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Northcott Neighborhood House hosts the 2026 Freedom Ball

Honoring Excellence | Empowering the Future



Photos by Yvonne Kemp

On Friday, June 12, 2026, Northcott Neighborhood House hosted, the Juneteenth Milwaukee Freedom Ball at Harley Davidson Museum-Garage, 400 W. Canal St. This elegant event empowers the next generation by providing equitable access to higher education. Through community-driven financial support, we award scholarships that foster academic excellence and develop leaders committed to making a lasting impact in their communities and beyond.

This year's Freedom Ball Honoring "Excellence|Empowering the Future" honorees are: Joseph M. Winston, Community Commitment Award Ambassador Thomas Barre Father of the Year Mario

Higgins, Director, City of Milwaukee Grants Administration Volunteers of the Year Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter.

For 35 years, the Freedom Ball has stood as a signature celebration of Milwaukee's Black youth - elevating their achievements, honoring cultural excellence, and funding opportunities for their future. Each year, the Freedom Ball raises critical dollars for the Miss & Mr. Juneteenth Scholarship Program, directly supporting outstanding young Black leaders in our community.

North Central Service Club: A small organization that gives in a big way



Photos by Yvonne Kemp

On Saturday, May 30, 2026, the North Central Service Club hosted its 2026 Scholarship Awards Reception. Of its many service activities, the scholarship awards program is a major annual project of this nonprofit organization founded in 1966 with 17 active members currently. You see, it's small and yet quite impactful! The dedicated members feel personally rewarded by giving their time, skills and expertise to serve needs in the Milwaukee community.

A very supportive friend of NCSC Tammie McKinney helped get the program started appropriately by leading the Black National Anthem. The guest speaker, Jada Davis who served as Ms. Milwaukee in 2022, encouraged the awardees to prepare themselves and to be ready to courageously take risks. She pointed out to the awardees that when they don't allow fear to stop them, they can accomplish

even more than their original dreams. Kaleigha Taylor, a 2023 NCSC scholarship recipient graduating from Alverno College this year, also spoke. She shared lessons from her freshman year and the adjustments that helped her succeed. The awardees smiled and nodded, appreciating the 'heads up' from someone who had already taken the journey they're about to start.

The 2026 North Central Service Club scholarship recipients (left photo, listed alphabetically) are Zoe Chambers of Golda Meir, Isah Furr of Bay View, Dayana Griggs of Milwaukee School of Languages, Taijah Moore of Messmer, Brie Richards of Ronald Reagan, and Anija Thomas of Riverside. Congratulations to these well-deserving, high-achieving scholars.

Everything you need to know about getting to Summerfest this year

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Summerfest is providing plenty of convenient and safe options for people to get to the festival this year. You need to make sure you have a plan, though, in order to avoid traffic and construction nearby. Here are the best options, according to Summerfest.

Driving to Summerfest:

Summerfest is recommending parking in the following lots because of emergency repairs on the Clybourn Street Bridge.

- Museum Center Park Lot (745 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive)
- Lewis Center (616 E Clybourn St.)
- US Bank Structure (716 E Clybourn St.)

Summerfest also recommends arriving early and utilizing the following downtown exits to avoid lakefront congestion.

- Plankinton Avenue
- Greenfield Avenue and Lapham Boulevard
- National Avenue
- Jackson Street & Van Bu-



- ren Street
- St. Paul Avenue and James Lovell Street

Preordering parking:

You can pre-purchase parking online beforehand at <https://store.summerfest.com/parking-pass-2>.

The Hop:

The Hop streetcar is also a free alternative for people to get to Summerfest. A few reminders, it will run daily and stops just steps from the Summerfest North Gate at the Couture Transit Center.

Festival goers are encouraged to park at these nearby lots to ride The Hop at the

lakefront:

- 777 N Milwaukee St.
- 721 N Broadway St.
- 840 N Broadway St.

The Hop Festival (F) Line offers increased frequency during all 9 days of the festival, Summerfest says.

MCTS shuttles:

Milwaukee County Transit System shuttles offer one of the easiest ways to get to and from the festival, according to Summerfest. They will drop off festival goers right outside the Mid Gate.

There will be three dedicated shuttle routes that will

operate from these three Park and Ride lots:

- College Avenue
- Brown Deer
- Hales Corners
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The shuttles will provide non-stop service to the Summerfest gates. Cashless fares are \$18 round trip for adults and \$9 for riders ages 11 and under, adults 65 and older and individuals with qualifying disabilities, according to Summerfest. Riders can pay using mobile payments for quick and easy boarding, and parking at the lots is free.

Other options for festival goers riding MCTS:

- The Connect 1 BRT line offers fast, frequent rides to downtown Milwaukee within walking distance of the festival's North Gate, offering frequent service every 10 minutes on Saturdays.
- Connect 1 and regular route fares are \$2.75 for riders ages 12 and up.
- Multiple MCTS local routes also serve the area nearby.

Visit Summerfest.com or

RideMCTS.com for routes, schedules, fares and service details.

Bublr Bikes:

Bike stations can be found throughout Milwaukee and near festival gates. You just need to pick up a bike at any station and return them at a convenient nearby station.

- Discovery World
- Erie & Menomonee
- The Couture
- Trestle Park (Erie & Jackson)

Bar Shuttles, Scooters and Rideshare:

Many Milwaukee Bars and restaurants offer free or low-cost shuttles directly to the festival gate. A full list of participating shuttle locations can be found at Summerfest.com.

Users can rent a scooter and park it at designated locations near the North and Mid Gates.

A dedicated rideshare drop-off and pick-up zone can be found outside the North Gate.

MATC raises the Juneteenth flag at its downtown Milwaukee campus, honoring freedom and Black history

The Juneteenth flag now flies above MATC's downtown campus, serving as both a celebration of freedom and a reminder of the resilience and contributions of African Americans throughout history.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865 — the day enslaved people in Texas learned they were free, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. The Juneteenth flag's star and bursting horizon represent freedom and the promise of a new beginning.

Samuel Alford, an MATC alumnus, said the day carries deep meaning.

"The raising of the Juneteenth flag is more than important. It raises the standard. It raises a reminder that we overcame oppression before. We overcame slavery," Alford said.

Alford said the holiday also speaks to what freedom truly means.

"Historically, it means we won the war. It means freedom wasn't actualized until everybody was actually free. Juneteenth means to me it's the real 4th of July to black Americans," Alford said.

He said keeping that history alive is a responsibility that falls on those who lived it.

"It makes me feel great, you know what I mean? ... We are the living libraries that keep these stories alive. We need



to pass it on," Alford said.

For College Events Coordinator Ebony Hagler, Juneteenth is more than history. It's her family's story.

"It's very personal because my father's family is from Galveston, Texas," Hagler said.

Hagler said her family has traced its roots directly to the moment emancipation became real.

"We've traced our roots back to our great great grandfather, who at the time of the Emancipation Proclamation was 15, so it makes me just think, wow, what was that like for him," Hagler said.

She said she hopes the ceremony leaves a lasting impression on those who witnessed it.

"Juneteenth to me means freedom and celebrating freedom. While we're not there yet, we've come a way. We've come a long way. We've got

a long way to go, but it's celebration of who we are as a people, our resilience," Hagler said.

"I hope that they understand that history will repeat itself if we don't acknowledge what has occurred, and I hope that they celebrate along with us all of the achievements that African Americans, black people, people of color have contributed to this nation," Hagler said.

"Coming together on days like this is just very important, and so I hope that people take away from it the celebration of black people and the liberation," Hagler said.

Darryl Fortune, MATC's director of content and public relations, said the event reflects the college's broader values.

"Today's event is a celebration of not only MATC and diversity, but also of June-

teenth and showing the pride that the college has for Juneteenth," Fortune said.

Fortune said education is at the heart of why events like this matter.

"I hope that people first are educated, that they're educated about what Juneteenth

is and why we celebrate. I also hope that there's inclusiveness and understanding," Fortune said.

He said the stories shared at events like this one are what make the celebration meaningful.

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Being Frank

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Stop acting like a slave

June 19, 1865 was a day that should be etched onto every African American soul. This is the day people celebrate in honor of the last slaves being freed in the USA. 161 years ago slavery was officially over in the USA. If this was the case, why are many African American people still acting like slaves?

African Americans are free. The US government has even made June 19th a Federal Holiday. Why are many African Americans still in some form of slavery? Why does such a vast number of African Americans act like they are still under Master's thumb? The answer is so simple it is complex. The African American was physically freed, but never mentally freed. Many African Americans are still slaves in the mind.

Let's get right down to cases. In the 1800's African Americans were bought and sold on the auction block. In 2026 African Americans are still bought and sold on evolved auction blocks. These auction blocks are now called trade blocks, or drafts. I can hear the outrage from sports fans around the country. "These people are making millions of dollars. You



crazy." Crazy like a fox. The stud slave made his owner money via being rented out for various duties. White owners also staged fisticuff events that generated money and entertainment. Many of these stud slaves often had high status on the plantation. These slaves received the best shack, better treatment, and the pick of the females. Some even got a horse. Translate those benefits into 2026 and you see the similarity. The prize pro athlete often has a big house, starlets, Bentley cars, etc. Can you see the slave residue?

The insane part of the previous example, is that African American slaves dread-

ed their child being put on the auction block. In 2026, many African Americans pray to Jesus that their child can be on one of the various pro sport draft blocks. Manipulation of the mind is a hell of a thing.

This exploration of the prize buck has evolved in 2026 to include the African American female. Various sports have conquered the African American male mind and have now gained a foothold in the African American female mind. Rise of female pro sports leagues have driven African American parents of many female offspring insane. Before many African American female children

can understand they are female, their lunatic father puts a basketball in their hand. This is especially true, if the man wanted a son. The African American female child is made to live out the father's hoop dream that he never achieved. A classic case of misspent frustration. Often this same hoop crazed parent is shocked, or confused, when his daughter changes their gender, or prefers a lesbian lifestyle.

The previous paragraphs depicted physical manifestations of slavery in 2026. Now let's get to the crux that enables slavery to thrive in today's USA. The conquering of the African American mind. The physical enslavement of African Americans ended in 1865. The mental enslavement of African Americans is in full effect in 2026. Here are a few examples. The way an African American male can causally kill another African American. The way African Americans easily exploit their women in all facets of entertainment. The way the African American male has adapted feminine hairstyles and dress over the past 20 years. These are all examples of mental slavery in African

Americans.

Free your mind should be the rallying cry of all African American people. The dependency on the white power structure inhibits this to a point. One simple thought can change the African American conundrum. The thought, "I live here in the USA, but I don't have to buy into everything society dictates." This thought enables an African American person to live and prosper in the USA and not be overwhelmed mentally by the constant barrage of mental slave enticements. An African American person can do their job, live, enjoy life because they are observers and not participants.

Think and be free. Stop acting like a slave.

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The question before Wisconsin

"There's no underestimating the intelligence of the American public."

— H.L. Mencken

On June 27, 2026 candidates for Governor of Wisconsin will gather at North Division High School for The WEBB's Vote With Wisdom Forum. The event will focus on energy affordability, housing justice, environmental health, and democratic participation. Those subjects may appear distinct, but they all emerge from the same underlying question: who governs Wisconsin, and in whose interests?

Mencken's observation feels particularly relevant today because many Wisconsin residents recognize a widening gap between the language used to describe our society and the reality they encounter within it.

We hear that economic development flourishes while households struggle to absorb even modest financial shocks. We hear that democracy remains healthy while trust in public institutions continues to erode. We hear promises of expanding pros-

perity while entire neighborhoods confront housing instability, unaffordable utility bills, environmental hazards, and declining life expectancy. People may disagree about the causes, but they understand the contradiction.

Several weeks ago, I found myself running outside in the early morning hours because my vehicle faced an imminent tow. The experience itself was unremarkable. Millions of Americans live close enough to financial precarity that an unexpected expense can disrupt an entire month. What stayed with me afterward was the contrast.

Ordinary people encounter consequences immediately. A missed payment generates a fee. A parking violation generates a ticket. A lapse in insurance triggers penalties. The machinery of accountability functions with remarkable efficiency whenever it turns toward working class families.

Yet many of the institutions exercising the greatest influence over our collective future rarely encounter comparable scrutiny. Utilities secure bloated rate increases

even as households struggle with rising energy burdens. Corporations receive public subsidies while local governments plead scarcity. Industries obtain permits that impose environmental costs on communities already carrying disproportionate burdens. Political leaders celebrate aggregate growth while avoiding deeper questions about who benefits, who bears the costs, and who holds power.

Milwaukee offers perhaps the clearest expression of this contradiction.

Researchers at UWM have documented for years that Milwaukee ranks at or near the bottom among major American cities for Black well-being across measures of housing, health, education, income, and civic life. Such outcomes do not emerge spontaneously. They reflect decades of policy decisions, investment decisions, regulatory decisions, planning decisions, and political decisions. They reveal a governing order that distributes risk, opportunity, wealth, and vulnerability in profoundly unequal

ways.

We're tempted (and in some ways conditioned) to treat each manifestation separately: housing becomes a housing issue; utility affordability becomes an energy issue; environmental degradation becomes an ecological issue; political disengagement becomes a civic issue.

We experience our lives, however, as a continuous, integrated whole. The parent deciding between groceries and a utility payment experiences all of these systems simultaneously. The renter

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The question before Wisconsin

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living with mold while utility costs climb experiences all of these systems simultaneously. The resident whose neighborhood absorbs pollution while investment flows elsewhere experiences all of these systems simultaneously.

So what often appears as a collection of distinct problems, in fact, reflects a deeper crisis of democratic governance. The crisis of our democracy — alongside the interrelated crises of ecology, economy, and social reproduction — emerges from an economic system that subordinates land, labor, resources, and political institutions to the accumulation and preservation of wealth.

Any serious conversation about democracy must therefore begin with power: who holds it, how it became concentrated, and whether the people asked to live with the consequences possess any real authority over the decisions made in their name.

Democracy concerns more than showing up for periodic elections. It concerns who governs energy systems, housing markets, land use

decisions, economic development priorities, and environmental protections. It concerns whether communities help shape those decisions before they occur rather than merely living with their consequences afterward.

That is why The WEBB is hosting the Vote With Wisdom Forum.

At The WEBB, we believe the path forward begins with rebuilding democratic capacity in the places where people live, work, worship, raise families, and bear the consequences of decisions too often made without them. We believe communities possess far more wisdom, creativity, and governing ability than our current institutions allow them to exercise. We believe Wisconsin's future depends less on finding the right savior than on creating the conditions for ordinary people to govern more of the systems that shape their daily lives.

The Vote With Wisdom Forum represents one contribution to that larger project. It creates a space where those seeking power must answer directly to the people who live with the consequences of its exercise. It asks voters to evaluate candidates not only on policy proposals or electoral viability, but on something more fundamental: their capacity for critical

thought, deep listening, empathy, moral courage, and democratic leadership.

Anyone can memorize a platform. Anyone can repeat talking points crafted by consultants and pollsters. The office of governor demands something more. It requires the ability to understand complex realities, wrestle honestly with competing interests, learn from people whose experiences differ from one's own, and exercise sound judgment under conditions of uncertainty. It requires the humility to recognize that no individual possesses all the answers and the wisdom to govern alongside the people most affected by political decisions.

The deeper purpose of this forum is therefore public discernment. Wisconsin voters deserve an opportunity to determine not only what these candidates propose to do, but what kind of human beings they are. Do they understand the interlocking crises of democracy, ecology, economy, and social reproduction that increasingly define our era? Do they recognize the structures that produce those crises? Do they possess the political courage and moral imagination necessary to begin transforming those structures toward greater, hyperlocal democratic control, public accountability,

and community stewardship of the resources and infrastructure upon which life depends?

Milwaukee has waited a long time for these questions to be taken seriously. On

June 27, 2026 we intend to ask them. More importantly, we intend to continue building the civic infrastructure, democratic capacity, and organized communities capable of demanding answers long after the election is over.

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MATC raises the Juneteenth flag

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"That all people are important and that everyone has a story to tell and to be able to tell that story in this Juneteenth celebration is important," Fortune said.

Fortune also noted Milwaukee's place in the national Juneteenth tradition.

"If you look at the Juneteenth parade over the years, you see the diversity not only in the parade, but also in the streets and the community coming out. It is just a huge festival. Milwaukee is one of the largest in the country," Fortune said.

Poet Kwabena Antoine Nixon said Juneteenth is a celebration that is often misunderstood.

"A lot of times, everybody likes to show our pain but doesn't wanna show our joy. Juneteenth is a celebration of us overcoming," Nixon said.

Nixon said the holiday is a testament to enduring resilience.

"The pain overcoming and the suffering and still finding meaning in that and to

see it still going since the day they founded it to this present time and especially in the climate we're in Juneteenth means to me that's the beauty of resilience, man, celebration of resilience," Nixon said.

He said the holiday belongs to all Americans, not just one community.


"Juneteenth is an American holiday. Juneteenth happened in America, right? That was the things that happened what happened in America, correct? So this is a part of American history," Nixon said.

Nixon said understanding that history starts with knowing where you come from.

"When you know who you are, you know where you're going, and you know where you're coming from. So it's important. Most of our young people don't know the vastness of our history," Nixon said.

Milwaukee's Juneteenth celebration is one of the longest-running in the nation, with the holiday falling on Friday, June 19.

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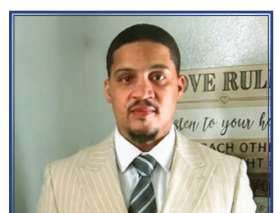


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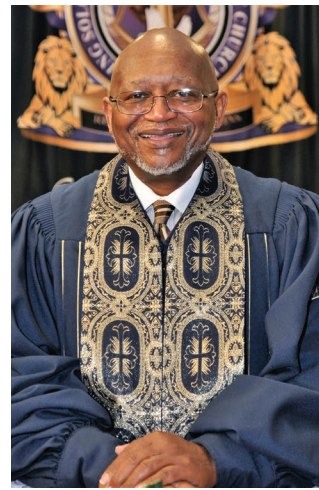
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What Is Juneteenth?

Juneteenth commemorates the effective end of slavery in the United States

Juneteenth (short for “June Nineteenth”) marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, TX in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops’ arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday.

forever free.”

But in reality, the Emancipation Proclamation didn’t instantly free any enslaved people. The proclamation only applied to places under Confederate control and not to slave-holding border states or rebel areas already under Union control. However, as Northern troops advanced into the Confederate South, many enslaved people fled behind Union lines.

Juneteenth and slavery in Texas

In Texas, slavery had continued as the state experienced no large-scale fighting or significant presence of Union troops. Many enslavers from outside the Lone Star State had moved there, as they viewed it as a safe haven for slavery.

After the war came to a close in the spring of 1865, General Granger’s arrival in Galveston that June signaled freedom for Texas’s 250,000 enslaved people. Although emancipation didn’t happen overnight for everyone—in some cases, enslavers withheld the information until after harvest season—celebrations broke out among newly freed black people, and Juneteenth was born.

Confederate General Robert E. Lee had surrendered at Appomattox Court House in Virginia two months earlier, but slavery had remained relatively unaffected in Texas—until U.S. General Gordon Granger stood on Texas soil and read General Orders No. 3: “The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free.”

The Emancipation Proclamation

The Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, had established that all enslaved people in Confederate states in rebellion against the Union “shall be then, thenceforward, and



That December, slavery in America was formally abolished with the adoption of the 13th Amendment to the US Constitution.

The year following 1865, freedmen in Texas organized the first of what became the annual celebration of "Jubilee Day" on June 19. In the ensuing decades, Juneteenth commemorations featured music, barbecues, prayer

services and other activities, and as black people migrated from Texas to other parts of the country, the Juneteenth tradition spread.

Milwaukee began celebrating Juneteenth in 1971. Inspired by a Southern celebration, it was organized by Margaret Rogers and the Northcott Neighborhood House, making it one of the longest-running, continuous-

ly held Juneteenth traditions in the United States.

The annual celebration has steadily grown into one of the largest in the country, featuring a mile-and-a-half-long parade, vendor fairs, and community gatherings.

In 1979, Texas became the first state to make Juneteenth an official holiday. Today, all 50 states recognize Juneteenth as a holiday. President Joe Biden signed the legislation in June 2021 that made Juneteenth a Federal observance.

This year here in Milwaukee, the city is celebrating its 55th year of observing the Juneteenth holiday. The festival has grown from a room full of vendors and a stage to include a parade and street festival on King Drive, and a featured day at Milwaukee's Summerfest music festival.



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table and Robert Kraig, Citizen Action Wisconsin. They discussed why a true political democracy can't be achieved without economic democracy, how Milwaukee won a real participatory budgeting process that gives communities power over housing and safety dollars, and what our communities are able to achieve when we stop letting a handful of ultrawealthy people call the shots. This event was emceed by the Kid Mero. There were also music performances by Squirrel Flower and Wave Chapelle.




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Small Business Spotlight

Getting to know the organizations and individuals helping make our community better

The Resurrection School: Professor Michael Ayers, M.A. on Faith, Study, and the Mission

By Launita Jacobs Dawson

In a conversation with the *Milwaukee Times Weekly Newspaper*, the founder of The Resurrection School reflects on biblical study, cultural memory, and the importance of reading history with greater care and curiosity.

For more than three decades, Professor Michael Ayers has pursued a line of study he describes as both spiritual and scholarly. As the founder of Resurrection School, he says his work grew from a deep familiarity with scripture, years of reflection, and a commitment to helping people think more critically about what they read, what they inherit, and what histories they may have been taught to overlook.

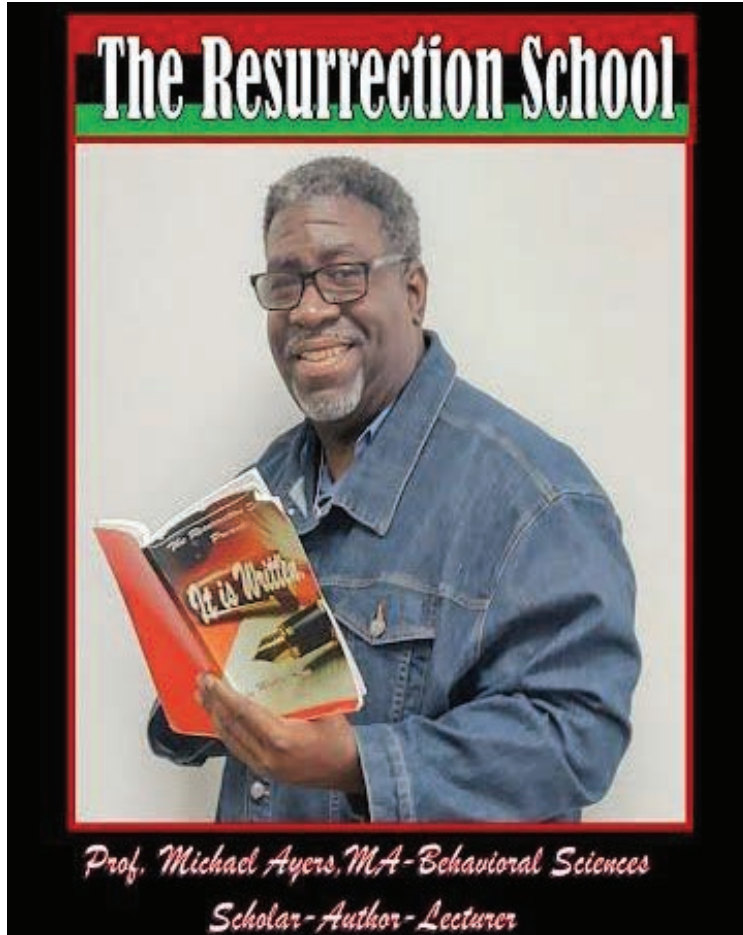
Speaking with the Milwaukee Times as part of its Small Business Spotlight series, Ayers discussed the origins of The Resurrection School, his

long-running study of Black presence in biblical history, and his belief that communities are strengthened when they read more deeply and preserve their own stories more intentionally.

A calling rooted in faith

Ayers says The Resurrection School began more than 35 years ago, not as part of a formal ministry, but through what he understands as spiritual direction. Raised in the church and immersed in Bible study from a young age, he says scripture was always familiar to him. Over time, however, he came to believe that reading the Bible carefully required more than familiarity; it required a willingness to revisit the text with fresh attention and deeper study.

That sense of purpose continues to shape the mission he describes today. Ayers says his goal is to help people emotionally, intellectually, and practically through



study and reflection. In his view, knowledge is most useful when it leads not only to

information, but also to understanding and growth.

Reading beyond what we are told

A central part of Ayers' work is his study of Black presence in biblical history. He describes one defining moment as a late-night prompting to study Abraham, a moment that led him into years of research about names, places, language, and interpretation in scripture. From there, he began examining terms such as Kush and Ethiopia, asking how those words have been understood and how those understandings have shaped religious teaching.

Throughout the interview, Ayers returns to one consistent point: people should read more for themselves. He encourages readers to consult dictionaries, biblical reference books, and history texts rather than relying only on what they have heard in classrooms or from the pulpit. For him, the discipline of study is not just academic
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Spotlight on Community

Getting to know the organizations and individuals helping make our community better

Milwaukee's Raniyah Edwards brings purpose, faith and community to Prairie View's top student honor

Crowned Ms. Juneteenth 2019, the 94th Miss Prairie View A&M University says her foundation of faith, family and community prepared her to lead — and encourages others to walk boldly in their purpose.

By Launita Dawson

For Raniyah Edwards, every title has meant something deeper than recognition it has been a responsibility.

The Milwaukee native, now serving as the 94th Miss Prairie View A&M University for the 2026–27 academic year, credits her journey not to chance, but to the people and faith that shaped her along the way. “I’m a product of community,” Edwards said, a statement that reflects the neighborhoods, churches and cultural spaces that helped raise her.

But just as central to her story is the steady influence of her mother, whose words and encouragement helped guide her through moments of uncertainty. Whether stepping onto a stage or stepping into a new opportunity, Edwards said her mother consistently pushed her forward—even when she hesitated.

Before stepping onto Prairie View's stage, Edwards was already representing her city with pride as Miss Juneteenth 2019. But even that moment came with doubt. On the day of the pageant, she recalled quietly asking her mother if she really had to go through with it. Her mother's response was simple and direct: go out there. Edwards did and she won.

That moment became more than a title. It became a lesson in courage, trust and showing up.

From performing with Signature Dance Company and Black Arts MKE to stepping into leadership roles at school, Edwards built her voice early. Opportunities didn't always come with certainty, but they came with encouragement from home. “Faith is always an action,” she said. “It's not always something that you see. It's something that you do.”

That belief was reinforced again when she made the bold decision to attend Prairie View A&M University, the only school she applied to even with the reality of out-of-state tuition ahead of her. She and her family didn't know exactly how it would be paid for, but her mother's words stayed with her: if it's meant for you, it will work out.

And it did.

By the time Edwards stepped onto campus, scholarships and support had cov-



Edwards with the Miss Juneteenth court 2019 (top and bottom photo).



ered the cost. That moment, she said, confirmed everything she had been taught about faith, trust and obedience.

At Prairie View, Edwards didn't just attend, she answered every opportunity placed before her. She studied abroad in Mexico, interned with Wisconsin State Sen. LaTonya Johnson, lived and learned in Washington, D.C., and later traveled to Sweden as one of only 10 students worldwide selected for the Future Nobel Laureate Scholarship.

Each step strengthened her commitment to serving others. “Policy gives you room to make action on behalf of others who cannot,” she said.

Still, her approach remained simple and rooted in the same encouragement she grew up with: “I just say yes.”

When Edwards decided to run for Miss Prairie View, she said it was never about the crown itself. It was about impact. Her platform,

“The Promised Land,” calls students to embrace their history, access the resources around them and remain engaged in shaping their communities.

“When we're all taken care of, we lift as we rise,” she said.

Now, as the first person from the Milwaukee area to hold the title, Edwards carries her city with her—not just in name, but in mission. Her leadership reflects the same lessons poured into her: show up, stay grounded and use your voice for something bigger than yourself.

And through it all, she remains anchored in the identity that came long before any title.

“These titles are assets, but they are not my identity,” she said. “I am Raniyah Edwards. I'm a daughter of God.”

For Milwaukee, her story is more than a milestone—it reflects what happens when a community invests deeply in its young people, and when those young people carry



Edwards as the 94th Miss Prairie View A&M University (upper right photo, center photo and bottom photo).



that investment forward.

It is also a message, especially for the next generation watching her rise:

*"Keep going.
Don't let the no stop you.
Lean on your faith.
And when the moment*

comes—step forward anyway."

Because sometimes, as Edwards learned early on, all it takes is someone who believes in you saying: “Go out there.”

The Resurrection School

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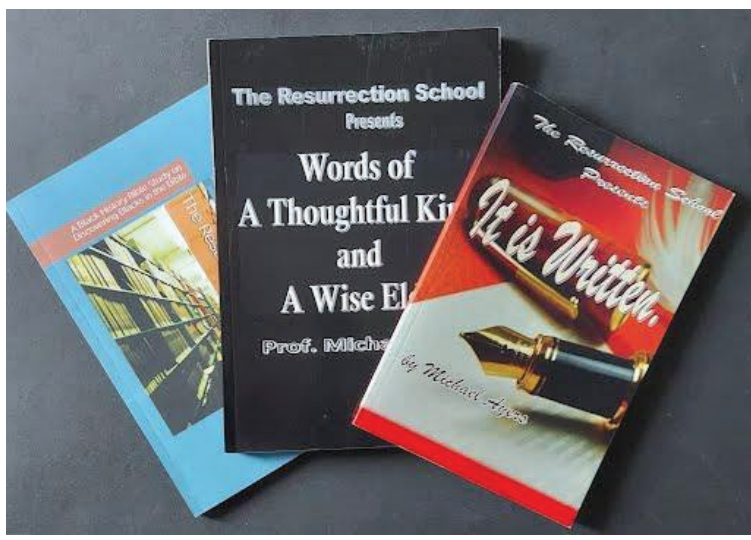
—it is a way of reclaiming context, asking better questions, and discovering what standard narratives may have omitted.

How sociology informs his perspective

In addition to leading The Resurrection School, Ayers is a sociology professor. He says that training in sociology and behavioral sciences has shaped the way he thinks about identity, group behavior, and public perception. In the interview, he describes sociology as a useful lens for understanding how communities are viewed, how they respond to outside pressure, and how perspective influences the stories societies tell about themselves. That framework also informs the way he talks about history. Ayers argues that communities are often described by people outside of them, and that those descriptions do not always capture the full truth.

Juneteenth as celebration and reflection

When the conversation turned to Juneteenth, Ayers framed the holiday as more than a festival. He described



it as a time for remembrance, gratitude, and collective reflection—a moment to acknowledge survival, freedom, and the importance of keeping history alive through community traditions. In that sense, he sees Juneteenth as part of a broader practice of cultural memory, one that can connect families, neighborhoods, and generations.

He suggests that celebrations such as Juneteenth, family reunions, and other recurring gatherings can serve as meaningful anchors—occasions not only for joy, but also for reflection on where communities have been and what they hope to build next. The conversation's local context matters here: Milwaukee's long-running Juneteenth tradition stands as an example of how a celebration can also become an expres-

sion of continuity and collective pride.

Collaboration, ownership, and the need to tell the story fully

Asked how minority-owned businesses and organizations might work together more effectively, Ayers spoke about the tension between collaboration and cultural preservation. He emphasized the value of mutual support, while also warning that communities can lose ownership of their ideas, traditions, or achievements are absorbed into broader narratives without proper recognition. For him, collaboration works best when it is grounded in respect, awareness, and a clear understanding of where those contributions began.

Documentation matters.

Ayers argues that communities must continue writing, preserving, and teaching their own histories if they want those histories to remain visible. Whether he is discussing faith, education, or invention, his central message is consistent: fuller stories require people willing to seek them out and tell them well.

Books, outreach, and advice for young readers

For young people, his advice is simple and direct: start reading. Read dictionaries, read history, read reference books, and keep looking for the fuller picture even when it is not immediately visible. And for those who may want a better perspective on his research and studies, he also points readers to his published work, including *A Black History Bible Study on Discovering Blacks in the Bible*, *Words of a Thoughtful King and Wise Elder* and *It Is*

Written all of which are available online.

Professor Ayers believes communities grow stronger when they know their history, question incomplete narratives, and invest in telling their own stories with care. In that way, Ayers' work stands not only as a teaching opportunity, but as an invitation to read more deeply and think more deliberately about faith, culture, and memory.

For more information about The Resurrection School or to connect with Professor Ayers please visit him at:

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Seven Juneteenth foods and traditions

From eating red foods to promoting activism, Juneteenth traditions pay tribute to the liberation of America's enslaved.

On June 17, 2021, Juneteenth became a federal holiday in America. But in many pockets of the country it has been celebrated since long before then. Juneteenth, a portmanteau for June and nineteenth, began on that date in Galveston, Texas in 1865 when General Gordon Granger issued General Order No. 3.



“It’s basically the declaration, based upon the Emancipation Proclamation, that all enslaved people in the area are free,” says Tyler Parry, professor of African American and African Diaspora Studies at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

In the years to come, Black residents of Galveston and surrounding areas continued to commemorate and celebrate this “Freedom Day.” Over time, it spread to more regions of the United States and, whether officially recognized or not, became an important holiday for African American history and culture.

Since 1865, the holiday’s popularity and the strength of its celebrations have waxed and waned. Alliah Agostini, author of *The Juneteenth Story* and *The Juneteenth Cookbook*, points to periods like the Black Power movement of the 1960s and 1970s, the racial reckoning of 2020, and Juneteenth’s confirmation as a federal holiday in 2021 as times when the holiday’s traction has grown.

Today, Juneteenth continues to find fresh forms as more Americans begin to celebrate it. Still, many traditions dating back to its origin remain central to the holiday.

1. Feasts

Food has been integral to

Juneteenth celebrations since the start. Agostini’s research has found that feasts were common in the early days. But given the deep meaning of the holiday, especially for early celebrants who had themselves been enslaved, Agostini described the shared meal as “more like a church picnic in a sense.” The tradition continues today. At festivals, block parties and parks, families and communities come together to break bread and contemplate the holiday’s meaning and origin.

2. Eating Red Foods

Certain foods are customary in Juneteenth celebrations, and traditionally, red foods dominate. The color signifies resilience amid bondage. As Chef Chris Scott, who spearheaded the James Beard Foundation’s first Juneteenth celebration in 2018, explains, “the red symbolizes the blood that was shed by Black Africans and Black Americans during slave capture, slave travel, and slave trade here in the States and in the Caribbean.”

He lists watermelon, strawberries, barbeque, and red velvet cake as traditional red foods to include.

3. Eating ‘Good Fortune’ Foods

Juneteenth meals often

also include traditional African American “good luck foods,” whose recipes have been passed down orally, says Scott. But on this momentous day, they’re cooked with a Juneteenth twist that brings at least a dash of red.

For example, Chef Scott says, “collard greens are cooked the normal way, but on this day they may have red peppers included.” Another “good fortune food,” black-eyed peas, typically eaten on New Year’s, are combined with red rice.

4. Festivities

Emancipation brought great joy, so Juneteenth traditionally involves celebrations and festivities that bring families and larger communities together. Juneteenth festivals, parades, fireworks and block parties are common. Agostini, who grew up in Buffalo, New York, recalled their annual Juneteenth festival, which a Black community organization started in 1976. Like many others around the country, it’s held in a park, and often includes a Miss Juneteenth pageant, a parade, concerts, food, fundraising and vendors selling Afrocentric clothes and jewelry.

5. Commemoration

Communities come together not just to celebrate but also to remember. “June-

teenth holds a special significance for the Black family, embodying both joy and despair as we celebrate our liberation while acknowledging our history of enslavement,” psychotherapist Dominique Harrison says, citing it as “a day of dichotomies.”

Some festivals in the eastern United States ask attendees to bring fruit to send out to the Atlantic Ocean in honor of the ancestors. Others read the declaration from 1865, and some include reenactments of General Granger reading it.

“The crowd has a very emotional response to this,” Parry says of the present-day reenactment in Galveston. “There’s something about the words that are being used, and this declaration that all slaves are free, that really resonates with the crowd. And it serves as this important reminder that people need to feel the memory of history.”

6. Education

Juneteenth has a long history as a day of learning. Agostini notes that the Freedmen’s Bureau used Juneteenth gatherings in parts of Texas as an opportunity to “teach formerly enslaved people about the rights that freedom offered them.” Though the content has changed, events today similarly include educational components.

“If you go to a Juneteenth celebration, you should have some expectation that you’re going to learn,” Parry says, adding that these events also offer a good time and fellowship. In his view, the rise of the Juneteenth holiday, and the teaching that comes with it, has led to deeper awareness of U.S. history.

“The mainstreaming of

Juneteenth has at the very least awakened a number of people to the hidden elements of the American past that have just not been prioritized within the curriculum.”

7. Activism

The new knowledge and awareness that Juneteenth events bring is often accompanied by political action. “In addition to food and music, Juneteenth celebrations have featured and continue to feature opportunities for activism related to social disparities, including race, gender, class, healthcare, and the environment, in the form of rallies, seminars, and demonstrations,” says Veronica McComb, Dean of Bryant University’s College of Arts and Sciences.

There’s a long history of Juneteenth celebrations being intertwined with political activism. The Texas State Historical Association notes that early festivities doubled as “political rallies.” And in 1968, a powerful anti-poverty movement, which stemmed from Martin Luther King Jr.’s Poor People’s Campaign, held its 50,000-person Solidarity Day in Washington, D.C. on Juneteenth.

In 1976, when the B.U.I.L.D. organization in Buffalo started their Juneteenth festival, it was in response to the nation’s 200-year anniversary that year. They envisioned their celebration as “an alternative or more culturally relevant answer to the bicentennial for Buffalo’s black population,” Agostini says. More recently, in 2020, following George Floyd’s death, many Juneteenth celebrations focused on continuing the fight towards racial justice.

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