



Congresswoman Moore answers questions about FoodShare Benefits!

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101st Annual Freedom Fund Dinner...



...stresses the 'Time Is Now!'



Recently, the Milwaukee Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) hosted its 101st Annual Freedom Fund Dinner, at the Baird Center, 400 W. Wisconsin Ave. As the current presidential administration has targeted DEI initiatives and voting rights for African Americans, it was most appropriate that the theme for this year's dinner was "The Fierce Urgency of Now," with the keynote speech delivered by NAACP Board of Directors Vice Chair Karen B. Towns (pictured above with Milwaukee Branch President Clarence P. Nicholas and Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson holding a city proclamation). In her speech Towns said, "The clock is ticking not just on our dreams, but on our democracy. The time for waiting has passed...the time for working is now."—Photos by Yvonne Kemp



MKE Cnty Exec. and Wisconsin Gubernatorial Candidate David Crowley



Wisconsin U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore



A member of Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin handing out a box of food to a needy resident.

ANSWERING THE CALL...

City, County, MPS, Bucks, Faith Leaders, and Partners Launch Food Drive to Support Residents Affected by FoodShare Interruption

Photo courtesy of feedingamericawi.org

The City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Milwaukee Public School District, the Milwaukee Bucks, faith leaders, and other partners are launching a unified effort to ensure families have access to food and basic necessities during the federal government shutdown.

- County facilities, including:
- Milwaukee City Hall – 200 E. Wells Street,
 - Milwaukee County Courthouse – 901 N. 9th Street
 - Zeidler Municipal Building – 841 N. Broadway,
 - Marcia P. Coggins Health & Human Services Center – 1230 W. Cherry Street
 - Hillview – 1615 S. 22nd Street
 - Fiserv Forum – 1111 Vel R. Phillips Avenue,
 - All Milwaukee Public Schools
 - All Milwaukee Police Department districts
 - All City of Milwaukee Public Library branches
 - Mason Temple Church – 6058 N. 35th Street

FoodShare benefits are expected to pause on November 1 due to the ongoing government shutdown.

In collaboration with Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin and Nourish MKE, the drive will collect nonperishable food and monetary donations to support Milwaukee-area food pantries.

The food drive begins immediately and will continue until FoodShare benefits are restored. For donation and assistance information, residents can visit the City of Milwaukee's Food Drive page or Milwaukee County's Food Assistance page.

Donations will be accepted across both City and

"The federal government shutdown needs to end," said Mayor Cavalier Johnson. "This is not an abstract issue. It's about whether families can afford

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MPS SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES FINAL BUDGET

District's Portion of the Tax Levy Is Estimated to Go up by \$8 per \$100,000 of Assessed Value

The Milwaukee Board of School Directors unanimously approved recently Superintendent Brenda Cassellius's proposed final budget for 2025-26.

Milwaukee property taxpayers are estimated to see an increase of about \$8 in taxes per \$100,000 of assessed value.

"We are delivering a budget that maximizes resources for students and schools while demonstrating fiscal prudence and responsibility to our taxpayers," Dr. Cassellius said.

Board President Missy Zombor noted that the final budget includes greater investment in extracurricular programs for middle and high school students, as the board had requested.

"We are continuing to prioritize what we know students need while being transparent to



A sign for Milwaukee Public Schools is displayed Monday, July 7, outside of Westside Academy —Photo by Angela Major/WPR

our staff, families and the public," Zombor said. "We want to thank our neighbors across the city of Milwaukee for their continued support of our public schools."

The approximately \$1.6 billion final budget reflects these key adjustments from the preliminary budget approved in spring. Budget adjustments occur each year because both state aid and enrollment are finalized after the preliminary budget is passed:

- An increase of about \$20 million more in state special education funds under the new state budget, which increased the reimbursement rate for districts

- An increase of about \$32 million in state aid, thanks in part to voters' passage of the district's 2024 referendum that helped maintain art, music, physical education and mental health

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Milwaukee Common Council members praise proposed state legislation to retrofit older apartments with sprinkler systems

A new legislative package has been introduced in Madison to help retrofit older multi-unit/multi-family apartment buildings with sprinkler systems.

The proposal was recently applauded by several members of the Milwaukee Common

Council, who called the legislation "an excellent step forward to help prevent tragedies such as the Mother's Day fire last May."

That fire killed five people and displaced over 100 more at an apartment building at N. 27th St. and W. Highland Blvd.

The legislative package, which would require an audit of sprinkler systems, create a grant program to fund sprinkler installation and give municipalities the authority to enact new fire suppression requirements.

The measure was announced recently outside Milwaukee Fire Department Station 32.

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Voices of the Front Lines PODCAST



HOSTED BY TAHIRA MALIK SAMAD'S HOUSE FOUNDER

Samad's House launches 'Voices of the Front Lines' podcast, creating a platform for Milwaukee heroes working to prevent drug overdose deaths!

Samad's House recently launched 'Voices of the Front Lines,' a compelling new podcast hosted by its founder, Tahira Malik.

This podcast shines a light on the unsung heroes—outreach workers, peer support specialists, and advocates for supportive and compassionate care—who work tirelessly to prevent drug overdose deaths in Milwaukee.

In 2024, Milwaukee County tragically lost 450 lives to overdoses, with Black Milwaukeeans dying at almost twice the rate of White residents, despite the races using drugs at similar rates.

But lives are being saved thanks to community resources like Samad's House, one of the Midwest's leading sober living homes for women, and initiatives and support from the city and county governments.

Also critical is the dedication of frontline workers and the expansion of harm reduction services, including naloxone distribution and fentanyl test strips.

Voices of the Front Lines is dedicated to amplifying

the voices of those who are making a difference, often against incredible odds.

In the debut episode, listeners learn about the Milwaukee Fire Department's innovative Milwaukee Overdose Response Initiative (MORI), which reviews overdose survivor cases daily and sends teams to provide support and resources.

The episode also reveals the heartbreaking reality that some survivors are told there are no residential recovery beds available, and the gratifying moments when individuals make positive changes and thrive.

"On this podcast, we'll share our challenges, triumphs, and the real-world impact of harm reduction in our communities," Malik explains.

"Each episode will spotlight personal stories, pivotal events, and the urgent need for equitable funding from the government, private sector, and philanthropic organizations to support programs like Samad's House.

"These programs provide the tools and opportunities for individuals to recover, thrive, and create their own (continued on page 2)



Two representatives of Nourish MKE proudly hold the logo of the organization. Nourish MKE is joining with Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin and several governmental entities to meet what will be a huge demand for food due to the federal government shutdown. This joint entity food drive will continue until the federal government reopens and/or FoodShare benefits are restored.
—Photo courtesy of Nourish MKE

ANSWERING THE CALL...

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to eat. While Washington debates, Milwaukee is stepping up. We're coming together to keep each other fed, safe, and cared for. That's who we are as a city."
"Milwaukee County is strong and resilient, but the health and wellbeing of our residents and families should never be casualties of political fights in Washington," said Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley.
"Until this federal shutdown ends, we will do what we always do: look out for our neighbors and step up to help in times of need. I'm grateful to all our community partners and encourage every resident who is able to join us in caring for our community."
"We recognize the very real hardship this shut-

down is causing for families who rely on FoodShare," said City of Milwaukee Commissioner of Health Mike Totoraitis, PhD.
"We can't solve the federal problem, but we can solve part of the local one. Milwaukee is a community that acts, and this food drive is one way we make sure every family has a meal on the table. When one of us struggles, all of us step in to help."
"Food insecurity affects physical health, mental health, and stability for entire households," said Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).
"I encourage everyone to consider donating to your local food pantry. This is a time where the community really needs to come together."

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success stories."
Malik and her team at Samad's House are dedicated to promoting harm reduction in their community. Through their podcast, they hope to shed light on the challenges faced by those struggling with addiction and the impact of harm reduction measures.
Each episode will feature personal stories from individuals who have been directly impacted by harm reduction programs like Samad's House.
These stories will highlight the struggles and triumphs that come with addiction, as well as how harm reduction has played a crucial role in their journey towards recovery.



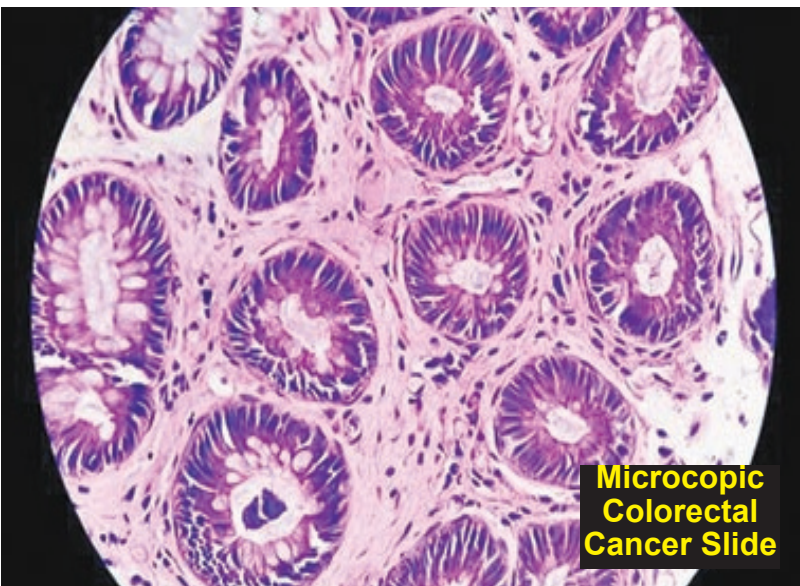
In addition to personal stories, the podcast will also discuss pivotal events in the field of harm reduction. This could include legislative changes.
In the premier episode, available at www.samadshouse.org and on Amazon Music, Apple, and Spotify, Malik shares her deeply personal journey from addiction and incarceration to recovery and the creation of Samad's House.
"I am fully committed to stopping overdose deaths and helping women recover, thrive, and succeed in achieving their goals. And so are the guests who are gathered here today," she says, in opening the podcast episode.
Malik also issues a Call to Action, urging government leaders, private industry, and philanthropic organizations to continue to allocate funding equitably. "Every individual, every family, and every community deserves the chance to thrive and build a brighter future," she proclaims. "Together, we can ignite change, transform Milwaukee, and inspire a stronger, more compassionate America. The time to act is now."
The episode features raw, unfiltered conversations with guests who share their experiences on the front lines of the overdose crisis and the impact of life-saving, compassionate harm reduction services. One guest, Jason Gonzalez, founder and CEO of 4th Dimension Sobriety, a Milwaukee-based recovery community, cited the biggest challenge that he faces in helping people with recovery.
"There's just so many people that are in need," Gonzalez says. "We're trying to do the best that we can... We're trying to manage an unmanageable disease and just try to hold people's hands and walk alongside of

them while they're going through it. It's difficult." He notes that new arrivals have all kinds of things on their minds, from paying for treatment to finding a permanent place to live, getting a job, getting their children back, and "just life, and life's consequences." He asserts that we "hold them steady as much as we can during that period...remind them that they made a commitment."
Another guest is Robert Rehberger, a lieutenant with the Milwaukee Fire Department and a key member of the MORI unit, which partners with public health agencies, first responders, and community organizations to reduce overdoses. Rehberger says one of the biggest challenges is getting people into residential recovery facilities. "The funding is very difficult at times to get someone there and challenging just based on how the insurances work," he says. "I think that's probably the biggest challenge is when someone is ready to take a step further."
Amy Molinski, a clinical substance use counselor and certified peer support specialist with MORI, agreed with Rehberger. "(We) look people in the eyes and tell them 'I know you want help' and we're going to keep coming back until we can get you in there. But I know when I say that I'll see you later that day, that I might not see them again. That's hard for me because I found recovery, and I want everybody to be able to find it. I want everybody to be able to have what I have because it's beautiful and amazing and wonderful, and not everybody gets it."
Rehberger recalls one of his most gratifying moments. He and Molinski had been to visit a man twice after he had survived an overdose, and each time the man insisted he was fine.
"This third time I went there he said I'm fine and I said, 'I don't think you are fine. You said that to me two other times.' And he kind of changed his tune from that point on. He had been through many treatment times before... We took him to a detox facility. When he got out, we took him to dinner because he had like a one or two day lapse between when he got released from detox to go to his treatment facility, and we took him to dinner, and we were there to help him through the way."
Rehberger says he's kind of private and doesn't share everything, but we kept up with him by checking in every few months. We celebrated one year with him with a cake. He's working now, working out, and that one's just special to me because it was one of my first ones."
Further, Molinski says that "just love and compassion" would improve the care and safety of people who use drugs. Agreeing, Gonzalez adds, "We have to treat everybody with dignity. And if we did that, I think that policies would probably change. I think funding would change. I think that how people are treated just on the street or in your own family, that would change."
For more of this revealing conversation, listen to the full podcast at: www.samadshouse.org or Amazon Music, Apple, iHeart, and Spotify

NEW BLOOD TEST TO SCREEN FOR COLON CANCER NOW AVAILABLE IN WISCONSIN

As October Marks National Health Literacy Month, Innovative Testing Option Offers Hope to Close the Colorectal Cancer Screening Gap

October is National Health Literacy Month, a time dedicated to empowering individuals to access, understand and use health information to make informed decisions about their health, including staying current with recommended cancer screenings and learning about the new screening tools available to them.



Microscopic Colorectal Cancer Slide

Colorectal cancer (CRC) is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in Wisconsin and nationwide – even though it's highly treatable when caught early, with a 91 percent five-year survival rate for patients with early-stage, localized CRC.

Many people skip the screenings that could catch cancer early, often due to the perceived fears of what the results might reveal, lack of awareness or the perception that tests are too invasive or inconvenient.

This year, the American Cancer Society estimates that CRC will claim the lives of 840 Wisconsinites alone, and statistics show that about 75 percent of these individuals were not up to date with recommended screenings.

Today, there is reason for hope as cancer screening, including colorectal cancer, is more accessible than ever before, with promising innovations such as Shield, the first FDA-approved blood test for primary colon cancer screening."

One innovative new screening tool now available to Wisconsin residents is the Shield test, developed by Guardant Health. It's the first blood test approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a primary screening method for colorectal cancer, providing patients the convenience of screening through a simple blood draw.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that people at average risk of colorectal cancer start regular screening at age 45.

By making screening more accessible and convenient, the Shield test can help to improve screening rates and lead to earlier detection of more cancers, ultimately reducing CRC-related deaths.

The Shield test is intended for individuals at average risk for colorectal cancer, age 45 or older. For eligible patients in Wisconsin, it is offered by prescription through a doctor or other healthcare professional.

The Shield test gives the more than 50 million Americans behind on their recommended colorectal cancer screenings a more pleasant option that fits their lifestyle and preferences by avoiding the inconvenience and discomfort associated with traditional screening methods, such as colonoscopy and stool-based tests.

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The Shield blood test was recently included in the National Comprehensive Cancer Network guidelines for colorectal cancer screening and is covered by Medicare and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Community Care Network (CCN).

Wisconsin veteran, veterans advocate, and cancer survivor Tiffany Koehler said, "Far too often, people do not

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LaTonya Johnson, State Sen. Dora Drake, and State Rep. Margaret Arney support the legislation that seeks change to state law.

what occurred.
In part, the legislation in Madison would create a \$10 million statewide grant fund that landlords could apply for assistance from, to help pay for the installation of sprinkler systems in older buildings.

ment to establish a program to encourage owners of multi-family properties to retrofit fire suppression systems in older apartment buildings.

The building where the deadly Mother's Day fire took place was built in the 1960s and was not required to have a sprinkler system, which left occupants in a potentially dangerous situation that turned tragic in May.

This is a critical component of the package, because of the significantly high cost of installing fire suppression systems.

"We are hopeful that the legislation will gain support and momentum, and that it can ultimately be passed to bring new fire suppression systems that will minimize the risk of similar tragedies occurring in the future," read a statement from several alder persons who back the legislative package.

The fire killed five, but upended the lives of dozens who were left without homes and deeply traumatized by

the Milwaukee Common Council sponsored legislation in June to urge the state of Wisconsin and the federal govern-

"The lives of our residents depend on it.

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COMING AND PAST HAPPENINGS IN AND OUTSIDE OF YOUR COMMUNITY!

Get your 2025 We Energies Cookie Book Nov. 1

The holiday season kicks off Saturday, Nov. 1, with the release of the 2025 We Energies Cookie Book.

This year's Cookie Book is overflowing with 37 delicious treats from home bakers across the state.



BRENTWOOD COC TO HOLD TURKEY GIVEAWAY

Brentwood Church of Christ will be holding a holiday turkey and groceries giveaway Friday, November 21, starting at 2 p.m. at the church, located at 6425 N. 60th St. For more information, call 414-353-6757.

Calvary Baptist Church's 8th Annual Holiday Craft Fair

Calvary Baptist Church of Milwaukee is hosting its 8th Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 15th from 11am until 2 p.m.

This event will showcase hand created art pieces, many one-of-a-kind items including Christmas decorations, clothing, jewelry, food, and culturally inspired pieces.

This event is free to the public. The church is located at 2959 N. Teutonia Ave. Parking is available in the back church lot.

Mt. Zion Assembly Healing Temple and MPD Office of Community Outreach and Engagement to Praise Awards ceremony



Mt. Zion Assembly Healing Temple and the Milwaukee Police Department's Office of Community Outreach and Engagement will honor 11 individuals who are making an impact on the community at a Elegant Praise Awards ceremony, November 14, starting at 6 p.m., at the church, 4300 N. Green Bay Avenue. Sfg. Bishop Monica Parchia Price is the pastor.

One of the honorees will be the family of fallen Milwaukee Police Officer Kendall Isaiah Corder. The other honorees are:

- Deacon Joseph Beamon, community advocate
- Homer Blow, radio personality and community advocate
- Melissa Buford, director of the Office of African American Affairs
- Mary Fillilove, Salvation Army, champion and community advocate
- Shelia Reid Johnson, owner of Reid's New Golden Gae and the House of Branch Funeral Homes
- The Kenlow Family, the owners of WGLB Radio
- Lena Martin, co-Founder of Lena's Grocery Stores
- Lisa McKay, catering business owner
- P.O. Christopher McRay
- Elliot Torrence, owner of Torrence House of Threads

Special guests will be the Marquette Gospel Choir. For more information, contact Dr. Ricky Price, Sr. at 414-861-1400, or rickypricesr@gmail.com

Each recipe was hand-picked by We Energies employees during the rigorous and tasty testing process.

A highlight in this year's book is a cookie from Alice Smith, a lively 97-year-old from Palmyra.

She submitted her Cherry Nut Slices, found on Page 25. Alice bakes cookies weekly and shares them with friends, neighbors and family, saying she must share to avoid eating them all.

The 2025 Cookie Book offers a variety of treats from bright flavors like Zesty Lime Cookies, to warm spices like Anna's Molasses Cookies.

In addition to the online edition, pick up a free copy Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at American Family Field in Milwaukee or Fox Cities Stadium in Appleton.

The book will also be available at events statewide



throughout November. **Cookie Book by the numbers**

This edition marks the 97th anniversary of the We Energies Cookie Book, a tradition that started in 1928 to promote electric appliances. In 2024, nearly 230,000 books were distributed to customers.

View previous editions of the Cookie Book in our Cookie Book archive



Join 101.7 The Truth for the Second Annual Truth Summit presented by OneMKE

Good Karma Brands and 101.7 The Truth are excited to announce the second annual Truth Summit presented by OneMKE, a free and interactive event taking place on November 15th, at ThriveOn King starting at 10 a.m. CST.

Headlined by Dr. Ken Harris, the Truth Summit is an opportunity for community voices, thought leaders, and educators to come together and address key issues shaping Black Milwaukee.

The event fosters open dialogue

and collaboration, turning ideas into meaningful action and lasting change.

Fans who attend the event will have a chance to take part in two panel discussions featuring accomplished and well-known figures from across Milwaukee:

From the Highchair to Higher Education: Rebuilding Milwaukee's Educational Pipeline with Dr. Tarrynce Robinson, Superintendent of the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District and Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools.

The Health Divide: Bridging the Gap in Milwaukee's Healthcare System with Dr. Marc Kennedy of the Gastroenterology and Transplant Hepatology Department at Aurora Health Care (Advocate Health).

To reserve your spot and join the conversation, please visit 1017TruthSummit.com to register today.

Alverno College To Host Violins of Hope Event: "Sustaining & Healing Through Music"

Alverno College will host a special event, "Sustaining & Healing Through Music: How Music Supports Coping and Thriving," on November 13 at 7 p.m. in Wehr Hall on the Alverno campus.

Leslie Henry, associate professor and director of the college's Music Therapy program, will lead an engaging discussion exploring how music helped members of Holocaust orchestras cope, endure and process profound human emotions during unimaginable hardship.

The evening will feature musical selections by the Milwaukee Jewish Community Chorale, performed before and after the lecture, including Charles Davidson's choral song cycle, "I Never Saw Another Butterfly," one of many Holocaust-inspired works reflecting the experiences of those imprisoned at Theresienstadt (Terezin). A special performance on one of the historic Violins of Hope will also be presented by Alverno violin faculty member Marvin Suson.

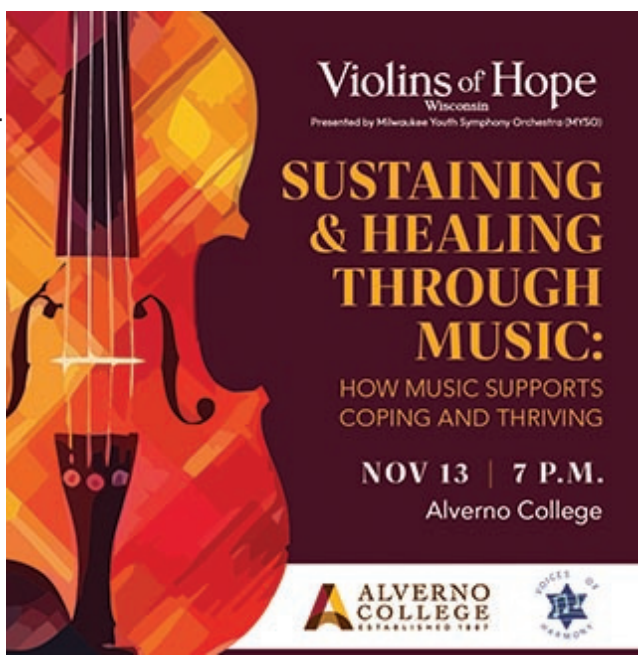
Violins of Hope is an international project showcasing a collection of violins, violas and cellos once owned by Jewish musicians before and during the Holocaust. Each instrument has been carefully restored to honor its owner's legacy and the resilience of the human spirit. Learn more at violins-of-hope.com.

This program is presented in partnership with Violins of Hope – Wisconsin, the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Milwaukee Jewish Community Chorale and Alverno College Music Therapy.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. To reserve a spot, click here.

About Alverno College

Based in Milwaukee, Wis., Alverno College is a four-year independent, Catholic, liberal arts college for women. Founded in 1887 by the School Sisters of St. Francis, Alverno promotes the academic, personal and professional development of its students in a collaborative and inclusive environment. Graduate programs, digital badges, degree completion programs and certificate programs are open to all genders. A leader in higher education innovation, Alverno has earned international accolades for its highly effective ability-based, assessment-as-learning approach to education, which emphasizes hands-on experience and develops in-demand skills. The college, Wisconsin's first Hispanic-Serving Institution, ranks among the top schools in the Midwest for its commitment to undergraduate teaching and innovation by U.S. News & World Report.



MKE Youth Artscape Seeks Teens' Work for Exhibition

TBEY Arts Center, Inc. invites artists ages 13-18 to submit original artwork for a community exhibition. The deadline to submit artwork images is Monday, November 10 at 11:59 p.m.

Selected artwork will be professionally displayed in early January at Ascension Columbia St. Mary's Hospital on Milwaukee's Eastside.

Eligibility & Requirements:

Artist must be 13-18 years old at time of submission
 Artwork must be original, created solely by the submitting artist
 No fan art, copyrighted characters, or traced images
 Work should be appropriate for all ages (uplifting, non-violent, non-disturbing content is preferred)

What to Submit:

1-3 original artworks (digital files for initial review)
 High-resolution images: JPEG format, minimum 300 DPI, maximum file size 10MB each
 All mediums are welcome: painting, drawing, photography, digital art, mixed media, sculpture, etc.

Check out the Artwork Submission Tips and use this entry form.

Questions? Go to <https://tbey.org/home/call-for-art-mke-youth-artscape-annual-youth-art-exhibition/> or email Myesha Cole at myesha@tbey.org.

Important Dates for Artists:

Monday, November 10: Deadline to submit artwork images
 Monday, December 8: Deadline to drop off artwork for the exhibition at TBEY
 Wednesday, January 7, 2026: Artists reception at Ascension Columbia St. Mary's Hospital.

Additional information:

Past exhibitions have been at the Marcus Performing Arts Center and Bayshore Mall. Here is a short video to post on your website or social media to accompany any text: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n41C7KIP3IC6wmZqyiv2NNP1UYi_E8t/view?usp=sharing

About TBEY:

TBEY is a 25-year-old nonprofit arts program begun by Contessa Cole when she was a 16-year-old high school student. Seeing how cuts to arts programs within the Milwaukee Public Schools would mean students from underserved communities would be denied opportunities to explore their creativity, "Tessa's Black Entertainment & Youth Center" (TBEY) was born.

TBEY's mission is to strengthen young people through exposure to the arts, providing them with opportunities for creative expression. To date, TBEY has empowered more than 20,000 youth, 76% of whom identify as African American, and 99% of whom come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. These young people represent our future, and TBEY provides them with the tools and opportunities they need to thrive, both in the arts and in life. Learn more at <https://tbey.org>.



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RECENT LOCAL KILLINGS IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF OUR WOES IN TRUMP'S 'AMERIKKKA'!

I didn't learn until several hours after getting out of the barber chair last weekend that a shooting had occurred two blocks away.

There was a time when I would have carried 'something, something,' in that area of our village.

I stopped that nonsensical response to a prejudicial assumption, since I could not envision any situation in which I would 'don my Steve McQueen persona' and host a high-noon shoot-out.

Now I may make an exception if I leave our offices on King Drive and head down Atkinson Ave. via 'Blackfish Bay' (as we once called Capital Drive).

The corner of 27th and Atkinson is one of the worst spots in the village. Drug sales, carjackings, and shootings. (Several brothers I talked to at a gathering on Tuesday said 14th and Atkinson Ave. can be equally dangerous).

I had a young relative who was jacked up and robbed in plain sight on 27th. He went home and got his gun. I won't detail what happened next, but it wasn't pretty, and it didn't end up in my relative's favor. He spent several years in prison. He's doing fine now, thank Nyame.



Just last week, some urban terrorist killed two people on 27th, chasing a woman down that street until a bullet or two caught her.

Vicious, nonsensical, savage.

The last report I read said there were 79 murders in Milwaukee thus far this year, up 13% over 2024. That comes after two years of decline.

'Somewhat' surprising, Milwaukee ranked 147th out of 180 urban cities for personal safety. WalletHub released that report a week ago.

Before y'all go off, I'm not blaming the mayor, the chief of police, or alderpersons (even though the latter needs to be more aggressive).

The fact that this tsunami of murders (consistent with other urban cities) paints MKE with a dirty brush does not bode well for the mayor's hope to in-

crease the city population.

A larger population splits the tax burden, improves our economic engine, and may result in lower heating bills (more people generate heat).

But sadly, there is little help for an improved economy. Instead, there is misery around the corner. Ending food (electronic) stamps will increase crime. It will also increase familiar tensions and affect children's performance in government schools.

(As I often lament, Black people generally implode while whites explode.)

Those who believe a magic wand will reverse this trend must come to the realization that the only way to curb violence is to take away our civil liberties.

But y'all didn't like it when President Bill Clinton enacted

his Crime Bill in 1994. It was biased against Black folks and poor people. But it took drugs off some streets.

But take that one step further: Allow police to stop and frisk anyone dark skinned who meets the profile of a gangsta--- wearing expensive shoes (must be stolen), sporting facial hair, and whose pants were hanging down by their knees.

Stop and search every car driven by anyone younger than 50 (including white boys playing loud gangsta rap music).

Or...(yep, there's always an or...)

Sit back and allow Trump to declare martial law, bomb known drug houses, as he is doing to boats in the Caribbean, he suspects having drugs in them. Allow his 'ICE men' to run totally out of control, ignoring principles of habeas corpus (hey, Abe Lincoln did it).

Hey, don't laugh or shake your head. Trump is currently testing the deployment of the National Guard to see how we will react.

There's a word for what is transpiring. But I'll let you fill in the blank. You need the practice, and a little research will definitely benefit you and our community. The alternative is more bodies on 27th and other central city streets.

Hotep

The Hunger Line: America's Most Vulnerable Face a Crisis of Cruelty

By Stacy M. Brown
Black Press USA Senior National Correspondent

There are moments when a nation shows its soul. This is one of them.

Across America, millions are waiting for food assistance that will not come. The Trump administration's refusal to release federal contingency funds for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program — known as SNAP — has triggered what many are calling a man-made famine. For the first time in history, the federal government has deliberately stopped food aid during a shut-down.

In New York, Governor Kathy Hochul stood before cameras, surrounded by advocates and families, and called the situation what it is: cruel.

Nearly three million New Yorkers stand to lose benefits. She announced \$30 million in state funds to cover 16 million meals, calling it a desperate measure to soften the blow of what she described as "the destruction Republicans in Washington are inflicting on our state."

"I am doing everything in my power to ensure New Yorkers do not go hungry this holiday season," Hochul said. "No state can backfill these devastating cuts, but I am taking action to support families suffering the consequences of Republicans' cruelty."

The federal government's refusal to act, she added, "is not a matter of policy, it's a matter of humanity." Her words echo across the country. From Boston to Baton Rouge, from Cleveland to Compton, governors and mayors are preparing for hunger on a scale unseen in decades. Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey called it historic for all the wrong reasons. "President Donald Trump is the first president in U.S. history to cut off SNAP benefits to people in America," she said. In Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser said the city cannot cover the \$30 million shortfall to continue food benefits. "We need the federal government to do its part," she said. Councilmember Christina Henderson described residents facing "death by a thousand cuts" as federal layoffs and social service reductions take hold. Virginia's Governor Glenn Youngkin took a different path. He declared a state of emergency, blamed Democrats, and thanked Trump for his "continued support," promising to use state funds to keep benefits flowing. Critics called it political theater. His order provided no clear plan for how the funds would reach the 850,000 Virginians who rely on SNAP each month.

In Maryland, officials have money in the treasury but refuse to spend it without a guarantee that Trump's Department of Agriculture will reimburse them. "We are not going to gamble billions of taxpayer dollars while this administration turns its back on working families," one official said. North Carolina Governor Josh Stein accused the administration of "a cruel abdication of responsibility." His state has 1.4 million residents who depend on SNAP, including 580,000 children. "As temperatures cool and the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, refusing to use available funds is unconscionable," he said. The numbers tell the rest of the story. Forty-two million Americans rely on SNAP every month. At least 25 states have already notified recipients that their benefits will stop on November 1. The list includes California, Arkansas,



A Call to Action: Safeguarding Our Children's Futures from Hunger's Devastating Grasp

As Milwaukee's most financially vulnerable residents demonstrate extraordinary resilience in rebuilding their lives following this summer's historic floods, they—and over 273,000 children across Wisconsin, including more than 80,000 in Milwaukee County alone—now confront an existential threat.

Nearly 700,000 Wisconsinites stand mere days from losing access to essential food assistance through FoodShare and related programs.

This crisis is a federally-imposed famine afflicting the innocent—above all, our children—who depend on these lifelines for survival and thriving.

Hunger's toll on children is swift and irreversible. Within days, fatigue clouds young minds, irritability sparks behavioral chaos, and concentration shatters—derailing learning and school performance.

Within weeks, weakened immune systems invite illness, while growth and development stall.

Long-term, it breeds chronic health crises like asthma and anemia, mental health breakdowns including anxiety and depression, and educational failures that limit lifetime earnings and burden our society.

Food insecurity transcends partisan lines, striking at the heart of communities statewide.

As Milwaukee Council members, we urgently implore our federal representatives to forge a bipartisan agreement that averts this catastrophe and recognize the efforts of those who are committed to feeding our families and affordable healthcare.

We also call upon our partners in Madison to act with equal dispatch, developing robust contingency measures should Washington remain deadlocked.

We specifically recognize the recent introduction of SB-574 and AB-578, which would provide critical state funding for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program—safeguarding nutrition for pregnant mothers, newborns, and toddlers under 5.

Yet these vital bills currently lack the bipartisan support and traction they deserve—despite protecting our youngest and most vulnerable children, regardless of political party.

We implore legislators from both sides of the aisle to rally behind these measures without delay, while urgently advancing comparable pro-

tections for FoodShare and all essential programs serving children and families.

We commend Governor Evers for his decisive leadership in partnering with other states to pursue judicial release of USDA contingency funds.

Yet our shared future demands more than reliance on distant decisions.

Measures like food pantries are valuable, but should be a last resort in a larger and well-funded ecosystem that helps our neighbors in need.

Just two weeks ago, Wisconsin announced a \$4.6 billion fiscal surplus for 2024. With \$114 million in federal aid—and hundreds of thousands of children's futures—hanging in the balance, how can we, in good conscience, hoard these billions while a mere 2.5% could secure our children's most basic needs and prevent lifelong harm?

We ask Gov. Evers to explore all possible resources that could be released to the City of Milwaukee.

Creative, collaborative solutions must prevail. If even one child goes hungry to preserve a larger ledger, we have failed as a society and forsaken our common decency.

Where to find YOUR Milwaukee Community Journal PICK-UP LOCATIONS

Milwaukee Community Journal Office- 3612 N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive

Walgreens 2826 N. Dr. MLK, Jr. Drive

Milwaukee County Courthouse- 901 N. 9th Street

Coffee Makes You Black-2803 N. Teutonia Ave.

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Milwaukee City Hall-200 E. Wells Street

North 35th street location-2355 N. 35th St.

Milwaukee Public Library/Central Branch-814. W. Wisconsin Ave.

Midtown location-5700 W. Capitol Drive
East Garfield location-1100 E. Garfield St.

Milwaukee Public Library/ Atkinson Branch- 1960 W. Atkinson Ave.

East Point location-605 E. Lyon Street
Brown Deer location-120 W. Brown Deer Rd.
Glendale location-1735 W. Silver Spring Dr.

GALST GROCERY STORES

Galst Foods at 1622 W. North Ave.
Galst Foods at 4030 N. Teutonia Ave.
BP Gas Station-807 W. Atkinson Ave.
Sids Barber Shop-2420 W. Hopkins St.

CHURCHES

Mt. Calvary-2959 N. Teutonia Ave.
Mt. Zion Assembly-4300 N. Green Bay Ave.
St. Matthew CME-2944 N. 9th St.
Progressive Baptist-8324 W. Keefe Ave.
Greater Galilee-2432 N. Teutonia Ave.
St. Mark AME-1616 W. Atkinson Ave.
Ephesians Missionary Baptist-510 W. Meinecke Ave.
All Saints Catholic Church-4015 N. 26th St.
Ebenezer Worship Center 3132 N. Dr. MLK Drive
Holy Redeemer Church of God in Christ-3500 W. Mother Daniels Way

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Milwaukee Area Technical College/Downtown MKE Campus- 700 W. State St.

University Wisconsin-Milwaukee Student Center-3210 N. Maryland Ave.

Beans & Barley-1901 E. North Ave.

Knapp Senior Citizen Apartments- Knapp Street

Arlington Court Senior Citizen Public Housing-1633 N. Arlington Place

Lapham Square Apt.-1901 N. 6th Street

BMO Bank-2745 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Drive

St. Ann's Milwaukee/Bucyrus Campus- 2450 W. North Ave.

YWCA 1915 N. Dr. MLK, Jr. Drive

Answering Your Questions About FoodShare Benefits in November

FIRST PERSON 4th District U.S. Congresswoman



I know many of my constituents are concerned about rising food prices and are worried that critical government programs, such as WIC and SNAP, won't be accessible during the government shutdown. Right now, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has decided that individuals who use FoodShare will not receive their November benefits.

In Congress, my colleagues and I are pressing the USDA to use its existing authority and funding to protect FoodShare benefits in November.

They have the authority to step up and do what's right but are choosing to let millions of Americans go hungry.

There are 42 million Americans who rely on SNAP to keep food on the table, including 700,000 Wisconsinites.

This crisis comes as food prices are still increasing, and many are struggling with the cost of living, including higher energy, health, and other costs.

And for SNAP recipients, this is another blow after the Republican-led Congress's budget bill, which cut SNAP by \$186 billion over the next decade.

Why are FoodShare Benefits Being Cut off in November?

While the government shutdown continues, the Administration can and must use existing funding and authority to keep our friends and neighbors from going hungry.

No person should lose their FoodShare benefits during this government shutdown. Right now, the Trump administration's policies are playing partisan games with this essential lifeline.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has \$5 billion in SNAP contingency funding previously provided by Congress and the authority to use that funding and other authorities available to it for November FoodShare benefits.

The USDA's own shutdown contingency plan mentioned this funding last month, but the agency later removed it from their website.

Governor Evers recently announced that Wisconsin is joining a multi-state lawsuit calling for the USDA to release billions in contingency funding.

These actions are especially important as the conservative-led state legislature has indicated that the state will not fill in the gap for missing federal funds.

What Can You Do? According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, if you have remaining funds in your Foodshare account, you can use those benefits throughout November.

While I continue to push for bipartisan negotiations that can get our federal government back open and operating, I encourage any residents in need to dial 211 (or 877-947-2211), visit the 211 webpage or Feeding America's webpage, which can connect you to food pantries and other food assistance in your area.

Our Office is Here to Help
As always, my office is here to help. If you are a resident of WI-04 and need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to my district office 414-297-1140.

Black Blood, American Freedom: How the Civil Rights Movement Protected All Races

By Stacy M. Brown
Black Press USA Senior National Correspondent

They called it Shared Chains. The episode ran on the "Black718" podcast, and in that dim space between sound and silence, an Asian American man spoke a truth this country has long tried to drown.

"I always tell people," he said quietly, "the day the Latino, African American, Asian, and other communities realize they share the same oppressor is the day we start winning. Because if it wasn't for the

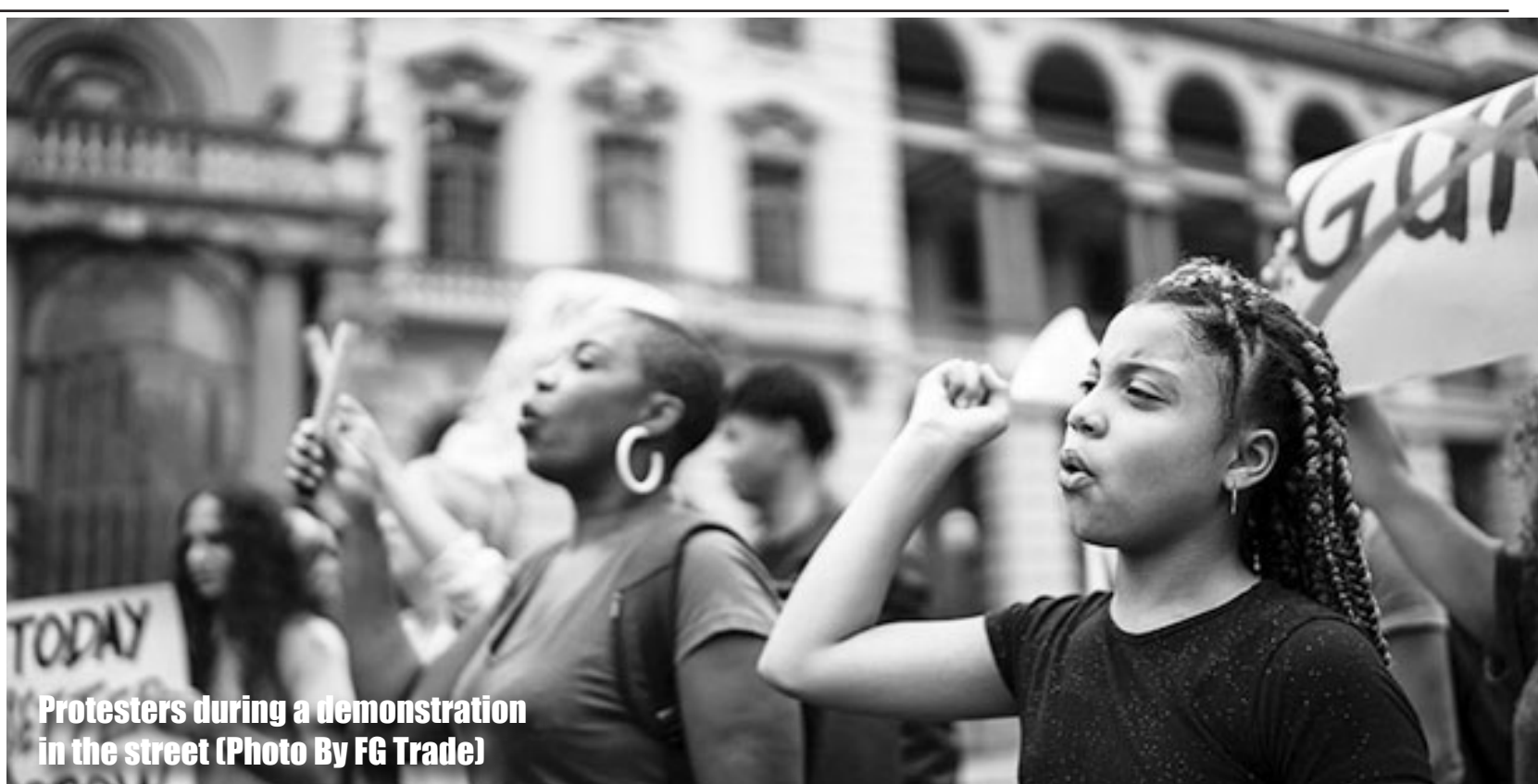
civil rights movement, there would not be 22 million Asian Americans in this country.

Your success, your prosperity, your civil rights that you enjoy right now were paid for with Black blood." There it was. The truth this nation despises most.

The truth is that America's freedom has always been underwritten by the suffering of Black people.

That the Constitution itself, written in the ink of ideals and the sweat of enslaved hands, was never worth the paper it was printed on until Black Americans forced it to be.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlawed segregation and discrimination, dragging America



Protesters during a demonstration in the street (Photo By FG Trade)

closer to its own promises. But that act was not born from goodwill. It was born from the anguish of a people beaten, jailed, and humiliated, who still believed enough in justice to demand it from those who denied them humanity.

And when the world began to change, it changed because of them. When President Lyndon Johnson signed the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, ending the racist quota system that favored white Europeans, he called it "a triumph for liberty."

But the liberty he spoke of was a harvest planted by Black hands and watered with their blood. Latino farmworkers marched because Black people had marched before them. Asian Americans found a home because the civil rights movement forced open the nation's gates.

Women, people with disabilities, immigrants from the corners of the globe, all walked through doors built by those who had been shackled.

The Chicano movement, born of frustration and hunger, drew its rhythm from the same drumbeat that sounded in Montgomery and Selma.

The Civil Rights Act, meant to crush Jim Crow, became the armor for others—Asian Americans who had been told they did not belong, now shielded by laws created from Black suffering.

"If it weren't for the Civil Rights Movement, there wouldn't have been a farmworkers' movement," said Vanessa Saplad, a Texas-based registered nurse whose family emigrated from Colombia.

"It showed our people that protest could bring power, that dignity wasn't something you begged for — it was something you stood up and claimed."

Added Michelle Cephus, a D.C.-based accountant and LGBTQ advocate. "The Civil Rights Movement taught us what courage looks like in the face of hate. Stonewall didn't happen in a vacuum; it happened because people like Dr. King showed us that silence is surrender, and love is an act of resistance."

And yet, this country forgets. It forgets with a stubbornness that borders on sin. It forgets who gave it its conscience. It forgets that every movement

every chance to speak my mind, every job that doesn't question my accent is the echo of the Civil Rights

Movement. What started for one group became a promise for all of us."

Donald Trump's second administration has stripped away the layers of decency this nation once pretended to have.

His orders have erased Black history from national institutions, silenced diversity programs, and rolled back protections that once shielded the vulnerable.

The cruelty of his immigration policies has reawakened an old truth: that the machinery of op-

pression never sleeps. It only changes its targets.

But through every betrayal, Black Americans remain this country's most honest mirror. When others look away, they stand and face the fire. They always have.

They did in Montgomery, where a woman sat down so a nation could rise.

They did in Selma, where blood mingled with river water to baptize a new generation of freedom fighters.

And they did again in the streets of Minneapolis, crying

for a breath that belongs to us all.

In the final breath of Shared Chains, that same Asian voice spoke again. "Liberty and rights don't exist forever," he said.

"They exist only as long as we protect them. And if you want them to continue, it won't be Black people fighting this battle again. You will have to fight it."

The warning hung in the air like smoke. Because every gain that America enjoys, every inch of justice, every whisper of freedom, was carved from the wounds of those who had nothing left to give but their blood. And the question, the only question that has ever mattered

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SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY DIVORCE – 40101 Case No. 2024FA003183

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: GREGORY THOMAS HAGOPIAN and MICHELLE MARIE DOBBS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT:

You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed an Order to Show Cause for Contempt against you.

You must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Order within 40 days from the day after the first day of publication.

The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at: Clerk of Court, Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 N 9th St Room 104 Milwaukee WI 53233 and to GREGORY THOMAS HAGOPIAN 6524 W Wisconsin Ave Wauwatosa WI 53213

It is recommended, but not required that you have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You are further notified that if the parties to this action have minor children, violation of 948.31 Wis. Stats., (Interference with custody by parent or others) is punishable by fines and/or imprisonment:

If you and the petitioner have minor children, documents setting forth the percentage standard for child support established by the department under 49.22(9), Wis. Stats., and the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under 767.511

(1m). Wis Stats. are available upon your request from the Clerk of Court.

You are notified of the availability of information from the Circuit Court Commissioner as set forth in 767.105 Wis. Stats.

Date: 10-20-2025

BY: GREGORY THOMAS HAGOPIAN

540/10-22-29/11-5-2025

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUKESHA COUNTY (SMALL CLAIMS) PUBLICATION SUMMONS AND NOTICE Case No. 25SC3162

Plaintiff(s) AUTOMAX FINANCIAL LLC, W133 N8569 EXECUTIVE PARKWAY, MENOMONEE FALLS WI 53051 vs BRANDON AUSTIN ERICSON 1345 S BOBOLINK DRIVE BROOKFIELD WI 53005/MELINDA GAIL ERICSON 338 W RESERVOIR AVE. MILWAUKEE WI 53212

Publication Summons and Notice of Filing

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S)

You are being sued by the person(s) as named above Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above.

The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims court: Waukesha County Courthouse Telephone Number of Clerk of Court: 262-896-8410 Courtroom/ Room Number C167 Address: 515 W Moreland Blvd. City: Waukesha State: WI

Zip: 53188 on the following date and time: Date: NOVEMBER 17, 2025, Time: 1:00 P.M

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgement awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment of seizure of property.

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of

court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.

Date: 10-22-2025

Plaintiff/Attorney

AMY M BENTLEY

Attorney's State Bar Number

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541/10-22-29/11-5-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 2025CV007661

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: JACQUELINE MARKELLA BELL BARUTI

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: JACQUELINE MARKELLA BELL BARUTI TO: MURRIN KURRIM MERCY ABAUD Birth Certificate: JACQUELINE MARKELLA BELL BARUTI

IT IS ORDERED

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

Judge's Name: HON. WILLIAM POCAN RM #401 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2025, TIME 2:30 P.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 10-16-2025

BY THE COURT:

HON. WILLIAM POCAN

Circuit Court Judge

534/10-22-29/11-5-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR

NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV008807

In the matter of the name change of: VANESSA ROSAS

By (Petitioner) VANESSA ROSAS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: VANESSA ROSAS to: VANESSA VILLAFUERTE Birth Certificate: VANESSA VILLAFUERTE

IT IS ORDERED

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

Judge's Name: HON. REYNA MORALES ROOM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2025, TIME 9:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 10-10-2025

BY THE COURT:

HON. REYNA MORALES

Circuit Court Judge

542/10-22-29/11-5-2025

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY (SMALL CLAIMS) PUBLICATION SUMMONS AND NOTICE Case No. 25SCO25120

Plaintiff(s) ELOISE MODOUGALD 6901 North Darien Street Milwaukee WI 53209 vs Defendant(s) LEE BEANS 3237 N Sherman Boulevard Milwaukee WI 53216

Publication Summons and Notice of Filing

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):

You are being sued by the person(s) as named above Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you #3at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims court: Milwaukee County Courthouse Telephone Number of Clerk of Court: 414-278-4190 Courtroom/ Room Number 400 Address: 901 N 9TH Street City: 53233 Milwaukee State WI Zip 53233 on the following

date and time: Date: NOVEMBER 10, 2025, Time: 8:30 A.M

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgement awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment of seizure of property.

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Date: 9/23/2025

Plaintiff/Attorney

ELOISE MODOUGALD

535/10-22-29/11-5-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY DIVORCE – 40101 Case No. 2024FA003183

In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: GREGORY THOMAS HAGOPIAN and Respondent: MICHELLE MARIE DOBBS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT:

You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed an Order to Show Cause for Contempt against you.

You must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Order within 40 days from the day after the first day of publication.

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If you and the petitioner have minor children, documents setting forth the percentage standard for child support established by the department under 49.22(9), Wis. Stats., and the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under 767.511 (1m). Wis Stats. are available upon your request from the Clerk of Court.

You are notified of the availability of information from the Circuit Court Commissioner as set forth in 767.105 Wis. Stats.

Date: 10-20-2025
BY: GREGORY THOMAS HAGOPIAN
540/10-22-29/11-5-2025

THE NEWS-PAPER WITH ITS FINGER ON THE PULSE OF BLACK MILWAUKEE! YOUR MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY JOURNAL!



DOCUMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST JOB POSTING

The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, the nationally regarded regional planning agency for the seven county greater Milwaukee area, and the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the five urban areas within Southeastern Wisconsin, has an immediate opening for a Document and Administrative Support Specialist to perform a variety of administrative, clerical, and report formatting tasks. This is a multi-function position that will report to the Principal Graphic Designer under the direction of the Director of Administration.

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support the Leadership Team with scheduling, correspondence, workflow, and meetings
- Support the document production work of the Principal Graphic Designer
- Ensure compliance with internal format standards, templates, and document management
- Transcribe recorded meeting discussions into formal minutes
- Assist with production of documents and preliminary drafts
- Help the Administrative Division with front desk communication as needed

- Provide general administrative support

CORE REQUIREMENTS

- Administrative Support Specialist degree, Office Technology Assistant degree or equivalent associate's degree preferred, related experience may be substituted for education
- Knowledge of general office procedures such as mailing and/or e-mailing correspondence, setting electronic calendar meeting notices, photocopying, scanning, and using document management software for record retention
- Demonstrated organizational and communication skills
- Ability to handle multiple deadlines and prioritize the workload
- Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Office, with expertise in Word formatting features including paragraph styles, table design, and document layout
- Proficiency with Adobe Acrobat
- Familiarity with Adobe Creative Cloud preferred
- Strong attention to detail and commitment to producing accurate, high-quality documents

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

The salary range for this position is \$45,000 to \$55,000 per year depending upon education, experience, and placement within the organizational structure. A salary exceeding this range may be considered for highly qualified applicants.

This position will remain open until filled.

Please submit a cover letter and resume by email or mail to:
Elizabeth Larsen, Director of Administration
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
W239 N1812 Rockwood Drive
P.O. Box 1607
Waukesha, WI 53187
E-mail: elarsen@sewrpc.org



GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST JOB POSTING

The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, the nationally regarded regional planning agency for the seven-county greater Milwaukee area, and the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the five urban areas within Southeastern Wisconsin, has an immediate opening for a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Specialist to perform a variety of design, analysis, and production activities for GIS projects. This position will report to the GIS Manager under the direction of the Chief Surveyor.

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop GIS solutions for planning staff
- Conduct analysis, prepare services/sites, and display and prepare maps for reports
- Perform automated processes supporting geospatial data
- Perform data conversion and documentation for delivery of digital data
- Test, implement, and document procedures for data collection and map production
- Assist in digitizing, data collection and topographic map production
- Carry out general related work as assigned

CORE REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree in geography, GIS, geospatial science, computer science, or related field required; job-related experience may be substituted for education
- Detailed knowledge of ESRI GIS software and tools (ArcGIS Pro, ArcGIS Desktop, ArcGIS Online, and ArcGIS Enterprise)
- Detailed knowledge of Microsoft 365
- Knowledge of GIS editing and automated mapping processes and use of digital planning inventories and web mapping services
- Familiarity with cartography and large-scale base mapping
- Spatial analytical skills, sound judgment, and ability to work independently
- Strong attention to detail and commitment to producing accurate, high-quality documents
- Knowledge of GIS-compatible scripting (Python, VBScript, Arcade) is preferred

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

The salary range for this position is \$50,000 to \$65,000 per year depending upon education, experience, and placement within the organizational structure. A salary exceeding this range may be considered for highly qualified applicants.

This position will remain open until filled.

Please submit a cover letter and resume by email or mail to:
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Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
W239 N1812 Rockwood Drive
P.O. Box 1607
Waukesha, WI 53187
E-mail: elarsen@sewrpc.org

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV008859

In the matter of the name change of: TUSSANT TREYVONE VERSER RANTANEN
By (Petitioner) TUSSANT TREYVONE VERSER RANTANEN

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: TUSSANT TREYVONE VERSER RANTANEN to: TUSSANT TREYVONE VERSER RANTANEN
Birth Certificate: TUSSANT TREYVONE VERSER RANTANEN

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

Judge's Name: HON. CYNTHIA DAVIS RM 208 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE NOVEMBER 24, 2025, TIME 10:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 10-13-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. CYNTHIA DAVIS
Circuit Court Judge

544/10-29/11-5-12-2025
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY (SMALL CLAIMS) PUBLICATION SUMMONS AND NOTICE Case No. 25SC021076

Plaintiff(s) MIGUEL OCAMPO 2871 North 40th Street Milwaukee WI 53210 vs Defendant(s) RAPID INSTALLERS LLC 9438 N Port Washington Bayside WI 53217
Publication Summons and Notice of Filing

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):
You are being sued by the person(s) as named above Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you #3at your address as stated in the caption above.

The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims court: Milwaukee County Courthouse Telephone Number of Clerk of Court: 414-278-5362 Courtroom/ Room Number 400 Address: 901 N 9TH Street City: 53233 Milwaukee State WI Zip 53233 on the following date and time: Date: NOVEMBER 10, 2025, Time: 8:30 A.M.

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Date: 10/27/2025
Plaintiff/Attorney
MIGUEL OCAMPO
543/10-29-2025

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUKESHA COUNTY (SMALL CLAIMS) PUBLICATION SUMMONS AND NOTICE Case No. 25SC3121

Plaintiff(s) AUTOMAX FINANCIAL LLC, W133 N8569 EXECUTIVE PARKWAY, MENOMONEE FALLS WI 53051 vs Defendants: DOROTHY J BLUNT 8726 W. SILVER SPRING DR APT 4. MILWAUKEE WI 53225/EARL GADSON 2361 N 17TH STREET, LOWER UNIT MILWAUKEE WI 53206
Publication Summons and Notice of Filing

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S)
You are being sued by the person(s) as named above Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above.

The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims court: Waukesha County Courthouse Telephone Number of Clerk of Court: 262-896-8410 Courtroom/ Room Number C167 Address: 515 W Moreland Blvd. City: Waukesha State: WI
Zip: 53188 on the following date and time: Date: NOVEMBER 24, 2025, Time: 1:00 P.M.

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A

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Date: 10-28-2025
Plaintiff/Attorney
AMY M BENTLEY
Attorney's State Bar Number 1025449
BENTLEY TUFFNELL LAW, S C 933 N MAYFAIR ROAD. SUITE 325B MILWAUKEE, WI 53226
262-353-9556
545/10-29/11-5-12-2025

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUKESHA COUNTY (SMALL CLAIMS) PUBLICATION SUMMONS AND NOTICE Case No. 25SC3258

Plaintiff(s) AUTOMAX FINANCIAL LLC, W133 N8569 EXECUTIVE PARKWAY, MENOMONEE FALLS WI 53051 vs Defendants: TAMIKA CARRIE LEE 7300 DEAN ROAD APT 2040N MILWAUKEE WI 53222
Publication Summons and Notice of Filing

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S)
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262-353-9556
546/10-29/11-5-12-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009109

In the matter of the name change of: AJACIA MONTANA STEWART
By (Petitioner) AJACIA MONTANA STEWART

STEWART
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: AJACIA MONTANA STEWART to: AJACIA MONTANA RIVATA
Birth Certificate: AJACIA MONTANA STEWART

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. GLENN H YAMAHIRO RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE DECEMBER 3, 2025, TIME 9:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 10-21-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO
Circuit Court Judge
547/10-29/11-5-12-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV008564

In the matter of the name change of: DESTINY CHARLISSA TAYLOR

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: DESTINY CHARLISSA TAYLOR to: JAKYIA MARIEE
Birth Certificate: DESTINY CHARLISSA TAYLOR

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK RM 415 Hearing to take place by Zoom. Please call (414) 278-4582 on the date and at the time listed below. PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2025, TIME 2:30 P.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 10-2-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
Circuit Court Judge
519/10-8-15-22-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009030

In the matter of the name change of: JALIA CAYLEE ELROD
By (Petitioner) JEZEBEL IDALIS MALDONADO HARMON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: JALIA CAYLEE ELROD to: JALIA CAYLEE MALDONADO
Birth Certificate: JALIA CAYLEE ELROD

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. REYNA MORALES ROOM 402 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin,

53233 DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2025, TIME 10:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Dated: 10-17-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. REYNA MORALES
Circuit Court Judge
549/10-29/11-5-12-2025

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY (SMALL CLAIMS) PUBLICATION SUMMONS AND NOTICE Case No. 25SC021555

Plaintiff(s) ZAHARA LORETT DELGADO CONTRERAS 2061 S 12th Street Milwaukee WI 53204 vs Defendant(s) TEODORO GARCIA PEREZ 3440 S 18th St Milwaukee WI 53215
Publication Summons and Notice of Filing

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):
You are being sued by the person(s) as named above Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you #3at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims court: Milwaukee County Courthouse Telephone Number of Clerk of Court: 414-278-5362 Courtroom/ Room Number 400 Address: 901 N 9TH Street City: 53233 Milwaukee State WI Zip 53233 on the following date and time: Date: DECEMBER 1, 2025, Time: 8:30 A.M.

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Date: 10/28/2025
Plaintiff/Attorney
ZAHARA LORETT DELGADO
548/10-29-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009327

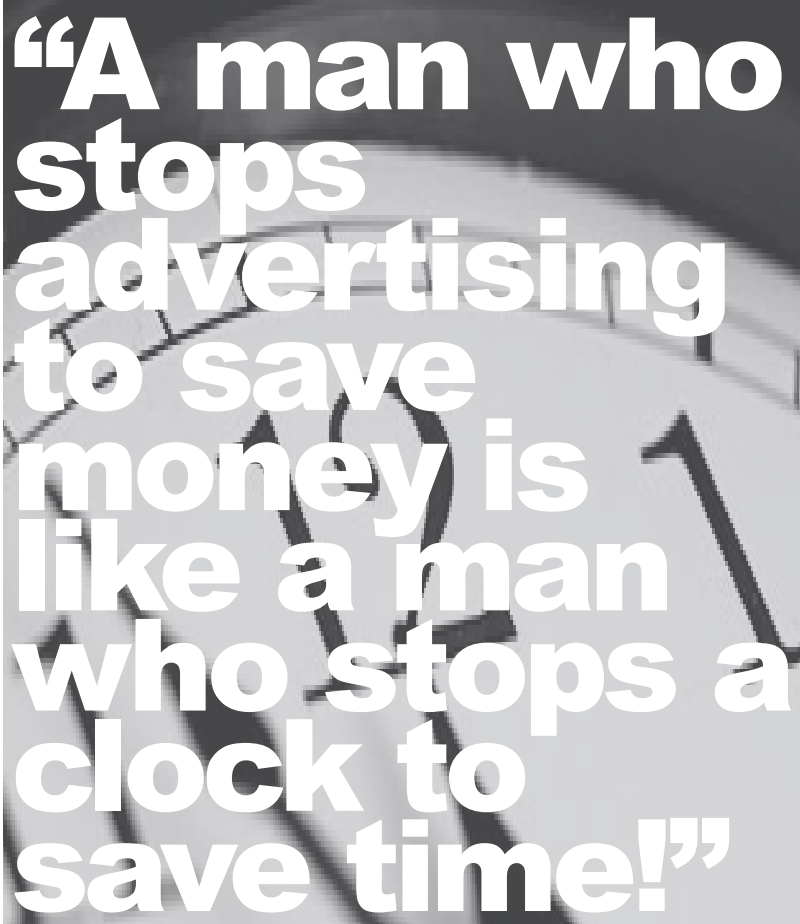
In the matter of the name change of: ALLANA KAYMARIE SCOTT
By (Petitioner) HOWARD RUBIN HARRIS
By (Co-Petitioner) ALEXIS KAWANA KENNERBREW

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: ALIANA KAYMARIE SCOTT to: ALIANA KAYMARIE HARRIS
Birth Certificate: ALIANA KAYMARIE SCOTT

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. GLENN H YAMAHIRO RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE DECEMBER 4, 2025, TIME 9:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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Dated: 10-28-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO
Circuit Court Judge
549/10-29/11-5-12-2025



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Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church in Milwaukee, WI is currently seeking a Senior Pastor called by God to lead and serve our congregation. For complete details on qualifications and the application process, please visit our website at www.mmbcmke.org. Application deadline: July 15, 2025

DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN NOW AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

Share your feedback on our approach to community engagement

The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission invites you to review and comment on a draft of our recently updated Community Engagement Plan. This plan is intended to guide the Commission in engaging constituents to enrich regional planning. It explains how we communicate, conduct engagement, and incorporate community feedback in regional planning efforts.

The draft Community Engagement Plan is available for review on the Commission's website and comments are welcome through **Friday, November 21, 2025**. Comments can be provided via online comment form on our website, email, or U.S. mail:

- Website: www.sewrpc.org/Draft-CEP
- Email: engage@sewrpc.org
- Mail: P.O. Box 1607 Waukesha, WI 53187-1607

PUBLISHER'S STATEMENT THE MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY JOURNAL TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES

The Milwaukee Community Journal expanded its services to the greater Milwaukee community with the publishing of legal notices in the 'WEEKEND EDITION.' As a qualified provider of the publication of legal notices, MCJ will serve City, County and State offices for publishing community notifications.

Such notifications include:
Public Hearings
Public Meetings
Election Notices
Divorce Proceedings
Name Changes
Publication of Summons when personal services cannot be made to defendants
Notice of Auction of unclaimed storage property
Probate Notices
Foreclosure Sheriff's sales notice of creditor listing of property for sale.
Other general legal and public notices

ABOUT MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY JOURNAL (MCJ) WEEKEND EDITION
The Milwaukee Community Journal Weekend Edition is published weekly. Each week, MCJ Weekend focuses on different subjects, HEALTH, PERSONAL, FINANCE, FAMILY, MEN, AND WOMEN. THE WEEKEND EDITION now includes the publishing of records designated by the Milwaukee County Circuit Court for publication of legal notices, with added value in the Wednesday Edition. The Weekend Edition is a public newspaper of general circulation that complies with the laws of Wisconsin relating to publication of legal notices. MCJ Weekend Edition has published weekly over ten years, in the State of Wisconsin and Milwaukee County. We have a paid circulation of approximately 89% of our circulation, weekly. And our actual paid subscribers are over the 1000 required by State Statute.

ABOUT THE MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY JOURNAL (MCJ)
The Milwaukee Community Journal (MCJ) is a quality news organization published throughout Milwaukee and the surrounding suburbs. Established in 1976, the Milwaukee Community Journal has advanced the plight, struggles and victories of minorities in Wisconsin, with a passion for building community. The MCJ accentuates the positive, analyzes the negatives and advocates to seed success. The Milwaukee Community Journal stockholders are Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo (90%); Mikel Holt (5%); and Todd Thomas Thomas (5%) respectively, and is current in filing by the State of Wisconsin, effective October 10, 2018.

Signed: Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo, President/Publisher

Now in its 10th year, Black Arts MKE presents its annual production of Black Nativity, December 11–14, 2025, in the Wilson Theater at Vogel Hall at the Marcus Performing Arts Center.

A cornerstone of Milwaukee’s holiday season, Black Nativity retells the Christmas story through scripture, poetry, dance, and song from the African American perspective. Each year, the production is reimagined anew while maintaining its core spirit of faith, family, and joy.

This anniversary season marks a new chapter under the direction of Sheri Williams Pannell, one of Milwaukee’s most respected theater artists, educators, and cultural leaders.

Pannell’s vision deepens the production’s connection to Langston Hughes’ text while incorporating African American holiday traditions that honor legacy, community, and renewal.

“My goal is to honor Hughes’ loving depiction of faith, hope, and joy in the birth of the Christ Child with an infusion of African American traditions,” said Pannell.

“You can expect glimpses of Kwanzaa as well as Watch Night, which many in the Black community celebrate on New Year’s Eve.”

Rehearsals begin November 11, and members of the media are invited to attend rehearsals by RSVP.

This season also includes a meaningful collaboration with members of the Divine Nine, whose local chapters have donated authentic African garments and textiles that will inspire and shape the costume design. The contributions will be celebrated publicly during Divine Nine Night on Opening Night, Friday, December 12.

Returning music director Antoine Reynolds Sr. leads the musical arrangements, while Milwaukee-born choreographer Davien Holton brings his national spotlight experience back home.



BLACK ARTS MKE ANNOUNCES 10TH ANNIVERSARY PRODUCTION OF BLACK NATIVITY, DIRECTED BY LOCAL THEATER LEGEND SHERI WILLIAMS PANNELL

Black Arts MKE’s production celebrates a decade of joyful African American artistry and faith that compels audiences to sing, dance, and clap along to the Good News December 11-14, 2025 at Wilson Theater at Vogel Hall, Marcus Center

Holton, a North Side native and Milwaukee High School of the Arts alum, recently performed in the Super Bowl LVIII Halftime Show with Usher.

CREATIVE TEAM

- Director:** Sheri Williams Pannell
- Music Director:** Antoine Reynolds Sr.
- Stage Manager:** Melissa Wanke*
- Lighting Designer:** Colin Gawronski
- Scenic Designer:** Ron Scot Fry
- Costume Designer:** Amy Horst*
- Choreographer:** Davien Holton

Props Coordinator: Malaina Moore
(Members of Actors’ Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States)

CAST

Returning: Brian Crawford, Cynthia Cobb*, D’Shaunta Stewart, Selena McKnight, Zoe Chambers
Introducing: Alyna Williams, Ashley Nash, Derrick Sanders, Earnie Bell, Ja’Kira Austin, Marvin Hannah, Najee Robinson, Ryan Smith

Marcus Performing Arts Center Announces New Partnership with Element Everest-Blanks as Amplifier in Residence



The partnership launches #MarcusCentersYou, a campaign to highlight diverse performances while centering audience stories and community connection

The Marcus Performing Arts Center (MPAC) proudly announces a new partnership with Element Everest-Blanks, who will serve as the organization’s first-ever “Amplifier in Residence.”

This collaboration expands on her lifestyle and media brand, The Culture Plug, to elevate awareness of MPAC’s cultural programming and strengthen connections to the community.

As Amplifier in Residence, Everest-Blanks will create exclusive content and serve as a community voice to spotlight MPAC’s diverse programming, including the Culture Collective, a series designed to celebrate artists from various backgrounds and artistic disciplines.

“This work represents everything I’m passionate about: celebrating diverse artistry, creating space for dialogue, and connecting people through shared experiences,” said Element Everest-Blanks.

“I’m excited to partner with MPAC to highlight these incredible artists and invite the community into the conversation.”

Audiences can look forward to behind-the-scenes features, artist interviews, and special ticket giveaways.

Everest-Blanks will also serve as a host and spokesperson, connecting audiences directly with the artistry and energy that define MPAC’s programming.

“Element brings a unique voice and vision to this part-

nership. Her work as a cultural connector aligns well with MPAC’s mission to celebrate diversity through the performing arts, and we’re thrilled to welcome her as a partner in elevating our programming this season,” stated Lory Bowman, MPAC Vice President of Marketing & Communications.

Everest-Blanks and MPAC began their partnership with the performance of Black Violin on October 9, and will continue to partner together throughout the season, with special attention on the following select shows:

Boney James:

Slow Burn Tour

Thursday, November 13, 2025 | 7:30 p.m.

Four-time GRAMMY® nominee and multi-platinum selling saxophonist Boney James brings his signature blend of jazz, soul, and R&B to the stage. His Slow Burn Tour features fan favorites alongside tracks from his nineteenth studio album, Slow Burn, released in October 2024.

DRUMLine Live

Thursday, February 5, 2026 | 7:30 p.m.

DRUMLine Live embodies the soulful, high-stepping style of the Historically Black College and University (HBCU) marching band tradition. This

show-stopping performance will bring you to your feet by halftime!

New Jazz Underground

Friday, April 10, 2026

7:30 p.m.

This powerhouse trio has earned acclaim for their distinctive approach, establishing themselves as a defining voice in jazz and beyond. Blending deep jazz traditions with modern influences from swing, hip-hop, Afro-Cuban, house, and Afrobeat, the group creates

a dynamic and electrifying sound.

Alvin Ailey American

Dance Theater

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

7:30 p.m.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater embarks on its next era under the leadership of new Artistic Director Alicia Graf Mack, guided as ever by Alvin Ailey’s pioneering legacy.

Audiences will be treated to classic works from the Ailey repertory that have inspired

and uplifted fans for decades—including the touchstone of inspiration Revelations, the ultimate anthem to resilience and joy.

Ailey will continue to break ground with new works by contemporary choreographers that promise to propel dance in exhilarating new directions—pushing the bounds of what the human body can do and what the human spirit can achieve.

Tickets are available now for all shows at MarcusCenter.org.

The UWM Distinguished Lecture Series and Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership presents:

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Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025

7 P.M. | UWM Student Union Ballroom



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The Hunger Line

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Mississippi, and New Jersey. Food banks are preparing for a surge they cannot handle. The New York Times reported that demand has already exceeded supply, with donations down and costs up.

“When that social safety net breaks above us, we will be there to do as much as we can,” said Andrea Williams of the Oregon Food Bank. “And it will not be enough.”

ProPublica revealed that the Trump administration earlier canceled nearly 94 million pounds of food aid, including meat, eggs, and dairy, that were supposed to reach food banks nationwide.

For those on the front lines, it was an invisible theft — food promised but never delivered. At the same time, the USDA has confirmed that it will not release \$6 billion in federal contingency funds, claiming the money can only be used for “unforeseen events” such as natural disasters. The shutdown, apparently,

does not qualify. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand said, “Republicans in Congress have needlessly shut down the government, and now they’re refusing to work with Democrats to maintain the benefits that put food on the table for millions of Americans.”

Senator Peter Welch of Vermont was blunt. “This is all Trump,” he said. “He’s not engaged. He could care less.”

Senator Mark Warner of Virginia agreed, calling it “outrageous” that the president is overseas while millions at home face starvation. “Stay in America. Put America first. Sit down with us and work this out,” Warner said.

Private companies have started doing what the government will not. DoorDash announced it would waive fees for food banks and deliver free groceries to families in need.

“No one should go hungry in America,” said Max Rettig, the company’s vice president for public policy. “We know this is a stopgap, not

a solution. But doing nothing isn’t an option.” In the Bronx, Representative Ritchie Torres said the effects are not theoretical. “SNAP is the difference between hunger and stability for over 150,000 families,” he said. “When Republicans in Washington threaten to cut food assistance, they are threatening to take meals off the tables of children, seniors, and working parents.”

The country is watching as food banks brace for impact, as parents skip meals to feed their kids, as a government chosen by the people turns away from them.

The shutdown has now lasted more than four weeks. The lights in the Capitol still burn through the night, but the refrigerators in millions of homes do not.

And as one food bank worker in New York put it, staring at a half-empty warehouse before the holidays, “They aren’t numbers on a page. They’re people. And they’re about to be hungry.”

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