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Brewers host a celebration of Black culture at American Family Field



Photos by Yvonne Kemp



On Friday, August 21st, 2026, the Milwaukee Brewers and Social X MKE hosted a celebration of Black culture at American Family Field for their first ever "Black Culture Fest." Fans enjoyed an afternoon celebrating Black culture, creativity, community, and the lasting impact of Black excellence on baseball and beyond. Everyone enjoyed a vibrant pregame festival featuring music, community activations, a market place and cultural experiences before cheering on the Brewers as they took on the Atlanta Braves.

The Celebration was held on the Terrace Level, Outside Section 407. Entertainment included, DJ Gemini Gilly; Donna Re'nee with J Girls that Groove; and Line Dancing with Lady Jai Janay; crowd engagement activities included: 40+ Double Dutch, and Rufus King HS "Cheer and Stunt"; and the curated Black Makers Marketplace vendors included Noah's Art; Lulu Luster; Gaining Visuals; Vibez Creative Arts Space, Ken K Creative Agency; Just Us And Books; MKE Vintage Museum; Jungle Gems; DRK Expressions; Beckum

Stapleton Little League; Janette Marie Jewelry; Semma's Sunflower Organics; Leaders Igniting Transformation; Rainbow Rhythm Inc.; Bees Cosmetics; Audio Moguls Media; TDR Network; Everyday Media; Pure Athlete Apparel; Yesterday's Negro Leagues; and Big Z Da Artist (Zena Smith).

The ceremonial First Pitch was thrown out by featuring hip-hop artist Wave Chappell.

Honoring 44 years of faith and leadership: Community celebrates the retirement of Dr. Archie L. Ivy

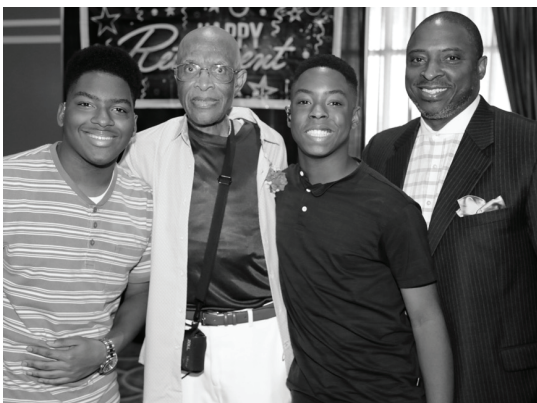


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On Saturday, August 15, 2026, the Italian Community Center came alive with gratitude and celebration as family, friends, and community members gathered to honor Dr. Archie L. Ivy on his retirement. The event marked a remarkable milestone, celebrating Dr. Ivy's 44 years in ministry, including 30 devoted years as Senior Pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church alongside his wife, Lady Jeanette Ivy,

whose faithful service has been integral to the ministry.

The room was filled with church members, local and state clergy, fraternity brothers, and community leaders whose lives have been shaped by Dr. Ivy's leadership. Throughout the program, heartfelt tributes poured in from pastoral colleagues, friends, and loved ones, each highlighting Dr. Ivy's enduring legacy of mentorship, spiritual guidance, and community impact.

Closing the event, Dr. Ivy expressed his deep gratitude to all in attendance, offering sincere thanks for the overwhelming, outpouring of love, appreciation, and support shown to both him and Lady Jeanette.

"Dr. Ivy, Thank You for 44 years of Faith and Leadership!"

President of WGBSC, Inc. delivers final address



President Keith T. Evans delivering final address.



Bishop Broderick A. Huggins



Dr. D. Z. Cofield



President Keith T. Evans

The joint session of the WGBSC, Inc. and the WGBSC of CE was held during the week of August 3-6, 2026 at the Greater Mt. Eagle Baptist Church in Racine, WI where Reverend Keith T. Evans, Convention President, serves as pastor. The theme was “Living and Proclaiming God’s Word to Transform This World,” Matthew 5:16; Timothy 4:2.

During the week, the state congress held Seminars and a Certified Course class from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM followed by the Annual Session of the state convention. Congress Dean, Mrs. Emma J. Brooks reported more than 137 delegates were in attendance. This number reflects both adults and children combined.

Seminars included: “Waiting Well in the Waiting Room” Instructor, Reverend Demetris Crum; “Introduction to New Testa-

ment” Instructor, Reverend Aaron Cain; “How to Live an Exchanged Life” Instructor, Reverend John A. McBride; “Faith Practices to Flourish in Chaotic Times” Instructor, Reverend O. J. Newburn. The Certified Course – CCE entitled Strategic Christian Leadership by The Book (Leadership in the Local Church; Course #5006) was taught by Ms. Demetria Thomas. Included at this year’s conference was a book signing event where Ms. Demetria Thomas who authored two books entitled, “Act Like a Christian Leader, Think Like a Drug Dealer” and “Business Building Block from the Bible”; and Reverend James Ivy, Congress President, who authored “Living Like We Belong” signed books for those who purchased them.

Following the congress seminars, the convention continued with its service.

Guest speakers during this session included Dr. D. Z. Cofield of Houston, TX who preached on Monday evening, and Bishop Broderick A. Huggins of Bakersfield, CA who preached Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Thursday evening, President Keith T. Evans delivered his eighth and final address.

President Evans reflected on his stewardship during his eight-year tenure as president and the accomplishments of the convention. He spoke of the global pandemic, economic uncertainty, political polarization, public health challenges, inflation that strained families and congregations in Wisconsin and around the world to name a few of the most challenging periods in modern history. Yet, despite the numerous challenges, the Church continues to stand.

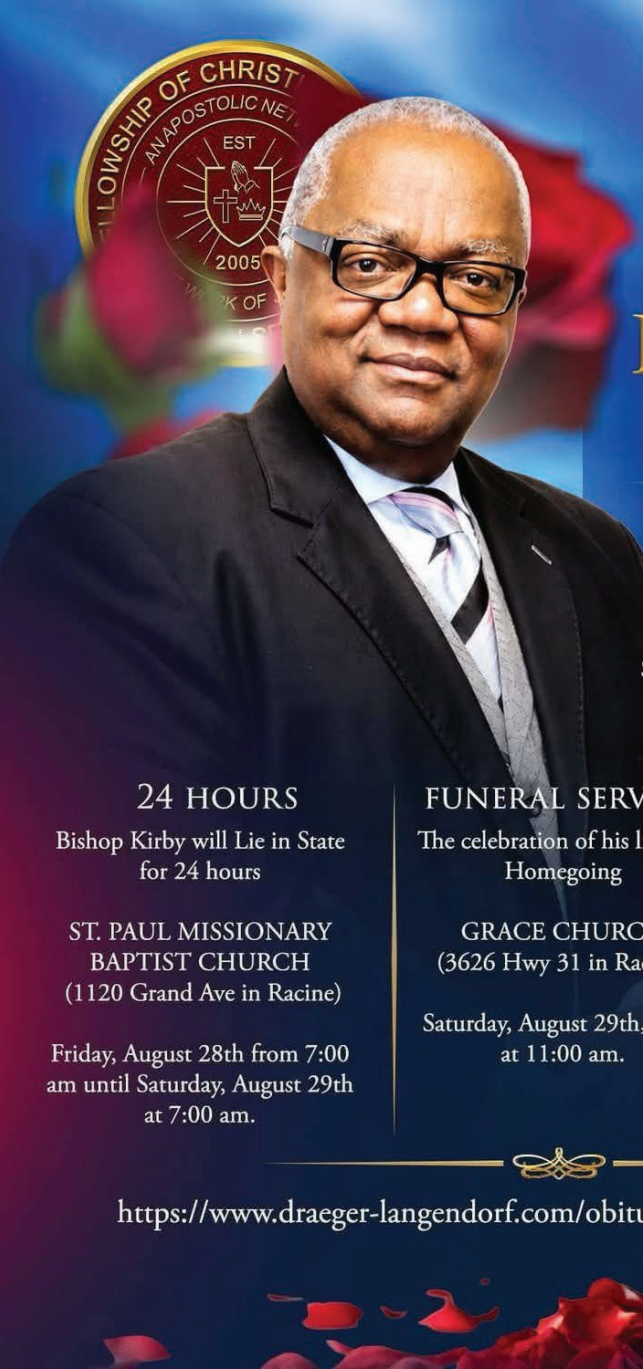
Continuing with a few highlights of his report:

- Representing the convention in 2024 in South Africa worshipping and fellowshiping with the National Baptist Churches of South Africa;
- Responding with financial support storm devastated communities across the United States and other regions;
- Partnering with the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and its mission teams to provide financial support, food, clothing, and other needs to the Wisconsin constituency and churches during the storms and flooding in our communities;
- Providing scholarships and encouragement to the youth and young people;
- Continuing to American Baptist College, Nashville, TN;
- Continuing to support the Convention’s Partnership with VERSITI with blood drives and encouragement of organ and tissue donations;
- Supporting vaccination and health awareness efforts during the COVID-19

pandemic. At the conclusion of the President’s Annual Report and Message and its acceptance by the body, and the Report of the Election Commission where Reverend James Ivy was recommended to serve as the 11th President of the WGBSC, Inc. was voted upon and accepted by the body, the Convention’s 102nd Annual Session concluded with communion service led by President-Elect James Ivy.



Dean Emma J. Brooks and Congress President James Ivy



The Celebration of His Life and Homegoing

Bishop LAWRENCE LEE KIRBY

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Saturday, August 29th, 2026 at 11:00 am.

VISITATION

There will also be a visitation at Grace Church on Saturday from 9:00 am until 10:30 am.

****A private interment for family members will take place at Mound Cemetery.****

<https://www.draeger-langendorf.com/obituaries/bishop-lawrence-l-kirby/>

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Being Frank

By: Frank James
Special to the Milwaukee Times

There may be hope

The other day a friend sent me a link to a TikTok video. The video was of a young African American male doing poetry. This man mentioned how odd it was that while driving around, and at supposed fun outings, African Americans listened to music that talked about murder. The video clip let me know that a portion of young African Americans had begun to understand. These enlightened young African Americans are grasping the fact that music shapes minds, and can sometime create negative outcomes. This is a sign of hope for all African Americans.

For years I have said that the music people listen to affect how they act, and view the world. In the African American community there is no doubt about the impact music has on the people. The way people dress, and pronounce words in the African American community often comes from music. The situation that has many African Americans nervous is the type of music that is influencing African Americans.



The entire African American community understands something has to change in African American culture. The glorification of ignorance disguised as lyrical poetry, and talent, has to end. Ignorance and buffoonery has to be exposed as what it is and not proclaimed as, "Telling it like it is." The previous statement has led to many African American communities becoming a war zone, physically and mentally. One of the key factors to this disintegration of the African American community is music.

There is no need to beat a dead horse at this point. It

is well known that the trap music, hip hop, gangster rap has impacted the African American community in an extremely negative way. The glorification of exploiting African American women has led to severe esteem issues that are hidden with outlandish beauty embellishments. The causal way murder of other African Americans, usually males, is discussed in music has its' own impact on the community. Yet, there is hope if the young African American populace can understand the stupidity of the music. The destruction that started in the late 1980's can finally come to a halt.

If young African Americans can see the insanity of listening to a song about murder at a family event, they may just live to see the year 2075. The complexity of the situation about the impact of the music on the African American community is so simple it becomes complex. Look at the formula for a typical African American gathering: music that extolls murder and degradation, alcoholic beverages, chicken wings, programmed self hate. When you add all of this together, and sprinkle in low intelligence and an absence of morals, you get some form of violence. It doesn't matter if it is a party in the so called, "hood" or a college campus. The recipe is one for destruction, sooner or later. This is why young African Americans have to grasp this concept now.

I have not mentioned the middle aged African American. You would think that the more "mature" African American would grasp the impact of the music. In many cases this isn't the case. Many middle aged African Americans listen to the music because of familiarity. These

middle aged African Americans were so bombarded with negativity during their youth, via music and entertainment, until they have become tainted. Sadly, many of these lost souls spread the taint to their offspring. Yet, there may be hope for these souls too. Their children may save them.

It is good to know that there are some young African Americans who understand the impact of music. Young African Americans need to hear something positive coming from their peers. If African American youth can turn it around, on all levels, the culture can be salvaged. Here's to the future.

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

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Rev. Victor T. Manns, Pastor



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



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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.
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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
Virtual Bible Study:
Wednesdays at 12 noon



Rev. Dr. Demetrius Williams,
Pastor

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2249 N. Sherman Blvd. • Milw., WI 53208

Weekly Schedule

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

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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.

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Thursday Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm

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Weekly Services:

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



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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



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Pastor Alex L. Erdmann, M.Div.
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Email:FOUNTAINOFHOPECHURCHMKE@GMAIL.COM
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Weekly Service:

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

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Milwaukee, WI 53210-2947
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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
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Weekly Schedule:

Sun. School 9:00 a.m.
Sun. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study
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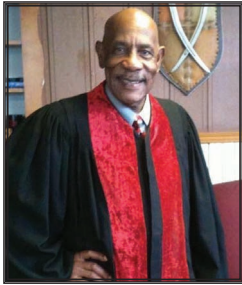


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Sunday School 9:00 - 10:00 A.M.
Sunday Service..... 10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Thurs. Bible Class 11:00 A.M.

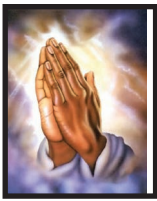


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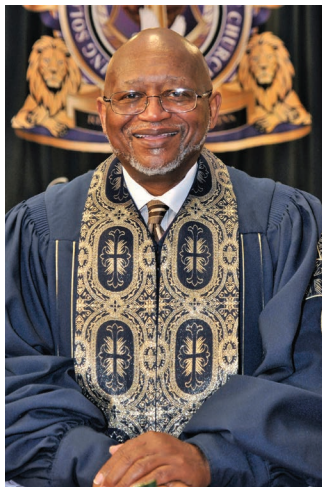
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Service

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



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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.

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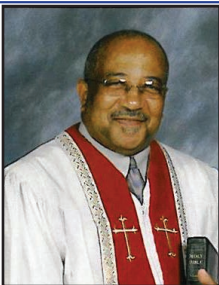


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In Person Worship Services

Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Sun. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.
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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
Sat. Sun. School.....6-7 p.m. via Zoom

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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)



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Rev. Reginold D. Ivy, Pastor/Teacher
2433 W. Roosevelt Drive
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Phone (414) 871-0350 • Fax (414) 871-4219
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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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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.
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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
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email:st.johnsunitedmbc@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
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(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. Gallmon, 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.
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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)

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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
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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.



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North Division HS celebrates the 'Second Summer Adult Welding' job training program



On Thursday, August 6, 2026, the Welding Job Training program at North Division High School, 1011 West Center Street celebrated the completion of its second summer class. The program was initiated through a collaborative effort involving the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) Recreation Department (MKE Rec), Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) Workforce Development Solution, and the George Gerharz North Division High School Alumni and Friends, Inc.

Plans are in place to renovate the welding, dental and Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience Labs (CAN labs) at the school. These renovations aim to provide local job training opportunities for both adults and students. The North Division High School students will

have access to these labs for training during regular school hours, similar to the certification program offered by other high schools in the area.

Community leaders are encouraged to support these initiatives foster economic growth and job security. The program acknowledges the contributions of various individuals and organizations, including Dr. Howard Fuller, MKE Rec Eddie Goodwin, Helen Harris, Margaret Todd, William Clay, NAACP National Board of Directors member Wendell Harris, Sam Williams, Lamont Walker, Ruth Calvin, Gregory Buck, and the Milwaukee Times Weekly Newspaper owner, Reverend Harold Turner and Staff.

Good News Sports Academy hosts first ever Summer sessions



This past summer a new and exciting new sports and faith focused summer academy made its debut here in Milwaukee. Good News Sports Academy, also known as GNSA, is a Christian sports ministry founded by brothers Justin and Jalen Greenlee. Both brothers were born and raised in the Milwaukee area, grew up with a love for sports, and developed a deeper relationship with Jesus during their college years. GNSA organizes sports clinics, camps, and training opportunities that combine quality athletic instruction with biblical encouragement and character development. The organization has already hosted beginner basketball and tennis clinics, with soccer, golf, and additional sports programming planned.

The original vision for SNSA was placed on Jalen's heart several years ago. However, the vision was much larger than the resources he had available at the time. Jalen imagined a permanent sports and ministry facility where young people could develop athletically,

grow in their faith, build meaningful relationships, and find a home away from home.

For years, Jalen believed he needed to wait until he could personally fund the full vision. That changed in 2026 when he realized that not having the resources for the grand vision did not mean he could not begin serving children on a smaller scale. Good News Sports Academy was officially founded in 2026, although the vision began several years earlier.

The ministry launched its first Summer Series of beginner sports clinics in 2026. Rather than waiting until every part of the larger vision was possible, GNSA began using the relationships, partnerships, and resources already available to serve children now.

The organization plans to continue offering sports clinics, camps, training opportunities, and faith-based programming throughout the year. Each program is another step toward building the foundation for GNSA's larger vision. Pictured is a recent tennis camp GNSA hosted.

Spotlight on Community

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

MCC coach honored by Wisconsin Football Coaches Association

As part of the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association's (WFCA) 2026 Hall of Fame induction and awards ceremony, Rufus King's Cal Matthew was recognized for his contribution to football within the city of Milwaukee. He is the First Black High School Coach to be inducted into Hall of Fame. The 47th enshrinement into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame took place in Madison at the Marriott West on Saturday, April 18, 2026.

Cal Matthew, no stranger to winning seasons and elite accolades, is one of 12 coaches to be inducted into

the Class of 2026 WFCA Hall of Fame. Matthew got his start coaching in the Milwaukee City Conference in 1988, when he joined the Washington football staff as an assistant. He later transitioned into a head coaching role at South Division from 1996-2011 before wrapping up his exceptional career on the gridiron as a Rufus King assistant from 2012-24.

"I don't know if I can ever explain how blessed I am to have had the opportunity to coach. Seeing the growth and maturity in athletes was a great experience," said Matthew. "Knowing that you had a positive impact on a



kid's life is an awesome experience. If I could do it all over again, I wouldn't change anything. I loved every minute of it!"

During his 36-year career,

Matthew made MCC history on more than one occasion. In 1989, he was part of the staff that helped Washington win their first-ever WIAA playoff game, and in 2003, he led South Division to their first WIAA playoff appearance. Matthew was the WFCA's Region 7 Coach of the Year in 2007 and, only a year later, he won his second consecutive conference title with the Cardinals.

While Matthew's 2026 Hall of Fame induction recognizes his considerable contributions to football in Wisconsin, he is also an award-winning track and field coach. Matthew held

various head and assistant coaching positions in the MCC, including successful stints at Washington (1988-95) and Rufus King (2011-25). Throughout his time, he coached multiple conference and state individual champions and led the Generals to consecutive WIAA state titles in 2016 and 2017.

In addition to Matthew's induction, the WFCA also recognized Reagan's Greg Roman with the Marge and Dick Rundle Positive Influence in Coaching Award.

First Day Fits helps Milwaukee kids start school with confidence and new clothes

The fifth annual First Day Fits event at Sherman Park provided children with new outfits, shoes, haircuts and other resources ahead of the school year.

Source: TMJ4

For Mariah Smith, a new outfit is about more than looking good on the first day of school.

It's about giving a child one less thing to worry about when they walk into the classroom.

Smith, an educator and founder of First Day Fits, brought the event back to Milwaukee's Sherman Park for its fifth year Sunday, providing children and families with new clothes, shoes, haircuts, hair braiding, food and other resources ahead of the new school year.

"I see the importance of a kid going to school feeling confident, not worried about someone making fun of them," Smith said.

Smith said the idea for First Day Fits grew out of her experiences with students as an educator.

She remembers one student who typically kept to himself. Then one day, he arrived at school wearing a new Nike hoodie.

"He bounced to me and he goes, 'Mrs. Mariah, check out my new merch,'" Smith recalled.

But what happened next stuck with her even more.

"That day I had never seen him answer as many questions," Smith said. "He was raising his hands. He was participating."

Another experience



Mariah Smith
First Day Fits founder

showed Smith the more painful side of what clothing can mean to a child.

She said a K4 student experiencing homelessness was being teased by classmates because of her clothes.

"Kids were making fun of her. They didn't wanna play with her," Smith said.

Educators helped get the child new clothing. Smith said afterward, she watched the way other students treated the girl change.

"Kids all of a sudden want to be friends with her again," Smith said. "Those two together are what led me to create this."

More than new clothes

Five years later, First Day Fits has grown into a larger back-to-school community event.

Families at Sunday's event could receive brand-new outfits, while Jacarrie Kicks for Kids provided shoes. Dream Team United offered groceries, and families could also find free food,

bounce houses, face painting and henna.

Hair braiders and barbers were also on hand to help children complete their first-day look.

Smith said additional sponsors this year allowed First Day Fits to purchase more clothing and expand the services available to families.

She has seen firsthand what that assistance can mean for parents.

"I've had parents cry to me," Smith said. "They're like, 'We didn't know what we were gonna do this year. We didn't know how we were gonna get our kids clothes.'"

Smith recalled one family that was able to get clothing for all nine of its children through First Day Fits.

"So the impact goes deep,"

she said.

For Smith, helping children feel supported can also carry into the classroom.

"It's important because kids need to come to school and feel confident," Smith said.

She said a student worried about being teased for what they're wearing may have a harder time concentrating as teachers introduce expectations and routines at the beginning of the year.

"I think it's important to walk in confident, feeling cool, feeling supported, feeling loved," Smith said. "Having people there for you — I think that's what this is for."

Five years, five scholarships

This year's fifth anniversary also carries a deeply personal meaning for Smith.

First Day Fits includes

what Smith calls the Roz Fit Scholarship, created in memory of her younger sister, Roz, who Smith said was killed in gun violence three years ago.

Smith remembers her sister as someone who took pride in putting together the perfect outfit.

"She used to be the freshest person," Smith said. "From her hat down to her shoes, everything matched, everything was coordinated."

In previous years, Smith said she typically selected two or three children for a shopping trip in her sister's memory.

For the fifth anniversary, she's increasing that number to five.

Smith said five children will each receive a \$100 shopping scholarship, and she will personally take them shopping.

"This year it's gonna be really special because it's year five," Smith said.

For an event built around clothes, Smith says the larger goal has remained the same since it began: making sure children know someone is looking out for them.

"Making sure kids are able to just worry about what they need to worry about," Smith said. "Walk in confident, feeling cool, feeling supported, feeling loved."

First Day Fits is a non-profit organization. Smith said people interested in supporting its work or learning about future events can find First Day Fits on Facebook.



Web Photo

Quilters find inspiration in Madison at The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show, Sept. 10-12

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show returns to the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Sept. 10-12. Presented by PBS Wisconsin and Nancy Zieman Productions, the event has been an annual Midwest hub for quilters in Wisconsin and across the country for over 20 years.

Ticket sales and class registration are now open at quiltshow.com.

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show's central attraction is the 10-category juried and judged Quilt Contest exhibit, showcasing the incredible talents of quilters from across the country. Find inspiration from a variety of quilting styles, techniques and subjects, from nostalgically traditional to experimentally modern, stunning landscapes to uncanny portraits. The Quilt Contest exhibit is a stunning display of art.



Cash prizes will be awarded in each category of the exhibit, and prizes will be awarded to the Best of Show and Viewers' Choice quilts. Attendees vote for their favorite quilt to win the Viewers' Choice award, and the winner is announced Saturday afternoon of the event.



The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show also includes more than 100 educational opportunities led by expert quilt educators, including lectures, workshops and free stage presentations. Classes are offered for beginner to advanced quilter in a wide range of topics, such as "Beyond the Quilt" a lecture by TaMara Howard which explores how African batiks, mud cloth and heritage textiles can move beyond quilts into contemporary craft, home décor, wearable goods and fine art.

A free stage presentation highlight is the "World of Cosplay" with Yaya Han, at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 10. She is a cosplay entrepreneur and award-winning costume maker, who will share insight into how costumes and accessories are created to look like specific characters from anime, video games and movies, followed by audience Q&A.

Taking the stage at 10:15 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11 is Lina Owen to share her free presentation, "Acolchado Bilingüe (Bilingual Quilting)." Owen co-authored a book, "Learn to Quilt," a bilingual guide to help Spanish speakers gain confidence in quilt-

ing. Participants in the second-annual Quilted Fashion Show will walk the runway at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. View garments and accessories created with quilting fabrics and/or piecing and quilting techniques in a special exhibit at the event, and join us for a fun-filled fashion show on the free presentation stage.

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show features a quilting vendor mall covering over 100,000 square feet. Trusted vendors from across the country bring the latest fabrics, threads, sewing machines, notions and more.

Quilt Show attendees can stay late on Thursday and Friday to continue celebrating quilting for special evening events.

Victoria Findlay Wolfe will present "The Quilting Experience" at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10. Originally a Minnesota farm girl, she is a New York-based international award-winning quilt artist, fabric designer, teacher and author, and was featured in the PBS series Craft in America: Quilts and on PBS Wisconsin's Sewing with Nancy.

She will also share a special exhibit of her quilts called "Virtual Voyage: Pixels & Patchwork" and will present a lecture called "Virtual Voyages." Attendees can also find Woolfe and her templates in the vendor mall at booths 80-81.

Sharing a special evening event at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, is Madison's own Catrina J. Sparkman, the Artistic Director of the Creator's Cottage, with The Black Threads Quilting Collective. Through voice, story and textile they will present "An Artist Talk: The Stock I Come From." This theatrical performance will illuminate personal and collective histories, tracing lineage, memory and threads that bind generations.

Sparkman has been a working artist in Madison for over 25 years and opened the Creator's Cottage as a safe space for writers and artists to create, especially people of color. In an interview with PBS Wisconsin, she said that "Who we are in the world has a lot to do with our roots," and "The Stock I Come From" was inspired by The Black Threads Collective sharing family stories with one another.

"The Stock I Come From" will also be on display throughout the event as a special exhibit and the Creator's Cottage will be in the vendor mall at booths 433-44.

Attendees can also join The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show's annual community service project, Quilt to Give, hosted by Nancy Zieman Productions. Donate materials or time to create quilts for those in need. Completed quilts benefit Enchanted Makeovers and Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS).

Throughout the event, attendees can enter a raffle at the PBS Wisconsin booth to win prizes thanks to generous prize donors. Quilt appraisals are also available. Appointments are limited, but can be made at quiltshow.com or at the Class Ticket Sales desk on site.

Proceeds from The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show help support PBS Wisconsin programs and community outreach projects.



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