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## County Leaders Roll Up Their Sleeves to Encourage Flu Vaccinations

Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley and Wisconsin Department of Health Services Secretary Kirsten Johnson recently received their annual flu vaccinations at Outreach Community Health Centers (OCHC) in Milwaukee.

They were joined by Dr. Ben Weston, Milwaukee County's Chief Health Policy Advisor, who also received his shot as part of the state's effort to promote flu prevention and community wellness.

The visit underscored a shared commitment between state and local leaders to safeguard public health as flu season begins.

"One of the simplest and impactful ways that all of us can step up is by getting our vaccinations," said County Executive Crowley.

"Make a plan. Get your flu shot, because the health of our community absolutely depends on it."

Secretary Johnson echoed that sentiment, noting the importance of annual vaccination in preventing severe illness and reducing strain on healthcare systems.

"Last year Wisconsin had nearly 7,000 hospitalizations associated with complications of seasonal flu, making it the most severe flu seasons we've seen in the last decade," Johnson said.

"It can be the difference between having very few or no symptoms to being hospitalized."

Outreach Community Health Centers provides walk-in and same-day flu and COVID-19 vaccinations for individuals of all ages, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 220 W. Capitol Drive.

The organization's mission focuses on accessible, quality primary care for Milwaukee residents, regardless of ability



set by Crowley, Johnson, and Weston by getting vaccinated to Combat Covid and Fight Flu. (Photos by Yvonne Kemp)



## How racist tropes convinced many food stamps only help Black people!

Anti-Black prejudice weakens the social safety net By Dr. Allison Wiltz, article courtesy of medium.com

Even though social welfare benefits would help a wide range of Americans, whites are of the belief that Black folks both lack a committed work ethic and implicitly link poverty with Blackness — both due in part to dominant media images as well as elite's implicit or explicit racial rhetoric (Kreitzer et al., 2022).

Whoever coined the phrase, "what's good for the goose is good for the gander," never witnessed the vast gender and racial disparities in American society.

This phrase may reflect an ideal, but not our reality. Research shows that racial attitudes have a profound impact on their support for public policies.

For example, a Health Affairs study suggested "White people's racial resentment against Black people was correlated with consistent, substantial support for more burdensome policies (Haeder & Moynihan, 2023)."

Their findings demonstrate "people's views about how state actions affect different groups... are important to their preferences."

Their results confirmed what many in the black community

already knew — that many White people are unwilling to support programs that they believe will mainly help Black people.

When translated into policy, this anti-black prejudice results in less support for welfare programs.

This includes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which has approximately 42 million beneficiaries. Racist tropes that cast Black people as the primary benefi-

aries of welfare programs, including food stamps, are misleading.

According to a USDA report, 35% of participants are White, 26% are African American, 16% are Hispanic, 4% are Asian, slightly over 1% are Native American, and the race of 17% was "unknown."

Given that 73% of SNAP recipients are non-Black, conversations about the topic shouldn't

position them as the face of these programs.

Likewise, only 1.1% of recipients of SNAP benefits are refugees, and "3.3% are other noncitizens."

The claim that undocumented immigrants of color represent a strain on resources is rooted in the same type of falsehood, a legitimizing myth.

Of course, we shouldn't hold our breath and wait for the "facts over feelings" crowd to acknowledge the truth, that mil-

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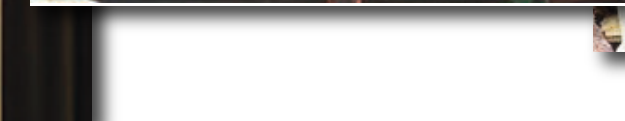
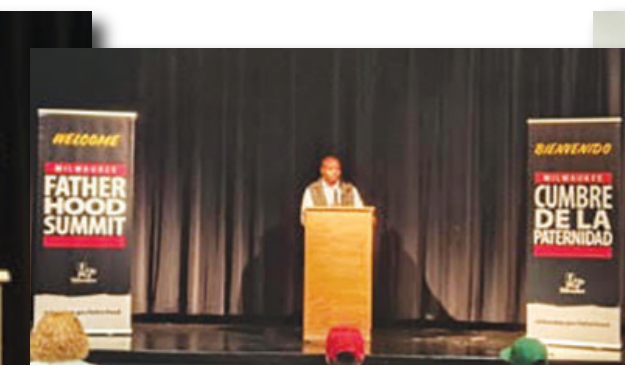
lions of White people depend on these programs. Doing so would dissolve the bitter pill they've been avoiding.

But Americans should consider that when racism fuels resistance to the use of government-funded welfare programs, it harms Americans regardless of their racial, ethnic identity, or distinguishing characteristics.

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## MAYOR CAVALIER JOHNSON PRESENTS THE 2025 MILWAUKEE FATHERHOOD SUMMIT



Mayor Cavalier Johnson recently presented the 2025 Milwaukee Fatherhood Summit recently at Destiny Youth Plaza, 7220 N. 76th St.

The summit offered a day of connection, support, and resources for fathers and families.



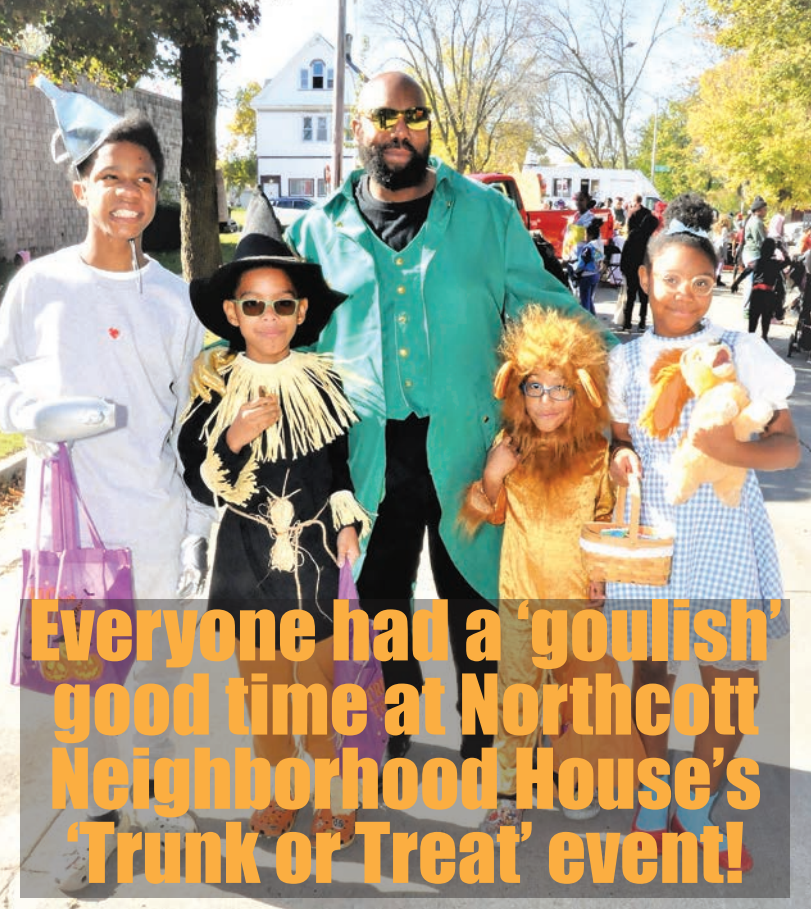
Attendees of the event were able to get access to helpful services, participate in engaging workshops, and connect with community resources.

The summit welcomed exhibitors, sponsors, and volunteers who represented a variety of services such as health literacy,



health screenings, parenting, child support interest debt relief, driver's license recovery, employment, education, estate planning and more. There was also complimentary food, raffles, and gift card giveaways that added to the day's excitement.

—Photos by Darryl Davidson



**Everyone had a 'goulish' good time at Northcott Neighborhood House's 'Trunk or Treat' event!**



Northcott Neighborhood House's Annual "TRUNK OR TREAT" was back recently to provide 'goulish' fun for everyone—young and old—outside in front of its building located on Wright Street (from 6th Street to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive). The event was free and open to the public and brought out family, friends, and the best Halloween spirit! Everyone enjoyed the family-friendly Halloween celebration that was all about the community and its children. Families came out in costumes for candy, music and—of course—the bouncy houses, carnival games, vendors and community resources...as well as the FREE 'Trick or Treat' bags for youth.—Photos by Yvonne Kemp



# STATE OF WISCONSIN DWD Department of Workforce Development

## Vocational Rehabilitation Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Faces Funding Shortfall, Leading to Waitlist for New Participants

### Lack of funding limits program that serves Wisconsinites

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD), Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is facing an Order of Selection (OOS) for individuals it serves – a process also referred to as a waitlist. Due to insufficient funding, a waitlist would immediately affect approximately 2,000 individuals (consumers) and 1,000 consumers monthly across the state of Wisconsin until sufficient funding is allocated. DVR administers the federal Rehabilitation Act program, under which it provides individualized services to eligible people with disabilities who want to work, offers training and technical assistance to employers regarding disability employment issues, and actively engages with roughly 19,000 individuals at any given time who are working toward an employment goal. These services are funded through a federal formula grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Rehabilitation Services Agency (RSA). Federal law requires that the state of Wisconsin share in the cost of providing these services: Federal RSA funds 78.7% and the state must fund 21.3% of the program costs. In state fiscal year 2025, the VR program had \$111.1 million in expenditures, of which \$87.4 million were supported with federal funds and \$23.7 million were supported with state funds. In his executive budget for the 2025-27 biennium, Governor Evers proposed sufficient funds to ensure services for all job seekers with disabilities who want to participate in vocational rehabilitation through DVR. The Joint Finance Committee chose a funding amount for this program that was less than the governor's proposal, despite the Legislative Fiscal Bureau indicating this option could result in the need for additional funding to provide vocational rehabilitation services to all Wisconsinites seeking this support. Under Act 15, the final state budget appropriated \$21.3 million of state funds in state fiscal year 2026.

This is \$2.4 million less than was spent in state fiscal year 2025 and is \$4.6 million short of the projected need for this year. Without sufficient funds, DVR will not be able to support new participants to the program gain competitive, integrated employment. "We want to find a solution to continue to provide employment services for anyone with disabilities who wants to find a job," said DWD Secretary Amy Pechacek. "We welcome the public to participate in this public hearing and are working with all stakeholders to address this issue." **Next steps** If \$4.6 million in state funding is not allocated to DVR in the coming weeks, DVR will host a virtual public hearing to explain the need to cut off vocational rehabilitation services for new participants due to lack of state funding. The purpose of the hearing is to provide members of the public an opportunity to comment on the implementation of the waitlist. The notice will be posted 10 days in advance of the hearing at Wisconsin's Public Meeting Notices and Minutes web page and will include an agenda and other details of how the public can join. Following the hearing, DVR will notify new participants they are being placed onto a waitlist. DVR also will continue to closely monitor monthly spending to allow newcomers into the program as funds become available. The length of time an individual would be on the waitlist is related to the amount funding available, along with the cost of services and number of participants enrolled in DVR. Existing DVR participants who currently have an approved individualized plan for employment with DVR would continue to receive services until they complete the program. "I invite all those whose families and communities have been improved by vocational rehabilitation services or those who would like to use the program to participate in this public hearing to use your voices to ask your state legislators to sufficiently invest in vocational rehabilitation services for all people with disabilities who want to successfully build careers in Wisconsin as Gov. Evers proposed to do," said Sec. Pechacek. Thousands of Wisconsin workers and employers have benefitted from DVR's services over the years. Read more about these services and recent consumer success stories.

## Committee Amends 2026 City Budget, Prioritizes Neighborhood Investment Citywide

The Milwaukee Common Council's Finance & Personnel Committee recently advanced an amended 2026 City budget, concluding several weeks of review, public hearings, and fiscal deliberation. The budget package, significantly shaped by Council amendments, focuses heavily on direct investment in neighborhood services, housing stability, and supporting the City's dedicated public workforce. The amended budget, which now heads to the full Common Council for final discussion and adoption on Friday, November 7, and then to the desk of Mayor Cavalier Johnson for approval, incorporates several key changes aimed at addressing constituent feedback and bolstering quality-of-life initiatives across all districts. "The Council's amended budget is a direct reflection of the priorities we heard from the people of Milwaukee," said Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic, Chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee. "I want to thank my colleagues for all their thoughtful amendments that help build a better budget for the people." "We faced a considerable structural challenge, but through collaborative effort, we successfully created a responsible spending plan that invests where it matters most: in our neighborhoods, our libraries, and the ded-

icated employees who serve our city. The amendments passed ensure that the benefits of city growth are distributed equitably across all parts of Milwaukee," said Common Council President José G. Pérez. Key Amendments approved by the Finance and Personnel Committee include: **Expanded Library Access:** The Committee recommended approval of an amendment to restore Sunday library hours cut in the Mayor's proposed budget, and expand Sunday hours to two additional branch libraries, enhancing accessibility and ensuring these community hubs remain, available vital resources for residents. Due to Council leadership and investment, residents across the city will be able to access 5 of 13 libraries on Sundays in 2026. **Housing Stability Investment:** Just under \$1 million in targeted funding was allocated to critical housing programs, including increased support for eviction prevention services, and a

significant boost to the successful Milwaukee Home Down Payment Assistance Program, aimed at closing the homeownership gap. **Support for City Employees:** Recognizing the dedication of the municipal workforce, the Committee recommended an additional 2% wage increase for general city workers who reside within the City of Milwaukee, on top of the Mayor's proposed 2% increase, reinforcing the commitment to local hiring and retention. **Public Safety Investment:** The Committee recommended approval of a critical budget amendment that injects \$8 million in new capital borrowing into the Milwaukee Fire Department's 2026 Budget, specifically targeting the replacement of the department's dangerously aging fleet of fire apparatus. The secured funding is slated to cover the cost of several vital replacements, ensuring Milwaukee's firefighters have safe and reliable equipment, and response times remain swift. This capital investment is necessary to replace 13 frontline engines and ladder trucks that currently exceed the National Fire Protection Association's recommended 15-year maximum lifespan, thereby enhancing firefighter safety and emergency response readiness across the city. "Milwaukee's firefighters cannot protect us with equipment that belongs in a museum. This amendment corrects a decade of underinvestment because every resident, in every neighborhood, deserves a dependable emergency response. "It's not just a city budget line; it's a community lifeline," said Alderman Peter Burgelis, Vice Chair of the Finance & Personnel Committee. The full slate of budget amendments closes the initial structural gap through responsible reserve withdrawals, targeted departmental efficiencies, and the utilization of unexpected non-property tax revenues. All budget amendments, as well as budget documents and previous presentations, can be viewed here.

## Families are invited to celebrate the holidays with the Betty Brinn Children's Museum

The Betty Brinn Children's Museum will host two family-focused holiday events this December—Cocoa & Claus and New Year's Eve at Noon—inviting Milwaukee-area families to celebrate together with fun, play-based learning and holiday-themed activities. The Museum is offering a holiday event ticket bundle deal from November 7-14, during which, families can purchase tickets to New Year's Eve at Noon and receive a 25% off discount code for Cocoa & Claus tickets. Cocoa & Claus is returning for its second year on Saturday, December 20 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. During the event, Santa will be stopping by the Museum and families are invited to cozy up for Santa story time, sip on hot cocoa and snap a festive family photo. The Be A Maker space will feature event-exclusive activities including building tinker trees with nuts, bolts and washers and constructing mini cocoa-catapults. Families in attendance will be able to sign up for a family photo with Santa taken by a Museum staff member, and complimentary hot cocoa from Stone Creek Coffee will be available throughout the event hours. Cocoa & Claus tickets are \$20 for non-members and \$8 for members. A special event ticket will be required to enter the Museum during Cocoa & Claus on December 20 from 9 a.m.-

12 p.m. The Museum will reopen for standard general admission following the event from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Families can ring in 2026 with a splash at the Betty Brinn Children's Museum's annual New Year's Eve at Noon event on December 31 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The Museum is heating up this year's celebrations with a beach theme, and families are invited to soak up some fun with activities including: A beach ball dance bash featuring tunes from Kid Boogie Down from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. A giant beach ball drop, confetti toss and juice toast at 12 p.m. Face painting and airbrush tattoos with Life's A Party Face Painting from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Confetti popper, wishing wand noise maker and party hat making from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Museum members can hit the beach vibes early with special member-only hours from 9-11 a.m. Information on becoming a member can be found at [bbcmkids.org/membership](http://bbcmkids.org/membership). New Year's Eve at Noon tickets are \$20 for non-members and \$10 for members. Special event tickets will be required to enter the Museum on December 31. The Museum will be closed after the event at 2 p.m. and will be closed all-day on Thursday, January 1, 2026. Standard general admission and hours will resume on Friday, January 2. Tickets for both Cocoa & Claus and New Year's Eve at Noon go on sale November 7 at [bbcmkids.org/tickets](http://bbcmkids.org/tickets). The holiday bundle ticket deal will be available through November 14.

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**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.



**101.7 The Truth to hold 2nd Truth Summit**

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.

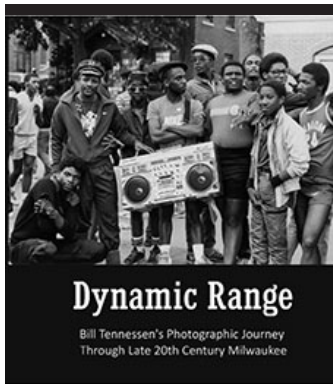
To reserve your spot and join the conversation, please visit 1017TruthSummit.com to register.

**Mt. Zion Assembly Heal to host Praise Awards**



Sfg. Bishop Monica Parchia Price and Dr. Ricky Price at Mt. Zion Assembly Healing Temple and the Milwaukee Police Department's Office of Community Outreach and Engagement will honor 11 individuals 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.

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



MCJ photographer Bill Tennesen's new book, 'Dynamic Range: Bill Tennesen's Photographic Journey Through Late 20th Century Milwaukee,' is now available at Boswell Book Company, 2559 N. Downer Ave., and at other local book stores by request. You can also buy the 152 page book (\$24.99) through Amazon (<https://a.co/d/84sBNNy>) or at <https://www.anarchyacres.com/product-page/dynamic-range>

## 2026 Wonderful World of Weddings Set for January 10-11

The 58th annual Wonderful World of Weddings, Wisconsin's longest-running and most prestigious bridal show, will be held Sat., Jan. 10 – Sun., Jan. 11, 2026, in Hall C of the Exposition Center at Wisconsin State Fair Park in West Allis, Wis.

More than 100 exhibitors will be available to consult with attendees on all aspects of wedding planning, including the latest in wedding gowns and men's formal wear, catering, bakery and desserts, custom invitations, DJs and musicians, photographers and videographers, florists, reception facilities, travel planning, and more. Wedding show attendees will be able to...

- Sample delicacies and desserts from local restaurants and caterers.
- Hear music from pop-oriented DJs and string quartets to harpists and brass quintets.
- Experience the beauty and scent of floral bouquets and centerpieces.
- See the creativity of wedding photographers and videographers, plan a honeymoon, and more.



Choreographed fashion shows, featuring dancers and models wearing the latest in wedding and bridal party fashions, suits and tuxedos, accessories, and floral arrangements, will be held at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily.

Guests will receive a complimentary "bridal bag," which includes a copy of Premier Bride®, Greater Milwaukee's guide to the perfect wedding.

Attendees will also be able to register for a five-night honeymoon getaway, complete with airfare, to a RIU Resort of the winner's choice, courtesy of First Choice Travel and Cruise, RIU Hotels & Resorts, and Apple Vacations.

"Show attendees will experience a variety of inspiration, products, and services from professionals ready to help make their dream day a reality," said Amanda Falk, Show Director. "We are honored by our reputation as Wisconsin's longest-running and most prestigious wedding expo, and we work to maintain this reputation each year."

Hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 10, and 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 11. Advance tickets are available at <https://www.wisconsinweddingshow.com/tickets> – \$14 each for ages 13 to 64 and \$7 for those 65 and older. Admission at the gate is \$16, with children aged 12 and under admitted at no charge. All military personnel with a military ID card will be admitted free.

For more information on the 2026 Wonderful World of Weddings, visit <https://www.wisconsinweddingshow.com> or call 262-367-5500 ext. 209.

## WELLPOINT CARE NETWORK TO HOST 3RD ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE FOR DADS

Wellpoint Care Network, a community-facing human services organization based in Milwaukee, has partnered with the Milwaukee Diaper Mission to host our 3rd annual 'Diapers for Dads' collection and distribution event.

As our organization celebrates 175 years of service and impact, our goal this year is to collect 17,500 diapers so that we can supply 175 dads with 100 diapers each.

"It's a meaningful way to celebrate our history while uplifting the dads who make such a difference in their families' lives," said Andrew Bonner, Community Partnerships and Volunteer Coordinator at Wellpoint Care Network. "This is a significantly larger goal than in years past, but we believe we can get there with help from the community."

This event is only possible because of generous donations. We will be collecting diapers, wipes, and unwrapped holiday toys throughout the month of November at Wellpoint Care Network (8901 W. Capitol Dr.).

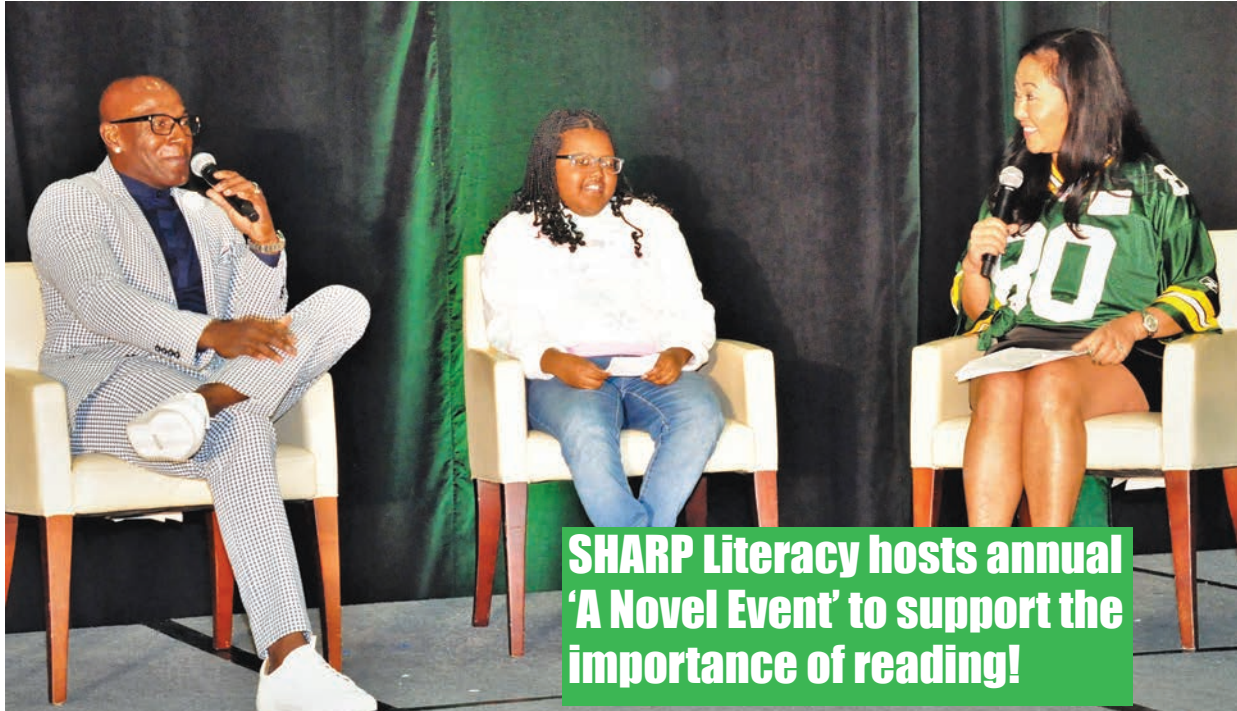
Please note that collection will take place during business hours only.

All donations are appreciated and will then be distributed to Milwaukee area dads at an event at Wellpoint Care Network on Friday, December 12.

"Fathers are often overlooked when it comes to community support," added Bonner. "As a father myself, I understand how tough it can be to find resources and feel seen while trying to better yourself."

This event is a reminder that dads matter, that they're valued, and that help is out there for them too."

For questions about the diaper collection or distribution event, or to have your company or organization host a diaper or toy collection to support this great event, please reach out to [communityengagement@wellpointcare.org](mailto:communityengagement@wellpointcare.org).



**SHARP Literacy hosts annual 'A Novel Event' to support the importance of reading!**



Milwaukee-based non-profit SHARP Literacy hosted its annual 'A Novel Event' recently at the Baird Center. The event drew nearly 450 guests and raised \$447,000. The funds support SHARP

Literacy's curriculum, which benefits elementary school students in Milwaukee, Racine and Waukesha.

The 2025 Literacy Champion Award went to The Naledi Family and Komatsu Mining.

Pictured above is eight-year-old Kaylei Rivers from Kluge Elementary School who participated in a panel with TMJ4's Susan Kim and Former Green Bay Packer Donald Driver, who also was the featured speaker for the event. —Kemp photos



## "It must be nice!..."

The nice thing about MCJ Packers photographer Kim Robinson's job is he gets to see a good football game (depending on who you were rooting for, Green Bay or the Carolina Panthers, who beat the Pack 16 to 13 at historic Lambeau Field last Sunday), and hang out with other sideline photographers and journalists, like Fox Sports sideline reporter, Pam Oliver. The Packers could only score two field goals in the first half and one touch down in the 2nd half. To add insult to injury (literally and figuratively), the team lost their number one tight-end, Tucker Kraft. He left the game with an ACL injury. Carolina Panthers running back Rico Dowdle (no. 5) carried the ball 25 times for 130 yards and two touchdowns. Their quarterback, Bryce Young, completed 11 of 20 passes for 102 yards. Packers Quarterback Jordan Love completed 26 of 37 passes and had one interception. No passing touchdowns. —Photos By Kim A. Robinson Sr.



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## Bill Tennesen: A documentarian of our lives!

### 'A connoisseur of creativity.'

That's what I meant to say in my foreword to Bill Tennesen's recently published book of photography, 'Dynamic Range.'

The book is an expose of Milwaukee's Black life over the last three decades.

Bill has served as a photographer for the Community Journal for nearly three decades. His book provides a unique exposé of our journey from migration to civil rights mitigation.

While Bill became an icon of local sports photography — particularly of the Milwaukee Bucks — he also captured a variety of local Black history, from visits by the late President Jimmy Carter to Juneteenth.

As I've repeatedly lamented, anyone can be a picture taker. Reach into your purse or pants, pull out your cell phone, and "snap, crackle, pop." You've captured a memorable moment. But you wouldn't want your sister shooting your wedding. That's because you want a memorable product. You want a pro — someone with an 'eye.' And the right equipment.

A ghetto uncle with a 1990 model Kodak won't get it.

What made Bill unique among the few was his photographic eye. He caught the moment, the second. Michael Jordan in mid-flight, the glance, the glare.

It is a unique skill, one that separates the 'picture taker' from a seasoned photographer.

And it is a willingness to dedicate time and talent. That was (is) Bill Tennesen.

Capturing images, faces, and expressions was Bill Tennesen's skill set. He is a griot of sorts, recording Black history. His book could, and should, be used in government (public) schools to fill in our historical journey, from Mayor Henry Maier to Cavalier Johnson, from civil to silver rights; a handful of Black achievers to political control.

As I noted in my foreword, 'Bill's unique—albeit memorable—photography helped place the Community Journal in the upper sphere of newspapers. Locally, his photographs sparked interest and grew our readership. Folks sought out the MCJ to view his interpretive sports photos. His candid communal shots brought both tears and praise.

As a photojournalist myself, I can attest to the quality of his work. His work was not only distinctive but intuitive.

A good photograph tells a story. As the Chinese hy-

pothesize, a picture is worth a thousand words.

Bill's photos also spoke to a moment in history, one that fellow photographer Pat A. Robinson referred to as Bill's "documentation of our lives."

Unnoticeably, Bill captured the essence of Black life.

I once described him as a Gordon Parks clone, an invisible historian who shared his photographic eye with our readership.

I attended military photography school. I learned about lighting, composure, and lens. But I won the NNPA Best News Photo award decades ago because I developed that 'eye.' That exceptional quality was acquired from lessons taught by local greats such as Ken Lumpkin, Harry Kemp, and Bill Tennesen.

They taught me to look...to compose a story, to capture an image, to record history.

Out of the blue, and without a job notice, Bill showed up at the Community Journal offices one day offering his services. Surprisingly, he didn't seek compensation; he required only a press pass and an opportunity.

I was initially hesitant, given that Bill didn't present the latest or most expensive equipment. Long before the digital era, he nonetheless provided a portfolio that suggested a unique skill set, which impressed me enough to take him on as a freelancer.

We rarely assigned Bill to cover an event, but that didn't stop him from appearing at social and cultural events. His photos of former President Jimmy Carter, for example, who was doing work for Habitat For Humanity, were a pleasant surprise. And even though I also covered an event, his shots were superior and thus used. Such was the case with consecutive photos of Milwaukee's Juneteenth celebration. One time, he climbed a fire department ladder to photograph the depth of the massive crowd.

Bill even showed up as a guest, but instead shot pictures of my wedding. His black and white wide-screen photo graces my parents' wall to this day.

Bill worked his way into our Milwaukee Community Journal family. He was once a foster child and then an adopted son, and finally a full-fledged blood brother of the MCJ family, which he was introduced as at our annual celebration.

I've gotta lot of love for Bill. I appreciate his talent, but more importantly, love his gentle spirit and quiet humor. He is a brother by another mother. His photography has stood the test of time. In fact, it's timeless.

If you're interested in our past and our future, pick up a copy of 'Dynamic Range,' Bill Tennesen's Photographic Journal, Through late 20th Century Milwaukee.' It is not only a picture of Black Milwaukee's past, but a portrait of a man in love with his subjects. — **Hotep**



Bill Tennesen

# How racist tropes convinced many food stamps only help Black people!

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The perception that only Black people benefit, pumped into a social environment where racism is pervasive, has contributed to less support for SNAP benefits and welfare programs more broadly.

People are online judging whether individuals who receive government assistance should use Dijon mustard, whether they should be able to buy a birthday cake, or a bag of potato chips — and these conversations are racialized more often than not.

For instance, Michael Che, a star on "Saturday Night Live," shared that he's seen "a lotta racist videos celebrating mostly Black families not being able to buy groceries.

There's a weird idea that since some people have taken advantage of welfare benefits in the hood, [that] nobody should receive help at all."

There seems to be a concerted effort, particularly among the political right but not exclusive to that side, which frames Black people as undeserving of government assistance, despite them paying into the system through taxes.

To racists, the color of their skin marks them as perpetual outsiders, undeserving of care, concern, let alone government assistance.

While the French Queen Marie Antoinette was rumored to say, "Let them eat cake," or "brioche," in response to the suffering of the lower class, it seems that many White Americans don't believe impoverished people deserve even that.

Remember the months-long debate about using food stamps to purchase snack items? It's one of the many ways antiblackness has manifested in recent years, targeting Black people's use of public resources.

The lack of empathy for Black people is not a coincidence in American society, nor should it be dismissed as simply teasing. As the Author Jason Stanley argued in his book, "How Fascism Works," President "Trump exploited the lengthy history of ranking Americans into a hierarchy of worth by race, the 'deserving' versus the 'undeserving.'"

One of the dangers of fascist policies is "the particular way in which it dehumanizes segments of the population," Stanley wrote.

By "excluding these groups," the "capacity for empathy among other citizens" is diminished, leading to the justification of inhumane treatment.

One example would be when Trump cited misinformation about Haitian refugees during a presidential debate. "In Springfield, they are eating the dogs," he claimed.

While this was untrue, a high-ranking political official repeating the obscene narrative fanned the flames of racial animus.

Last month, the administration revoked protective status for 348,187 Haitians, showing there are clear consequences to unchecked racist rhetoric.

This us vs. them worldview fosters a scarcity mindset, an assumption that the success of other groups contributes to the downfall of the one to which

they belong.

In part, we have Ronald Reagan to thank for the racialized discussions about welfare in America.

During his campaign, he popularized the "welfare queen" trope, suggesting the system was plagued by scores of Black women who didn't really need help, but were taking from the system anyway, committing fraud and abuse at taxpayers' expense. And these ideas are still present within our current system. For instance, Snowden and Graaf (2019) noted that psychological and other social science research established that disapproval of providing "welfare" to 'undeserving poor' is closely aligned with racial bias."

Even before Ronald Reagan, America was a nation whose policies were deeply rooted in discussions about deservingness, as some White people conspired to deprive Black people of equal access to resources and opportunities.

"An advisor to Nixon, Lee Atwater, explained this so-called 'Southern strategy' during a 1981 interview. "You start out in 1954 by saying, 'Nigger, nigger, nigger.'"

By 1968, you can't say 'nigger' that hurts you, backfires. So, you say stuff like, uh, 'forced busing states' rights. and all the stuff, and you cutting taxes, and all these things you're talking about are totally economic things, and a byproduct of them is blacks get hurt worse than whites... 'we want to cut this, is much more abstract than even the busing thing, uh, and a hell of a lot more abstract than 'Nigger, nigger.'"

In the modern era, politicians don't have to use explicit racism to harm Black people.

They can support policy positions that maintain or exacerbate racial disparities.

Efforts to cut, reduce, or limit access to SNAP benefits, better known as food stamps, and slash access to Medicare and Medicaid programs that expand healthcare access to low-income Americans are prime examples.

Some argue that Black people shouldn't be the face of discussions about SNAP.

Indeed, it seems unfair that they're portrayed as the primary beneficiaries when, in fact, they are not.

But it's also dishonest to overlook the widespread poverty that persists in the black community out of frustration with that imagery.

In New Orleans, a city comprised of predominantly Black people, they "earn significantly less than white New Orleanians."

The poverty produced by chattel slavery and maintained throughout Jim Crow has persisted in the post-Civil Rights era. Data from 2018 showed Black "households earned about 1/3 of what white households earned on average." A 2022 USDA report revealed that while 7% of White households experienced food insecurity, 19.8% of Black households and 16.2% of Latinx households faced it, reflecting disparities in wealth, not work ethic.

Those who overlook this context are attempting to justify

racial inequality rather than to remedy it.

One in five Louisiana residents depends on SNAP. So, while Black people are often cast as a group where many have relied on government assistance, it's clear America's vast wealth gap also impacts citizens of every racial group.

The minimum wage is \$7.25 an hour in a state, which amounts to \$290 a week before federal and state taxes are deducted. We have systemic problems of inequity that need to be addressed.

Oxfam America noted that 39% of workers in the Bayou State make less than \$15 an hour, with 58.1% of Black people falling into this category, overrepresented among underpaid workers.

And while some claim that Black people are receiving too much government assistance, research suggests they're not receiving enough.

Grummon and Taillie (2018) found that "for Black households, participation in SNAP did not alleviate...black-white disparities in dietary behaviours."

Furthermore, "SNAP participation was generally not longitudinally associated with reduced purchases of unhealthy products regardless of race/ethnic group." In other words, there is no basis to claim that Black people are the main recipients, or that they are making less responsible nutritional decisions when they have access to SNAP benefits.

In a study titled "We Want to Eat and Be Healthy Just Like Everybody Else," researchers found that individuals developed coping strategies to adapt to food scarcity, such as "food budgeting and cooking skills, paired with different social infrastructures to meet food needs (Headrick et al., 2024)."

They found that "historical and ongoing acts of disempowerment and disinvestment also hindered the advancement of nutrition equity."

While many Americans depend on SNAP benefits to feed themselves and their family members, the perception that primarily Black people benefit has contributed to resistance.

Racist tropes have been effective in shaping public attitudes about these programs. In a society where people are convinced resources are scarce, some believe that helping members of another group harms them.

And that's unfortunate because this us vs. them thinking weakens the social safety net, causing more people to fall through the cracks.

With the uncertainty of public resources during a federal government shutdown, citizens will need to depend upon one another, which is incredibly difficult in a society where Black people and other racial minorities are cast as perpetual outsiders.

Despite what racist propaganda suggests, we are intrinsically tied to one another, and it's in our best interest to keep that in mind.

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## What 400 Years of Family History Teaches About This American Moment

By Ben Jealous

We just fell back. The season of darkness is coming on. But this year, more than any I can remember, that darkness feels existential, not just seasonal.

As a professor, I've watched it settle over my students throughout 2025 like a fog. They talk about despair as if it's wrapping its fingers around their throats. They talk about how the news makes them want to pull the covers over their heads every day.

What do I say to them?

Read more history. Find the lesson and the mission: the 20s are always terrible, so keep your eye on the prize that will be the 2070s and get us there with democracy intact.

History—that patient teacher, that relentless witness—has something to say about tomorrows.

My family has been taking notes for four hundred years. American centuries follow hundred-year cycles. Within those cycles, every "20s" decade is a crucible of cruelty. Every "70s" brings bold rays of light breaking through.

The 1620s were the dawn of the African slave trade in Virginia, when many of my nameless African ancestors arrived alongside the European ones who enslaved them. The 1670s brought Bacon's Rebellion—called by many a rehearsal for the American Revolution. My ancestor Giles Bland was killed taking up arms against Virginia's Royal Governor William Berkeley.

The 1720s. Richard Bland was just a young boy when Virginia passed a law in 1723 making it nearly impossible to free enslaved people. Not long after, he would be old enough to understand that some of the people enslaved by families like his shared their bloodlines — even as the Church insisted they were inferior. But when the 1770s came, he helped write the words with his cousin Thomas Jefferson that founded our nation: all men are created equal.

In a slave state like Virginia, they had to know those words were catalytic—that once spoken, they could not control how they would reshape the world. Jefferson himself trembled at what he had set in motion. Yet he—and Richard—spoke the words anyway.

A century later, Frederick Bland endured the 1820s and 1830s, and when his son Edward David was born in the 1840s, he began guiding and encouraging him so that, by the time both gained their freedom, Edward was ready to rise and help lead their neighbors in seizing the opportunities of the 1870s. From the same house where ancestors had been held in bondage came a father and son preparing a community for a new era of freedom and civic engagement.

Mamie spent the 1920s at Edward David's knee. She listened to his stories, absorbing lessons in resilience and leadership. As she became an adult, she became a teacher, then an organizer, and then a parent, raising her daughter to continue the fight through the 1970s and beyond.

Mamie was born in 1916 in southern Virginia, not far from the Jordan's Point plantation where Richard Bland lived. The 1920s slammed doors shut everywhere. Virginia's Racial Integrity Act banned interracial marriage. The Immigration Act closed America's doors. The Ku Klux Klan reached its peak—millions strong—motivated equally by their hatred of Black Americans and the demonization of Catholic immigrants and Jews. America First meant America for white Protestants only.

But Mamie's foundation in resilience, built at Edward David's knee, allowed her to act boldly. Activism of the 50s and 60s bore fruit. Desegregation went into high gear. The Vietnam War ended. And interracial couples like my parents enjoyed the first decade in which their marriages were legal in

every state.

Now we are here. The 2020s. Nativism rises like flood water. Voting rights stripped away. Books banned. Racism, antisemitism and Islamophobia poison our communities. Authoritarian voices grow shameless in their contempt for democracy.

I am raising two children in this darkness. They ask why they should believe anything will truly get better. And I tell them: The 20s are always dark. The 70s are always remembered for bold rays of light breaking through.

The victories of every "70s" are never permanent. We spring forward, then we fall back. The pattern is not a steady march toward justice—it is a rhythm, a tide, a seasonal turning between light and dark.

So why keep faith when we keep falling back?

Because falling back is not defeat. It is the darkness before dawn. My family knows across ten generations that the cruelty of every "20s" is followed by the breaking open of every "70s." Not because of destiny, but because ordinary people refused to give up.

Giles Bland rose up in arms in the 1670s. Richard planted the seeds in the 1720s that blossomed in the 1770s. Frederick guided and encouraged his son Edward David so that, once freedom came, Edward was ready to rise and help lead their neighbors in the 1870s. Mamie absorbed these lessons and acted boldly, raising her daughter to continue the fight through the 1970s and beyond. My mother acted decisively so I could raise my children to see the 2070s.

Ten generations of my family have witnessed this pattern. We have only reached every "70s" because young people in every "20s" refused to give up. They organized, protested, voted, ran for office, and defended democracy when it seemed weakest.

The job of America's young people today is to do the same. If present and future generations rise to these challenges the way our ancestors did, our democracy will not only survive—our nation will thrive again.

Because here in America, the darkest hour has never been the last hour. Keep your eye on the prize.

# LEGALS/CLASSIFIEDS

**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 1025449  
BENTLEY TUFFNELL LAW, S C 933 N MAYFAIR ROAD. SUITE 325B MILWAUKEE, WI 53226 262-353-9556 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. 25SC025120**

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 may be enforced as provided by law. 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: 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:

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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

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## 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](mailto: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.

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# Remembering African American Veterans with Honor

By Dr. John E. Warren, Publisher, San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper  
Chairman of the Board of Directors, NNPA

On November 11, 2025 Americans will honor those brave men and women who have served in the military.

Woodrow Wilson declared November 11th Armistice Day, in recognition of the end of the War that was to end all Wars. In 1938, the U.S. Congress passed an Act declaring November 11, Armistice Day, a national holiday. In 1954, after World War II, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed and the Congress approved changing the name Armistice Day to Veterans Day, honoring all Americans who had served in all wars.

But the celebrations we have today do not do justice to the African Americans who have fought and died for America, in spite of the racism and segregated practices that have denied us full and equal treatment. Consider the following Hall of Fame of African Americans who

have served and in many instances, died for this country: Crispus Attucks, son of a slave, first African casualty of the Revolutionary War. March 5, 1770; Nurse Susie King Taylor, who in the 1800s, when it was illegal for African Americans to be educated, snuck in lessons at an underground school which she built with her passion to help others. She met and worked alongside Clara Barton, founder of the Red Cross. During the Civil War; Lewis Martin of the 29th U.S. Colored Infantry, who lost a leg and an arm following the Battle of the Crater in July 1864; the Buffalo Soldiers, as the Colored Soldiers of the 10th Cavalry became known, who fought both in the Civil War and the Indian Wars where they got the name "Buffalo" from Native Americans; and Corporal Freddie Stowers, who led the all-Black 371st Infantry Regiment in France in a successful battle against German troops and was recommended for the Medal of Honor which was not given to him until 70 years later and awarded posthumously to his family. We also remember Corporal John T. Van Rensalier of the 350th HQ Battalion who was awarded the French Legion of Honor in WWI; Doris "Dorie" Miller, a Mess Stewart in the U.S. Navy, who became the first African American to win the Navy Cross

based on service at Pearl Harbor in WWII. Let us not forget African American women like Colonel Margaret Barley serving in WWI and fighting for integrated military housing when Blacks were still fighting and living in a segregated army. Let us remember Colonel Charles Young, the 3rd African American to graduate from West Point Military Academy and the first African American to reach the rank of "Colonel" in the U.S. Army; or the Tuskegee Airmen, Colored fighter pilots who never lost a plane they were escorting during WWII and paved the way for more than 1.2 million African Americans to enter the service during and following that war. We have seen from history that African Americans who fought for the freedom of others on distant shores, came home to disenfranchisement, segregation, and sub-human treatment on every front where they should have received respect and equality for having served. We have seen from a historical point that a Black soldier named Charles Lewis, recently discharged from the military, was lynched in uniform in Hichman, Kentucky; in 1944, four Black soldiers after a white store owner claimed they tried to take over his place; in 1947, we repeat, how Joe Nathan Roberts, a Black Navy

Veteran studying at Temple University on the G.I. Bill was abducted and shot because he wouldn't say "Sir" to white men. We remember with pride our pioneering Black generals like General Benjamin Oliver Davis, Sr., U.S. Army, the first African American to obtain that rank in the U.S. Army, and his son Benjamin Oliver Davis, Jr., U.S. Air Force, as well as General Daniel "Chappy" James, fighter pilot, U.S. Air Force and General Colin Powell, City College of New York ROTC graduate who rose to become a four-star general and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, twice, as well as the first African American Secretary of State under President George Bush. Of the 3547 Medals of Honor given out since the beginning of this award, 96 have been given to African Americans, according to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. The first African American to receive the medal was William Carney on July 18, 1863. So, this Veterans Day, all African Americans have a very special and proud history to celebrate, recognizing that among those we honor and remember are our own countless "Band of Brothers and Sisters" that must not be forgotten in the first of parades and holiday sales. "And still we rise."

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING**  
Case No. 25CV009488  
In the matter of the name change of: YA'SAII YAMANI RAINE MITCHELL  
By (Petitioner) YASMEEN YOLANDA POWELL

Birth Certificate: ANTONIO LOGAN HERNANDEZ  
IT IS ORDERED  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. J.D. WATTS BR 15 ROOM 414 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2025, TIME 3:00 P.M.

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.

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: 10-22-2025  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN  
Circuit Court Judge  
551/11-5-12-19-2025

By (Petitioner) TIERRA MONIQUE JOHNSON  
NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: JA'NYLAH DIANE-SYMONNE GOODLOE to: JA'NYLAH DIANE-SYMONNE JOHNSON  
Birth Certificate: JA'NYLAH DIANE-SYMONNE GOODLOE  
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 DECEMBER 3, 2025, TIME 9:00 A.M.

DATE JANUARY 5, 2026 TIME 11:00 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: 11-4-2025  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. CYNTHIA DAVIS  
Circuit Court Judge  
556/11-5-12-19-2025

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING**  
Case No. 25FA005868  
In the matter of the name change of: ANTONIO LOGAN HERNANDEZ  
By (Petitioner) ANTONIO LOGAN HERNANDEZ

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
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Dated: 10-24-2025  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. J.D. WATTS  
Circuit Court Judge  
553/11-5-12-19-2025

You are notified of the availability of information from the Circuit Court Commissioner as set forth in 767.105 Wis. Stats.  
Date: 10-30-2025  
BY: GENA SANCHEZ  
552/11-5-12-19-2025

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING**  
Case No. 2025CV009176  
In the matter of the name change of: MIKAIA ZOE JACOBS  
NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: MIKAIA ZOE JACOBS to: MIKAIA ZOE KELBI  
Birth Certificate: MIKAIA ZOE JACOBS  
IT IS ORDERED  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN ROOM 500 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2025, TIME 11:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
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Dated: 11-3-2025  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. CYNTHIA DAVIS  
Circuit Court Judge  
555/11-5-12-19-2025

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING**  
Case No. 25CV009558  
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: SHAVONN MONEE' MOORE  
By (Petitioner) SHAVONN MONEE' MOORE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: SHAVONN MONEE' MOORE TO: SHAVONNE MONEE' MOORE  
Birth Certificate: SHAVONN MONEE' MOORE  
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 17, 2025, TIME 9:00 A.M.

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING**  
Case No. 25CV9236  
In the matter of the name change of: ANTONIO LOGAN HERNANDEZ  
By (Petitioner) ANTONIO LOGAN HERNANDEZ

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 GENA SANCHEZ 8141 W Oklahoma Ave Apt 9 Milwaukee WI 53214  
It is recommended, but not required that you have an attorney help or represent you.

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING**  
Case No. 2025CV009177  
In the matter of the name change of: JACOB BERNARD GRODEK  
NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: JACOB BERNARD GRODEK to: JACOB GRODEK KELBI  
Birth Certificate: JACOB BERNARD GRODEK  
IT IS ORDERED  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
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DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2025, TIME 11:00 A.M.

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING**  
Case No. 25CV008321  
In the matter of the name change of: JA'NYLAH DIANE-SYMONNE GOODLOE  
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Dated: 11-4-2025  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. WILLIAM POCAN  
Circuit Court Judge  
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