

The Milwaukee Times



Weekly Newspaper

"Journalistic Excellence, Service, Integrity and Objectivity Always"

Vol. 45 • No. 17 • Thurs., May 7, 2026 - Wed., May 13, 2026 • An HTGroup, LLC Publication • Serving The Milwaukee Area • 85¢

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee, host 'The Art of Pairing'



Photos by Yvonne Kemp

On Friday, May 1, 2026, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee (BBBSMM), hosted "The Art of Pairing," a vibrant and memorable fundraising event held at ThriveOn King, welcoming nearly 200 guests for an evening celebrating creativity, connection, and mentorship. Attendees enjoyed three thoughtfully curated wine and chocolate pairings led by professional sommeliers, while the lively atmosphere brought friends together to experience live art sales and local businesses that emphasize the art of indulgence, taste, and experience. A highlight of the evening was the featured Match art-

work, pieces created collaboratively by Bigs and Littles, beautifully illustrating the true art of pairing and the power of mentorship. The night was further energized by live entertainment from Wait For Morning, a living statue experience to enhance the artistic theme, and several talented local artists, whose work alongside Match-created art reinforced the meaningful bond that pairing and creativity creates. Also in attendance for the event were (bottom row, right photo) BBBSMM President and CEO Neil Willenson and BBBSMM Director of Community Engagement Amanda Braun.

BCDI Wisconsin hosts 'Ride Into Literacy'



Photos by Yvonne Kemp

On Thursday, April 30, 2026, Black Child Development Institute (BCDI) Wisconsin "Ride Into Literacy" Gala brought together community leaders, families, and supporters for an inspiring evening at the Harley-Davidson Museum garage event space. The event celebrated the power of literacy while raising critical support for programs that uplift children and families across the region.

Guests were treated to a dynamic lineup of entertainment throughout the evening, including a live painting experience by Malcom McCrae, a moving musical performance by Grammy Award-winning cellist Malik Johnson, and vibrant sounds by DJ LoLo that kept the energy high.

The program was skillfully hosted by Derrica Williams alongside BCDI Kid Champions Brixton Imler and Sophia and Penelope Kirchner, whose presence highlighted the importance of youth voice and leadership in advancing literacy efforts.

A special highlight of the evening was the live artwork created by Malcom McCrae. Three original pieces were generously sponsored by Cory

Nettles, Rachel Greer, and Gerard Randall. These works will be permanently displayed in BCDI Wisconsin's new office space located at 4295 West Bradley Road, serving as a lasting symbol of the community's investment in literacy and opportunity.

The success of the evening was made possible through the generous support of sponsors and partners, including HSA Bank, Shaka Smart and Maya Smart, Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Paradise Funeral Home, Brewers Community Foundation, Generation Growth, WISCAP, Landmark Credit Union, Wisconsin Early Childhood Association, Children's Wisconsin, Living Made Easy, Office of African American Affairs, U.S. Bank, Celebrate Children Foundation Inc., Festus Auto Sales, and many dedicated community supporters.

The community can continue to support BCDI Wisconsin's efforts by participating in the silent auction at <https://givebutter.com/c/BCDI-WI2026/auction> and by making a donation at www.bcdi-wisconsin.org.

King David #10 and Martha Chapter #10 host community service for US troops



Photos by Yvonne Kemp

On Friday, May 1, 2026, the Brothers of King David #10 Prince Hall Masonic Lodge of WI and Sisters of Martha Chapter #10 Unity Grand Chapter Prince Hall Affiliated, hosted a community service day at the #10 Prince Hall Masonic Lodge, 1218 W. North Ave.

Both organizations hoped to inspire similar community groups to pool their collective resources to help support our US troops that are making sacrifices for our country. They have been working hard to support our troops that are based in Fort McCoy, WI and they

have made strides in collecting many nonperishable items to support and provide service members with care packages filled with essential toiletry items and snack foods.

Brothers of King David #10 Prince Hall Masonic Lodge of WI and Sisters of Martha Chapter #10 Unity Grand Chapter Prince Hall Affiliated's mission is to make a positive difference in the world through charitable works, lasting friendships, and loving-kindness by dedicating time to projects that benefit communities and mankind in general.

Walgreens is shutting down North Avenue store due to 'safety challenges'

The store's last day is June 23, 2026.

Walgreens confirmed on Monday, May 4, 2026 that it will soon close the store at 27th Street and North Avenue in Milwaukee due to "persistent safety challenges."

The store's last day is scheduled for June 23, 2026.

In a statement a Walgreens spokesperson said, "Protecting our customers and team members remains our top

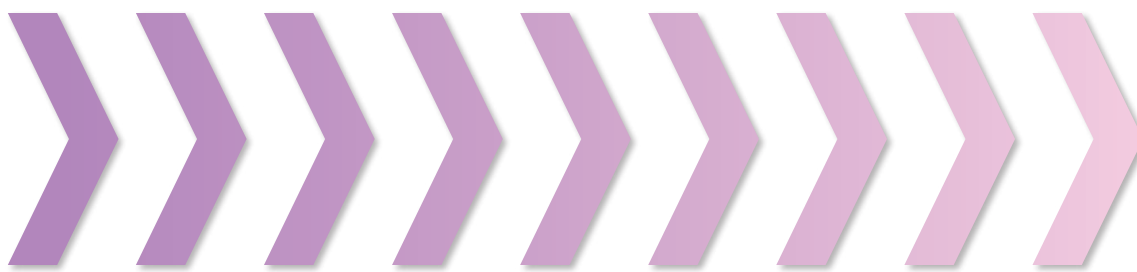


Web Photo

priority, and despite our actions and investments in private security, persistent safety challenges at our North Avenue store do not allow us to operate sustainably. We continue to operate other Walgreens stores in the city and remain focused on working with law enforcement, community partners and local of-

ficials to support safer retail environments overall."

Customers can still fill and pick-up prescriptions at the 27th Street and North Avenue store until June 23. Prescriptions will then automatically transfer to the Walgreens at 35th Street and Wisconsin Avenue.



The Milwaukee Times

Weekly Newspaper • Printing & Publishing Co.
Your one stop, full service printer - from concept to completion!

LETTERHEADS

BANNERS

ANNIVERSARY BOOKS

ENVELOPES

TIPPING ENVELOPES

CALENDARS

NEWSLETTERS

BUSINESS CARDS

Free Delivery Service

2238 North Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive • miltimes@gmail.com • 414-263-5088

The Milwaukee Times

Weekly Newspaper

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

THE MILWAUKEE TIMES WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

Louvenia Johnson (1981-2008) Luther Golden (1981-2005) Nathan Conyers (1981-2018)

Harold D. Turner, Sr.,
President & Publisher
William S. Gooden, Editor-In-Chief

Founders
Louvenia Johnson
Nathan Conyers
Luther Golden

Ministries Section
Elaine Walker

Printshop Manager
Michelle Anibas

Layout
William Gooden

Photography
Yvonne Kemp

The Milwaukee Times Weekly Newspaper is published each Thursday at 2238 N. Dr. MLK, Jr. Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53212
Telephone: 414-263-5088 • Fax: 414-263-4445

Email: miltimes@gmail.com
http://milwaukeetimesnews.com