

March 10, 2023



Dear friends,

It's that time again. This weekend, we will lose an hour of sleep as we turn our clocks forward at 2 am on Sunday, March 12. There have been efforts in recent years to do away with the twice yearly time changes. A bill known as the Sunshine Protection Act was passed unanimously last year by the United States Senate, but it has not been voted on by the House of Representatives, so for now, the time changes continue.

Until next time, stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Bob

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Racine's Foxhole Lounge Supports Vets, Serves up Delicious Daily Specials

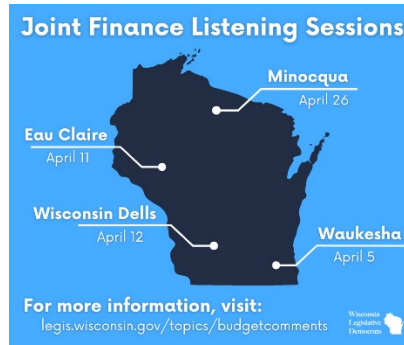
The Foxhole Lounge, 820 Main St. in Racine (set inside the VFW building), is a unique bar & restaurant. They serve up tasty lunch and dinner specials and drinks, while supporting local veterans' causes. You can grab a bite to eat and explore the Racine Area Veterans Center and Legacy Museum. Local veterans work hard to change and update the displays each month, so there is always something new and different to take in. The Foxhole also offers karaoke on Fridays. Learn more at foxholelounge.com.

In Case You Missed It



Office Hours This Saturday

Saturday, March 11, from 2 to 3 pm, I'll be holding an "Office Hours" listening session in Activity Room A of Kenosha's Northside Library, 1500 27th Ave. Stop in to share your thoughts on the happenings in our state, including the state budget.



Joint Finance Committee Announces Four Budget Listening Sessions

The Legislature’s “budget committee” – the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) – has announced the dates and locations for its four state budget listening sessions. The location closest to us will be in Waukesha, beginning at 10 am on April 5, at the Waukesha County Expo Center. For more information, visit legis.wisconsin.gov/topics/budgetcomments.

RACINE BUDGET LISTENING SESSION

WITH REP. GRETA NEUBAUER, REP. TIP MCGUIRE, AND SEN. BOB WIRTH

TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH

6:00 - 7:30 PM

GATEWAY TECH COLLEGE, RACINE CAMPUS
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Budget Listening Session

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 29TH

at the Kenosha Northside Neighborhood Library in Community Room A from 6pm - 7pm

You are invited to a budget listening session with Rep. Tip McGuire, Rep. Tod Ohnstad, and Sen. Bob Wirth

We want to hear from you about your thoughts on Governor Evers' 2023-25 budget proposal.

Area Legislators Hosting Local Budget Listening Sessions

I’ll be holding budget listening sessions in both Racine and Kenosha in the following weeks. On March 28 in the Quad Lakes Room of Gateway’s Racine campus from 6 to 7:30 pm, I’ll be joined by my Assembly colleagues Minority Leader Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) and Rep. Tip McGuire (D-Kenosha), who sits on the powerful Joint Finance Committee (JFC).

Reps. McGuire and Tod Ohnstad (D-Kenosha) will join me for a budget listening session in Kenosha the following day, March 29, from 6 to 7 pm at the Northside Library. Both are open to the public.

In addition, the Democratic members of JFC will hold a listening session of their own on Monday, March 13, at the UW-Milwaukee Alumni Fireside Lounge in Milwaukee from 10:30 am to 1 pm. This event is open to the public.



Kenosha Teen Recognized as “State Youth of the Year” by Boys & Girls Club of Wisconsin

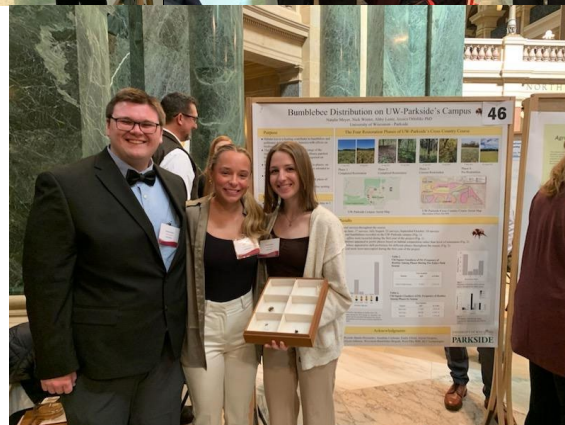
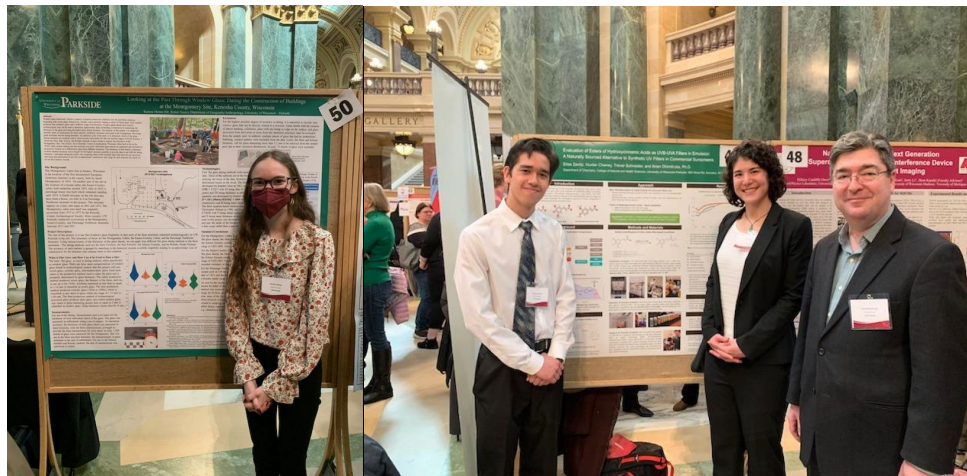
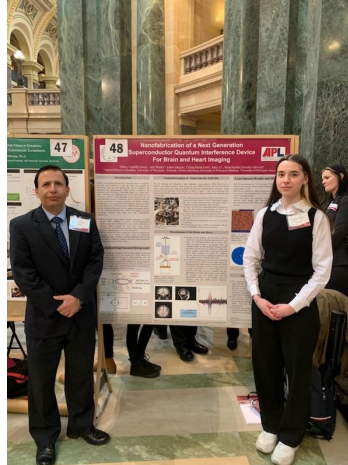
Erica Dolly of Kenosha has been selected as a “State Youth of the Year” by the Boys & Girls Club of Wisconsin. She will be recognized during an awards ceremony in Madison on Monday, March 13. Erica is a sophomore student at Tremper High School and was earlier selected as Kenosha Youth of the Year by the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha. She credits the Boys & Girls Club with helping her learn to manage anxiety. Erica says she hopes to pursue a career as a carpenter, which would put her skills in math and measurements to use. Congratulations to Erica and her family for this wonderful achievement.



Touring Bridges Community Center

During his State of the State address in January, Governor Tony Evers declared 2023 “The Year of Mental Health”. In that spirit, this week I was joined by my Assembly colleagues Rep. Tod Ohnstad (D-Kenosha), Rep. Tip McGuire (D-Kenosha) and Assembly Minority Leader Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) in touring Bridges Community Center in Kenosha. Bridges is a consumer-run, non-profit organization dedicated to the recovery and support of adults living with a mental illness, co-occurring challenges such as mental illness and drug/alcohol use. It is open to members of the community. The goal of Bridges is to partner with individuals in their recovery by giving peer support, encouragement, hope, a sense of self-worth, education,

resources, and a safe place to be. During the tour, we had the chance to speak with representatives of NAMI Kenosha and NAMI Racine about the importance of mental health and access to supports. Thanks to everyone involved for helping to set this up.



Parkside Students Display Research Projects in the State Capitol

Every year, the UW System holds an event called “Research in the Rotunda”, where students from the various UW System schools are chosen to display a research project that they have

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been working on in the rotunda of the State Capitol. It's an event that many of us look forward to each year, and Parkside always has a strong contingent of student projects on display. The list of projects and presenters this year included:

- **Bumblebee Distribution on UW-Parkside's Campus** by Abby Lentz, Natalie Meyer, and Nicholas Winter
- **Evaluation of Esters of Hydroxycinnamic Acids as UVB-UVA Filters in Emulsion: A Naturally Sourced Alternative to Synthetic UV Filters in Commercial Sunscreens** by Trever Schneider, Elise Zevitz, and Hunter Cheney
- **Fabrication of a Next-Generation Superconducting Quantum Interference Device for Brain and Heart Imaging** by Jack Binder and Hillary Cunliffe-Owen
- **Gender Differences in the Accuracy of Self-Evaluations of Performance on Math and English Tests** by Yincheng Jin and Payton Leutner
- **Looking at the Past Through Window Glass: Dating the Construction of Buildings at the Montgomery Site, Kenosha County, Wisconsin** by Karissa Homar
 - **Storytelling Through Video Games** by Elisa Kurber

Congratulations to all of the students, advisers and faculty that took part in this year's Research in the Rotunda. With these students leading the way, the future looks bright.



Wisconsin Families Can Now Get Ten (10) Free Covid Tests Each Month

Wisconsin residents can now get up to 10 free Covid-19 testing kits sent straight to their doors each month as part of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' Say Yes! Covid Test Program. Since starting in September 2022, the [Say Yes! Covid Test](#) program has delivered more than 1.6 million free test kits throughout Wisconsin. Households were previously limited to one free test kit (5 tests) per month but can now receive two, containing 10 tests. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has extended the shelf life for several Covid tests, including iHealth, which are delivered through the Say Yes! Covid Test program; tests are now good for up to one year. To order the test kits online, visit sayyescovidhometest.org.

Those without reliable internet access or who have questions about ordering can dial 211 or 877-947-2211 for assistance.



Take My 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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