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Dear friends,

Yom Kippur, which was observed this week, is considered the holiest and most important day of the year for people of the Jewish faith. Yom Kippur means “Day of Atonement” and marks the culmination of the 10 Days of Awe, a period of introspection and repentance that follows Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. According to tradition, it is on Yom Kippur that God decides each person’s fate, so those of the Jewish faith are encouraged to make amends and ask forgiveness for wrongs committed in the last year. The holiday is observed with a nearly 26 hour long fast and special religious services. It is a solemn day suffused with an undercurrent of joy. I hope all readers of the Jewish faith had a blessed Yom Kippur.

Until next time, stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Bob

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Kenosha's Cloud 9 Luxury Spa Offering New "Medspa" Services

Cloud 9 Luxury Spa, 3535 30th Ave., recently held a grand re-opening to celebration their transition from day spa into a medical spa. Owner Kayla Milner opened Cloud 9 in December 2019, offering typical day spa services in a 12x12 foot suite. She quickly outgrew the space and moved to her current location in 2020. The transition to a medspa means that Milner has added a doctor to her staff and her employees are now required to pass increased credentialing criteria. Cloud 9 offers services such as facials, body sculpting, massage, permanent makeup, light therapy, lymphatic drainage, waxing and more. Visit their website, cloud9luxuryspa.com, for more.

In Case You Missed It



Evers Commits \$10 Million to Veteran Employment, Housing and Mental Health Programs, \$3.2 Million to Expand Union Grove Veterans Cemetery

Building on recommendations from his Blue Ribbon Commission on Veteran Opportunity, Governor Tony Evers has announced a \$10 million investment, using federal ARPA dollars, to support veteran employment, housing assistance, and mental health services. He's also allocating \$3.2 million from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to expand the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove. These investments come as the result of the Blue Ribbon Commission's report, released last month. The recommendations provided an blueprint to make immediate investments to support veterans in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as long-term, ongoing investments through the biennial budget. You can

read the Commission's full report [here](#) and find more details about the Governor's announcement [here](#).



Evers Budget Proposal to Include More than \$100 Million in Shared Revenue for Public Safety

Governor Tony Evers says that in the 2023-2025 state budget, he would propose more than \$100 million in new shared revenue to municipalities to help fund public safety measures. Evers has continued to push for increased shared revenue, which municipalities desperately need after years of cuts by the Republican Legislature. A number of municipalities have been forced to use referendums, asking voters to increase their property taxes to fund more police and fire personnel. Kenosha voters narrowly approved such a referendum in August; Racine's referendum was defeated in a close contest.



October Observances for Both Domestic Violence and Breast Cancer Awareness

October is designated as a time to raise awareness for two tragic and preventable issues, domestic violence and breast cancer. Both are thought of as primarily impacting women, but men can suffer from both of these scourges, as well.

October was first declared National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1989. Since then, October has been a time to acknowledge domestic violence survivors and be a voice for its victims. Domestic violence strikes every community and affects all people, regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion or nationality. Physical violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior as part of a much larger pattern of dominance and control. An average of 20 people are physically abused by an intimate partner every minute, equating to more than 10 million abuse victims each year. One in three women and one in four men have been suffered some level of physical abuse by an

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intimate partner. Learn more, including warning signs and how to get help, at <https://ncadv.org/2022DVAM>.

For nearly four decades, the country has recognized October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. A major point of emphasis is on the importance of early detection and access to timely, high-quality care. One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime; that's one every 2 minutes in the U.S. About one of every 100 people diagnosed with breast cancer is a man. In 2022, it's estimated that nearly 44,000 people in the U.S. will die from breast cancer. The good news is that, if caught early enough, breast cancer is treatable, and that you can lower your risk through healthy living, exercise, limiting alcohol intake and regular health screenings. Learn more at breastcancer.org.



Civil Discourse and Disagreeing without Being Disagreeable are the Topics as Politicos James Carville and Mary Matalin Visit Parkside

Last Friday night, well known political operatives – and married couple – James Carville and Mary Matalin spoke to a large crowd at UW-Parkside about bridging the political divide in our personal relationships and the ability to have differing political views with the people in our lives. Carville is known for his role as a friend and advisor to Bill and Hillary Clinton, while Matalin – who appeared via video due to a Covid exposure – is a longtime Republican strategist who once served as an advisor for then-Vice President Dick Cheney. The couple have been married since November 1993 and have two daughters.



“Leaps and Crowns Save Lives” Blood Drive to Benefit American Red Cross

Brandy Pearson and her daughter Evangeline, who are active in pageants and local charities, are teaming with the KAPA Leap Dancers and the American Red Cross to host a blood drive. The event will take place at the VFW Post 1865, 618 39th Ave., Kenosha on Monday, January 16, 2023, from 1 to 6 pm. Appointments are appreciated but not necessary; you can make an appointment [here](#). You can see the Facebook event [here](#). The need for blood is constant, and only with the help of volunteer donors can we fulfill the need for blood in our community. Please consider donating, if you are able. Thanks to Brandy and Evangeline for hosting this great event.



Kenosha County Public Health Provides Update on Covid, Monkeypox Vaccinations

In an update late last week, Kenosha County Public Health Director Jen Freiheit announced that the Department had received its shipment of the new bivalent Covid vaccine booster and that residents could come in to their clinic at the Kenosha County Job Center, 8600 Sheridan Rd., to get their shot. Residents can get their flu shots at the same time. While the Covid vaccine is free of charge, KCPH is not able to bill insurance for the flu shot as other locations do, however, so the cost is \$35. KCPH also has plenty of the monkeypox vaccine available, free of charge, as well, for those who qualify. You'll find the criteria [here](#).



Wisconsin Launches Program to Send Out Free Covid Tests

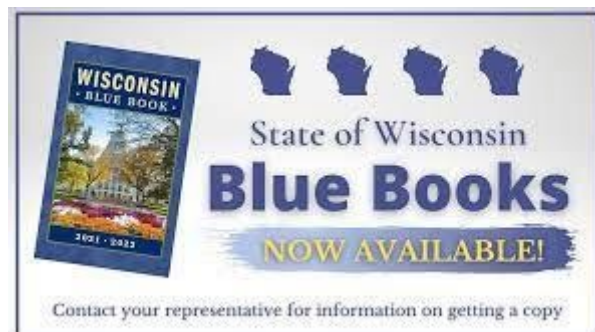
Wisconsin residents can now get Covid-19 tests sent to them free of charge from the state. The federal government had been offering free Covid tests, but the funding for that program has run out.

The Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services (DHS) says that the [Say Yes! Covid Test website](#) is now live and operational. The site allows households to order five rapid tests for free. Households can still get up to eight rapid Covid tests per month through their insurance providers, as well.



Take My 2022 Legislative Survey

It's very important to me as a legislator to hear what you think about the important issues of the day. I've put together a survey on a variety of topics that I am hoping you will take the time to complete. You can find an online version of the survey at <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/22/wirch/surveys-and-petitions/2022-legislative-survey>.



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