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How Black Families Are Blending African And American Traditions During Thanksgiving!

Article courtesy of funtimesmagazine.com, November 23

Thanksgiving holds different meanings for different people. For some, it is a day of gratitude and getting busy in the kitchen, cooking up a storm for the family.

For others, it's an emotional reunion, the one time of year when everyone shows up from far and wide, and the house is full of life.

For many African immigrant families across the U.S., Thanksgiving is never just about turkey.

It is a chance to blend cultures, flavors, and family traditions, creating something uniquely their own.

From Philadelphia to New York, Michigan to Texas, Af-

rican, Caribbean, and African American households are redefining Thanksgiving by blending African cultures with American rituals, creating tables that tell stories of migration, memory, and love.

Traditionally, turkey and mashed potatoes and numerous side-dishes used to be the order of the day, but over time, fresh traditions have joined the table.

Some Thanksgiving traditions often include prayers and expressions of gratitude, focusing on family recipes passed down through the generations.

However, it is never one-size-fits-all; every family spices it up, infusing their personal touches, from playful games to powerful stories and food competitions.

However different the traditions may be, they all centered around the same thing – strengthening bonds and connections.

Black Families are Redesigning the Thanksgiving Table

For many African immigrants, Thanksgiving wasn't part of their upbringing. It was something they used to hear about in movies or read in books. But they had to quickly adapt to their new environment.

The Okoro family in Maryland, originally from Nigeria,

didn't know how to prepare the Thanksgiving turkey with stuffing when they first arrived.

They simply stuck to what they knew instead of missing out on the celebration altogether.

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stuff the chicken. I had to go on YouTube for answers. I really did not like the outcome and the taste, so we just made do with our jollof rice and grilled chicken,” Mrs. Okoro recounted.

Since then, they have continued doing Thanksgiving their own way without the regular stuffed turkey.

For some other Black families, you will find local deli-

cacies like pepper soup, suya-spiced turkey, Ghanaian kelewele, curry goat, peppered goat meat and gizzard, alongside the traditional African American staples like baked mac and cheese, collard greens, sweet potato pie, candied yams, and others.

A Time to Reunite, Reflect, and Build New Families

Thanksgiving is one of the few times when aunts, cousins, grandbabies, and others gather under one roof.

It's a moment to catch up, pass down stories, and feel the heartbeat of home, and for Black families, it's sacred.

Sometimes, family is more than blood. It's the aunts and uncles who aren't biologically related, or the friends and neighbors turned family.

Thanksgiving becomes a massive reunion, gathering migrants from different countries who have no extended families in the U.S.

One living room can hold Nigerians, Ghanaians, Jamaicans, Sierra Leoneans, Black Americans, and friends from everywhere.

For many, it's a chance to celebrate community and culture while expressing gratitude for the networks that make life in America feel less lonely.

Thanksgiving becomes a bridge that brings together American customs and core African values like respect, unity, and hospitality.

Amanda moved to the US in 2023. With no family close by, she celebrates Thanksgiving with friends.

"I always make Nigerian meals like jollof and fried rice, and sometimes egusi soup. I invite friends over for what I call 'Friendsgiving.'"

"That way, I don't feel left out of the celebration, while

our elders hold dear. In some Black families, after the hearty meal comes the storytelling. The children gather around as elders pass down family histories.

Some recount life in the village or how they came to the U.S. with little or no money, or how the community contributed money to send them abroad.

The younger ones also exchange stories of gratitude, recalling past events.

These storytelling moments close the generational gap, offering American-born children who may only know Africa through stories a link to their African roots. It is an opportunity to teach the younger generation about where they come from.

Music and Vibes

Can it even be called a celebration in a Black home if there's no music or good vibes?

Expect aunts and uncles dishing out old school dance steps or trying to catch up with the Gen Zs as they vibe to Afrobeats, gospel, and soul classics playing in the background.

Some families even host karaoke sessions and play games, while laughing over family jokes.

Every laugh shared, every story told, and every plate passed around the table tells us that joy, community, and cultural pride are the true flavor of the Black Thanksgiving experience.

Passing Heritage from One Generation to the Next

At the heart of many Black Thanksgiving gatherings are the stories, those oral histories

All of these traditions are more than just having fun; they remind us that Thanksgiving isn't about what's on the table or the material things we own, but about connection and building relationships, while also preserving our culture.



State and Region's Leaders Take Aim at Human Trafficking

Nonprofit's campaign aims to have 75,000 men join together to end all forms of human trafficking; Volunteers seek to raise awareness as state lawmakers seek tougher penalties

State and local leaders, law enforcement and community service organizations came together today in opposition of human trafficking - a \$250 billion per year criminal enterprise that is in every county across the state and is increasing.

"The chains of trafficking are not just built by captors, but by customers who pay to keep them locked," said Sarah Demerath, a human trafficking survivor who now helps other women rebuild their lives after being trafficked. "A trafficker once stole my freedom, but each and every buyer stole my dignity."

Breaking the business model of human trafficking by eliminating the demand is the goal of HEMAD (Human Trafficking Educators working with Men and boys to stand Against the Demand).

HEMAD is a program of Convergence Resource Center (CRC), a 21-year-old faith-based nonprofit community service organization with offices in Milwaukee and Madison.

CRC works with justice-involved women and female survivors of human trafficking to rebuild their lives after trauma.

"Eighty percent of human trafficking cases in the U.S. involve sex trafficking. To stop sex trafficking, we need to address the demand - and that



Lawmen and lawmakers taking HEMAD pledge.

To report human trafficking, call local police at 911 or the National Human Trafficking Hotline (888)-373-7888 or text 233733. **About Convergence Resource Center** Convergence Resource Center (CRC) is a faith-based nonprofit community service organization providing support for women rebuilding their lives after trauma with an emphasis on justice-involved women and female survivors of human trafficking. To learn more, call (414) 231-3058 or visit www.convergenceresource.org.

About HEMAD Human Trafficking Educators working with Men and boys to stand Against the Demand (HEMAD) is a program of Convergence Resource Center directed at men on the importance of ending human trafficking. To learn more, visit <https://www.convergenceresource.org/hemad-campaign> or contact HEMAD@convergenceresource.org.

demand is driven by men," said Rev. Arnold Cifax, Executive Pastor of New Testament Church in Milwaukee and board chairman of CRC.

During a news conference this morning, Cifax showed a brief video illustrating the issue of human trafficking and how men can play a key role in ending the demand for the commercial sexual exploitation of adults, teens and children.

He then led those attending in a pledge to stand up against traffickers.

"We recognize we can't arrest our way out of this. We appreciate and support the work law enforcement, government agencies, and our elected leaders are doing. But this is a change that has to

start in the heart," said Cifax.

"People of all ages - but especially men - can take the lead and stop this crime from happening in their neighborhoods and communities. The HEMAD campaign is a movement spreading across Wisconsin and the nation," said Cifax.

"We want men to go to the HEMAD webpage (<https://www.convergenceresource.org/hemad>), watch the short video, scroll down to take the pledge, register on the page, and then share the link on their social media. You can do this during a TV timeout of a football or basketball game or in between TV shows."

"Human trafficking and child sexual exploitation are not distant problems - they are happening here in Southeastern Wisconsin," said Rep. Robert Wittke (R-Caledonia), author of Assembly Bill 265, which increases penalties for human traffickers.

"Traffickers destroy lives, and victims deserve more than delayed or uncertain justice - they deserve meaningful, certain, and lasting justice. AB 265 will give law enforcement and prosecutors the stronger tools they need to hold traffickers accountable and protect survivors. These are vital and necessary changes," added Wittke.

"We remain committed to use every possible tool to eliminate sex trafficking in Wisconsin with a new round of bills introduced during this legislative session," said Rep. Jerry O'Connor (R-Fond du Lac), Chairman of the 2023-24 Speaker's Task Force on Human Trafficking.

While legislators consider new laws to hold traffickers accountable and better support survivors, police agencies at the local, state and federal

a year ago, but human trafficking cases are increasing. Milwaukee Police statistics through Nov. 20 show 37 human trafficking cases so far this year compared to 37 for all of 2024, and 35 in 2023.

Statewide, notable human trafficking arrests have been made this year in Beloit, Brookfield, several cases in Oshkosh, Oak Creek, Manitowoc, West Bend, and Whitewater. Multiple arrests also were made just over the border in Lake County, Ill. and Winnebago County, Ill.

Additionally, two nationwide investigations resulted in 340 people being rescued and 290 arrests:

- **Operation Restore Justice** resulted in the rescue of 115 children and the arrests of 205 child sexual abuse offenders nationwide, including two in Wisconsin.

- **Operation Cross Country** resulted in 84 minors and 141 adults rescued, including 37 children listed as missing (four from Wisconsin). Police arrested 85 people for human trafficking, including eight in Wisconsin.

The TIP (Trafficking in People) Report (the graphic shown below) also notes that traffickers are increasingly using Artificial Intelligence and digital technology to recruit, control, market and exploit vulnerable individuals while also evading detection.

At the same time, police and other anti-trafficking groups are using technological innovations to prevent human trafficking, protect victims, and prosecute traffickers.

"As a woman and as a survivor, hearing men take the pledge to stand against human trafficking

Nationally, U.S. State Department's Trafficking in People (TIP) Report shows federal human trafficking investigations in the U.S. increased between Fiscal Year 2023 and 2024 (the most recent year available).

Department of Homeland Security	FY 2023	FY 2024
Human Trafficking Investigations Opened	1,282	1,1686
Investigations of forced labor overseas	6	10
Department of Justice		
Human Trafficking Investigations Opened	666	789
Investigations involving sex trafficking	588	686
Investigations involving labor trafficking	78	103
Department of Labor		
Investigations involving labor trafficking	47	53

levels are confronted with an expanding and constantly adapting criminal enterprise that generates huge profits while victimizing people of all ages, races and genders.

"Law enforcement's role is threefold: investigate and disrupt trafficking networks; protect and connect survivors to trauma-informed services; and, critically, work upstream to reduce the demand that drives commercial exploitation," said Milwaukee County Sheriff Denita Ball.

In Milwaukee, overall crime is down 16% from

is so important," said Demerath. "The HEMAD campaign has a real, positive effect on the people who have a lived experience of being trafficked."

In its first year (2018), 3,000 men took the HEMAD pledge and the number has grown since then, thanks to news coverage and social media. Approximately 60,000 men in 11 states and two foreign countries took the pledge in each of the past three years.

Now in its eighth year, the goal is 75,000 men joining.



VIOLA FORD FLETCHER

Oldest living survivor of Tulsa Race Massacre dies at 111 years old

By Omar Jimenez, courtesy of CNN

Viola Ford Fletcher, the oldest living survivor of the Tulsa Race Massacre, died at 111 years old Monday, her grandson Ike Howard confirmed.

"She had a beautiful smile on her face," Howard told CNN. "She loved life, she loved people."

Fletcher sat with CNN multiple times for interviews in recent years as she and other living survivors pursued a lawsuit against the city of Tulsa and other related departments, alleging they were complicit in the 1921 massacre and that its effects were still being felt today.

The events leading up to the massacre began on May 30, 1921, when Dick Rowland, a 19-year-old Black shoe shiner, ran from an elevator in a downtown building after the elevator's teen operator let out a scream.

Rumors of a rape then circulated, Rowland was

arrested, and White Tulsans formed a lynch mob. Black Tulsans arrived at the jail to defend Rowland, scuffles ensued, a gun went off, and as then-Sheriff William McCullough told Literary Digest, "All hell broke loose."

The mob laid waste to about 35 blocks within 16 hours, arresting thousands of Black residents, while robbing, beating and killing others. Historic photos show entire blocks gutted by flame and Black people lying in the street.

Exacerbating matters were insurance companies that denied many claims for what today would be tens of millions of dollars in property damage, including the destruction of two Black hospitals and 1,256 residences, according to the Greenwood Cultural Center.

Fletcher told CNN she "never got over" what she experienced that day and still remembers "people getting killed, houses, property, schools, churches, and stores getting destroyed with fire."

"It just stays with me, you know, just the fear. I have lived in Tulsa since but I don't sleep all

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Joyce Reyes (far left wearing blue and white sweat shirt) has an empty seat at our table this year. Joyce is a first cousin who experienced the scourge of polio in the 1950's while in elementary school. Today, with the polio vaccine, in early childhood, we do not worry about this crippling disease. However, as children we prayed for Joyce to survive and thrive. And thrive she did. She graduated college, worked on her PhD in Occupational Therapy and became the matriarch of her family, numbering over 200 strong. We thank her for teaching us faith through prayer, as a family, and for setting goals and working them, despite inconvenience, and being an encourager and permanent inspiration forever remembered with love and affection. Blessings at Christmas as we celebrate light and love. —Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo, MCJ Publisher

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Church gives away turkeys to surrounding community

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Approximately 366 local families were the blessed recipients of turkeys and fixings last week Friday during the annual holiday turkey and groceries giveaway, compliments of Brentwood Church of Christ, 6425 N. 60th St. The event is one of many the church holds throughout the year in order to connect with the surrounding neighborhood and its residents. —Photos by Yvonne Kemp

Oldest living survivor of Tulsa Race Massacre, Viola Ford Fletcher, dies at age 111

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night living there.”
In June 2024, the Oklahoma Supreme Court dismissed a lawsuit arguing the remaining survivors of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre should be compensated by the city for damages, dealing a blow to their ongoing fight for reparations more than 100 years after the attack.

Fletcher’s brother Hughes Van Ellis, also a survivor, died in October 2023 at 102 years old.

CNN’s Abby Phillips and Yon Pomrenze contributed to this report.



Molina Healthcare of Wisconsin Donates \$25,000 in Support of Food Pantries Across the State Facing Record Demand

Molina Healthcare of Wisconsin (“Molina”) presented grants to seven food pantries spread across the state to help stock their shelves.

The donations will support food centers in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Madison, Sun Prairie, Green Bay and Oshkosh. The \$25,000 donation provides relief for charities overwhelmed with demand due to the winter months approaching and the temporary pause on FoodShare (SNAP) benefits.

Over 700,000 Wisconsinites were impacted by the government shutdown, which is nearly 1 in 8 residents. With more than 60 percent of FoodShare recipients being children, the disruption intensified pressure on food pantries and community centers already struggling to meet an unprecedented number of requests for assistance.

“Due to the government shutdown, FoodShare benefits for November left families uncertain as to where their next meal may come from,” said Elizabeth Ahnert, program manager for Oshkosh Area Community Pantry.

“As a result, we saw an increase in need as our call volume and guest visits spiked. Thanks to Molina Healthcare of Wisconsin and our community wrapping their arms around us during this challenging time, we were able to continue our steadfast mission and be a reliable source of food for these families. We are so grateful for their support.”

Molina donated to the following pantries:

- NourishMKE is the largest network of community food centers in Milwaukee. Last year alone, the organization served more than 59,000 individuals, and demand for their services continues to grow.

- Friends with Food serves more than 300 families a week in Waukesha and the surrounding area. They offer a weekly food pantry and monthly clothing giveaway.

- The Goodman Center Madison hosts an annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive, providing meals to over 4,000 Dane County families. The organization says it has seen unprecedented need, including many first-time visitors.

- East Madison Community Center in Madison serves over 1,000 residents who are food insecure.

Molina’s donation will help the center stock its pantry and Munch Truck program which delivers takeout bags filled with sandwiches, fruit, snacks and vegetables to neighbors in need.

- Sunshine Place in Sun Prairie offers help with housing, food and other barriers to family and household stability. Molina’s giving will help support some of their food programs including: Senior Boxes is for ages 60 and over; Food for Kids is a partnership with Sun Prairie Community Schools, supporting students during the school year and over school breaks; Sunshine Suppers offer free, hot meal on Mondays; and, Thanksgiving baskets are distributed during regular pantry hours in the two weeks leading up to Thanksgiving.

- Paul’s Pantry in Green Bay has welcomed more than 64,000 visits, serving an average of 255 families every single day. In just the last week alone, 2,001 families turned to Paul’s Pantry for help, pushing the daily average to 285 families a day.

- Oshkosh Area Community Pantry distributes groceries and essentials to more than 31,000 guests, but demand has surged in recent weeks.

“Molina Healthcare of Wisconsin eagerly answered the call from food centers around the state facing unprecedented demand,” said Brett Davis, plan president of Molina Healthcare of Wisconsin.

“Food is a critical part of overall health and wellness, and Molina is proud to partner with these great organizations filling in the gaps by meeting this basic need.”

Beyond its financial contributions, Molina employees across Wisconsin organized a statewide food drive, collecting over 1,000 pounds of nonperishable food for NourishMKE and the East Madison Community Center to further support families in need.

MEN HEALING MEN

‘Voice of the Fatherless Child’ event focuses on the unresolved trauma/mental health of Black Men and Black male youth



Voice of the Fatherless Child (VOTFC), recently held a conference focusing on Black men and male youth titled, ‘Men Healing Men.’

The conference focused on bringing the two entities together to address the issue of both being victims and victimizers as it relates to male social/generational conditioning, as well as unresolved trauma and mental health issues.

The conference was led by Monte Mabra of VOTFC, and Steve Thomas of ‘NEVER-MORE,’ a batterers intervention program. Quinn Taylor of the Office of Community Wellness and Safety was the guest speaker.

He spoke on the importance of effective communication skills and how it can build healthy and strong relationships and families.

Taylor also spoke of his own experiences witnessing domestic violence as a child in his home. The event was sponsored by VOTFC, NEVER-MORE, and Golden Gate Funeral Services.

Several skits were also performed that brought to life the type of situations that bring about domestic violence and mental trauma.

If you or someone you know needs help with battery and domestic violence, contact NEVER-MORE at 414-306-2107. —Photos by Yvonne Kemp



GUEST COMMENTARY



Photo courtesy of Shutterstock

Acknowledging Thanks With Giving

Last weekend, we saw almost countless numbers of Turkeys being given away at

multiple locations around the City and County of San Diego.

We also saw thanksgiving meals being served, at no cost to those who sat down to eat;

we saw baskets of food being distributed and in several cases when the lines exceeded the number of turkeys available, those doing the giveaways pooled their personal money and bought more turkeys.

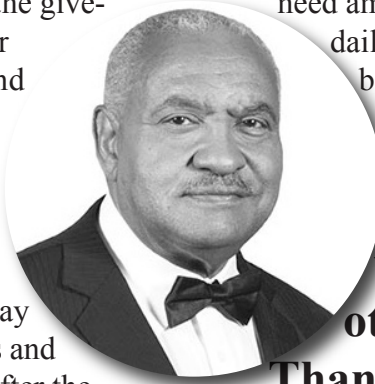
Many of these volunteers will sit down to large dinners on Thursday with their families and friends, but only after the service they have provided in making sure that others also have food to eat.

This is a profound expression of humanity by which thanksgiving for one's personal blessings is expressed by giving to others.

There could be no better time when one considers the attack on programs that feed our children, families and elders facing food challenges.

This reality is why we see so many ongoing efforts

through the Food Bank, Feeding San Diego and a number of stores and organizations committed to feeding those in need among us on a daily and weekly basis.



It has often been said that

“It has often been said that we should find the good in others and praise it. This

Thanksgiving acknowledgement is devoted to that idea. We praise those among us who are concerned enough about others to extend the help that meets the very food needs of the needy around us.”

we should find the good in others and praise it. This Thanksgiving acknowledgement is devoted to that idea. We praise those among us who are concerned enough about others to extend the

help that meets the very food needs of the needy around us.

To our churches and next door neighbors, let us not leave the survival of those who have lost benefits to the heartless Administration now in control of this nation. Let us continue to fill the gap,

where necessary and give thanks to God that we are able to help someone other than ourselves. BLESSINGS AND SHARING THIS THANKSGIVING.

Trump's Big Ugly Bill Strips Nursing of Professional Status as Black Women Across the Nation Brace for Devastating Consequences

By Stacy M. Brown
Black Press USA Senior National Correspondent

The Trump administration has declared that nursing is not a professional degree, striking directly at the heart of America's healthcare workforce and landing hardest on Black women, who make up nearly 13 percent of the national healthcare labor force and almost 10 percent of registered nurses.

The administration frames the move as a technical adjustment to loan classifications.

For Black women and the communities that rely on them, the consequences are far more severe.

“This is a gut punch for nursing,” Patricia Pittman of George Washington University stated. “Education from ADN to BSN and beyond is the single best way to retain nurses, especially in underserved communities.”

Under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, nursing, physical therapy, physician assistants, and other frontline health professions have been stripped of professional degree status.

Students in these fields can borrow only \$20,500 per year with a total cap of \$100,000. Students in law, dentistry, medicine, and

other protected fields can borrow up to \$50,000 per year and \$200,000 total.

Nursing students report tuition and clinical training costs that far exceed the new caps, leaving many unable to continue their education.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing issued a direct warning. “Excluding nursing disregards the rigorous education, licensure, and direct patient care that define our profession,” the organization stated.

“This decision threatens the healthcare of patients in communities across the country.”

The nation already faces a shortage of hundreds of thousands of nurses. Graduate degrees are required for advanced practice roles. Without meaningful access to federal loans, fewer students will enter or complete these programs.

Black women, who rely on student loans at far higher rates than white students, now face a barrier to financial mobility and advancement in the nursing profession.

Research shows that Black nurses often serve in underserved rural and urban communities.

Studies of Black nurse prac-

tioners describe persistent racism, heavy workloads, and limited institutional support.

Participants in one national qualitative study described taking additional time to address inequities and care for patients facing social and economic barriers while contending with organizational barriers and burnout.

Kim Brundidge, a doctoral nursing student and practicing nurse, described the consequences for the next generation of providers. “If students are not able to afford advanced education, the quality and number of nurses entering the workforce will decline,” she said.

Local and national nursing groups are preparing challenges to the reclassification. Leaders across the field warn that the bill undermines the country's ability to meet basic healthcare needs.

“In many communities across the country, advanced practice registered nurses ensure access to essential and high-quality care that would otherwise be unavailable,” Jennifer Mensik Kennedy of the American Nurses Association said. “Limiting nurses' access to graduate education threatens the very foundation of patient care.”

returned to office, and the effect on neighborhoods, schools, and generational wealth has been immediate.

The crisis facing Black women is even deeper. The National Partnership for Women and Families reports that 265,000 Black women have been pushed out of the labor market since January, and the unemployment rate for Black women has climbed to 7.5 percent, which is the highest in years.

“These numbers are damning and confirm what we've long known to be true,” said Democratic Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley.

“Under Donald J. Trump, Black women continue to face a crisis of disproportionately high unemployment.

“Their systematic pushout not only has dangerous consequences for Black women, Black families, and Black futures. It is also a glaring red flag for the entire U.S. economy.”

This is the country entering Black Friday. It is why the Mass Blackout movement and the We Ain't Buying It coalition have stepped forward to reclaim the weekend that once symbolized celebration.

Their message calls for shoppers to keep their money, their labor, and their attention away from the



A Black Friday of Resistance as Americans Push Back

Black Friday arrives this year in a country wrestling with the weight of policies that have stripped stability from millions of Americans and placed Black communities at the edge of economic ruin.

Storefront lights shine as if the nation were whole, yet in living rooms across the country, families count the losses of a political agenda that has torn apart the federal workforce and shattered the financial security of those who once depended on it.

Hundreds of thousands of Black federal workers have been removed from their positions since Trump



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The Time Is Now: Congress Should Not Leave Small Community and Minority Banks Out of the Digital Asset Future

By Kevin Harris and Cleve Mesidor

Congress is actively working on groundbreaking legislation that would provide much needed regulatory clarity.

The Digital Assets Market Structure legislation being developed by the U.S. Senate Agriculture and Banking committees can be better positioned to foster economic growth, promote financial education, and support guard rails for the early and vibrant segments of Americans who actively leverage digital assets.

In Washington, debates over crypto are too often conflated with tensions with Wall Street incumbents, entrenched regulatory turf wars, and the race for global competitiveness.

As a result, a critical voice is often absent from deliberations: small financial institutions that have long been the backbone of underserved rural and urban neighborhoods.

As Congress considers legislation governing digital assets, it has an opportunity to take a simple transformative, bipartisan step to ensure they are not once again left behind and left out.

Lawmakers should include a federal study examining how Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and Minority Depository Institutions (MDIs) can safely and compliantly offer digital asset products. The time for this level of regulatory clarity is now!

Ensuring Access To The Future of Digital Finance

This is not a niche concern. It is a matter of financial inclusion, U.S. competitiveness, and necessity for a market structure framework that fuels innovation across rural and mainstream America.

Whether policymakers embrace or resist them, digital assets—from tokenized deposits to stable-



Kevin Harris

coins to blockchain-based payment rails—are increasingly shaping the financial landscape.

Large institutions and fintechs are already experimenting with tokenization, on-chain identity solutions, and blockchain-enabled lending.

As these technologies become part of mainstream financial transactions, millions of Americans could be locked out if their local community institutions are not part of policy considerations.

CDFIs and MDIs serve precisely the communities most vulnerable to being excluded from transformative financial shifts.

If legislation ignores their needs and capacities, we risk repeating a familiar pattern: innovation benefiting the well-resourced first, leaving everyone else to catch up later—if at all.

Including a federal study is not a radical act. It does not endorse any particular digital asset product, mandate their adoption, or loosen regulatory standards. Instead, it offers something essential: clarity!

While banks are receiving regulatory guidance regarding decentralized finance, this clarity does not extend to this unique subset of the financial system.

Data show that CDFIs support more than 1,400 smaller lenders operating in rural and urban areas that aren't adequately served by larger banks. Of the roughly 5,900 headquarters and branches of these community lenders, 60 percent [1] are in Republican congressional districts and 55 percent are in states with two Republican senators.

A Federal Study of CDFIs & MDIs Whose Time Has Come

A well-designed federal study would explore important questions. This could include examining how digital asset services could responsibly expand financial access in underserved communities; the regulatory and technical barriers that prevent CDFIs and MDIs from piloting or adopting these tools; ways digital assets lower



Cleve Mesidor

costs for remittances, small-dollar lending and community development financing.

Additionally, federal research could offer insights into safeguards for market participants and new entrants that offer protections, while also enabling innovation.

This is a smart approach as policymakers continue crafting balanced rules that reduce uncertainty for small institutions, and prevent a bifurcated financial system where only large players can innovate.

CDFIs and MDIs have been asking for guidance to better understand regulations, compliance and how to best protect their clients and institutions.

Including this federal study in Senate digital assets market structure legislation will serve to ensure they won't be left navigating this new terrain alone or disadvantaged relative to larger, better-resourced competitors.

Economic Equity Cannot Wait Any Longer

This is a unique moment in policymaking and rulemaking. If we want a financial system that works for everyone, we must ensure that the institutions closest to underserved communities are prepared—not sidelined—as digital assets evolve.

Congress has an opportunity to take a bipartisan, low-cost step toward ensuring that the next generation of financial innovation is inclusive from the start.

A study supporting CDFIs and MDIs in the digital asset space is not just good policy—it is smart policymaking.

It acknowledges that responsible innovation and increasing access are not competing goals but mutually reinforcing ones.

Kevin R. Harris is an entrepreneur and Former Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus and Cleve Mesidor is Executive Director of Blockchain Founda-

A Black Friday of Resistance as Americans Push Back

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companies they believe profit from silence while Black households are battered by economic loss.

“No spending. No work. No surrender,” the Mass Blackout coalition announced in its call to action, which accuses the nation’s corporate power structure of thriving while ordinary people struggle to survive.

The second coalition focuses its attention on retailers like Amazon and Home Depot. Activists accuse these companies of cooperating with or benefiting from Trump’s political agenda.

LaTosha Brown, cofounder of Black Voters Matter and a member of the We Ain’t Buying It coalition, delivered her remarks in the coalition’s public statement. “We ain’t buying this foolishness.

“We’re not buying this racism. We’re not buying the abandonment of DEI. We’re not buying that the wealthiest country in the world cannot take care of its own citizens,” she stated.

“If they want to call it Black Friday, let’s show them what a Black Friday really looks like.”

Home Depot issued its response after activists accused the retailer of working with immigration authorities during enforcement actions. The company stated that it is not notified before such actions occur and that it is not involved in them. Organizers remain unconvinced and continue to include the retailer in holiday boycott plans.

Amazon has faced scrutiny for working conditions and for the \$1 million it contributed to Trump’s inauguration, which boycott leaders cite as evidence of political alignment. The coalition argues that Amazon has benefited from federal policy while workers across the country face tightening hours and declining wages, and its owner, Jeff Bezos, has fully capitulated to Trump.

Behind all these confrontations sits a larger truth. Black Americans are living through an economic emergency that has been shaped by federal policy decisions targeting the jobs, protections, and historical pathways that built the Black middle class.

Analysts at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities report that Trump’s agenda has attacked food assistance, health care, and family income supports at the very moment when unemployment among Black women is rising, and Black communities are losing stable federal careers that once offered a route out of poverty.

Organizers say this Black Friday is not about discounts. It is a line drawn by people who are tired of being told to spend in a country that is stripping away their ability to live.

It is a refusal to pretend that holiday lights can hide the harm done to families who have been pushed to the margins of the economy.

The final word from organizers cut through the noise of the season. “We’re not buying from companies that won’t stand with us,” LaTosha Brown stated. “Our dollars will go elsewhere.”

—By Stacy M. Brown, Black Press USA Senior National Correspondent

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SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009622
In the matter of the name change of: IVY RAE GASPARICH
By (Petitioner) JANINE RAE GASPARICH

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: IVY RAE GASPARICH TO:

IVY RAE WEBER
Birth Certificate: IVY RAE GASPARICH

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 19, 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: 11-6-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. J.D. WATTS
Circuit Court Judge
558/11-12-19-26-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009666
In the matter of the name change of: LAURA MARY SOBCHAK

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: LAURA MARY SOBCHAK to: LAURA MARY WINTER
Birth Certificate: LAURA MARY BOESE

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 29, 2025, 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: 11-7-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO
Circuit Court Judge
562/11-12-19-26-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009708
In the matter of the name change of: JULIA NOELLE WOLFE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: JULIA NOELLE WOLFE to: ATTICUS NOEL WOLFE

Birth Certificate: JULIA NOELLE WOLFE

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 18, 2025, TIME 11:15 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: 11-10-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. REYNA MORALES
Circuit Court Judge
563/11-12-19-26-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 2025CV009529
In the matter of the name change of: ESME NKAUJ NAAG THAO
By (Petitioner) PANGTALA SHONG
By (Co-Petitioner) HLE THAO

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: ESME NKAUJ NAAG THAO to: ESME NKAUJ NAAG SHONG
Birth Certificate: ESME NKAUJ NAAG THAO

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge’s Name: HON. JEAN M KIES RM 413 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: DECEMBER 9, 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: 11-5-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. JEAN M KIES

Circuit Court Judge
561/11-12-19-26-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009486
In the matter of the name change of: DEIDRE ANN COOPER
By (Petitioner) DEIDRE ANN COOPER

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: DEIDRE ANN COOPER TO: LEAH KATHERINE-LOUISE COOPER
Birth Certificate: DEIDRE ANN HOWARD

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: JANUARY 8, 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: 11-3-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. J.D. WATTS
Circuit Court Judge
560/11-12-19-26-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009656
In the matter of the name change of: KARLA GUADALUPE ESPINO HERNANDEZ
By (Petitioner) KARLA GUADALUPE ESPINO HERNANDEZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: KARLA GUADALUPE ESPINO HERNANDEZ TO: KARLA GUADALUPE VALTIERRA HERNANDEZ

Birth Certificate: KARLA GUADALUPE ESPINO 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: JANUARY 8, 2026, TIME 10:15 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.
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In the matter of the name change of: YAMINA ABIBATA BAKAYOKO By (Petitioner) FATOUMATA ALINE BAKAYOKO By (Co-Petitioner) ALI MARWAN BAKAYOKO

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: YAMINA ABIBATA BAKAYOKO to: ABIBATA YAMI BAKAYOKO

Birth Certificate: YAMINA ABIBATA BAKAYOKO

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 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: DECEMBER 17, 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: 11-12-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
Circuit Court Judge
566/11-12-19-26-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009620

In the matter of the name change of: JANINE RAE GASPACICH

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: JANINE RAE GASPACICH TO: JANINE RAE WEBER
Birth Certificate: JANINE RAE GASPACICH

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 19, 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: 11-6-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. J.D. WATTS
Circuit Court Judge
559/11-12-19-26-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009760

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: ERICA JOSEPHINE WEBER By (Petitioner) ERICA JOSEPHINE WEBER

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: ERICA JOSEPHINE WEBER TO: ERICA VOXX RICHMOND
Birth Certificate: ERICA JOSEPHINE KOWALSKI

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 22, 2025, TIME 10:15 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: 11-12-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM POCAN
Circuit Court Judge
567/11-12-19-26-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT

MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV007125

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: MELANIE MARIE MERCADO By (Petitioner) CINTHIA LAURA GUEVARA MARQUEZ By (Co-Petitioner) DARIO MERCADO SERRATO

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: MELANIE MARIE MERCADO TO: ESPERANZA MARIE MERCADO
Birth Certificate: MELANIE MARIE MERCADO

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 2:00 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: 10-3-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM POCAN
Circuit Court Judge
569/11-12-19-26-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 2025CV009529

In the matter of the name change of: ESME NKAUJ NAAG THAO By (Petitioner) PANGTALA SHONG By (Co-Petitioner) HLE THAO

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: ESME NKAUJ NAAG THAO to: ESME NKAUJ NAAG SHONG
Birth Certificate: ESME NKAUJ NAAG THAO

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. JEAN M KIES RM 413 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: DECEMBER 9, 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: 11-5-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. JEAN M KIES
Circuit Court Judge
561/11-12-19-26-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009486

In the matter of the name change of: DEIDRE ANN COOPER By (Petitioner) DEIDRE ANN COOPER

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: DEIDRE ANN COOPER TO: LEAH KATHERINE-LOUISE COOPER
Birth Certificate: DEIDRE ANN HOWARD

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: JANUARY 8, 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: 11-3-2025
BY THE COURT:
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Circuit Court Judge
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SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009656

In the matter of the name change of: KARLA GUADALUPE ESPINO HERNANDEZ By (Petitioner) KARLA GUADALUPE ESPINO HERNANDEZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: KARLA GUADALUPE ESPINO HERNANDEZ TO: KARLA GUADALUPE VALTIERRA HERNANDEZ
Birth Certificate: KARLA GUADALUPE ESPINO 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: JANUARY 8, 2026, TIME 10:15 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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Dated: 11-7-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. J.D. WATTS
Circuit Court Judge
565/11-12-19-26-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV9470

In the matter of the name change of: YAMINA ABIBATA BAKAYOKO By (Petitioner) FATOUMATA ALINE BAKAYOKO By (Co-Petitioner) ALI MARWAN BAKAYOKO

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: YAMINA ABIBATA BAKAYOKO to: ABIBATA YAMI BAKAYOKO
Birth Certificate: YAMINA ABIBATA BAKAYOKO

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 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: DECEMBER 17, 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: 11-12-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
Circuit Court Judge
566/11-12-19-26-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009620

In the matter of the name change of: JANINE RAE GASPACICH

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: JANINE RAE GASPACICH TO: JANINE RAE WEBER
Birth Certificate: JANINE RAE GASPACICH

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 19, 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: 11-6-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. J.D. WATTS
Circuit Court Judge
559/11-12-19-26-2025

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

Case No. 25CV009760 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: ERICA JOSEPHINE WEBER

By (Petitioner) ERICA JOSEPHINE WEBER

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: ERICA JOSEPHINE WEBER TO: ERICA VOXX RICHMOND
Birth Certificate: ERICA JOSEPHINE KOWALSKI

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 22, 2025, TIME 10:15 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: 11-12-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM POCAN
Circuit Court Judge
567/11-12-19-26-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV007125

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: MELANIE MARIE MERCADO By (Petitioner) CINTHIA LAURA GUEVARA MARQUEZ By (Co-Petitioner) DARIO MERCADO SERRATO

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: MELANIE MARIE MERCADO TO: ESPERANZA MARIE MERCADO
Birth Certificate: MELANIE MARIE MERCADO

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 2:00 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: 10-3-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM POCAN
Circuit Court Judge
569/11-12-19-26-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV9507

In the matter of the name change of: AMELIA GRACE LEFLORE By (Petitioner) ANTONIO LOGAN HERNANDEZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: AMELIA GRACE LEFLORE TO: MILES HENRY LEFLORE
Birth Certificate: AMELIA GRACE

LEFLORE

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 16, 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: 11-3-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. J.D. WATTS
Circuit Court Judge
570/11-19-26/12-3-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009814

In the matter of the name change of: BRITTANY D SUTTON By (Petitioner) BRITTANY D SUTTON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: BRITTANY DANIELLE SUTTON to: BRITTANY COPPER HARRIS
Birth Certificate: BRITTANY COPPER HARRIS

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 22, 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: 11-13-2025

BY THE COURT:
HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO
Circuit Court Judge
571/11-19-26/12-3-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV008344

In the matter of the name change of: ALAINA NEVEAH MAJEWSKI By (Petitioner) TAYLOR ROSE SUTTON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: ALAINA NEVEAH MAJEWSKI to: ALAINA NEVEAH SUTTON
Birth Certificate: ALAINA NEVEAH MAJEWSKI

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS RM 404 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2025, 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: 9-25-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS
Circuit Court Judge
572/11-19-26/12-3-2025

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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
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Signed: Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo, President/Publisher

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009813
In the matter of the name change of: MILA JEAN SUTTON
By (Petitioner) BRITTANY D SUTTON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: MILA JEAN SUTTON to: MILA JEAN HARRIS
Birth Certificate: MILA JEAN HARRIS

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 22, 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: 11-13-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO
Circuit Court Judge
573/11-19-26/12-3-2025
SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY DIVORCE – 40101 Case No. 25FA4238
In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: LOUISE CLAYTON and Respondent: JAMES CLAYTON

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 LOUISE CLAYTON 2749 N 59th St Milwaukee WI 53210

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 in-

formation from the Circuit Court Commissioner as set forth in 767.105 Wis. Stats.

Date: 11-18-2025
BY: LOUIS CLAYTON
575/11-19-26/12-3-2025
SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009620
In the matter of the name change of: JANINE RAE GASPARICH

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: JANINE RAE GASPARICH TO: JANINE RAE WEBER
Birth Certificate: JANINE RAE GASPARICH

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 19, 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: 11-6-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. J.D. WATTS
Circuit Court Judge
559/11-12-19-26-2025
SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009876
In the matter of the name change of: LATRESE MARIE JOHNSON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: LATRESE MARIE JOHNSON to: LATRESE MARIE MILTON
Birth Certificate: LATRESE MARIE HARLOW

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 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: DECEMBER 17, 2025, TIME 2:00 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: 11-17-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
Circuit Court Judge
578/11-19-26/12-3-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009976
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: TERRANCE JERIMIAH FLETCHER JR

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: TERRANCE JERIMIAH FLETCHER JR TO: TERRANCE JEREMIAH GRIFFIN
Birth Certificate: TERRANCE JERI-

MAH FLETCHER JR

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: JANUARY 6, 2026, 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: 11-19-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM POCAN
Circuit Court Judge
577/11-19-26/12-3-2025
SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 2025CV006606
In the matter of the name change of: ZYIER DEVON WILSON
By (Petitioner) SARENTHIA DENISE DAVIS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: ZYIER DEVON WILSON to: PRINCE' ZYIER DEVON DAVIS
Birth Certificate: ZYIER DEVON WILSON

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS RM 404 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE JANUARY 15, 2026, TIME 2:00 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: 11-14-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS
Circuit Court Judge
576/11-19-26/12-3-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009923
In the matter of the name change of: ROJSI PUKA
By (Petitioner) ROMEO PUKA
By (Co-Petitioner) JUGERTA PUKA

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: ROJSI PUKA to: ROYS PUKA
Birth Certificate: ROJSI PUKA

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 JANUARY 7, 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: 11-18-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. CYNTHIA DAVIS
Circuit Court Judge

574/11-19-26/12-3-2025

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY (SMALL CLAIMS) PUBLICATION SUMMONS AND NOTICE Case No. 2024SCO24928
Plaintiff(s) GOLDEN CHILD PROP-ERTIES N85W16110 Appleton Ave #1014 Menomonee Falls WI 53052 vs Defendant(s) CHARLES MASON 3815 N 82nd Street Milwaukee WI 53222
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 409 Address: 901 N 9TH Street City: 53233 Milwaukee State WI Zip 53233 on the following date and time: Date: DECEMBER 18, 2025, Time: 10:00 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: 11/20/2025
Plaintiff/Attorney
GOLDEN CHILD PROPERTIES
580/11-26-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV510079
In the matter of the name change of: DYLAN HENRIQUEZ
By (Petitioner) ENRIQUE DEL RIO
By (Co-Petitioner) CARINA Y HENRIQUEZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: DYLAN HENRIQUEZ to: DYLAN ENRIQUE DEL'RIO
Birth Certificate: DYLAN HENRIQUEZ

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 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: JANUARY 9, 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: 11-21-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
Circuit Court Judge
581/11-26/12-3-10-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV9818
In the matter of the name change of: SERGIO GAEL CARDENAS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: SERGIO GAEL CARDENAS to: SERGIO GAEL CARDENAS GOMEZ
Birth Certificate: SERGIO GAEL CARDENAS

In the matter of the name change of: BRENDA PEREZ GONZALEZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: BRENDA PEREZ GONZALEZ TO: BRENDA PEREZ ALVARADO
Birth Certificate: BRENDA PEREZ ALVARADO

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. PAUL VAN GRUNSVEN RM 206 PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE JANUARY 8, 2026, TIME 3:00 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: 11-14-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. PAUL VAN GRUNSVEN
Circuit Court Judge
582/11-26/12-3-10-2025

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY (SMALL CLAIMS) PUBLICATION SUMMONS AND NOTICE Case No. 2025SCO29207
Plaintiff(s) LARRY GENE TUCKER 3801 Clinton Ave Minneapolis MN 55409 vs Defendant(s) JOEL HANKINS 10311 W Fon Du Lac Ave Milwaukee WI 53224
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 22, 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.

Date: 11/20/2025
Plaintiff/Attorney
GOLDEN CHILD PROPERTIES
580/11-26-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV010168
In the matter of the name change of: JAQUIONDIA LASHAY BANKS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: JAQUIONDIA LASHAY BANKS to: X'LAIYEH ZAPANYIIA CACHE
Birth Certificate: JAQUIONDIA LASHAY BANKS

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: JANUARY16, 2026, 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: 11-25-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. REYNA MORALES
Circuit Court Judge
585/11-26/12-3-10-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009219
In the matter of the name change of: SERGIO GAEL CARDENAS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: SERGIO GAEL CARDENAS to: SERGIO GAEL CARDENAS GOMEZ
Birth Certificate: SERGIO GAEL CARDENAS

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 30, 2025, TIME 10:15 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: 10-23-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO
Circuit Court Judge

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV009984
In the matter of the name change of: YWANDA ORLENE BRYANT

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: YWANDA ORLENE BRYANT to: YWANDA ORLENE MCFARLAND
Birth Certificate: YWANDA ORLENE MCFARLAND

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 JANUARY 8, 2026 TIME 8:30 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: 11-19-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. CYNTHIA DAVIS
Circuit Court Judge
579/11-26/12-3-10-2025

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV010168
In the matter of the name change of: JAQUIONDIA LASHAY BANKS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: JAQUIONDIA LASHAY BANKS to: X'LAIYEH ZAPANYIIA CACHE
Birth Certificate: JAQUIONDIA LASHAY BANKS

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: JANUARY16, 2026, 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: 11-25-2025
BY THE COURT:
HON. REYNA MORALES
Circuit Court Judge
585/11-26/12-3-10-2025



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Don't stop your business from profiting and growing! Place your display or classified ad in YOUR MILWAUKEE Community Journal, the newspaper that has BLACK MILWAUKEE'S ATTENTION!



A Christmas Gift to the Community!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS MERRY CHRISTMAS

As the weeks move quickly to Thanksgiving and soon after to Christmas, we pause to thank every reader, advertiser, sponsor, anniversary honoree and our brilliant Dr. Terence N. Thomas Scholars for their patronage and support in 2025.

We wish each of you the best of the holiday season and invite you to send us a holiday remembrance of a deceased family member or friend that will be placed on our MCJ website.

How it works:

1. Each reader **MUST** submit their full name, phone number or email.
2. The name of the deceased loved one.
3. Your holiday message (200 words max) containing a memory of that person and why they are important to you.
4. A photo of the deceased person to whom the Christmas wish is intended **MUST** accompany the written expression.
5. Submit your message and photo entry to:
legacy@milwaukeecommunityjournal.com

Here's an Example:



Newspapers have experienced a very difficult 2025. The economy, changing news gathering options, reduced outlets available for minority news, funding! Determining new strategies for reaching our readership has been a daily, nightly focus. An example is our daily digital news, today. We've moved with the demands. We remember the savvy, tenacity and vigilance of Mr Robert Thomas this Thanksgiving. Circulation was his heart. He loved meeting the readers and teaching young boys and girls how to work clean, honest jobs, that taught responsibility, integrity and punctuality. Two years from his post as Associate Publisher, we celebrate his wisdom, his knowledge of Milwaukee families and his insistence on best ways to meet your customer where they are and help them see new possibility through MCJ. In this season of thanks, hope and light, we remember Mr. T and the many youngsters who helped us saturate the inner city with the Milwaukee Community Journal. —Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo.

Christmas Memorial Message – Terms & Conditions

By submitting a Holiday Memorial Message, you agree that your message will honor only someone who has passed away. Messages may not mention or refer to any living person for any reason. This protects community members and avoids legal issues involving privacy or defamation under Wisconsin law.

Your message must be positive, respectful, and appropriate for all ages. It cannot include private details about anyone living, personal disputes, sarcasm, or anything that could cause embarrassment or harm. You certify that the person you are honoring is deceased and that the information you submit is accurate and appropriate to share.

The newspaper has full discretion to edit, decline, or remove any message. Submitting a message does not guarantee publication. You understand that you are responsible for the content you provide and agree not to hold the newspaper or its staff liable for how your message is handled.

You may be contacted if we need to verify details. Your contact information will not be published.

Confirmation:

I confirm the person I'm honoring is deceased and my message does not reference any living individual.

Yes

Agreement:

I agree to the [Christmas Wishes/Message] Terms & Conditions.

I Agree

By selecting "I Agree," you confirm that you understand and accept these terms.

