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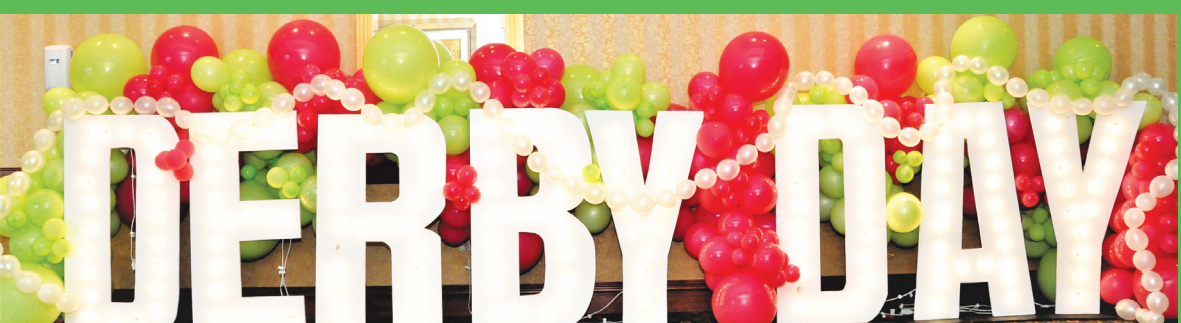
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8th Annual AKA Day at the Derby



The women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated—Upsilon Mu Omega Chapter, in partnership with the Diamond Jubilee Pearls Foundation, hosted the 8th Annual “AKA Day at the Derby” at the Hilton Garden Inn, continuing a growing tradition of style, service, and community impact. Guests gathered in signature Derby fashion, bringing bold colors, statement hats, and high energy to an afternoon centered around purpose. As the foundation’s signature fundraiser, the event continues to make a meaningful difference, with more than \$200,000 raised to date in scholarship funds supporting high school seniors and current undergraduate students throughout the Milwaukee area. With an enhanced guest experience, including elevated hospitality and a dynamic event atmosphere, this year’s Derby reflected both growth and intention. Now in its eighth year, “AKA Day at the Derby” continues to build on its legacy, creating space for community, celebration, and continued investment in the next generation! Photos by Yvonne Kemp



MPS PROPOSED BUDGET ADDS TEACHERS AND CLASSROOM SUPPORT, REDUCES ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Balanced Budget Plan to Be Presented to School Board This Week

Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) Superintendent Brenda Cassellius announced recently a \$1.6 billion proposed budget for the 2026-27 school year that prioritizes bringing resources closer to students while addressing the district’s \$46 million deficit.

The balanced budget will be presented to the Milwaukee Board of School Directors on Thursday, May 7, and they will vote on its adoption later this month.

“MPS is at an inflection point, and this budget will guide our next steps toward accelerating student achievement, ensuring staff are where we need them, and that our schools are safe and welcoming for all,” said Dr. Cassellius.

“We had to make very tough decisions that have impacted talented colleagues that we respect and care for. At the same time, we have an obligation to our students, their families, and the taxpayers of Milwaukee to use these resources in a way that will take MPS in a direction that is sustainable and effective.”

This budget proposal directs more money to school budgets — and less to nearly every central office department compared to the current year. Key updates include:

- Investing in classrooms**
 - Adding 150 more classroom teaching positions next year to manage and reduce class size, giving students more one-on-one attention so all students learn to read
 - Adding 138 more paraprofessional positions next year to support classrooms and schools
 - Maintaining strong support for art, music and physical education teaching positions, with a slight increase of six positions next year
- Investing in valued employees**
 - Providing a cost of living increase for all employees of 2.63% by January 2027, phased in with a 1.5% increase in July 2026 and another 1.13% in January 2027



Dr. Cassellius

- Budgeting investments to reward employees for their years with the district and educational achievements, known as steps and lanes
- Providing up to 40 hours of work for paraprofessionals and children’s health assistants based on school need and employee interest

Making tough decisions

- Reducing by 53 the number of district administrators/administrative staff positions
- Reducing by an additional 53 the number of assistant principal positions, while maintaining a 350:1 student to assistant principal ratio that is stronger than peer districts
- Reducing purchased services from outside vendors by \$46 million, including contracts and costs related to charter schools no longer authorized by the district; (this creates shorter-term savings but longer-term enrollment challenges the district will work to address)

These figures are estimates in the 2026-27 proposed budget and final numbers will be based upon enrollment and the final budget approved this fall.

Feedback from budget meetings, stakeholder conversations and meetings with our high school students has helped shape the budget proposal.

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—MPS Sup. Cassellius



Rep. Moore



Judge Colon

Cong. Gwen Moore endorses state Appeals Court Judge Pedro Colón to be Wisconsin’s next Supreme Court justice

Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI) announced recently her endorsement of Wisconsin Appeals Court Judge Pedro Colón to be the state’s next Supreme Court Justice.

“Judge Pedro Colón knows how the law actually works in people’s lives, and he has the record to prove it,” said Moore in a statement.

“What has always set him apart is his deep sense of fairness and his genuine commitment to the people he serves.

“We have both dedicated our careers to fighting for Wisconsin families, and Pedro has never wavered in that mission.”

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House of Representatives leader, Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) addressed the media last week after the U. S. Supreme Court 'gutted' the protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Jeffries is surrounded by fellow Black House members. —Photo courtesy of theinnercitynews.com

How Black leaders are pushing back after United States Supreme Court's VRA decision!

By Ariama C. Long, article courtesy of theinnercitynews.com

As critics reacting to the Supreme Court ruling in the Louisiana redistricting case, saying it “guts” Voting Rights Act of 1965 protections, Black congressional and legal leaders have already convened to mount a defense and rally behind the passage of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2025 (H.R.14.)

“We did not become a truly multi-racial democracy until the Voting Rights Act of 1965 enforced the 15th Amendment because Black Americans demanded the right to be seen, heard, and counted. That progress was paid for in blood, in sacrifice, and in unbreakable resolve,” said Congressional Black Caucus Chair Yvette Clarke at a press conference on April 29.

The Louisiana v. Callais case centered on the constitutionality of Louisiana’s congressional map, which provided two majority-Black districts situated in New Orleans and Baton Rouge in 2024. This map came out of years of litigation under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act in Robinson v. Landry. The argued over section of the VRA of 1965 prohibits voting practices or procedures that discriminate on the basis of race, color, or minority group; which of course is rooted in the 14th and 15th Amendments.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruling on April 29 states that the Louisiana map is an “unconstitutional racial gerrymander” because the VRA did not require the state to create an additional majority-minority district and that there was “no compelling justification” for the use of race in its creation. Those completely opposed said that this decision is “a devastating blow” to critical civil rights protections by permitting states to use “partisan gerrymandering,” which affects a community’s ability to select their preferred leaders.

“With its decision in Louisiana v. Callais, the Supreme Court has opened the door to a coordinated attack on Black voters across this country. This is an outright power grab.

“It’s about silencing Black voices, dismantling majority Black districts, and rigging the map so that politicians can choose their voters instead of the other way around,” she continued.

Marc H. Morial, president and CEO of the National Urban League, called the Supreme court ruling “an affront and assault” on American democracy.

Morial said he’d rather not telegraph their response except to encourage voters to come out during the primaries this year.

Morial quickly convened an emergency meeting on April 30 with other civil rights and legal minds to discuss outrage and strategy.

“The reason race is an issue is because they made it an issue. We were banned from certain

things because of race. We were denied the right to vote, and then voter protection because of race. So to blame those of us that inherited a racist history, or a racial setup that you need to correct, is an insult to the intelligence of the American people,” said National Action Network president Rev. Al Sharpton. “So we are ready to mobilize. We are not going to take this sitting down.”

Sharpton spoke about NAN’s upcoming listening tour, which will visit more than 23 cities in an effort to encourage voter engagement.

Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights President and CEO Maya Wiley said, “ever since a Black man won a presidential election with a diverse coalition named Barack Obama, we saw a rush of states to take voting power away from people of color. We heard politicians who were largely Republican, say out loud, and be reported on from Florida to Pennsylvania. We can

make it harder for Black people to vote. And what the Supreme Court has essentially done is said, Yes, you can.

As long as you hide behind partisanship, you can ignore the fact that this is a long history of taking power from people whose decisions you may not like.”

Some congressional members discussed updates to the John Lewis Act to include modern day language that counteracts the Supreme Court’s ruling and other protections not in the 1960s legislation, like preclearance, bail reform, and even possibly covering passport fees among low-income citizens that can’t afford a renewal or the REAL ID.

They also pointed out that it’s a fallacy that Black leaders can’t be elected in districts that aren’t majority-Black.

“Because these extremists have failed America in every possible way. They failed on the economy, they failed on healthcare, they’re failing as it relates to this reckless and costly war of choice. The extremists have completely and totally failed America.

“So they’ve concluded, aided and abetted by the Trump Court, that they have to cheat to win,” said House Democratic Leader and Congressman Hakeem Jeffries.

Jeffries resolved to summon courage and get this situation turned around going into the 2026 midterm election. “We will not let their scheme to rig the midterm election and beyond be successful,” he said.

“And when we take back the majority in the aftermath of the November 2026 elections, one of our first acts is going to be to make sure we pass the John Robert Lewis Voting Rights Amendment Act so we can end the era of voter suppression in America once and for all.”

On April 30, Louisiana suspended primaries for the state’s six U.S. House seats as a result of the Supreme Court ruling, which would have begun May 2. Early voting for the U.S. Senate May 16 election primaries will begin that day and continue as planned.



Jeffries

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—Hakeem Jeffries



Northwestern Mutual Extends Commitment to Support Childhood Cancer Survivors and Siblings

Marking the announcement of 50 new scholarships, Northwestern Mutual celebrates past recipients

Northwestern Mutual, through its Foundation, announces a new class of scholars from its annual Childhood Cancer Scholarship Program (CCSP), reinforcing the company’s ongoing commitment to supporting families affected by childhood cancer.

The program provides scholarships to students affected by a diagnosis — either as survivors themselves or as siblings — enabling recipients to chase their dreams and transform their experience into purpose.

This year, 25 survivors and 25 siblings will be awarded up to \$10,000, totaling \$500,000.

The scholarship represents what the company calls, “golden Moments”, moments of joy, resilience, and community impact that are lighting the way toward a cancer-free future.

“Receiving a childhood cancer diagnosis can create profound physical, emotional, and financial hardships for families,” said Steve Radke, president of the Northwestern Mutual Foundation.

“At Northwestern Mutual, we aim to help families at every stage of life, including unexpected moments that test us most.

Through the scholarship, we hope to empower students to create their own golden Moments and celebrate all they’ve accomplished.”

Since the program began in 2017, 371 scholarships have been awarded to survivors and siblings, totaling \$3.1 million.

This impact extends beyond financial support: nearly half of recipients have pursued careers in nursing, medicine, or other health care-related fields — many inspired by the care teams and medical professionals who supported them and their families during their own journey.

Last year’s cohort had the highest number of scholarship recipients with plans to enter a health care-related field, including aspiring pediatric oncologists, nurses, and clinical researchers.

In honor of National Cancer Research Month, Northwestern Mutual celebrates scholarship alumni who are now giving back to the cause through medicine and research — a powerful reflection

of the program’s impact of nurturing educational aspirations and fostering careers that drive advancements in cancer treatment and care.

“Each of these recipients represents resilience, purpose, and possibility,” said Radke.

“We’re not only proud to offer financial relief to families affected by a diagnosis, but to witness the same students become the next generation of researchers, caregivers, and innovators shaping the future of medicine is an honor itself.”

The Childhood Cancer Scholarship Program is indicative of

Northwestern Mutual’s larger commitment to accelerating the search for better treatments and cures for childhood cancer, while also supporting families and survivors living with long-term side effects.

To date, Northwestern Mutual, through its Foundation, has funded more than 860,000 hours of childhood cancer research and contributed more than \$75 million to the cause overall.

To learn more about the scholarship program, visit <https://northwesternmutual-foundation.com/scholarships/>

Cong. Moore endorses Appeals Court Judge Colon to be next justice on state’s highest court

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“Our state deserves a Supreme Court Justice who understands that the law must work for everyone, and Judge Pedro Colón knows exactly that. I am proud to endorse him to be our next Justice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.”

Moore represents Wisconsin’s 4th Congressional District and is our state’s longest-serving member in the House of Representatives. She made history in 2004 as the first Black person elected to Congress from Wisconsin, having previously served in both the Wisconsin State Assembly and State Senate. A senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee, she has spent two decades in Washington as a tireless advocate for working families, women’s rights, and economic justice.

“Congresswoman Moore has spent decades making sure Wisconsin families have a real voice in Washington. That’s the same standard I intend to bring to the Supreme Court. I’m running to make sure our state’s highest court works for everyone, and having Congresswoman Moore’s support in this race means the world to me,” said Judge Pedro Colón.

Judge Pedro Colón is a graduate of Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin Law School. He was the first Latino ever elected to the Wisconsin Legislature, representing Milwaukee in the State Assembly from 1999 to 2010. He was appointed by Governor Jim Doyle to the Milwaukee County Circuit Court in 2010 and served for 13 years, winning election three times. In 2023, he was appointed to the Wisconsin Court of Appeals by Governor Tony Evers, becoming the first Latino to serve on the Wisconsin Court of Appeals.

Colón and his wife Betty live on Milwaukee’s south side and have two daughters.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court general election will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2027, with a primary on February 16, 2027 if necessary. For more about Judge Pedro Colón and his campaign, visit www.pedrocolon.com.

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COMING AND PAST HAPPENINGS IN AND OUTSIDE OF YOUR COMMUNITY!

Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley Celebrates National Travel & Tourism Week

County Executive David Crowley is joining Visit Milwaukee to celebrate National Travel & Tourism Week (May 3–9) and showcase how tourism is fueling the county's momentum.

Milwaukee County continues to gain national attention on the national stage for its vibrant dining scene, world-class festivals, beloved sports teams, and rich cultural experiences, including at Milwaukee County Parks and the Milwaukee County Zoo. From major events to everyday exploration, visitors are discovering the community in bigger ways and contributing to its continued growth.

In 2024, visitors to our community spent more than \$2.4 billion in Milwaukee County, generating over \$242 million in state and local taxes in the process. At the heart of this tourism impact is the Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport (MKE), the gateway to our community, which welcomed nearly six million passengers to MKE in 2025.

"In Milwaukee County, tourism strengthens our economy, supports thousands of good-paying jobs, and showcases everything that makes our community special," said County Executive Crowley. "When people choose to visit Milwaukee, they're investing in our local businesses, our neighborhoods, and the experiences that make this community so vibrant."

"During National Travel and Tourism Week, we highlight the vital role of tourism in growing our economy, supporting working families, and bringing people together."

"Visitors add enormously to Milwaukee's economy. Travel and tourism amplify our national reputation, they boost our quality of life, and, most of all, the money visitors spend creates jobs in Milwaukee," Mayor Cavalier Johnson said. "I am enthusiastic about our hospitality industry all year, especially during National Travel and Tourism week."

"Tourism is one of the engines behind Milwaukee's growth right now," said Peggy Williams-Smith, president and CEO of Visit Milwaukee. "It supports local businesses, creates jobs, and brings new energy to every neighborhood. National Travel & Tourism Week is our chance to celebrate that impact and invite more people to experience Milwaukee for themselves."

As part of the week, Visit Milwaukee is launching two new videos that provide an inside look at how tourism works in Milwaukee and why it matters. "How Tourism Powers Milwaukee" is an overview of how the organization promotes the city and supports the local economy, while "How Meetings Come to Milwaukee" offers a behind-the-scenes look at how conventions and major events are secured and the impact they bring. Both videos are available here and will be promoted throughout the week.

This week will also signal the start of Visit Milwaukee's annual City of Festivals campaign, which promotes our rich culture of celebration, our unique festival grounds, and our dynamic neighborhood fests.



Crowley



Honorees from the 2025 Milwaukee County Health Equity Champion Award gather for a picture atop Nō Studios, located at 1037 W. McKinley Avenue in Milwaukee.

Save the Date! Milwaukee County Health Equity Champions Awards ceremony set for Sunday, September 20

Save the date for Sunday, Sept. 20, as the Milwaukee County Office of Equity (OOE) hosts the third annual Milwaukee County Health Equity Champions Awards Brunch and Ceremony to be held at the Bradley Pavilion of the Marcus Performing Arts Center, located at 929 N. Water St.

"Since the program made its debut in 2024, the Milwaukee County Health Equity Champion Awards have highlighted individuals and organizations who love their community and show it every day through their focus, dedication, and creativity for helping reduce health disparities in access to nutritious foods, health care, and wraparound services for all ages," said Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley.

"If you know of a person or organization that is leading the way in improving health outcomes in our community, I invite you to nominate them for

an award. "Let's shine a light on these role models and salute them for their impact in Milwaukee County."

The Milwaukee County Health Equity Champion Awards began in 2024 to recognize those who have demonstrated a strong commitment to equity by reducing disparities in one or more social determinants of health within their communities, and whose efforts have had a positive impact in their communities:

- Health and Healthcare
- Economic Stability
- Education
- Neighborhood and Built Environment
- Social and Community Context

The awards will also recognize Milwaukee County programs, initiatives, and employees whose efforts have contributed to improving health outcomes for all residents.

New this year is the Equity in Action Youth Leadership Award, which recognizes a young leader between the ages of 13 and 18 who is making a positive impact in Milwaukee County.

Nominations are now open for 2026, and OOE invites the community to nominate a person or an organization that shines as a great example of equity in action.

Nomination can be submitted online at county.milwaukee.gov/ecawards and are due Friday, June 19. Honorees will be notified on Wednesday, July 15.

The website also has a listing of past honorees and their award summaries.

Questions about the Milwaukee County Health Equity Champion Awards can be shared by email to equityoffice@milwaukeecountywi.gov or by calling 414-278-7979.

Versiti Blood Research Institute Expansion Reaches Topping-Off Milestone



The Versiti Blood Research Institute (VBRI) marked a major milestone in its facility expansion Monday, May 4, with a topping-off ceremony celebrating the signing of the final steel beam. The 79,000-square-foot addition is expected to be completed and open to researchers in December 2026.

The celebration took place at the VBRI, 8727 W. Watertown Plank Road, on the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center campus. More than 130 community leaders, supporters, researchers, and project partners joined the event. HGA is serving as the architect, and Mortenson is the general contractor.

The ceremony also marked the public launch of Invest in Hope, Versiti's philanthropic effort to grow discoveries that move blood health forward. As a public beacon of the campaign kickoff, the Hoan Bridge was lit in Versiti colors to signify that hope is rising. Invest in Hope is an invitation for the community to be part of what comes next. When neighbors, business leaders, philanthropic partners, and families invest in research, they help accelerate the path from discovery to care and strengthen the future of blood health not only in Wisconsin, but worldwide.

What Hope Makes Possible

The expansion will nearly double the VBRI's research capacity, creating new space to accelerate discoveries in hematology, transfusion medicine and blood disorders. By growing its facilities and team, the VBRI aims to strengthen the pathway from laboratory discovery to patient care for people living with blood cancers, bleeding and clotting conditions, sickle cell disease and other serious blood disorders.

"Reaching this milestone reflects the shared vision and generosity of so many people who believe in what's possible through blood research and the lives it can save," said Chris Miskel, president and CEO of Versiti. "This expansion bolsters our existing footprint to scale the breadth and depth of blood research occurring on the academic medical campus here in Milwaukee. We will continue to attract the best and brightest scientific minds to accelerate the journey toward solutions for patients suffering from blood disease."

The \$79 million project is supported by a combination of donations, private funding, and public investment. The State Building Commission released \$10 million to support the expansion, and a federal funding bill signed into law on Feb. 3 includes \$3 million for the project.

The new addition is expected to add approximately 100 jobs and generate an estimated \$19 million in additional tax revenue for the state of Wisconsin over 30 years. With the expanded footprint, the VBRI plans to grow from 31 principal scientists today to approximately 50 over the next five to seven years.

"Supporting the Versiti Blood Research Institute is one of the most meaningful investments we can make," said Becky Pinter, president and CEO of the MACC Fund. "Seeing this facility take shape shows what is possible when a community comes together around a cause that truly matters. Research at Versiti, as well as Children's Wisconsin and the Medical College of Wisconsin, impacts so many. Collaboration is important as we move research forward."

Invest in Hope is built for community involvement at every level. Supporters can help move discovery forward by:

- Making a philanthropic gift to support the expansion and the research it enables
- Rallying a workplace, foundation, or community group to invest together
- Exploring naming opportunities within the new facility
- Sharing the campaign to help invite more people into the mission

2026 Mount Mary Fashion Show will Celebrate Creativity and Vision

The Mount Mary Student Fashion Shows returns this May, showcasing the next generation of design talent.

The theme for the 2026 event, "Fashion Framed," is a celebration of student vision, where creativity steps out of the frame and onto the runway. The show will feature a gallery presentation of original works by designers and will be planned and coordinated by eight members of the Fashion Show Coordination class.

Highlights include WNBA-inspired looks in partnership with the Blue Angels Basketball team, and collaborative projects with Wisconsin Sea Grant and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), using sustainable materials to eliminate micro-plastic waste.

The show will also feature winners of the annual "Uniquely Yours" contest, which challenges high school students to creatively "upcycle" materials into runway garments.

The 2026 Mount Mary Student Fashion Show will take place on Friday, May 8 at 1, 5 and 7:30 p.m. in the Alumnae Dining Room, located in Bergstrom Hall (Mount Mary campus).

For tickets, information and showtimes visit mtmary.edu/fashionshow



Wisconsin Health Professionals Investigate Energy Unaffordability Impacts on Community Health

Healthy Climate Wisconsin recently released its second Health Harms Report, contrasting WE Energies' (WEC) (WPS) \$804 million in first quarter profits with the effect of expanded fossil fuel generation and \$700 million of stranded assets on Wisconsin communities and their health.

The organization reports the health consequences of energy insecurity and ask whether Wisconsin can afford the climate costs of expanded methane gas production as extreme weather intensifies.

"This is the second edition of a report we did not want to need. WE Energies' harms are compounding while its profits do the same — and the patients absorbing those harms are sitting in our exam rooms.

"We are releasing this report alongside the company's earnings call to make sure both ledgers are read on the same day," said Annie Carrell, a Nurse



Practitioner in Milwaukee.

"When WE Energies raises rates, expands fossil fuel generation, and delays the transition to clean energy, the effects arrive in our waiting rooms.

"As WE Energies continues to report strong profits, Wisconsin is seeing a parallel rise in energy insecurity and the health burdens that come with it," said Stephanie Siwak, a Milwaukee-based public health professional.

"WE Energies must be held accountable for rising costs, or the risks to our health will continue to grow. Protecting public health means building an energy system that is affordable and accessible to all."

"Wisconsin experienced historic flooding in August 2025 and again in April 2026. As extreme

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New 'Black Face' media entities spark 'trust issues' when it comes to pleading our cause



The more things change, the more they remain (sometimes in blackface) the same.

It wasn't too long ago that we had two major Black-owned grocery stores. I looked over my shoulder and they went the way of the cassette tape. And even the white ones, which replaced them, have abandoned us. I remember when we had one Black-owned new-car dealership (and a couple of used-car dealerships). The owner of the new car dealership is now preaching (hopefully for a new car), as the sales reps from the used car dealerships are now receiving their checks from white owners.

Those Black banks went the way of the state's only Black hospital (yeah, you read that right). Speaking of 'checks,' I used to have accounts in both Black-owned banks (my wife ran one, and we invested in the other).

Today, there are none, unless you erroneously believe Columbia Savings and Loan is a bank (which it isn't).

A decade or so ago, I could tune into Black AM and FM radio stations. Now we have none.

Don't be confused by the slogan 'Black formatted' stations. Radio station, 101.7 "The Truth" is a Black-formatted talk station, but it is owned by a white media company, Good Karma Brands.

That left WNOV, which, to the surprise of many, was sold months after its founder and owner, Jerrel Jones's death. The radio station was bought by Civic Media, a liberal/progressive/missionary media company whose underlying agenda is to support and moderate a far-left ideology.

Jones's children, who inherited WNOV, also owned the Milwaukee Courier, which the elder Jones also owned. He was the first—and probably only—simultaneous owner of a newspaper and radio station in the United States. The Courier was the state's oldest Black newspaper as well. Now that too is in the hands of Civic Media.

Now that distinction—of being the state's oldest Black newspaper—belongs to the paper you're reading, Your Milwaukee Community Journal, which, despite the odds and the ongoing Herculean efforts to secure white corporate advertising (most major white businesses place their dollars in White publications

and stations, even though Milwaukee is a majority minority (AKA BLACK!!!) city.

One Black newspaper, and no Black-owned radio stations. Hmmm, interesting if not predictable.

Given the history of Black radio, it came as a shock when only a few months after Civic Media purchased WNOV and the Courier, it is now in the process of handing the reins of those two (white-owned) 'Black' media entities to a newly formed 'trust,' which will serve as an umbrella for something (or is it someone) called 'Milwaukee Black Media LLC.'

The founding members of the trust include Alderwoman Milele Coggs (which may present a conflict of sorts), Tiffany Wynn, senior marketing leader at Ascension Health, and Roemel Brown, former sales rep for the Courier and Urban Media, who is now listed as the 'editor' of the Courier, which has switched from Black to white ownership, back to 'Black ownership'; all within six months.

The new 'Black' media group will be operated by a select group of 'minorities,' who, as I understand it are not financially invested. Hmm, again.

The purchase of WNOV must be approved by the Federal Communications Commission (the FCC).

If all of this sounds a bit confusing, don't look to me to sort it out.

My first inclination was one of fear that Black/Minority/Mixed media has been turned on its proverbial head and recreated, hopefully, for the betterment of some, but at the expense of others.

Actually, to most folks, the changes will make little difference. The majority of Chocolate youth keep their radios tuned in to 101.7, and most older Black adults are hooked on 98.3, the oldest station; both of which are owned by whites in corporate blackface.

During daylight hours, I'm usually hooked on "The

Truth", with occasional channel switches to WNOV to listen to Michelle Bryant and Keith Parrish.

It's no secret that I'm a big fan of Sherwin Hughes, rarely miss his show, and generally find us in lock-step ideologically.

I've followed his career from his start at WNOV, to Resistance radio (a missionary station with the same call number as the Truth...Hm mmm again), to a basement venue, and back to The Truth, at the time was new management...Good Karma Brands.

Many, if not most, of his listeners have followed him at these various stops and would continue following him even if he joined Fox News or a country-western/Hillbilly station. Sherwin is the talk radio savant. Truthfully, I find something informative, if not entertaining, with most Black talk show hosts, although it's not unusual for their topics to stray from my interests.

My second thought about what has gone down in Black media and with the changes of ownership at WNOV and the Courier was that there are vanilla dollars in the background of this merger, which history shows should be of concern.

Moreover, since Black talk show hosts are in career-altering competition, what happens when their loyalties are split, and they are under the same roof?

My third thought was actually a pertinent question: How can you have a Black Media Trust without the Black Media?

The Community Journal is the only Black-owned 'newspaper,' given that the Milwaukee Times is more religiously oriented (as well as having what can only be described as 'safe news.'

The Times was started by the former MCJ managing editor, Nate Conyers as the 'Christian Times,' and true to its origins, is today, published by a local min-

ister.

I also sensed some anxiousness among the staff of "The Truth," even after a Tuesday staff meeting to allay any concerns about the merger.

Indeed, if you read the chat comments during Sherwin's show on Tuesday, many listeners are skeptical, albeit curious and/or optimistic about the merger's potential.

Judging from Sherwin's comments on Tuesday, he, too, is guardedly optimistic.

But he left me confused when he lamented, "...on paper it sounds (great), but you can't dismiss the human capital (element)."

That latter point came to light in reports that "The Truth" laid off, or dismissed, over 30 staff members in recent weeks.

And while the staples remain—Hughes, 'Doctor' Ken Harris, Kyle Wallace, and Tory Lowe—the morning show has had as many hosts as it has guests in the last couple of years.

Midway through his show, I could sense some trepidation in Sherwin's voice, which may be linked to a comment he made about the hope of settling down for the long run when he contracted with Good Karma Brands.

Interestingly, "The Truth" is running a survey asking if Black folks (I assume) think the merger is a good idea. Was the purpose of the survey to gauge support, gain support, or merely test the waters?

I've been in this game for a long time, a half-century plus change to be exact. I've seen pioneer Black businesses come and go, often replaced by White corporations, or White folks in corporate black face.

The MCJ remains the staple, the most influential Black newspaper in the state, and represents the idiom espoused by the founders of the Black Press—John Russworm and Samuel Cornish—who said in 1827: "We (Black folks) wish to plead our own cause...too long have others spoken for us; too long has the public been deceived by misrepresentations."

I'm always suspicious of shifts in the face of Black/white change. There are those who wish to control not only the advocacy but also the limited dollars.

I can't say the architects of this merger have a hidden agenda—financial or otherwise—but we're not just talking about who pleads our cause; we're talking about who comes out ahead financially.

Hotep.

MKE County Executive Proclaims May 11-17 Natl. Salvation Army Week

Recognition highlights year-round services for families in need; community invited to volunteer and support local programs

Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley has proclaimed May 11-17, 2026, as National Salvation Army Week in Milwaukee County, recognizing the year-round impact of The Salvation Army and encouraging residents to learn more about its work serving individuals and families experiencing poverty and homelessness.

The proclamation coincides with National Salvation Army Week, a nationwide observance highlighting the organization's social services and encouraging volunteerism and community support.

To mark the week locally, The Salvation Army will host opportunities for community members to tour programs, volunteer, and learn more about services supporting families across Milwaukee County. The week also serves as a reminder of the organization's work beyond the holiday Red Kettle campaign.

On Wednesday, May 13, The Salvation Army Cold Spring Corps, 2900 W. Cold Spring Rd., Greenfield, will host an open house from 8 to 11 a.m. to celebrate its 10-year anniversary. The event will include facility tours, program information, and complimentary coffee and pastries provided by Panera Bread.

"Milwaukee County is at its best when we show up for one another in times of need, and The Salvation Army has embodied that spirit for generations," said County Executive Crowley.

"When Milwaukee families face crisis, the Salva-

tion Army is there providing emergency shelter, hot meals, youth programming, and critical support to families across our community.

"National Salvation Army Week is an opportunity for us to recognize their tireless work and express our deep gratitude by volunteering, donating, and giving back to an organization that gives so much to us."

While many people recognize The Salvation Army's bell ringers during the holidays, the organization operates programs throughout the year supporting individuals and families facing housing instability, food insecurity, and financial hardship. In Milwaukee County last year, The Salvation Army:

- Provided 34,077 nights of shelter at the Emergency Lodge
- Served 12,897 meals through the Feed the Kids summer program
- Assisted nearly 65,000 individuals through local programs and services

"These numbers represent people in our community who found stability and hope when they needed it most," said Major Beverly Gates, Milwaukee Area Commander for The Salvation Army. "During National Salvation Army Week, we want residents to see the impact their generosity makes - whether through volunteering, donating, or learning more about our work."

National Salvation Army Week began in 1954, when Congress and President Dwight D. Eisenhower established the observance to encourage Americans to support charitable organizations in their communities. Residents interested in supporting The Salvation Army's work can donate, volunteer, or learn more at SAMilwaukee.org.

Wisconsin Health Professionals Investigate Energy Unaffordability Impacts on Community Health

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weather events impact the state, utilities continue to build new methane gas infrastructure.

"While our state rebuilds following the flood damage, it is important to ask ourselves if directing ratepayer dollars towards fossil fuel infrastructure is a wise decision.

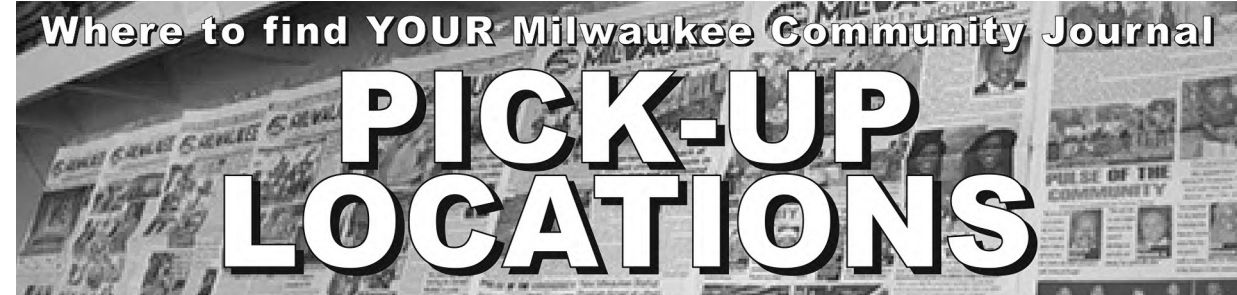
"We should be using the money to invest in clean energy and our future instead," said Hannah Fox, a Milwaukee-based public health professional.

The May Health Harms Report is the second in a planned series to be released throughout 2026. Wisconsin health professionals with Healthy Climate

Wisconsin will continue to raise awareness of how WE Energies' predatory practices result in health harms that show up in our waiting rooms and communities.

"We are tracking a corporation whose harms compound while its profits do the same. But we are not only tracking; we are also writing, organizing, testifying, and showing up.

"Love has always been the quiet force in health care — the kind of love that pays attention, that refuses to look away, that insists a person's suffering is not acceptable simply because someone profits from it," said Annie Carrell.



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

WE HAVE BLACK MILWAUKEE'S ATTENTION!



They tell me about the abuse. I wish I could tell them to run.

By REV. DOROTHY BOULWARE, Word in Black

Credit: Pexels/cottonbro studio

Imagine listening to an unfolding story of a woman's physical abuse and not being able to react the way your body and soul demand. Imagine having to hold an even expression, keep your voice steady and calm, hold your tears in check until the session ends, and — mercifully — the door closes behind her.

That is often the work of an intimate partner violence counselor: bearing witness and offering compassion to what should never be spoken, but must be said aloud.

Over the last six weeks, a deadly spate of intimate partner violence against Black women has exploded into the headlines, causing shock, horror, and dismay. A common question often follows: Why did they stay?

When leaving abusive relationships, however, experts say safety is far from a given — and it requires a strategy.

And Black women — who face higher rates of intimate partner violence, a weakened safety net with fewer resources and narrower margins for escape — having an exit plan focused on safety is often the difference between survival and tragedy. In fact, experts say, the most dangerous time for women in abusive relationships is the moment they decide to leave.

“The Issue is Resources”
“You’re Black, you’re a domestic violence survivor, and maybe you’re poor,” says Gretta Gardner, chief legal and program officer for Ujima, The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community. “You start below the

I have been that witness in more ways than one — a listener who’s heard admissions that go beyond the pale. A trained seminarian and pastoral counselor, I’ve been a crisis hotline worker and that friend with an open ear and waterproof shoulders. Almost as often, I’ve been that stranger on a bus who made the mistake of looking kind.

People tell me things. They always have.

What women tell me now — horrific stories of physical and psychological abuse in supposedly Christian households — is heavier.

Patriarchy, orthodoxy, misused faith

From North Carolina to Northern Virginia, from Louisiana to Florida, a recent surge of deadly intimate partner violence against Black

bar before you even get in the door.”

The narrative that Black men are more violent towards Black women “is not the issue,” says Gardner. “The issue is resources. When you give women resources, we’ll use them. If we don’t have them, we have two choices—we either stay... or we die, or we kill our abuser to stay safe.”

How to Leave Safely: A Practical Guide Make a plan.

Identify trusted people who can help or offer a place to stay. Prepare an emergency bag with ID, medications, cash, keys, and essential documents.

Time your exit.

Leave when your partner is least likely to notice. Don’t announce your plans, and map out more than one escape route.

Protect your privacy.

Use a secure cellphone or device to research help, clear your browsing history, and turn off location services. Avoid posting your plans online.

Arrange transportation.

Keep your car ready or line up a ride or transit option in advance. If your car has a GPS tracking service, get the tracking settings

women has become front-page news. While the church is not inherently complicit, it doesn’t always help.

Too often, patriarchy, orthodoxy, and misused faith become a barrier to exiting the abuse instead of guiding the way out.

I have learned to listen without flinching, or at least look like it, but the stories of women losing themselves to an abusive partner come fast and hard. Many of them are unexpected.

The high school friend everyone remembers as fearless — the one who would argue our teachers into submission — now measures her words at home, careful not to trigger the next beating.

The neighbor who moves zombie-like through her day: eyes down, conversations clipped short, always accounting for where he might be.

The client who speaks in fragments; editing herself in real time; trained through painful experience to avoid the wrong word, the wrong tone, the wrong pause that would set him off.

The parishioner who does not ask if she should leave, but how: where to hide cash, which friend can be trusted, what time of day offers the smallest window of risk, how to disappear without drawing his attention.

And the pastor — yes, the pastor — who told me that every Sunday before she stepped to the pulpit, her husband forced himself on her. Then she went to church and preached.

Calm amid the storm

I nod. I ask the next question. Inside, I am angry and screaming.

As the tale of abuse unfolds, everything in me wants to interrupt the script. I want to tear up the quiet logic that has been built around her suffering. I want to point out that what God has

said about love and duty has been twisted. I am furious, not because I don’t understand fear, or danger, or the slow erosion of self, but because I do.

Because I also know what has been said to her in the name of the Lord: “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands ...”

Ephesians 5:22–23 comes up often because some well-meaning friend, some pastor, some church peer who stumbles upon her situation is sure to remind her of her wifely duties. Even though she went on a trip with the church and he threatened to beat her, or worse, when she returned.

What I have learned, over time, is that the question burning inside me — Why does she stay? — is the wrong one. It assumes freedom, not constraint. It assumes clarity, not conditioning. It sees options that, in reality, may not exist in a safe or immediate way.

Survive the day

Instead, I listen. I help her think through steps she may or may not be ready to take. I remind myself that courage does not always look like leaving today; sometimes, it looks like surviving long enough to plan for tomorrow.

I pray — that she finds a moment, a person, or a realization that breaks through the fog. I pray that the same faith used as confinement might liberate her. I pray she recognizes that love and harm can’t coexist, and that God does not demand her silence.

Prayer is not enough, though. At some point, the listening must be matched by truth-telling — not on hot lines or private rooms but in pulpits, in Bible studies, in the spaces where these ideas take root and hold.

Because the way out should not be this hard to see.



For Intimate Partner Violence Survivors, A GET-OUT TOOLKIT

In the past year millions of Americans, including celebrities, ministers and Black professionals, have experienced IPV.

BY JENNIFER PORTER GORE, article courtesy of wordinblack.com

changed.

Get support.

If you’re in danger, call 911. Contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-7233); chat (TheHotline.org); or text START to 88788 for confidential help.

Secure your future.

Seek a protective order, set aside money, and gather key financial records. Keep a copy of your pro-

roughly 31% of all IPV homicides nationwide.

Clear, Decisive, Precise

While recent murders of Eusther Toussaint, Barbara Deer, Nancy Metayer, and Dr. Cerina Wanzer Fairfax — all within a 30-day span — were terrifying, Gardner and other advocates say knowing when and how to leave, or helping a loved one do so, is a delicate, emotionally fraught process. But the

selves.

‘Those Are the Signs’

Rev. Sheila Poynter Johnson, a licensed psychoanalyst and CEO of Harlem Family Services, says that conversation can be crucial for an IPV victim to determine if a relationship “is bad enough to leave.”

“I would say, ‘If you feel confused or afraid or diminished or constantly on edge, that is enough.’ Those are the signs,” she says.

and the reality of just how dangerous leaving can be.

Empathy and Survival

For women who seem stuck in a violent relationship, however, Johnson says, they need empathy — first and foremost.

“[Say] I believe you. That’s what the community does,” says Johnson. “Say, ‘it wasn’t your fault, and your body did what you needed, what it needed to survive. And when we approach people like that, the entire nervous system just calms down, because what’s acceptance.”

To be clear, Johnson says: staying in an abusive relationship is a sign of survival, not weakness.

“I really want to emphasize the strength of these women,” Johnson says. “It takes strength to survive this. And you know, black women are master survivors. Now it’s time that we master safety.”

Resources

FindHelp
<https://www.auntbertha.com/>

National Domestic Violence hotline (800) 799-SAFE (7233); chat (TheHotline.org); or text START to 88788

National Network to End Domestic Violence
<https://nnedv.org/>

Ujima, The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community.
<https://ujimacommunity.org/>

“Intimate partner violence is far from rare, and it cuts across all socioeconomic levels. In the past year, celebrities, ministers and literally millions of others have experienced IPV. Knowing the early warning signs and how to support survivors can provide compassion, preparation, and generational healing.”

protective order in your car, on your person, and at your office.

Stay alert.

Change locks, vary routines, and stay connected to people who can help keep you safe.

Nearly 30% of women and 17% of men report experiencing intimate partner violence, or IPV, in their lifetimes. Black women, however, experience it at a much higher rate: four in 10 say they have been abused by a partner in their lifetimes. And while Black women make up around 7% of the U.S. population, they account for

timing and process, experts say, must be clear, decisive, and precise.

Research shows many IPV survivors acknowledge they saw signs they were in danger, from their partner’s escalated verbal, psychological, and physical abuse to blunt death threats. Some survivors report their partners thwarted their attempts to get help, using psychological or emotional manipulation. Others, however, say they barely escaped the situation.

Often, the process starts with a gut-check conversation the victim has with a trusted person, or them-

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Case No. 2026CV002992
In the matter of the name change of:
KURT ROBERT MEINGAST

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: KURT ROBERT MEINGAST to: KRISSIE AMARYLLIS MEI-ME-INGAST
Birth Certificate: KURT ROBERT ME-INGAST

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: MAY 29, 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: 4-21-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. JEAN M KIES
Circuit Court Judge
171/4-22-29/5-6-2026
SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 2026CV1231
In the matter of the name change of:
ASHLEY RENEE BOUNDS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: ASHLEY RENEE BOUNDS to: AMIR MONAE JOHNSON
Birth Certificate: ASHLEY RENEE BOUNDS

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 MAY 14, 2026 TIME 8:30 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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Dated: 4-8-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. CYNTHIA DAVIS
Circuit Court Judge
174/4-22-29/5-6-2026
SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 26CV3656
In the matter of the name change of:
ANGEL GABRIEL SARMIENTOS ANAYA
By (Petitioner) AUDELINA GAUTHIER

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: ANGEL GABRIEL SARMIENTOS ANAYA to: ANGEL GABRIEL GAUTHIER
Birth Certificate: ANGEL GABRIEL SARMIENTOS ANAYA

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 JUNE 1, 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: 4-17-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. THOMAS J MCADAMS
Circuit Court Judge
172/4-22-29/5-6-2026
SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 26CV003611

In the matter of the name change of:
ASHLEY JULIETTE PATE
By (Petitioner) ASHLEY JULIETTE PATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: ASHLEY JULIETTE PATE to: JULIETTE DUHON LARSON
Birth Certificate: ASHLEY JULIETTE DIDIER

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: MAY 19, 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: 4-20-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN
Circuit Court Judge
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Case No. 26CV3759

In the matter of the name change of:
TAYLOR NICOLE COOPER
By (Petitioner) TAYLOR NICOLE COOPER

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: TAYLOR NICOLE COOPER TO: TAYLOR NICOLE LUCKETT
Birth Certificate: TAYLOR NICOLE COOPER

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: JUNE 17, 2026, TIME 9:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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Dated: 4-22-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. J.D. WATTS
Circuit Court Judge
175/4-22-29/5-6-2026
SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 26CV003762

In the matter of the name change of:
YEJAN YAREE JONES-WILLIS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: YEJAN YAREE JONES-WILLIS to: YEJAN YAREE JONES-EDWARDS
Birth Certificate: YEJAN YAREE JONES-WILLIS

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: JUNE 4, 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: 4-22-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN
Circuit Court Judge
179/4-22-29/5-6-2026
SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 2026CV003567

In the matter of the name change of:
JEREMIAH RAMIR OUSLEY-EDWARDS
By (Petitioner) JAVASHA LAMONTIA OUSLEY-LEFLORE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: JEREMIAH RAMIR OUSLEY-EDWARDS to: JEREMIAH RAMIR

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Birth Certificate: JEREMIAH RAMIR OUSLEY-EDWARDS
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: JUNE 5, 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: 4-15-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. REYNA MORALES
Circuit Court Judge
180/4-22-29/5-6-2026
SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 26CV3761

In the matter of the name change of:
MICHELLE BECKLEY BOYCE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: MICHELLE BECKLEY BOYCE TO: MICHELLE BECKLEY BOYCE
Birth Certificate: MICHELLE BECKLEY BOYCE

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: JUNE 5, 2026, TIME 9:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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Dated: 4-22-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. J.D. WATTS
Circuit Court Judge
176/4-22-29/5-6-2026
SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 2026CV003566

In the matter of the name change of:
JAIDEN JAVARI OUSLEY-EDWARDS
By (Petitioner) JAVASHA LAMONTIA OUSLEY-LEFLORE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: JAIDEN JAVARI OUSLEY-EDWARDS to: JAIDEN JAVARI OUSLEY-EDWARDS
Birth Certificate: JAIDEN JAVARI OUSLEY-EDWARDS

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: JUNE 5, 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: 4-15-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. REYNA MORALES
Circuit Court Judge
177/4-22-29/5-6-2026
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUMMONS WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN
Case No. 26FA001280
Divorce: 40101

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF: MIGUEL ANGEL GOMEZ 3627 W Becher St Milwaukee WI 53215 Petitioner and LUZ JANETH SOLEDAD ALMEIDA CORTEZ 2424 S 10th St 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

statues.
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 3rd day of March 2026
BY: MIGUEL ANGEL GOMEZ
181/4-22-29/5-6-2026
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY (SMALL CLAIMS) PUBLICATION SUMMONS AND NOTICE
Case No. 26SC005935

Plaintiff(s) KAREN C LOPEZ 1634 S 116th Street #6 West Allis WI 53214 vs Defendant(s) ANEAL MECADO 2004 W Lapham Street 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: MAY 18, 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: 4/29/2026
Plaintiff/Attorney
KAREN C LOPEZ
193/4-29/5-6-13-2026
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY (SMALL CLAIMS) PUBLICATION SUMMONS AND NOTICE
Case No. 26SC4360

Plaintiff(s) AUTOMAX FINANCIAL LLC, W133 N8569 EXECUTIVE PARKWAY, MENOMONEE FALLS WI 53051 vs Defendants: BRIANNA A MILLSAPP 323 N 30th Street MILWAUKEE WI 53208
Publication Summons and Notice of Filing

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S)
You are being sued by the person(s) as named above Plaintiff(s). A copy of the

claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims court: Milwaukee County Courthouse Telephone Number of Clerk of Court: 414-278-4140
Courtroom/ Room Number 400 Address: 901 N 9th Street City: Milwaukee State: WI Zip: 53233 on the following date and time: Date: MAY 28, 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: 4-27-2026
Plaintiff/Attorney
JOHN B TUFFNELL
Attorney's State Bar Number
1047261
BENTLEY TUFFNELL LAW, S C
933 N MAYFAIR ROAD. SUITE 325B
MILWAUKEE, WI 53226
262-353-9556
183/4-29/5-6-13-2026

SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 26CV003927

In the matter of the name change of:
JONAH ALEXANDER ROBERTS
By (Petitioner) JONAH ALEXANDER ROBERTS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: JONAH ALEXANDER ROBERTS TO: JONAH ALEXANDER RA-BELL
Birth Certificate: JONAH ALEXANDER ROBERTS

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 901 N. 9th Street, CH206 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: JUNE 8, 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: 4-27-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. PAUL VAN GRUNSVEN
Circuit Court Judge
189/4-29/5-6-13-2026
SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 26CV002248

In the matter of the name change of:
ARIA ROSE TYLER
By (Petitioner) ASIA NESHAY TAYLOR

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the

name of the person listed above:
From: ARIA ROSE TYLER to: ARIA ROSE TAYLOR
Birth Certificate: ARIA ROSE TYLER

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: JUNE 9, 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: 3-25-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN
Circuit Court Judge
187/4-29/5-6-13-2026
SUMMONS (PUBLICATION) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 26CV002247

In the matter of the name change of:
ALIVIA NICOLE JAMES-BENSON
By (Petitioner) ASIA NESHAY TAYLOR

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: ALIVIA NICOLE JAMES-BENSON to: ALIVIA NICOLE TAYLOR
Birth Certificate: ALIVIA NICOLE JAMES-BENSON

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: JUNE 9, 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: 3-25-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN
Circuit Court Judge
186/4-29/5-6-13-2026

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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.
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Signed: Patricia O'Flynn Patillo, President/Publisher

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
(SMALL CLAIMS)
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
AND NOTICE**

Case No. 26SC007657
Plaintiff(s) JUNED A CHOUDHURY
23 Queens Ct Racine WI 53402 vs De-
fendant(s) DORIS S GOODEN 3048 N
11th LN Milwaukee WI 53206
Publication Summons and Notice of Fil-
ing

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 ad-
dress as stated in the caption above.

The lawsuit will be heard in the follow-
ing Small Claims court: Milwaukee
County Courthouse Telephone Number
of Clerk of Court: 414-278-5362 Court-
room/ Room Number 400 Address: 901
N 9TH Street City: 53233 Milwaukee
State WI Zip 53233 on the following
date and time: Date: MAY 18, 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 ad-
dress. 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: 5/6/2026
Plaintiff/Attorney
JUNED A CHOUDHURY
2025-6-2026

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

Case No. 26CV002249
In the matter of the name change of:
AUSTIN TYRELL JAMES-BENSON
By (Petitioner) ASIA NESHAY TAY-
LOR

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the
name of the person listed above:
From: AUSTIN TYRELL JAMES-
BENSON to: AUSTIN TERRELL TAY-
LOR
Birth Certificate: AUSTIN TYRELL
JAMES-BENSON

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: JUNE 9, 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.
Dated: 4-23-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN
Circuit Court Judge
185/4-29/5-6-13-2026

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

Case No. 26CV003478
In the matter of the name change of:
ALANTAE ANTONIO JESUS NA-
VARRO
By (Petitioner) ALAYSHA NECOLE
BURTON

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the
name of the person listed above:
From: ALANTAE ANTONIO JESUS
NAVARRO to: ALANTAE ANTONIO
BURTON
Birth Certificate: ALANTAE ANTO-
NIO JESUS NAVARRO

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: MAY 15, 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-

sin.
Dated: 4-27-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN
Circuit Court Judge
188/4-29/5-6-13-2026

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

Case No. 26CV002246
In the matter of the name change of:
AIDEN NASIR WATKINS
By (Petitioner) ASIA NESHAY TAY-
LOR

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the
name of the person listed above:
From: AIDEN NASIR WATKINS to:
AIDEN NASIR TAYLOR
Birth Certificate: AIDEN NASIR WAT-
KINS

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: JUNE 9, 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.
Dated: 3-25-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN
Circuit Court Judge
191/4-29/5-6-13-2026

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

Case No. 26CV003809
In the matter of the name change of:
MADELINE CALLIE WRAY

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: MADELINE CALLIE WRAY to:
MADELINE CALLIE NEAL
Birth Certificate: MADELINE CALLIE
WRAY

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit
Court of Milwaukee County, State of
Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY WIT-
KOWIAK RM 415 PLACE: 901 N. 9th
Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: JUNE 9, 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.
Dated: 4-23-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
Circuit Court Judge
184/4-29/5-6-13-2026

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
DANE COUNTY
THIRD PARTY
SUMMONS**

Case No. 2025CV4101
TOP NOTCH MOVERS, LLC, 905
Dempsey Rd Madison WI 53714 Plain-
tiff, v MORGAN RYAN, INC 13835 N
Tatum Blvd Suite 9-169 Phoenix AZ
85032 Defendant-Third Party Plaintiff v
HILLEL BRODY AND DEBORAH
BRODY, 3289 N 50th Street Milwaukee
WI 53216, Third Party Defendant

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To each
person named above as a Defendant

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that
Third Party Plaintiff named above has
filed a lawsuit or other legal action
against you. The Complaint, which is at-
tached, states the nature and basis of the
legal action.

Within 20 days of receiving this Sum-
mons, you must respond to the Com-
plaint with a written Answer, as that
term is used in Wis. Stat. Ch. 802. The
Court may reject or disregard an answer
that does not follow the statutory re-
quirements.
of the statutes.

The Answer must be sent or delivered or
e-filed to the Court at the Dane County
Courthouse 215 S Hamilton St. Madison
WI 53703 and to Christopher T Hale,
Third Party Plaintiff's attorney, at Hale
Lammiman Group, LTD, 790 N Mil-
waukee Street, Suite 200, Milwaukee,
WI 53202. You may have an attorney
help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer
within 20 days, the Court may grant
judgment against you for the award of
money or other legal action requested in
the Complaint, and you may lose your

right to object to anything that is or may
be incorrect in the Complaint.

A judgement may be enforced as pro-
vided 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 garnish-
ment or seizure of property.

If you require the assistance of auxiliary
aids or services because of a disability,
call 608-266-4311 and ask for the Court
ADA Coordinator

Dated this 2nd day of April 2026
BY: HALE LAMMIMAN GROUP,
LTD

Attorneys for the Defendant, Third Party
Plaintiff
CHRISTOPHER T. HALE
(SBN 1016363)
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Milwaukee WI 53202
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192/4-29/5-6-13-2026

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

Case No. 2026CV003819
In the matter of the name change of:
TRINITY MARIE RONKOSKI
By (Petitioner) TRINITY MARIE
RONKOSKI

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the
name of the person listed above:
From: TRINITY MARIE RONKOSKI
to: TRINITY MARIE ZIELINSKI
Birth Certificate: TRINITY MARIE
RONKOSKI

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit
Court of Milwaukee County, State of
Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. REYNA MO-
RALES ROOM 402 PLACE: 901 N.
9th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
53233 DATE: JUNE 5, 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.
Dated: 4-23-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. REYNA MORALES
Circuit Court Judge
182/4-29/5-6-13-2026

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

Case No. 26CV003868
In the matter of the name change of:
HANNAH LYNN SCHMIDT
By (Petitioner) JASMINE M DE-
ROCHE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change
the name of the person listed above:
From: HANNAH LYNN SCHMIDT to:
GRIM FLYNN SCHMIDT
Birth Certificate: HANNAH LYNN
SCHMIDT

IT IS ORDERED
This petition will be heard in the Circuit
Court of Milwaukee County, State of
Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY WIT-
KOWIAK RM 415 PLACE: 901 N. 9th
Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233
DATE: JUNE 1, 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.
Dated: 4-24-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK
Circuit Court Judge
194/5-6-13-20-2026

**SUMMONS
(PUBLICATION)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DIVORCE – 40101**

Case No. 26FA001466
In Re: The marriage of Petitioner: VIC-
TOR M ROSARIO RODRIGUEZ and
Respondent: JESSICA X GUARDADO
RAMOS

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 de-
mand 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 VIC-
TOR M ROSARIO RODRIGUEZ 9842
W Brown Deer Rd Apt 4 Milwaukee WI
53224

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

If you do not demand a copy of the Peti-
tion 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 pro-
vided 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 garnish-
ment or seizure of property.

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

If you and the petitioner have minor
children, documents setting forth the
percentage standard for child support es-
tablished 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 Com-
missioner as set forth in 767.105 Wis.
Stats.

Date: 4-30-2026
BY: VICTOR M ROSARIO RODRI-
GUEZ
196/5-6-13-20-2026

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

Case No. 26CV004127
In the matter of the name change of:
NANCY CLAUDINE SIMS-MOORE
By (Petitioner) NANCY CLAUDINE
SIMS-MOORE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the
name of the person listed above:
From: NANCY CLAUDINE SIMS-
MOORE to: NANCY CLAUDINE
NEWELL
Birth Certificate: NANCY CLAUDINE
NEWELL

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: JUNE 11, 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.
Dated: 5-1-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN
Circuit Court Judge
197/5-6-13-20-2026

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

Case No. 26CV4090
In the matter of the name change of:
ALEXIS SCHONTELLE EDWARDS

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the
name of the person listed above:
From: ALEXIS SCHONTELLE ED-
WARDS TO: ALEXIS SCHONTELLE
WALTON
Birth Certificate: ALEXIS SCHON-
TELLE WALTON

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 JUNE 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.
Dated: 4-30-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. PAUL VAN GRUNSVEN
Circuit Court Judge
195/5-6-13-20-2026

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

Case No. 26CV003829
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME
CHANGE OF: TIFFINEY LATICE
CLEAVES-MOORE

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the
name of the person listed above:
FROM: TIFFINEY LATICE
CLEAVES-MOORE TO: TIFFINEY
LATICE CLEAVES
Birth Certificate: TIFFINEY LATICE
CLEAVES

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: JUNE 9, 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.
Dated: 4-23-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. WILLIAM POCAN
Circuit Court Judge
198/5-6-13-20-2026

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
(SMALL CLAIMS)
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
AND NOTICE**

Case No. 26SC008978
Plaintiff(s) L.F. SERVICE CORP 4633
N 56th Milwaukee WI 53218 vs Defen-
dant(s) DEANDRA PATTERSON and
DASHALE POINTEE ADDRESS UN-
KNOWN
Publication Summons and Notice of Fil-
ing

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 ad-
dress as stated in the caption above.

The lawsuit will be heard in the follow-
ing Small Claims court: Milwaukee
County Courthouse Telephone Number
of Clerk of Court: 414-278-4120 Court-
room/ Room Number 400 Address: 901
N 9TH Street City: 53233 Milwaukee
State WI Zip 53233 on the following
date and time: Date: JUNE 8, 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 ad-
dress. 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: 5/6/2026
Plaintiff/Attorney
L.F. SERVICE CORP
199/5-6-13-20-2026

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

Case No. 26CV3649
In the matter of the name change of: ES-
CARLET MARIBEL ERAZO
By (Petitioner) BLANCA MARIBEL
ROSALES

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the
name of the person listed above:
From: ESCARLET MARIBEL ERAZO
to: ESCARLET MARIBEL MEDINA
Birth Certificate: ESCARLET MARI-
BEL ERAZO

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: JUNE 5, 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 Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.
Dated: 4-17-2026
BY THE COURT:

HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN
Circuit Court Judge
200/5-6-13-20-2026

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

Case No. 26CV3648
In the matter of the name change of:
YENSY ELIZABETH ERAZO
By (Petitioner) BLANCA MARIBEL
ROSALES

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the
name of the person listed above:
From: YENSY ELIZABETH ERAZO
to: YENSY ELIZABETH MEDINA
Birth Certificate: YENSY ELIZABETH
ERAZO

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: JUNE 5, 2026, TIME
10:00 A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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publication as a Class 3 notice for three
(3) weeks in a row prior to the date of
the hearing in the Milwaukee Com-
munity Journal, a newspaper published
in Milwaukee County, State of Wiscon-
sin.
Dated: 4-17-2026
BY THE COURT:
HON. MICHAEL J HANRAHAN
Circuit Court Judge
201/5-6-13-20-2026

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY
(SMALL CLAIMS)
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
AND NOTICE**

Case No. 26SC008789
Plaintiff(s) STACY JEAN SINGLETON
1661 Rivers Bend #108 Wauwatosa WI
53226 vs Defendant(s) JEANNINE
CAMERON 1661 Rivers Bend
#331 Wauwatosa WI 53226
Publication Summons and Notice of Fil-
ing

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 ad-
dress as stated in the caption above.

The lawsuit will be heard in the follow-
ing Small Claims court: Milwaukee
County Courthouse Telephone Number
of Clerk of Court: 414-278-5100 Court-
room/ Room Number 400 Address: 901
N 9TH Street City: 53233 Milwaukee
State WI Zip 53233 on the following
date and time: Date: JUNE 1, 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
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Date: 5/6/2026
Plaintiff/Attorney
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Bernice King: Spirit Airlines. (Photo credit: Getty Images)

BERNICE KING speaks out about Spirit Airlines' 17,000 employees amid closure:

'Behind every corporate headline are human beings'

Bernice King addresses Spirit Airlines closing its doors on Saturday, May 2, after financial hardship and the rising cost of fuel.

By Kay Wicker, article courtesy of thegrio.com

After the air carrier finally shuttered over the weekend, Bernice King hopes Spirit Airlines' 17,000 former employees don't get lost in the fray.

On Tuesday, May 5, the 63-year-old lawyer, activist, and youngest child of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King spoke out on Instagram about the thousands of workers now left asking, "What now?"

"There has been a lot of coverage about Spirit Airlines closing abruptly, flights being canceled, passengers being stranded, and travel plans being disrupted. Those things matter.

But for many passengers, the inconvenience will be temporary," she began in the lengthy caption.

"What we cannot move past are the approximately 17,000 workers who are now facing the loss of income, benefits, stability, and the ability to provide for themselves and their families," she continued.

She added, "Behind every corporate headline are human beings. Parents. Caregivers. Workers who gave years of their lives. People now asking, 'What do I do now?'"

King urged the community to see the workers as more than numbers and collateral dam-

Her post arrived days after the budget airline carrier, nearly 34 years in the industry, shut down on Saturday, May 2, impacting thousands of passengers and employees, according to AP News.

The carrier completed its final flights on Friday and by Sunday had transported all crew members back to their home bases.

News that the end was near first surfaced in mid-April,



Passengers check in for their Spirit Airlines flights at O'Hare Airport on March 10, 2026 in Chicago, Illinois. The budget airline plans to cut flights, downsize its fleet and recall furloughed pilots in a bid to emerge from bankruptcy as early as the spring. (Photo by Scott Olson/Getty Images)

though company officials remained largely silent about the airline's prospects, leaving both customers and employees in the dark.

During a bankruptcy hearing on Tuesday, Marshall Huebner, an attorney for the company, confirmed that financial hard-

"Thank you, and sorry to the American public," Huebner said during the hearing, according to NBC News.

In its statement announcing the closure, the company acknowledged the disappointment surrounding its final chapter.

"It is with great disappointment that Spirit Airlines has started winding down its global operations, effective immediately," the statement began, before explaining that all flights had been canceled and that the airline could not assist passengers with rebooking on other carriers.

Refunds for canceled flights purchased with credit or debit

cards, however, would be returned to the original form of payment.

"We are proud of the impact of our ultra-low-cost model on the industry for the last 33 years and had hoped to serve our Guests for many years to come," the statement concluded.

Since the closure, reactions have ranged from genuine grief among loyal customers who relied on the carrier for affordable, once-in-a-lifetime trips to outright celebration from critics who long mocked the airline's reputation.

Yet despite the jokes and complaints, Spirit played a major role in democratizing air travel.

Experts and economic analysts have warned that losing the carrier could spell the end of affordable flying as we know it.

For now, as King pointed out, 17,000 people and their families have had their lives abruptly upended, and thousands of travelers are scrambling to rebook flights.

CYNTHIA CECE BROWN Is New NAWBO WI Advocacy Committee Chair



Cynthia CeCe Brown

The Wisconsin chapter of NAWBO (National Association of Women Business Owners) is thrilled to announce today that Cynthia CeCe Brown, leader of C. Renee Consulting and Management Group, is stepping into the role of Advocacy Committee Chair.

The position was recently vacated by Jamie White co-founder of Believe Crew.

A strong leader in the community, CeCe was the clear choice for NAWBO Wisconsin as they sought to fill the Advocacy Chair position. CeCe has managed winning campaigns from the Aldermanic Ward to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors to the State Senate and state legislature. She has built the ground operations, shaped the messaging, and mobilized the voters that put leaders in office across every level of Wisconsin government.

Regarding her acceptance of the Advocacy Chair role, CeCe said, "Over 69,000 federal positions have been cut, many held by the very women these programs were designed to uplift. This is not abstract policy. This is someone's mother. Someone's daughter. Someone's business.

"Every attack on DEI is an attack on women. Every attack on equity is an attack on the entrepreneurs I serve — marginalized women who don't just need a seat at the table, but who built the table, set it, and fed everyone at it.

"When you strip away diversity initiatives, you don't create a "merit-based" system — you restore the barriers that kept us out in the first place.

"NAWBO has stood for over fifty years as the only organization representing the interests of all women entrepreneurs across every industry. That legacy matters now more than ever.

"I accepted this role because advocacy without strategy is noise, and strategy without heart is hollow. I bring both."

To every woman business owner watching her rights questioned, her programs defunded, and her worth debated — I see you. I am you. And I am not here to be quiet. I am here to be a catalyst for the systemic transformation our communities deserve. They can roll back the programs. They cannot roll back the power of women who refuse to be erased."

NAWBO will look to CeCe for insight into the struggles and needs of Wisconsin female entrepreneurs. This June, she will share understanding during NAWBO National's advocacy days in Washington, D.C.

She brings 20+ years of significant consulting and community leadership expertise in both non-profit and governmental agencies. She is dedicated to nurturing, developing and empowering jobseekers, people with disabilities, entrepre-

neurs, and businesses to see their dreams become reality.

"When I first met CeCe, I was astounded by her as a businesswoman and a person," said Mary Ballistrer, founder of NAWBO WI. "She brings great depth to clients through her immense knowledge of business and great care for them as people, as well. I could sense immediately that she was a powerhouse. We are so grateful to have her as an advocate for women entrepreneurs."

Camille Carter, CEO & President of Madison Black Chamber of Commerce, was enthusiastic in her praise of Brown taking on this role.

"Cece is a phenomenal businesswoman whose commitment to entrepreneurial justice is unwavering.

"I am inspired by her leadership, and in her new role as Advocacy Committee Chairwoman for NAWBO, her voice will resonate both locally and nationally advancing the challenges and opportunities facing women business owners. She brings a rare combination of passion, purpose, and fearlessness to the work, and she gets things done."

Cece's excellence has been recognized with numerous honors, including the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award, the Women of Excellence Award, a Congregational Recognition Award, and an award for exemplary work with individuals with disabilities.

She holds a master's degree in human services with a special concentration on organizational management and leadership from Springfield College and earned both a Bachelor of Science and an associate degree from Upper Iowa University.

About NAWBO

NAWBO is the only dues-based organization representing the interests of all women entrepreneurs across all industries, with chapters across the country. With far-reaching influence and impact, NAWBO is a one-stop resource which propels women business owners into greater economic, social, and political spheres of power worldwide. NAWBO Wisconsin is a new and growing chapter.

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age, and not to forget them as the news cycle moves on.

"My prayers are with the Spirit employees, contractors, and families navigating this painful uncertainty. May they receive support, opportunity, and the dignity every worker deserves," she concluded.

ship (the company filed bankruptcy twice recently after failing to turn a profit since the COVID-19 pandemic) and rising fuel costs tied to the U.S.-Israel war with Iran contributed to the shutdown, while also apologizing to the public.

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