

**June 10, 2022**



**Dear friends,**

**World Blood Donor Day is an annual event held to acknowledge and thank voluntary blood donors and to encourage new donors by showing how blood donations change and save lives. World Blood Donor Day has been given the slogan, “Share Life, Give Blood”. One particular aim of the day is to encourage younger people, who might be a bit nervous or hesitant, to start donating. Blood donations save millions of lives each year and help with the recovery and health of patients who have illnesses or injuries, complex operations or problems during childbirth. Regular blood donations are essential in keeping reserves high for times of natural and man-made disasters. Some blood types are rarer than others, and promoting the need for those rare types is also an aim of World Blood Donor Day. If you are a blood donor, thank you. If not and you are able, please consider it. You never know the impact it could have.**

**Stay safe and healthy.**

**Sincerely,**

*Bob*

## small business **SPOTLIGHT**



### *The Sanctum Tabletop Gaming Emporium in Racine Holding Grand Opening This Weekend*

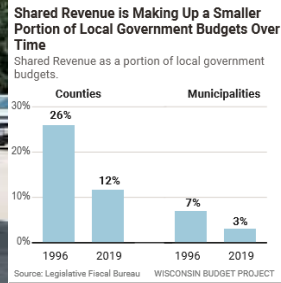
Tabletop gamers in southeast Wisconsin are about to get a new local hotspot. The Sanctum Tabletop Gaming Emporium, 4615 Washington Ave. in Racine, will be holding its grand opening this weekend. The festivities will run from 11 am to 9 pm on Saturday, June 11, and from 11 am to 6 pm on Sunday, June 12. Owner and operator Zac Pawlowski says that he wants The Sanctum to be a welcoming place for both veteran gamers and newbies alike. Find out more at <https://www.thesanctum.games/>.

### **In Case You Missed It**



### *Wisconsin Schools Rise in Rankings Under Governor Evers*

New findings released by respected U.S. News & World Reports rank Wisconsin's education system 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation, an improvement from the number 18 ranking Wisconsin schools were given just before Governor Tony Evers took office. New Jersey ranks first, while New Mexico ranked dead last. Wisconsin outranks all of our neighboring states; the closest is Illinois at #11. The rankings take into account both K-12 and Higher Education.



## ***Racine Joins Kenosha, Will Have Public Safety Referendum on Fall Ballot***

This November, voters in the city of Racine will be given a say in whether to allow an increase in their property taxes to fund additional police officers. If approved, the \$2 million referendum would fund 11 new police positions.

As mentioned in a previous edition of this newsletter, steep cuts in shared revenue to counties and municipalities under the Republican-controlled Legislature and former Governor Scott Walker have left many communities struggling to fund critical services such as public safety. Pleasant Prairie voters passed a similar referendum earlier this spring.



## ***Judge Finds Gableman in Contempt After Refusing to Answer Questions on Phony, Taxpayer-Funded Election “Review”***

Former state Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman was found in contempt of court this week for not fully complying with a previous court order to provide requested public records related to his taxpayer-funded “investigation” of the 2020 Presidential election. Circuit Court Judge Frank Remington made the contempt ruling after Gableman refused to answer questions in the case, indicated that he had no plans to ever answer the questions and called the judge a “partisan advocate”. Zakory Niemierowicz, a staff person hired to help in Gableman’s witchhunt, didn’t attend Friday’s court hearing for fear that he would be incarcerated; the judge had previously warned Gableman and Niemierowicz that they were facing potential jail time if they continued their refusal to answer questions.

This is the latest embarrassment in the taxpayer-funded sham authorized a year ago by Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester), under pressure from former President Donald

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Trump. Trump and his allies have continuously spouted debunked conspiracy theories regarding the legitimacy of the 2020 Presidential election. Gableman's review has been the source of one scandal after another, including going over budget by hundreds of thousands of dollars and producing no evidence of fraud. Vos recently allowed the "investigation" to continue, and Gableman to continue drawing a paycheck on the taxpayer dime, even though the official review is on pause pending the outcome of several court cases.



**SOCIETY'S  
ASSETS**



## *Society's Assets Kicks Off New "GameAble" Program with "Dr. Strange" Screening*

Society's Assets is hosting a free movie day to kickoff GameAble, a new program in Kenosha. GameAble is a regularly scheduled gathering that combines peer support and recreation for youth with any disability. The event will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2022, from 1:30 to 4:30 pm at Tinseltown Movie Theater, 7107 70<sup>th</sup> Court in Kenosha, and will feature a showing of the recent blockbuster movie, "Dr. Strange in the Multiverse of Madness", rated PG-13. One free ticket is available per person with a disability, age 14-25; registration is required by contacting Pauline at either [plorenz@societysassets.org](mailto:plorenz@societysassets.org) or (262)925-6099. Closed captioning and audio descriptive headsets will also be available. Society's Assets is a local nonprofit Independent Living Center serving people of all ages with any disability; the name Society's Assets was chosen because the founders wanted to be seen as having abilities and qualities to contribute to the community.



## *KAFASI Seeking Volunteer Drivers*

Kenosha Aging and Family Services, Inc. (KAFASI), is seeking more volunteer drivers to help local senior citizens and adults with disabilities get to important appointments, doctor visits, grocery shopping or the bank. Dawn Skau is the KAFASI Volunteer Coordinator. She says KAFASI is in need of area residents, age 18 and up, interested in volunteering with their transportation program. Volunteers must use their own vehicle, have auto insurance, and pass a background check; drivers are reimbursed for mileage at 45 cents per mile. Residents of Kenosha County age 60 and older and adults with disabilities that are ambulatory and have difficulty using public transit are eligible for the program. Anyone interested should call (262)658-3508 or email [dskau@kafasi.org](mailto:dskau@kafasi.org).



## ***KUSD Hosting “Building Trade Careers Summer Camp” to Introduce Students to New Career Possibilities***

KUSD students entering grades 7-9 can now sign up to attend a four day summer camp-style program that will introduce them to careers in the building trades. The camp will take place from July 18-21, 2022, from 8 am to noon each day. Students interested in careers in the architecture and construction career cluster are encouraged to apply. The camp will expose students to many of the different careers in the field. Students will participate in four hands-on demonstrations and presentations while learning side-by-side with local building trade employees from three local companies – Riley Construction, Pieper Electric, and Martin Petersen Company. The camp will conclude with a visit to a local construction project to see what they have been learning in action. Student transportation from the KUSD Educational Support Center, 3600 52<sup>nd</sup> St., to the local employers and back to the ESC will be provided. The Building Trade Careers Summer Camp lottery enrollment is open through Sunday, June 19, 2022. Only one lottery enrollment per student will be accepted. The lottery will take place the week of June 20, 2022, and notification of enrollment or waitlist status will be sent to all enrollees by June 24, 2022. You can find the lottery enrollment registration information [here](#).



## ***EIGHT MORE Free Covid Tests Available***

With Covid cases again on the rise, the Biden administration has is offering households eight additional at-home Covid tests, free of charge. You can order the eight tests at <https://www.covidtests.gov/>; you can also use this site to find nearby testing locations. The administration had previously made four at-home Covid tests available per household; you can still claim those using the same link if you haven't already done so. Additionally, because of

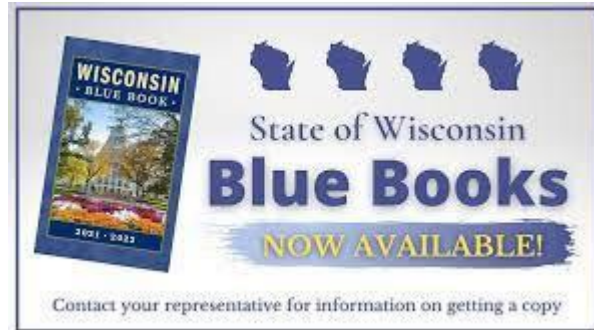
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actions by President Biden and Governor Evers, your health insurance provider may be required to cover up to eight at-home rapid tests per month.



## ***Reserve Your Copy of the 2021-2023 State of Wisconsin Blue Book***

The latest edition of the State of Wisconsin Blue Book has arrived. If you would like to have a copy sent to you, contact my office at (608)267-8979 or [sen.wirch@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:sen.wirch@legis.wisconsin.gov). These books are free and contain interesting and valuable information about our state's culture, history and government.