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NAACP hosts first job fair in central city for immediate job openings

By Michael Daniels
Journal Staff Writer

On Wednesday, June 23, the local chapter of the NAACP sponsored their first Job Fair in the central city in the back lot of the Mott Branch Library. "The purpose of this Job fair is to link up this community with excellent agencies in the wider Toledo area, who are offering not only the chance for gainful employment, but also solid career choices," said Rev. Dr. Willie L. Perryman, President of Toledo Branch of the NAACP.

"Today we have about 15 to 17 vendors who looking for individuals from this community to offer them life-changing career opportunities. The idea for this project came from one of our Executive Board Members, Mr. Leon Fitzpatrick and the rest of the Board approved it. Since that time, the Board has been working diligently to make our vision of today a success. This type of Job Fair in this location is very important because on many occasions these type of agencies have a hard time finding and identifying minority candidates for their employment opportunities" said Rev. Dr. Perryman. "The NAACP wants to be the link between these employers and the minority community."

Two such employers, who fit perfectly in this scenario, are the Lucas County Sheriff's Office and Toledo Fire and Rescue Department. They both were on hand at the job fair recruiting for their next class. Battalion Chief Danny Martinez from Fire and Rescue said "We're hiring and recruiting right now, and we are seeking people



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College Sophomore Orlando William signs up for an NAACP Membership with NAACP WIN Chairperson Sharon Roach, at the Job Fair.



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Members of the NAACP's Executive Committee who put the Job Fair together were (back L-R) Terry Crosby, Rev. Dr. Willie L. Perryman: President, and Leon Fitzpatrick, (front L-R), Doris Roberts, Kandice Saulsberry, and Anita Madison.

from this community to serve this community. It's important to have people from the community, who know the people of that community, I know this from my own personal experience. I grew up in the inner-city and I know what it's like to look out for my own people. Our crew must reflect the people we serve, it makes a big difference. I have gone on runs where I actually know the people and I can approach them with compassion because knowing from whence they come."

Deputy Sheriff Sherry Stearns-Samson added, "We are also hiring 150 new officers for our next class, we have two previous classes that will be retiring soon. I agree with Chief Martinez, if an officer is from the community they serve they are able to serve that community with compassion, and a little bit of compassion goes a long way on this job"

If you missed the Job Fair you can still apply for the Lucas County Sheriff's Office by calling 419-213-4387 and an application will be sent to you. For the Toledo Fire and Rescue Department go online to The

City of Toledo Web page and find, Fire and Rescue. Currently, the city is in desperate need of firefighters, contact the Fire and Rescue Department today and explore this unique good-paying career opportunity now. Please apply today the community is in need of your service.

Another social service agency at the job fair was Lucas County Children Services, and Mr. Eric Walker from the agency said "We are in need of Case Workers, a PC Support Specialist, and Nurses to fill our open positions. We are always in need of Case Workers because of retirees and the generally high turnover." Those interested can call me directly at 419-213-3260," said Mr. Walker. "I will get you started on the application process."

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On hand to recruit applicants for the Lucas County Sheriff's Office were Deputy Sheriffs (L-R) Leon Fitzpatrick and Sherry Stearns-Samson along with Battalion Chief Daniel Martinez recruiting for the Fire and Rescue Department.



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Helping those Age 60 and Better Live Long, Quality, Independent Lives!



2021 Home Energy Assistance Program Summer Crisis Program July 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021



The 2021 Summer Crisis Program (SCP) will provide eligible households with a one-time benefit to assist with electric utility bills, central air conditioning repairs, and air conditioning unit and/or fan purchases. Household income must be at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and household's must have at least one additional eligibility criteria listed below:

- A household member who is age 60 or older.
- A household member has a documented medical condition verified by a licensed medical professional who is qualified under Ohio law to write prescriptions.
- A household member that was diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 12 months. May provide a written statement as proof of medical diagnosis.
- Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP) customers are eligible for assistance towards their default PIPP payment, first PIPP payment, central air conditioning repairs, or may receive an air conditioning unit and/or fan.
- A household's electric utility has a disconnect notice, has been shut off, or new electric service is being established for the household. These households may also receive an air conditioning unit and/or fan or central air conditioning repairs if the household can maintain electric service for 30 days.

This year the program will be open **July 1 – September 30, 2021**. The maximum benefit amounts for the 2021 program are: \$500 for customers of regulated utilities and \$800 for customers of unregulated utilities (municipal utilities or cooperatives). Air conditioning units and/or fans may only be provided to eligible customers who have not received an air conditioning unit or fan in the last three years. Local Energy Assistance Providers must complete OCA Form 223 to document the prior year's SCP inventory and project the quantity of air conditioning units and fans needed for the 2021 SCP.

New this year: The utility assistance benefit is separate from the additional benefit. Households may receive the maximum utility assistance benefit towards their electric bill and still receive an additional benefit (i.e., central air conditioner repair, air conditioner unit, and/or fan).

SCP appointments should be scheduled with the local energy assistance provider.

For 2020-2021, the income levels are:


Size of Household	Total Household Income 12 Months
1	up to \$22,330
2	up to \$30,170
3	up to \$38,010
4	up to \$45,850

If you reside in Lucas County please contact **Pathway Community Action Agency** located at the Hamilton Building, 505 Hamilton St., Toledo, Ohio 43604, **Phone: (419) 242-7304** to schedule your in-person appointment.

If you have any questions, please contact the Area office on Aging of NW Ohio, Inc. at **(419) 382-0624**.

Area Office on Aging of NW Ohio, Inc.
2155 Arlington Ave. Toledo, OH 43609

What do you think about Derek Chauvin getting 22 ½ years in prison for the murder of George Flyod? Do you think his sentence is an indicator that the justice system will begin to convict police guilty of murder; why or why not?




**Louis Coffee,
Truck Driver**

Chauvin didn't get enough time. Chauvin should've got what George Flyod would've got if he would've killed Chauvin. And no, the system isn't moving in the direction where it finally convicts murderous cops. The justice system wants cops to continue killing African Americans is what I think.


**Ernie Banks,
Case Manager**


Based on how the justice system typically works, I'm pleased Chauvin was found guilty. And i don't believe the justice system is moving in the direction where it will start convicting cops guilty of murder. Black people have been getting killed by cops, but yet the guilty cops have always and still continue to get away with the crime. I feel like if the guilty cops commit the crime, they have to be willing to do the time.



**Charles Washington,
Heavy Equipment Operator**


I felt like Chauvin should've been charged with first degree murder. What he did to George Flyod was intentional; we all saw the video. As far as the justice system finally being just; well, I think it's going to be a long process, but we're slowly inching our way to the right direction.





Roderick King Sr., DJ

Twenty-two years isn't long enough. If it was a Black man, who killed a white man, the Black man would've got life or the electric chair. I believe in an eye for an eye; since Chauvin killed, he needs to get the death penalty. And no, the justice system isn't moving in the direction where cops who murder will get convicted. The only reason Chauvin was found guilty was the fact the murder was on video.




Denise Allen, Clerk

His prison sentence isn't enough time. He should've got life for murdering Georgel Flyod. I feel like since he was a cop, he got less time, but being that he was a police officer, he should've got more time, because he was a cop who murdered someone. I don't feel like his sentence is an indicator that more cops will be convicted, but only time will tell when a corrupt justice system will start being just.

**Rhonda Williams,
Account Clerk 3**

I think he, Chauvin, got what he deserved and I think it was good that George Flyod's family was able to see him get the time. And no, his sentence is not an indicator that the system will start convicting cops guilty of murder. In fact, the only reason he was found guilty was the fact the murder was caught on video. But we have a long way to go before we start seeing justice.



Coming Events

Toledo Lucas County Public Library Connecting Kids to Meals
Children 18 and younger are invited to pick up a FREE summer lunch, each day at 13 of our library locations. Times vary by location: Birmingham, Heatherdowns, Holland, Kent, LaGrange, Locke, Main, Mott, Oregon, Reynolds Corners, South, Toledo Heights, Washington, West Toledo toledolibrary.org

Toledo Summer Pool Schedule Change
Because of a shortage of qualified lifeguards, only three city pools are open as planned. Navarre Pool, 1001 White St; Roosevelt Pool, 910 Dorr St., and Pickford Pool, 3000 Medford Dr., are now open. The hours are: 12-6p.m. until July 4 and 12-8 p.m. from July 5 to Aug. 15. Roosevelt Pool is closed Mondays. Pickford/Navarre pools is closed Tuesdays. All lifeguard certification costs are paid in full by the city. Info to apply is posted at toledo.oh.gov/pools. Entry Fee: \$1-children under 12 & \$2-13 and older.

Willys Pool Update
Willys Pool will remain closed for at least another three weeks as unexpected repairs are made, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation.
Navarre Pool, 1001 White St.; Roosevelt Pool, 910 Dorr St.; Pickford Pool, 3000 Medford Dr.; Wilson Pool, 3253 Otto St., and the Savage Splash Pad at 645 Vance St. are all open to the public. Information on pool hours is posted at toledo.oh.gov/pools.

Every Tues Food, Clothing and Personal Needs
The Bridge at Monroe St. UMC 11:30 am-1 pm
So you've hit a rough patch: lost job, illness, or other difficult transition that's making it hard to make ends meet. We provide the followig assistance at no

The Warren Sherman Office is now located at 3 East Bancroft Street Suite 3. All past and present residents are invited to participate. Call 419-250-7944 for further information! Wanda Love or Jose Montalvo.

cost to all who come through our doors: State IDs and birth certificate assistance (Documents are important! Let us help you with them) Blood pressure monitoring and answers to health questions
For more information, please all Monroe Street Neighborhood Center at 419-473-1167 Ext 333 or 317.

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: email office@memorial-lutheran.org or call (419) 472-2161.

Mt. Nebo Mary and Gail's Closet - Free Clothing
Mary and Gail's Closet, named in honor of two church members who passed away in 2020, is 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

July 30, 31, & August 1, 2021
Pickett Elementry School Reunion
Tickets are going fast for the upcoming one of its kind "Pickett Elementary School Reunion" a 3-day event! July 30, 31, and August 1, 2021. Don't wait.
Get yours today, call Cassandra Moore at 419-450-7227

Say Yes To Summer Employment
The Y.E.S. program at Harbor, in partnership with Toledo Public Schools, Washington Local Schools and the City of Toledo, will provide summer work opportunities for youth 14-21 this summer. Youth will earn money for work, job training, tutoring and other supportive services. If you are interested in earning money this summer and learning new things, call 567-203-4040 or visit www.harbour.org.

SUMMER FREE FUN DAYS!
MONDAYS: Toledo Zoo is FREE.www.toledozoo.org
ALL DAY EVERY DAY: Toledo Museum of Art is FREE.www.toledomuseum.org
FRIDAYS this summer: all YMCA locations are FREE.www.ymcatoledo.org
SATURDAYS this summer: Imagination Station is FREE. Including MOVIES at the new Key Bank Discovery Theatre.www.imaginationstationtoledo.org

Toledo Lucas County Public Library Outdoor Games
Visit any library locations to try some fun outdoor games, including Mini frisbee golf, outdoor bowling, ring toss, tic tac toe, scavenger hunts and more. Some games rotate to various locations and may

Not Jumping for Juneteenth



By Julianne Malveaux
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - High props go to 94-year-old Opal Lee, the Texas woman determined to make Juneteenth a national holiday. Thanks to her efforts and those of others like Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas) and Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ), Juneteenth is now a federal holiday, the eleventh national holiday, and the first since Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday was made a holiday. For federal employees, it means a paid day off work. Some private employers will also make Juneteenth a paid day off. I chuckle at the irony of Klan members getting a paid day off work to commemorate Juneteenth. Perhaps that will help them with the concept that the South lost the Civil War!

While I am buoyed by the new holiday, I'm not jumping for joy nor dancing in the street. The Senate passed the holiday legislation unanimously. How come they can't do the same for the George Floyd bill or voting rights. While the Juneteenth holiday is impactful, the ease with which it got Senate passage ought to give us all pause. It is easier to support a holiday than to support the principle of democracy, which is allegedly at the foundation of our democracy. It is easier to support a holiday than to abolish the use of the chokehold. It is easier to support a holiday than to support SB 40, the Senate's reparations bill.

Juneteenth reminds me of justice and equality denied. Those Galveston enslaved people didn't find out they were free until nearly two and a half years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. Their exploiters were the beneficiaries of thousands of hours of free labor. They intended to game the system and exploit Black people for as long as they could. Fast forward. The exploiters are still gaming the system with prison labor, substandard wages, and other forms of economic injustice. It

will take something more than a holiday to right those wrongs.

If Juneteenth goes the same way other American "holidays" do, it will be commercialized. Consider Dr. King's birthday and the sales that holiday motivates. I cringe to think what might be sold to commemorate Juneteenth, but capitalism is the mother of exploitation, so I'm sure the evilly creative will come up with something. No, I'm not jumping for Juneteenth.

President Biden gets credit for signing this legislation, just as he gets credit for going to Tulsa at the hundredth commemoration of the destruction of Black Wall Street. While both these things are primarily symbolic, these are symbolic gestures that he did not have to make. If Biden doesn't "get" race and racism (and honestly, what white person does), he's spent enough time with Senior Advisor Cedric Richmond and Vice President Kamala Harris to communicate his affinity for Black people and his commitment to some progress. It's up to us, now, to push him on what needs to happen next.

We aren't likely to get the John Lewis Voting Rights Act passed unless the filibuster is eliminated. Still, President Biden has shillyshallied about getting rid of the filibuster, and West Virginia's DINO (Democrat in Name Only) Senator Joe Manchin is no help. He says he values bipartisanship, but he seems to appreciate nothing more than the attention he gets by "negotiating" with recalcitrant Republicans who love the former president more than they value justice. Sure, they voted unanimously to make Juneteenth a federal holiday. Still, several in Congress voted

against it, and several others voted to withhold the Congressional Medal of Honor from the capitol police officers who bravely defended them on January 6. Some of them still adhere to the big lie that the previous won the election. But they voted to make Juneteenth a holiday. I'm not jumping.

Juneteenth represents more than symbolic progress, though. While most of white America had never heard of Juneteenth, now they have. They now have the opportunity to reflect on our nation's history in ways they haven't reflected on it before. Annually, there will be a flurry of newspaper articles and television specials focusing on Juneteenth. The ignorant can change the channel or flip the pages of their newspapers, but commemorating Juneteenth begins the process of fully embracing our flawed history.

So while I won't jump, I'll pause for a minute to thank the Juneteenth warriors who made this holiday happen. And I'll ask President Biden not to rest on his laurels. We need the John Lewis Voting Rights Act to be passed yesterday, and by whatever means necessary. Melvin van Peebles wrote a play in the 1970s, Ain't Supposed to Die A Natural Death. One of the lines that stuck with me through these many years is from a woman folks assume is suicidal because she is standing on a ledge. She says, "I ain't leaping. I'm just learning". That's how I feel about the Juneteenth holiday, not leaping for joy but leaning in gratitude and progress.

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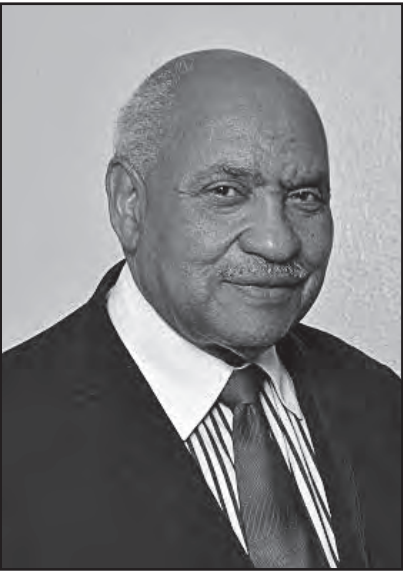
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Critical Race Theory and the Whitewashing of America



By Dr. John E. Warren, Publisher, San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper

It was not enough that 47 states have introduced over 500 bills that will limit the time, places and rights to vote in America, as well as allow states to change voter results in those elections that Republican legislatures "feel" had fraud. Without the recent attack on "Critical Race Theory", it would be possible, for years to come, to show how a racist right wing White America abolished the voting rights of millions of Americans, many of whom happened to be people of color.

What is now being called "critical race theory" is not new. It is the very fabric of a legal system which has passed laws for over 100 years, based on limiting the rights of people based on race. It was the essence of the effort

in the framing of the U.S. Constitution to count slaves as a fraction of a person rather than as a total human being. Race theory was behind the passage of the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the U.S. Constitution in order to ensure that "all people are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights." It took those amendments to include all people, regardless of race, just as it did with the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Acts of 1965. These legislative and legal acts certainly had race as the basis of the push for equality.

The present attack on the concept of critical race theory is another attempt by the same people who brought us June-

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Stay Alert

Rental and Mortgage Scams Continue



By Neighborhood Works America

THE WASHINGTON INFORMER — The economic and financial impact of COVID-19 has made housing security even more uncertain for many Americans. With forbearance relief programs ending and up to 21% of renters at risk of eviction, many families are seeking solutions and finding themselves at risk of being taken advantage of through questionable programs and unscrupulous lenders.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, millions wonder when it will end. The traumas of a pandemic go much further than the obvious health implications of countless Americans. For many, the threat of homelessness is also top of mind as the end of federal foreclosure and eviction moratoriums will happen eventually.

In response to consumer need, NeighborWorks America, a nonprofit that creates opportunities for people to live in affordable homes and provides

homeowners and renters financial counseling and coaching, is working to help protect consumers against foreclosure and eviction scams by giving consumers the resources they need to find trusted help and report illegal activity to authorities.

NeighborWorks has launched www.StopHomeScams.org to provide consumers with knowledge to defend themselves against home scams.

“We want to emphasize how important it is for consumers to know the signs of a housing scam and quickly report any scam activities,” said Marietta Rodriguez, president and chief executive officer of NeighborWorks America. “The Stop Home Scams campaign makes it easier for homeowners and renters in distress to protect themselves and help shut down scammers.”

Since the pandemic’s inception, authorities have seen an increase in housing scam activity targeting homeowners and renters particularly among seniors, low- to moderate-income families, and communities

of color.

One of the best ways that consumers can protect themselves is by knowing the warning signs. Five of the most common warning signs that indicate you may be dealing with a scammer include:

1. A company/person asks for a fee in advance.
2. A company/person promises they can stop a foreclosure or eviction.
3. A company/person advises you to stop paying your mortgage lender or landlord and pay them instead.
4. A company/person claims to be a part of a reputable agency.
5. A company/person asks for identifiable, personal or financial information.

Visit www.StopHomeScams.org to find more educational resources and necessary tips to help recognize and report a housing scam. Knowing how to spot a scam before it happens is your best defense.

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teenth as a Federal holiday: to wipe out future discussion of race in our educational institutions. Such an effort in just a short period of time would mean, for example, there could be no discussion of the Tulsa, Oklahoma massacre which many are just learning about 100 years after the fact. There would be no discussion in our schools about Sand Creek or Wounded Knee and the slaughter of countless Native Americans, or the imprisonment of thousands of Japanese Americans during World War II after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and we dropped the atomic bomb on the Japanese - but not on the Germans.

If legislatures and school boards can be successful with the abolishment of discussions of race by placing all such discussions under the label “critical race theory”, then we move closer to returning to the America of Jim Crow racism and possibly the apartheid that gripped South Africa with all the horror that came with it.

We as people of color must come off of recess. We must now sleep at attention and prepare to fight on a daily basis with all our thought processes and collective numbers. We must read, watch, prepare to march, speak up and stand; as we did during the civil rights movement which brought us to the limited freedoms of today, but not full equality, yet.

Take a look at where you live. Take a look at



“ We as people of color must come off of recess. We must now sleep at attention and prepare to fight on a daily basis with all our thought processes and collective numbers. ”

what is being done to people who look like you and those who agree with you, regardless of their color. Register to vote and get others registered. Check the voting records that are being purged and re-register those who are still living. Look at how you are spending your dollars and learn from the Atlanta, Georgia example of going after those corporate entities that support elected officials, corporations who finance the very people pushing voter suppression and the abolishment of critical race theory. This must be a daily battle with no time outs.

Will you get involved?

The Byrds wed while being serenaded by Grammy winner, R&B singer Major

BY JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer

On Saturday, June 28, Michael Byrd and Nicole Byrd united in holy matrimony at Cornerstone Church, 1520 S. Reynolds Rd, in Maumee, Ohio. Family and friends watched as Grammy Award winner and R&B singer, Major, serenaded Mrs. Byrd as she walked down the aisle. Although the story book wedding of two people marrying seemed to go by the book, their story is somewhat different than the norm.

Typically, boy meets girl first and not boy meets mom of girl, then meets girl. But in the case of Mr. Byrd, that is what happened over four years ago.

A basketball referee, Mr. Byrd worked alongside Tracy Lindsey, the mom of Nicole Byrd, whom he knew for a while. "She used to tell me I'm going to hook you with my daughter," he told The Toledo Journal.

"Michael was warmhearted, sincere and family oriented. I knew he was perfect for my daughter," Tracy Lindsey said. "We love him so much. He helps keep Nicole grounded."

After Michael and Nicole were introduced by her mom, they would later get to know each other better via Facebook.

"One day, I received a message from him on Facebook and I said that's the guy my mother introduced me to," Mrs. Byrd said. "Mike is really grounded in the church and I had strayed from the church, but he kept encouraging me to reconnect with God and bring Him back into my life; how could anyone resist someone like Mike."

After getting to know one another, the Byrds didn't hesitate to get married. They wed



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R&B Grammy Award winning artist, Major and Michael and Nicole Byrd, share a laugh at the reception.

on April 17 2019, but the actual ceremony they had planned was cancelled three separate times; in part due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Mr. Byrd shared with everyone what exactly made him realize that then, Nicole Lindsey, was the one for him.

"When my mother was rushed to the hospital for a heart attack, I told Nicole that as long as my mother is here in the hospital, I'm here. She responded by saying, "As long as you're here, I'm here; I knew right then she was special," he said.



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Nicole and Micahel Byrd each pour sand into one container, symbolizing them becoming one person.



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Micahel and Nicole Byrd share their first, official dance, after the wedding ceremony.

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Sheriff' Office by calling 419-213-4387 and an application will be sent to you. For the Toledo Fire and Rescue Department go online to The City of Toledo Web page and find, Fire and Rescue. Currently, the city is in desperate need of firefighters, contact the Fire and Rescue Department today and explore this unique good-paying career opportunity now. Please apply today the community is in need of your service.

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(L-R), Angela Calderon, Angie Hayes, and Tameila Ledford, of the Staffworks Group, said, "We have plenty of jobs openings, call us now at 419-518-2555 for more information."

surrounding areas. These jobs are from temporary to permanent positions, once you get your foot in the door and do a good job, you will be hired permanently into one of these awesome jobs. The pay range is from \$12.00 to \$15.00 an hour. We're located at 4141 Monroe St. Toledo, Ohio and we look forward to helping people get back to work with good and dependable jobs to make their life better. Give us a call at 419-518-2555, and we'll get you started on a new path to solid employment, we are here for this community."

Don't have transportation, and you take the bus everywhere, Mr. Charles Odingbe the New CEO of TARTA and Jim Flight, Director of Human Resources for TARTA were at the job fair and extended an invitation to everyone saying "Come work for us at TARTA we need your help now. Call 419-243-7433 to get started and see what positions are available."

Representing Penta Career Center was Penta's GED Program Instructor Chris Zervos from the Adult Post-Secondary Certificate and Aspire GED Program. He told job seeker, "If you don't have a High School Diploma most employers will not even consider you for employment. He encouraged people in that situation to get their GED first. You can do so by contacting Penta Career Center.

People attending there also had the opportunity to sign up to join the NAACP Toledo Branch. College Sophomore Orlando William

took advantage of that opportunity and signed up for his NAACP Membership saying "I'm interested in being involved in my community and making it better. I know the NAACP's history and what they stand for. I look forward to being a part of that in the future."

About the NAACP today Rev. Dr. Perryman said, "The NAACP is as relevant today as it was yesterday. One of the golds here today was to help African-Americans get off the unemployment lines and off of federal assistance. Today we brought the employers to the people to accomplish that. My own personal ambitions for our local NAACP Branch is to move from being just a complaint-driven organization to also being an organization that helps and provides a level of service that will benefit the livelihood of our community. If you want to join the NAACP go to NAACP.org online or contact me, or one of our local members."

Juneteenth is Now a Federal Holiday, But America Must Do More

By Jane Kennedy
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - On June 17, President Joe Biden signed into law the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, the first federal holiday to be created since Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established in 1983. For decades, African-American communities across the nation have celebrated Juneteenth to mark the day that Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, to inform enslaved Blacks that they'd been freed. Despite not being a federal holiday, several states across the nation have for years marked Juneteenth in some form.

"We are gathered here in a house built by enslaved people. We are footsteps away from where President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation," said Vice President Kamala Harris at the White House signing ceremony. "We have come far, and we have

far to go. But today is a day of celebration. It is not only a day of pride. It's also a day for us to reaffirm and rededicate ourselves to action."

Earlier in the week, the Senate unanimously passed the landmark bipartisan legislation, followed by near unanimous consent in the House with just 14 nays, who claimed that Juneteenth was a slight against Independence Day.

During the debate on the House floor before the bill passed, several Congressional Black Caucus members delivered remarks to refute that claim and other Republican objections.

"I want to say to my White colleagues on the other side: Getting your independence from being enslaved in a country is different from a country getting independence to rule themselves," said Michigan Democrat Brenda Lawrence. "We have a responsibility to teach every gener-

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Dispel myths about clinical trials and vaccines to protect the Black community

By Van Johnson, vice president of Business Development and Global Alliances at Benchmark Research

As a clinical research professional, I see that when recruiters for participants in studies encounter hesitancy from the Black community, they presume Tuskegee is the barrier. In my experience personally and professionally, I can say this is an oversimplification. Let's dig deeper.

Yes, in 1932, the Public Health Service, working with the Tuskegee Institute, began a study of syphilis in hopes of justifying treatment programs for Black people. It was called the "Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male." It initially involved 600 Black men – 399 with syphilis, 201 who did not have the disease. The study was conducted without the benefit of the patients' informed consent. They were misled and never given the appropriate treatment for their disease—when penicillin became a known treatment for syphilis in 1947, researchers did not offer it to the participants. The betrayal and mistrust reverberated for generations.

We must understand and honor that. But that is not the only or, and in some cases, even the primary reason for clinical trial and vaccination trepidation in the Black community today. There's misinformation and conspiracy theorists like there are in any population. What I can tell you is that in a lot of instances, it comes down to an issue of trust. As an industry, we're in touch, but we're not completely in tune. There's an aforementioned reluctance among clinical trial recruiters to ask more questions. We must dial into how to better understand and dispel these reservations.

For the health and wellbeing of the Black communities across the nation, we cannot sit idly by. Nor can we let this be another instance of people of color feeling like white people are telling them what to do. We need to take ownership of the information here and tell each other what fact is, what is myth, what is beneficial and what will protect us.

Don't get me wrong. As a Black clinical research expert, I still hear about the doubts and I get a lot of questions from my own community about whether people should participate, even if I am a part of the



"pharmaceutical corporate monster". Even now, as the vaccines are out there changing and saving lives daily, I still hear that it was developed too fast. I tell people that private industry worked with the government to cut red tape, not to cut corners. These vaccine technologies had been tested and in use before COVID-19 emerged and we have done our work with clinical trials in a methodical and highly regulated manner.

But that work is not done.

This is where you come in. Members of the Black community need to hear from one another about believing in science and normalizing participation in both clinical trials and getting vaccinated. If you don't volunteer, then no one will ever feel safe. I say don't waste too much energy trying to change the minds of those who are adamantly against vaccines, but some are open to additional knowledge and can be reached and this is why we must keep trying to understand and to educate.

Over time, as more people have been vaccinated, the mistrust will dissipate as people see that this is not altering your DNA, not connecting you to 5G cell towers and a third arm has not grown out of your body. Furthermore, we need to tell people in our neighborhoods, in our schools and places of worship, in workplaces and online, that clinical trials have many benefits beyond ensuring that vaccines and other medications are as safe as possible for Black people. These studies are not only compensated, but they also offer complimentary healthcare diagnostics under the supervision of physicians. I will never forget a participant whose blood work found indicators of early cancer, enabling them to take care of it in a timely manner.

My call to action for you is to speak up and show up. Make clinical trials and vaccinations a topic of conversation around the table and around the community. Share a little of what I've passed along here and encourage your loved ones and colleagues to do what they can do to protect one another so we can all get back to our lives as we knew them.

I'm not telling you to get the shot, but I am encouraging you to make a truly informed decision and whatever you choose to do, it's your prerogative.

Van Johnson is the vice president of Business Development and Global Alliances at Benchmark Research. A trusted leader in the industry, Benchmark Research has conducted over 1,000 trials to study vaccines with over 40,000 participants with clinics across Texas, Louisiana and California. Learn more at www.benchmarkresearch.net and 1.888.902.9605.

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Mullen-Johnson: A Therapist's Guide to Healthy Boundaries



By Crystal Mullen-Johnson
Wire Writer

Boundaries are personal limits one establishes as a safeguard to create peace, respect, and the maintenance of a healthy well-being. However, though boundaries are important, a discussion about boundaries may have never occurred during your childhood years.

People aren't born with boundary setting skills therefore we have to learn how to set them. As I mentally stroll down memory lane reflecting on my childhood years in Demopolis, AL, I recall adults telling me to "stay in a child's place."

I was also told not to ask questions because that was considered talking back — I asked questions anyway. These are examples of mental conditioning statements that create anxiety at a time when one should establish boundaries. As a result, these statements are unlikely to avoid conflict or create real boundaries.

Let's talk about boundaries and why they are important to your well-being.

Boundaries should align with the values that govern ones' decision making. Values should change as one evolves into adulthood. Boundaries should include decisions about money, relationships, physical space, and emotional well-being. Boundaries can be healthy, rigid, or poor.

A person with healthy boundaries is assertive, values personal opinions, and doesn't have a problem saying no to others. A person with rigid boundaries has barriers and are not comfortable expressing emotions. Those who have poor boundaries overshare information, are overly involved in other's problems, and are often taken advantage of in situations. Additionally, they are likely to express passivity and will often compromise their needs in the interest of others.

Healthy boundaries are difficult to establish if you do not love yourself or if you are accustomed to putting other's needs first. Your needs often go unmet if you "go along to get along." Boundaries are often dishonored when not discussed or enforced. People do not communicate boundaries because they feel guilty, fear rejection, worry about abandonment, or fear suffering a loss. If boundaries are not communicated, one may take advantage of your time, abuse your resources, or disrespect you. Your mental health matters and it is perfectly fine to say, "No." Ask yourself, what is the worst thing that can happen if boundaries are established?

Consider setting "SAFE" boundaries by doing the following to protect your mental health:

Say no to requests if your schedule is compacted. Consider, is the request reasonable? If not, communicate a clear and simple "no", without overexplaining. Too often people make excuses because



they fear negative evaluations by others. Being misleading can be consequential. Honor yourself by being truthful.

Assert yourself to communicate your boundaries. Express your boundaries while taking into consideration other's feelings. Use "I" statements to communicate your need by taking ownership of your thoughts and feelings. Be confident and clear when you communicate your boundaries. Check if your expectations of others are realistic when boundaries are communicated. Remember, your boundaries may pose a conflict with other's views because they are simply your unique boundaries, but that is okay. Consider compromising, only if necessary.

Focus on self-care. Your emotional, physical, and psychological well-being is important. Remind yourself that self-care requires a conscious effort which includes managing your time, resting, hydrating, staying active, and setting boundaries. Give up control and do not fear delega-

tion. Giving up control is a scary concept, to some, but doing so can reduce stress.

Establish a balanced life. As we adapt to our new norms, we certainly need boundaries. Many employees are transitioning back to the office and people are back to the hustle and bustle of overworking, overspending, and socializing. Maintain a schedule that creates balance with work and personal pleasures. Make gradual changes and make good choices. Remember, we are riding the wave of the COVID-19 pandemic as millions are vaccinated, yet many people are not. Establish balance as your live a new normal.

I encourage you to honor yourself and establish boundaries throughout your life. Your mental health is worth it!

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Lucas County
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ANNUAL REPORT
To The Community

The Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities is focused on thousands of people with developmental disabilities in Lucas County reaching their full potential. We do this by:

- Developing a vision for the future, taking into consideration an individual's strengths, interests and choices;
- Working to make our community more inclusive, so individuals can be employed, access housing, and find social opportunities; and
- Ensuring the voting public that we are good stewards of the public dollar.

Staff at the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities met the challenge of the pandemic with the necessary resolve to maintain our focus on the health and well-being of individuals served. This was accomplished through working remotely to keep staff protected from the coronavirus, employing distribution of personal protective gear to providers, and maintaining contact with individuals served.

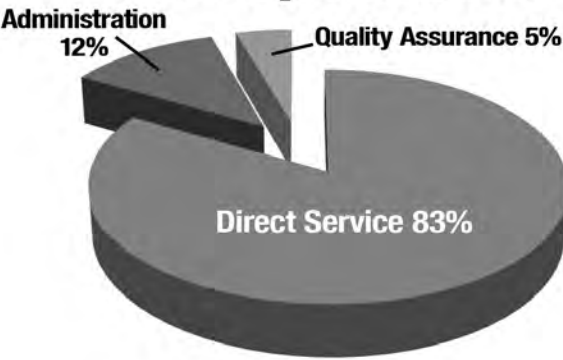
Throughout the challenging times of 2020 the Service and Support Specialists addressed day-to-day needs of persons served as well as assisting them to maintain jobs and find new job opportunities.

During 2020 we increased our partnerships with other agencies to support children of all ages with delays and disabilities -- to include the Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, Lucas County Children Services, schools, court/juvenile justice system, and the Family Council.

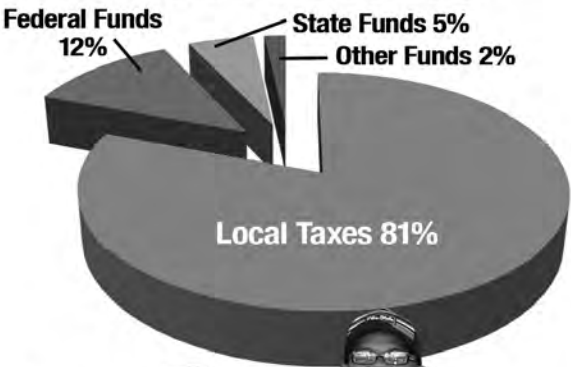
Priorities for the Board in 2021 include:

- Through greater outreach to the community we will continue the effort to break down attitudinal barriers that often stand in the way to greater access to housing, employment, recreation and social contacts;
- We will continue to expand the Friends, Allies, and Neighbors Network (FANS) to address unmet needs of individuals;
- The effort will continue to increase sporting and recreation opportunities through Special Olympics;
- Explore new opportunities to use technology to enhance the independence and privacy of individuals served;
- Enhance quality services for individuals with intellectual disabilities and mental health concerns;
- Emphasize the principles of trauma informed care so individuals being served feel safe and secure; and
- Provide services for children as they transition through the various stages of life.

2020 Expenditures



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For more information about the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities, please visit our website www.lucasdd.org

10-Year Old Black Pageant Queen Reveals What It Takes to Wear a Crown in New Book

Black News Nationwide — Trinity Bush, Pageant queen, affirmation writer, and kid CEO of Beyond What You Can See, has launched her new book *The Road to the Crown*. Leading a powerful group of 17 pageant beauties, Trinity and her co-authors share their incredible personal stories of discipline, determination, and courage. This book is a page-turner that offers honest, fun, and revealing true stories of how each young lady found their confi-

dence and their voice while competing for a crown and title.

You don't have to wait to be an adult to make an impact on the world. These authors challenge readers to think differently not just about the world of pageantry, but also about what it means to be beautiful from the inside out. At just six to fifteen years of age, these ladies share a fresh perspective on what it takes to wear a C.R.O.W.N. Read about the journey of a



young lady who was completely nonverbal and how pageants changed her life, the beautiful and biracial redhead who boldly embraces her uniqueness, the high school student who embraced a fork in the road and discovered a new passion, and many other stories like this. This book provides answers to the questions so many parents are asking; what are beauty pageants really about and how can my child benefit from them? These are real-life examples and stories that will inform and inspire.

In this book, Trinity shares her own experience of becoming the 2019 North Carolina National American Miss Jr Pre-teen and she shares her unique strategy for winning both a tangible and intangible C.R.O.W.N. Today, at 10 years of age, Trinity is not only a pageant queen but she is also the CEO of Beyond What You See an audio affirmation and clothing company. She is also a philanthropist, national speaker, and educator.

She comments, "I am so excited that we are sharing our stories with so many

aspiring pageant queens! Often, we think that pageants are all about mean girls, fake hair, and self-absorbed parents, but these are only the antics highlighted by reality TV. The world of pageantry is about confidence, grit, and perseverance. That's why our book *The Road to the Crown* is so important. We're empowering others to realize that they can thrive and shine on their road to earning a crown."

The much-anticipated official launch of *The Road to the Crown* features stories from Paris Ndu (Age 6), Sophia Audrey-Jean Sanders (Age 8), Jumee Elyse Bush (Age 8), Alexandra Wilcox (Age 8), Twins Caylee and Abigail Hauck (Age 8), Reagan Danee (Age 9), Jaksyn Brown (Age 9), Zaria Martin Riley (Age 9), Courtney Lisby (Age 10), Jazmine Vanessa Palma (Age 10), Jazel Bella Johnson (Age 10), Abigail Hauser (Age 11), Elyse Faith Woodson (Age 11), Laci Brown (Age 13), and Cloriesa Keith Darden (Age 15). These stories will inspire the young and old to dream big, make moves and create major change.

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Pharrell Williams to open private school for low-income Virginia families

By Michael "Ice-Blue" Harris

Pharrell Williams is creating an equal playing field for children in the Norfolk, Virginia, community and will be opening a private school in the Ghent neighbor-

hood there this fall. The super producer and his nonprofit YELLOW are making the school available for low-income families and have christened the building Yellowhab. The name is contrived from the name of his nonprofit and "hab," which is the name of the Mars habitat in the movie *The Martian*.

Yellowhab will be open for students in third through fifth grades, and they also plan to open more throughout Virginia in the future. The first year of tuition will be free for all students and covered by philanthropic gifts.

"If the system is fixed and unfair, then it needs to be broken. We don't want lockstep learning where so many kids fall behind; we want bespoke learning designed for each child, where the things that make a child different are the same things that will make a child rise up and take flight," Williams told *The Virginian-Pilot* newspaper. The school currently is hosting a lottery to select 40 to 50 students for the opportunity and will be grouping students by skill level instead of grades, which is different from public schools.

"The challenge is that if you're progressing too slow relative to



some benchmark, then you're tagged with that title 'remedial' or something like it," Yellowhab Executive Director Mike McGalliard told *The Virginian-Pilot*. "And that's detrimental to your evolving self-concept, to your sense of what you can achieve. It's oppressive, and it's a weight kids carry."

Parents have until July 1, 2021, to apply for the school, and more information can be found at www.yellowhab.com.

Yellowhab also plans to expand around the country within the next five years. Williams states on the website that Yellowhab will be the first of a network of micro-schools offering individualized learning aligned to the future of work.

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KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD



How Was Doing The Will Of God Like Food To Jesus?

By Carey Kinsolving and Friends

“We get bigger by eating healthy stuff and obeying God’s word helps us grow,” says Marina, 5.

Serious athletes know that disciplined eating will enhance their performance on the field. Serious Christians know that they must feed on the Bible to win spiritual battles.

When God’s word is embedded in your mind through memorization, you’re ready for action. Every Christian faces a daily battle between old patterns of self reliance and the new patterns of depending on God.

“One thing I enjoy doing is pleasing my family, especially my parents,” says Theresa, 11. “When Jesus did something that he knew pleased God, he felt so joyful sometimes that his nourishment was the joy he felt.”

Have you ever been empowered by God in an activity to the point where you simply forgot to eat? If you haven’t, imagine yourself on a high-speed roller coaster on the verge of dropping several hundred feet. I can guarantee you’re not thinking about food.

Jesus said, “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full” (John 15:11).

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled” (Matthew 5:6).

There’s an unimaginable joy and inner satisfaction that comes from walking with God. If I put water in the gas tank of my car instead of gasoline, I’m going to be very disappointed with the results. I would be stupid to curse the car. It’s not designed to run on water.

Guess what? We aren’t designed to run on the spiritual junk food that’s offered to us every day. It’s a cheap substitute for living in an ongoing conversation with a holy, living God. Don’t scream when you come to the end of yourself frustrated out of your mind. Your attempt to fill your own life with junk will leave you feeling empty and lonely.

We’re not designed to live apart from God. Trying to run on water instead of the high-octane fuel that God has for us is a fool’s journey. When Jesus’ disciples returned from going into town to buy food, they offered some to him, but he said, “I have food to eat of which you do not know” (John 4:32).

Jesus had just offered living water to a Samaritan woman who came to draw water from a well. When the woman discovered that Jesus was the Messiah, she got so excited that she left her water pot to tell others about Jesus. We all have the need to eat and drink, but we have a deeper need in our souls for reality.

When we discover that Jesus is the reality who satisfies the thirst and hunger in our souls, it’s easy to forget about our physical needs and a lot of other things. The deep, abiding joy that Jesus gives makes a lot of other things look very small and trivial. God wants us to live large, and that’s only possible with him.

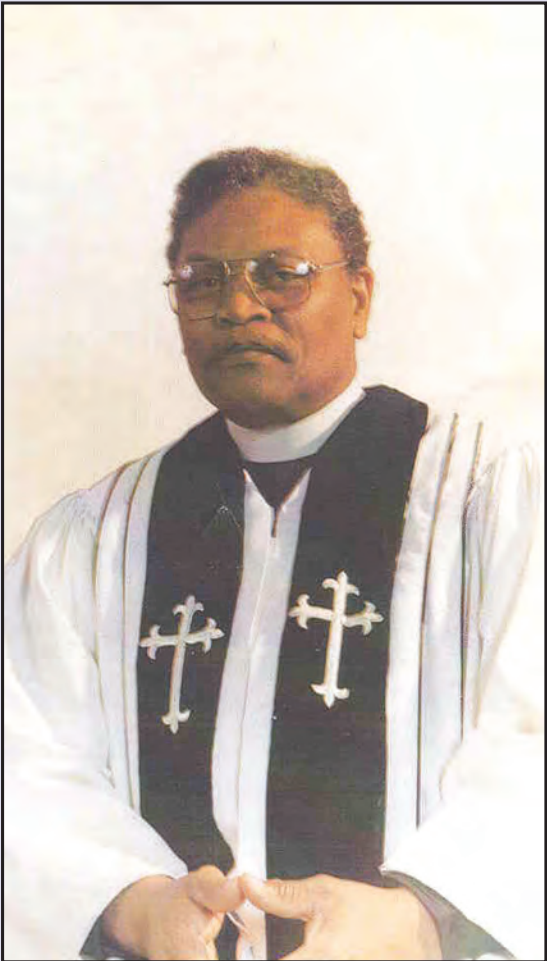
Think about this: When you long to do God’s will more than you desire to eat and drink food, you will know the joy that Jesus experienced. Memorize this truth: “Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work’” (John 4:34).

Ask this question: What kind of food are you eating today?

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George W. Hayes Jr, front left and members from the University of Toledo Police Department, the Toledo Police Department, Ohio State Troopers and the Toledo Fire Department prepare to knock down strikes during their bowl-a-thon.



At least 150 people were in attendance; the highest of the previous seven events.

BY JURRY TAALIB-DEEN
Journal Staff Writer

George W. Hayes Jr., founder of Build A Trust Bowl-A-Thon, has always felt like the men and women in uniform, police, firefighters and military, have always got a bad rap. So in 2015, he embarked on a quest to bring people from all three branches together, along with the common citizen in a relaxed and fun environment; thus was born the Build A Trust Bowl-A-Thon.

About 150 people packed the New Glass Bowl Lanes, 5153 Telegraph on Saturday, June 26. "Of the previous eight events, since 2015, this is the largest one," Mr. Hayes told The Toledo Journal.

"I want everyone, not just children, to feel comfortable around our men and women in uniform; so today, we're just out here having fun," he said.

Mr. Hayes quickly points to his friend Jeff Newton, chief of police for the University of Toledo. Mr. Hays said Chief Newton has been a part of the event since the beginning.

"This is really a good event with a good objective," Chief Newton said. "On campus, we mostly interact with college students and adults, but today's event gives us the opportunity to interact with younger people."

"I love spending time with the community," said Cliff Warstler, patrolman for the Toledo Police. "I love being in a relaxed environment with adults and children."

Tony Poindexter brought his children to the event. "This is great because my children, as well as, myself, get to interact with the police. Watching them bowl, talk and laugh shows you that they're human just like us."

Besides being excited about the days event, Mr. Hayes quickly gathers a spokesperson for the Toledo Fire Department regarding their partnership with Toledo Police Department, Owens Community College and Toledo Public Schools. Gina Shubeta, public education officer for Toledo fire Department, talked briefly about PS419.

The program is a vocational program that teaches a curriculum of fire and law enforcement classes and is taught by Andre Tiggs, former fire investigator at Toledo Fire and Rescue Department. Upon graduation, students will have their EMT-B completed and will be offered a two year scholarship at Owens Community College and will receive preferential hiring with the city of Toledo.

"This is a great opportunity for area high schoolers, and with all the benefits we offer, it's the first of its kind in the country," Ms. Shubeta said. "Toledo Fire Department loves The Toledo Journal and how they help us spread the word about the benefits of the Toledo Fire Department."

Juneteenth is Now a Federal Holiday, But America Must Do More

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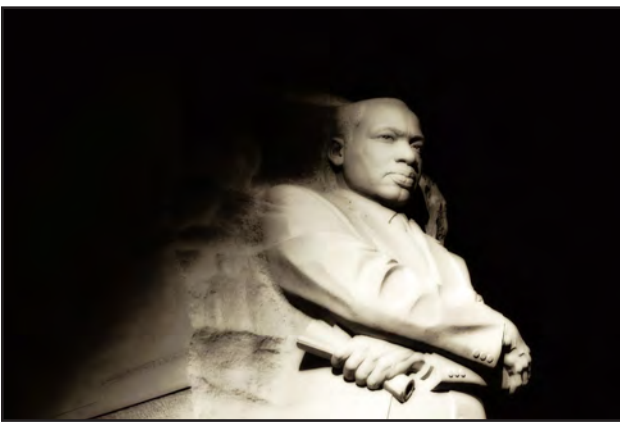
ation of Black and White Americans the pride of a people who have survived, endured and succeeded in these United States of America despite slavery."

The overwhelming bipartisanship support is at least in part a response to the millions of Americans who for months took to the streets to peacefully protest police violence in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder and other racial inequities.

"Black history is American history, and I am proud that Congress is following the lead of the Congressional Black Caucus in reaffirming that sacred principle — because we can't change the future if we can't acknowledge the past," said Congressional Black Caucus Chairwoman Joyce Beatty in a statement after the vote.

In remarks delivered before signing the bill, President Biden expressed hope that this rare show of bipartisanship marks the beginning of a change in how Democrats and Republicans work together. He also noted how there's much more work to be done to ensure true equality for all Americans.

"The truth is, it's simply not enough just to commemorate Juneteenth. After all, the emancipation of enslaved Black Americans didn't mark the end of America's work to deliver on the promise



of equality; it only marked the beginning," Biden said. "To honor the true meaning of Juneteenth, we have to continue toward that promise because we've not gotten there yet."

The ceremony coincidentally took place on the sixth anniversary of the tragic shooting deaths of nine worshippers at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C., which Biden added is "why we must understand that Juneteenth represents not only the commemoration of the end of slavery in America more than 150 years ago, but the ongoing work to have to bring true equity and racial justice into American society, which we can do."

In recent months, there has been an alarming

wave of regressive voting laws passed in Republican-led states across the nation that would curtail the right to vote, particularly for people of color. Meanwhile two major voting rights bills are stalled in the U.S. Senate, where Democrats hold a razor-thin 50-seat majority: the For the People Act, passed by the House in March, and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021, of which the House passed an earlier version in 2019 that failed in the Senate committee process.

Provisions in the For the People Act include expanding automatic voter registration and same day registration, strengthening vote by mail, early voting and ballot access; and combating voter intimidation and voter suppression. It also includes measures to protect elections from foreign interference, fix partisan gerrymandering, and promote digital ad transparency.

Sen. Joe Manchin, Democrat of West Virginia, initially opposed the legislation, proclaiming it too partisan, but recently offered some compromises that may increase the bill's chances of moving forward. They include making Election Day a public holiday and mandating at least 15 consecutive days of early voting for federal elections that includes two weekends. Voting activist Stacey Abrams has thrown her support behind the legislation.

The John Lewis Voting Rights Act is a much

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NOTICE FOR HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Commissioners of Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH) is preparing to submit its 2022 Annual Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The plan is available for review at this link on LMH's website: "<https://bit.ly/LMHDraft2022AnnualPlan>". LMH invites you to submit comments during the next 45 days to zhillyer@lucasmha.org.

You are invited to a public hearing on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 8:30 am, in the Port Lawrence Community Room, 201 Belmont Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. Attendees will be provided pertinent information regarding strategic goals and program activities of LMH. You are encouraged to attend this public hearing and provide additional comments on the 2022 Annual Plan.

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



Hugh W. Grefe, Chair
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Coming Events

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Toledo Lucas County Public Library Outdoor Games

Visit any library locations to try some fun outdoor games, including Mini frisbee golf, outdoor bowling, ring toss, tic tac toe, scavenger hunts and more. Some games rotate to various locations and may not be available during your visit. All summer, all ages, FREE. Any Library Location, during library hours toledolibrary.org.

Toledo School for the Arts Hip Hop Camp Intensive

Ages 10-17, FREE,
June 30-July 1, Wilson Park, 10-11am -Registration: toledo.oh.gov/summer

Toledo Lucas County Public Library Learning Kits

Borrow a themed bundle of books with matching activity sheets to keep and work on at home. All Summer, grades K-3, FREE - Activity pick up: all locations toledolibrary.org

"Metro Beet", an Urban Farm and Community Garden Tours

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 the weekends of July 9-10, and August 13-14. Fri 5-8pm & Sat 10am-2pm, The 2021 Metro Beet Urban Farm and Community garden tour is sponsored by a coalition of organizations that support and promote gardening, framing, and local foods. A map of participating urban farm and community hardens on the tour can be found at tinyurl.com/MetroBeet2021Facebook.

Free Disposal Day at Hoffman Road Landfill and Free Engage Toledo Drop Of Refuse and Recycling

The Hoffman Road Landfill will be open for free disposal to city residents from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday. The other free landfill disposal days this year

are July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 11, Oct. 23, and Nov. 27. No commercial waste or haulers will be permitted. A list of materials that will not be accepted on free landfill days, and those that will be accepted for a fee, can be found at "<https://toledo.oh.gov/events/hoffman-road-landfill-free-disposal-day>" this link. Residents may call at 419-936-2020 or visit our website, toledo.oh.gov, for more information. The free Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling event will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 10 at Keyser Elementary, 3900 Hill Ave.
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 17 at Whitmer High School, 5601 Clegg Dr. - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 24 at Manhattan Plaza, 553 East Manhattan Blvd.\n9 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 31 at Friendship Park, 2930 131 St.

Monroe Street Church and Neighborhood Center Freedom School

During this Free program, young scholars will spend six weeks participating in reading classes taught by local college students. We partnered with local organizations to provide enrichment activities in addition to reading. Children will enjoy gardening, singing, dancing, acting, Tai Chi, cardio drumming, swimming, cooking, art, and local field trips. Kids also will receive a healthy breakfast and a healthy lunch at no cost each day. Monroe Street Neighborhood Center is delighted to offer Freedom School as a free program for families. In order to make the program as successful as possible, we ask parents to volunteer in the classroom and attend a weekly workshop. Now-July 23, 8am-3:30pm, FREE. Registration: call 419-473-1167, Ext. 213

The Padua Center Featured Summer Camps

From July 5-9 the campers will participate in a Peace Camp. They will learn how to achieve peace within and make peace with others. Learning Yoga will be a fun part of this week. Of course, each summer we offer Vacation Bible School. This summer VBS will be July 19--23. The theme is Animal Crackers, which was developed by Heifer International. The campers will study animals, relate them to Bible Stories, do activities and develop a way to raise \$20 to buy a flock of chickens for a Third World Country. A Gardening Camp - Padua Potters - will also be conducted from July 12-16. Other camps will focus on racism. For details please call Avery Cooper at The Padua Center 419-241-6465.

Free Summer Jazz in the Park Series Starts This Week

Students from Toledo School for the Arts will perform for residents in smaller neighborhood parks for the

jazz series. All of the Jazz in the Park shows will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., weather permitting. The other shows scheduled this summer are:
July 1 at Oakdale Park
July 2 at Asbury Park
July 8 at Copeland Park
July 15 at Drummond Woods Park
July 29 at Friendship Park
Aug. 5 at Sleepy Hollow Park
Aug. 12 at Junction Park

July -Sept. Special Olympics Lucas County Special Olympics

Unified/Inclusive Sports -- Mondays, 6pm Intro clinics/leagues, Ages 16 and up, FREE Scott Prk, Nebraska & Parkside, Kelly Watson, 419-779-7133. Registration: toledo.oh.gov/summer

City of Toledo July 2 Fireworks Update fireworks will begin at approximately 10 p.m.

Friday, July 2 from International Park. Promenade Park, Glass City Metropark, Middlegrounds Metropark, and other areas along the Maumee River downtown and in East Toledo will offer some of the best views of the fireworks display. Spectators are advised to arrive by at least 9 p.m. Food trucks will begin serving at about 5 p.m. in Promenade Park and Glass City Metropark. More information, including parking details, can be found at this link. toledo.oh.gov/fireworks

Tyler Perry bringing back Madea

By Terry Shropshire

She's baaaaaaack!

Tyler Perry announced on Twitter on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, that the iconic Madea character, who has grossed more than \$1 billion at the box office in 11 films, will make a comeback in 2022 with the 12th movie, A Madea Homecoming.

Contrary to what Perry promised in 2019 when he declared unequivocally that A Madea Family Funeral would be the pistol-packing character's final film, he now says Madea will make at least one more appearance on Netflix.

That Netflix will be the next place Madea will raise her ugly wig is hardly shocking. Perry already has established a track record of making viewers flock to the world's most famous streaming service. According to Deadline, Perry's A Fall From Grace was viewed by more than 39 million people in just its first month.

Also coming soon to Netflix is A Jazzman's Blues, in which Perry will serve in his customary capacity as the writer, director and producer. That film will unravel decades of interfamilial drama intertwined with unseemly love set to a blues music soundtrack.

Not surprisingly, Perry's announcement of a Madea sighting set off unadulterated jubilation among his vast fanbase.



Stay away from toxic relationships and friendships

By Surjit Singh Flora
Wire Writer

Life is a beautiful journey of attachment, and the same journey continues through different relationships. However, we can define life and relationships based on some facts, but every definition changes with time. When the time is right, everyone likes you, but no one even wants any relationship with you when the time is terrible.

The truth is no one will love you or make you feel the way you want, and no one will understand your happiness and sadness.

If someone is giving hatred, that's what they are inside. If someone provides happiness, that's what they are inside. They are just showing themselves to you. People are not going to behave as per our expectations. They will behave what they are inside. If you expected something from others, it's your fault, not theirs.

Human nature is constantly changing and moody. Today they may love you. Tomorrow with no reason, hates you. They may smile this moment, and the next moment they give you a weird look/face. Do you really want love and care from people with fluctuating behaviour/attitudes?

But we can only create such an environment for a short time; one day, we will have to face the truth. So, the emphasis should be on building a good relationship rather than just looking at someone's wealth, job and profession. Patience and trust are the keys to good relationships, but often the focus is on impatience and a few moments of happiness. When we realize our mistake, our character is stigmatized, and we fall out of our sight. Relationships should never be like glass that breaks easily. Authentic relationships don't last for ages, nor do our interests change over time.

Responsible for the current hollow and broken relationship is our attitude and haste towards relationships. Because love requires patience, and patience is rare today.

Even if both the partners have patience and loyalty, society will not change its attitude towards



money and land and property. Money is more important to the community than happiness. Perhaps that is why the mind has taken the place of the heart in trying to save relationships nowadays. Everyone here seems to be planning to build, preserve and sustain relationships. But planning is part of the business sector.

In relationships, there is dialogue and consultation. If I were not talking about advice here, I would have misunderstood the idea by not considering planning as advice, but the only meaning I am referring to advice here is that every feeling and aspect would be associated with different emotions.

Is, one side of which is going in a good direction and the other is going in a wrong direction, in general, the two look the same, but when we feel it closely, we start to see the difference between good and evil.

If we always believe in ourselves and are not ready to change even though we know the truth, then there is no point in talking about change, but if we start comparing every aspect with time-based on our wisdom and principles. Then one day, we can get the journey of life on the right track. So, the most important thing is that we have to decide what the current state of our mental state is, whether it is free, whether it is capable of judging right from wrong. When we get the answers to these questions, then we will be able to strengthen our mindset, and it is a fact that a strong perspective never produces weak results, whether that result is related to your dream or relationship.

Let's choose a happy and peaceful relationship that will lead to loyalty and trust. If we try to eliminate impatient and selfish thinking in our thinking, then patience and faith will automatically take their place. Where there is patience and trust, there is peace, happiness, love and strong relationships. Now it is up to you to decide whether we plan to spend our lives repenting of our misfortunes and grievances or whether we would like to seek advice to live our lives happily.

So, in the end, people are selfish; they connect with you for some selfish reason, they will disconnect once their business is accomplished. So, if you think that they are going to care for you, you are being delusional. You should better not expect anything from such people. Be emotionally strong enough not to get abused by these selfish people. Stay away from toxic relationships and friendships.

Live, laugh, love conditionally.

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Three ways to achieve independence with Social Security

By Erin Thompson
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Celebrating our nation's independence every year on July 4 is a point of joy and pride. For more than 85 years, our programs have helped provide financial independence to millions of hardworking people. We have three useful online tools to help you achieve the financial independence you deserve in retirement.

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- Request a replacement Social Security card (in one of the 45 eligible states and the District of Columbia).
- Review your earnings history.
- Get personalized retirement benefit estimates.
- Check the status of your Social Security application or appeal.

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- Request a replacement Social Security card (in one of the 45 eligible states and the District of Columbia).
- Get a benefit verification letter or proof of income letter.
- Set up or change your

direct deposit.

- Change your address.
- Request a replacement Medicare card.

- Get a Social Security 1099 form (SSA-1099).

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Juneteenth is Now a Federal Holiday, But America Must Do More

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nority Leader Mitch McConnell recently deemed the bill “unnecessary” because “it’s against the law to discriminate in voting on the basis of race already.”

Also on hold is the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act the House passed in March 2020, which would standardize police practices across the nation and ban inhumane restraints like chokeholds and headlocks and end no-knock warrants. It also holds law enforcement officers accountable for their on-duty conduct and ends qualified immunity, which has shielded law enforcement officers with racial animus from prosecution for using lethal force. California Representative Karen Bass, who authored the bill, has been in negotiations for weeks with Senators Cory Booker (D-N.J.) and Tim Scott (R-S.C.). At the heart of their debate is qualified immunity, which Republican lawmakers robustly oppose, but which Democrats say is key to holding police officers accountable for unnecessary deadly force.

Democrats also are pushing Biden’s proposed American Jobs Plan, which includes comprehensive provisions to increase Black homeownership and address inequities in transportation, affordable housing, school infrastructures, and expand access to universal preschool and higher education.

Said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in her Juneteenth statement. “While these bills alone will not erase the stains of centuries of systemic racism, they represent important steps in our nation’s journey toward justice.”

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