Gearing-up for another school year!

Northwest Funeral Chapel and Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc.—Upsilon Mu Omega Chapter—recently held its Back-To-School supply giveaway at the Northwest Family Activity Center, 4034 W. Good Hope Rd. Children and their parents not only got the supplies needed for academic success: book bags and other needed items, they indulged in delicious food provided by Pop’s BBQ. D.J. “Special K” provided the music. Noted community photographer Yvonne Kemp took the photos you see below.

City makes Juneteenth Day an official holiday

The Common Council recently approved an ordinance making Juneteenth Day an official city holiday. The legislation was authored by Ald. Milele Coggs.

“Juneteenth Day (June 19) holds a special significance for so many people—it is a federal holiday and a few years ago Milwaukee County passed legislation recognizing Juneteenth Day as an official holiday and it is time now for this important day to be recognized officially at the city level,” Coggs said. “Juneteenth Day represents a significant moment in history for many in this country.

“I want to thank my colleagues for their overwhelming support of this file and recognition of the importance of Juneteenth Day,” she said.

Milwaukee’s participation in the annual Juneteenth Day Celebration—a national event that represents the day slaves in Texas learned of the emancipation proclamation, which freed slaves in southern states—is one of the nation’s oldest (more than 50 years) and is Milwaukee’s longest-running cultural festival. “With the passing of this legislation, we are taking a symbolic step toward our theme of 2022, which is ‘Celebrating Our History—Building Our Future’ and we know that this will be catalytic in our efforts to treat cancer. We don’t want people from this region to have to go out of state to get world class cancer care,” said Dr. John R. Raymond, CEO of the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Among those officials who helped break ground on the new facility was Amy Sherri Parrish-Spence, the co-chair of community outreach and engagement for MCW’s patient centered care research center. She also is associate professor, MCW Cancer Center, MCW Cancer Research Institute, and with the Medical College of Wisconsin. Parrish-Spence is executive director of the Institute for Health and Equitable, the Medical College of Wisconsin Cancer Center community action council.

Also participating was Dr. Alonso Walker, emeritus professor of surgery oncology, specializing in breast cancer at the Medical College.

Other participants were: Debra Nevels, MSHCM is Program Manager for Community Outreach & Engagement, MCW Cancer Center.

MECHANICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN BREAKS GROUND ON NEW CANCER RESEARCH FACILITY

Officials with the Medical College of Wisconsin and government representatives recently broke ground for a new $100 million cancer care research center, a project that has been in the making for a number of years.

The cancer research building will be 150,000-square-foot and five stories high. It’s expected to house about 700 researchers. According to the MCW, it’s the only cancer-dedicated research facility in Milwaukee and Eastern Wisconsin, giving access to patients who can’t afford or have the means to travel for treatment.

It was chosen the week that it being done to fight cancer in re- search labs, clinical trials, and through community engagement and education.

Communities will be more in- formed on how heredity and ge- netics, including pre-cancer issues, are important.

The research done through this facility will enhance the ability to reach more people in and out of the region, and increase its sustainability.

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MAYOR JOHNSON UNVEILS MKE’S NEW BUDGET FOR 2023

Grassroots organization calls on city to include community in decision making

In his first budget presentation as Milwaukee Mayor, Cavalier Johnson said the city’s 2023 budget is balanced, and credited normal attrition for the accomplishment—which is no small feat given the city’s limited methods in raising money.

But, the mayor warned more money needs to come back to the city from the state. “As you will see, we are tightly constrained by limited revenue,” Johnson told the Common Council during his presentation.

“In fact, ‘constrained’ is not the right word. We are hamstringed—forced to cut long-established services because we do not have the money we need. Simply put, our costs are climbing, and our revenue is flat,” Johnson said.

Johnson said the city is now at a point where it can accomplish its goals and balance budgets with the attrition that naturally will happen (funded positions will be reduced by this method, including 17 police officers). “I can’t say that’s the case in the future.”

The mayor said the $100 million payment to the city’s pension ob- ligation, coupled with inflation and limited shared revenue from the state, puts the city in the position that it is—and the only fix is in Madison.

“We need the state’s help to stave off that potential future,” Johnson said.

In his presentation, the mayor said the Milwaukee Police Department takes up the bulk of the city’s budget, noting that $305 million of the $311 million property tax levy is budgeted for the MPD. Absent of other options, like sales, income or hotel taxes, Johnson’s $1.7 billion budget proposal sees the total property tax levy go up by 2%, Median-valued homeowners will see taxes and fees increase by about $48.60.

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facing, and it’s not just Milwau-
kee. The Wisconsin Legislature is
out of session, and elections are
coming up.

The mayor said he is optimistic
lawmakers can put forward solu-
tions, giving the city more say in
how it can raise revenue—hope-
fully sooner rather than later.

But a group called the African
American Roundtable (AART)
wants the city to practice what
they’re preaching to the state.
AART was present at the budget
presentation—holding a rally and
press conference—calling on the
city to move toward a budget pro-
cess that has community
can members deciding where public
dollars are spent.

“They’re not listening,” said
Devin Anderson, AART member-
ship and coalition member.
“It’s the status quo, and we say
so. We say no to the status quo,”
Markasa Tucker-Harris, AART
executive director said.

AART wants the city to defund
the MPD and invest those funds
in neighborhoods to support
adequate housing, mental health
services and opportunities for the
city’s youth.

“It’s clear that Mayor Johnson’s
first budget fails to meet the needs
of the people of Milwaukee,” An-
derson said. “Continuing the
status quo will lead Milwaukee
towards bankruptcy.”

“As a far Northwest side res-
ident, I say give our people deci-
sion-making power and the
agency to execute our decisions
through participatory budgeting
and let us keep us safe,” said Rye-
shia Farmer, AART’s Community
Programs Manager. “It is clear
that this city’s current budget pro-
cess just can’t do that.”

AART believes participatory
budgeting is the first real step in
creating safer, liberated com-
munities.

The council’s budget
committee meetings start next
week.

—Sources for this article:
Fox6.com, AART press release

City makes Juneteenth
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Ald. Milele Coggs, who recently authored the ordinance that
makes Juneteenth an official city holiday, poses with her daugh-
ter at the festival in 2018. The daughter was crowned ‘Little Miss
Juneteenth’ Queen that year. —Photo by Yvonne Kemp

Milwaukee County is committed to improving the health and wellness of older adults in our community. Together with our community partners, we offer wellness programs to help you take control of your health.

- HAVE YOU FALLEN OR DO YOU HAVE A FEAR OF FALLING?
- DO YOU HAVE A CHRONIC CONDITION?
- ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH PAIN?
- DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH INCONTINENCE?
- DO YOU WANT TO BE MORE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE?

Learn More and Register for an Upcoming Session!
Visit county.milwaukee.gov/aging#wellness or call (414) 289-6352 for more information and a schedule of workshops.
We do not ask for help.

We do not tell anyone when we struggle. Too often, we refuse to share our pain, struggle, or sorrow until we simply cannot hold it in anymore. That is, it seems, what it means to be a Black person in America.

Too often, we are afraid to be perceived as weak, incapable, or unable to make do. And to our credit, just as often, we do make a way. But right now, that way may not be available. Now is the time to do things a little differently.

With food and other prices rising at a rate our country has not seen since the 1970s, it is getting more difficult to “make a way.” In Milwaukee, Hunger is a major issue. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2021, the City of Milwaukee had a poverty rate of 24.6%, ranking it one of the top 50 U.S. cities with people living below the poverty line. Accordingly, about 1 in 10 seniors are food insecure or going hungry. These seniors do not have access to sufficient food, or access to food of adequate quality, to meet their basic needs. Similarly, and unfortunately, 1 in 4 children are also enduring hunger and insecurity. It is not just our elders and our babies struggling; we are all feeling it.

There is help available. One program that can help us subsidize our food budget and reduce food insecurity in our community is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or FoodShare, as we call it, in Wisconsin. With the Pandemic era boosts to FoodShare, and other programs have helped many in our community bridge the gap between providing adequate healthy meals versus skipping meals to maintain their household budget. With FoodShare set to scale back in the new year, the time is now to get the support that you are entitled to and ensure you and your family do not continue to struggle to “make a way.”

Sickle cell disease often has a ripple effect on patients’ lives.

Childcare, errands, chores and other daily activities become major challenges when dealing with debilitating pain.

Many individuals miss days—even weeks—of school and work due to pain, hospitalizations and other medical emergencies.

Donating blood gives sickle cell patients the strength they need to live happy, productive lives.

#knowSCD
Cong. Gwen Moore Statement on Ways and Means Committee Mark-up of Critical Home Health and Substance Use Disorder legislation

Today, the House Ways and Means Committee held a mark-up of several critical bills important to safeguarding her constituent’s health and well-being. As the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Health, I am incredibly proud to advocate for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MICHEV) program, which has been found to be an effective tool for helping support families.

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Public Health Departments in Milwaukee County

Blessing of the Animals (continued from page 4)

The following randomly selected column was initially published in July 1996. The program mentioned at its conclusion, W-2, is an acronym for Wisconsin Works, a welfare replacement program that requires able-bodied recipients to work.

While many Democrats decreed the program, which offered job training and child support, the hypocrisy inherent in their rhetoric was that Democratic President Bill Clinton actually ended welfare and famtive action.)

Black Nationalism is making a reappearance in America. And it’s long overdue.

Some of yesterday’s most vocal Black Nationalists (like myself) went underground or were drowned out by the chorus of apathy and antagonism during Stag's Peak of the Civil Rights era.

Others were pushed to the side by the (White) missionaries who took the millions of Black lives that had been destroyed and turned their energy toward creating a new generation of people who would view us—and us—in economic and political terms.

(If we addressed our problems and controlled our community and culture, other people would have to stop depriving us. If we stopped relying on a White-run system that would not help us, we had to fall prey to the manipulation of political parties or political pimps.)

Historically, many of the enemies of Black empowerment denounced Black Nationalism because they knew it would shift the balance of power, weaken, and eventually break, the stranglehold that the nation had over us.

Those ‘enemies’ are cognizant that Black Nationalism would provide a sense of dignity and self-respect to those who have not yet walked under the cloud of slavery.

Opponents also realize a self-determination paradigm would spark economic development, much as gambling has reversed the plight of Native Americans.

That’s a dangerous combination if you’re profiting from Black mis-

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The Resurrection of Black Nationalism:  
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By 'Gay' Edgar,

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SUMMONS

PUBLICATION STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV005854

IN THE MATTER OF MIKALY NICOlle SMITH NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM MIKALY NICOlle SMITH TO: NAT EZRA HENAK Birth Certificate: MIKALY NICOlle SMITH It is ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

THE DATED: 9-22-2022 BY THE COURT:
HON. PEDRO A COLON Circuit Court Judge 414-9-10-10-20-22 SUMMONS (PUBLICATION)

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 22CV005854

THE MATTER IN THE NAME OF CHANGE FROM: FRANCINE BRADY-MILAN TO: FREDRICKA BRADY-MILAN

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: FRANCINE BRADY-MILAN TO: FREDRICKA BRADY-MILAN

IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

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THE MATTER IN THE NAME OF CHANGE FROM: DELPHIA MCBRIDE-MCBRIDE TO: MARIE MCBRIDE-MCBRIDE

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: DELPHIA MCBRIDE-MCBRIDE TO: MARIE MCBRIDE-MCBRIDE

IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

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THE MATTER IN THE NAME OF CHANGE FROM: MILLION MONTIJO HUERTAS TO: WILBER MONTIJO

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: MILLION MONTIJO HUERTAS TO: WILBER MONTIJO

IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
David Cooks Named President and CEO of The Opportunity Center

The Opportunity Center; soon to be one of the nation’s first non-profit, multi-sport, urban athletic centers that will be universally accessible to people of all abilities, ages, backgrounds and income; has named David Cooks, a Milwaukee-native and T-6 paraplegic as the president and CEO of the organization.

Cooks previously served as board chair of The Opportunity Center before being selected as its new president.

As someone who grew up in the neighborhood, Cooks has a deep understanding of how the local community will benefit from The Opportunity Center. At age 15, Cooks was a rising high school basketball star when he experienced a spinal aneurysm. Confined to a wheelchair, Cooks embraced his reality as a paraplegic and has worked as a motivational speaker and educator, helping others to find success in the face of adversity. Cooks is a graduate of Marquette University High School and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, as well as an MBA in Finance from Duke University, where he served as a coach under Coach Mike Krzyzewski. He went on to build a successful business career in finance. His story lives on in his award-winning book, “Getting Undressed – From Paralysis to Purpose.”

First introduced publicly last year, The Opportunity Center’s mission is to holistically improve the health and well-being of all participants by empowering them to develop the physical, social, and emotional skills that define the great citizens of Milwaukee. The Opportunity Center is the combined vision of Damian Buchman, founder of The Ability Center, a Wauwatosa-based non-profit organization that advocates for universal, inclusive and adaptive recreation opportunities and Franklin Cumberbatch, who is also vice president for engagement at Bader Philanthropies.

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