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WES & I INC takes care of widows during trying times of a pandemic

By: Jurry Taalib-Deen
Journal Staff Writer

When Idell Watson's husband, Wesley J. Watson, passed in 2014, she was devastated. "I felt alone, and I was always crying. I didn't have anyone to turn to," she told The Toledo Journal.

"I tried to find an organization I could turn to, but there weren't any around," she said.

Still numb from her husband's passing, Ms. Watson decided to take

husbands. So in 2016 she founded the organization, Windows Empowered Strengthened and I, WES & I Inc., which happens to be the nickname of her late husband Wesley, whom everyone called Wes.

The purpose of the organization is to be there for women, whose husbands have passed, by strengthening them with various strategies aimed at comforting them during times of distress.



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Without having to exit their vehicle, Laurie Sanders, left and Idell Watson safely put items into a car.

One by one, cars would pull up in the parking lot, and volunteers, wearing facemasks, would take their packages to the car, without the driver having to exit.

Laurie Sanders, board president, said, "Since the Covid-19 pandemic started, the organization hadn't been able to hold their monthly meetings. The care packages were meant to provide the windows with items they haven't been able to acquire during the pandemic, due to the fact of many of those items being sold out at stores."

"Hand sanitizers, gloves, tissues, body wash, juice, and various snacks help make up the packages," she said.

Ms. Watson said she had talked too many of the women in the organization over the phone, many of whom expressed being lonely at home.

"I've even been lonely during the pandemic," she said. "But, I know staying at home, and practicing social distancing is

the best option."

Maryanna Oien has been a widow for three years, and said she found a great deal of comfort with the organization.

"They knew what I was going through, and how my heartfelt without me having to verbalize it," she said.

Ms. Watson wants all the windows know they're not alone, and if they need to talk, or are in need of anything, they can reach out to the organization.

"There are no membership dues, nor do you have to sign up to be a part of the organization," she said.

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From left Ramel Burns, Idell Watson, and Laurie Sanders prepare to safely distribute items to those in need.

matters in her own hands by forming an organization that speaks directly to the pain, thoughts, feelings, and spirit of hopelessness she and many other women were experiencing after losing their

On Friday, August 21, that comforting continued for the windows when the organization distributed care packages to some of its 100 members at Wildwood Metro Park, located on Central Ave.

eWomenNetwork To Promote Toledo Businesswomen

No glass ceiling here! New women's business networking group declares: "the sky's the limit" for women-owned businesses in Toledo

By Stephanie Williams
Managing Director

New Managing Director, Stephanie Williams, has been appointed to lead the Toledo chapter of eWomenNetwork to assist area women in building business relationships and finding new ways to turn networking interactions into new clients and increased sales transactions.

"According to the Small Business Association, women are starting businesses at

three times the rate of men in Toledo and account for more than two-thirds of the job market," said Stephanie Williams, eWomenNetwork's Managing Director in Toledo. "The Toledo Chapter of eWomenNetwork focuses on the needs of these businesswomen. Our trademarked 'accelerated networking' expedites the process of building business connections and exchanging resources among other female business



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Stephanie Williams

owners, entrepreneurs, and professionals. eWomenNetwork is a big business-booster," she said.

"Now, more than ever, women realize that networking is a vital business skill," said Sandra Yancey, Founder and CEO of Dallas-based eWomenNetwork. "Women network differently than men, just as we communicate differently. eWomenNetwork has created a relationship-

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Don't let an undercount erase the ones you love.

Communities are as rich and diverse as their needs. That's why completing the 2020 Census matters. Every household counted contributes to their community's funding for critical public services like healthcare, special needs, and public transportation. Census takers are now visiting homes to help households respond to the 2020 Census. All census takers will be wearing masks and following local safety guidelines. This is your chance to make a change, don't miss it! **It's not too late.**


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With over 100 people vying for the four vacated Toledo City Council seats, what would you like to see in a council person? And being that the previous council members were African Americans, do you think the next four apointees should be black?




Lorenzo A. Diaz Sr.
Machine Operator

I would like to see someone who does more advocating for the children; beyond sports. And the people selected should be African American for the fact that, for years, black people were denied access at working in city council. So for that denial, black people should occupy those seats.




Deshaun Roddy
Factory Worker

To me, it doesn't matter who's selected, once people get into those positions, they all seem to become corrupt. Trump has set a good example of people should only look out for themselves, and get what they can get for self, even if it's illegal. And it doesn't matter their color, politicians have proved to be corrupt. The only thing that separates them from each other is some take more than others. Congressmen are wealthy people, but still steal. This is why I don't believe any of them can truly be honest people.




Jerina Underwood
Factory Worker

I would like to see people who truly have an interest in protecting young people. I have two children, and I'm terrified for their safety. I'd also like to see them start programs like I went through when I was a teen, which helped keep young people off the streets. As far as color, it doesn't matter, just as long as people can depend, and trust them.



Greg Mays
Environmental Scientist

I'd like to see someone who's honest, and truly care about the people. And although it would be nice to have African Americans in the positions, it doesn't really matter to me. I believe in the system of selecting those people.



Keith Jones
Electrician

I want to see honesty, and someone who doesn't take bribes. And although the color of the council person should match the makeup of their district, color really doesn't matter; just as long as they get the job done.

Ongoing Events

Donation Account Opened At Toledo Urban FCU To Assist The Family Of Justin Hughes

A donation account has been opened at Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union (TUFUCU) where donation can be made "In Memory of Justin Hughes". Money collected will be given the family of Justin Hughes to assist with burial expenses. Justin was just 15 years old when he was shot and killed while walking home from the Collingwood McDonalds on August 16, 2020. He was a sophomore at Jesup Wakeman Scott High School and was a member of the Football program. Donations can be made through any TUFUCU customer server teller at 1441 Door, Toledo Ohio 43607 or by calling the Credit Union at 419.255.8876

Now Thru October - Every Tuesday "Tasty Tuesdays"

Back By Popular Demand, Grace Community Center Garden Cooperative Is Hosting "Tasty Tuesdays" Free Food Box & Produce, Chef-Prepared Delicious Food Samples. Face Mask/Social Distancing Required. Join us in the Garden 406 West Delaware, 419-248-2467, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Voter Registration, Census, COVIC-19 Testing Information, Free Masks, & Financial Literacy Information Available.. Partnering with Ohio Coalition-Black Empowerment, Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union and Health Partners of Western Ohio.

Every Tuesday and Saturday Toledo Masjid Al-Isalm Through Tarbiyyatul Haqq Ministries Food Pantry

Located at 722 E. Bancroft St., Toledo, OH 43608. Available Tues. 9-2 and Sat 11-3 every week. Free

Senior Centers Closed

At the advice of the local health commissioners, the following senior centers are closed to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus:

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

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.

Connecting Kids To Meals Continues To Feed Kids This Summer

Connecting Kids to Meals has been feding hungry, at-risk kids for more than 17 years. Some of the truksted partners where meals are served include schools, libraries, churches, community centers, parks, and other locations were children gather. Last year, about 540,000 nutritious meals were provided to kids during out-of-school time. To learn more, visit [ConnectingKidsTo Meals.org](#).

August. 27th

American Red Cross blood drive held in memory of former Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins

Community asked to help meet the ongoing need for blood.

The United Labor Committee is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive in memory of Toledo's former Mayor, D. Michael Collins, Thursday, Aug. 27 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at UAW Local 12 Hall, 2300 Ashland Ave., in Toledo. All who come to donate will receive a \$10 Visa gift card (via email), courtesy of Suburban Propane and enjoy a packaged lunch from Deet's BBQ. The Department of Veterans Affairs mobile unit will also be onsite during the blood drive. A VA staff member will be available to answer questions and assist veterans, service members, and their families – including registering eligible veterans for VA Medical Benefits.

Donors are urged to give blood and help meet the constant need for blood products for patients battling diseases and facing the unexpected. As a thank-you for helping ensure a stable blood supply, those who come to give Aug. 1-Sept. 3 will receive a \$5 Amazon. com Gift Card via email, courtesy of Amazon.* Plus, come to give by Aug. 31 and automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for four to Cedar Point or Knott's Berry Farm, redeemable through the 2021 season!

Donors are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

August.. 28th

The University of Toledo Rocket Innovations Event - The Opportunity Mindset

Finding the silver lining in terrible circumstances takes a certain mindset. Join us as we talk about how people throughout history have found opportunity

in the midst of tragedy, and how you can use these unprecedented times to make unprecedented strides in your career, business, or startup. Reserve your Spot on Friday, 11am - 12pm. Event Speaker: Jason Daniels - President and CEO at JAYRAMON LLC. This program is free to the public, but reservations are requested.

Sept. 4th

University of Toledo Rocket Innovations Event User Experience For Innovators

Guest Speaker: Keith Instone - Founder of Dexterity User Experience Consulting at 11 am. Join us for this installation of Rocket Innovators as we talk with Keith Instone, founder of Dexterity User Experience Consulting. Keith will explain how you can base your business model on principles of human behavior, get unbiased feedback from potential customers on your idea, test your assumptions, and design interfaces that users love. This talk is focused on software-based startups, but physical product & non-tech entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs will also find this unique approach to problem-solving, helpful.

Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling

Acceptable items include electronic waste, but no televisions, CRT monitors, or appliances; 10 tires, on or off the rim, but no commercial tires; documents; houseware goods; clothing; toys; bulky items, and refuse. Latex paint will be accepted for \$1 per gallon. Representatives from the U.S. Census Bureau will also be present to inform residents about the importance of completing the census. Future Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling Events are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following dates:


- Sept. 12 at Good Shepherd Church, 3934 West Laskey Rd.
- Sept. 19 at the Toledo Zoo, Anthony Wayne Trail, parking lot, 2 Hippo Way (10 a.m.- 4 p.m.)
- Sept. 26 at Friendship Park, 2930 131st St.

For more information please call Engage Toledo at 419-936-2020 or visit [www.toledo.oh.gov](#).



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Twenty-Four Reasons



By Dr. E. Faye Williams, Esq.
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) — For me, like many others, the news that Joe Biden had chosen Senator Kamala Harris as his running-mate in this year’s presidential election was historic, exciting, and motivating. Senator Harris brings the experience and talents necessary to WIN and GOVERN! Realizing my opinion does not create consensus, I listened to local radio to gauge the opinion of others in my community. I know that “THE PERFECT TICKET” does not exist, but I was eager to learn what others thought. My assumption was that most comments would express an understanding that the vote is a demonstration of trust in a candidate to act in the best interests of the voter. I was largely disappointed.

Many of the reasons I heard for/against the Biden-Harris ticket were based upon previously released opposition research. Many were arguable, but others were as ridiculous as Kanye West being a viable presidential alternative. I found myself wanting to debate with many of the callers.

Unexpectedly, I received a list of reasons for voting Biden-Harris that was consistent with my views. This list provides me with the opportunity to “speak to a larger audience.” It was sent without attribution to an author or origin, but I thank whoever took the time to compile this cogent list. The list exceeded my word limit, but, for the greater good, I feel compelled to provide as much of it as possible.

1. YOU'RE NOT JUST VOTING FOR PRESIDENT/VP!

2. You're voting to prevent a 7-2 dangerously conservative majority on the Supreme Court. (Note: 87-year-old Jus-



tice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is single-handedly fighting to hang on until we have a new president. This alone should be enough for historic turnout!)

3. You're voting for the next Secretaries of Education, Housing and Attorney General.

4. You're voting to keep the House and gain a Senate majority.

5. You're voting for federal judges and the rule of law.

6. You're voting to save Native American lands and national parks.

7. You're voting for letting kids out of cages.

8. You're voting for scientists to be heard and protect us from climate change and pandemics.

9. You're voting for housing rights.

10. You're voting for former incarcerated persons to be treated with dignity and assisted to be proud and productive members of society with the right to vote “after paying their debt to society.”

11. You're voting for DACA Dreamers.

12. You're voting for the long-term existence of Social Security and Medicare and for your children's and grandchildren's future.

13. You're voting for veteran health-care.

14. You're voting for affordable health

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insurance for everyone.

15. You're voting for teaching professionals to be paid as the noble heroes they are.

16. You're voting for sensible gun laws while maintaining your 2nd Amendment rights.

17. You're voting to curb homelessness and find solutions to affordable

housing.

18. You're voting against systemic racism and income/wealth disparities.

19. You're voting to defend a woman's right to make personal health-related decisions and choose personal reproductive rights.

20. You're voting to acknowledge the humanity and protect the safety of our family and friends in the LGBTQ+ community.

21. You're voting to stop the normalization of white supremacy and dangerous bigotry in the mainstream.

22. You're voting for the chance to end qualified immunity for police officers who commit murder and other crimes and hide their corruption behind badges.

23. You're voting to save the USPS.

24. And you're voting against allowing the USA to become yet another authoritarian regime run by Trump.

The Biden-Harris ticket isn't perfect - no ticket ever will be, but we must consider the alternative!!

I plan to do my part to ensure that the Biden-Harris ticket wins for these reasons and more!!

(Dr. E. Faye Williams is President of the National Congress of Black Women. She also hosts “Wake Up and Stay Woke” on WPFW-FM-89.3 FM.)

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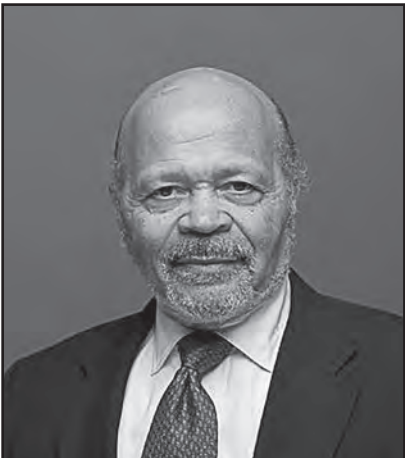
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Laws Are Weapons Of The Unjust



By Oscar H. Blayton
Wire Writer

We read in disbelief that a Black man who has already spent almost 23 years in a Louisiana prison for stealing a pair of garden clippers has now been denied any measure of mercy and must spend the rest of his life behind bars for his minor crime.

Fair Wayne Bryant, 62, was convicted of stealing the clippers in 1997 when he was 38. And five white men who sit on the Louisiana Supreme Court decided that it served justice to destroy a life for such a minor crime.

The only dissent came from the court’s sole Black, and only female, Chief Justice Bernette Johnson. Chief Justice Johnson wrote a blistering dissent that shines a spotlight on how law is used as a weapon by oppressors against the oppressed.

Bryant had been convicted of three previous crimes and all four of his convictions resulted from his attempts to steal something. Chief Justice Johnson argued from the bench: “Such petty theft is frequently driven by the ravages of poverty or addiction, and often both. It is cruel and unusual to impose a sentence of life in prison at hard labor for the criminal behavior which is most often caused by poverty or addiction.”

Bryant’s infractions over the years were the acts of a desperate man, a man forced into poverty by a system designed to keep him in a state of poverty so that others could live more affluently. But the Louisiana courts used the pattern of his behavior as evidence of the need to keep him separated from society. And while the white men in black robes would never admit it, the courts in the state of Louisiana were not seeking to punish Fair Wayne Bryant as much as they were sending a message to the oppressed Black people of that state.

Reading between the lines, we can see the dehumanizing process used by the courts to inflict pain upon Black people in order to ensure their compliant and subservient behavior. The language used by a lower court in Bryant’s case tortures logic while denying Bryant’s appeal of his cruel and unusual punishment. The Lou-

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The National Black Chamber of Commerce And humble ventures Are Providing \$150,000 To Black-Owned Bars and Restaurants



By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow
Wire Writer

Early-stage effects of COVID-19 and lockdowns have disproportionately hit minority businesses. Analysis from the National Bureau Of Economic Research reveals 41% of Black business owners disappeared in April. Additionally, according to a Global Strategy Group survey, just 12% of Black and Latino business owners who applied for aid received what they had asked for. Twenty-six percent said they received only a fraction of what they had requested. Half say they anticipate closing in the next six months.

“Supporting Black-owned restaurants is one practical, actionable way to stand in solidarity with the Black community now, and always.”- Bon Appetit

Only 130 Black-owned restaurants received PPP loans over \$150,000, according to a report by Restaurant Business Online. Low numbers of federal stimulus loans to Black-owned restaurants reflect bad data collection and historically weak lending to people of color. Yet among companies that filled out the race question, just 1.3% of them were Black-owned, which demonstrates a long-term problem in small business financing.

Black-owned borrowers are simply less likely to get loans for their busi-

nesses, which is particularly important in a capital-intensive restaurant industry that depends heavily on financing for establishments to get off the ground.

“The fact that the PPP program went through the private lending meant it was always going to be racially discriminatory,” said Sarah Crozier, senior communications manager with Main Street Alliance, a small business advocacy group. “The industry has financial redlining problems, and just on the data alone it has data collection problems.”

The lack of loans is due in part to a lack of Black business ownership overall. Just 7% of U.S. businesses before the coronavirus pandemic were Black-owned, according to data from a University of California, Santa Cruz study last month.

By contrast, about 13% of the population, and about 13% of restaurant employees, are Black, according to federal data. To many advocates, some of the disparity in business ownership can be traced to challenges with financing—and those problems were reflected in the Paycheck Protection Program.

Advocates argue that the problem lies with the way the fund was created, which relied on private lenders to administer the funds, using the U.S. Small Business Administration’s 7(a) program.

The data highlights the systemic neglect of minority business owners and the dire situation many are facing alone, which is why the National Black Chamber of Commerce (NBCC), in partnership with humble ventures, is announcing financial relief assistance to Black-owned bars and restaurants.

Together, we will be awarding \$150,000, in total, to Black-owned businesses through the program/application process outlined below:

Selection Criteria
NBCC and humble ventures will be supporting Black-owned bars and restaurants impacted by COVID-19. Two levels of approvals will review completed applications before being accepted and awarded the amount.

Eligible businesses must be at least 51% Black-owned, registered with a



physical United States address, have a bank account that accepts electronic payments, and have been in business for at least two years.

Applicants will be required to complete a Form (one per business) requesting specific information including, but not limited to, ethnicity, contact information, and supplemental documents for proof of work. Acceptable award expenses will go towards payroll, personal protection equipment (PPE), PPE training and materials, technology upgrades, mortgage or rent payment, and operating expenses.

The donations will be dispersed immediately upon acceptance. The awards (lump-sum up to \$2,000) will be sent electronically to the awarding business.

Application Submission Timeline
August 18—August 28, 2020
Application Form
Form Link: <https://bit.ly/blackrestaurants>
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dedicated to economically empowering and sustaining African-American communities through entrepreneurship and capitalistic activity within the United States.

The NBCC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, nonsectarian organization dedicated to the economic empowerment of African American communities. One hundred forty affiliated chapters are based throughout the nation as well as international affiliate chapters in Bahamas, Brazil, Colombia, Ghana, Kenya, France, Botswana, Cameroon, and Jamaica.

humble ventures is a venture development firm that drives innovation forward through collaboration and partnerships with startups, investors, and established organizations.

We focus on diverse entrepreneurs and those building solutions for diverse audiences.

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Laws Are Weapons Of The Unjust

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isiana 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals issued an opinion that stated in part that the “litany of convictions and the brevity of the periods during which the defendant was not in custody for a new offense is ample support for the [life] sentence imposed in this case.” In short, this statement argues that Bryant should stay in jail for life because he has spent time in jail before.
The three-word opinion of the five white justices – “Writ application denied” – was as chilling and final as a death sentence. They gave no explanation for their decision because they did not believe they had to. But Chief Justice Johnson was not having it and wrote a dissent that pointed to the historical underpinnings of such an unjust and oppressive use of the law.

In her dissent, Chief Justice Johnson pointed to the “Pig Laws” that had been enforced in Louisiana in years past. These laws were designed to trap impoverished African Americans in a legal web designed to keep them poor

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Poverty has ravaged Blacks since emancipation, and poverty’s frequent companion, addiction, has followed in its wake as the oppressed attempt to self-medicate in order to ease their pain and suffering.
Laws are tools for social design. They are passed to make people behave in a particular way.”

and “in line.”
When slavery was abolished by the 13th Amendment in 1865, Southern plantation owners in states like Louisi-

ana found themselves without enough manpower to keep their fields operational. But they soon found a loophole. The 13th Amendment stated: “Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime ... shall exist within the United States.”

Pig Laws were passed to unfairly target and entrap poor former slaves and force them into a penal system that provided free labor for plantation-owning whites. They were dubbed “Pig Laws” because many of them made it a crime to steal farm animals. And newly freed slaves without the means of acquiring food legitimately often were reduced to theft. This was forced criminality by design and the Pig Laws and other Black Codes provided a steady supply of free Black labor to replace the emancipated slaves.

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Laws are tools for social design. They are passed to make people behave in a particular way. In the hands of an oppressor, laws are tools to extract subservient behavior from the oppressed. And when used for that purpose, these laws are no more just than midnight lynchings or other barbaric assaults to enforce subservient behavior. Like lynchings and beatings, these laws are the oppressive weapons of the unjust.

Most of the laws used to police black and brown bodies today are pig laws that have evolved to adjust to the modern realities of our time. This is why excessive force is constantly applied to people of color and local, state and federal institutions contort logic to defend it.

Too many laws as they are applied to people of color are unjust and we must fight our way to the polls to root out the people who design them and utilize them.

Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights activist who practices law in Virginia.

Parlela King celebrates 92 years

Friends and family surprise with drive by celebration



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The birthday girl, Mrs. Parlela King, seated, with some of her children. From left, are Mrs.Portia Quinn, Mrs. Deborah Haythorne, Mrs. Cordelia ‘Dee’ Smith, Mrs. Iris Byrd, Mr. Vernon King, and Mr. Robert King.



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Cavanaugh Byrd helped celebrate his mother-law’s birthday.

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer

Mrs. Parlela King knew she would be celebrating her 92nd birthday with some of her family on Wednesday, August 19, at her home in north Toledo. But what she didn’t know, was the large amount of people who would drive by her home, and safely wish her a happy birthday from their cars; a surprise that her family said would make the day even better.

A stay at home mother of 14 children, and now there are 10 children, and a countless host of grandchildren, two of her daughters share with The Toledo Journal the attributes that make their mother a titan in their eyes.

“She took care of everyone by feeding all in the neighborhood,” said Deborah Haythorne. “She’d even give the clothes off her back to help someone in need.”

Mrs. Haythorne reflected on advice that her mother gave her while growing

up. “She told me to never depend on a man. Have your own bank account, and your own job, that way, no man can control you.”

Cordelia ‘Dee’ Smith, the oldest of Mrs. King’s children, at 76 years of age, said her mother always gave her good advice, and was always there for her in time of need.

“My mother was there for all of us, and always offered good advice,” she said.

“I didn’t think I would be alive this long,” Mrs. King said while laughing, when she reflected on things that stood out in her mind over her 92 years.

Izetta Lee, who is the third oldest child, feels that her mom was truly the Matriach of the family and a pillar of the community. “ I admired her tenacity, even in her later years, said Mrs. Lee.

She added that, her mom was an avid church goer, spoke her mind and loved politics. “My mom touched so many people’s lives with her genuine

generosity.

“I’m also surprised I still live in the same house, in which I raised all of my children; I didn’t expect to still be here,” she added.

But Mrs. King’s life extended beyond being a stay at home mom. After raising all of her children, she said a job position had opened up at Spring School, which was located in her neighborhood. The principal of the school informed her of a position in food service. When Ms. King applied for the job, and was subsequently being interviewed, she gave them a surprising ultimatum.

“After all those years of staying at home, and raising kids, I’m willing to get out of the house and start working.

“ She took care of everyone... She’d even give the clothes off her back to help someone in need. ”

I’ll pay YOU, if you hire me,” she informed them. Mrs. King shared the statement with the crowd and everyone present began to laugh. She would be hired, and would ultimately become a supervisor, not needing to pay the school to work after all.

“I’m really thankful for what my family has done for me today. I was surprised and it was very nice,” Mrs. King said.



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A few of the grandchildren posing with their grandmother are, from left, Ryan Haythorne, Kevin Lee, and Irisha King.



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Mrs. Cordelia ‘Dee’ Smith, standing, with her mom, Mrs. Parlela King.

Correction from the August 12, 2020 issue.

The Church is Faith Ministries International, Pastor - Bishop T.I. Winfree. The Pastor has 19 years of service, not 17, and the article was written by Selena Byrd.

UToledo Launches COVID-19 Surveillance Testing for Fall Semester

*By Tyrel Linkhorn
University of Toledo*

As part of its comprehensive plan to promote a safe environment for the return of on-campus classes and activities for fall semester, The University of Toledo will begin voluntary COVID-19 surveillance testing this week.

UToledo expects to conduct as many as 2,000 surveillance tests of faculty, staff and students during the first four weeks of fall semester.

The testing, done initially in partnership with the Utah-based company Azova, will provide the University with baseline information about the extent of the virus in our community as we begin the semester and provide a valuable tool for reducing the spread of the virus. Additional surveillance testing will continue throughout fall semester.

"As we have all seen during the last several months, COVID-19 is a

serious disease for many. Studies also have shown that a number of people who contract the virus experience no symptoms at all," UToledo Interim President Gregory Postel said.

“Because we know those individuals can still spread the disease, testing asymptomatic individuals can play a role in reducing the spread of COVID.”

A representative sample of approximately 500 faculty, staff and students will be randomly selected for testing each of the next four weeks and notified through their UToledo email account. Individuals will be able to set an appointment for the saliva-based testing at a specified outdoor, on-campus site.



Participation among those studying, working and living on campus, while not required, is highly encouraged.

Only those who are selected for asymptomatic testing will be able to receive a test. The University also is working to make available a limited number of tests to faculty and staff who are not part of the random sample group. Testing is available for employees and students who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 through

The University of Toledo Medical Center at both Main Campus and Health Science Campus.

Individuals who are tested during the next four weeks will receive their results through Azova's secure web

platform. Results are expected to be available within 48 hours after samples arrive at their laboratory. As required by law, the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department will be notified of any positive test results. The University will receive data on how many tests are positive, but will not receive reports about specific individuals' results.

Additionally, the University is developing a public COVID-19 dashboard to share information regarding positive cases connected to the University.

"We want to be well-informed and transparent about the extent of COVID-19 within our community as we make decisions to protect the health and safety of everyone on our campus," Postel said. "We've implemented a number of protocols, including our Rocket Prevention Principles, to address the challenges this virus presents. These additional tools are an important complement to our existing plans."

Innovative Startup CPRWrap Founded by Black Female Inventor Looking to Save Lives



CPRWrap Founder and CEO Felicia Jackson has created a practical and easy-to-use tool to help save lives.

Submitted

(Black News) - Innovative medical startup CPRWrap is thrilled to announce its national launch with Founder and CEO Felicia Jackson at the helm. CPRWrap is an all-in-one, disposable CPR template that protects and guides any non-medical responder during respiratory and cardiac emergencies. CPRWrap has an attached one-way valve mouth barrier, visual hand placements, and simple CPR instructions embossed directly on the template.

CPRWrap after a terrifying near-death event when her two-year-old son experienced a choking incident and required CPR. At the time, Jackson was working in a hospital and certified in CPR but the traumatic nature of the situation made her freeze. Luckily Jackson's husband jumped into action and was able to save their son's life, but this made her realize if she could forget her training during an emergency, what about the countless people in the world that's not trained in CPR. Thus, CPRWrap was born.

"I started CPRWrap because I did not want another person to feel helpless when someone's life hung in the balance," said Jackson. "My vision for CPRWrap extends so far that I can no longer see where it ends. A few years ago my life consisted of taking care of

my family – now the world is my family and I have much work to do. Everyone deserves a chance to live.”

Even people experienced in CPR can forget their training in stressful situations. CPRWrap makes it possible for anyone to effectively perform CPR at a moment's notice and be protected while doing so. With over 20 years of medical experience in acute inpatient rehab, outpatient care, and home health care, Jackson is now applying her knowledge to make performing CPR less intimidating and accessible to everyone.

CPWRap has already partnered with CHI Memorial Hospital Cardiac Rehab, HCA Parkridge Hospital, Chattanooga Police Department, Hamilton County Dept. of Education, Chattanooga State College, Maryland Diaper Bank, School Health, and many more.

Since the soft launch of CPRWrap in 2016, Jackson has presented two TEDx talks, auditioned for Shark Tank, won CHA Startup of the Year in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and won Urban League's Emerging Business of the Year award. CPRWrap has been featured in Forbes, Inc. Magazine, Business Insider, JEMS Medical Magazine, Hypepotamus, Black Enterprise Magazine, and many more. In 2019, CPRWrap was part of Austin-based startup accelerator program

Techstars, where only 1% of the companies that apply are accepted.

"I had been told 'no' so many times, I could not fathom a prestigious accelerator like Techstars wanting me or my company," said Jackson.

“Techstars saw the fighter within me and what I could accomplish if given a chance. All you need is passion, purpose, and a drive to execute your ideas to get things done.”

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IMA Hosts outdoor service at the historic First Church of God

By: Toledo Journal Staff Writer

Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, IMA, hosted an outdoor service on Sunday, August 23 in the parking lot of First Church of God, 3016 Collingwood Blvd.

The service featured Pastors from different denominations, offering prayer on various topics such as violence and murders within the city, law enforcement, unemployment, social justice and racism, and government officials.

Elected leaders such as Wade Kapszukiewicz, Toledo Mayor, George Kral, chief of the Toledo Police Department, Tina Wozniack, Lucas County Commissioner, Earl Mack, candidate for Lucas County Sherif, and Ray Woods, president of local chapter of the NAACP, were also present for the service.

Rev. Dr. Cedric Brock, president of the IMA, told The Toledo Journal the purpose of the gathering was to focus on the 38 people who've been killed in Toledo during 2020.

"We're not giving up on our young people, and we're praying for them," he said.

Also in attendance was the family of Jahneil Douglas, the 22 year University of Toledo football player, who was killed in July. They encouraged parents to keep parenting, don't give up on their children, and give them direction in life.

Other topics of importance



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Rev. Cedric Brock, left, president of the IMA, and Bishop Robert Culp, pastor of First Church of God, embrace following the outdoor service.



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Rev. Dr. Janice Carson Hearn encouraged everyone to participate in a community fast starting September 2 and ending November 4.

addressed at the service included the urgency of completing the 2020 census, and registering, and voting in the 2020 election.

Rev. Dr. Janice Carson Hearn encouraged everyone to take

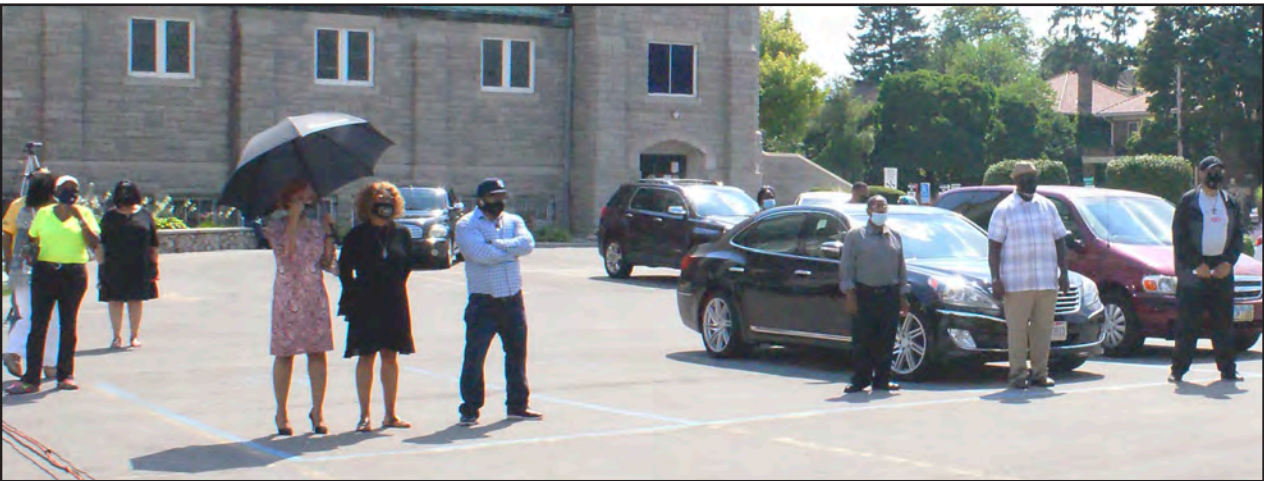


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Some people remained in their vehicles during service, while others stood outside of their car.

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A word from C. BROWN and C. BRIAN BROWN DIRECTORS

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part in a community fast beginning September 2 and ending November 4. Every day during the fast, a prayer will be offered for a particular topic. For example, on September 2, there will be a prayer

offered for local leaders. "Do whatever you're able to do during the fast, but try to fast with us," she told everyone. Rev. Brock said the next outdoor service is tentatively set for October. For more information, call Mt. Nebo Baptist Church at 419.246.8561.

PERSPECTIVES FROM W. ERIC CROOMES...

The Six Degrees of Success Mindset



By: W. Eric Croomes
Author, Wellvocate, & Speaker

The Six Degrees of Success Mindset

What is the difference between those who claim they want to achieve something great – whether it’s writing a book, launching a business or going back to school – and those who actually do it? Mindset! A man’s mindset will separate him from failure!

Success begins with a thought and eventually becomes a mental attitude. A mindset is an established set of mental attitudes. The success mindset unfolds in six degrees – six degrees of thinking that separates one from those whose dreams take off a like a rocket

but eventually fallback down into the sea of reality. What are the benefits of such a mindset? To quote Charles F. Haanel, the holder of this approach, Will not fear criticism or anything else; he will be too busy radiating courage, confidence and power; he will anticipate success by his mental attitude.

**First Degree
Sees Opportunities**

The Six Degrees of Success Mindset sees opportunity where others see only limitations. This is a difficult assignment, because so many people focus only on what appears to them via the conscious mind. The Six Degrees of Success mindset is always asking, “What’s the opportunity?” Seek opportunity without becoming opportunistic; explore but do not exploit.

**Second Degree
Recognizes Possibilities**

The Six Degrees of Success Mindset recognizes the difference between opportunity and possibility is that not all opportunities represent possibilities. The Six Degrees of Success Mindset constantly appraises every opportunity and selects the best potential based

on factors such as time, expense and mental effort. People see opportunity but fail to make of it a possibility. Here’s the rule of thumb: a possibility exists when it results in an increase for any party involved. In other words, if it does not uplift, it should not be considered a possibility.

**Third Degree
Forms a Mental Blueprint**

The Six Degrees of Success Mindset forms a mental blueprint of the desired end. Once the opportunity has been recognized and the possibility actualized, the Six Degrees of Success Mindset develops a vision. With the conscious mind, this mindset begins to form the mental blueprint for the achievement of what’s desired. This is where the dream is possibility is nurtured as it moves into reality.

**Fourth Degree
Sets a Goal**

The Six Degrees of Success Mindset sets a goal. The vision gives birth to the goal in written form. “Write the vision. Make it plain”, the prophet Habakkuk is instructed in the Holy Bible. So as not to drift aimlessly, the goal is set

and one becomes attracted to the goal – much like a magnet.

**Fifth Degree
Launches without Waiting**

The Six Degrees of Success Mindset does not wait for approval! It launches as is; it does not put itself into a hold position; it does not wait for funding; it does not wait for investors – it begins as an idea birthed from the subconscious of the host.

**Sixth Degree
Regurgitates Failure**

The Six Degrees of Success Mindset regurgitates failure into desired effects. Why do six of ten businesses fail? Because the dreamer met success disguised as failure and stopped. Don’t let that be you! If your plan does not at first reach your initial expectation, revisit and revise the plan – but most of all regurgitate the failure into something more powerful and purposeful. Consider the expert’s view on what went wrong, but in the end trust your instincts.

Mindset separates men from failure!

TARTA Receives \$2.2 Million for New Buses

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The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) awards \$2.2 million to TARTA to purchase buses for its fixed-route service. “We thank

ODOT for this critical funding to invest in TARTA’s fleet,” said General Manager Kimberly Dunham. “This is an important step on the journey to bring additional funding to TARTA and prioritize what matters most for our customers and

this region.”

This spring, TARTA announced an aggressive Fix It First plan to update and modernize its fleet. This ODOT grant award meets one of the plan’s goals to seek additional state and

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Early Bird Basketball Clinic gives away school supplies

By: Toledo Journal Staff Writer

When Tim Evans, director of the Early Bird Basketball Clinic, was a child, he too attended the clinic, but at the time, it was under the direction of Ben Williams, state hall of fame basketball coach at Scott High School.

Mr. Evans said he learned more than basketball from his former coach, and mentor; he learned how to help people in the community.

On Saturday, August 22 on the basketball court of Smith Park, the Early Bird Basketball Clinic held their fifth annual back to school supplies giveaway. Pens, papers, notebooks, waterproof book bags, and thermo sweat suits, were just some of the items distributed to area children. In addition, free lunches were available to all that came.

"We just want to make sure those kids in need, have the necessary things for school. We're always here for the community, and I thank our sponsors for helping make this possible," Mr. Evans told The Toledo Journal.

Two of the newer items being given away were the waterproof book bags, and the thermo sweat suits. Mr. Evans said with winter right around the corner, he wanted to make sure the children

could dress warm, while having their school supplies remain dry from rain, and snow.

"Giving away school supplies is very important," said Katrina Welch, who brought her niece to the giveaway. "Many teachers have to come out of their own pocket to make sure kids have the necessary supplies for school, because their family couldn't afford to purchase them; that's why events like this are so important."

Haley Hogan, 14, was stocking up on her supplies on the eve of school. "We can't use our lockers this year, so I'm going to need a good durable book bag to carry everything in," the Rossford High School freshman said.

She also highlighted the fact of why so many students go through supplies so quickly during the year.

"People in school

always need to borrow pens, pencils, and paper which cause us to go through our supplies much quicker," Haley said.

The Early Bird Basketball Clinic has

been hosting camps for 13 years, since Mr. Evans revitalized the program. Those camps are held every Saturday, during the month of July.



Tim Evans gives supplies to Haley Hogan. Mr. Evans said his mentor, Coach Ben Williams, taught him more than just basketball; he said Coach Williams taught him to help the community.

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Toledo Public School Offers Meal Service During Remote Learning Period

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By: Candice L. Harrison, MA
External Communications Manager
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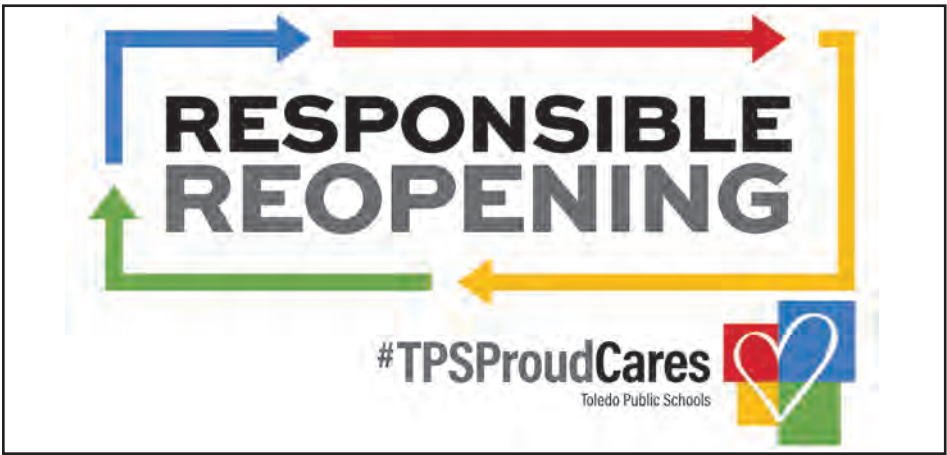
Toledo Public Schools is working to distribute 'grab and go' meals to students in their neighborhoods as we begin school in red light status with 100% remote learning. Service will begin on Tuesday, September 8th and will continue while we operate under a red light status due to COVID-19.

To prepare distribution routes, we need your help! Families who wish to

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Starting on Tuesday, September 8 - the first day of online learning for students in grades first through twelfth - buses from the Toledo Public Schools fleet will be used to deliver a week's worth of meals to interested families.

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