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### The Return of... **"WE ARE THE DRUM!"**



Go to page eight for more photos by Yvonne Kemp and read details about this year's annual Black History Month event being performed again this weekend at John Marshall High School!

### **SAM'S PLACE JAZZ CAFÉ CLOSES ITS DOORS, LEAVES A LEGACY OF COMMUNITY, CULTURE, AND COFFEE**



'Sam's Place' Founder & Owner Sam Belton. (Photo courtesy of samsplacejazz.com)



### **No Place Like Home for 3,000 New Homeowners**

#### **FIRST PERSON**

By Mayor Cavalier Johnson

I'm proud to share a milestone that means so much to me personally: since 2023, more than 3,000 Milwaukee families have become homeowners. That's 3,000 families who now have a place to call their own, a foundation for their future, and a stronger connection to our neighborhoods and greater community.

This year, I've declared 2026 The Year of Housing because everything begins at home. Homeownership isn't just about having a roof over your head; it's about stability, opportunity, and pride in where you live. It's about building wealth,

strengthening communities, and investing in the future of our city.

This milestone wouldn't be possible without the incredible partnerships we've built with local organizations, nonprofits, and lenders who share our vision of making homeownership more accessible. Together, we're breaking down barriers, creating opportunities, and showing that with the right support, Milwaukeean can achieve the dream of owning a home.

To the 3,000 families who have joined the ranks of homeowners: congratulations. Your achievement is a win for you, your families, and our entire city. And for every Milwaukeean dreaming of owning a home, know that we're working every day to make that dream a reality.

### **County invites community input on new draft recommendations for future state project**

Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley recently announced the release of draft recommendations aimed at strengthening the County's services, policies, practices, and organizational structure.

These draft recommendations represent the next step toward advancing Milwaukee County's shared vision of becoming the healthiest county in Wisconsin.

The draft recommendations are preliminary and will be further refined through robust community engagement over the coming months.

This work is part of the Future



David Crowley

State Project, a comprehensive effort to reimagine how Milwaukee County serves everyone who lives, works, and plays in our community.

The draft recommendations cover several areas, including community engagement, County operations, housing, legal services, parks, public health, social

services, transit, and the zoo.

The draft recommendations were developed by consultants BerryDunn and Kairo Communications.

They were informed by the Current State Assessment and Gap Analysis report, which gives an overview of County programs and services while identifying gaps and opportunities for improvement.

The draft recommendations are also shaped by research on racial equity programming and services as well as overall health and quality of life in other communities across the country.

"As we consider the Future State Project's draft recommendations, Milwaukee County recognizes that our path forward

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On February 20, the melodious sound of jazz echoed for the last time off the four walls of Sam's Place Jazz Cafe, ending a five year run as a community gathering place for food, coffee, and connection.

Like many locally owned restaurants, Sam's Place Jazz Cafe, which was located at 3338 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, ended its run after navigating rising costs, chang-

ing consumer patterns, and the lasting impacts of broader economic trends.

Despite the challenges, Milwaukee's Jazziest Coffeehouse remained rooted in its mission: to nourish community, deliver locally roasted coffee, create space for connection, and contribute to the cultural fabric of Milwaukee through jazz music, both live and recorded.

"While this chapter is coming to a close, what we built together will always live on, in the relationships formed with neighbors, the memories shared with patrons, and the community we were honored to serve," said Sam Belton, the

founder and owner of the establishment that bared his name.

"We remain hopeful about what's next and grateful for the journey."

The day before its official closing, community members were invited to a Black History Soul Food lunch to share memories, express gratitude, and celebrate the legacy together.

Sam's Place's closing brings the number of jazz venues and festivals in the Metropolitan Milwaukee area to 38.

Since opening in 2021, Sam's Place has been more

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## MACC Fund Commits \$11.5 Million to Propel Pediatric Cancer Research at Versiti Blood Research Institute

The MACC Fund has committed \$11.5 million to advance pediatric cancer research at the Versiti Blood Research Institute, strengthening a long-standing partnership dedicated to improving outcomes for children facing leukemia and other blood disorders.

“The MACC Fund is proud to partner with the Versiti Blood Research Institute to spotlight and accelerate Versiti’s pioneering work in leukemia biology, immune discovery, and translational research. Kids deserve better treatment options. Kids deserve to be kids. By expanding our support, we’re empowering researchers to move discoveries from the lab to life-changing treatments, faster, smarter, and with renewed hope for every child to thrive,” said Becky Pinter, president and CEO of the MACC Fund.

The multiyear investment will accelerate high-impact research already underway in pediatric leukemia biology, immune system discovery and translational science that moves insights from the lab toward the bedside.

The commitment will support investigator recruitment and retention, expand translational research capacity, advance active clinical and laboratory studies, and provide sustained funding to pursue emerging scientific opportunities in pediatric leukemia.

There are two primary types of pediatric leukemia: acute lymphoblastic leukemia, or ALL, and the rarer acute myeloid leukemia, or AML. ALL is the most common

cancer among children, with more than 3,000 new cases diagnosed annually in the United States. While survival rates for ALL are approximately 90 percent, AML remains devastating, with nearly half of diagnosed children dying from the disease.

Versiti researchers are working to change that trajectory.

Current areas of study include:

- *Developing next-generation precision oncology immunotherapies*
- *Using CAR T-cell therapy to train patients' immune systems to fight cancer*
- *Building a basic understanding and clinical use of natural killer cells*
- *Reducing toxicity in existing treatments*
- *Applying artificial intelligence to bioinformatics to create more targeted, precise therapies*

Versiti currently has four faculty-level investigators leading pediatric leukemia research projects, with plans to add one to

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two more in the next 12 months.

The institute is conducting two active clinical and translational studies and six active scientific studies, supported by 20 research staff members. In the past two years alone, investigators have published 54 peer-reviewed publications.

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search capacity, advance active clinical and laboratory studies, and provide sustained funding to pursue emerging scientific opportunities in pediatric leukemia.

This expanded capacity aligns with the 79,000-square-foot Versiti Blood Research Institute expansion, providing the space and infrastructure to scale collaboration, equipment, and pilot projects that will translate discoveries into next-generation therapies for children. The expansion is on track to be completed and open to researchers in late 2026.

“When a community chooses to invest in research, it invests in a child’s future. The MACC Fund’s bold \$11.5 million commitment will fuel leading-edge scientific work at Versiti that has the potential to change outcomes for children facing cancer.

We are grateful for this partnership and committed to delivering breakthrough discoveries for families in need,” said Chris

Miskel, president and CEO of Versiti.

The MACC Fund has long mobilized community support to fuel childhood cancer research.

This investment reflects a shared commitment to strengthening scientific capacity, supporting leading investigators, and sustaining discovery that improves survival rates while reducing treatment toxicity for children.

This partnership underscores Milwaukee’s leadership in pediatric cancer research while contributing to discoveries that have the potential to impact children nationwide.



Community Advocates Inc. kicked off its 50th anniversary year with a February 27, 2026, housing-focused event held at America’s Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee. From L to R: Community Advocates COO Maudwella Kirkendoll, Community Advocates CEO Andi Elliott, Deputy Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Health & Human Services David Muhammad, Dr. Kirk E. Harris, Community Advocates Board President Sharon R. Jordan, Community Advocates Board Member Pamela Klein, America’s Black Holocaust Museum Executive Director Brad Pruitt, Community Advocates Chief Advancement Officer Deborah Heffner, Community Advocates Board Member Valerie Gabriel, and Community Advocates Public Policy Institute Senior Fellow David Riemer.

## Community Advocates Kicks Off 50th Anniversary Year with Recommitment to Core Issues

**“Where Meeting Basic Needs Inspires Hope”**

The nonprofit Community Advocates Inc. recently marked the beginning of its 50th anniversary with its “Reflecting on the Past, Shaping the Future for Housing Stability” gathering at America’s Black Holocaust Museum.

The event affirmed the organization’s commitment to serving Milwaukee community members struggling to meet their basic needs—including housing, safety, behavioral health, and economic self-sufficiency—while also working to improve systems to foster success and wellbeing.

“For 50 years, Community Advocates has nurtured dignity and hope by meeting urgent needs today while building stronger systems for tomorrow,” said Community Advocates CEO Andi Elliott. “As community needs grow more complex, our work is more essential than ever.

“This anniversary is not simply a celebration of our past—it is a launch point for the next chapter of impact, ensuring individuals and families in our community have the support, resources, and opportunity needed to thrive.”

Attendees were honored to hear from Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson, who explained why he declared 2026 the Year of Housing; Brad Pruitt, Executive Director of America’s Black Holocaust Museum, the event’s host; Community Advocates’ Board President Sharon R. Jordan; and David Muhammad, Deputy Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Health & Human Services, on the county’s investments in housing.

Keynote speaker Dr. Kirk E. Harris, a nationally recognized urban planner, provided a local perspective on federal housing policies, the affordable housing crisis, and a potential path out of the crisis through community wealth building.

Throughout 2026, Community Advocates will be organizing events to engage policy makers, stakeholders, and the community around the core issues that drive the organization’s mission.

Next up is Community Advocates’ selection as a partner in Light the Hoan’s Shine a Lite program in March. The iconic Milwaukee bridge will light up in the organization’s signature green, a symbol of growth, hope, healing, and vi-

talinity that reflects Community Advocates’ mission and impact.

On September 18, Community Advocates will celebrate its 50th anniversary at the Baird Center with community members, partners, supporters, and dignitaries.

**Housing Services for Stability and Safety**

Central to Community Advocates’ mission is providing access to housing that is safe, stable, affordable, and appropriate for the individuals and families who reside there. “Over the years, we’ve learned that housing is not—and can never be—a standalone service,” said Community Advocates COO Maudwella Kirkendoll. “It is the foundation that makes stability, long-term self-sufficiency, and the ability to thrive possible.”

Community Advocates provides a continuum of housing services to meet the unique needs of our community, including:

- Eviction prevention and housing stabilization services, including rental and energy assistance; tenant and landlord education; mediation and housing navigation; connection to legal and community resources; and proactive interventions designed to keep families safely housed and prevent displacement
- Homeless street outreach
- Emergency shelter for survivors of domestic violence and families experiencing homelessness
- Supportive, transitional, and permanent housing
- Behavioral health services, Batterer’s Intervention, and Substance Use Disorder treatment
- Case management and wraparound supports
- Public policy and systems advocacy

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**—Community Advocates CEO Andi Elliott**



## SAM’S PLACE JAZZ CAFE leaves legacy of community, culture, and coffee

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than a place to eat. It has been a space for celebration, conversation, live music, and community, supporting local artists, employing community members, and welcoming neighbors from near and far.

Bader Philanthropies invested in Sam’s Place to enable them to expand their facilities and meet the needs of Harambee neighbors, providing a space where community could gather.

“Bader Philanthropies moved to Harambee in 2018 to connect with human beings and to enrich how the Foundation sees its work,” said

Dan Bader, president/CEO of Bader Philanthropies. “Sam’s Place enabled people from around Milwaukee to engage in meaningful dialogue and imagine what is possible for our community.”

“Bader Philanthropies’ support of our business was more than an investment,” added Belton. “It was a statement of their belief in me and this community. We are thankful for their commitment and for standing with us as we grew a space where everyone belongs.”

—Source for this article: Athena Communications

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## THE NEW 'MILWAUKEE COUNTY CENTER FOR YOUTH' TO OPEN FEATURING TREATMENT-FOCUSED CARE

**The goal to serve youth closer to home is being realized since the passage of Act 185**

On Thursday, March 5, at 10 a.m., Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley will be joined by county, state, and local leaders to officially open the new Milwaukee County Center for Youth (MCCY) with an interactive open house event giving visitors the opportunity to see the facility and experience firsthand the programming and services youth will receive.

The facility is located within the Vel R. Phillips Youth & Family Justice Center, 10201 Watertown Plank Rd., Milwaukee.

The new facility will serve up to 32 young people at a time in a treatment-oriented secure residential setting designed to foster growth, accountability, and successful reintegration into the community.

Serving youth closer to home has been the goal of County Executive Crowley and Milwaukee County's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for years.

In 2018, the Wisconsin State Legislature enacted Wisconsin Act 185 to reform the state's juvenile corrections system by replacing Lincoln Hills & Copper Lake Schools with smaller, regional Secure Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCCYs).

The goal was to place young people closer to home, in safer and more treatment-focused environments, while maintaining strong community ties and supporting successful reentry.

During his time in the Wisconsin State Legislature, County Executive Crowley worked with a bipartisan group of lawmakers to pass Act 185.

## WMLW 'The M' Announces "Basketball Day" March 7

**All Day Programming Celebrates the Game of Basketball**

Milwaukee's WMLW 'The M' honors the game of basketball on March 7 with "Basketball Day: Celebrating the Game" — a full day of basketball games and basketball-themed programming.

In addition to specials, 'The M' will feature two live basketball games airing exclusively on local television. At 1:00 p.m., the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Girls Sectional showcases two outstanding high school teams vying for the state championship. Then at 6:30 p.m., coverage shifts to the pros as Bucks Live leads into the Milwaukee Bucks' matchup against the Utah Jazz.

"Basketball Day" special programming includes:

- Too Short, Too Slow: America's Most Unlikely Basketball Dynasty (a documentary on Bo Ryan's successful run as coach of the UW-Platteville men's basketball team);
- Collector's Call: Host Lisa Whelchel shares some of the most expansive and expensive basketball collections in the country;
- Deer Wisconsin: This new episode features an exclusive one-on-one with new Bucks President Josh Glessing;
- CBS 58 Sports Special: Hear from hometown stars Kon Kneupel, John McGlocklin and more.

"Milwaukee has a loyal basketball fanbase, and we're celebrating the game like no one else," said Anne Brown, Vice President and General Manager of WMLW. "As a proud partner of the Milwaukee Bucks, we're excited to dedicate the entire day of March 7th to the game we love."

CBS 58 (WDJT), WMLW 'The M', and Telemundo Wisconsin (WYTU) are the Milwaukee Bucks over-the-air broadcast partners for the 2025-26 NBA season. The complete schedule of games can be viewed at [wmlw.com](http://wmlw.com).

Free over-the-air television provides fans an easy and affordable way to watch the Milwaukee Bucks. Broadcast antennas to watch over-the-air television are widely available for purchase.

WMLW "The M" is seen over-the-air on channels 49.1 & 58.3, Spectrum channels 1007 & 608, DirecTV channel 49, Dish Network channel 49, and AT&T U-Verse channel 1007.

CBS 58 (WDJT) Viewers can watch CBS 58 over-the-air on channel 58.1, Spectrum channels 5/9/605/1005, DIRECTV channel 58, DISH Network channel 58, AT&T U-Verse channels 5 & 1005, TDS channel 5, Packerland channels 13 & 5.1, YouTube TV, CBS All Access, Hulu + Live TV, Fubo, and DIRECTV Stream.

transportation to the culminating competition event - ensuring attendance and access regardless of financial barriers.

**Free Alumni Rehearsals**  
Location: Milwaukee Youth Arts Center (325 W. Walnut St.)  
Dates: Saturdays, March 7 & March 21  
Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM

No registration required. Practice videos will also be shared on Danceworks' social media channels for those unable to attend in person. Danceworks is also inviting alumni to reconnect by sharing their "Mad Hot Memories" and stories from years past. Fill out this form or reach out to [jcook@danceworksmke.org](mailto:jcook@danceworksmke.org) with your memories.

**Sponsors & Supporters Welcome**

Danceworks wants to make the celebration as joyful as possible and is actively seeking audience members, alumni, and sponsors who want to invest in the next generation of dancers. Sponsorship opportunities include:

- \$10,000 – Boogie Bus:** Provides transportation for participating students
- \$5,000 – Shuffle Off to Buffalo:** Funds tap shoes and shoe repairs
- \$1,000 – Support in Style:** Supplies commemorative student T-shirts
- \$500 – Spotlight Sponsor:** Covers trophies and awards
- \$150 – Road to Rhythm:** Supports individual student dance scholarships

For more information, please reach out to Julieane Cook, Executive Director of Danceworks [jcook@danceworksmke.org](mailto:jcook@danceworksmke.org).

**DANCE WORKS MKE**

**MAD HOT RHYTHM COMPETITION**

**Danceworks Mad Hot Rhythm Program Celebrates 20 Years**

More than 1,000 fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students from 35 Milwaukee-area classrooms are lacing up their dance shoes and stepping into the spotlight as Danceworks, Inc. celebrates the 20th anniversary of Mad Hot Rhythm, its beloved in-school dance education program in partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools and area schools.

What began in 2006 as a pilot in just three schools has grown into a citywide movement, serving over 40,000 students and introducing young dancers to an array of styles including African Jazz, Tango, Tap, Salsa, Waltz, Hip Hop, Swing, Cha-Cha, Rumba, Bollywood, and more.

Each participating classroom receives 30 hours of professional instruction, tap shoes, and

## U.S. House Representatives Moore, Garcia, Scholten lead effort to commemorate 'School Social Work Week' and increase pipeline of school social workers

Representatives Gwen Moore (WI-04), Hillary Scholten (MI-03), and Sylvia Garcia (TX-29) introduced a bill earlier this week recognizing March 2nd – March 6th as School Social Work Week and legislation establishing a grant program to recruit and retain school social workers.



**Cong. Moore**

"School social workers provide critical services to our students, including mental health care, said Rep. Moore..

"With so many of our young people facing mental health struggles, we must address the shortage of these social workers in our schools, so students don't feel alone and can access the support they need.

Moore continued: "Our legislation helps our students and recognizes school social workers' life-changing work in our communities."

"Every single day, school social workers across the country work tirelessly to help students overcome mental health challenges, bullying, and stress both inside and outside of the classroom.

"When I worked as a social worker, I saw firsthand how the support of school social workers improved the lives of children, their families, and the broader community.

"As Chair of the Congressional Social Work Caucus, I'm proud to support the following legislation recognizing School Social Work Week and to advocate for more professionals in schools.

"I encourage everyone to thank our school social workers, because their success plays a vital role in shaping our future leaders," said Rep. Garcia.

"During School Social Work Week, we recognize the incredible school social workers across West Michigan and our whole country who show up for our students every day," said Rep. Scholten.

"At a time when so many young people are facing mental health challenges, school social workers provide critical support that helps students feel safe and supported.

"Their work removes barriers, connects families with vital resources, and helps create an environment where every child has the opportunity to thrive.

"I'm proud to lead this effort to make sure their services are available to every student who needs them, and I'm grateful for their deep commitment to our communities."

School social workers are mental health professionals and provide many services, including leading crisis intervention, sup-

porting behavioral management in the classroom, creating educational programs, and serving as a community-liaison to provide child-specific resources and support to families.

The School Social Work Association of America and other professional organizations recommend one school social worker for every 250 students.

However, according to the National School Counselor Association, the national ratio is 408 students to one school social worker.

The School Social Workers Improving Student Success Act Summary Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a grant program to fund additional school social workers and retain school social workers.

Grants will be awarded to elementary and secondary schools to hire and retain the minimum ratio of one school social worker for every 250 students and one school social worker for every 50 students for high need areas

Establishes the National Technical Assistance Center for School Social Work which would provide strategies on improving the effectiveness of school social work, identify areas of improvement for school social work programs, work with agencies on disseminating data on best practices, and establish school social work development programming. —Source: *The office of Rep. Moore*

## Crowley Commits to Veterans Property Tax Relief and National Guard Benefits Reform

County Executive David Crowley pledged to sign the proposal to lower the eligibility threshold to expand property tax relief for disabled veterans and their surviving spouses as governor.

"Our disabled veterans have earned this relief and shouldn't have to fight for it. Lowering this threshold is common sense and I will sign it the moment it hits my desk as governor. And for our National Guard members deployed in Iran right now — service is service. No red tape should stand between them and the complete federal benefits they've earned," said County Executive David Crowley.

As governor, Crowley will also advocate to ensure State Active Duty service counts toward federal VA eligibility, push for immediate VA healthcare access for all Guard members regardless of deployment length, and support simplifying veteran status recognition so every Guard member who completes their service receives the

full benefits they have earned.

Under current federal law, National Guard members typically only qualify for "earned" federal benefits, like the Post-9/11 GI Bill and VA Home Loans, after completing 90 days of qualifying service. Guard members serving on Title 10 federal orders that serve less than those 90 days do not earn these benefits unless they are discharged for a service-connected disability after serving at least 30 continuous days.

While Title 32 federal orders can count toward VA Home Loans after 90 days, they do not count toward the GI Bill unless the mission is authorized in response to a national emergency declared by the President. National Guard members authorized by the governor to serve State Active Duty, do not qualify for federal VA benefits. This leaves many Guard members without access to the same tuition assistance, housing stability, and federal disability protections as their active-duty counterparts, despite facing the same risks.

These distinctions, Title 10, Title 32, State Active Duty, mean nothing to the men and women wearing the uniform while they are serving. They mean everything when a Guard member comes home and tries to use the GI Bill, buy a house, or access VA healthcare. David Crowley believes that if you served, you earned it. As governor, he will fight to make sure the law reflects that.

## County invites community input on new draft recommendations for future state project

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must reflect the perspectives and lived experience of people across our vibrant and diverse community," said County Executive Crowley.

"I encourage residents to get involved and share their thoughts and reflections on these draft recommendations.

"Everyone has a unique point of view to contribute, as we chart a course together towards a healthier future for Milwaukee County."

Residents are invited to get involved and provide feedback on the draft recommendations in four ways.

Review the draft recommendations. Visit the Future State website to read the draft recommendations and learn more about the Future State project: [county.milwaukee.gov/FutureStateProject](http://county.milwaukee.gov/FutureStateProject).

Complete a survey. Residents can share input on the draft recommendations through an online survey. The survey is available HERE and will be available until Friday, April 3, 2026.

Register to attend one of six community listening sessions. During the listening sessions, the Future State Project team will briefly present on the draft recommendations. Most of the session will focus on hearing attendees' reflections on the draft recommendations. Below are the details for the upcoming Future State community listening sessions. Registration is strongly encouraged to ensure all attendees can be comfortably accommodated. Listening session registration is available HERE.

Tuesday, March 3, 2026, from 6:00 PM – 7:30

PM: Franklin Public Library, Fadow Room, 9151 W. Loomis Road, Franklin

Wednesday, March 4, 2026, from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM: Kosciuszko Community Center, Community Room, 2201 S. 7th Street, Milwaukee (Traducción al español disponible)

Thursday, March 5, 2026, from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM: Brown Deer Public Library, Community Room, 4301 W. Brown Deer Road, Brown Deer

Monday, March 9, 2026, from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM: Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W. Vliet Street, Milwaukee

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, from 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM: Hosted by 5Points Neighborhood Association at Grace Fellowship Church of Milwaukee, 3879 N. Port Washington Road, Milwaukee

Thursday, March 12, 2026, from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM: ThriveOn King, Neighborhood Hall, 2153 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Milwaukee

Everyone has a role in shaping the future of Milwaukee County. Residents are encouraged to invite others to participate.

Milwaukee County believes that achieving equity in all measurable areas is essential to becoming the healthiest county in Wisconsin. This community engagement effort is a crucial step in understanding the needs and perspectives of County residents to ensure that our policies and programs are effective and inclusive.

Questions can be directed to the Future State Project team at [SHFutureStateProject@milwaukee-countywi.gov](mailto:SHFutureStateProject@milwaukee-countywi.gov).



# Man! I hope and pray I don't get sent to 'H-E-double hockey sticks' for this column!

Assuming the Ethiopian Bible is the definitive essence of God's fireside chat, He/She never created whites (people) to occupy planet earth.

Let me say this again, in the King's English/Black English/Ebonics/Swahili: the concept of whiteness was first conceptualized in a play written by Thomas Middleton on October 29, in 1613. The play was ironically called 'The Triumphs of Truth', which it wasn't.

Even more sardonic than my column, the reference was uttered by an African King, who declared to an English audience, "I see amazement set upon the faces of these 'white' people."

The earliest references to 'ethnicity' were found in the Ethiopian bible (centuries before Christianity) written by people of color (aka chocolate folks from rich dark to vanilla...or, white chocolate) who referred to people of the Mediterranean by country---Romans, Greeks, and (Southern) Spanish---and not colorization (according to Google Search). They were only painted ---reclassified as white---to create a global system of racial apartheid based on the erroneous and injudicious belief that God was a Redneck. Excuse my French, whose people 'crackers' or 'pale-faced.'

Nowhere in the Bible — Ethiopian or KJV — is God/Allah/Jehovah/Nyame referenced by color. Indeed, I would offer that He/She is a spirit, or as those bibles state, we were made in His/Her image, which implies that since we were the first 'people,' God was a brother (or sistah).

As noted in historical documents, 'Most of the early depictions of Biblical people had dark hair, skin, and eyes with African and Middle Eastern features. In early Europe, biblical figures were depicted as dark-skinned and painted as such.'

They can be found throughout the Mediterranean/Southern Europe.

To add to your confusion, the 'Lord's Prayer' spoken in Aramaic (the language used by Jesus) starts off with 'Mother/ Father of the universe.' Hmmm.

I brought this up because my annual Black History Month presentation at my church (House of Grace Ministries) needed an impassioned wake-up call.

My fellow parishioners had grown tired of my obsession with biblical slavery and the failure/refusal of the non-chocolate church to combat the evils of that racist institution (save for Quakers).

So I sought a different Black History Month presentation, which actually concluded on Sunday, March 1. Think about that paradox, which I blamed on whoever wrote the calendar. Isn't it redundant



that my niece was born on February 29th, which means she is 22 when she is actually 40-something?

But that is an aside, and for the record, she's a beautiful and single woman with a master's degree. Hint, hint, hint.

Caucasian slave owners justified their bigotry on the ridiculous interpretation of biblical scripture (KJV) concerning Noah's curse of Ham (not to be confused with 'hamburger').

For generations, we hated ourselves and identified not as colored, but niggers (n-word).

Muhammad Ali used to say, black represents evil, inferior---chocolate cake vs. Angel Food Cake, positivity. We represent all that is bad, and Donald Trump (vanilla with yellow hair?) is everything positive. Sugar, honey ice tea. See how ridiculous racism is?

I know your head is spinning, so let me speed it up or slow it down.

There is reason beyond coincidence that the Ethiopians wrote (arguably) the first bible and became the first Christian nation (330 AD). The King James Version was written in 1611. Moreover, Christianity in Africa predates Europe by 400 years. But Europeans rewrote it and added questionable scripture.

And here's another smoke grenade I threw at the congregants: There is a strong belief that Judaism had its roots in Kemet--aka Egypt. Can you escape the historical reality that Kemet introduced a virgin birth, had a trinity, and a child who would rule and educate the world?

I'm not trying to debate religion or create a controversy. Tune in

to AfrikanPerspectives.com for more information about Kemet and its religious foundation (they were the first to acknowledge a single god). Two DNA tests reveal my connection to Liberia, via Nigeria, and that I am originally from Kemet, as one of the hundreds of children of the seed of Rameses III.

My actual point of the church lecture was to trace the origins of whiteness from a biblical perspective and the essence of Christianity and its roots from an African perspective.

As in most cases, it starts with us---read Genesis. Equally important, we have to move from this nonsensical belief that there are races, with white at the top of

the pyramid. Whiteness is a political, cultural construct that continues to this day, with the gullibility of Americans who believed Donald Trump would make a dollar out of 15 cents.

White(ness) was created to give poor Caucasians a sense of power, and the wealthy control, a construct that continues to this day as they send their sons and daughters to kill their non-white Middle Eastern cousins to acquire oil.

Two centuries ago, it was about cotton and tobacco.

The Civil War was fought over economics and racism. It was also the Old Testament versus the New Covenant.

I'll conclude as I did during the extended chocolate month lecture.

There are two ways to end colorization in America (or at least the Northside of Milwaukee):

First, eliminate all references to color. Period!!! No black, white, or yellow. Wake up in the morning and say to yourself, your wife, children, and neighbors, there is but one race---the human race---and we are all created in His/Her image.

Secondly, allow my grandson, who is parented by a chocolate father and vanilla mama (who are incidentally married-- another endangered species), to marry an Asian (not yellow) woman, and their offspring marry a Native American, who in turn will hook up with a singer. At the end, we will have a 'high yellow, nappy-haired, slanted-eyed ethnic, with rhythm.

Created in God's image. **Hotep.**



Source: JIM WATSON / Getty

## Barack Obama And Bill Clinton To Attend Jesse Jackson Homegoing Service In Chicago

Chicago will become the center of reflection and remembrance on March 6 and 7 as political leaders, entertainers, and community members gather to celebrate the life of Reverend Jesse L. Jackson.

By Shannon Dawson, article courtesy of newsone.com

Chicago will become the center of reflection and remembrance on March 6 and 7 as political leaders, civil rights advocates, entertainers, and community members gather to celebrate the extraordinary life of Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, according to a press release. The fearless civil rights leader passed away Feb. 17 at the age of 84.

Several prominent national figures have confirmed their attendance, including former Presidents Bill Clinton, Barack Obama, and Joseph Biden.

They will be joined by former First Lady Dr. Jill Biden and former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, highlighting the profound national impact of Jackson's decades-long fight for civil rights and social justice.

The public homegoing service, titled The People's Celebration, will take place Friday, March 6, at the House of Hope on Chicago's Far South Side. Officiating the service will be Dr. Charles Jenkins and Rev. James T. Meeks.

The program will also feature remarks from an array of distinguished voices, including Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Chicago Cubs owner Tom Ricketts, businessman Jim Reynolds, and Rabbi Sharon Brous.

Music, a cornerstone of Jackson's ministry and activism, will play a powerful role in the tribute. Award-winning EGOT recipient Jennifer Hudson is scheduled to perform, alongside gospel greats Bebe Winans and Pastor Marvin Winans.

Doors will open to the media at 8 a.m. and to the public at 9 a.m., with services beginning at 11 a.m. Seating will be general admission, and early arrival is strongly encouraged.

Rev. Jesse Jackson's homegoing service will continue with a commemoration event on Saturday, March 7, at the Rainbow PUSH Coalition headquarters, the very organization Jackson founded and led as a vehicle for economic empowerment and social change.

The Celebration of Life service will begin at 10 a.m., following media check-in at 8 a.m. and public doors opening at 9 a.m.

Saturday's musical tributes will feature Grammy Award-winning gospel artists Marvin Sapp and Hezekiah Walker, as well as R&B singer Terisa Griffin. Music legend Stevie Wonder will also give a special tribute performance.

As friends, family, dignitaries, and everyday citizens gather, the two-day memorial will stand not only as a farewell but as a testament to a life devoted to justice, equality, and the Rev. Jesse Jackson's incredible faith.

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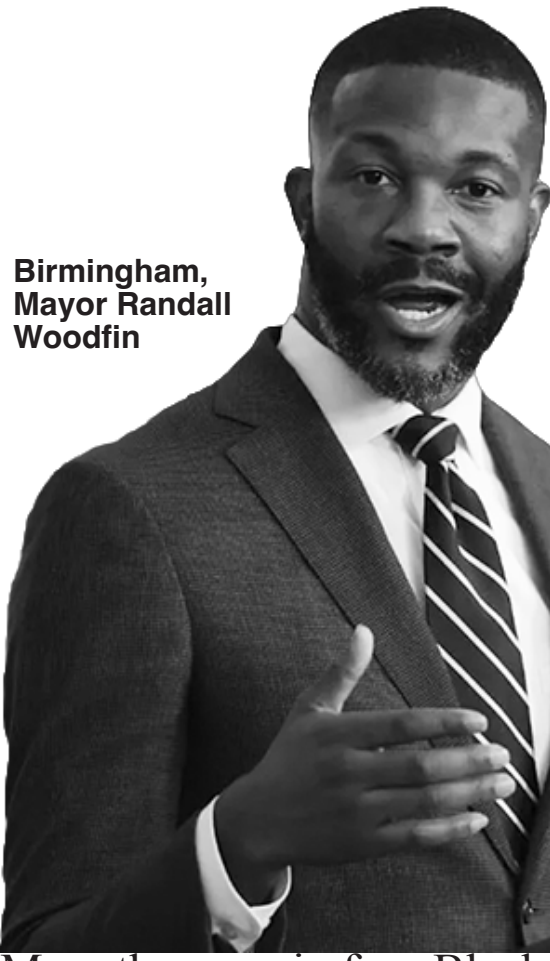
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**WE HAVE BLACK MILWAUKEE'S ATTENTION!**

Birmingham, Mayor Randall Woodfin



# Black Male Initiative

## The Democratic Mayor Who's Getting Black Men Right

By Kevin Harris and Richard McDaniel

More than one in four Black men voted for Donald Trump in 2024. Democrats can either spend the next four years wondering why, or they can look at what Mayor Randall Woodfin is doing in Birmingham and get to work.

Woodfin's new Black male initiative builds directly on the success of Birmingham Promise, his administration's scholarship program that helps fund tuition for Birmingham graduates attending college or credential programs. Birmingham Promise was not built on slogans or symbolic gestures.

It was built on a clear premise to remove concrete financial barriers, create structured pathways to opportunity, and trust that Black men can rise faster when the system stops pushing them down.

That philosophy is now being expanded through Woodfin's Black Male initiative to engage one of the most economically marginalized and politically overlooked groups in the country.

The initiative centers on workforce training, paid pathways, mentorship, and wraparound supports, recognizing the real constraints that working-class Black men face, including unstable employment, limited access to credentials, and limited professional networks.

This is not about DEI as some conservative critics will claim. Woodfin is simply doing what any good Mayor should and investing in the necessary infrastructure to ensure the city is positioned for growth. Critics don't fear this truth.

What they fear is the political power that can be unlocked when Black men move from disengagement to engagement because concrete action is taken to improve their lives.

For decades, African Americans have supported Democratic presidential candidates by overwhelming margins.

In 2024, Black voters overall backed Kamala Harris by roughly four to one, with about 78 percent supporting her and 18 percent supporting Donald Trump.

But national exit polls and post-election analyses show that this level of support has softened among Black men.

In 2024, Trump's share of the Black vote roughly doubled from 2020 levels, and more than one-quarter of Black men supported him at the polls, a significant shift from prior years.

These trends are striking not because Black men have become a solidly Republican group because they have not. The problem for Democrats is that even small shifts can affect outcomes in key states and congressional districts where every eligible Black vote is needed just to squeak out a victory.

And this movement among Black men did not occur in a vacuum. Black men are a part of the dissatisfied working-class who feel their economic grievances go unaddressed by the Democratic Party.

Woodfin's approach cuts through that dissatisfaction. Programs like Birmingham Promise and the Black male initiative send a clear message that the government can still work for people who punch clocks, raise families, and live paycheck to paycheck.

Mayor Woodin understands that when a young Black man sees tuition covered, job training paid for, or a direct pipeline into a career that supports a family, politics stops being abstract.

It becomes personal, and with that comes more motivation to show up for the party that is showing up fighting for them.

This is exactly where Democrats should be leaning nationally. Working-class Black men do not want another commission about our strug-

gles or vague promises of future opportunity. Black men want apprenticeships tied to real jobs.

Black men want tuition-free access to credentials that lead to wages, not debt. Black men want direct investment in the places they already live, learn, and work.

Black men want the politicians we vote for to understand the distinct labor market penalties, higher unemployment volatility, and fewer second chances confronting Black men every day.

Black men want elected officials with the courage to do what Mayor Woodfin has done and say plainly that ignoring the realities of Black men does not create fairness but instead entrenches inequality.

Mayor Woodin's policies work because they are simple, transparent, outcome-driven, and address directly what Black men need to see from Democrats.

When Democrats invest in working-class Black men, they are not "taking a risk." The real risk is leaving behind the thousands of disengaged Black men in key battleground states who would vote Democrat because we fear that speaking to Black men directly will alienate some white rural and suburban voters who left the party decades ago and aren't returning anytime soon. If a program like the Black Male Initiative bothers them, they aren't voting Democrat. End of story.

The Black male voters Democrats send in states like Pennsylvania, Georgia, and Michigan aren't asking for much. They're asking for what Woodfin already gave Birmingham.

The party that figures that out first wins. The one that doesn't will spend another election night looking for answers that were never that hard to find.



—Kevin Harris (at left) and Richard McDaniel (at right) are veteran Democratic strategists with over 100 political campaigns between them, including the past five presidential elections and several congressional races. They co-host "Maroon Bison Presents: The Southern Comfort Podcast."



## Everything We Know About The Conflict In Iran

Four U.S. service members have already died as a result of the conflict in Iran, along with Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and 153 civilians.

By Joe Jurado, article courtesy of newsone.com

Last week Saturday, many of us woke up to the news that the United States and Israel launched joint strikes on Iran.

This has been a confusing, fast-moving, and continually changing situation that raises plenty of questions. Below you'll find everything we know about the ongoing conflict in Iran.

### Why Did The U.S. Strike Iran?

The Trump administration was in ongoing negotiations with Iran over its efforts to build a nuclear bomb.

President Barack Obama already negotiated a nuclear accord with Iran in 2015 before Trump pulled out of it in 2018 during his first term.

Before negotiations for a new deal came to a close, CBS News reports that President Donald Trump authorized "Operation Epic Fury" on Friday afternoon. In a Truth Social post, Trump

said the strikes were to "ensure that Iran does not obtain a nuclear weapon."

"We're going to destroy their missiles and raze their missile industry to the ground. It will be totally again obliterated," he said in an eight-minute video posted on Truth Social on Saturday morning.

The New York Times reports that Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth held a news conference alongside General Dan Caine on Monday, during which he was evasive about the long-term goals of Operation Epic Fury.

Hegseth said the primary goals of the operation are to "Destroy Iranian missiles, destroy Iranian missile production, destroy their navy and other security infrastructure, and they will never have nuclear weapons."

Hegseth added that while this wasn't "a regime change war," he noted that "the regime sure did change."

This was in reference to Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei being among the early casualties of the Saturday strikes.

This is in stark contrast to Israel's stance, where Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said that "forging the conditions for the brave Iranian people to remove the yoke of tyranny" is one of the goals of the operation.

There's also been a lack of clarity or cohesiveness as to what the U.S. hopes to accomplish with the sudden regime change in Iran.

Trump has reportedly been in favor of a regime change similar to what was done in Venezuela, a much smaller country with radically different cultural

norms.

After U.S. military forces forcibly removed Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro from office, the current regime was allowed to stay in place as long as it followed U.S. directions.

"What we did in Venezuela, I think, is the perfect, the perfect scenario," Trump said on Monday.

Despite advisers informing Trump that what worked in Venezuela cannot work in Iran, he's still committed to that course of action.

### How Extensive Are The Casualties?

Khamenei is not the only Iranian official who's been killed in the ongoing strikes. So far, the Head of the National Defense Council Ali Shamkhani, Defense Minister Aziz Nasirzadeh, Chief of Iran's Armed Forces Sayyid Abdolrahim Mousavi, Intelligence Chief Salah Asadi, and Hassan Jabal Amelian, the head of Iran's advanced weapons program.

Additionally, a strike on a school led to the deaths of 153 Iranian civilians, including children. As strikes continue to bombard Iran, that number will undoubtedly continue to rise.

Four U.S. service members have already been killed in Iran, with General Caine noting that "We expect to take additional losses."

### What Was Iran's Response?

Iran has responded by launching missile strikes at several countries in the Middle East with U.S. military bases.

According to BBC News, Qatar, Bahrain, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, and Kuwait have been targeted, along

with Oman and Saudi Arabia. Iran has also launched strikes against Israel, which have killed nine people.

They have since expanded their strikes by targeting key energy sites across the Middle East, according to CNN.

David Oxley, chief commodities economist at Capital Economics, told CNN that these strikes could cause the situation to "spiral" and drive "much bigger" moves in energy prices.

### How Long Will This Last?

That is the big question, and the Trump administration hasn't given a straightforward answer. Trump said on Monday that the administration "projected four to five weeks, but we have the capability to go far longer than that. We'll do it."

During Monday's news conference, Hegseth shot down criticism that the United States could potentially be starting another endless war in the Middle East. "This is not Iraq," Hegseth said. "This is not endless."

As of now, the operation has been conducted through air-strikes, but there has been very little clarity as to whether or not troops will be deployed to Iran.

"I don't have the yips with respect to boots on the ground — like every president says, 'There will be no boots on the ground.' I don't say it," Trump said on Monday.

So there ya have it, folks. When I said I wanted the Y2K era come back, I meant through good Halo games, and white boys starting bands instead of podcasts, not the destabilization of yet another Middle Eastern country for vague reasons tied to nonexistent weapons of mass destruction.

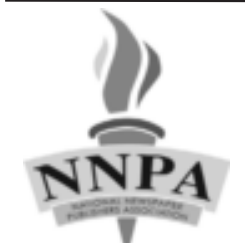


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**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV1083**

In the matter of the name change of: LUCINDA GAYLA IZZO

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: LUCINDA GAYLA IZZO TO: LUCINDA GAYLA GURUNG  
Birth Certificate: LUCINDA GAYLA IZZO

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 MARCH 24, 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: 2-9-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. PAUL VAN GRUNSVEN  
Circuit Court Judge  
044/2-18-25/3-4-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV001256**

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: CHRYSLER ULISER CIFUENTES CALDERON  
By (Petitioner) KAREN NAVELI CALDERON VILLAGRAN

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: CHRYSLER ULISER CIFUENTES CALDERON TO: CHRYSLER ULISER CALDERON VILLAGRAN  
Birth Certificate: CHRYSLER ULISER CIFUENTES CALDERON

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: MARCH 31, 2026 TIME 2:00 P.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
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Dated: 2-13-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. WILLIAM POCAN  
Circuit Court Judge  
051/2-18-25/3-4-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25CV1376**

In the matter of the name change of: ROSE JESSIE-LEIGH NEWHAUSER

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: ROSE JESSIE-LEIGH NEWHAUSER to: JAMES DEAN MADDEN  
Birth Certificate: ROSE JESSIE-LEIGH NEWHAUSER

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: APRIL 3, 2026, 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: 2-17-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. JEAN M KIES  
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. 26CV001353**

In the matter of the name change of: SHAUNTE RENEE FERGUSON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: SHAUNTE RENEE FERGUSON to: KELILAH RENEE FERGUSON  
Birth Certificate: SHAUNTE RENEE FERGUSON

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: APRIL 1, 2026, TIME 3:00 P.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
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Dated: 2-18-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN  
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. 26CV001309**

In the matter of the name change of: JARED CHAD SMITH

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: JARED CHAD SMITH to: JARED CHAD RINKSMITH  
Birth Certificate: JARED CHAD SMITH

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: MARCH 25, 2026, TIME 9:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
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Dated: 2-16-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK  
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. 26CV000546**

In the matter of the name change of: ELLA JOSEPHINE MOTT  
By (Petitioner) ELLA JOSEPHINE MOTT

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: ELLA JOSEPHINE MOTT to: TIER JOSEPH WODUSHEK-MOTT  
Birth Certificate: ELLA JOSEPHINE MOTT

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 APRIL 8, 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: 2-3-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS  
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. 26CV000526**

In the matter of the name change of: AMANDA MARIE LOWE  
By (Petitioner) AMANDA MARIE LOWE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: Amanda Marie Lowe TO: Amanda Marie Akili  
Birth Certificate: Amanda Marie Lowe

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: MARCH 17, 2026, TIME 10:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
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Dated: 1-22-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. J.D. WATTS  
Circuit Court Judge  
047/2-18-25/3-4-2026

**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUMMONS WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN Case No. 25FA006969 Divorce: 40101**

ANTONIA LOPEZ DIAZ 3424 W Hayes Ave Milwaukee WI 53215 Petitioner and JAVIER BERNAL SANCHEZ 3424 W Hayes Ave Milwaukee WI 53215 Respondent

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, to the person named above as a respondent  
  
You are hereby notified that your spouse has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Petitioner, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.  
Within 20 days of receiving this Summons, you must provide a written response, as that term is used in Ch. 802, Wis. Stats., to the Petition. The Court may reject or disregard a response that does not follow the requirements of the statutes.

The response must be sent or delivered to the following government office: Milwaukee County RM 104 Milwaukee County 901 N 9th St. Milwaukee WI 53233.

The response must also be mailed or delivered within 20 days to the petitioner at the address above.  
It is recommended, but not required, that you have an attorney help or repre-

sent you.  
  
If you do not provide a proper response within 20 days, the court may grant judgment against you and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

A judgement may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment 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.

Dated in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 5th day of December 2025  
BY: ANTONIA LOPEZ DIAZ  
048/2-18-25/3-4-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV1134**

In the matter of the name change of: PARIS PHILLIP-DARNELL MURRAY  
By (Petitioner) PARIS PHILLIP-DARNELL MURRAY

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: PARIS PHILLIP-DARNELL MURRAY TO: SALVADOR ALEXANDER BROWN JR  
Birth Certificate: PARIS PHILLIP-DARNELL MURRAY

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 MARCH 24, 2026, TIME 10:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
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Dated: 2-10-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. PAUL VAN GRUNSVEN  
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. 26CV001299**

In the matter of the name change of: WILLIAM KIMBERLY CRUMBLE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: WILLIAM KIMBERLY CRUMBLE TO: MYRON ALLEN WILBURN  
Birth Certificate: WILLIAM KIMBERLY CRUMBLE

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: APRIL 10, 2026, TIME 11:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
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Dated: 2-16-2026  
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**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV001215**

In the matter of the name change of: ALICIA ROSE STAMPFLI

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A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: ALICIA ROSE STAMPFLI TO:

ROSE ALICIA STAMPFLI  
Birth Certificate: ALICIA ROSE BRZESKI

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: MARCH 26, 2026, 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: 2-12-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. REYNA MORALES  
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. 26CV000726**

In the matter of the name change of: GIANNA GISELLÉ RILEY-CHARBONNEAU

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: GIANNA GISELLÉ RILEY-CHARBONNEAU to: AUNDH CHANÉL ISLÁ RÉ-LAURENT-VALENTIN  
Birth Certificate: GIANNA GISELLÉ RILEY-CHARBONNEAU

**IT IS ORDERED**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. GLENN H YAMAHERO RM 412 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MARCH 5, 2026, 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: 2-4-2026  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. GLENN YAMAHERO  
Circuit Court Judge  
029/2-4-11-18-2026

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**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV609**

In the matter of the name change of: LILIANA NATALIE MANRIQUEZ By (Petitioner) ALEJANDRIA CARO-LANN LASCANO By (petitioner) ANTHONY ROBERT MANRIQUEZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: LILIANA NATALIE MANRIQUEZ to: JUSTIN KAI MANRIQUEZ Birth Certificate: LILIANA NATALIE MANRIQUEZ

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. 9 th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MARCH 17, 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: 1-23-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO Circuit Court Judge 055/2-18-25/3-4-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV1324**

In the matter of the name change of: AMIR KAREEM TRABELSI

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: AMIR KAREEM TRABELSI TO: AMIR TRABELSI AREVALO Birth Certificate: AMIR KAREEM TRABELSI

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: MARCH 27, 2026, TIME 10:00 A.M.

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

Dated: 2-19-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. J.D. WATTS Circuit Court Judge 057/2-25/3-4-11-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV001176**

In the matter of the name change of: CHERYL STOKES MOORE By (Petitioner) CHERYL STOKES MOORE

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: CHERYL STOKES MOORE to: CHERYL ANN MOORE Birth Certificate: CHERYL ANN STOKES

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: MARCH 24, 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: 2-11-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK Circuit Court Judge 058/2-25/3-4-11-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV001583**

In the matter of the name change of: CHERISH KAMIYA OSEI By (Petitioner) CHERISH KAMIYA OSEI

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: CHERISH KAMIYA OSEI to: CHERISH KAMIYA SMITH Birth Certificate: CHERISH KAMIYA OSEI

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: APRIL 7, 2026, 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: 2-23-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. JEAN M KIES Circuit Court Judge 059/2-25/3-4-11-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV1569**

In the matter of the name change of: ANDRE LAMAR LOTT

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: ANDRE LAMAR LOTT TO: ANDRE LAMAR GREEN Birth Certificate: ANDRE LAMAR LOTT

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: APRIL 2, 2026, 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: 2-23-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. PAUL VAN GRUNSVEN Circuit Court Judge 060/2-25/3-4-11-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV001513**

In the matter of the name change of: PAYTON SHEA FOJUT By (Petitioner) PAYTON SHEA FOJUT

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: PAYTON SHEA FOJUT TO: WILLOW NIAMH SHEA FOJUT Birth Certificate: PAYTON SHEA FOJUT

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: APRIL 8, 2026, 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.

FROM: ZANKARI EDWARD MCKENZIE TO: JASIAH TORRIEN BURTON Birth Certificate: ZANKARI EDWARD MCKENZIE JR

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: APRIL 10, 2026, TIME 9:15 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: 2-20-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. PAUL VAN GRUNSVEN Circuit Court Judge 062/2-25/3-4-11-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV001644**

In the matter of the name change of: TAMJA ALAN HARROP-HAYWOOD

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: TAMJA ALAN HARROP-HAYWOOD to: TAMJA AL-SIMA OHM Birth Certificate: TAMJA ALAN HARROP-HAYWOOD

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: APRIL 10, 2026, 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: 2-24-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. REYNA MORALES Circuit Court Judge 063/2-25/3-4-11-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV001643**

In the matter of the name change of: NYOMII DANA E SHIPMAN SPEARS

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: NYOMII DANA E SHIPMAN SPEARS to: DAEN EME OMANI OHM Birth Certificate: NYOMII DANA E SHIPMAN SPEARS

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: APRIL 10, 2026, TIME 9:45A.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: 2-24-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. REYNA MORALES Circuit Court Judge 064/2-25/3-4-11-2026

Wisconsin. Judge's Name: HON. CYNTHIA DAVIS RM 208 PLACE 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 DATE: MARCH 18, 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: 12-19-2025 BY THE COURT: HON. CYNTHIA DAVIS Circuit Court Judge 056/2-25/3-4-11-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV001672**

In the matter of the name change of: VALERIA NALANI CHAVEZ (By Petitioner) VERONICA CHAVEZ By Co-Petitioner) VENTURA GONZALO MORA-ACOSTA

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: VALERIA NALANI CHAVEZ to: VALERIA NALANI MORA-CHAVEZ Birth Certificate: VALERIA NALANI CHAVEZ

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: APRIL 1, 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: 2-25-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK Circuit Court Judge 065/2-25/3-4-11-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV000841**

In the matter of the name change of: MIRTHALICE COLON VEGA

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: MIRTHALICE COLON VEGA to: NICOL RIVERA Birth Certificate: MIRTHALICE COLON VEGA

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: MARCH 20, 2026, 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: 2-3-2022 BY THE COURT: HON. REYNA MORALES Circuit Court Judge 069/3-4-11-18-2026

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: APRIL 14, 2026, TIME 9:15 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: 3-3-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. REYNA MORALES Circuit Court Judge 070/3-4-11-18-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV001804**

In the matter of the name change of: IYANNA AMERIE ROSS By (Petitioner) IYANNA AMERIE ROSS

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: FROM: IYANNA AMERIE ROSS to: IYANNA AMERIE Birth Certificate: IYANNA AMERIE ROSS

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: APRIL 10, 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.

Dated: 2-27-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. REYNA MORALES Circuit Court Judge 071/3-4-11-18-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV001255**

In the matter of the name change of: KATHRYN SUSAN HUNTINGTON By (Petitioner) KATHRYN SUSAN HUNTINGTON

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: KATHRYN SUSAN HUNTINGTON to: KATE JUDE RANE Birth Certificate: KATHRYN SUSAN HUNTINGTON

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: MARCH 24, 2026, 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: 2-13-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS Circuit Court Judge 068/3-4-11-18-2026

**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 25SC032950**

Plaintiff(s) JACQUELINE JONES 1495 S Layton Ave #108 Milwaukee WI 53215 vs Defendant(s) MIKHAL SHEPSHELEVICH PERFORMANCE AUTO CENTER 934 W National Ave Milwaukee WI 53204 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: MARCH 23, 2026, Time: 8:30 A.M

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: 3/3/2026 Plaintiff/Attorney JACQUELINE JONES 067/3-4-2026

**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY (SMALL CLAIMS) PUBLICATION SUMMONS AND NOTICE Case No. 26SC000204**

Plaintiff(s) MIRO HOLDINGS LLC, PO BOX 242444 Milwaukee WI 53224 vs Defendant(s) NAKIAYA SMITH-JONES, et al 4889 N 106th Street Milwaukee WI 53225 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: APRIL 6, 2026, 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: 3/2/2026 Plaintiff/Attorney MIRO HOLDINGS LLC, 066/3-4-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING Case No. 26CV001970**

In the matter of the name change of: ADELIA MACKENZIE REED

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: ADELIA MACKENZIE REED to: GREYSON MSCKENZIE REED Birth Certificate: ADELIA MACKENZIE REED

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: APRIL 22, 2026, TIME 1:30 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: 3-4-2026 BY THE COURT: HON. GLENN Y YAMAHIRO Circuit Court Judge 76/3-4-11-18-2026

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**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING**  
Case No. 26CV000860

In the matter of the name change of: CATALEYA ANN COLON  
By (Petitioner) CRYSTAL HAZEL NIETO

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: CATALEYA ANN COLON to: CATALEYA AMALLA ANN NIETO  
Birth Certificate: CATALEYA ANN COLON

**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: MARCH 24, 2026, 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: 2-3-2026  
**BY THE COURT:**  
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK  
Circuit Court Judge  
075/3-4-11-18-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING**  
Case No. 26CV001776

In the matter of the name change of: PINKIE DEBARA MORRIS  
By (Petitioner) PINKIE DEBARA MORRIS

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: PINKIE DEBARA MORRIS to: PINKIE DEBARA MORRISON  
Birth Certificate: PINKIE DEBARA MORRIS

**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: APRIL 2, 2026, TIME 10:00 A.M.

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

Dated: 2-27-2026  
**BY THE COURT:**  
HON. REYNA MORALES  
Circuit Court Judge  
073/3-4-11-18-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING**  
Case No. 26CV001953

In the matter of the name change of: SELMA CYNTHIA GUTIERREZ

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: SELMA CYNTHIA GUTIERREZ to: CYNTHIA SELMA GUTIERREZ  
Birth Certificate: SELMA CYNTHIA GUTIERREZ

**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: APRIL 14, 2026, 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: 3-4-2026  
**BY THE COURT:**  
HON. REYNA MORALES  
Circuit Court Judge  
074/3-4-11-18-2026

**SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING**  
Case No. 26CV1728

In the matter of the name change of: SHANYAH LAVANANA OMERIA MCCOWAN

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
FROM: SHANYAH LAVANANA OMERIA MCCOWAN TO: SHANYAH LAVANANA OMERIA LIGGINS  
Birth Certificate: SHANYAH LAVANANA OMERIA MCCOWAN

**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: APRIL 9 2026, TIME 10:00 A.M.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three

(3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated: 2-26-2026  
**BY THE COURT:**  
HON. J.D. WATTS  
Circuit Court Judge  
072/3-4-11-18-2026

**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUMMONS WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN**  
Case No. 25FA006543

**Divorce: 40101**  
ALBERT JOSEPH OLEKUWAI 7838 W Potomac Ave Milwaukee WI 53222  
Petitioner and ADIATU REBECCA OLEKUWAI 3507 N 91st St Milwaukee WI 53222 Respondent

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, to the person named above as a respondent

You are hereby notified that your spouse has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Petitioner, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within 20 days of receiving this Summons, you must provide a written response, as that term is used in Ch. 802, Wis. Stats., to the Petition. The Court may reject or disregard a response that does not follow the requirements of the statutes.

The response must be sent or delivered to the following government office: Milwaukee County RM 104 Milwaukee County 901 N 9th St. Milwaukee WI 53233.

The response must also be mailed or delivered within 20 days to the petitioner at the address above.

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

If you do not provide a proper response within 20 days, the court may grant judgment against you and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

A judgement may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment 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.

Dated in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 13th day of November 2025  
**BY: ALBERT JOSEPH OLEKUWAI**  
077/3-4-11-18-2026

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