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Northcott Neighborhood House announces '55th Annual Juneteenth Day Celebration' line-up



Photos by Kim Robinson



On May 27, 2026, the Juneteenth Day Planning Committee Chair Tony Kearney was joined by, committee leaders and partners Bader Philanthropies Vice President of Engagement Frank Cumberbatch; and Milwaukee World Festival, Inc. President and Chief Executive Officer Sarah Pancheri, at Northcott Neighborhood House for a news conference announcing the 55th Annual Juneteenth Day Celebration. This year's theme for the event is, "Honoring the Past and Empowering the Future." This year's Jubilee Parade Grand Mar-

shall is Rueben Harpole.

The main event takes place on Friday, June 19, 2026 with a jubilee parade starting at 9 a.m., running along Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive from Concordia Avenue to Center Street. Other events announced included: Mr. and Miss Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant on June 6; Freedom Ball fundraiser, honoring LaMarr Franklin, held at the Harley-Davidson Museum June 12; and the "Taste of Juneteenth" event in partnership with Summerfest, held at the Potawatomi Founder's Club on June 20.

TMJ4 will broadcast the Jubilee Parade live from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, June 19.

American Legion Post 490 hosts '7th Annual Southern Style Breakfast'



On Saturday, May 23rd, 2026 American Legion Post 490 hosted its "7th Annual Southern Style Breakfast," at the Elks Lodge, 5555 W. Good Hope Rd. The breakfast was held to raise funds to help veterans and their families. The event featured two DJ's who provided music for the event. American Legion Post 490 is one of only two all-Black American Legion posts currently active in the state.

Being Frank

By: Frank James
Special to the Milwaukee Times

You can't go back

Everyone reminisces about the past. People are always reliving, or thinking, about past events that took place. Most people spend time reliving past events where they feel they were successful. This rehashing past glory often leads people to attempt to find people, or go back to places, from their past. The previous actions are ones that often lead to frustration. The past is just that. The past. You can't go back.

How many times have you remembered a person, and your interactions with them, and smiled. The smile comes from how you remembered the time and moments you may have shared with this person. In your mind this person is still the person you saw them as in the past. No, let me correct the previous statement. The person is as you imagine them in the past. The person has taken a greater aspect in your mind than they ever were in reality. This is a normal act of the mind. The mind glorifies past events and makes them better than they were in reality. The same goes for people. You have made someone

larger than life who was only okay in reality. This is fine if you never see the person again.

The letdown many people encounter takes place when they seek out, or meet, the person they have mentally glorified in real life. It may have been years since you last saw the person. Now, they are standing in front of you. You expect the giant from your misremembered past. What you are faced with is reality. In best case scenarios, the person is doing great, looking similar, and you feel exhilarated by seeing them again. In most cases, the person does not match the image your mind has created. Though the person is doing okay, you feel disappointed by the way they are. This is a classic reason why you can't go back when it comes to seeking people from the past. You ruin your own happy image of the person. You also do the other person a disservice by judging them using an unrealistic scale created in your mind they are unaware of, and could never measure up to.



The fact that you can't go back also applies to places. I have a fond love for a city in Michigan where I became a man. Detroit is the place I call home. It was where I truly became a man and knew I could stand on my own. It was a rough place, and trust me, if you were weak you didn't make it. Well, not in the neighborhoods I resided in. I never go back. Why? The Detroit I know and hold dear to my heart doesn't exist anymore. When I lived in Detroit there were over a million people in the city. I always say that 900,000 of the residents were Black. Was it violent? Yes. But, it was also a place where, if you had sense,

you could make it. It was the perfect place for someone with a plethora of bad habits to live while getting their mind right. This was the late 80's and 90's. That time is gone. I also understand that the way I remember Detroit may be slanted and misconstrued. Why? My mind focuses on silk shirts, alligator shoes, adventures on Belle Isle, spitting game to females, etc. To go back would be a let down because the people/ places that I knew/frequented, are long gone.

Where does the knowledge of the fact of not being able

to go back into the past leave a person? In a great place. The place called Now. Now is the only time that exists. Now is where you can create and live new, while freeing yourself from the old. Meet new people. Go to new places. You can't go back into the past. Be honest. If you could, would you really want to? After all you know where it ends.

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 Tuesday.....6:15 p.m.

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 www.antiochmbcmke.org
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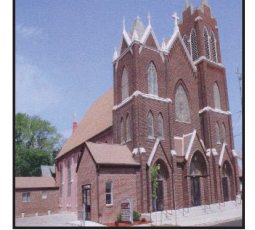
Order of Services
 Sunday School.....9:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 am
 Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....6:30 pm
 Thurs. Mass Choir Rehearsal...7:00 pm

Come Home to Antioch



BETHEL
 Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
 3281 N. 26th Street
 Milwaukee, WI 53206
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Weekly Schedule
 Sun. School 8:30 a.m.
 Sun Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting
 and Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 442-8970.



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Missionary Baptist Church
 2975 N. 11th St.
 Milwaukee, WI 53206
 Rev. Dr. Fredrick E. Jones, Pastor
 Phone: 414-264-2070
 www.canaanchurchmke.org

Virtual and In Person Service:
 Sundays-10:30am
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Rev. Dr. Demetrius Williams,
 Pastor
COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH OF GREATER MILWAUKEE
 2249 N. Sherman Blvd. • Milw., WI 53208

Weekly Schedule
 Church Sun. School 7:45 a.m.
 Sun. Worship 9:00 a.m.

Church Phone: 414.445-1610
 Fax: 414.449-0252



Corinth Baptist Church
 1874 N 24th Place
 Milwaukee, WI 53205
 Phone: 414-933-1987
 Fax: 414-933-3545
 www.corinthmbc.com
 Rev. John Laura, Pastor

Weekly Schedule
 Sunday School.....9:00 A.M.
 Sun. Morn. Worship.....10:45 A.M.
 Wed. Prayer Service.....6:00 P.M.
 Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

Transportation Available
 Wednesday - Mission -6 :00 pm
 Thursday Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm


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 deliverancelifechurch@gmail.com
Pastor Curtis Sloan-Glenn

Weekly Services:
 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.
 Sunday Worship.....11:00 A.M.
 Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 P.M.




DAMASCUS
Missionary Baptist Church
 2447 N. 27th Street,
 Milwaukee, WI 53206
Rev. Vincent L. Montgomery, Pastor
Weekly Schedule
 Sun. School 9:30 a.m.
 Sun. Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Tue.....Mission: 6 p.m.....Laymen: 6 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Class 6:30 p.m.
 Phone: (414) 374-8282



Fountain of Hope Church
 2753 N. Teutonia Avenue
 Milwaukee, WI 53206
Pastor Alex L. Erdmann, M.Div.
 Servant Leader and Establishmentarian
 Email:FOUNTAINOFHOPECHURCHMKE@GMAIL.COM
 Website: www.FHCMKE.org
 Phone: 414/255-2024

Weekly Service:
 Sunday School.....9:00 AM
 Sunday Morning Service.....10:30 AM
 Tuesday Night Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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 2479 N. Sherman Blvd.
 Milwaukee, WI 53210-2947
 Office Phone: (414) 871-LORD (5673)
Kenneth E. Cutler, Sr., Pastor

Worship Schedule
 Sun. School 9:00 a.m.
 Sun. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.



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Pastor Johnny C. White, Jr.
 2432 N. Teutonia Avenue
 Milwaukee, WI 53206
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 Sun. School 9:00 a.m.
 Sun. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wed. Prayer & Bible Study
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Rev. Jonathan N. Weathers, Pastor


Sunday School.....9:00 - 10:00 A.M.
 Sunday Service.....10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
 Thus. Bible Class 11:00 A.M.



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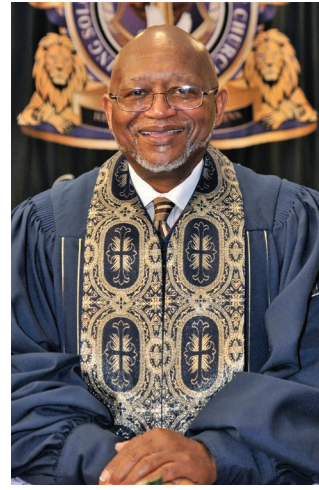
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 Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.
BIBLE Q&A
 Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Kingdom Apostolic Ministries




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 Milwaukee, WI 53210
 (262) 720-0708
 Joan Johnson, Apostle

Service
 Sun. Service.....10:00 a.m.



Bishop Charles D. Watkins, Pastor
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MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 2375 N. Vel Phillips Avenue
 Milwaukee, WI 53212
 (414) 539-3833

Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.-
 7:00 p.m.
 Sun. School....9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
 Sun. Service.....10:15 a.m.
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Worship Schedule
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship10:15 a.m.
 WOW-Word on Wednesday.... 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Christopher R. Boston, Pastor


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Missionary Baptist Church
 2207 No. 2nd St., Milwaukee, WI 53212
 Phone 372-7811
 Rev. Louis Sibley, III, Pastor

Worship Schedule:
 Sun. School.....8:45-10:30 a.m. via Zoom
 Sun. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m. via Zoom

New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church



Rev. Dr. F. L. Crouther, Pastor
 2315 N. 38th Street
 Milwaukee, WI 53210
 Phone: (414)873-1221 Fax: (414)873-8614
 E-Mail: Newcovenantbc2315@wi.rr.com

Weekly Schedule
 Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study...10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.(Virtual)
 Sat. Church School.....9:00 a.m.(Virtual)




NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. Dr. Archie L. Ivy, Pastor/Teacher
 2433 W. Roosevelt Drive
 Milwaukee, WI 53209
 Phone (414) 871-0350 • Fax (414) 871-4219
 E-mail: newhopebc@ameritech.net

Weekly Schedule
 Sun. Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sun. School 8:00 a.m.
 Wed. Morning Prayer & Bible Study.....10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
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E-Mail: philadel.church@att.net
Rev. Maddie Turner, Sr., pastor
Pastor Hours: 10 a.m.- 12 noon

Weekly Meetings and Activities:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meet/Bible Class(Zoom).....Tus. 6-7 p.m.
Zoom ID: 861 7625 3012 • Pass: 747499(Cell & Tablet)
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Website:
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pilgchurch@sbcglobal.net

Sunday Church School 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m.
Mon. Sister Circle.....6:00 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class12:00 noon
Tues. Bible Class6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Bible Class1:00 p.m.

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St. John's United Baptist Church
Dr. Robert T. Wilson, Sr., Pastor
2439 West Hopkins St. Milwaukee, WI 53206
Tel: 414-871-4673 • Fax: 414-871-2373
email:st.johnsunitdmbc@yahoo.com

Order of Service
Bible Class – Wed.- 7 p.m. via Tele-conference
Sun. School/Seed Ministry – Sat.6 p.m. via Zoom
Sun. Morning Worship – Sun. 10 a.m. Streaming live via Facebook

St. Matthew C.M.E.



Rev. Dr. Richard D. Shaw, Pastor
7500 N. 76th St. • Milw., WI 53223
(414) 562-7580

Weekly Schedule:
Sun. Service.....8:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....Noon & 6 p.m.
Young Adult Connect Services - (4th Sun. of the Month).....10:30 a.m.




ST. MARK African Methodist Episcopal Church
1616 W. Atkinson Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53206
Rev. Joy L. Gallimon, Pastor

Weekly Schedule:
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
Sun. Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Wed. Bible/Prayer Service - 5:30 p.m.
Phone: 562-8030



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WEBSITE: WWW.TCB-CHURCH.COM
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Our Weekly Schedule
Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Midweek6:30 p.m.
Food Pantry & Clothing Boutique-3rd Sat.....10:00 a.m.



TRINITY Missionary Baptist Church
Pastor: Rev. Harold Turner

Sunday School.....9:30-10:30 a.m.
Sunday A.M. Worship.....10:45-11:45 a.m.
Bible Class/Saturday.....10:00-11:00 a.m. (Masks Are Required)

Phone: (414) 263-1919 • (414) 333-8265
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Rev. Edward E. Thomas Victory Missionary Baptist Church
2661-63 N. Teutonia Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53206
Office: (414) 265-4850 / Fax: (414) 265-3817


Order of Service
Sunday's (SAC).....9:30 A.M.-10:20 A.M.
Sun. Morning Worship.....10:30 A.M.
Tuesday Bible Study.....6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Prayer Line.....7:00 P.M.
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Way of the Cross Missionary Baptist Church



1401 West Hadley Street Milwaukee, WI 53206
Office: (414) 265-2725
Rev. Dr. Eddie Nash, Sr., Pastor

Weekly Schedule
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Tuesday
Noon Day Mission.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Mission.....6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.



ZION HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1825 W. Hampton Ave. • Milw., WI 53209
Rev. Russell Williamson, Pastor

Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service and Bible Stud..... 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(Tele-conference #: 1-571-317-3122; Access code:516652437#)
(Online Bible Study will continue thru March 2022)
Phone: (414) 263-1777

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We have update and cleaned out our Church Ministries Listing Section, both in the paper and on-line. If you have not recently paid and/or updated your listing please reach out to us ASAP at (414) 263-5088. We would love to have you listed back in our section, but we need to here from you. Currently, we are running a special for the listing section as follows:

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MyPath welcomes new president and CEO Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson



On Wednesday, May 21, 2026, MyPath Board of Directors member Attorney Vincent Lyles hosted a community leaders and business partner reception at the Wisconsin Club to recognize the appointment of Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson as MyPath President and CEO.

This gathering provided an opportunity for local community leaders and business partners to meet Dorothy—a visionary leader with a distinguished record of service and impact in Southeastern Wisconsin and to learn more about MyPath’s mission of transforming the lives of nearly 2,000 children and adults with disabilities.

MyPath has over 130 locations across Wisconsin and Indiana.

This informative, engaging and inspiring evening was attended by nearly one hundred leaders who were encouraged to support MyPath's mission of transforming lives as well as to witness its impact in the community. MyPath is a one hundred percent employee owned and majority women led company, with eight operating units established in 1984. Under Buckhanan Wilson's leadership, the organization is poised to grow significantly over the next five year with its Journey to 2030 plan.

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Encore Richard Kluge School: Shule Ya Msingi Ya Waigizaji Wa Sanaa

(Swahili Translated to English: Encore Richard Kluge Elementary School of the Arts Cast Members)

Grade 3 teacher Monifa Lacking and Principal Keshum Willingham were excited to share the incredible talents of the students of Richard Kluge Elementary. Kluge Elementary Cast and Staff Production Crew had a seamless production of, "The Lion King Kids." The singing and acting by the children was exceptional.

Principal Willingham was pleasantly excited to share his thoughts on the production, the staff and especially his students.

"We had about sixty cast members and production team participants, a huge undertaking!" Principal Willingham continued. "The students auditioned right after our Black History program in February, and from that moment, everyone gave their all. The staff adjusted schedules, stayed late, and worked tirelessly so rehearsals could happen.

"I asked every student and parent to commit fully — to sign the contract and see it through. And they did. Their dedication made this production possible.

"The planning was extensive, but it paid off beautifully. We even had understudies for major roles Alea Green, a fifth grader, handled sound, and Mrs. Stevens guided a fifth-grade understudy for the stage crew. Our choir featured the youngest voices, from kindergarten through second grade, while the older students, grades three to five, took on the lead roles.

Seeing them all shine on stage reminded me why we do what we do — to give our students the chance to dream big and perform with pride."

Richard Kluge Elementary of the Arts was designated as a school of the arts since its inception. Last year, the school joined the Turnaround Arts MKE partnership with other local schools; Roosevelt, Lancaster, Sherman, and Milwaukee School of the Arts.

Before the beginning of the show, the room buzzed with excitement. Parents filled the seats, smiling proudly as they waited to see their kids shine.

Once the music started, the choir's voices carried us straight into the Pridelands. Five students on the right side of the stage kept the story moving, guiding everyone through the wilds of Kenya and Tanzania. The director's scene choices were spot-on capturing the heart of The Lion King.

The crew's planning was



Event Photos



Director and Teacher: Connie Gordan receiving award.

clever too. Props were hidden behind rocks for quick scene changes, keeping the action smooth and snappy. And the costumes? Purely amazing, bright, detailed, and full of personality. Each headpiece and outfit brought the animals to life, turning the stage into a burst of color and creativity.

It was a show that roared with pride and every student looked like they belonged in the spotlight.

Show director Connie Gordan's energy was evident as the cast took their places on the stage for the "Talk Back". "This year felt different — bigger, brighter, and more student - driven," Director Gordan said with a smile. "I

was thrilled to introduce our entire arts team and highlight how our students stepped into leadership roles. They weren't just performers; they were planners, problem-solvers, and creators."

She explained that rehearsals became part of the daily rhythm — reading scripts, singing songs, and learning stage cues together. "I told them that discipline means finishing what you start. That's not just theater — that's life," she added.

Director Gordan also shared how the cast learned bits of African language and explored the deeper meaning of the Circle of Life — understanding how wisdom and strength flow from those



Simba no longer a cub; returning to Pridelands.

who came before us.

"Partnering with Turnaround Arts MKE has been incredible," she said. "It's opened doors for our students to express themselves, lead with confidence, and see how art connects us all."

The producer, Principal Willingham, came to extend his thanks and congratulations to the cast. And as an added bonus, Mr. Willingham presented the director, Ms. Gordan, with the "Teacher of the Year Award" and explained that "a true educational leader has the best interest of everyone involved."

Kluge's Musical Rendition of "The Lion King Kids," Principal Willingham's said that overall the most important thing he wants families and students to remember about this experience is "I want them to remember that students are capable - they start early - starts as early as elementary...the students can shine when they are giving the opportunity!"

Indeed the students shined bright as Simba and Nyla in

the Circle of Life. Great Job on the singing, acting, and flow of the production. It took us from the gym into Africa's Prideland for sure. Congratulations to the Lion King cast, staff, parents, Turnaround Arts MKE, and Cream City Links for a job well done.

Community, make sure you check out Richard Kluge Elementary of the Arts. They are receiving donations to cover the cast shirts and to help with the next production.

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Obituary Notices

The Story of Lieutenant Colonel Corrine "Coco" Burnett:

An Outstanding Black Woman in U.S. History who lived right here in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

By Carmen A. Murguia,
Milwaukee Black Media

"The courage and dedication of women in the military is nothing short of remarkable."

-A well-known saying in the United States Army

The City of Milwaukee has lost a true decorated soldier, accomplished nurse and educator, incredible multi-business founder and owner, passionate community leader, and true to her nature, a dear friend and a free spirit: Corrine "Coco" Burnett (Hereafter Coco as she was fondly known) died on Saturday, May 30th at 4:30 a.m., in Ascension Columbia St. Mary's Hospital surrounded by her loving Family.

Coco was Born on May 5, 1941 in Chicago, Illinois to Napoleon Burnett of Chicago and Henrietta Williams of Louisville, Kentucky. She was the second oldest of 10 children. Coco was proudly raised in a humble household at 3346 Kewadine in Inkster, Michigan. Her siblings looked to her as a second mother because while her father worked at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan, and her mother worked at St. Joe's Hospital (now Trinity) in Ann Arbor, Michigan to raise their children and provide for them, Coco stepped in to help encourage her siblings, helped them to read and write, and most of all her sister Martina Williams Myles shared, "we enjoyed having Coco teach us how to dance." In fact, Coco loved to play the song, "I Hope You Dance," sung



by none other than Gladys Knight.

*"I hope you never lose your sense of wonder
You get your fill to eat
But always keep that hunger
May you never take one single breath for granted
God forbid love ever leave you empty handed
I hope you still feel small
When you stand by the ocean
Whenever one door closes,
I hope one more opens
Promise me you'll give faith a fighting chance
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance
I hope you dance
I hope you dance..."*

As a youth, Coco attended Carver Elementary and later Inkster High School, excelling in her favorite sport Tennis and her studies, where she graduated as the school Valedictorian in 1959. Coco was

18 years old when she boarded a Greyhound bus all by herself to Tuskegee Institute (Now Tuskegee University) on an academic and athletic scholarship, and she was moved by a quote attributed to the founder of Tuskegee University:

*"A lie does not become truth.
Wrong does not become right.
Evil does not become good just because the majority have accepted it."*

-Booker T. Washington, the founder of Tuskegee University, founded as Tuskegee Normal School for Colored Teachers on July 4, 1881, a Historically Black College and University, Tuskegee, Macon County, Alabama

In 1964, Coco received



her Bachelor's in Nursing from Tuskegee Institute, where she Initiated through the Gamma Tau Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated at Tuskegee University in 1963. "Corrine "Coco" Burnett has exemplified a lifelong commitment to sisterhood, service and social action," expressed her Sorority sister Debra Nevels. Coco continued her education at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts where as a member of the class of 1972, she received her Master's in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing, and ultimately, she went on to study at Marquette University School of Business in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and in 1988 Coco received her Master's in Business Administration.

During Coco's incredible life in the military where she enlisted with the United States Army, she served two terms in Vietnam and one term in Japan as a Healthcare nurse administrator, Registered nurse, and achieved the Decorated Bronze Star. Coco received two Presidential Citations in 1967 from President Lyndon B. Johnson and in 1970 from President Richard M. Nixon. Coco was a Second in command Lieutenant, United States Army, 1963; Advanced through grades Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army Supervisor, Assistant Professor, Head Nurse, United States Army Nurse Corps. 1965-1986, and retired honorably from the United States Army in 1986.

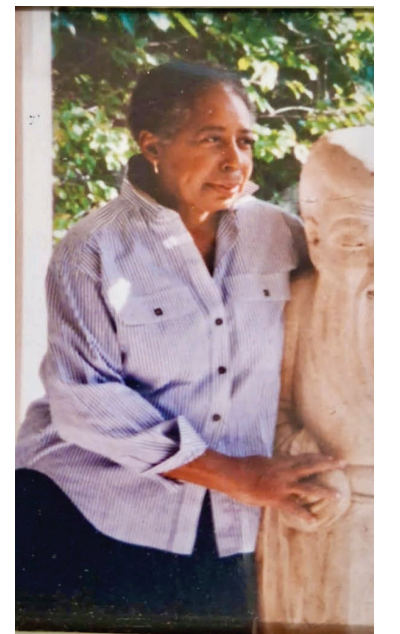
*Coco's many accomplishments throughout her working career were nothing shy of making an impact in business and government: She was worked as a Supervisor, acting division chief, Fort Logan Mental Health Hospital, Denver 1977-1978, Nurse Executive, Fort Logan Mental Health Hospital, Denver 1980 -1984, Deputy Health Commissioner, City of Milwaukee 1988-1992, and went on to establish not one, but three companies as President, Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee 1992, President, Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee Front Door Health Systems 1994 and President, Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee ODI, Inc. 1995, as well as being the Founder of WOMO charities.

We wanted our beloved City and our vast readership to truly know Corrine "Coco" Burnett: an astounding Historical figure in the United States of America, a Black woman who came from humble beginnings, raised in a beautiful and loving family, was a Registered Nurse, dedicated her service for 23 years in the United States Army where she became a highly decorated Lieutenant Colonel, a leader in City government, a savvy businesswoman and a philanthropist.

Most of all, Coco was a beloved Soror, Friend, and Sister — a title she cherished all the days of her life.

The Memorial Service for Corrine "Coco" Burnett is being held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Northwest Funeral Chapel, 6630 W. Hampton Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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*Noteworthy Healthcare administrator by Marquis Who's Who

*Written with Research Assistance and Personal Narratives from by her sister Martina Williams Myles and Dana Little

Source: <https://www.tuskegee.edu/>

Photos provided by the family of the late Corrine "Coco" Burnett.

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By Launita Dawson

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