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Rachelle Roy hosts Toledo's first walk for Lupus



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Over 50 people were in attendance for Toledo's first walk for Lupus.

Jurry Taalib-Deen
Journal Staff Writer

When Rachelle Roy was first diagnosed with Lupus in her early 30s, she became really depressed because she only heard how terrible the disease was, not how to manage it. And to add insult to injury, people would call her ugly because of the scarring on her face from the disease.

Fast forward to about 20 years later, and her outlook on the disease is totally different. "I have the best type of Lupus," she told The Toledo Journal, at Ottawa Park on Sunday, May 23. "I have acute cutaneous lupus, ACLE, which leaves a butterfly type rash on my face. My kidneys, immune system or any other organ aren't affected by the disease, so I feel like I'm really blessed."

On that day, Ms. Roy happily passed around a purple flower type necklace to all those who were in attendance; purple representing the color for Lupus and May being Lupus awareness month.

On a few of the trees in the area, were silhouettes of butterflies hanging; the butterflies represent the shape of the rash ACLE leaves on its victim's face.

All funds generated from the 5k walk would go directly to the Lupus Foundation of America, Greater Ohio Chapter. "I just want to bring awareness to this disease. I want people to know what many of us are going through," Ms. Roy said.

Monica Riley, friend and co-worker to Ms. Roy said, "I'm here to support my



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Geri Griffin, left, and Nicky Hardiman said they were there to support Ms. Roy and anyone who may be experiencing the effects of the disease.

friend. Despite the pain, she experiences on a regular basis, she comes to work daily and works hard. I feel sad about the pain she experiences; that's why I wouldn't have missed today."

"I'm here to support my cousin," Nicky Hardiman said. "I hope the same amount of awareness cancer gets, Lupus will one day receive."

Following the walk, participants were treated to free barbeque and drink, and listened to the music from a live DJ.

The entire event was funded by Ms. Roy and she doesn't know if the walk would be an annual event. Therefore, if anyone wants to donate, they can contact the Lupus Foundation of America, Greater Ohio Chapter at 1.888.NO.LUPUS or contact Rachelle Roy on Facebook.



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Rachelle Roy snaps a picture of everyone who attended just before the start of the walk.

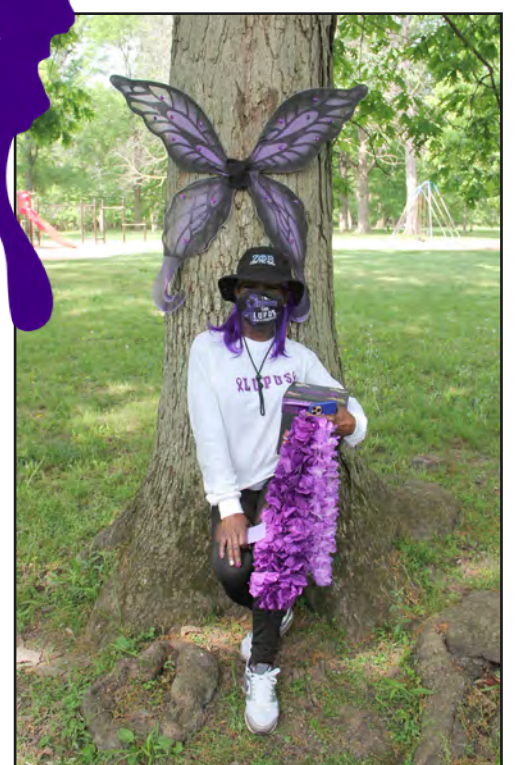
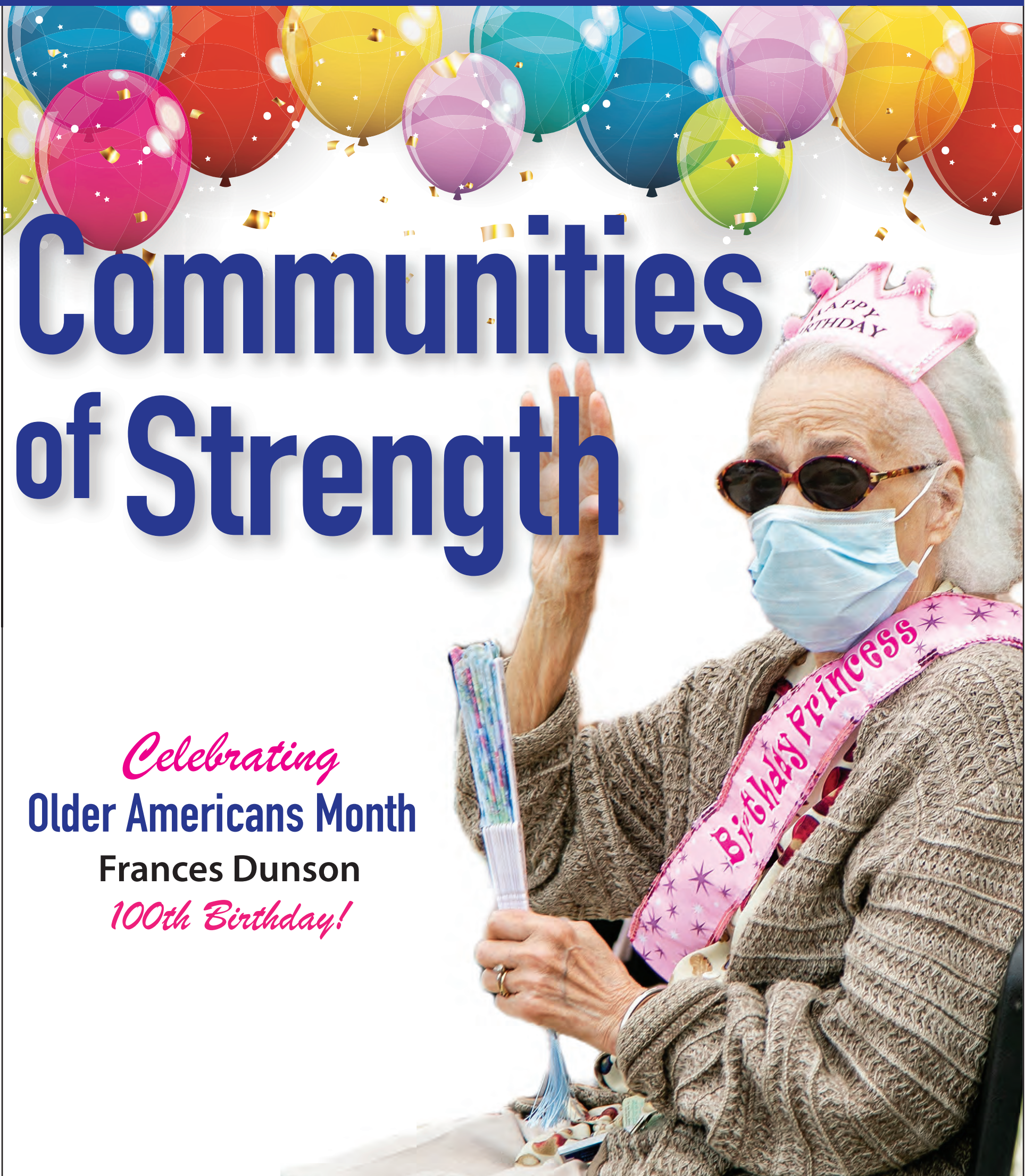


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Rachelle Roy sits under a silhouette of a butterfly. A rash that appears on Lupus patient's face and is similar in shape to a butterfly.



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Toledo is receiving \$180 million dollars in Covid-19 relief funding from the American Rescue Plan. Ninety million is expected to arrive within a month, while the remaining \$90 million dollars will arrive in 2022. How would you like to see government **officials hold themselves accountable at making sure the money is given to Toledo based organizations and businesses, as well as, making sure there's viable economic growth in the central city?**



Renae Roy
City letter Carrier

I'm not sure what should be put in place, but there definitely needs to be reliable checks and balances put into place to make sure the money is used correctly. As of now, I don't trust that every dime will be used properly. In the past, monies were supposed to go to street repairs, but all those repairs weren't completed. That's just one example of why I'm skeptical about the money being used correctly.



Jackie Labiche-Fitzgerald
Retired

There needs to be a type of overseer that consists of at least two people, who monitor those government officials, who determine how the money is spent. Those people in charge of spending the money need to answer directly to those two people.



Jesse Matthews
Retired

I would like to see government officials guarantee a certain amount of money to specific organizations and businesses and get that guarantee in writing so they can't violate it. In the past, money was supposed to go to the inner-city, but the money never came through or arrived in very small amounts.



Dominique Cole
College Student

In the past, the government has allowed various types of scams to surface from amongst themselves, so it's very hard to trust that they'll deliver the money properly. But the best method I can see is having documentation for everything before and after the money is spent.



John Fitzgerald
Retired

I would like to see government officials establish a type of checks and balance system that's a separate and outside entity to monitor them and make sure the money is being used correctly.



James Hairston
Operations Coordinator

I'm not sure how government officials can be held accountable, being that they're the ones in a position of authority. History has proven that they give the money to whoever they want, regardless of who is designated to receive it. The inner city does not receive the proper amount of funding it deserves, nor does it receive the right amount of information about this type of subject matter.



Diamond Roy
College Student

Being that the inner city is funded like Ottawa Hills, Sylvania and the other suburbs, government officials need to produce itemized statements on where the money is being spent. Having everything on paper will build confidence in the public.

Ongoing Events

OhioMeansJobs Lucas County to hold virtual resume and interview & Classes to prepare job seekers for In-Demand Jobs Week

Online Resume Writing webinar: Tues, 11 a.m. - noon June 1 & June 15. To register, please go to <https://bt.ly/3wCNOfh>

The online What to Do and Not Do of In-Person and Virtual Interviewing webinar

Wed from 11 a.m. - noon, June 2, & June 16 to register, please go to <https://bit.ly/3rSkQIN>

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Every 4th Saturday Memorial Lutheran Church - Free Bagged Lunch

Memorial will begin providing a PB&J sandwich, a bottled water, fruit and a cookie on the 4th Saturday or each month for anyone who stops by between the hours of 12pm to 2pm. Where: 3215 Douglas Rd., Toledo, Ohio 43606. More info: emailoffice@memorial-lutheran.org or call (419) 472-2161.

Mt. Nebo Mary and Gail's Closet Free Clothing

A new clothing ministry to benefit men and women in need of business attire, including job and job interview - appropriate outfits. Appointments are currently required. Call Mt Nebo at 419-246-8561.

Free Food Pantry Every 1st & 3rd Sat. of the month The Redeemed Christian Church of God Mount Zion Chapel Toledo holds a food pantry, at 2239 Cheyenne Blvd., Toledo, OH 43614

Now Thru June 3rd WGTE Presents Color With WGTE Join WGTE Public Media as we present Color with WGTE. Sponsored by the Joseph and Judith Conda Family. Children ages one through 10 is invited to participate through the entry form on the wgte.org website. The contest will target three age groups: 1-4, 5-7, and 8-10. Prizes donated by the Toledo Museum of Art, will be awarded to the first place winners in each age group. Please submit any questions to WGTEPublicMedia@colorwithWGTE@gmail.com or call 419-380-4633

Toledo Public Schools to Offer Vaccine Clinics for Ages 12 and Up

The U.S. FDA has approved the use of the Pfizer vaccine for children between the ages of 12-15, and The CDC recommends that this age group receives the vaccination.

The Toledo Lucas County Health Department is partnering with TPS to offer vaccines to students 12+ and their families. Students under 18 are required to have a signed consent from their parent/guardian to be vaccinated during the school day.

The Pfizer vaccine requires two doses. Participants must receive their vaccine on both of the dates listed for each clinic:

- **Waite** - Wednesday, 6/9, 12-6pm
- **Woodward** - Wednesday, 6/9, 12-6pm
- **Bowsher** - Friday, 6/11, 11-6pm
- **TTA** - Friday, 6/11, 1-6pm

- **TEC** - Monday, 6/7, 1-6pm
- **Start** - Tuesday, 6/8, 12-6pm
- **Rogers** - Tuesday, 6/8, 11-6pm

Families should allow time to complete paperwork and to wait 15-30 min for observation after receiving the vaccine. There is no pre-registration required. Face masks covering the nose and mouth must be worn at all times.

The Arts Commission Announces Return of The accelerator Grant Program for Local Artists

Eligible categories of support include: equipment, supplies, professional development and project support. Grant amounts are not to exceed \$1500. Full guidelines can be found on our website, along with the application.

The Arts Commission Launches The Momentum Festival Mural Project Call for Artists

The Arts Commission of Greater Toledo's Art in Public Places Program is soliciting qualifications from artists who specialize in producing large-scale murals to beautify sections of Water St and the Downtown Toledo concoure tunnel system as part of the fifthe year of the Momentum Festival. The project is open to all artists (18+) that are US residents regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, military status, sexual orientation, marital status, or physial or metal disaility. May 29 deadline via the online portal: https://artist.calforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=8322. All submissions must be received by 11:59 pm on Tues, May 29

For further information, please contact Jesse Heider-Ayling, Art in Public at 419-254-2787, Ex. 1020 or at jayling@theartsscommission.org.

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Meet Jimmy Crow, Insurrectionist And Suppressor, Heir To Jim And James Crow, Esquire



By Marc H. Morial
Wire Writer

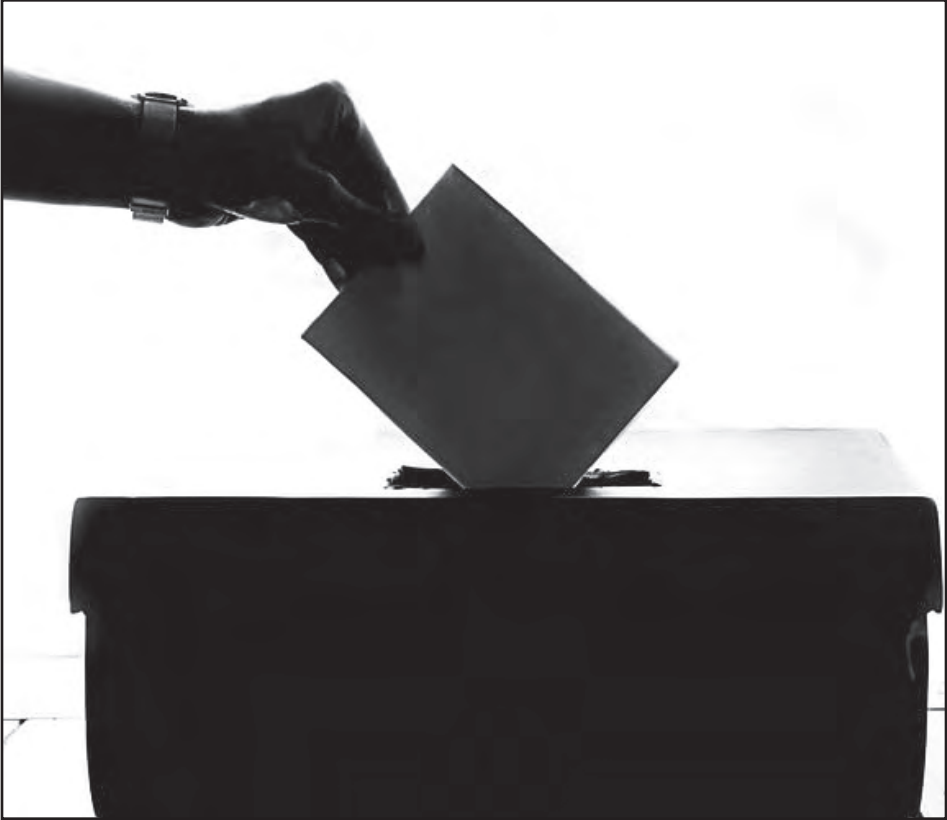
(TriceEdneyWire.com) - "The lie of massive, rampant voter fraud is serving the same function today as it did during the rise of Jim Crow. It stokes fear in a segment of the population that democracy is in peril, and thus provides cover for laws that target Black voters with race-neutral language in the 21st century." - Sherrilyn Ifill, president and director-counsel, NAACP Legal Defense Fund

Meet Jimmy Crow.

You may remember Jimmy's grandfather, Jim Crow. Jim sometimes wore a hood and a robe, and sometimes a sheriff's badge. He administered incomprehensible "literacy tests" to Black citizens trying to register to vote. He clubbed John Lewis nearly to death on the Edmund Pettus Bridge. The n-word flowed freely from Jim's lips.

You may remember Jimmy's father, James Crow, Esquire. James wore a suit and a tie instead of a robe and hood. He drew gerrymandered congressional and legislative districts to dilute the power of the Black vote. James would never utter the n-word – at least not in public. Instead, he would winkingly refer to "states' rights" and "welfare queens."

Jimmy Crow wears a golf shirt and khaki pants. He carries a tiki torch in place of a burning cross. Jimmy's not content with suppressing and diluting the Black vote; he wants the power to ignore election results altogether if he doesn't like the outcome. He fiercely guards the symbols of white supremacy his grandfather erected on town



squares and courthouse grounds to intimidate Black Americans. He rants about "replacement theory" and "the purity of the ballot box."

Like his grandfather, Jimmy Crow is not just willing but eager to use violence to enforce his white supremacist ideology. After neo-Nazi sympathizer James Alex Fields, Jr., killed counter-protestor Heather Heyer by driving his car into a crowd at the 2017 "Unite the Right Rally" at least six states proposed laws to protect drivers who emulate Fields. In a single month last year, at least 72 drivers rammed their cars into protesters in 52 different cities.

Insurrectionists who stormed the U.S. Capitol on January 6 assaulted about 140 police officers, bashing their heads, shoving them down stairs, stabbing them with metal poles, and blasting them with pepper spray.

Jimmy Crow is unrepentant for this revolting brutality, or for the racist lies that provoked it. Just hours after their colleagues' lives were threatened and rioters openly called for Vice President Pence to be hanged, 147 members of Congress voted to overturn the results of a free and fair Presidential election.

Jimmy Crow doesn't hide his conviction that the votes of Black and Brown Americans should not necessarily be

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counted. Dozens of lawsuits challenging the election results sought to invalidate votes in communities of color, particularly African American communities. In Michigan, the challenges focused on in Detroit, where nearly 80% of the population is Black. In Wisconsin, it was Milwaukee County, home to the state's largest percentage of voters of color. Philadelphia, another target, is 58% Black and Latino.

If Jimmy Crow doesn't succeed in cancelling the Black and Brown votes, he thinks he should be able to disregard the results of an election entirely. An Arizona state lawmaker has proposed that the Legislature to decide who wins the state's electoral votes, regardless of the popular vote.

In 1964 and 1965, the nation triumphed over Jim Crow by enacting the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act. We dealt a blow to James Crow, Esq., in the 2008 presidential election, when the Black voting rate exceeded the white rate for the first time in U.S. history – and repeated the feat in 2012.

To fight their descendant Jimmy Crow, Congress must pass, and President Biden must sign the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and The For the People Act. The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act would restore Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, struck down in 2013 by the U.S. Supreme Court in Shelby v. Holder, that required federal approval for any changes to voting laws in jurisdictions with a history of voter suppression. Among the For The People Act's sweeping provisions, it eliminates racially-motivated voter suppression tactics like cumbersome voter registration requirements, strict I.D. requirements, limited voting hours and restrictions on voting by mail. It bans deceptive practices and voter intimidation. And it bans the partisan gerrymandering that dilutes the political influence of communities of color.

As former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder testified to a Senate Committee in support of the bill, "Now is the time for Congress to exercise its constitutional authority to protect the structure of our representative democracy. Otherwise, we will slip deeper into a system in which self-interested politicians use the tools of governance to keep themselves in power with no regard for the desires of the people they are supposed to represent."

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COVID-19 is Still a Global Threat to Humanity — and Requires a Global Response



By Jesse Jackson
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - COVID-19 knows no national boundaries. It does not discriminate by race or religion or ideology. The pandemic poses a threat to humanity, not to any one country. Our response must be as encompassing as the threat: we cannot end the threat here without ending it everywhere. Today, India is suffering a brutal second wave of the disease.

A staggering 400,000 new cases are counted a day; the actual number is surely higher. Medical facilities run out of oxygen, ventilators, and beds. Thousands die a day, increasing numbers from oxygen shortages. The crematoriums are overwhelmed. In some cities, the dead are burned overnight in parking lots; the sun dawns on the ashes left behind. Across the global South, the pandemic rages.

South Africa is the epicenter in Africa, with 1.6 million infected and only 500,000 fully vaccinated. Brazil is second only to the U.S. in diseases, but unlike the U.S. where 70 percent will have at least one shot of vaccine by July 4, in Brazil less than 8 percent have been fully vaccinated. With the U.S. well on the way to beating the pandemic at home, we must lift our sights to join in combating it across the world. Public Citizen estimates that for \$25 billion, we could buy 8 billion doses of vaccine, enough to vaccinate one-half of the planet.

For far less, we could help countries build manufacturing facilities

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Rocky Road to Economic Recovery - Even Worse for African-Americans



By Julianne Malveaux
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - While the economy generated 916,000 jobs in March, it only generated 266,000 in April, essentially slowing the previous month's momentum. Last month, the Biden team was crowing about economic progress. Republicans were suggesting that the economy made so much progress that we don't need the stimulus embodied in the American Families Plan or the American Jobs plan, Biden proposals that will inject \$4 trillion into the economy. Republicans say that unemployed people won't go back to work because they get too much money from unemployment benefits and that there is a "labor shortage."

The Black unemployment rate is 9.7 percent. If there were a labor shortage, it would not be that high. 9.8 million people are officially unemployed, and many don't get unemployment benefits, but if employers think there is a labor shortage, they should pay higher wages. Too many are still paying the minimum \$7.25 wage, and some maneuver to pay even less. They use tactics that require workers to come to work, do some work, then punch in, work a full day, punch out, and then go back to their work station to "clean up." The big box stores are worst at this, but they aren't the only ones.

We have a rocky road to economic recovery. While more than half of all adults have been vaccinated against the coronavirus, many women remain homebound because more than half of all schools are not yet open. Vaccinations will likely be available for children and teens in the next few months, but some teachers hesitate to return to the classroom until then.



When teachers aren't teaching, some moms aren't working. So many women have left the labor market that participation rates are as low as they were in the 1980s. Affordable child care, which is included in Biden's American Families Plan, would make it easier for more women to return to work. Without child care, it's a rocky road to recovery.

Senate Republicans are treating President Biden nearly as severely as they treated President Obama. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell committed to making President Obama a one-term president. He failed, but he behaved like the Last Obstructionist, blocking legislation, court appointments, and more. Last week, he said that "100 percent of our focus is stopping this new administration." His focus is not on economic recovery, infrastructure, or health care. It's on stopping the Biden administration.

McConnell and his cronies claim that the Biden infusion of cash in the economy is inflationary, and prices are, indeed, 2.6 percent higher than they were a year ago. Many of these price hikes result from the pandemic, with supply chain problems part of the reason for higher prices.

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These issues will resolve themselves as we return to "normal" and supply chains are strengthened. Senate Republicans are using inflation as a fig leaf; both Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and Federal Reserve Board Chair Jerome Powell are

more concerned with getting people back to work.

If the road to economic recovery is rocky for most, it is even worse for African Americans who earn just two-thirds of what whites earn and have nearly twice the unemployment as whites (5.3 percent for whites, 9.7 percent for African Americans). While the Biden Administration has spoken of equity issues, there must be a race-specific plan to close these gaps.

The March job creation data was exciting, but it was also impermanent. The April data confirms that two steps forward, one step back, will be the path we are on until there is meaningful structural change. That won't happen when Republicans are 100 percent focused on opposing President Biden.

Some people made money from the pandemic. Some are no worse off than they were a year ago. But many, especially those at the bottom, continue to suffer. Republican indifference to this hardship illustrates the utter callousness that McConnell and his cronies have for most of their fellow citizens.

Julianne Malveaux is a DC-based economist and author.

COVID-19 is Still a Global Threat to Humanity

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and enable them to manufacture the vaccine themselves. Is our vision expansive enough to meet the challenge posed by COVID-19? Our vision was big enough to help save Europe after World War II with the Marshall Plan. Is it big enough to help save the global South — and ourselves today?

On the evening of April 15 in Indianapolis, a gunman opened fire in a FedEx facility where he had worked. He knew it was overwhelmingly staffed by Sikhs, Indian Americans. Four of the eight people killed were Sikhs. He specifically targeted Sikh employees, with one employee reporting that the gunman "told a white woman running toward him to get out of the way, after having just shot a Sikh man in the face."

The massacre took place just a month after the targeting of Asian American spas in Atlanta which left eight people dead, including six Asian women. Violence against Sikhs and against Asian Americans spiked after 9/11, and now it is spiking again in the wake of the pandemic, which originated in China. Today,



a generation after 9/11, Sikhs are five times more likely to be targets of hate than they were before 9/11.

With COVID-19 we do not have the luxury of hate. We need to rise above our divisions to join to defeat the pandemic. It is long past time for the U.S. to help mobilize a far bolder global initiative to ensure the rapid vaccination — and the adequate supplies for treatment —

across the world. We need to help save Indians and South Africans and Brazilians to help save ourselves. We need to join with China and Russia and our allies to address the needs, not compete with them as if this were a fight over markets or influence.

Dr. Martin Luther King taught that all of us are "caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single

garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." The pandemic — and future pandemics — demonstrate the truth of his words. We need a bigger vision. We can find it in many faith traditions. In the wake of the massacre in Indianapolis, Valarie Kaur, a Sikh-American civil rights leader, hailed the multiracial vigil that took place to mourn those who were lost, noting, "We need a shift in consciousness and culture. Sound government is necessary but not sufficient to create an America where you see my children as your own."

We need educators, community leaders, faith leaders, parents and students everywhere to rebuild and re-imagine our nation where they are. We can find inspiration in the vision of Guru Nanak, the first teacher in the Sikh faith: See no stranger. Anti-racism is the bridge: love is the destination." We need this consciousness to bring Americans together across boundaries of race and religion. And now we need this heartfelt vision for our own security in dealing with a pandemic that threatens all.

The “Keep” Cerssandra McPherson campaign has launched

By Jurry Taalib-Deen
Journal Staff Writer

Cerssandra McPherson, democrat, was appointed to her current seat on Toledo City Council, as an At-Large candidate, in September 2020. On Saturday, May 22, at Walbridge Park, located on Broadway St, across from the Toledo Zoo, she officially launched her “Keep” Cerssandra McPherson campaign for the November 2021 election.

Under and around the outdoor shelter, she addressed around 50 supporters and people who were interested in her platform.

As a 32-year Toledo Public School educator, in special education, Ms. McPherson told her audience that she plans on working with the school system by helping to provide an educational atmosphere that will begin working to develop children at an early age.



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Current and former political leaders of Toledo support keeping Cerssandra McPherson on city council.

She then focused on helping make neighborhoods safe again, not just through policing, but establishing a culture

that will encourage neighbors to be more watchful and report any illegal activities.

Ms. McPherson then touched upon the economy of Toledo. She said half the people in the city are renters. “We need to have more renters, become homeowners,” she told her audience, who responded with applause. Building at least 100 new homes in order to make new homeowners is a part of her plan.

She explained that she wants to establish programs that will teach the ins and outs to homeownership, and how to keep up the property, which in turn, adds more value to the home.

“The more homeowners we have, the larger our tax base,

which will be a benefit for the city,” Ms. McPherson said. “The schools would benefit from a larger tax base.”

Afterwards, she spoke with The Toledo Journal who asked her about building 100 new homes. In the past, new homes were built throughout the inner city with the intention of increasing homeownership. Ultimately, the plan wasn’t successful and many of those once, new homes, add to the blight of the central city. Therefore, Ms. McPherson was asked why repeat a failed program? Would using the money to revitalize the homes of current occupants be a better direction?

She responded by saying, she would do both; build 100 new homes and revitalize 100 new homes.

Ms. McPherson also said she would

make sure that Toledo union workers get the first opportunity at participating in the program. The Toledo Journal asked, if large construction companies were to be a part of her project, would she make sure African American workers and subcontractors be a part of the construction? She responded by saying yes.

She was also asked by The Toledo Journal if she would make sure the \$90 million of the \$180 million dollars that was expected to arrive from the federal government, be given strictly to Toledo based businesses and organizations? She responded by saying yes.

“I’m not the typical politician. I will hold people accountable,” Ms. McPherson said.

For “Keep” Cerssandra McPherson yard signs or volunteer for her campaign, call 419.460.2075.



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About 50 people attended the “Keep” Cerssandra McPherson campaign.

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Cerssandra McPherson said she wants to build 100 new homes and revitalize 100 homes within Toledo.

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Treasury and IRS Announce: Families of 88% of Children in the U.S. to Receive Monthly Payment of Refundable Child Tax Credit

First Payments to Be Made on July 15

Submitted

The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service announced today that the first monthly payment of the expanded and newly-advanceable Child Tax Credit (CTC) from the American Rescue Plan will be made on July 15. Roughly 39 million households — covering 88 percent of children in the United States — are slated to begin receiving monthly payments without any further action required.

Treasury and the IRS also announced the increased CTC payments, will be made on the 15th of each month, unless the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday, allowing families who receive the credit by direct deposit to plan their budgets around receipt of the benefit. Eligible families will receive a payment of up to \$300 per month for each child under age 6 and up to \$250 per month for each child age 6 and above.

The American Rescue Plan increased the maximum Child Tax Credit in 2021 to \$3,600 for children under the age of 6 and to \$3,000 per child for children between ages 6 and 17. The American Rescue Plan is projected to lift more than five million children out of poverty this year, cutting child poverty by more than half.

Households covering more than 65 million children will receive the monthly CTC payments through direct deposit, paper check, or debit cards, and Treasury and the IRS are committed to maximizing the use of direct deposit to ensure fast and secure delivery. While most taxpayers will not be required to take any action to receive their payments, Treasury and the IRS will continue outreach efforts with partner organizations over the coming months to make more families aware of their eligibility.

Today's announcement represents the latest collaboration between the Bureau of the Fiscal Service and the IRS — and between Treasury and the White House American Rescue Plan Implementation Team — to ensure help quickly reaches Americans in need as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Since March 12, the IRS has also distributed approximately 165 million Economic Impact Payments with a value of approximately \$388 billion as a part of the American Rescue Plan.

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Swimming Safety Tips for Summer

Submitted

(Family Features) - Playing in or around water is one of the joys of summer, but this treasured seasonal pastime comes with some serious risks. Drowning is the second-leading cause of accidental death for children under



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the age of 14 in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As COVID-19 restrictions ease, many families will have informal gatherings and take trips to the beach, increasing the potential for children to have unsupervised access to water. Because of this, it's important for children to take swimming lessons to learn water safety skills and create safer habits in and around water. As swimming lessons begin across the country, many are being conducted safely with COVID-19 precautions in place.

Protect your family's safety around water this summer with these tips from the Make a Splash Tour, presented by Phillips 66 and the USA Swimming Foundation.

DESIGNATE A WATER WATCHER AND CLOSELY MONITOR CHILDREN. Designate a water watcher when you are in, on or around water. Watch all children and adolescents swimming or playing in or around water, even if they know how to swim. Keeping young children or inexperienced swimmers within arm's length at all times can help ensure you're able to provide assistance if and when it's needed.

WEAR A LIFE JACKET. Anyone participating in any boating, paddling or towed water sports, regardless of swimming ability in pool or open water situations, should wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket. Preschool-aged children (5 years old and younger), who are not protected by touch supervision, in particular, should always wear a life jacket. Swimming aids and water toys — such as water wings, inflatable water wings and rings — are not intended to be life-saving devices.

LEARN TO SWIM. Research has shown formal swimming lessons reduce the risk of childhood drowning by 88%. Through the annual Make a



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Swimming lessons reduce the risk of childhood drowning by 88%.

Splash Tour, the USA Swimming Foundation, with the support of Phillips 66, encourages children's swim lessons. By equipping your child with the skill of swimming, you'll open doors to a lifetime of safety, fun, fitness and even employment opportunities.

While lessons progressively teach a

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Swimming Safety Tips for Summer

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variety of swimming strokes, some of the most important things swimmers learn – even in beginner classes – are

SWIM IN DESIGNATED AREAS AND OBEY POSTED SIGNS AND FLAGS. Ropes, buoys and flags in larger bodies of water like lakes or oceans are commonly used to mark off



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By equipping your child with the skill of swimming, you'll open doors to a life-time of safety, fun, fitness and even employment opportunities.

breath control and how to float. These basic skills are essential for staying above water should someone find him- self or herself unable to touch or too tired to swim to safety. Children can participate in swimming lessons before they can walk, and parent-child swim lessons provide bonding opportunities along with water safety education.

safe swimming areas and provide vi- sual cues about changes in depth, un- derwater surfaces and currents. Teach children what these signs and markers mean and that they're in place as safe- ty tools, not toys to play with or float on. Learn CPR. If the unthinkable does happen, knowing how to perform CPR allows you to take immediate action, which has been shown to significant-

ly better the outcome for children with submersion injuries. In the time it takes for paramedics to arrive, you could save someone's life. Seconds count; the quicker CPR is started, the better the chances of recovery. There are many places that offer CPR training, including community organizations and nonprofit groups. Remember to

keep your certification current once you have completed the initial require- ments. Make safety a priority for your sum- mer water fun. For more information, including swim lesson providers in your area, visit usaswimming.org/makeasplash.

2021 Toledo Area Summer Pool Hours Announced

The City of Toledo's six public pools and the splash pad at Savage Park will open for the 2021 Summer season beginning on June 1. The pools and the splash pad will be open seven days a week.
June 1 to July 4 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
July 5 to Aug. 15. from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Closed for maintenance

Mondays: Willys & Roosevelt pools, and Savage splash pad.
Tuesdays: Wilson, Pickford, Jamie Farr, and Navarre pools.

From Aug. 16 to Sept. 5, the pools and the splash pad will be open as follows:
• Thursdays, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
• Fridays, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
• Saturdays, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
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Entry Fee: **\$1**-children 12 and under & **\$2** for 13 and older.
Swimming lessons will be offered this summer.



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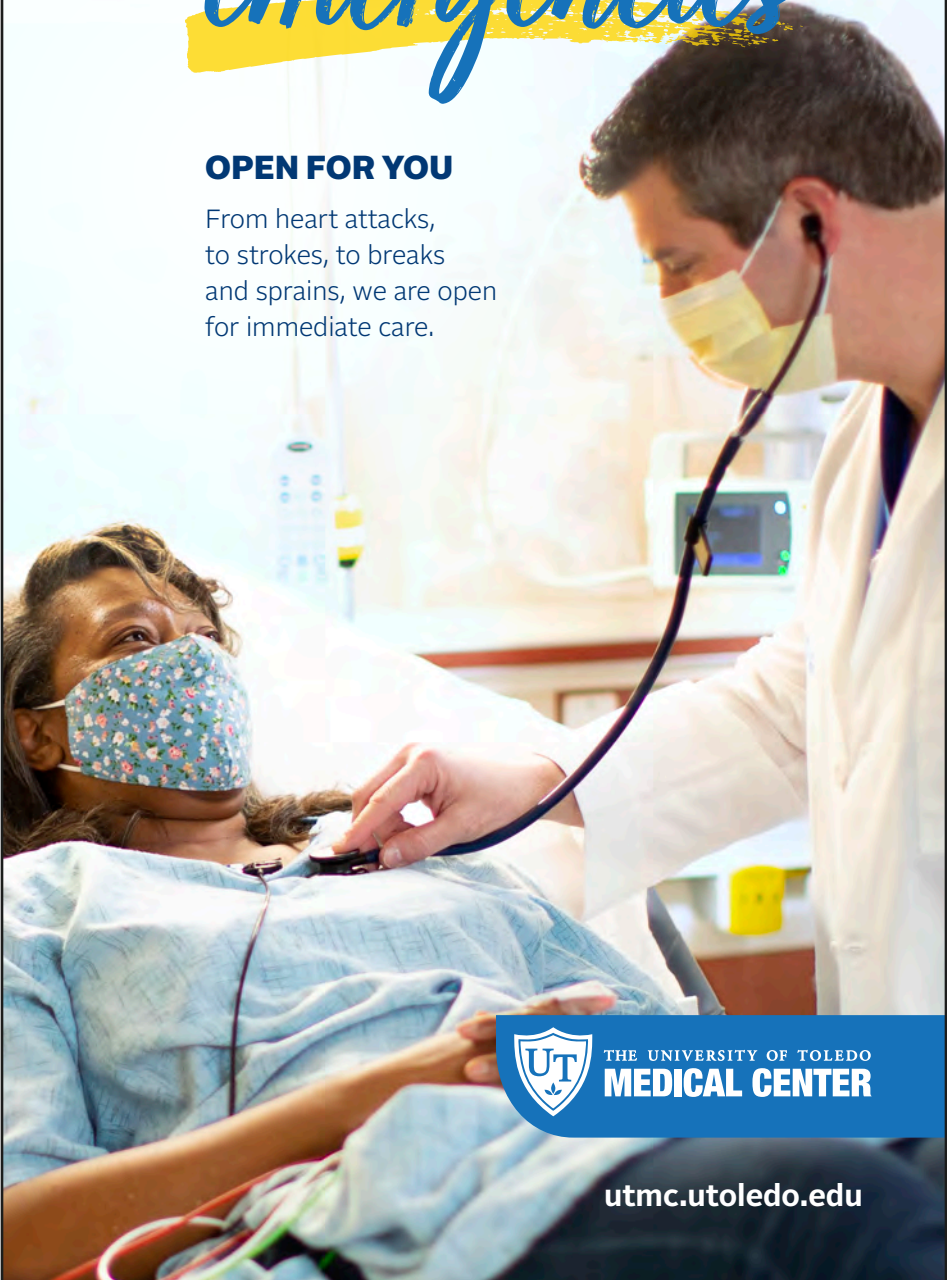
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Twenty-first birthday celebration held for the late, Telayah Hughes



Family and friends are determined to not let the impact Telayah had on so many people fade away.

Journal Staff Writer

May 25th would've been the 21st birthday of Telayah Hughes, but her life was tragically taken on March 8, 2020. Refusing to let her memory and the impact she had on so many people fade away, family and friends gathered at the Shelter House of Swan Creek Metro Park, 4301 Airport, on March 23rd, to remember their daughter, sister, granddaughter, and friend.

A life size picture of Telayah, with angel wings and surrounded by balloons, hung in the outdoor shelter. A birthday cake and pictures also decorated the venue.

"My daughter was full of life. She was silly, had energy and loved her family," Alaka Hughes, mom, told The Toledo Journal. "She had just got a new car, started a new job and was planning on going into the Navy. Telayah was just coming into her maturity and her life was taken away."

Mrs. Hughes said the past year has been a struggle for her and her family. She encourages anyone who is going through a similar experience to get help. "Don't let anyone tell you not to seek help. I've been going to a psychic medium and it has helped me tremendously."

Candy Drayton is Telayah's grandmother who's called "Mom-

ma 2." "Telayah was such a beautiful person. She was such a go-getter," she said.

Ms. Drayton said Telayah never hesitated to help her and she never hesitated to help Telayah.

"Her not being here hurts every day; it never stops hurting," she said.

Kylee Harris and Telayah were best friends. Kylee said they enjoyed going to the mall together, on trips and having sleepovers. "If she was still alive today, she'd definitely be making a difference

in everyone's life," Ms. Harris said.

"I still feel her spirit every day," Alaka Hughes said. "But my sincere advice for anyone going through something similar is to get help. Stop suffering over and over again in silence; please stop doing it. And no matter how old your child is, know what they're doing and check their social media. Talk to them, get to know them and love them. When someone takes your loved one's life, the life of their family is also taken away."



Telayah's parents, Tellus and Alaka Hughes, stand in front of a picture of their daughter.



Remembering George Floyd on the anniversary of his death

May 26th marks the one-year anniversary of the murder of George Floyd. The National Alliance urges all branches, individual and organizational members, friends and allies to seize the time, sum up the lessons of our struggle, and press forward for community control of the police and liberation!

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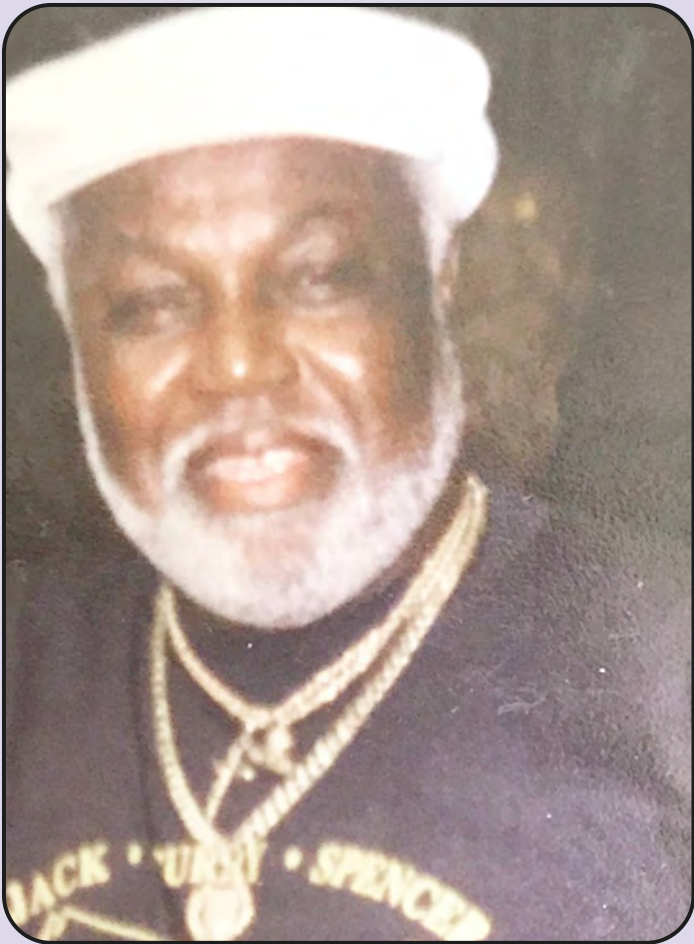
Happy Birthday to my remarkable dad!

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Sisters: Geraldine Perry, Idella (Clois) Smith, and Marilyn Riley



Comic Legend Paul Mooney Dies at 79

Submitted

Paul Mooney, the comedian who wrote episodes of "Sanford and Son," "Good Times," and "The Richard Pryor Show," has died at the age of 79.

His publicist, Cassandra Williams, confirmed Mooney's death and said he died at home in Oakland, California.

"Thank you all from the bottom of all of our hearts ...you're all are the best!... Mooney World... The Godfather of Comedy – ONE MOON MANY STARS!... To all in love with this great man... many thanks," the family posted on Mooney's Twitter account Wednesday morning.

A genius at standup comedy, Mooney was the opening act for Eddie Murphy's 1987 feature, "Raw," a follow-up to Murphy's wildly popular "Delirious."

He wrote lines for Pryor and appeared several times on the "Dave Chapelle Show."

In 1978, Mooney portrayed Sam Cooke in "The Buddy Holly Story."

Known as the "godfather of comedy," Mooney was born Paul Gladney in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Mostly flying under the radar as a writer for the smash-hit television series "Sanford and Son,"



Paul Gladney was better known by the stage name Paul Mooney. Passed away on May 19, 2021.

starring legendary comedian Redd Foxx, and "Good Times," starring John

Amos and comedian Jimmy "JJ" Walker, Money wrote some of Pryor's most memorable routines.

Those including "Live on the Sunset Strip" and "Is It Something I Said."

He later teamed with the Wayans family to write episodes of the groundbreaking variety show, "In Living Color."

"Paul Mooney. A comedy giant. I recall listening to his RACE album in college and how formative it was," filmmaker

Ava Duvernay wrote on Twitter.

"Yeah, the jokes. But more so, the freedom. He spoke freely and fearlessly about feelings and experiences others found difficult to express. May he be truly free now. Rest, sir," Duvernay concluded.

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

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Medical science is continually improving its technology, presenting us with both miracles and dilemmas. A nineteenth-century person would probably have been horrified at the thought of removing the heart from a freshly dead body and implanting it into the chest of another.

The idea of maintaining heartbeat and respiration with machines would likely have brought unbelieving laughter. No one is laughing now and transplants horrify few, if any, anymore. They save too many lives. There are, of course hosts of new problems and questions that surround each new medical advance. We are now more uncertain than ever about even the most basic question, "What is Death?"

Defining death and being able to diagnose it correctly have always been major concerns of both physicians and laypersons alike. Until the last few decades, however, it was simple. Once heartbeat and respiration had irreversibly ceased, a person was considered dead. Now, thanks to our sophisticated equipment and transplant surgery, we are in the midst of trying to refine our definition of death.

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Premier Bank Senior VP, Chief Accounting Officer, David Sparacio

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“We are pleased to have an individual with David’s background and skills as a member of the Premier Bank team,” said Paul Nungester, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer of Premier Bank. “His breadth of knowledge and strong leadership skills make him the perfect fit for this important role, and we look forward to the positive impact he will make on our accounting team.” Sparacio brings with him 25 years of experience in financial services, most recently serving as Director of Accounting Operations for IBERIABANK, which was acquired by First Horizon Corporation in July 2020. As Chief Accounting Officer, he will lead the company’s accounting functions, making sure that controls are appropriately documented and running effectively, developing process efficiencies to support growth and utilizing technology in implementation of accounting systems. “I am delighted to be a part of Premier Bank,” said Sparacio. “I am looking forward to working with my highly talented and experienced colleagues in support of Premier Bank’s growth and



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David Sparacio success.” Sparacio earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the University of New Orleans, his Master of Business Administration from Loyola University New Orleans and his Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. David currently serves as a Colonel in the Finance Corps of the U.S. Army Reserve.

Bike Month Perks Offered by TARTA and TMACOG

Submitted

Throughout the month of May, TARTA has partnered with the The Toledo Area Council of Metropolitan Governments and GohioCommute to encourage residents to log their commutes to win prizes and to receive t-shirts for bringing their bikes onboard public transit vehicles. With easy-to-use bike racks and fare free riding, commuters can add their bikes to TARTA vehicles without extra charge. TARTA vehicles are also 100% bike accessible, making it easier than ever to incorporate a multimodal commute. See just how easy it is to use your bike on public transit. TARTA Tip: Thinking of bringing your bike onboard? From May 24th to 29th TARTA’s fixed bus route 16 and select core routes 2C, 5C, 14, 19, 31G and 52 will be giving away TMACOG Bike Month t-shirts.



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Ride your bike and have a chance to win a TARTA t-shirt.

City of Toledo Mask Mandate Voluntary Beginning June 2

Submitted

The City of Toledo’s mask mandate, which took effect July 14, 2020, will be voluntary as of June 2, 2021, to mirror the guidelines set forth by the State of Ohio and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz announced. Until June 2, 2021, residents who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear a mask unless they

are in specifically designated areas like airplanes, buses, health care offices, or in businesses or municipalities that require a mask to be worn. Residents who are not vaccinated are still required to wear a mask until June 2 any time they are indoors, as well as anytime they are outdoors and cannot be socially distanced, or when they are in specifically designated areas like airplanes, buses, and health care settings.

Ongoing Events

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June 6th
The Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church
Celebrating 56 Years of Pastoral Ministry
The Legacy of Rev. Dr. John E. Roberts: The Call, the Commitment, the Challenges: Isaiah 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send. And who will go for us?” then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”
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Local Organizations Host “Metro beet”, an Urban Farm and Community Garden Tour
Join local gardening organizations and enthusiasts on the Metro Beet, a self-guided tour of urban farms and community gardens in the Metro-Toledo region. Tours will take place Fri from 5-8pm and Sat. 10am - 2pm, June 11-12, July 9-10, and Aug 13-14. A map of participating urban farm and community gardens on the tour each month can be found at tinyurl.com/MetroBeet-2021Facebook. Participants are expected to follow COVID 19 guidelines, wear masks, and social distance while on the tour. For more info: Yvonne Dubielak, yvonne.dubielak@toledogrows.org, 419-720-8714.

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Metroparks Toledo is looking for a qualified individual for Park Technician 2 at Glass City. High School Diploma or equivalent. Moderate level experience in general turf, grounds and building maintenance. \$15.12/hr. Full-time with benefits. Go to www.MetroparksToledo.com/careers to review job description and apply. Applicants must submit an online application and resume. EOE

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BIDS/PROPOSALS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for bidding on **Metroparks Toledo - Swan Creek Connector Trail, 4301 Airport Hwy., Toledo, Ohio 43615 - PID 107469** will be received; opened; and read aloud at the Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area, Fallen Timbers Field Office, 6101 Fallen Timbers Lane, Maumee, Ohio 43537 **Friday, July 2, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.** local time.

THE SCOPE OF WORK consists of construction of a 10 foot wide shared use path through Swan Creek Preserve Metropark. The new 10 foot wide path will consist of approximately 2,100 feet of aggregate path, 5,600 feet of asphalt, 580 feet of box beam "board-walk" plus overlook, 2 steel truss bridges over Swan Creek, piling foundations with concrete caps, and concrete abutments. General construction includes clearing and grubbing; erosion control; storm drainage; aggregate and asphalt pavement; segmental retaining wall; concrete abutments and pier caps; steel pilings; steel truss bridges with concrete deck; box beams with concrete topping; railings. Bidders may obtain copies of plans, specifications, contract documents and plan-holder's list through Newfax Corporation, 333 West Woodruff, Toledo, Ohio 43604 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (check made payable to Newfax Corporation) or via the Newfax Digital Plan Room at www.newfaxcorp.com. Newfax can be contacted at 419-241-5157 or 800-877-5157. A non-refundable fee of \$35 is required for each set of full-size documents obtained. For additional information, please contact Jon Zvanovec @ 419-360-9184, jon.zvanovec@metroparkstoledo.com.

EACH BIDDER MUST FURNISH either (1) a bond for the full amount of the bid or (2) a certified check, cashier's check or irrevocable letter of credit in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid with its bid. The successful bidder must furnish a 100 percent (100%) Performance Bond and a 100 percent (100%) Labor and Materials Bond.

The bidder must be an Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) pre-qualified contractor. Pre-qualification status must be in force at the time of bid, at the time of award, and through the life of the construction contract.

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for this project is minimum nine percent (9%).


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

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

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

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP21-R008 RELOCATION CONSULTING SERVICES

Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH) will receive proposals for **Relocation Consulting Services**. Received in accordance with law until **June 15, 2021, 3:00 PM ET**. see documents: www.lucasmha.org: 201 Belmont Ave., Toledo, OH 43604; or 419-259-9446 (TRS: Dial 711). Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements (Executive Order #11246). This contract opportunity is a Section 3 Covered Contract and any Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply.



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‘Black-ish’ coming to an end

By Michael “Ice-Blue” Harris

The hit family show series “Black-ish” starring Anthony Anderson and Tracee Ellis Ross was just renewed for its eighth season and it has just been revealed that it will be the last season of the show. The series originally debuted on ABC in 2014 and spawned the spinoffs “Grown-ish” starring Yari Shahidi which is set to begin its fourth season, and the prequel “Mixed-ish,” which is set to begin its third season with Ross. “Black-ish” creator and executive producer Kenya Baris took to Instagram to deliver the news.

“#BLACKISH ANNOUNCEMENT!!! -To ALL the people in the world I love, honor, respect and care for it is both exciting and bittersweet to share that black-ish has been RENEWED by ABC for it’s EIGHTH ... and FINAL SEASON. In this day and age, it is rare to get to decide when your show should come to an end, and we are grateful along with ABC to be able to make this final season exactly what we’d hoped for – and to do it with the entire and AMAZINGLY STELLAR cast coming back to close this chapter out with us the right way!,” Baris posted on IG.

The show and cast have won several NAACP Image Awards as well as a Golden Globe and Peabody Award over the years. The last season of “Black-ish” is scheduled to premiere on Aug. 18.

“It’s hard to imagine that it’s been seven years and that this will be our eighth and our



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Anthony Anderson, Channing Dungey, Tracee Ellis Ross and Laurence Fishburne.

final season of @blackishabc. The joy and pride in what we have made is immeasurable. Thank you for laughing, crying and growing with the Johnsons. Thank you to the #blackish family; our cast, writers and crew, what a journey it’s been with all of you. My love for you runs deep! Stay tuned y’all. It’s gonna be a good one,” added Ross on IG.

The season seven finale of “Black-ish” aired on Tuesday, May 18 and the guest star was R&B group Boyz II Men.

The post ‘Black-ish’ coming to an end appeared first on Rolling Out.

7 Signs Your Family Is Dictating Your Love Life

By Jack Bell
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(ThyBlackMan.com) Emotional manipulators may be hard to avoid even though they are easily identifiable. We can always choose who can be close to us, but eliminating the toxic ones is not always so easy. They may be in-laws, step-parents, and relatives to name a few. We live in communities, so unless we decide to stay alone forever, we’ll run into people we’d rather avoid. If you feel that something isn’t right in your love life or your love life is being controlled not by either you or your partner but someone else, you should check these signs and fix the problems as soon as you can.

You are judged, often unfairly

A family member will have their own opinions when it comes to someone’s love life. One evening with your loved one, and moments later your mom is an investigator on a quest to discover from family and other important details of your partner’s life. However when genuine consideration moves into unfair judgment, it can be difficult to tolerate the judgment critical family. Although your family really wishes what’s best for you, making choices for yourself is an important part of growing up and leading an independent life. You might also need to accept the fact that they’re never going to think anyone in the world is good enough for their extraordinarily “perfect kid.”

They gaslight you



If it is a mistake, a flaw, or a day-to-day problem, instead of being genuinely compassionate, gaslighting family members will make their close ones feel bad for whatever terrible situation they are in. Such activity implies gaslighting. When an authoritative parenting approach is used by a parent or a family member, you are measured by the obedience lens. The family dictates what their son or daughter can like, hate, respect, and believe.

One of you is being spoon-fed

Your family tries to do everything for you. They may simply want to bring

you everything they can. This may look and feel good, especially when this help comes when it’s most needed, however, you need to be careful that neither of you is becoming too dependent on the help or accepts every gift coming, especially the ones that require you to do something in return. Gifts with strings attached might negatively affect your plans or hurt your relationship in the long run. It’s important to know the cost of such help.

You can’t keep them out of it

Each time you and your partner have an argument, don’t come running to your

relatives, either directly or on the cell. Unless there’s something really serious or something which you two can’t figure out it is none of your relatives’ business. Keep everyone out of it if it isn’t an extreme scenario. If your spouse doesn’t like them now, this would only give them fuel to put in. If your family does like your partner, it might only change their mind after hearing about all the things they did.

You spend too much time with them

One more way of stopping your family from sabotaging your relationship is to spend little of

your time when your partner and family are sitting in the same place. Make sure you plan different holidays where you and your spouse can be alone and the ones where the whole family can be involved. Instead of crying at yet another awful vacation, consider a quiet place for the two of you. If members of your family are too intrusive, you may have almost no time for your partner to be alone to develop your relationship as a couple.

There are no reasonable boundaries

Many people grew up in cultures where there hasn’t been any proper

practice of both freely communicating boundaries or respecting the rights of one another. Where an individual is unable to communicate and establish healthy boundaries, efforts to satisfy their needs appear to use all types of toxic defensive mechanisms. Such defensive mechanisms may provide additions that obscure the internal fear and stress produced by the absence of healthy boundaries. Unhealthy defensive strategies may include ignoring, disassociating, cheating, covering up, or stonewalling facts or activity. Though you can’t deter your family from wanting to do whatever they want. However, calmly declining to go along with it is your choice.

They are a bunch of manipulators

Your happiness would be robbed by manipulators as they will mostly tell half-truths or lie on your face. They will remain like that and will create a positive image for themselves until they realize more people are seeing their actions. They can modify a situation’s reality, take stuff out of context, and then use your comments against you. They’re going to poke you patiently before you react, and they’re going to blame you for reacting. They’ll reveal secrets ‘unknowingly’ and they’ll indicate that there has been information to disclose.

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Freed slaves and early Memorial Day

By Dave Roos
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(History.com) - At the close of the Civil War, people recently freed from enslavement in Charleston honored fallen Union soldiers.

Memorial Day was born out of necessity. After the American Civil War, a battered United States was faced with the task of burying and honoring the 600,000 to 800,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who had died in the single bloodiest military conflict in American history.

The first national commemoration of Memorial Day was held in Arlington National Cemetery on May 30, 1868, where both Union and Confederate soldiers are buried.

Several towns and cities across America claim to have observed their own earlier versions of Memorial Day or "Decoration Day" as early as 1866. (The earlier name is derived from the fact that decorating graves was and remains a central activity of Memorial Day.)

But it wasn't until a remarkable discovery in a dusty Harvard University archive the late 1990s that historians learned about a Memorial Day commemoration organized by a group of Black people freed from enslavement less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865. Back in 1996, David Blight, a professor of American History at Yale University, was researching a book on the Civil War when he had one of those once-in-a-career eureka moments. A curator at Harvard's Houghton Library asked if he wanted to look through two boxes of unsorted material from Union veterans.

"There was a file labeled 'First Decoration Day,'" remembers Blight, still amazed at his good fortune. "And inside on a piece of cardboard was a narrative handwritten by an old veteran, plus a date referencing an article in The New York Tribune. That narrative told the essence of the story that I ended up telling in my book, of this march on the racetrack in 1865." The clubhouse at the Charleston racetrack where the 1865 Memorial Day events took place.

The racetrack in question was the Washington Racecourse and Jockey Club in Charleston, South Carolina. In the late stages of the Civil War, the Confederate army transformed the formerly posh country club into a makeshift prison for Union captives. More than 260 Union soldiers died from disease and exposure while being held in the racetrack's open-air infield. Their bodies were hastily buried in a mass grave behind the grandstands.

When Charleston fell and Confederate troops evacuated

the badly damaged city, those freed from enslavement remained. One of the first things those emancipated men and women did was to give the fallen Union prisoners a proper burial. They exhumed the mass grave and reinterred the bodies in a new cemetery with a tall, whitewashed fence inscribed with the words: "Martyrs of the Racecourse."

And then on May 1, 1865, something even more extraordinary happened. According to two reports that Blight found in The New York Tribune and The Charleston Courier, a crowd of 10,000 people, mostly freed slaves with some white missionaries, staged a parade around the racetrack. Three thousand Black schoolchildren carried bouquets of flowers and sang "John Brown's Body." Members of the famed 54th Massachusetts and other Black Union regiments were in attendance and performed double-time marches. Black ministers recited verses from the Bible.

The Battle of Fort Wagner on Morris Island was the Union attack on July 18, 1863, led by the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. The infantry was one of the first major American military units made up of Black soldiers.

If the news reports are accurate, the 1865 gathering at the Charleston racetrack would be the earliest Memorial Day commemoration on record. Blight excitedly called the Avery Institute of Afro-American History and Culture at the College of Charleston, looking for more information on the historic event.

"I've never heard of it," they told me," says Blight. "This never happened."

But it was clear from the newspaper reports that a Memorial Day observance was organized by freed slaves in Charleston at least a year before other U.S. cities and three years before the first national observance. How had been lost to history for over a century?

"This was a story that had really been suppressed both in the local memory and certainly the national memory," says Blight. "But nobody who had witnessed it could ever have forgotten it."

Blight kept digging for more information, but the only other mention he found of the racetrack event was in a 1916 correspondence sent from a women's Civil War historical society in New Orleans to its sister chapter in Charleston, asking about a big parade of freed slaves on a horse track at the

end of the war.

"I regret that I was unable to gather any official information in answer to this," wrote the Charleston society's president.

"That's such a telling statement," says Blight. "The woman who wrote that letter may not have known about it, but the fact that she didn't tell the story."

Once the war was over and Charleston was rebuilt in the 1880s, the city's white residents likely had little interest in remembering an event held by former enslaved people to celebrate the Union dead. "That didn't fit their version of what the war was all about," says Blight.

In time, the old horse track

and country club were torn down, and thanks to a gift from a wealthy Northern patron, the Union soldiers' graves were moved from the humble white-fenced graveyard in Charleston to the Beaufort National Cemetery. By the time Blight was rummaging through the Harvard archives in 1996, the story of the first Memorial Day had been entirely forgotten.

Or perhaps not entirely.

After his book *Race and Reunion* was published in 2001, Blight gave a talk about Memorial Day at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, and after it was finished, an older Black woman approached him.

"You mean that story is true?" the woman asked Blight.

"I grew up in Charleston, and my granddaddy used to tell us this story of a parade at the old racetrack, and we never knew whether to believe him or not. You mean that's true?"

For Blight, it's less important whether the 1865 commemoration of the "Martyrs of the Race Course" is officially recognized as the first Memorial Day.

"It's the fact that this occurred in Charleston at a cemetery site for the Union dead in a city where the Civil war had begun," says Blight, "and that it was organized and done by African American former slaves is what gives it such poignancy."



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2021 Pathway Summer Youth Program

Submitted

We are pleased to partner with Lucas County Jobs & Family Services and the Lucas County Commissioners to be the host of our Summer Youth Employment Program. While we are projecting to serve 40-60 youth with the current funding levels, I am hopeful that we will be able to acquire additional funding which will allow us to serve more youth. It is extremely important that as a Community, we do all that we can to reach out to our youth and provide them with positive opportunities that will help keep them busy and help to promote positive life experiences for them.

Please note the following:

A. Worksite Applications will be accepted ongoing until all youth are placed. The packet gives you a brief outline of the program as well as start and end dates for every cohort and worksite expectations.

B. The SYEP Flyer to share. Note that the flyer lays out eligibility requirements as well as dates when youth applications will be accepted. We are initially allowing seven (7) days for distribution because we anticipate that the response will be overwhelming. We are proposing to serve 47-60 youth due to limited funding for this Program. If we receive additional funds we will serve more youth. We will establish a waiting list for applicants who may want work experience. We will reopen the process if we do not receive a large enough response.

C. When can SYEP Applications be picked up? Wednesday the 19th through Wednesday the 26th Only!

D. When can SYEP application information be dropped off? Applications and items on the checklist provided can be dropped off at the Pathway reception area between 10:00 am through 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Only completed applications will be considered.

E. Who determines eligibility? Pathway Staff will determine eligibility.

F. How much are the youth earning? \$10.00 per hr.

G. How long is the Program experience? 8 weeks (1 week paid training and orientation, 7 weeks work experience).


H. Can youth work extra weeks? No. What are the youth ages? 14-18.

I. SYEP Start Date for training: June 14, 2021.


J. When is the first payroll due? June 21st with rolling cohorts.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Program Director Tomeka Rushing at (419) 242.7304 Ext.1254.

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Black history is an essential part of the history of our nation, our communities and our company. Black associates have been key members of the Rudolph Libbe Group team since our earliest years. In a series of articles this year, we are celebrating the contributions of current associates and retirees, and expressing our gratitude to them for being a part of the Rudolph Libbe Group.

—Bill Rudolph, Chairman, Rudolph Libbe Group

By the time Eric Marshall graduated from high school, he knew he was interested in a construction career. The physical work and a good income appealed to him.

“A kid I went to school with and played football with, his dad had a masonry company. I asked his father for a job and he said, ‘Boy, you can’t do what I do for a living.’ I said, ‘You don’t know what I can do.’ And he said, ‘You’ve got a point.’”

Marshall got the job and worked for the masonry company several years. When he was laid off, he went to work for a Michigan contractor where he met another craftsman who had worked for Rudolph Libbe and was looking forward to being called back.

“The guy working with us was a Rudolph guy, but Rudolph was slow at the time. He said, ‘Would you like to work with Rudolph?’ I said I’d never heard of them. He said, ‘They’d like you.’ When he went back [to Rudolph Libbe], he called me.”

Marshall worked for Rudolph Libbe for a few months, but returned to the other contractor to finish the project he had been working on. Then he went back to Rudolph Libbe. “They put me to work on Monday, then I worked 28 straight years and I was not laid off one day.”

The job had lots of variety. “I drove a Gradall, set scaffolding, and made mortar. I liked being outside and doing physical work.”

The wages made a good life possible for his family. “The money was really great. You work hard, and this is where a lot of people have an issue. You work in the cold and heat and all that, but I went on vacations, had new cars, trucks or whatever. I had three boys and a daughter, and we went to Virginia Beach every year. For a young kid, if you don’t want to go to college, that’s a way to go. You can make a great living doing construction.”

Through the years, standing up for himself was important. “There’s a lot of racism all the time. In construction, you deal with a lot of men, a lot of egos and big egos. Jobs are being run by a lot of white guys, some guys with attitudes. You let them know, ‘You’re not going to treat me that way.’ It gets through to most people. I’m very outspoken. I got treated very well at Rudolph. Once I got known, I didn’t have problems. I worry about that with a lot of young kids because they aren’t built like we were. They’re more sensitive about things. They’re more likely to walk away.”

Marshall retired in 2017 as a laborer foreman. “I enjoyed my years with Rudolph. It was a great time. I like the idea of driving around and saying ‘We built that building.’ To me, that’s exciting.”





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