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# Toledo CSRN holds 2020 Juneteenth holiday with official march and celebration



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Toledo's Royalty Dance Team were on hand to lead Friday's Juneteenth march for freedom and justice all the way to the final rally at the Fredrick Douglass Center

By Michael Daniels  
Journal Staff Writer

On Friday, June 19, 2020, the Official date of the Juneteenth holiday, (CSRN) the Community Solidarity Responses Network organized a march and celebration to remember this important and long-standing historic African-American holiday. Hardly recognized by the public before 2020, this year's local march celebrated freedom and honored the many black lives lost due to injustice and police brutality.

Approximately a group of well over 100 racially diverse people gathered at the Swaynefield Shopping Center parking lot in the 90-degree heat to participate in the symbolic march.

After CSRN members spoke, a line formed behind

Toledo's Royalty Dance Team, who then led the peaceful 1.3 mile march to the Fredrick Douglass Center. Carrying signs of protest and chanting slogans, the marchers left Swaynefield and headed south on Detroit Ave. to Indiana Ave., where they turned and marched east toward downtown and then to the Center.

Once they arrived at the Doug, marchers enjoyed the second part of the day's celebration. They were able to sit down and rest under the shady trees and listen to the beautiful and relaxing music preformed live by the Toledo Symphony String Quartet. The Quartet also featured vocalist Ebone Waweru, who sang an array of old Negro Spirituals, that seemed to be pleasing to the ear and soothing to the soul.

As the program continued the CSRN members explained the significance of Juneteenth and the reason for the march.

Julian Mack: spokesperson for the organization said,

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CSRN member Ruth Leonard waves the Pan-African Flag at the Juneteenth 2020 rally.



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A diverse group of people showed up at the Swaynefield Shopping Center parking lot to participate in Friday's June 19th Juneteenth 2020 march and celebration.

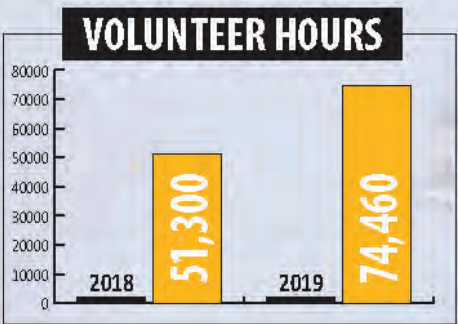


# Facts to Note

In 2019, the AOoA served over 36,000 individuals

## KINSHIP NAVIGATOR

In 2019, the AOoA's Kinship Navigator Program provided information and resources to over **1,800 grandparents** and relatives raising children and over **2,800 children**. This help included over **200 backpacks** with school supplies, hundreds of turkeys and hams for the holidays, meal boxes during the Coronavirus Crisis and more.



## RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)

The AOoA's RSVP volunteers provided over **74,000 hours** of service in 2019.

# Sandwich Generation

Holly Foust gets help through the Area Office on Aging's Kinship Navigator Program for raising her nephew, Howard, as well as through the Area Office on Aging's Caregiver Support Program for caring for her mother, Josephine. Holly said, "The Area Office on Aging has been a huge help to me as I raise my nephew and care for my Mom who moved into my home two years ago."



While Howard and Holly enjoy the summer weather outside, her mother remains in the home during the Coronavirus Crisis.

"Kinship Navigator has been very helpful with information and resources needed to I raise my two great nephews," said Beverly Byrd.



Beverly Byrd raises her great nephews, Ja Michael and Johnny

# Celebrating Life!



Frances Dunson is one of 100 older adults who normally receive at least weekly visits from trained volunteers age 55 and better. These visits provide the older adults with socialization as well as a safety check. All the volunteers who visit her on a regular basis surprised her with drive-by birthday celebration parade on her 100th birthday that moved her to tears.



# Safety & Healthy Solutions

## WELL-CHECK CALLS

The AOoA has made over **24,000 well-checks** to older northwest Ohioans to make sure they are staying safe, to provide them with socialization and to connect them with any other services or resources they may need.

This was a new program in 2019 that started in partnership with ProMedica focusing on calling their home care patients, but has since expanded to include over **10,000 additional older northwest Ohioans**.



Charlene McClendon prepares to make an outgoing call.

## Free Produce Available for Eligible Older Adults

Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, for free for Ohioans age 60 and better with limited incomes. If those age 60 and better haven't already done so, they may contact the Office Area of Aging to apply by either going to [AreaOfficeOnAging.com](http://AreaOfficeOnAging.com) to apply or by calling 419-382-0624.

To be eligible for the program, the Ohio resident must be 60 years of age or older, have an annual income of \$23,107 or less as a single person or combined income of \$31,284 or less for a ohusehold of two. The coupons can be used for fresh local produce like sweet corn, blueberries, zucchini, tomatoes, peaches, apples, greens and cucumbers.

After submitting an application for this program, those who are eligible, will then have the coupons mailed to them beginning in mid-July.

These coupons can be used as cash at over 100 local farmers markets and farm stands. This program served over 18,000 older northwest Ohioans last year.

This is the first year older northwest Ohioans can apply for the program by filling out the simple application form on-line at [AreaOfficeOnAging.com](http://AreaOfficeOnAging.com)

Many who are eligible for this program are also eligible for additional programs, services and benefits.



What are your thoughts on the four Toledo City Councilmembers arrested for bribery?



Mary Williams  
Drug Counselor

They're innocent until proven guilty. But the small sums of money they're being accused of taking isn't worth losing their positions, and going to jail. It's that fact that makes me wonder if there's more to this story then what's being told.



Michael Cavanaugh  
Teacher

Politics is a dirty game, but it only seems like the black ones are accused of some type of illegal activity. We all know illegal activity has been going on in politics since the beginning of its formation. So, I would need more information about the accusations, before rendering a decision.



Dr. Victor Coleman Jr.  
Entrepreneur

They're innocent until proven guilty. I need to see more information, then what has been conveyed by the media, in order for me to form an opinion. I've seen each one of them admirably represent their district over the years. I'm just hoping they receive a fair trial.



Tara Turner-Hughes  
Nursing Student

I need more information before I form an opinion. But I do think it's awfully strange that after years of investigation, by the FBI, that they decide to make arrests the day City Council was to vote on law enforcement reform. The media makes it seems as if they're the first and only ones guilty, if they're guilty, of this type of crime, when we all know other people have been doing it for years.



Wayne Golliday  
Postal Worker

They're innocent until proven guilty. What's the real crime is the fact the FBI spent a lot of money, over the years, only to arrest the council people on such small amounts of money. The FBI spent more with the investigation, then what the council people are accused of; to me, that's the real crime. And given the amount of work each of them has put in to better their district, would have to be taken into consideration.

Ongoing Events

**Grace Community Center Free Food Pantry**  
In an effort to continue to serve our community during these trying times.....Grace Community Center has expanded its Food Pantry operations. The hours of service are M-F, 10 am – 3 pm. Children may also receive grab & go lunches from the hours of 11 -1 M-F. Eligible Seniors in need of food assistance please call for delivery options at 419-248-2467. Elaine Page, Executive Director, Grace Community Center, 406 W. Delaware.

**Every Tuesday and Saturday  
Toledo Masjid Al-Isalm Through  
Tarbiyyatul Haqq Ministries Free Food Pantry**  
Located at 722 E. Bancroft St., Toledo, OH 43608. Available Tues. 9-2 and Sat 11-3 every week.

**Senior Centers Closed**  
At the advice of the local health commissioners, the following senior centers are still closed.

- Lucas County senior centers
- Sandusky County senior centers
- Williams County senior centers
- Wood County senior centers

The Area Office on Aging is recommending that all senior centers contact their participants and determine if anyone needs home-delivered meals, medical or personal supplies or any assistance during the period of closure. Additionally, the Area Office on Aging is

recommending that a core team remain accessible to older adults and caregivers as needs arise.

**Every Tuesday  
Monroe Street Neighborhood Center's Free Food Pantry**  
Open from 11:00am-1:00pm. Everyone is eligible to benefit from this service regardless of income or circumstance. No identification required, no appointments necessary. Protein, canned goods, fresh produce and baked goods are available. Items may vary weekly.

**Every 3rd Saturday  
River of Life Church**  
Hosts "The Storehouse" free food distribution from 11:00am to 1:00pm , 3611 Upton Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43613. Ephesians 6:7 - NLT - Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

**Summer Park Programs**  
The City of Toledo is proud to partner with Athletes Global, a global organization dedicated to helping youth, families, and communities by teaching leadership skills through educational, fitness, and sports programs. Zumba Kids classes are high energy dance parties that incorporate fitness in a natural way. Children of all shapes, sizes, and abilities are welcome! Ages 8-13. Free Registration Required: toledo.oh.gov/zumba

- Navarre Park: July 8, 15, and 22 11:15-12:15 p.m. - 1001 White St., Toledo, Ohio 43605

- Savage Park: July 31, Aug.7 and 14, 12:30-1:30 p.m. - 650 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43604
- Practical self-defense combines MMA Bootcamp fitness, mental, physical stamina drawn from Boxing, Muay Thai, Grappling, BJJ, and Judo training for world-class mixed martial arts instruction. Free Registration Required: toledo.oh.gov/self-defense
- Wilson Park: July 14, and 21, 10-11 a.m. - 600 E. Oakland St., Toledo, Ohio 43608
- Navarre Park: July 30, Aug. 6 and 13, 11:15-12:15 p.m. - 1001 White St., Toledo, Ohio 43605
- Ottawa Park: July 8, 15, and 22, 11:15-12:15 p.m. - 2200 Kenwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43606

Fun fitness focuses on overall health and activity, teaching kids to develop self confidence, learn body awareness and develop a life-long love of being active. Ages 8-13. Free Registration Required: toledo.oh.gov/fun-fitness

- Wilson Park: July 29, Aug. 5 and 12, 10-11 a.m., 600 E. Oakland St., Toledo, Ohio 43608
- Walbridge Park: July 10, 17, and 24, 1:45-2:45 p.m., 2761 Broadway St., Toledo, Ohio 43609
- Ottawa Park: July 30, Aug. 6 and 13, 11:15-12:15 p.m., 2200 Kenwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43606

Yoga classes improve balance, flexibility, and posture while increasing students focus, discipline and concentration. Leadership development and nutritional education included. Free Registration Required: toledo.oh.gov/yoga

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WHEN THINGS GET TOUGH  
COUNT ON US

THANK YOU  
TEAMSTERS

Mark Schmiehausen, President



Is This A Now Or Never Moment?



By Lafe Tolliver,  
Attorney-at-law

The singing group, The Temptations, had a popular song that was entitled, "A Ball of Confusion!"

It was a musical lament on the sordid state of affairs in the US of A that was in progress back in the Sixties and Seventies.

A ball of confusion would aptly characterize the underlying sentiments of what is occurring in the nation with a wannabee autocrat at the helm with his shameless Attorney General Will Barr as his trusty lapdog.

It appears that the dystopian theater call governance is in no wise abating anytime soon because Americans are seemingly caught in a political crossfire not knowing whom to believe about basic core issues of fairness and justice.

The public murder of George Floyd, et. al., ignited a firestorm of national and international protests but unless and until legislators feel the heat of an angry public, they will pass a modicum of tepid bills aimed at putting out the fire but not putting an axe to the rotted roots of the tree.

The biggest tell will be if white America will humble itself and take its medicine and be thoroughly brought to heel and account for its original sin of slavery and its continuing aftermath as evidenced by an unjust legal system, a warped welfare system, criminality in the matter of not dispensing taxpayer funds to the neediest; and not addressing the hot potato issue of reparations.

What is being asked of white America is to come on to the national stage and by way of implication, the world stage; and stand naked and confess that it devised, concocted, manufactured and benefitted from a lie that people of color are inher-



ently inferior to white people.

Also to admit, without reservation, that a total historical retelling is in order regarding their brutal treatment of the Native American tribes, people of color and Asian Americans.

Anything less would be dishonest and would not lead to a reconciliation of all the injured parties.

The Tulsa Massacre along with the recorded massacres of Native Americans and other hushed genocides against people of color including acts of violence and economic exploitation of poor whites would require a proper historical examination and confessional that would last for years. Three good reads (among hundreds of extant books) on these subjects would be the tomes entitled, Stamped from the Beginning, The Half Has Not Been Told and When Affirmative Action Was White.

When Herr Trump threatened imprisonment for those who would trash American icons in the form and fashion of Confederate statutes, he was simply saying what his base believed and that is: White Supremacy is still the order of the day and if he has his say so, it will remain that way!

Unless you can fully comprehend that America, from its inception never had a plan to treat people of color as people of equal honor or being equally made in the image of God, you will continue to wander in abject darkness.

The Big Lie that was concocted was that America is a white man's country ordained by God and its manifest destiny was for the sole benefit of the Anglo-Saxon and not the Native American tribes, who possessed and owned the land and who were merely speedbumps on Amer-

ica's way to a shore to shore Caucasian hegemony.

History is told to us by the victor and the victor writes both the history books and the rule books; and if you have a contrary understanding of what really transpired, you are deemed a persona non gratis.

When the highest office in the land is occupied by a person who by all accounts is an intellectual moron and is bereft of any moral compass and is willing to do whatever it takes to achieve his goals. That is when you see the liar Michael Flynn being freed from any further legal prosecution for his crimes and those who "snitch" like Michael Cohen, remain in jail.

It is no longer sufficient to vent and rage about the obvious moral failings of Herr Trump or his proficiency in lying or remark about his addled brain spewing out incoherent sentences or he being enamored with tin horn dictators.

That is who he is, and he no longer is even trying to hide his disdain of minorities or the plights of the George Floyds or the Sandra Blands or his intense envy of former President Obama (Obama is everything Trump would want to be, but never will be!).

Herr Trump gladly slanders Obama with the word, traitor and that he has committed treason (of course without a shred of evidence and which evidence is not to be found in a sane world). For Trump knows by simply invoking his name, his base will howl to the moon and call for his political scalp.

America is witnessing a decline, temporary or otherwise, in both the quality of its civic discourse and its inability to spot a con in its midst because the con speaks to the evil that resides in their own hearts

and as such, Trump is a fellow traveler with them.

What will be a grave danger for this American republic that has taken some serious hits to its gut, will be the dangerous time frame from the results of the November election to the time that Herr Trump is supposed to leave public office.

He will not go quietly into the night. He will shout, like the madman that he is, that the election was a fraud and the deep state manufactured millions of illegal votes and as such, until he investigates what happened, he will, by executive order, remain in office and have William Barr conduct an investigation.

However in the meantime between the time of the results of the Fall election and to the proper date of the swearing in of the new president, Herr Trump can and will cause some serious political and economic carnage by means of imperious executive orders and mouth slapping statements that will have the country reeling with fear and exhaustion.

If need be, who will have the political courage to take him by the scuff of his neck and led him to the front door of the White House and give him the boot?

Or, will he bunker himself in the White House and issue a call for his minions to march on Washington and save his cowardly self from the pending state and federal criminal indictments?

That above time frame will be fraught with political intrigue as Trump defies the law and dares the powers that be, to come and get him, if they dare!

My answer to the above? Simple: Buckle Up...Buttercup!

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A Moment or a Movement?  
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"George Floyd should not be among the deceased. He did not die of common health conditions. He died of a common American criminal justice malfunction." Rev.

Al Sharpton June 4, 2020

I understand Rev. Sharpton's point, but to cast this lynching in the context of a "malfunction" is to lose site of the much broader historical context in which African's in America and later African-Americans have existed since 1619. I am not inferring that it was Rev. Sharpton's intent, but to cast this horror in the context of a "malfunction", is to give America a pass. We can no longer afford to do that.

The total disregard for George Floyd as a human being, coupled with a hatred for the Black community that Officer Derek Chauvin took an oath to protect and serve, led to the lynching on May 25. Chauvin was sending a message to the community by holding his knee on Mr. Floyd's neck in broad daylight. "Black people, know your place, understand your place

and stay in your place". Even the knowledge that he was being videotaped didn't deter Chauvin. His inhumanity towards Mr. Floyd as his life was slowly choked out of his handcuffed body emanates from America's historic inhumanity towards people of color since Tristan de Luna established the short-lived settlement at Pensacola Bay in 1559.

This hatred is woven into the very fabric of America. It is in the founding documents of this country. It's evident in Supreme Court decisions and the blowback from America's dominant culture to any modicum of success achieved by African Americans (The Red Summer of 1919 or Tulsa 1921). A clear and indisputable pattern is obvious. Within this historic context, this atrocity captured on

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SAYIN' GOODBYE TO SOME OL' FRIENDS....

By Lafe Tolliver,  
Attorney-at-law

You know, saying goodbye to old friends can be a tough emotional ordeal. I mean, after all, you have come to know them as if they were literally members of your family. You have conversed with them for years, shared your hopes and dreams with them. Whenever you had a set back in life, there they were, comforting you with their advice or other substances that they were warmly known for. Such friends stood the test of time. When others forsook you, they were there with a helping hand or a kind word or just a broad smile which said, "I am here, and everything is going to be alright!" Ah...! Such comfort. Such reassurance. A needed oasis in a dark time. They had your back and you knew it and that gave you the strength and ability to journey on in what seemed to be a hostile world populated by a host of equally hostile people. These friends were never judgmental. They never rebuked you for your peccadilloes. They were full of mercy knowing that mercy can be a scare commodity and as such it is valued and precious. But, when those friends end their sojourn and are no longer available or are silenced by the aging of time or changing sentimentality, you quietly take moments to mourn their passing; and you meditate on their substantial contributions to your life and how wonderful they were. Who knows? It may take months or years for you to come to a resting place in your life that you can finally accept that they are gone and are not to return. No more smiling faces or witty sayings...just profound silence as you talk to them during your times of grief and loss, hoping against hope that they will somehow reappear, just once, to say all is well. Well, the black community will lose

three or four such friends or is in the process of losing those close confidants who laughed when you laughed and cried when you cried. I will, with a heavy heart, say a final goodbye to my following friends: AUNT JEMIMA! Who could of thunk it that the bandana wearing grandmother for the ages would be retired from her eternal perch on the pancake mix box! But, it is true. The owners of that venerated image have decided to retire good ol' auntie to the dustbin of history and with that sudden retirement, goes hundreds of childhood memories of waking up to Auntie whipping up a batch of dem good ol' pancakes! Oh, the smell of those delicious circles of syrup covered flap jacks would have you jumping out of bed and making a bee line for the kitchen so you could thank Auntie once again for her loving kindness of making your day, great! Now, with auntie being told to turn in her bandana and scarf and with you, with little or no chance to say a formal goodbye to auntie, you are left with the sinking feeling that all is not right with the world. Nope. Not at all right. Breakfast will never be the same again without a smiling Aunt Jemima. UNCLE BEN! Don't go there! Of all people, how dare anyone creep up on THE Uncle to the Black Community and dismiss him as being no longer relevant or hip! How dare you sir! How dare you! Uncle Ben stood the test of time with his pleasant smile and the familiarity of his or



ange rice box being a go to favorite for families for decades upon decades. Uncle Ben was one of us. Oh sure, he was made fun of since he was not sporting an Afro or demanding reparations, but the Uncle knew the deal and he stuck to his bargain and smiled at us from his lofty perch on the box; and told us in no uncertain words, "Everything will work out for the best!" When things got tough and you needed a break, it was a simple reflex to reach for the orange box and, "Voila!" there was Uncle Ben giving you a thumbs up sign that you would make it regardless of the challenges. THE CHEF ON THE CREAM OF WHEAT BOX! No, not him! Now, this is getting personal. I grew up on Cream of Wheat! I still make it now at home! I use sugar and margarine and make the cereal so stiff so that the spoon can literally stand up on its own in the bowl. They say his early name was, Rastus, but to me he was a hospitable gentle-

man in his white chef's hat and a smile that said, "Regardless of what they say about me, I am here for you!" I raised my three kids on Cream of Wheat! I feed it to my grandkids. When I sit down to eat a bowl of Cream of Wheat and I look at the picture of the chef on the box, I can imagine him winking at me and asking me about my plans for the day. Now, white corporate America is having feelings of racial guilt and will have those three family members removed from their advertisements (including a kindly and soft-spoken Mrs. Butterworth syrup of all people!) and will "reimagine" those historical images. Is nothing sacred? So, I say, with a heavy heart, goodbye to the Chef, to the Uncle, to Mrs. Butterworth and to my favorite aunt, Aunt Jemima and hope that one day they will get together, reminisce and have a good laugh about how they became synonymous with good eats, being politically correct and racial politics Lafe Tolliver, Attorney comments to: tolliver@juno.com

A Moment or a Movement? The Blowback Will Tell

continued from page 4 video, this act of domestic terrorism was America in action. The power of the State as carried out through Officer Chauvin was in full effect. This was no malfunction...it was business as usual. Our ancestors were brought to these shores for only one purpose; free labor. Our task was to perform all the requisite dirty work to build an economy and empire for Europe. The so-called "christians" who swore in the Mayflower Compact of 1620 that they undertook, "...for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the first Colony in the northern Parts of Virginia..." could not reconcile their inhumane treatment of their African captives with their "christianity". To absolve themselves of the dilemma posed by the true Christian ethic that God created man in his own image, the Europeans slowly dehumanized their captives and codified this in law and constitution. Examine the Laws of Virginia: • Act XII 1662, "children got by Englishmen upon a Negro woman, is the child slave or free?" The status of the child shall be determined by the status of the mother. • Act II 1667 addresses, "What happens to the status of a baptized slave?" Answer: "the conferring of baptism doth not alter the condition of person as to his bondage..." • Act I 1669, a master cannot be charged with murder for the "casual killing of slaves" since no one in their right mind would destroy their own

property. By 1669, the enslaved were no longer persons, they were no longer human; they were property. The Constitution gave us the Three Fifths Compromise, the Fugitive Slave Provision (the constitutional validation for slave patrols, the early form of American policing) and allowed for the importation of enslaved Africans for twenty years, until January 1, 1808. In 1857 the Supreme Court via Chief Justice Taney gave us the Dred Scott decision, validating the belief that all blacks -- enslaved as well as free -- were not and could never become citizens of the United States. The framers of the Constitution, he wrote, believed that blacks "had no rights which the white man was bound to respect..." These are a few examples of what is meant by structural or "institutional racism". Stripping our ancestors of their humanity, relegating them to the position of property or things and codifying it in the founding documents and court decisions of this country. This is not a malfunction; this is the machine operating as designed! Yes, there has been legislation and court decisions that have amended and/or eliminated many of these laws from the books. The Brown decision, the 64' Civil Rights Act, the 65' Voting Rights Act and the Fair Housing Act were all great legal and legislative advancements. This progress has lulled us to sleep with a false sense of accomplishment and optimism. The reality remains that legislation alone does not do anything to disabuse those in power and those they represent of the

controlling mindset of this country, of the notion that African-Americans are less than human. For example...banning the chokehold is a great idea, but that same banned chokehold is what killed Eric Garner. Until we get to the real crux of the issue, the controlling and racist mindset of an entire criminal justice system that turns a blind eye to choking, shooting unarmed suspects and not holding officers accountable when they use excessively violent tactics, nothing substantive will change. Jury verdicts validating police abuse and police departments staging sickouts to protest fellow officers being charged with crimes is evidence of the machine making corrections to protect itself. Are the ongoing protests a moment or a movement? The jury is still out. The verdict will be determined by the blowback that comes from this moment and how those who are protesting and advocating for change respond to it. The response to judicial and legislative advancements is always substantive blowback. The Supreme Court has dismantled the Voting Rights Act and conservative groups have escalated voter suppression tactics such as The Crosscheck Program. The Supreme Court has made it more difficult to prove discrimination under the Civil Rights Act. The election of Donald Trump was blowback to the election of Barak Obama as was Sen. McConnell's not allowing the nomination of Merrick Garland to go forward. The American ethos of exceptionalism and the illusion of white supremacy are under attack. The battle is

playing out right before our eyes on both the foreign and domestic fronts. You cannot separate the racist aggression being carried out against people of color in the streets of the US by the State (aka the police) and the racist aggression being carried out by the US against Venezuela, Bolivia, Afghanistan, Zimbabwe, Yemen, Libya and Syria (just to name a few). Dr. King warned us about the three major evils: "poverty, global racial oppression and militarism"... King told us, "And we must face the hard fact that many Americans would like to have a nation which is a democracy for white Americans but simultaneously a dictatorship over black Americans." Too many white Americans are insecure and losing their footing in the shifting sands of the quest for ethnic equality in America. How those of good conscience and morality respond to the violent blowback will determine if and how the country can move from this moment of unrest and uncertainty to a movement of peace and equality. I am certain that we will never get there until Congress and others stop wading in the safety of the shallow waters of chokeholds and panels and begin to swim into the deep waters of the real issue... the racist ethos of America. Dr. Wilmer Leon is the Producer/ Host of the nationally broadcast call-in talk radio program "Inside the Issues with Leon," on SiriusXM Satellite radio channel 126. Go to www.wilmerleon.com or email: wjl3us@yahoo.com. www.twitter.com/drleon and Dr. Leon's Prescription at Facebook.com © 2020 InfoWave Communications, LLC



# Toledo holds 2020 Juneteenth holiday with official march and celebration



Other participates in the Juneteenth rally at the Fredrick Douglass Center were (L-R) Deborah Barnett: Toledo-Lucas County 2020 Census Coordinator, Anita Madison: Toledo Coordinator of the Ohio Unity Coalition with Ohio Unity Coalition Volunteers Vera Davis and Darnell Corbitt.



March and rally organizers (L-R) Reggie Williams: Executive Director of the Fredrick Douglass Center is shown here with CSRN members Ruth Leonard: CSRN Administrative Lead, Julian Mack: CSRN Spokesperson, Bro. Washington Mohammad: CSRN Co-Founder, and Jodie L. Summers: CSRN Treasure at the end of a successful Friday June 19th 2020, Juneteenth march and celebration.



Marchers arriving at the at The Fredrick Douglass Center for the Juneteenth rally.

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“Today we celebrated how far we’ve been and how far we have to go. Juneteenth is a historical day, it is the day in 1865 when the last American slaves in Galveston, Texas learned that they were free two years after the Emancipation Proclamation had ended slavery. In that spirit, when we think of all the work our ancestors have done for our freedom, we honor them and gathered here today in gratitude. We also marched today to bring attention to the gross injustices that we are still experiencing today and to achieve the unity we need to overcome these injustices, and we shall overcome,” said Mr. Mack.

Also participating in the Juneteenth rally was Deborah Barnett the Toledo-Lucas County 2020 Census Coordinator.

She was on hand to encourage everyone about the importance of completing the 2020 Census. In addition, Anita Madison the Toledo Coordinator of the Ohio Unity Coalition was there to help marchers register to vote.

Juneteenth in the past has been largely ignored by the general public, with exception of The Toledo Journal, who has publicized it every year in June, to educate their readers of some of America’s African American history.

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# Powell's Beauty & Barber Supply celebrates Juneteenth

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN  
Journal Staff Writer

Fifty-six years ago, Calvin Powell, owner of Powell's Beauty & Barber Supply Store, 901 Nebraska, told The Toledo Journal, he earned his financial freedom when he first opened his store.

"At the time, there was no store selling black hair care products. And when I first opened up, I finally felt free, and in control of things in my life," he said.

On Saturday, June 20, Mr. Powell held his fifth citywide Juneteenth celebration at his store. And, with keeping with the spirit of, "feeling free," he didn't charge the vendors in attendance a fee for

selling their products, while building their business.

"I've always celebrated Juneteenth, and I wanted those, who were participating today, to feel that spirit of freedom, and being in control," Mr. Powell said.

Amongst the business owners present was Shaiem Hampton. "Juneteenth means liberation to me, and I want to see more of our people liberated financially, and socially."

In addition to being a business owner, Mr. Hampton is an adjunct professor, a minister, and a therapist. He pointed out the micro aggressions from a society that still hinders African Americans from feeling free, and in



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Calvin, and Maria Powell, have been hosting the Juneteenth celebration for five years.



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Edwin Rhodes, right, purchases a bracelet from Shaiem Hampton.

control.

He said, for example, African Americans may go seek mental help from people who aren't of the same ethnicity. Being that the therapist who, may have good intentions, doesn't understand the culture of African Americans, may not be able to give him/her the appropriate treatment; due to the failure of not learning the culture of African Americans. Mr. Rhodes said, the unwillingness to understand a people's culture, who a therapist is trying to treat, will not only harm the person seeking help, but

will build up distrust from those seeking help.

Edwin Rhodes purchased a bracelet from Mr. Hampton. "I see Juneteenth as a reflection on self, community, and God, on being able to free ourselves from the misinformation we've been taught, and seek out the information that will free us."

Juneteenth is the celebration of slaves in Texas, receiving information that President Abraham Lincoln had emancipated them three years earlier, in 1862.

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# Kids are Online More These Days, Here is How to Keep Them Safe



(StatePoint) Children can be an amazing gateway to knowledge and a tool to connect with family and friends, if parents and caregivers don't follow certain precautions, it can also pose safety hazards. Indeed, the United Nations has warned that the increased unstructured time online has put millions of children at greater risk of

both cyberbullying and of being exposed to harmful content. Experts note that in the same way financial scammers have been working in overdrive to exploit the current crisis, the internet has also seen a surge of online predators targeting children.

Fortunately, there are effective actions parents can take to help keep kids safe online so that they can continue to reap the educational and social benefits of online use.

- **Have a Dialogue:** While you may be working remotely or otherwise occupied, if possible, try to spend time in the same room as your kids during the day so you can keep tabs on them. An open dialogue can go a long way toward establishing mutual trust between generations. Parents should have a respectful discussion with children about what kinds of activities they are engaging in online and who they are communicating with. This discussion should include what constitutes inappropriate content. Let kids know they can come to you if they are being sent images or messages that fall into this category.
- **Steer Children to Quality Content:** From free educational gaming apps to the online educational resources offered by museums and your local library, actively encourage your kids to explore the wealth of positive content designed for students and young people.
- **Update Devices:** Be sure to keep your family's devices safeguarded from hackers and malware by installing the latest updates.
- **Use New Tools:** New tools can help parents effectively keep screen time in check. For example, by using OurPact, a screen time management solution, parents can limit app access automatically for recurring activities like school or bedtime, and can block or grant internet access on a child's device any time. With the app, parents can even view screenshots of kids' digital activity on Apple devices (this feature will be available on Android soon.)

"These abilities allow families to create and maintain a well-balanced schedule, while also offering parents a valuable tool for protecting their kids from unsafe content and people," says Michele Havner, director of marketing for Euri Corp., makers of OurPact.

To learn more or download, visit [OurPact.com](http://OurPact.com).

While the current crisis has created new online hazards that families should be aware of, parents can be proactive about keeping kids safe.

## Meet the 28-Year Old Black Woman Who Owns Her Own Accredited International College



**Black News** - At 28-years old, Caroline Esinam Adzogble is the youngest woman in Ghana and in all of Africa to launch her very own accredited international college. She established Potters International College in 2016 when she was just 24-years old as an institution that offers career training programs to both workers and students to make them professionally-ready in the field of technology.

Caroline, who is now a successful entrepreneur, educationist, business coach, diversity maverick, and an advocate for women and girls in technology, was still studying Business Administration and Computer Science when she initially launched the school in 2012 as an IT Training Institution called AITC.

Aside from Potters International College, Caroline is also the founder of IAES Africa, a platform for international student recruitment and institutional partnerships. Currently, it successfully recruits across 43 countries and partners with several institutions across all continents.

She is also the president and co-founder of Caroline University with fellow entrepreneur Kwame A.A Opoku. Some of her other ventures are Admission in 30 Minutes, Everyday Travels and Tours, and Caroline Technology Solutions.

Despite all her success, she never forgets to give back. She is also the president of Mercy Heart Foundation which provides merit-based scholarships for students to study abroad on a tuition-free basis.

According to Face2Face Africa, Caroline is a known globally recognized advocate for education with more than 10 years of professional experience in international consulting. She comments, "I am on the quest to uplift education within Africa and beyond... to make education the most accessible and affordable to students located in over 146 countries."

For more details about Caroline Esinam Adzogble, visit [CarolineEsinam.com](http://CarolineEsinam.com) or follow her on Facebook

## Here's How Albert Einstein Responded to Racism



Albert Einstein, often considered to be a genius and the most influential physicist of his time, is described by credible sources as both a racist and a civil rights activist.

Einstein was born in Germany in 1855 to secular, middle-class Jewish parents. He went on to win the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1921 for his explanation of the photoelectric effect. He died in 1955 in Princeton, New Jersey. During his life, he traveled extensively and often shared his opinions with scientific journalists and mainstream media.

According to Forbes, during Einstein's travels throughout Asia in the 1920s, he used a lot of "racist language" to describe the people of China and Sri Lanka (then called Ceylon). If true, this is no doubt very disturbing and unacceptable. However, Einstein never seemed to have such feelings towards persons of African descent.

In fact, in 1946, Einstein traveled to Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, the alma mater of Langston Hughes and Thurgood Marshall, and the first school in America to grant college degrees to African Americans, according to The Harvard Gazette. While there he delivered a powerful speech called "Racism: A Disease of White People".

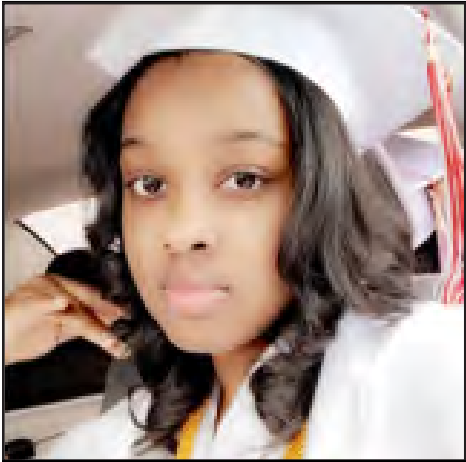
A book entitled Einstein on Race and Racism by Fred Jerome and Rodger Taylor confirms this. These authors assert that Einstein spoke out vigorously against racism both in the United States and around the world. They also insist that the brilliant scientist had a very close relationship with the African American community, and was close long-time friends with the likes of Paul Robeson and W.E.B. Du Bois.

While teaching at Princeton University, Einstein reportedly "realized that African Americans in Princeton were treated like Jews in Germany" and once paid the college tuition of a young Black man from the local community. He also reportedly once invited Marian Anderson to stay at his home when the singer was refused a room at a local hotel.

So why didn't biographers and mainstream media ever cover this?



# What type of year has this been for you leading up to and including your graduation?



### Blake Young

Blake Young is the daughter of Starr Young. Blake ranked second in her graduating class at Rogers High School. While at Rogers she was a member of the National Honor’s Society, and AVID; she was a cheerleader, and the captain of her team during her senior year. Like many students, her biggest challenge

was the Coronavirus Pandemic which caused her to finish her senior year of school, at home, and online. Blake will be attending Central State University on a full ride scholarship. She will be majoring in social work. Her ultimate goal is to become a parole officer and help inmates, returning to society, to not reoffend.

### Tanijah Kynard

Tanijah Kynard is the daughter of Tanika Kynard. Tanijah graduated from the University of Toledo with a Master’s Degree in Business Administration. She graduated Cum Laude with an accumulative GPA of 3.69. Tanijah was a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, National Association for Bilingual Education, National Society of Black Engineers, and the Association for Advancement of African

American Women. The biggest challenge Tanijah faced while earning her Master’s Degree, was trying to finance her education with scholarships, and grants, while working full time as a personal banker. Her long term goal is to serve on a board for a marketing team, and establish a scholarship for African American college students majoring in business related fields.



## NASA honors first black female Engineer *Agency Headquarters to be named after Mary W. Jackson*

ByTyrone “Doc T” Taborn  
Publisher and Chief Content Officer at  
Career Communications Group

NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine announced Wednesday the agency’s headquarters building in Washington, D.C., will be named after Mary W. Jackson, the first Black female engineer at NASA. Mary started her career in the segregated West Area Computing Unit of the agency’s Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. A mathematician and aerospace engineer, she went on to lead programs influencing the hiring and promotion of women in NASA’s science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers. The work of the West Area Computing Unit caught national attention in the 2016 Margot Lee Shetterly book “Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race.” The book was



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**Ms. Mary W. Jackson, NASA Engi-  
neer** made into a popular movie that same year and Jackson’s character was played by award-winning actress Janelle Monáe. “NASA facilities across the country are named after people who dedicated their lives to push the frontiers of the aerospace industry,” said Bridenstine in

the statement. “The nation is beginning to awaken to the greater need to honor the full diversity of people who helped pioneer our great nation. We know there are many other people of color and diverse backgrounds who have contributed to our success, which is why we’re continuing the conversations started about a year ago with the agency’s Unity Campaign. NASA is dedicated to advancing diversity, and we will continue to take steps to do so.”

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# Top Five Ways for Older Adults to Stay Cool on a Budget

By: Justin Moor  
Area Office On Aging

Due to the high heat in the weather forecast, the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc. (AOoA) cautions older adults who are most vulnerable to heat-related illnesses about the importance of staying cool. For many older adults who are living on a limited income, this can be a challenge. Here are five ways older adults can stay cool on a budget:

1. Keep your curtains closed – While blackout curtains are best, keeping the curtains, blinds and shades in the home now shut during the day can reduce by 30% the unwanted heat that comes the house.
2. Putting a bowl of ice in front of a fan – Filling a metal mixing bowl and placing it at an angle in front of a fan will make it feel as if a nice sea breeze is blowing through your home.
3. Drinking cold non-alcoholic beverages – Staying hydrated with cold non-alcoholic beverages, helps keep the body cool.



4. Cold cloths - Applying a cold cloth to your neck and wrists can help regulate the temperature of the body.
  5. Get help with utility payments, air conditioners and fans – Many older adults with limited incomes are eligible for help with utility payments, air conditioners, and fans by contacting Pathway at 567-803-0010. This is for older adults with an income of \$1,835.34 or less for a single-person household or \$2,479.73 or less for a two-person household.
- Due to the Governor's Stay at Home Order, it is even more critical for neighbors and loved ones to check on the well-being of older adults they know to make sure they are safe. The AOoA is also conducting

wellness phone checks to make sure vulnerable and at-risk older adults are safe. Additionally, the AOoA is encouraging its 180 provider organizations, such as senior centers, home-delivered meal providers, home care agencies, and others to check on the older adults and family caregivers they serve.

In contrast to violent weather events that cause extensive physical destruction, the hazards of extreme heat are dramatically less apparent, especially at the onset. In fact, similar weather conditions in Chicago in 1995 led to heat-related deaths of over 750 people, most of whom were seniors. We remind the community to check on older or disabled family members or neighbors who live alone or may be experiencing problems coping with the heat.

### Bonus ways to reduce the risk of heat-related illness

- Plan any outside activities for the coolest times of the day – before noon and in the evening
- Stay in cool places such as shopping malls.
- Avoid caffeine and alcoholic beverages - they accelerate the effects of heat exhaustion
- Avoid heavy meals. Choose lighter meals & cooler foods – salads, sandwiches, fruit, etc.
- Since aging can cause decreased thirst sensation, older adults should drink water, natural juices or other fruit drinks throughout the day, even if they don't feel thirsty.

**Note:** If on a special fluid-restricted diet or taking diuretics, consult your physician about fluid intake during hot weather

Signs of Heat Exhaustion: Headache, sluggishness or fatigue, thirst, blurred vision, nausea or upset stomach, vomiting, profuse sweating, a moderate increase in body temperature

Treatment: Fan or move out into air-conditioning; apply cool, wet cloths; take small sips of water; if the condition does not improve, call 911!

Signs of Heat Stroke: Heat stroke is a much more serious condition. Signs include: headache, sluggishness or fatigue, dizziness, disorientation, agitation or confusion, seizures, hot dry skin (absence of sweating), increased (inner) body temperature, loss of consciousness, rapid heartbeat, hallucinations – **Call 911 immediately** - heatstroke can be deadly! Until help arrives to treat the same way as with heat exhaustion (described above).

For older adults in need of services to remain safely at home, they may contact the Area Office on Aging at 419-382-0624 or visit [www.AreaOfficeOnAging.com](http://www.AreaOfficeOnAging.com).

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# Chinese Americans side with Black Lives Matter

## We're All in this Together



By: Rosemary Eng  
Wire Writer

(BlackmansStreet.Today) - The video of George Floyd was "transformational" for all of America," said former Washington State Gov. Gary Locke, now interim president of Bellevue College, at a Zoom discussion on Asian American Allyship for Black Lives Matter. "We (Asians) simply have to be involved."

Hosted by the Museum of Chinese in America (MOCA) in New York City on Freedom Day, Juneteenth, this event was part of the burgeoning pan-racial sense of outrage at racial discrimination in the United States following Floyd's death.

Watching Floyd die was a graphic lesson to Asian Americans on what African Americans have suffered.

Asian Americans may be ignorant about the difficult experiences of other minorities, but they are likely also in the dark about the history of Asian discrimination in this country as well, he said.

Especially if they are recent immigrants, they likely know nothing about the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 which banned the immigration of Chinese laborers to the United States, he said. Additional legislation in 1892 and 1904 renewed the ban, which was not lifted until 1943. This was the first law in American history preventing a specific ethnic group from entry. Locke, who served in the Obama administration as US Secretary of Commerce, said Washington State enacted the alien land laws (circa 1889) which prohibited land ownership by residents who were ineligible to citizenship. This law was designed to target Chinese and Japanese but also encompassed Native Americans, South Asians, Koreans and many other groups.

Second and third generation Chinese Americans don't know their own history. "We are only now beginning to have that conversation and that we have our own issues to confront," he said.

Following the first wave of Chinese who came to help build the Transcontinental Railroad were waves of other Chinese and Asians, like people from Taiwan, the Philippines, said Frank H. Wu, who in July will become 11th president of Queens College, City University of New York. He'll be the first Asian American in that position.

Wu was a law professor at Howard University, a historically black university in Washington, D.C., from 1995 to 2004. co-speaker at Allyship for Black Lives Matter, Wu pointed out there are divisions within the Chinese community, like those identifying with the Republic of China (Taiwan) and those with the PRC (Peoples Republic of China). There are language divisions, like speakers of Mandarin and speakers of Cantonese.

Locke said some Chinese had been raised to feel animosity towards Japanese after the Japanese invaded China. They may not be aware that the Japanese in the U.S. were interned here during World War II.

Wu pointed out that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which enacted new rights for African Americans also benefitted immigrant minorities in the U.S.

“Asian Americans may be ignorant about the difficult experiences of other minorities, but they are likely also in the dark about the history of Asian discrimination in this country as well”

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## In Memory Of



## Vincent Parker

Vincent Parker was born December 10, 1971 and departed this life peacefully on June 16, 2020. Vincent was preceded in death by his grandfathers Albert Turner, Jr., Edmond Parker, Sr., sister Edwina, and uncle Derrall Turner. He is survived by his grandmothers Alice Mitchell, Rachel Parker, mother, Cassandra Turner Parker, father, Edmond, sister, Trina (Rodney) Parker Hall, brother, Darnell, and uncle Michael (Janet) Turner. Vincent was the loving soulmate of Sherie Toves; beloved father of Raven, Mekhi, and a baby girl due in October.

Vincent was a proud graduate of Thomas A. DeVibiss High School, Class of 1990, where he excelled in basketball and football. He loved DeVilbiss High School and his many friends there. He enlisted into the United States Navy in 1991. After being honorably discharged, Vincent returned to Toledo to work for the Department of Homeland Security in the Transportation Security Administration. Vincent's gentle spirit and quick smile made him friends with all he met. Vincent's vibrant spirit will forever SHINE. Vincent will be deeply missed by his devoted family, Department of Homeland Security, and Pickaway Correctional Institution staff and friends, as well as virtually everyone who knew him.

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# Actor Chadwick Boseman Rushed to Emergency Room in a Wheelchair With Noticeable Weight Loss

Nationwide — Photos of Black Panther star Chadwick Boseman being rushed to the hospital obviously much skinnier than before have surfaced on the Internet and his fans are getting worried.

Even more concerning, over the weekend, the 42-year old actor was taken to the Santa Monica Medical Center by his fiancée, Taylor Simone. Chadwick was wearing a black face mask and hoodie covered in a white blanket as he was in a wheelchair pushed inside the hospital by a nurse.

Prior to that, he was last seen in public on April 30. Since then, rumors about his health problems have been spreading as he has reportedly lost nearly 50 pounds.

Chadwick became popular for his portrayal of the superhero Black Panther in several Marvel films including the hit movie Black Panther itself. He also played the role of a number of real-life historical figures such as Jackie Robinson in the movies 42, James Brown in Get on Up, and Thurgood Marshall in Marshall.



## Three Signs He's a Keeper



By Pastor W. Eric Croomes

Here are some questions for the ladies: Who ultimately is the right man for you? Which qualities must this man be in possession of in order to satisfy your deepest longing? What man among many will harness the power of the 'keeper'?

Proverbs 24:16 gives us an excellent hint: For a righteous man falls seven times and rises again...

A keeper is a man whose inside-out qualities make him an attractive and viable mate for the opposite sex.

Finding a good man is not rocket science; it's actually quite simple.

In finding the right mate you only have to begin within yourself. When you discover what it is you really desire in a man, you will then align yourself with those innate qualities of a keeper.

Yes, it's important for a keeper to have a financial plan, to have good credit and maybe even be a good handyman around the house. But in the end, it's what's inside of him that will determine his — and by extension your — success!

There are many signs that a man is a 'keeper'. Here are three.

Number One:

He Worships a Higher Power

Simply put, a keeper understands it's bigger than him. The writer Lawren Leo opines, Purpose creates a belief in a higher power, directing you toward your goal on the best path possible.

This is more than determining if a man attends church. If so, that's great.

The man you give your heart and soul to, though, should give his heart and soul to a greater power than himself. Then — and only then — will he give his

best to you.

He gives to causes not only his money, but his time and effort.

So ask yourself: What does he give to? What's his passion? What's important to him? His family comes first but a keeper knows he must reach beyond and contribute to the village.

Number Two:

He is Strong When He Needs to Be Strong

Unresolved anger dominates relationships. It's important to recognize this trait early. A keeper is in touch with his emotions and knows when to activate his leadership skills. He is able to share his opinions democratically in the interests of all. A keeper will value the opinion of his mate.

Some of us think holding on makes us strong; but sometimes it is letting go, writes Hermann Hesse.

This 'letting go' means relinquishing the need for control; to trust one's position as a man and always seek greater clarity and meaning. It also means giving place to one's emotions; to see crying not as a weakness but rather as channel for strength.

Number Three:

He is Self-Motivated

The late great Zig Ziglar used to muse, People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing — that's why we recommend it daily.

What does it take to get to the top? Desire. A keeper does not wait for his ship to come in, he sets out to meet it! When relationships become challenging, he doesn't always take the easy way out. He learns from his mistakes. He is not trapped in his HIS-STORY, but emerges from struggle with a can-do attitude.

This man creates the effect by becoming the cause and studies this relationship assiduously. A keeper knows that he was not born to merely pay bills and raise children; he was born to unfold to his personal best.

Finding a good man is not rocket science when you ascertain what's within.

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## From the Desk of Felicia

### 10 Questions to Ask After the First Date

Nowadays, most first dates can range from being highly interactive to possibly not really engaging with one another because of the location of the date (i.e., movie theater). So I thought about the people who go out on a second date and got past the typical, "What's your favorite color? How many children do you have or want? What do you do for a living?" questions that have already been asked. Now what do you talk about on perhaps the second or third date? With the help of some of my social media friends, here are some great follow-up questions to ask, after the first date with someone:

1. What's your relationship like with your family?
2. What's your relationship history? How many long and short term relationships?
3. Who are the men/women you look up to most in your family or network?
4. How do you handle conflict in a relationship?
5. What does a good and bad day look like for you?
6. What's your favorite indoor/outdoor activities to do in your spare time?
7. What's the best advice you've ever received and why is it the best to you?
8. Do you communicate with any of your ex partners? Excluding co-parenting situations.
9. What does a great date consist of to you?
10. Do you believe in gender identified roles in the home? Examples: The man is the head of the household; women should stay home and clean and care for the children only; etc.

I have to say, number two can be as detailed as you are comfortable with discussing and as broad as you need to be because you don't know this person yet enough to tell them all of your business. I've learned over the years that some women will tell their whole life stories on the first date and by the second date, some of them have already planned their



wedding day with this person. If this is you, take your time and really get to know people while you're dating. Most men however, will quickly generalize their past relationships or be very careful with discussing too many personal details about their life, that early while dating.

You definitely want to ask those challenging questions around resolving conflicts, such as numbers four and five above. Every time you two are together, it won't be all roses for either of you. Sometimes, people just have bad days (or moments as I process them). Learning early how your potential partner handles conflicts within a relationship specifically is key. Their conflict with their boss, siblings or parents will be different than their conflict with you. Again, looking ahead and knowing that times will get tough at some point and knowing how to get through those tough times together, will surely help your relationship long term.



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The successful candidates must possess a Master's degree in Business Administration, Vocational Rehabilitation, Education, Social Work, Counseling, Psychology or related field, plus four (4) years of full-time paid experience community outreach or working with Special Olympics, for individuals with developmental disabilities, including one (1) year of experience in vocational rehabilitation and/or community employment services. Three (3) years of supervisory experience is also required.

All candidates must submit by July 24, 2020 a resume and cover letter along with an employment application, via the online application process which is available at [www.lucasdd.org](http://www.lucasdd.org). If in need of an ADA accommodation, please contact us directly at 419-380-4033.

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PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Commissioners of the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) is preparing to submit its 2021 Annual Plan and the Capital Fund 5- Year Action Plan for 2021-2025 to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The plans are available for review at this link <https://bit.ly/LMHAPlan> on LMHA's website ([www.lucasmha.org](http://www.lucasmha.org)). LMHA invites you to submit comments during the next 45 days to [agrytafey@lucasmha.org](mailto:agrytafey@lucasmha.org).


You are invited to a public hearing on **September 1, 2020** at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom. You must register in advance for this meeting by clicking this link: <https://bit.ly/LMHAZoom912020>. Citizens will be provided pertinent information regarding strategic goals and program activities of the LMHA. Citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing and provide additional comments on the 2021 Annual Plan and Capital Fund 5-Year Action Plan for 2021-2025.

Should attendees require auxiliary aids due to a disability, please contact LMHA at 419-259-9457 or TRS 711, at least one week prior to hearing date.



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**LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**  
Must possess a valid Ohio driver's license and be eligible for coverage under the City's vehicle insurance provider; registration as a Professional Engineer in the State of Ohio; registration as a Professional Surveyor in the State of Ohio desirable.

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The Sylvania Township Trustees are seeking candidates for a full-time Human Resources Officer. Located in Lucas County, Ohio, Sylvania Township has a population of approximately 48,000 (including the City of Sylvania). This position reports to the Township Administrator and is responsible for a wide range of duties relating to human resources. Applicants must be able to demonstrate good judgment and attention to detail while working with highly confidential information in a fast-paced, high-volume environment.

Additional information concerning this position is available at [www.sylvaniatownship.com](http://www.sylvaniatownship.com). A minimum of an Associate degree in Public/Business Administration or related field or other combination of education training and experience deemed comparable as well as 3-5 years of increasingly responsible experience in areas of Human Resources is required. A Bachelor's degree in Public/Business Administration or related field or other combination of education, training, and experience deemed comparable as well as 5 or more years of increasingly responsible experience is desired.

Please submit cover letter, resume, references and salary expectations by 4:00 pm Friday, July 31, 2020 to: Oliver Turner, Administrator, Sylvania Township 4927 N. Holland-Sylvania Rd., Sylvania, OH 43560 or by e-mail to: [oturner@sylvaniatownship.com](mailto:oturner@sylvaniatownship.com).

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## Coming Events

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Walbridge Park: July 27, Aug. 3, and 10, 1:45-2:45 p.m. - 2761 Broadway St., Toledo, Ohio 43609  
Savage Park: July 9, 16, and 23, 12:30-1:30 p.m. - 650 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43604.

### Now Thru Aug. 14th Free Summer Children Lunch Program

Food will be provided free to children Monday through Friday, Now to Aug. 14 through a partnership with the Children's Hunger Alliance for the City of Toledo's Children Feeding Program. (While supplies last. No need to pre-register.). Children's Hunger Alliance staff will be at the following parks, Monday through Friday:

Wilson Park, 600 East Oakland St., Toledo, Ohio 43608, underneath open air shelter, 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Navarre Park, 1001 White St., Toledo, Ohio 43605, pool house/parking lot, 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Savage Park, 650 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, Ohio

## NOTICE FOR PROPOSALS

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY TOLEDO, OHIO

**Notice Is Hereby Given** that Sealed Bids will be received by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority for all labor, material, insurance, and equipment necessary for the Mobile Harbor Crane project located at Facility One, 3518 Lawrence Dr., Toledo, Ohio 43605, in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, to the Port Authority at One Maritime Plaza, Toledo, Ohio 43604. The engineer's estimate is approximately \$5,500,000.00.

Sealed bids will be received at the Port Authority's administrative offices, 1st floor reception area at One Maritime Plaza, Toledo, OH 43604 until Friday, July 17, 2020 at 9:00 AM, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud via conference call. Conference call-in information will be shared in addendum no. 1.

Plans, Specifications, Instructions to Proposers, and Forms of Proposal and Contract are on file and may be obtained by either (1) obtaining hard copies from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, OH 43614, phone 419-385-5303, during normal business hours, or (2) ordering from Becker Impressions, via their website [www.beckerplanroom.com](http://www.beckerplanroom.com) at the cost of reproduction.

Please note there will **NO** pre-bid meeting for this project. Please submit all questions to the Port Authority, Tina Perkins, at [TPerkins@Toledoport.org](mailto:TPerkins@Toledoport.org) by Friday, July 10, 2020 at 9:00 AM local time. Additional information can be found at [www.toledoport.org](http://www.toledoport.org).

Thomas J. Winston  
President and CEO  
**Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority**

43604, underneath open air shelter, 1:30p.m. to 2:15 p.m.  
Walbridge Park, 2761 Broadway, Toledo 43609, underneath open air shelter, 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.  
Ottawa Park, 2200 Kenwood Blvd., Toledo 43606, underneath open air shelter, 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.

July 11th

### Drive-By-Book Signing

Local Teacher & Playwright Bonita M. Sparks Adams Opens New Publishing Company & Releases 2 New Books. Write The Vision Publishing LLC, a new local publishing company will be sponsoring a Drive-by Book Signing for Bonita M. Sparks Adams for her two new books: Overwhelmed? Finding Help in Psalm 37 Devotional & Journal & ACTIVATE: Secret Agents in Spiritual Warfare, on Saturday, from 3:00-5:00 pm on the Circle located at Wenz Road & Debra Ct., Toledo, OH 43615.

July 11th & July 18th

### The Flanders Road Church of Christ Clothing Giveaway

Saturday, July 11th, and Saturday July 18th at 5130 Flanders Road, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Everyone is welcome. We will be following special social distancing protocols. Please check our website for more information [www.flanderscofc.com](http://www.flanderscofc.com) or phone 419-882-8188.

## BLACK HISTORY

**Johnny Jenkins:** Johnny Jenkins was the leader of the 1960s band, the Pinetoppers. A left-handed blues guitarist, he was known for his stage swagger and flashy guitar picking. He is also credited with launching the career of his friend, Otis Redding, who chauffeured Jenkins to his Stax Records recording session where Redding was ultimately discovered.

**Carla Thomas:** The daughter of blues royalty Rufus

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Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities has an excellent opportunity for a Service and Support Specialist (SSA) to assess needs of individuals with developmental disabilities, develop and monitor service plans, and ensure that services are effectively coordinated and provided.

The successful candidates must possess a Bachelor's degree in Social Work, Counseling, or related area, plus one (1) year of experience in coordinating, assessing, and linking services and supports and/or developing, and assessing habilitation programs and activities for individuals with DD or in a related area. Will be required to obtain and maintain Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities certification for Service and Support Administrator. Comprehensive training provided.

All candidates must submit by August 7, 2020 a resume and cover letter along with an employment application, which is available at [www.lucasdd.org](http://www.lucasdd.org). If in need of ADA accommodations, contact us directly at 419-380-4033.

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Thomas, singer Carla Thomas is remembered as the Queen of Memphis Soul. Her biggest hits included "Gee Whiz (Look at His Eyes)," "B-A-B-Y," and "Tramp," a duet with Otis Redding featured on their album, King & Queen.

**Lutie Lytle:** Lutie Lytle was one of the first African American women admitted into the Tennessee state bar in 1897. In addition to a career practicing law, Lytle served on the law school faculty at Central Tennessee College in Nashville, Tenn., making her the first woman to hold such a position.

**Shirley Chisholm:** Shirley Anita Chisholm was the first black woman elected to the U.S. Congress. Over seven terms, from 1969 to 1983, she represented New York's 12th Congressional District. In 1972, she became the first black candidate for a major party's presidential nomination, and the first woman to seek the Democratic Party's nomination.



# Male Empowerment Summit teaches teenagers to install & change brakes



Chris McBayer, left, watches as Chris Burr, 15, center, learns about installing brakes from Keith Fitchpatric.



Byron Clark, front, teaches Ryan Parker Jr., 17, how to install brakes. Ryan said he's interested in becoming a mechanic.

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN  
Journal Staff Writer

On a sweltering 90 degree day, area teens watched intensely as mechanics show them how to change brakes on cars. Power tools, lug wrenches, and a host of other tools were all a part of the teen's training.

Changing breaks can be a costly service to a car owner, and teaching the art of properly installing those breaks, can also be costly for a student. But on Sunday, July 5, at the corner of Franklin, and Bancroft, and in the parking lot of unoccupied, former businesses, those teens learned a valuable trade for free.

The Male Empowerment Summit, or ME Summit, was organized by Chris McBayer, Reverend at

Glass City Church of Christ.

"The purpose of today, and subsequently, other events spread out over 10 weeks, is to teach the teens valuable skills that will help them succeed in life," he told The Toledo Journal. "We also want them to think about their decisions, and the consequences that will follow."

Rev. McBayer added, "A lot of the murders being committed by the youth are related to money. So if we can teach them a trade, such as changing brakes, it gives them an opportunity to make money. It's a skill that can never be taken away from them."

Keith Fitchpatric, mechanic, volunteered to teach, and said, "I love helping, and showing my skills to people."

Byron Clark, mechanic, said when he was growing

up, his mother insisted that he learn skills to help him thrive in the world.

"I've taught my children how to maintain their cars, so when I heard about the opportunity to teach kids, I immediately volunteered."

"I've never done this before, but I like what I'm seeing. I even think I want to be a mechanic," said 15 year old, Ryan Parker Jr.

Tara Turner-Hughes brought her son Terrell Turner, 13 to the summit.

"I think this is a great opportunity for the kids to learn something valuable," she said. "It's better than them sitting at home and playing video games."

The ME Summit will be ongoing for 10 weeks. Two other skills, amongst a host of others, teens will learn include fixing bikes, and motorcycle repair.

“The purpose of today... is to teach the teens valuable skills that will help them succeed in life.”



Barrett 'Part Timer Auto,' center, shows a group of teens the importance of having the right tools.

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# Statement on Toledo City Council arrests

## from National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Branch 3204

*Submitted*

The recent arrest of four African American city council members and an attorney was very troubling to our community. These individuals all play a major role in our political landscape. We have heard several statements from city officials, political party leaders and others.

Historically, the NAACP was founded on protecting the rights of people. The Toledo Branch of the NAACP firmly stands on the fact that these individuals are innocent until proven guilty and deserves what all American citizens deserve, and that is fair due process of law. We stand in support of that process. We want to ensure

that there is fairness and that any decisions to resign are their personal decisions. The citizens of Toledo elected the four councilmembers to their positions. No vote of any other body should remove them. We stand in support of all of the good that these individuals have done in our community. We

are asking the community to unite with the NAACP, the NAACP Ohio State Conference. From our research there have been similar incidents involving people of color in the following communities: Cincinnati, Dayton, and Los Angeles County. We plan to closely monitor this ongoing investigation.




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# NASA Honors first black female Engineer

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Mary Winston was born and raised in Hampton, Virginia. After high school, she graduated from Hampton Institute in 1942 with a dual degree in math and physical sciences, and initially accepted a job as a math teacher in Calvert County, Maryland. She would work as a bookkeeper, marry Levi Jackson and start a family, and work a job as a U.S. Army secretary before her aerospace career would take off. In 1951, Mary was recruited by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which in 1958 was succeeded by NASA. She started as a research mathematician who became known as one of the human computers at Langley. She worked under fellow "Hidden Figure" Dorothy Vaughan in the segregated West Area Computing Unit. After two years in the computing pool,

she received an offer to work in the 4-foot by 4-foot Supersonic Pressure Tunnel, a 60,000 horsepower wind tunnel capable of blasting models with winds approaching twice the speed of sound. There, she received hands-on experience conducting experiments. Her supervisor eventually suggested she enter a training program that would allow Jackson to earn a promotion from mathematician to engineer. Because the classes were held at then-segregated Hampton High School, Mary needed special permission to join her white peers in the classroom. Mary completed the courses, earned the promotion, and in 1958 became NASA's first Black female engineer. For nearly two decades during her engineering career, she authored or co-authored research numerous reports, most focused on the behavior of the boundary layer of air around

airplanes. In 1979, she joined Langley's Federal Women's Program, where she worked hard to address the hiring and promotion of the next generation of female mathematicians, engineers and scientists. Mary retired from Langley in 1985. "Mary W. Jackson was part of a group of very important women who helped NASA succeed in getting American astronauts into space. Mary never accepted the status quo, she helped break barriers and open opportunities for African Americans and women in the field of engineering and technology," said Bridenstine. "Today, we proudly announce the Mary W. Jackson NASA Headquarters building. It appropriately sits on 'Hidden Figures Way,' a reminder that Mary is one of many incredible and talented professionals in NASA's history who contributed to this agency's success.

Hidden no more, we will continue to recognize the contributions of women, African Americans, and people of all backgrounds who have made NASA's successful history of exploration possible." In 2019, President Donald J. Trump signed the Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act that posthumously awarded the honor to Jackson, who passed away in 2005, and her "Hidden Figures" colleagues Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Christine Darden. "We are honored that NASA continues to celebrate the legacy of our mother and grandmother Mary W. Jackson," said, Carolyn Lewis, Mary's daughter. "She was a scientist, humanitarian, wife, mother, and trailblazer who paved the way for thousands of others to succeed, not only at NASA, but throughout this nation.

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