st  
Every Friday and Saturday  
Ritter Planetarium showing holiday **programs on full dome for kids**  
The University of Toledo Ritter Planetarium is showing "The Alien Who Stole Christmas" and "Santa's Secret Star" in full dome for children throughout the holiday season. "The Alien Who Stole Christmas" is featured 7:30 p.m. on Fridays through Dec. 20. "Santa's Secret Star" is featured 1 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 21. "These are amusing, entertaining and educational programs for children and Santa fans of all ages. Admission to the programs is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children, senior citizens and UToledo community members. All children younger than four are FREE. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the show.

Now Thru Dec. 31st  
The Toledo Zoo  
Lights Before Christmas  
Sun - Thurs 3 - 8pm, Fri - Sat 3 - 9 pm. p.m. in the Gardens. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Now open for Lights from 3 - 8pm, park will close at 9pm. New Yer's Eve, open all day from 10 am - 8pm. Lights on at 3 p.m., park closing at 9 p.m. With over one million lights, the award-winning Big Tree and 200 + illuminated animal images spread out across the electrical spectacle is sure to be both merry AND bright! Ticket Prices: Member: Mon - Thu: Unlimited Visits, Fri - Sun: 1 FREE Weekend Visit. Non-Member: Adults - \$20, Kids (2-11) & Senirs (60+) - \$17.

Dec. 19th, & 26th  
Toledo Zoo  
Ice Carvings at Lights  
Watch ice master pieces take shape right before your eyes in the Zoo's Main Plaza beginning at 6 p.m., 2 Hippo Way, Toledo, Ohio 43609

Dec. 20th, and 21st  
Mystery of the Christmas Star returns to Lourdes University  
The Mystery of the Christmas Star, a holiday tradition, returns to the Appold Planetarium. The Star of Bethlehem is part of every telling of the Christmas story. What was this Star and what was so remarkable that the wise men undertook the long journey across the desert from Babylon to Bethlehem? What sign did they see that made them expect the birth of a king? Journey back 2000 years to Bethlehem and discover a scientific explanation for the star the wise men followed to find the baby Jesus. Admission prices for The Mystery of the Christmas Star are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. the family-friendly shows are offered at 7:30 p.m. on the above dates. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Dr. Laura Megeath, Appold Planetarium Coordinator, at planetarium@lourdes.edu or call 419-517-8897.

Dec. 20th Thru Dec. 21st  
SquadGoals Presents:  
She is: THE WIZ  
Friday, Decemeber 20th 6-8pm, and Saturday, December 21st 6-8pm, at the Collingwood Arts Center, 2413 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo, OH. Tickets available on eventbrite \$5 for kids, \$10 for adults. Information contact Anique Davis 419-705-9558.

Dec. 21st  
Kent Branch Library  
Family Movie Time  
Saturday, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm., Kent Meeting Room A, 3101 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, OH 43610. How the Grinch Stole Christmas (26 minutes), TV-G. Age Group: All ages. Information: 419-259-5200.

Dec 24th & 25th  
Toledo Zoo Holiday Hours  
Lights Open 3 - 8p.m. on Christmas Eve., Admission gates open 3 - 8 p.m. Park will close at 9 p.m. Lights Open 3 - 8 p.m. on Christmas Day, Admission gates open 3 - 8 p.m. Park will close at 9 p.m., 2 Hippo Way, Toledo, Ohio 43609.

Dec. 25th  
The Thomas Temple Church of God In Christ Annual Free Christmas Dinner  
On Christmas Day, Wednesday, at the Temple 2140 Ashland Avenue, from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Diners will be carry out only.

Dec. 26th Thru Dec. 29th  
Toledo Kwanzaa House  
Presents 2019 Kwanzaa Celebration  
Location: Martin Luther King Jr. Academy for Boys, 1300 Forest Ave. 43607. December 26th, Umoja - Unity Mrs. Diane Gordon Kujichagulia/Self Determination Mr. Donald Lynn.  
Performers: Dec 26 - Serenity Gordon, Pride United Drill Team, Drums of Thunder.  
December 27th Ujima - Collective Work & Responsibility , Mr. Steve Easton, Ujamaa/Cooperative Economics Rev. Kenneth Peterson.  
Performers: Dec. 27 - Tayah Dance Studio, Mary Mitcham  
December 28th Nia - Purpose Mr. Keith Jordan, Kuuma/Creativity Mr. Willie ward & MLK Jr. Academy for Boys  
December 29th - Review of the 6 Principles, Imani - Faith - El' Alizar  
Pre-Kwanzaa Programs - 5:00 p.m.  
Open Market/Vendors  
Presentations: African Quilts - alice Grace, The Legacy Foundation - Robert Smith, Toledo Collard Green Festival - Joyce Stubblefeild, Sickle Cell - L Scott, African Head  
Wrapping demonstrations - Jeanette Martin

Dec. 31st.  
Toledo Zoo  
New Year's Eve Hours  
Zoo OPEN 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve. admission gates open 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Park will close at 9 p.m., 2 Hippo Way, Toledo, Ohio 43609.

Dec. 31st  
Kent Branch Library  
Noon Year's Eve Bash  
Tuesday, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm., Kent Meeting Room A, 3101 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43610. Join us as we ring in the New Year! We will have games and plenty of fun, complete with a countdown to Noon. Age Group: All Ages. Information: 419-259-5200.

Jan. 18th  
A Celebration of The Symphony of Arts  
Saturday, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Special Guest DJ Mpress. You say you're working everything for my good, and I believe every word, cause even in the madness, there is peace. Drowning out the voices all around us, through all of this chaos, you are writing a symphony. Orchestra, String Ensembles, Dance, Drill, Step & Mime, Spoken Word, Soloists, Duets & Choirs. All are Welcomed! To participate, contact: Mr. Faulkner 419-885-2889. Questions? Send email to: Mrs. Sayer darlenesawyer25@yahoo.com. Hosted by: Christian Education & Young People's Division Warren AME Church 915 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo, Ohio. Rev. Oits J. Gordon, Jr., Senior Pastor. Limited Vendor tables contact Mrs. Palmer 419-450-0165.

# Coming Events

## CAR GIVE AWAY 2019



A mother in our community is battling stage four breast cancer for the second time, and she needs our help.  
Lance Self at Taylor Hyundai has teamed up for the 2nd year in a row, with the Toledo Community to award and help Taneil Sanders with surprising her with a car that could possibly help make her life stress free. Congratulations to Taneil Sanders, she will no longer struggle to go to and from her Cancer Chemo treatments.  
Lance Self and Taylor Hyundai of Toledo are always giving back to the community, whether it is giving weekly car advice through social media, having the family- like BBQ right at their own car lots or giving out great holiday specials. Last year Lance Self surprised Tiosha Maddox and her beautiful daughter who is battling lardons syndrome with the car of her dreams and now this Christmas, Lance Self thought to go bigger for his community and give away another car to someone who needs it the most, Taneil Sanders.  
Lance Self set up a go fund me account to make it easier for everyone to donate funds. Most of the local businesses and the community quickly donated to the cause. Now Taneil and Lance are asking for more help so that she can receive the car before the Holiday. The more help and donations she receives the faster Taneil can drive away and make it to her Chemo treatments and doctor appointments almost 3 times a week. Stage 4 breast cancer is also called metastatic breast cancer or advanced breast cancer. In this stage, cancer that developed in your breast can spread to other areas of your body and in Taneils case; it has spread to her spine. There are many cancer survivors, with the right help and treatment.  
"I want to take the burden off of my mom and my best friend on driving me to work, my son to school, and to my appointments. In February 2017, I was diagnosed with Stage 4 Breast Cancer and I beat it in June 2018. Now it has resurfaced and spread to my spine. I want to make sure I beat it again. I can beat Cancer with taking the stress of getting to see my doctor three times a week without the extra stress of how I will get there. I lost my car because I could not keep up with the extra bills and treatment payments. This car is one more step towards hope of fighting and beating Cancer."  
Here is your chance. Using the online gofundme link only takes five minutes and it will send you a receipt after. It will also thank Lance and Taneil via email that you have donated. All donations can be a tax write off and simply show love and support. Below there are two ways to show Taneil you are here for her! Thank you all for your support!  
We only have a few more weeks, donate today!  
Follow the link: [www.gofundme.com/wheels-for-Taneil](http://www.gofundme.com/wheels-for-Taneil)  
Cash App- \$PeoplesSalesman  
Drop off Location and meet Lance Self: 6200 West Central Toledo Ohio 43615  
Phone: 419-322-1512



# Michael Bloomberg, King of Stop and Frisk, Tries to Make Everyone Forget

By Lauren Victoria Burke,  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

In 2010 in New York City, 601,285 people were stopped-and-frisked by the New York City Police and 315,083 of them were Black. In 2011, 685,724 individuals were stopped and 350,743 were Black. Over 90 percent of those stopped by police where African American or Hispanic. Michael Bloomberg was Mayor in New York from 2002 to 2013. When new Mayor Bill DeBlasio took office in 2014, and after an ACLU lawsuit against New York City, the stop and frisk program was greatly reduced. All the theories that stop-and-frisk reduced crime were disproven by crime stats going down along with the use of the policy.

Now Bloomberg is running for President and his use and endorsement of a policy targeted to minorities and members of the Muslim faith is again under discussion. This week Bloomberg lied and said he hadn't been asked about stop-and-frisk until his run for The White House. Bloomberg's money has allowed him a place on the national debate stage at a time when a creeping sense of doubt remains regarding the Democratic candidates currently competing.

There are now "more billionaires than Black people in the 2020 race," said Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) after Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) dropped out of the presidential race on December 3.

"Stop and frisk was an outdated and unfounded law enforcement policy of racial harassment. It harmed Black communities and communities of color and did not make us any safer. Police officers regularly violated rights by stopping a disproportionate number of Black and Latino New Yorkers who they often threatened or physically harmed. These stops rarely ended in an arrest and mostly served to terrorize and criminalize our communities," said Monifa Bandle, Vice President of MomsRising who is a long-time New York City



resident and an expert on criminal justice.

The effects of this destructive policy had a profound psychological

impact, too. It affected how young Black and Latino men lived their lives in their own neighborhoods, it increased feelings of stress, anxiety

and trauma, increased racial discrimination in a city already struggling with massive inequality," Bandle told NNPA.

But Bloomberg continues to attempt to minimize the impact of a policy that impacted thousands of New Yorkers over ten years during his time as Mayor. Even though the current presidential race just lost a candidate, Sen. Harris, who repeated the line "justice is one the ballot," another candidate who is likely to bring up Bloomberg's achilles heel will be on the stage. Sen. Booker is likely to bring up justice reform and stop-and-frisk if he is on stage with Bloomberg.

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# Pots and Kettles - Republican Hypocrisy and Double-Talk

A black and white portrait of Julianne Malveaux, a woman with short dark hair and glasses, smiling.

By Julianne Malveaux  
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - When you elect a clown, expect a circus, and this month's impeachment hearings have been precisely that. Yelling, shouting,

and disrespectful accusing seem more the rule than the exception. The increased volume of Mr. Trump's tweets echoes his fear and discomfort because he has been called out. Republican histrionics and obsession with "process" suggest that Mr. Trump's party is not especially interested in facts. Even the falsehood that Democrats have been "out to get" this President since he was elected is outright wrong. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi came to the impeachment conclusion only reluctantly. And Democrats have been very measured in their accusations. While Mr. Trump has only been charged with two "high crimes and misdemeanors," if Democrats wanted to throw the book at the Criminal-in-Chief, they could have detailed multiple

"high crimes and misdemeanors." Instead, they've kept it narrowly focused on Mr. Trump's behavior regarding Ukraine. Democrats have shown admirable restraint, while Republican shouting and deflecting could be the basis of a comedy show if the matter weren't so serious. And every time some of these folks speak, they illustrate their hypocrisy. Thus, Florida Congressman Matt Goetz launched into a tirade about Hunter Biden's very candid disclosure of his substance abuse challenges, some of which are detailed in a New Yorker article this summer (<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2019/07/08/will-hunter-biden-jeopardize-his-fathers-campaign>). But Georgia Congressman Hank Johnson

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# FTC announces record \$191M settlement against University of Phoenix

## Secretary DeVos offers partial forgiveness for defrauded borrowers



By Charlene Crowell  
Wire Writer

The University of Phoenix (UOP), one of the nation's largest for-profit colleges will pay a record \$191 million settlement to resolve charges stemming from a five-year investigation by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). On December 10, Andrew Smith, Director of FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection noted it was the largest settlement the Commission has obtained in a case against a for-profit school.

"Students making important decisions about their education need the facts, not fantasy job opportunities that do not exist," stated Smith.

Among the multiple charges filed against UOP were deceptive lead generation, false claims of affiliation with government or major employers, misrepresentations about credit transfers and a lack of proof for the job and earnings touted by the university. FTC additionally noted that enforcement actions against bad actors in the for-profit college sphere can also prompt actions related to student debt cancellation, end access to taxpayer-funded higher education programs, and specific protections of military education benefits.

The settlement also had unanimous support of FTC's Board of Commissioners, two of whom issued separate

statements related to the accord: Commissioners Rohit Chopra and Rebecca Kelly Slaughter.

"The deceptive claims set out in the Commission's complaint are particularly galling to me because they sold false hope – robbing consumers of their time and money for the prospect of a job that did not exist," stated Commissioner Rebecca Kelly Slaughter. "We know that many consumers are still victims of or vulnerable to the abuses perpetrated by unscrupulous for-profit schools."

UOP's "Let's Get to Work" marketing campaign claimed nearly 2,000 corporate partnerships that did not exist. Firms such as Staples, Microsoft, Red Cross and Twitter were falsely represented as partners that would fast track employment opportunities for Phoenix students. The effort was also launched at a time when UOP's enrollment waned over a four-year period.

"In the years after the recession when good jobs were scarce, this message held a lot of appeal for struggling Americans," noted Commissioner Rohit Chopra. "But – as alleged in the complaint – it was false. No such partnerships existed...Today's order returns millions of dollars to students deceived by this campaign."

According to FTC, former students who were enrolled from October 2012 to through December 2016 may be eligible for \$50 million in restitution, and an additional cancellation of \$141 million owed in unpaid tuition balances. This settlement does not address federal loans borrowed during this time period. Apollo Education Group, UOP's parent company, was given 15 days from the settlement date to advise former students who are covered by the agreement. Additionally, Apollo and Phoenix must alert credit reporting agencies within 55 business days to remove related debts from the affected students' credit report.

"While Education Secretary Betsy DeVos continues to make it easier for predatory education companies to recruit and rip off students, the FTC has proven that they have the backs of the borrowers and their families," added Whitney Barkley-Denney, a senior policy counsel with the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). "The students defrauded by the University of Phoenix deserve nothing



less than full loan forgiveness from the Department."

On the same day as FTC's record enforcement action, Secretary DeVos announced a new plan to limit loan forgiveness to only partial amounts determined by a formula, a different and debatable approach to the Department's Borrower Defense to Repayment rule (BD) adopted under the Obama Administration.

By its own admission, the Department conceded that as of November 12 this year it had received over 290,000 borrower defense applications, and further that more than 225,000 or 77% remained pending. Even so, the Department's official policy statement on the change states, "successful BD applicants whose program earnings were less than the median could be awarded 25, 50, 75 or 100 percent relief, depending upon where their program median earnings fall in the range."

"Despite the mess we inherited from the previous administration, we committed from day one to getting this right for students and taxpayers," said Secretary DeVos. "We cannot tolerate fraud in higher education, nor can we tolerate furiously giving away taxpayer money to those who have submitted a false claim or aren't eligible for relief. This new methodology treats students fairly and ensures that taxpayers who did not go to college or who faithfully paid off their stu-

dent loans do not shoulder student loan costs for those who didn't suffer harm."

Reactions from student loan advocates seemed opposite to that of DeVos.

In a statement to the Washington Post, Virginia's U.S. Representative Bobby Scott, chair of the House Education Committee said, "The Department of Education has the clear authority to provide full debt relief to students defrauded by their college. Rather than simply exercising that authority and providing life-changing relief to defrauded borrowers, the Department is inventing another scheme to provide students less relief than the law allows."

"Once again, Secretary DeVos has demonstrated that her goal is to protect predatory for-profit institutions at the expense of borrowers and taxpayers," said Ashley Harrington, also a CRL senior policy counsel. "The Borrower Defense to Repayment rule was created to ensure accountability for the federal investment in higher education. The premise of the rule is that predatory for-profit colleges like ITT Tech and Corinthian Colleges deserve to have their loans fully discharged."

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# Pots and Kettles - Republican Hypocrisy and Double-Talk

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had no time for Goetz, saying that Goetz's attack on Biden was like "the pot calling the kettle black). Goetz was charged with a DUI some years ago. The charges were mysteriously dropped, but there is evidence that Goetz was impaired.

Meanwhile, Hunter Biden has never been arrested or charged with any of his substance abuse challenges. Goetz's attack on Hunter Biden is not the only example of Republican hypocrisy and improper behavior. These impeachment hearings show how far Republicans will go to obfuscate Mr. Trump's behavior and to throw mud at Democrats.

While Republicans are throwing mud at Hunter Biden, no one has asked for any investigation of the Trump family. Ivanka has used her father's influence to gain coveted

trademarks in China. Her brothers have used government resources and their father's influence to feather their nest in establishing new Trump properties all over the world. While I'm not condoning Hunter Biden's possible pecuniary use of his father's status, none of us should be happy about the way our government has subsidized the Trump Empire.

In another example, Melania Trump got outraged and agitated because one of the Democratic legal witnesses, Stanford Law Professor Pamela Karlan, made an inappropriate joke about her son, Barron Trump. The professor said that while Trump could name his son Barron, he could not make him a baron, an attack on the autocratic power that Mr. Trump attempts to wield. One might have thought that the professor had attacked the child or ridiculed him. She didn't. She made a clumsy joke and

was so roundly criticized for it. And she apologized.

Melania "Be Best" Trump played mama bear for her teenaged son. Yet, she seemed to have no words for another teen, Greta Thunberg, who was Time Magazine's Person of the Year. Thunberg, who describes herself as "on the autism spectrum" with Asperger's syndrome, was lifted because of her advocacy for the planet. Time says the young lady won the award "for sounding the alarm about humanity's predatory relationship with the only home we have, for bringing to a fragmented world a voice that transcends backgrounds and borders, for showing us all what it might look like when a new generation leads." But Mr. Trump doesn't believe in global warming or climate change, so he ridiculed the young woman in one of his many rude and bullying tweets. And Mela-

nia thinks that only her son should be protected from bullying. The pot and the kettle. If she wants to call bullies out, she might start with her husband.

There have been accusations, finger-pointing, anger, and deflection during these impeachment hearings. Republicans have shown that they have taken an oath, not to protect the Constitution, but to protect Mr. Trump. As Republicans march lockstep behind a corrupt President, Congressman Hank Johnson has it right. The "pot really can't call the kettle black".

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# NANBPWC, The Toledo Club Holds 55th Annual Debutante Cotillion Informational Tea

Submitted

The Toledo Club of The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. began its 55th Debutante Cotillion Scholarship Program with its Informational Tea for parents and participants on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at the Indiana Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall.

Area School counselors from sixteen high schools recommended names of 170 juniors and senior girls to the club for participation. These high schools were Bowling Green High School, Bowsher, Central Catholic, Jones Leadership Academy of Business, Maumee Valley Day School, Notre Dame Academy, Perrysburg High School, Rogers, Scott, Springfield, St Ursula Academy, Start, Sylvania Southview, Toledo Early College High School, Toledo Schools for the Arts, and Woodward High School.

These young women will be screened on January 11, 2020, here at Indiana Baptist Church. Today's Tea is the beginning of a six-month program where the ladies who are chosen participate in Waltz Instructions, Life Skills Workshops, Etiquette Training, a Debutante/Mothers Luncheon at Toledo's Inverness Country Club, Talent Rehearsals, and a Talent Show. All this hard works ends with the Cotillion Ball on May 23, 2020, in the Great Hall of the Stranahan Theatre. It is on this night that one of these chosen young lucky ladies will be crowned Ms. Debutante 2020. In addition, other young ladies and the male escorts will receive scholarships, awards, prizes, and recognition for their successful participation six-month Cotillion process.

The scholarships, prizes, and awards are the result of community and corporate support for the Debutante Cotillion. This year the Toledo club received its first Gold Corporate Sponsor Scholarship from the Taylor Automotive Family. Mr. Tom Cole a Taylor Automotive Family Community Ambassador was present at the tea to announce the award and that this support would be continuous and increase from year to year. Members of the Toledo Club had nothing but thanks and accolades for Mr. Cole and the Taylor Automotive Family for support-



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The members of the NANBPWC, the Toledo Chapter are (front L-R) Clara Banks: Chaplin, Denise Cardwell: Cotillion Co-Chairmen, Dr. Frances Collins: President, Wilma Brown: Cotillion General Chairman, Karen V. Jarrett: Cotillion Co-Chairmen and Beverly Tucker: Co-Chairmen-Talent. (Back L-R) Ethel Scott: Director of Membership, Wanda Terrell-Galloway, Sherry Reed, Denise Black Poon, Barbara Tucker, Tyra Smith, Alexii Collins, Crystal Harns Darnell, and Delores M. Bates: Ways & Means.



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Mr. Tom Cole (center) Community Ambassador from The Taylor Automotive Family who presented the Cotillion its first Gold Corporate Sponsor Scholarship, is seen here with the 2019 Debs-In-Waiting at the 55th Annual Debutante Cotillion Informational Tea.

ing such an important and worthwhile Toledo endeavor as The Debutante Cotillion.

Following Mr. Cole's presentation each Cotillion Committee member gave a brief informational presentation on the Cotillions requirements they needed to meet. The meeting lasted one hour and was followed by a beautifully catered reception in the back of the hall.

Cotillion Committee are, Wilma Brown: Cotillion Chairman, Karen V. Jarrett and Denise Cardwell: Cotillion Co-Chairmen, Deborah Carlisle and Beverly Tucker: Talent Co-Chairmen, Dennis Jarrett: Waltz Instructor, Presenter and Escorts, and Larry Cardwell: Assistant. The President of the Toledo Club is Dr. Frances Collins.



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Also enjoying the refreshments after the meeting were (L-R) Tiffany Davis, Madeline Bumpus, and Tamara Bumpus.



**National Urban League warns Trump administration:**  
Don't weaken Community ReinVESTMENT  
Act to allow racial discrimination in lending  
**and access to financial services**

Submitted

NEW YORK ) — With Black homeownership at a 50-year low, and borrowers of color facing blatant racial discrimination, the Trump Administration's proposed changes to the Community Reinvestment Act could further limit access to the American Dream, National Urban League President Marc H. Morial said today.

“Any proposal to update the CRA must be consistent with the law’s original intent of providing financial services and access to credit to underserved communities that continue to bear the legacy of redlining and lending discrimination,” Morial said. “Simply put—if a bank is willing to accept the deposits of the consumers in their surrounding communities, they should meet the lending needs of the residents of those communities.”

Since 1977, the CRA has required U.S. banks that accept consumer deposits to better meet the lending needs of low-and-moderate income communities around them. This crucial law was enacted in large part because communities of color continued to face barriers with access to credit despite the passage of federal fair lending laws.

According to recent investigative reporting, more than 60 urban areas in the U.S. continue to practice modern-day racial redlining. Further, Black mortgage applicants were turned away at significantly higher rates than whites in 48 U.S. cities.

In 2019, the homeownership rate for Black families is lower than it was in 1968. Equally troubling is the widening gap in the homeownership rate between Black and white households in America, with white households at 73.1% and Black households at 40.6%.

Three agencies are charged with enforcing the CRA – the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Federal Reserve – but the Administration is moving forward on amending the CRA without the



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**A break from the overwhelming silence on an issue that many blacks consider taboo.**

input of the Federal Reserve. Furthermore, changes to the CRA performance exams that could lead to reduced lending by banks to communities of color.

“As a civil rights organization devoted to promoting homeownership and fair lending laws, the National Urban League will continue to fight to maintain the full force of our federal civil rights laws—including the CRA,” Morial said, urging Congress to hold hearings on the proposal. “Racial discrimination in lending and access to financial services is alive and well, and we will hold the federal government accountable to its duty to ensure all Americans have equal opportunity to the American Dream of homeownership and financial security.”

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# Sena's Quality Adult Care adopts family for Christmas

Submitted by  
Martice Bishop

"I don't have a job, and won't be able to get my children anything for Christmas," was Patrice Edwards' answer to the online question of; does anyone know a family in need we can adopt for Christmas?

Sena's Quality Adult Care, officially adopted Ms. Edwards, and her two children, on Saturday, November 15.

In a north Toledo home, festive music played, while attendees ate, and discussed the upcoming holiday. The children of Ms. Edwards kept walking near a Christmas tree, which had the presents she would receive, under it. Her daughters, Serenity, and Sienna, kept staring at those presents as if they wanted to run over and tear the wrapping paper off the boxes.

Her children, as well as the others in attendance, had a chance to tell Santa Claus, who sat in the corner of the house, the things they wanted for Christmas.

Twenty-three employees of Sena's Quality Adult Care brought the children toys, and clothes, while Ms. Edwards was given a monetary gift. When she was given the gifts, Ms. Edwards let her daughters open two; which they accomplished expeditiously, and with smiles on their faces.

LaTosha Tyree who, was in charge of locating a family to adopt, told The Toledo Journal what stood out about Ms. Edwards' answer was the fact she explained why her family was in need.

"All other respondents were just posting, 'Adopt us,' while Ms. Edwards gave a simple, but humbling response," Ms. Tyree said. "That answer really stood out, and I instantly knew she was the one we should adopt," she said.

Twenty-three employees of Sena's Quality Adult Care, brought the children toys, and clothes, and gave Ms. Edwards a monetary gift, Ms. Tyree explained.

Charsena Braswell, CEO, said they've been adopting families for nine years.

"I just like helping out people, especially this time of the year," she said. "Our goal for next year is to adopt more than one family,"

Overcome with tears of joy, Ms. Edwards began wiping them away. "I didn't have anything. I didn't have a job, and I didn't know what to do. And even though Ms. Braswell and her staff didn't know me, they helped me out. I so appreciate them; I really do," she said.



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Sitting next to Santa Claus is Patrice Edwards, and her daughters, Serenity, and Sienna. Charsena Braswell, is sitting left of Santa Claus.



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The staff, and some of the clients of Sena's Quality Adult Care, pose with Patrice Edwards, her daughters, and Santa Clause

## Inner Vision Celebration



Submitted and photo By: Carol Buchanan

Inner Vision Club Members with Spouses celebrating 40th year Anniversary, at the Chop House Restaurant

The Inner Vision Club members, spouses and guest enjoyed a fabulous dinner on December 7, 2019 at the Chop House Restaurant. This was a Christmas and 40th year anniversary celebration of the Club.

The Inner Vision Club is a social club of eight Afro American women whose goal is to provide assistance each year to needy persons. To date the Club has provided financial assistance to over 25 non profit organizations that provide direct assistance to individuals in need.



# What age should kids get phones?

## — Yuvi, age 10, Dayton, Ohio

By: Fashina Alade’  
Assistant Professor,  
Advertising and Public  
Relations, Michigan State  
University

If it seems like all your friends have smartphones, you may be on to something. A new report by Common Sense Media, a nonprofit that reports on technology and media for children, found that by the age of 11, more than half of kids in the U.S. have their own smartphone. By age 12, more than two-thirds do, and by 14, teens are just as likely as adults to own a smartphone. Some kids start much younger. Nearly 20% of 8-year-olds have their own smartphone!

So, what’s the right age for you? Well, I study the effects of media and technology on kids, and I’m here to say that there is no single right answer to this question. The best I can offer is this: When both you and your parents feel the time is right.

How to talk to your parents about a smartphone

Smartphones can help you stay in touch with your people. Tony Stock/Shutterstock.com

Here are some points to consider to help you and your parents make this decision.

Responsibility: Have you shown that you are generally responsible? Do you keep track of important belongings? Do you understand the value of money, and can you save up to buy things you want? These are all good signs that you may be ready for a phone. If not, it might be wise to wait a bit longer.

Safety: Do you travel to or from school or after-school activities without an adult? This is when phones often go from a “want” to a “need.” Sometimes parents report that they feel better knowing they can reach their children directly, and that their kids can reach them, too.

Social maturity: Do you treat your friends with kindness and respect? Do you understand the permanence of the internet, the fact that once something goes out onto the web, it can never truly be deleted? It is critically important that you have a

grasp on these issues before you own a smartphone.

We all get angry and say hurtful things we don’t mean sometimes, but when you post something on the internet that you might



not mean later, or might wish you could take back, even on a so-called anonymous app, it can have real and lasting harmful effects. In the era of smartphones, there have been huge increases in cyberbullying.

How will you use your smartphone? Twin Design/Shutterstock.com

Being smart about your smartphone

If you and your parents decide this is a good time to take that step, here are some tips to create a healthy relationship between you and your phone.

Parents should model good behavior! Your parents are the No. 1 most important influence in your life, and that goes for technology use as much as anything else. If parents are glued to their phones all day, guess what? Their children probably will be, too.

On the flip side, if parents model smartphone habits like putting the phone away during meals and not texting and driving, that will go a long way toward helping kids develop similar healthy behaviors.

Are you ready? 1shostak/Shutterstock.com

You and your parents should talk together about the importance of setting rules and limits around your phone use and screen time. Under-

standing why rules are made and set in place can help kids stick to a system.


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**GRINDR**  


GRINDR is a dating app geared towards gay, bi and transgender people. The app gives users options to chat, share photos and meet up based on a smart phone's GPS location.

**SKOUT**  


SKOUT is a location-based dating app and website. While users under 17 years old are unable to share private photos, kids can easily create an account using a different age.

**WHATSAPP**  


WHATSAPP is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, voicemails, make calls and video chats worldwide. WHATSAPP uses an internet connection on smart phones and computers.

**TIKTOK**  


TIKTOK is a new mobile device app popular with kids used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are vulnerable to cyber bullying and explicit content.

**BADOO**  


BADDOO is a dating and social networking app where users can chat, share photos and videos and connect based on location. While the app is intended for adults only, teens are known to create profiles.

**BUMBLE**  


BUMBLE is similar to the popular dating app "Tinder" however, it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use BUMBLE to create fake accounts and falsify their age.

**SNAPCHAT**  


SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps in recent years. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, new features including "stories" allows users to view content for up to 24 hours. Snapchat also allows users to see your location.

**KIK**  


KIK allows anyone to contact and direct message your child. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features. KIK gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

**LIVEME**  


LIVE.ME is a live-streaming video app that uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster's exact location. Users can earn "coins" as a way to "pay" minors for photos.

**HOLLA**  


HOLLA is a self-proclaimed "addicting" video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content, and more.

**WHISPER**  


WHISPER is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user's location so people can meet up.

**ASK.FM**  


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# Princeton Review Names UToledo College of Law in Top 10 List of Best Law Schools for Women

Submitted

The University of Toledo College of Law is one of the best law schools in the country for women in a prestigious ranking that focuses on student experience and success.

The Princeton Review, which again selected the UToledo College of Law in its list of the top 167 law schools in the country titled "Best Law Schools 2020," ranked UToledo No. 5 on the national list of the top 10 law schools with the "Greatest Resources for Women."

In addition, the Princeton Review once again named UToledo College of Law No. 1 in Ohio and Michigan for most accessible professors. UToledo tied for No. 1 in Indiana for faculty accessibility.

"What makes Toledo Law special is that faculty members are deeply involved in their students learning and professional development from day one," said Geoffrey Rapp, associate dean for academic affairs and Harold A. Anderson Pro-

fessor of Law and Values. "Our faculty get to know our students – where they are from, where they want to be, and what kind of law they aspire to practice. This puts them in a position to provide support to help students reach their goals."

The Princeton Review identified which law schools offer the greatest resources for women based on the percentage of the student body who identify as women, as well as on student answers to a survey question on whether all students are afforded equal treatment by students and faculty regardless of their gender.

The college scored 97 in the "Professors Accessible" category, which is based on how students rate the accessibility of law school faculty. The ratings are scored on a scale of 60 to 99.

"Every aspect of the school strikes the perfect balance between professionalism and personal attention," said a sur-

veyed student. Students also spoke overwhelmingly of the school's obvious care and concern for their future, and the faculty's "willingness to sit and chat with students about class at any time, while connecting what we learn to real-life use."

"We recommend The University of Toledo College of Law and every one of the 167 law schools we selected for our 2020 list as an excellent choice for a student aspiring to earn a J.D.," said Rob Franek, editor-in-chief of the Princeton Review.

The Princeton Review's 80-question student survey asked law school students about their schools' academics, student body and campus life. It also included questions for the respondents about themselves and their career plans. The student surveys for this edition were conducted during the 2018-19, 2017-18 and 2016-17 academic years.

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# UToledo offers new pathway to earn nursing degree

Submitted

The University of Toledo College of Nursing will offer guaranteed admission for freshmen into its competitive Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program for select, well-prepared applicants starting fall 2020.

"Nursing is a competitive field but we feel strongly that by offering a commitment to entering freshmen students whose academic achievements show they are uniquely prepared, we can add depth to a highly skilled, compassionate workforce that will meet the needs of northwest Ohio and beyond," said Dr. Linda Lewandowski, dean of the College of Nursing.

Beginning fall 2020, applicants with a high school GPA of 3.7 or higher and an ACT score of at least 24 will be directly enrolled in UToledo's B.S.N. program.

Previously, all applicants pursuing a B.S.N. were first enrolled in UToledo's pre-nursing program with a requirement that they officially apply in their sophomore year to get into the nursing major to complete their degree. Applicants who do not meet the initial guarantee criteria will still have an opportunity to be admitted into nursing via this current pathway.

"By expanding pathways and opportunities for prospective students into our nursing program we're responding to the changing needs of students and the healthcare environment," said Jim Anderson, vice president for enrollment management.

The College of Nursing's application process also considers a range of personal attributes, such as community service and leadership skills, participation in extracurricular activities, and demonstrated responsibility. Consideration also will be given to those with military experience, first-generation college students, and those who would contribute to the cultural, gender, age, economic, racial, or geographic diversity of the healthcare workforce.

The nursing field is expected to be one of the nation's fastest growing occupations during the next decade as America's population grows older and current nurses leave the workforce. The Bureau of Labor Statistics has projected there will be more than 370,000 new nursing jobs added between 2018 and 2028.

"Many parts of the country, including northwest Ohio, are experiencing nursing shortages. We are rising to

meet that challenge with well-educated, well-trained and compassionate nurses," Lewandowski said. "Our new admission process, which includes a path to guaranteed admission, is just part of our overall strategy."

This fall, the College of Nursing experienced a 10% increase in enrollment with the largest cohort of students pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing and also recently received full 10-year accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education with a positive review of all of the college's programs. The college also recently launched the state's first R.N. to B.S.N. online Competency-Based Education program, which provides unique flexibility to working nurses to advance their careers at their own personalized pace.

UToledo's master's and doctoral nursing programs also have been recognized among the best in the nation, with the master's program jumping 48 spots to No. 135 in the most recent U.S. News & World Report Best Graduate Schools rankings. The doctor of nursing program is ranked 135, up 17 spots from the previous year.

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# United Pastors for Social Empowerment Honors Local Activists

By Leah Williams  
Toledo Journal Staff  
Reporter

Toledo-area religious and civic leaders, community members, and government officials gathered together on December 9 at the Toledo Club for the 2019 United Pastors for Social Empowerment [UPSE] Social Impact Justice Awards.

This year's honorees included Bishop Robert A. Culp, pastoral leader of First Church of God; Sister Virginia Welsh, pastoral leader of St. Martin de Porres Parish and director of The Padua Center; and Rev. Dr. John E. Roberts, pastoral leader of Indiana Avenue Baptist Church.

UPSE President Rev.



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Banquet Honorees and Keynote Speaker (left to right): Bishop Robert A. Culp, Rev. Jeff Roberts (standing in for his father Rev. Dr. John E. Roberts), Rev. Dr. Donald Perryman, Sister Virginia Welsh and Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.

Dr. Donald Perryman said the honorees were all chosen based on their lifelong commitment to bringing about social change for the betterment of others. He said that their work within the community continues a legacy of activism in Toledo dating back to the abolitionist movement.

"Toledo was a stop on the underground railroad as enslaved Africans were transported to freedom through Toledo, north to Detroit, and on to Winsor, Ontario," Rev. Dr. Perryman said. "So, we have a legacy of activism in Toledo, and we're very, very proud of it, and these gentlemen and lady built upon that foundation."

Both Bishop Culp and Sister Welsh expressed their deepest appreciation for the honor. Honoree Rev. Dr. John E. Roberts was unable to attend the event, however, his son Rev. Jeff Roberts attended in his stead.

"You come to a town and try and make it better for having been there," Bishop Culp said. "You can't really judge that yourself, it's the response of others. So, it's just good to hear that my life and time has come for good and there are those that have been blessed by it."

Sister Virginia Welsh said to be honored in the company of "giants" like Bishop Culp and Dr.



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From the right: Rev. Dr. Donald Perryman and Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.



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Guests at the banquet enjoy fellowship before the program began.

Roberts was humbling. "I just feel like I'm pulling in on their coat tails," she said. As the awards approached, Sister Welsh shared that she had been reflecting on a quote by Pope Paul VI, "If you want peace, work for justice," she said. "And that's what we do, just try and do the next right thing."

The banquet program included dinner and a keynote address by Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. Considered a civil and human rights living legend and lifelong social justice advocate, Rev. Dr.

Moss at one time served as co-pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta alongside Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Sr., father of the famed civil rights icon Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

During his keynote address, he encouraged those in attendance to see themselves as potential change agents in their community.

"Place your hand across your chest for a moment and say after me," he said. "In my time and in my space by God's grace, I can make a difference."

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# First Missionary Baptist Church Holds 8th Pastoral Appreciation Celebration for Pastor William J. McCaster

By Leah Williams  
Toledo Journal Staff  
Reporter

First Missionary Baptist Church in Swanton, Ohio celebrated its 8th Pastoral Appreciation of Pastor William Jerome McCaster this past Sunday. The theme for this year's celebration was 'Born to Preach.'

The church hosted a special appreciation service followed by a fellowship dinner for their members and ministry guests in attendance. Pastor Robert W. Lyons of Greater St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church was the guest minister for the service, which was emceed by program co-chairperson Sister Mattie Taylor Brown and included musical selections by the Greater St. Mary's choir.

Sister Brown said that she was thank-



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Pastors Lyons and McCaster pose with congregants and ministry friends at the appreciation dinner.

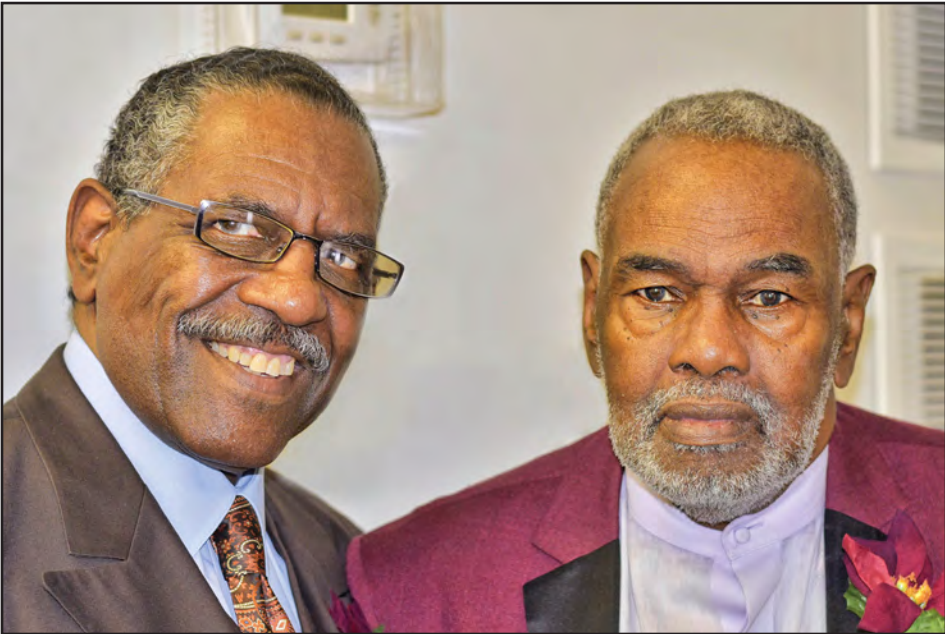


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Pastor Robert W. Lyons and Pastor William Jerome McCaster.



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Co-Chair Sister Mattie Taylor Brown and Chairperson Delores Burrus.

ful for her pastor and church family and honored to help plan the event alongside chairperson Sister Delores Burrus.

"To God be the glory for the great things that He has done here at our church. I will continue to follow Him," Sister Brown said.

As guests entered the decorated hall for the fellowship dinner, Sister Brown and the ushers pinned flowers on their special guests including Sister Pearl- ie Wiggins who attended the gathering with her granddaughter Courtney Butler. Sister Wiggins grew up with Pastor McCaster and said she

was excited to be in attendance.

"This is wonderful. I've been knowing him ever since he was a little boy up through the ministry. It's just wonderful to be here and to know that God is still using him," Sister Wiggins said.

Pastor McCaster who was escorted into the appreciation service by his daughter Michelle McCaster said that he was extremely grateful for the love shown by all who were in attendance for the celebration.

"I just want to thank everyone for turning out to celebrate the eighth anniversary of my pastoralship," he said.



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Courtney Butler and Sister Pearl- ie Wiggins.



# Bill Cosby Denied Appeal, But Other Avenues to Freedom Remain



By Zak Goldstein,  
Special to NNPA Newswire

Bill Cosby, who in 2018 was convicted and sentenced to prison on aggravated indecent assault charges, has lost his bid for an appeal to the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

Zak Goldstein, an attorney who specializes in criminal defense appeals in Pennsylvania, told NNPA Newswire that the court's denial of Cosby isn't the last hurrah for the actor and comedian.

Goldstein, who does not represent Cosby, outlines what's next for Cosby and his team. ~ Editors

Unfortunately, the majority of criminal appeals in Pennsylvania are denied by the Superior Court — meaning it is relatively rare for them to reverse a criminal defendant's conviction or sentence.

In my experience, this seems to hold true whether the case was a high-profile case or not.

It happens, but the error committed by the trial court has to be significant AND preserved by the trial attorney, meaning the trial attorney must have made a timely objection at the time that the error occurred.

The case law directs the Superior Court to provide a great deal of deference to the rulings of the trial judge for most evidentiary issues.

For example, the issue of whether the other accusers who were not actually part of the case should have been allowed to testify is an issue where the Superior Court applies an "abuse of discretion standard."

This means that they will not review the issue for whether they would have admitted the evidence themselves if they were initially making the ruling, but instead they look at whether it was unreasonable for the trial judge to make that ruling. Unless the judge was clearly wrong, they are not going to reverse the conviction for that reason.

With respect to prior bad acts evidence, such as these other accusers, trial courts often let this type of evidence in where the Commonwealth can show that the allegations were similar or somewhat similar to the allegations in the current case, and the appellate courts usually approve of this.

It then becomes incredibly difficult to obtain a fair trial as this type of propensity evi-

dence is overwhelmingly prejudicial.

This is particularly true in cases involving sex offenses. Most cases involving alleged sex crimes do not involve forensic evidence, and there are usually not any witnesses other than the complainant.

Therefore, prosecutors have responded by pushing for rules which make it easier to obtain a conviction and defend a conviction in these types of cases.

By piling on with other unproven allegations, even where the defendant is not charged with those offenses, the prosecution increases its chances of obtaining a conviction.

In my view, the case law which the Superior Court followed in this case does not adequately recognize the overwhelming, prejudicial effect of this type of evidence and the way in which it makes it incredibly difficult to obtain a fair trial on the actual allegations in question.

It is not surprising to me that the first trial, where only one "prior bad act" was allowed into evidence, resulted in a hung jury while the second trial, where more accusers were allowed to testify, resulted in a conviction.

This type of evidence is admitted in criminal trials every day throughout the state.

The thing that was really baffling to me in this case was that the ruling changed in the Commonwealth's favor after the first trial.

Mr. Cosby has a number of potential avenues through which he could continue to pursue his appeal. First, he could file an application for re-argument en banc.

The initial ruling by the Superior Court was made by a panel of three judges.

The application for re-argument en banc asks the court to have a panel of nine judges review the case instead.

If the court votes to grant re-argument, then the opinion would be withdrawn, and a new briefing schedule would be set. Nine Superior Court judges would then consider the appeal.

His second option is to forego the application for re-argument and appeal to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court by filing a Petition for Allowance of Appeal.

This would mean asking the Supreme Court to review the

case. The PA Supreme Court does not have to accept an appeal.

Instead, they typically only review a case when there is some new issue for which there is no case law or where the case law has become outdated, when the Superior Court's ruling is clearly incorrect, or when there are conflicting opinions between panels of the Superior Court that cannot really be reconciled. The PA Supreme Court does not hear very many cases each year. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court, however, has been relatively progressive on criminal issues recently.

Finally, with respect to a direct appeal, if re-argument and a Petition for Allowance of Appeal are unsuccessful, he could appeal to the United States Supreme Court if there was some federal issue involved that he would like to raise.

It is not too late to file a Post-Conviction Relief Act Petition and allege the ineffective assistance of counsel.

Generally, direct appeals come first, meaning that a defendant who is unhappy with the outcome would first ask the Superior Court and possibly the Supreme Court to overturn the conviction or sentence.

When that fails, the sentence becomes final, and a defendant can file a Post-Conviction Relief Act Petition (PCRA) and allege that the lawyer did something wrong.

A direct appeal deals with errors made by the judge, while a PCRA Petition alleges errors made by the trial and/or appellate attorney. You typically have one year from the date on which the sentence becomes final to file a PCRA Petition.

The sentence does not become final until thirty days after the Superior Court affirms a conviction or ninety days after the PA Supreme Court affirms a conviction.

The direct appeal, if you are going to file one, has to come first as you cannot file one after litigating a PCRA if you have missed the deadline, and they cannot be litigated at the same time.

A PCRA Petition goes back to the trial judge who heard the case for an initial ruling. If the trial judge denies it, then there can be another round of appeals to the Superior Court and the Supreme Court.

If those are unsuccessful, a defendant can file a Habeas Petition in federal court again alleging ineffective assistance of counsel, but it is not easy to overturn a state court conviction in federal court.

Zak Goldstein is a Philadelphia-based criminal appeals attorney with the firm, Goldstein Mehta LLC. You can visit his website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.goldsteinmehta.com/"](http://www.goldsteinmehta.com/) or follow him on Twitter @ZakTGoldstein.

## From the Desk of Felicia

### Living the Single Life

Being single is not the end of the world. You can really experience life and actually enjoy it, being single. Don't be in a rush to change your relationship status on Facebook from single to in a relationship, just for more likes and comments. Rushing into any relationship is not wise or healthy to do.

When you're single, whether voluntarily or involuntary due to a breakup, divorce or death, you can use this time to really get to know yourself better. When you're in relationships your happiness gets pushed to the back sometimes because your primary focus is on making your partner happy. So now that you're single, enjoy this time and space in your life to rediscover what makes you happy.

If you recently experienced another bad breakup because you found yourself, yet again, in another bad relationship, take this time now that you're single and really focus on the reasons why you keep picking the same "type" of person. Identify that void you feel and deal with it. If you don't get to the bottom of why you keep getting involved in bad relationships or unhealthy relationships, you will continue to be heartbroken over and over again. Be totally honest with yourself about your past, because it could lead you to true happiness and love eventually.

When you're single, you don't have to be considerate of anyone else but yourself. You don't have to cook and clean unless you want to (but cleanliness is next to godliness lol). You don't have to call and "check-in" with someone or get their opinion about anything and you can make all of your



life decisions, by yourself! It's great to be able to move and exist in this big beautiful world at the discretion of yourself, your thoughts and opinions.

You don't need to be in a relationship to make yourself feel complete. You should actually be complete before you enter into any relationship. A man or woman should only add value to the value that you already possess. To my understanding, the choices are hard out there dating for various reasons and age does not determine maturity. When you are single, live your life to the fullest, and this is not to say you can't do that if you're in a relationship.

Really evaluate your life now that you are single. You are in a great position to have the life that you really dreamed of once you do the inner work to get it. Living a single life is the healthiest thing that you can do for yourself.

## Princeton Review Names UToledo College of Law in Top 10 List of Best Law Schools for Women

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The company also selected schools based on an analysis of institutional data collected from surveys of law school administrators during the 2018-19 academic year. The institutional survey, which numbered more than 200 questions, covered topics from academic offerings and admission requirements to data about currently enrolled students as well as graduates' employment.

"What makes our 'Best Law Schools' designations unique is that we also take into account the opinions of students attending the schools about

their campus and classroom experiences," Franek said. "For our 2020 list, we surveyed a total of 19,000 students at the 167 schools."

The Princeton Review is a leading tutoring, test prep and college admission services company. Every year, the company helps millions of college- and graduate school-bound students achieve their education and career goals through online and in-person courses delivered by a network of more than 4,000 teachers and tutors, online resources, and more than 150 print and digital books published by Penguin Random House.



# Area Office on Aging holds annual holiday Party with a sell out crowd



Ms. Mattie Taylor (fourth from the right) was with Billie Johnson: AOA President/CEO (fourth from the left) at the AOA Annual Holiday Party along with members of the Area Office on Aging, Valley Spencer Springfield -Toledo Chapter Y.C.I. Inc. at the Premiere Banquet Hall on December 13, 2019.



The 'Let's Walk Toledo Group', a group of seniors that makes a point of walking everyday together for exerciser and their health had a great time at the AOA Holiday Party.



Teresa Williams, Ruth Wynn, Margaret Toadvin and Cherlynn Webb were ready for the party all decked out in holiday red.

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well worth the wait. This year's Holiday Party just like the AOA Senior Prom earlier in the year, was sold out.

Once inside, the spirit of the holidays was high as Christmas music played in the background, while seniors mixed and mingled among each other. Even Santa and Mrs. Claus were there greeting the seniors. Once everyone was inside the MC, former Toledo newsman, Jerry Anderson, introduced AOA President/CEO Billie Johnson and AOA Board Chairman, Bill Harris, who was also a former Toledo newsman. They offered a warm welcome to everyone at the Annual Holiday Party.

As seniors enjoyed a delicious three-course meal, the house band, 'The Blue Water King Band', set the tone as they serenaded the seniors with Christmas music and more. This year Christmas red was the color of the day and many of the ladies, who attended the event, wore something red.

Also, at this year's holiday party several different senior groups came to the party together to celebrate the spirit of the holidays. Groups like the, 'Savvy Seniors' from Monroe St. Community Center's

Wellness Program, 'The Let's Walk Toledo Group', a group of seniors that makes a point of walking together every day for exercise and to improve their health. Ernie Berry from this group said, "We've been walking together for four years every day. We walk between three and five miles a day and it takes us about an hour to finish. We currently have about 140 seniors in our group. We are here today because we always have a wonderful time at Area Office on Aging events and any time they have a function we show up!"

There was also a large group of seniors from Warren AMA Church.

In addition, Mrs. Mattie Taylor Brown and her group of seniors from the Area Office on Aging Valley Spencer Springfield -Toledo Chapter Y.C.I. Inc. was on hand. Mrs. Taylor said, "I been associated with the Area Office on Aging for 40 years and I have never missed an event. Today's Holiday party is fantastic and we are really having a great time. I want to give God the glory for all the great things He has done, and may God bless the Area Office on Aging."

Toward the end of the party as Ms. Johnson was looking around the room she said, "This is the 29th year we've

celebrated the holiday season and today we had a magnificent turnout of over 750 seniors from Lucas County and the surrounding area. This is our way of giving back to the seniors we serve and letting them know how much we appreciate them by giving them a great day to remember.

During this time seniors, Joyce E. Goings and Eloise Elliott joined 'The Blue Water King Band' band member Taghn Lord to sing the holiday classic 'Oh Holy Night', and this was the official end of the wonderful holiday party sponsored by the Northwest Ohio Area Office on Aging.



Seniors Joyce E Goings and Eloise Elliott join band member Taghn Lord(center) to sing Christmas Classic 'Oh Holy Night' at the end if the event.

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CITY OF TOLEDO  
2020/2025 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN  
2020-2021 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN

FOR INTERESTED CITIZENS, AGENCIES, AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

The City of Toledo is seeking comments on the Draft 2020-2025 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, which includes the Annual Action Plan for FY-2020 and the Analysis of Impediments. The 2020-2025 Five-Year Consolidated Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before May 18, 2020. The Consolidated Plan will be the basis over a five-year period for the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds within the City of Toledo. These federal funds are allocated to the City of Toledo by HUD and may be utilized for public facilities improvements, removal of slum and blight, public services, housing-related projects, removal of architectural barriers, and economic development. Projects must generally benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

The Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan include a description of the federal funds anticipated to be received, other resources expected to be available within the City of Toledo for the 2020-2021 program year, and a description of the goals expected to be undertaken to meet the priority needs of the community as identified in the Consolidated Plan Citizens Participation Process. Also included in the Consolidated Plan is the Analysis of Impediments. This is a comprehensive review of barriers in the community that inhibit consumers from acquiring the housing of their choice and results in the development and implementation of a Five-Year 2020-2025 Fair Housing Plan.

The Draft 2020-2025 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Draft Analysis of Impediments will be available for review beginning Thursday, January 2, 2020. The Draft Annual Action Plan will be available for review beginning March 25, 2020 at the following locations:

- 1) Dept. of Neighborhood and Business Development  
One Government Center, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets

6) Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board  
1946 N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 437  
Toledo, Ohio 43604
- 2) Office of the Mayor  
One Government Center, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets

7) Toledo-Lucas County Public Library  
325 Michigan Street  
Toledo, Ohio 43604  
(available at the Main Branch and by request at all other branches)
- 3) Clerk of Council  
One Government Center, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets

8) Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities  
1154 Larc Lane  
Toledo, Ohio 43614
- 4) The Fair Housing Center  
432 N. Superior Street  
Toledo, Ohio 43604

9) Dept. of Neighborhood and Business Development website:  
<https://toledo.oh.gov/services/neighborhood-and-business-development>
- 5) Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority  
435 Nebraska Avenue  
Toledo, Ohio 43604

The public meetings on the 2020-2025 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan and Analysis of Impediments are scheduled as follows:

**Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.**  
**City Council Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**One Government Center, Toledo, OH 43604**

**Monday, March 23, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.**  
**City Council Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**One Government Center, Toledo, OH 43604**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.**  
**City Council Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**One Government Center, Toledo, OH 43604**

The City of Toledo will also receive comments from the public in writing beginning January 2, 2020 for the 2020-2025 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and beginning March 26, 2020, through April 24, 2020, for the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan at the following address:

CITY OF TOLEDO  
DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT  
ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER, SUITE 1800  
TOLEDO, OHIO 43604  
ATTN: 2020-2025 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN  
2020-2021 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN

The City of Toledo announces the availability of federal funding for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Grant, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) for the 2020-2021 program year (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021). Interested nonprofit agencies are welcome to apply for eligible activities through this competitive process.

A **MANDATORY** review session will be held for all applicants after which online applications will be available.

**APPLICANTS MUST ATTEND THE REVIEW SESSION TO APPLY.**

**HOME Review Session\***  
Thursday, January 23, 2020  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
United Way of Greater Toledo  
424 Jackson Street, Toledo, OH 43604

\*For information on eligible HOME activities, please visit the City of Toledo website at: <https://toledo.oh.gov/services/neighborhood-and-business-development/housing/>

**CDBG Review Session for Non-Homeless Service Providers\*\***  
Friday, January 24, 2020  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
United Way of Greater Toledo  
424 Jackson Street, Toledo, OH 43604

\*\*For information on eligible CDBG activities for Non-Homeless Service Providers, please visit the City of Toledo website at: <https://toledo.oh.gov/services/neighborhoods/neighborhood-and-business-development>

**ESG/CDBG Review Session for Homeless Service Providers\*\*\***  
Friday, January 24, 2020  
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
United Way of Greater Toledo  
424 Jackson Street, Toledo, OH 43604

\*\*\*For information on eligible ESG/CDBG activities for Homeless Service Providers, please visit the Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board (TLCHB) website at: <https://endinghomelessness.toledo.org>

For reasonable accommodations or additional information, please contact Monica Brown, Administrative Analyst IV, Department of Neighborhood and Business Development at (419) 245-1400.



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I think education is power. I think that being able to communicate with people is power. One of my main goals on the planet is to encourage people to empower themselves.  
Oprah Winfrey

It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength. We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of that tapestry are equal in value no matter their color.  
Maya Angelou

It's not the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it.  
Lena Horne

Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations. If you adopt their attitudes, then the possibility won't exist because you'll have already shut it out...You can hear other people's wisdom, but you've got to re-evaluate the world for yourself.  
Mae Jemison

You're not to be so blind with patriotism that you can't face reality. Wrong is wrong, no matter who does it or says it.  
Malcolm X

I have come to believe over and over again that what is most important to me must be spoken,made verbal and shared, even at the risk of having it bruised or misunderstood.  
Audre Lorde

It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inabil-

BLACK HISTORY

December 18, 1865: The 13th Amendment, abolishing slavery, ratified.

December 25, 1870: Henry McKee Minton, physician born.

December 19, 1875: Carter G. Woodson founder of Black History Month, born.

December 22, 1883: Arthur Wergs Mitchell, born in LaFayette, Ala. 1st African American to be elected to congress.

December 24, 1898: Irwin C. Mollison, first African American judge of the Customs Court, born.

December 19, 1899: Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. born in Stockbridge, Ga.

December 31, 1900: Selma Burke, born in Mooresville, North Carolina, sculptor.

December 28, 1905: Famed jazz musician and father of modern jazz piano, Earl "Fartha" Hines was born.

December 21, 1911: Josh Gibson the home run king of the Negro Baseball League is born.

December 29, 1917: Thomas Bradley, became the mayor of Los Angeles by winning 56% of the vote, born in Calvert, Texas.

December 23, 1919: Alice H Parker patents the gas heating furnace.

December 26, 1924: DeFord Bailey, Sr., first Black to Perform on the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee.

December 30, 1928: Bo Diddley, rhythm & blues singer and guitarist, born.

December 27, 1939: John Amos, actor, made famous in "Good Times" television program, born.

December 23, 1940: Drummer and singer Marshall Thompson was born on this date.

December 21, 1956: Montgomery bus boycott ends.

December 20, 1988: Max Robinson, first African American news anchor for a major television network dies.

BLACK QUOTES

ity to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences.  
Audre Lorde

You're not obligated to win. You're obligated to keep trying to do the best you can every day.  
Marian Wright Edelman

No one should negotiate their dreams. Dreams must be free to flee and fly high. No government, no legislature, has a right to limit your dreams. You should never agree to surrender your dreams.  
Jesse Jackson

Our nation is a rainbow - red, yellow, brown, black, and white - and we're all precious in God's sight.  
Jesse Jackson

Just don't give up what you're trying to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong.  
Ella Fitzgerald

Hate is too great a burden to bear. It injures the hater more than it injures the hated  
Coretta Scott King

IMPEACHED PRESIDENTS

Submitted By: John Grimaldi

On December 19, 1998, Bill Clinton became the second U.S. president to be impeached by the House of Representatives. He was charged with four offenses, but only two—lying under oath to a federal grand jury, and obstructing justice were approved.

Andrew Johnson had been the first to be impeached in 1868. A century later, President Richard Nixon was also confronted with it—in 1974—but he chose to resign.



# 5 Ways to Stay Safe During the Dangerous Holiday Driving Season

(StatePoint) The holidays can be the happiest time of the year, but unfortunately, they can also be the most dangerous, with more fatal car crashes occurring due to increased travel time, more alcohol use and excessive speed, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

NHTSA predicts that during this Christmas week, from Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at 6 p.m. through Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 5:59 a.m., 799 people will lose their lives nationwide due to car crashes. While it may be uncomfortable to consider

these predictions, NHTSA's report says that analyzing and forecasting fatalities can serve as useful warnings to the public, actually making roads safer.

"No one wants to think about what can go wrong, especially at such a joyful time of year, but as the saying goes, prevention is better than cure," said Jon Bloom, vice president, personal auto, Erie Insurance. "The good news is that there are specific things that people can do help keep themselves and their families safe this holiday season."

Erie Insurance offers these five tips for safer holiday driving.

- Keep your car road-ready. Proper maintenance will help keep your car in shape for whatever road conditions you encounter. In addition to getting regularly scheduled oil changes, make sure your car's fluids are topped off and that filters, hoses and other components are in good working order. If they're showing signs of wearing out, replace them.
- Maintain properly inflated tires. Not maintaining the right tire pressure can lead to flats and blowouts, which could cause you to lose control of your car and crash. Pay close

attention to your car's tire pressure monitoring system. If you see an alert that tire pressure is low, fill them as soon as possible.

- Be ready for emergencies. While maintaining your car can reduce your chance of being stranded along the side of the road, it could still happen. Keep an emergency kit in the car with a cell phone charger, blanket and first aid kit, along with bottled water and snacks. Also, check with your insurance agent to ensure your policy includes Emergency Roadside Service coverage so that if your car does break down, you can call for help.



- Give yourself plenty of time. With speeding being one of the top causes of car crashes, it's important to remember that there's no prize for arriving first. It's much better to drive the speed limit -- or even lower, depending on road conditions and build in a few extra minutes to get where you're going, especially when driving near busy shopping malls or on holiday travel days when traffic is heavy.
- Stay sober or designate a driver. Celebrating with a holiday toast? Plan ahead and have a designated driver, or use a cab or ride sharing service to get home. Regardless, never get behind the wheel if you've been drinking. While the holidays can be a particularly perilous time to drive, taking precautions can help ensure you, and others on the road, have a safe season.

## Holiday joy.

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## Working Together To Create A Healthy Community

## Celebrate Safely



# Mike Colbert's yearly rendition of Santa Claus continues to pay off for the seventh year



Mike Colbert Jr. and Crystal Flores, both cosmetologist, give manicures to Marlaysia Tuggle, front, and Marcella Tuggle. "This is our way of giving back to people who patronize our business daily," Mr. Colbert said



Mike Colbert, left, and Marin McCabe, help pack food items that will be given away.



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For the seventh year, Mike Colbert, sales representative at Franklin Park Lincoln, performed his best rendition of Santa Claus, when he spearheaded his annual Christmas giveaway. Held at Word of Faith Ministries, 2916 Stickney Ave, on Friday, December 13, the church was buzzing with the excitement of Christmas morning.

Turkey, with all the trimmings, coats, and food, were a few of the items given away during the evening. Free haircuts, and manicures, by licensed barbers, and cosmetologists, help round the night out.

But like Santa Claus needs his elves, Mr. Colbert needed those who were quick to help make the night a success. The Toledo Journal, Ruby's Kitchen, and Rudy's Hot Dog, were the businesses that helped with the event.

On the ground, Mr. Colbert said, were those people, who cooked, distributed clothes, cut hair, manicured fingernails, and prepared, and cleaned the facility. One helper was Martin McCabe, who helps prepare food.

"I've been helping out with the event since it start-

ed," he said. "It's a great feeling to be able to help others this time of year, plus, I love to cook," Mr. McCabe added.

Sisters, Marcella, and Marlaysia Tuggle were getting their fingernails manicured. "This is really nice, because I don't usually get my nails done," said Marlaysia. "I feel more confident showing my hands," she said.

Marcella said, "It's weird because I usually don't get my nails painted. It's also weird knowing that I'll mess them up very soon, because I bite my nails," she said, followed by a quick laugh.

Topping the night was a special dedication by Mr. Colbert. On December 1, 2019, Evangelist Shirley Ann Sutton passed. She was always involved in the yearly giveaway, he said. Therefore, he went to her niece, Pastor Terry Sutton, and he, and his wife Erma, quietly walked her to the church office.

"I'm dedicating this night to your aunt. She was a good person and will be missed," he told Pastor Sutton.

With tears flowing down her face, she thanked him, "She was really looking forward to this day. Words can't express how grateful I am that you considered her," she said.

Mike Colbert and wife Erma, left, helps package donated clothes.



John Buckley, cuts Caiden Taylor's hair. Mr. Buckley said, "It's good karma to help others; you get what you receive."



Mike Colbert, with his wife Erma, left, holds the obituary of Evangelist Shirley Ann Sutton who passed away on December 1, 2019. Mr. Colbert dedicated the night to her because of her tireless effort at making sure the event was a success. Evangelist Shirley Ann Sutton's niece, Pastor Terry Sutton was overcome with joy at the dedication.

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