Racism abounds in Baraboo, WI

Students salute Hitler, display confederate flags

By MCJ staff

A Wisconsin city that came under national scrutiny several years ago when a group of students drove around the city waving Confederate flags, has come under enrage again for promoting anti-Semitic gestures. In both cases, it was a large group of male White students who advertised and promoted their bigotry.

This time the High School’s entire male graduating class posed in front of the school ‘proudly’ displaying a Nazi (Sig Heil) salute.

Members of various Jewish organizations condemned the gesture after the vote. The Baraboo School Superintendent immediately issued a statement on twitter saying “the photo of student posted to #Baraboo Proud is not reflective of the educational values and beliefs of the school district.”

The superintendent later announced that the district will take appropriate actions against the students after an investigation.

Local police will reportedly assist in the investigation of the student activities, although it is unclear what can be done since the anti-Semitic gesture falls under the umbrella of free speech.

Nothing was done following the students’ decision to parade around the city with Confederate flags. While repugnant to African Americans, displaying the Confederate Battle flag is not a crime and is also protected by the U.S. Constitution.

Baraboo does not have any African American residents.

Baraboo is located north of Madison, which is considered a beacon of liberalism.

That status has been in jeopardy for several years now following several incidents of racism and anti-Semitism at the University of Wisconsin.

In 2017, the National Park Service awarded the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office an Underrepresented Communities Grant to investigate the historic significance of African American communities in Wisconsin.

This Saturday, the Wisconsin Historical Society will be celebrating the nominations of four properties of historic significance to Milwaukee’s African American community to the National Register of Historic Places.

“Through this grant, we can continue to tell the broader history of Milwaukee and the state,” said Dana Penkowsky, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer at the Wisconsin Historical Society.

The four future additions to the National Registry of Historic Places include the 16th Street Viaduct that was prominent during the housing marches, St. Matthews CME Church, Lloyd Barber’s house, and the Dietz/Palmer House.

The event is open to the public and will take place at St. Matthews CME Church, 2944 N. 9th St. from 2 – 4 pm and will include short presentations on each of these historically significant places from National Register consultants, Tracy Schnell and Robert Bylyea, a presentation from St. Matthews CME Church choir, and refreshments.

The National Park Service is working with states, tribes, and local governments to help more people connect with their history and explore America’s diverse stories. 

Expungement reforms sought by county board

The Milwaukee County Board unanimously adopted a resolution calling for the Wisconsin Legislature to reform and expand upon current expungement laws by adopting several recommendations of the Wisconsin Policy Forum.

Introduced by Supervisor Se-Quanta Taylor, the resolution calls for reform of laws and practices relating to the sealing of criminal records that make it difficult for people to obtain employment and pursue opportunities to provide for themselves and their families.

“I am pleased that every member of the county board can see the economic urgency of this issue,” Taylor said after the vote.

“In a city with one of the highest unemployment rates and which is known as the worst place in the country to raise a Black child, adding a conviction to these other factors makes it extraordinarily difficult for a person re-entering society to gain lawful employment and obtain a basic necessity.”

“Expungement allows people who...
On December 15 the sickle cell program at Children’s hospital will host its annual holiday party for their patients and families. This party has been held every year for over 25 years and has become a tradition for the medical staff and respected members of the community as a way to give back to the patients with sickle cell disease and families during the holiday season. Children’s received generous monetary donations from the Brewer’s Community Foundation Inc., Jack and Jill of America Milwaukee Chapter, Milwaukee Ballroomers and Steppers United, Kohl’s Corporate Office, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin MACC Fund, WI Sickle Cell Foundation, and Milwaukee Brotherhood of Fire Fighters.

The event gets an amazing turn out each year with well over 200 guests in attendance. Last year each patient received a bike donated by the Steppers and Ballroomer’s United of Milwaukee. We had a DJ, face painting, cookie decorating and pictures with Santa. We even had a violin performance by one of our patient’s. This is a much anticipated event for our patients with sickle cell disease. It is a celebration and a time to play and dance with members of the medical team and their families.

Children with sickle cell disease are often forgotten and are not acknowledged in the community. This holiday party is the team’s way of collaborating with members in the community giving back to our children who we hold so dear to our hearts.

The party will take place from 1-3:30 pm at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Cultural Center on, 9440 W Congress St.
The North Central Service Club held its annual Fashion and Luncheon at the Radisson Hotel Milwaukee West Sunday. The event included a silent auction and raffle. Fashions were provided by Gg Collections.

In lower photo Police Chief Alfonzo Morales was joined by Aldermen Russell Stamper and Ashanti Hampton for the Our Next Generation gift event at the organization’s headquarters on W. Lisbon recently.

photos by Yvonne Kemp
Michelle Obama says she felt alone after a miscarriage 20 years ago and she and Barack Obama underwent fertility treatments to conceive their two daughters, according to her new memoir.

In some of her most extensive public comments on her White House years, the former first lady also lets her fury fly over President Donald Trump’s “bigotry and xenophobia” — dangerous, deliberate rhetoric, she wrote, that risked her family’s safety. “For this,” she writes, “I’d never forgive him.”

But it’s her deeply personal account of her marriage to the future president that shed new light on the Ivy League-educated couple’s early struggle with issues of family, ambition and public life.

“We were trying to get pregnant and it wasn’t going well,” Mrs. Obama, 54, writes in “Becoming.” “We had one pregnancy test come back positive, which caused us both to forget every worry and swoon with joy, but a couple of weeks later I had a miscarriage, which left me physically uncomfortable and created any optimism we felt.”

The Obamas opted for IVF, one form of assisted reproduction that typically involves removing eggs from a woman, fertilizing them with sperm in a lab, and implanting the resulting embryo. It costs thousands of dollars for every “cycle,” and many couples require more than one attempt.

Mrs. Obama writes of being alone to administer herself shots to help hasten the process. Her “sweet, attentive husband” was at the state legislature, “leaving me largely on my own to manipulate my reproductive system into peak efficiency,” she said.

“Becoming” was one of the most anticipated political books in memory, ranking at the top of Amazon’s best-sellers before its release. That’s often the case with the memoirs of former first ladies.
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I thought about responding in a ‘Black way,’ but I resisted the urge. ‘Black way’ is defined as a way of thinking, feeling and acting that is rooted in the experiences and those that have actually lived it. They will stop overlooking those who have knowledge from life experiences and those that have actually lived it. They will stop overlooking those who have knowledge from life experiences and those that have actually lived it.

Today, however, North Division is but a shadow of its previous self and an increasingly frustrated with the unwillingness of central administration to take the school around academically. In fact, many said North has become a disgrace to their childhood and a disservice to the disengaged and disproportionate percentage of special needs students.

Earlier this year, the group supported a proposal to merge the successful Milwaukee Colliegate Academy with North. That plan was blocked by North delegates--the same delegate group who was determined to block the entire idea of community school designation.

And there is a sense of urgency to their actions. Noting the new community drive to seek an avenue to reach out to those local ‘racist sentiment—“are you guys waiting on ISIS, or some terrorist invasion?”

Most of those terrorists viewed themselves as Americans, and several were trained by the U.S. military to supposedly kill brown terrorists. They were racists. They were terrorists.

In its heyday, North Division produced dozens of history makers and thousands of neighborhood residents. As noted, we applaud the community school designation, and all that it seeks to accomplish. The partnership between United Way, the Milwaukee Urban League and the Milwaukee Community Journal is a small step in that direction.

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Dear Bigot: Better look in the mirror for the color of terrorism in America.

Since 1988, blacks have killed 1,135 people in Wisconsin. White people killed 1,135 Wisconsin residents.

Your gesture doesn’t go far enough.

This is not a novel ideal, MPS has supported a similar concept for Bradley and Collinwood areas of life, especially when it comes to my committed field of expression—‘Black men are not a threat to White America, and surely not outstate Wisconsin. The real threat looks like you, your sons and uncles.

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the name of the person listed above:
LATONYA MARIE PERRYMAN
In the matter of the name change of:
018-294/11-9-16-23-2018
State of Wisconsin.
IT IS ORDERED:
Judge's Name: HON. ELLEN R. BROSTROM
Circuit Court Judge
Dated: 11-7-18
State of Wisconsin.
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PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 242, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, 53233
DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2018 TIME: 9:30 AM
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Cirt- County of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. CLARE L. MARTENS
Circuit Court Judge
Dated: 10-31-18
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PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 401, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, 53233
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The Milwaukee Brewers have announced the promotion of Katina Shaw to the position of vice president - community relations and family liaison.

"Under Katina’s leadership, we have greatly expanded the organization’s presence in the community through player initiatives, donations and community engagement programs,” said Brewers Chief Operating Officer Rick Schlesinger. “Katina started with the organization more than 12 years ago and has steadily earned advancement through her commitment to excellence. This is an exciting day for us and we’re grateful for Katina’s efforts in growing our outreach programs.”

Shaw joined the Brewers organization as a community relations assistant in 2006 after spending the previous seven years as market manager for the American Diabetes Association. She was promoted to community relations director in 2009 and named senior director in 2011.

Shaw will continue to oversee the Community Relations Department, working directly with players and coaches as the liaison between the front office and the community. As part of her role, Shaw is responsible for the creation and management of community programs such as the “Beyond the Diamond” outreach initiative, the coordination of activities and programs for Brewers Wives, and all alumni relations initiatives.

“Katina and her husband, Jermaine, have a son, Jamar, a grandson, Jeremiah, and terrier, Tank. Away from Miller Park, Shaw is a member of various boards in the Milwaukee community, including the Wisconsin Humane Society, Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast, Make-A-Wish Wisconsin, Kyle’s Korner and One Accord Foundation. She’s also a member of Rotary Club of Milwaukee and VISIT Milwaukee Multi-Cultural Committee.

In February 2012, Shaw received the Milwaukee Times Black Excellence Award, an honor that recognizes individuals who are making a positive difference in the community. A Milwaukee native, Katina and her husband, Jermaine, have a son, Jamar, a grandson, Jeremiah, and terrier, Tank.