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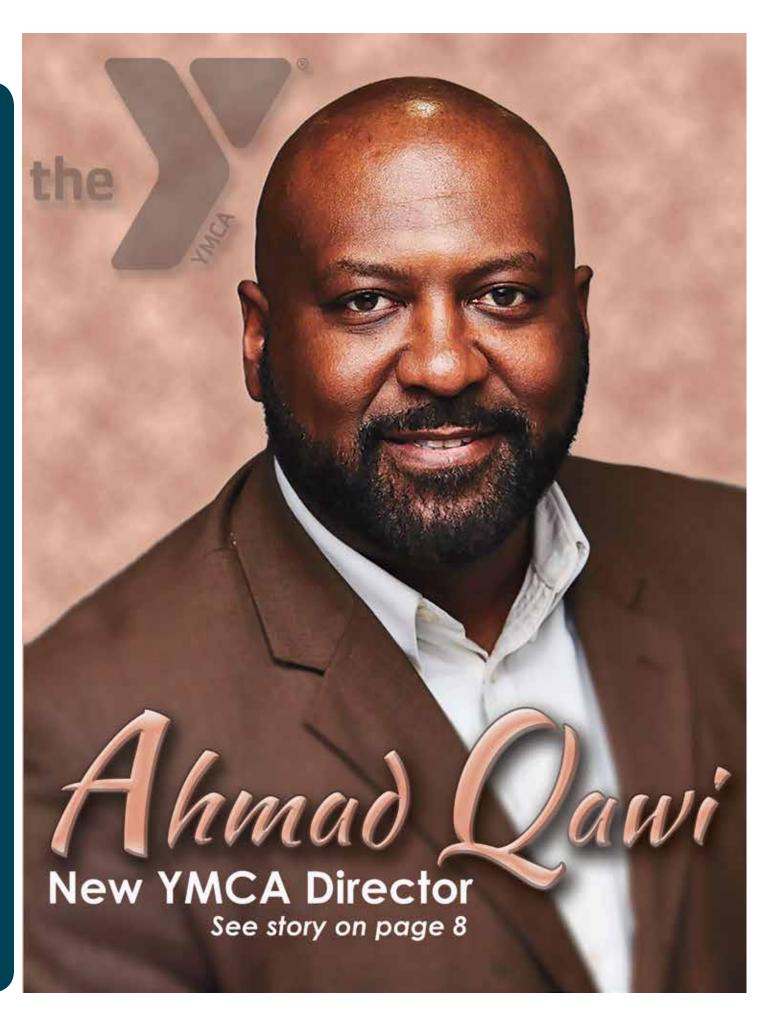
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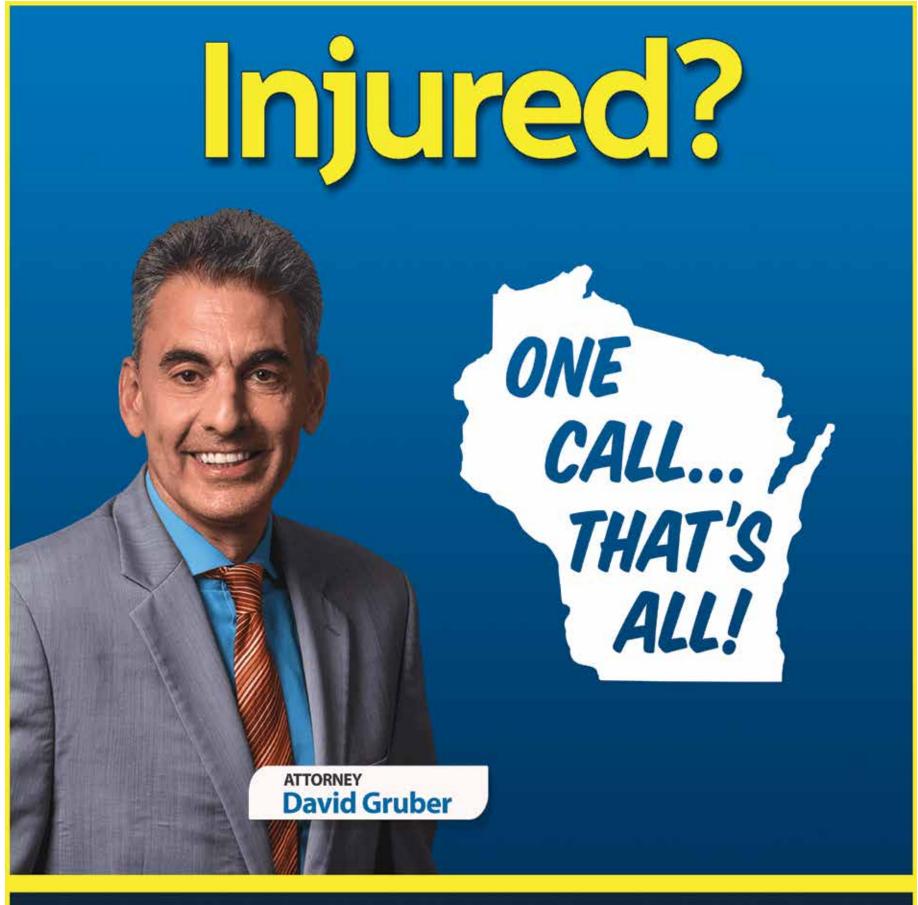
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The Woman in the Mirror

Side by Side

by Lisa Parham

One main thing stands out this month and we all know what it is. It's the coronavirus. A City shut down, closed business never to regain back its stability. Some restaurants closing and churches having to close their doors and hosting church services on Facebook and other means of live streaming. Schools are closed and our children are left home without education.

Families being tested and damaged due to loss of jobs and to say the least a broken society. I know things seem and look scary but just hold on. Keep the faith. Help is on the way. I'm reminded how in the Bible where it talks about a city with broken walls revealed a defeated people exposed to danger and frustration. How did the people rebuild the walls of Jerusalem? They did this by working side by side, an expression in which describes our current situation in America today.

There are two things we need to do. First, let us continue to work together for a common good. Secondly we all can be commended for taking a part not for how much or how little you have done compared to others, but by just because you simply care. Today we see damaged families and a somewhat broken society but Jesus came to build the Kingdom of God through the transformation of lives

We too can help to rebuild our community and families by showing others that they can find hope and new life in a force greater than ourselves. So let us now take a closer look at ourselves and work more together. Lend a helping hand where needed. Faith leaders work with community leaders, Com-





munity leaders work with the community. Community work with the parents, parents work with the teachers, and teachers work

with the students. Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor.

History will remember when the world stopped, and the airplanes stayed on the ground and the cars stayed parked in their driveways and the trains didn't run. History will remember when the schools closed and the churches staved indoors and did streaming. And the doctors and nurses walked towards the situation and not from it. History will remember when people sang in their homes in isolation but together in courage and faith. History will remember when we the people fought for our old and weak while protecting the vulnerable by doing all we could. History will also remember when this coronavirus left, and our houses opened and people came out and hugged and kissed and started living life again and were kinder than ever before.

In my closing, all of us have learned something through this coronavirus. So let's work side by side and do our part – whether big or small to create a community of love where people can find a force greater than themselves.

Love always,

Lisa Parham

President & Chief Executive Officer

"I feel that we should all work to continue to make Racine a positive atmosphere for our Younger People, Thank you for helping to be a positive influence in our Community."

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A Prayer for our world

God, You alone are worthy of honor, glory, and praise. With You, we can overcome every storm—including the global impact COVID-19 is having on our world.

Right now, we are asking You to:

- · Heal those who are sick and protect those who are not.
- Give our leaders extra wisdom as they navigate this pandemic and economic uncertainty.
- Strengthen Your global Church. Reveal to us how we can partner together to reach the needs of those around us.
- Calm our fears. Fill us with Your hope, joy, and peace as we continue to trust in You.
- Use this pandemic to pave the way for spiritual renewal. We want Your glory, power, and healing to be on display.

Come Lord Jesus, come. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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From State Senator Bob Wirch Options and Resources for Jobseekers during COVID-19 Crisis

Kenosha/Racine - As reported today, nationwide, 3.3 million people filed first-time unemployment claims last week, a record, as the coronavirus caused mass shutdowns. People are scared, not just of the health implications, but of how they are going to provide for themselves and their families. It can be confusing and overwhelming, so I'd like to offer some tips to people and families in similar situations.

First, if you have lost your job, file for unemployment benefits. The easiest way to do so, if you have internet access, is online at dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/apply; you can also reach the state's Unemployment Insurance Division by phone at (844)910-3661. If you aren't sure if you qualify for benefits, your best option is to file a claim and be honest with your answers; you may or may not qualify. If you are having a problem filing a claim or getting through on the phone line, please call me at (608)267-8979.

Second, there are a number of other stateadministered benefits that can help ease your financial burden, such as FoodShare, which helps families in need purchase groceries. You can find out if you qualify for any of these programs by visiting access.wisconsin. gov or calling the Wisconsin Kenosha Racine Partnership (WKRP) at 1-888-794-5820. Again, please feel free to call me if you need assistance.

During these trying times, WE Energies and other public utilities are not allowed to disconnect customers or assess late fees for nonpayment. They are also being required to allow deferred payment agreements for those seeking them. If you are struggling to make ends meet and have to choose between food on the table or your electric bill, reach out to your provider and ask for a deferred payment plan, whereby you can pay in installments later on as you get back on your feet. I'm always happy to help with utility issues.

Finally, at this time, Circuit Courts in Racine and Kenosha Counties are not holding court proceedings on evictions, which means eviction permits are not currently being issued in these two counties. While we all have to live up to our obligations, this should provide a little peace of mind to any families who are dealing with financial uncertainty during the coronavirus outbreak. One valuable resource for low-income individuals and families fearing eviction or homelessness is Legal Action of Wisconsin. They are not offering in-office services at this time but can be reached by phone at (855)947-2529.

Bob Wirch

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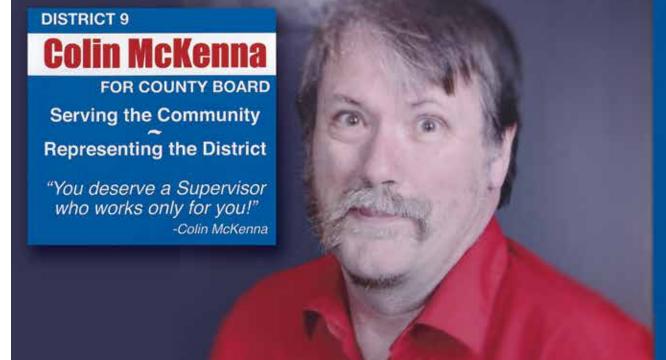
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Qawi First African American YMCA President in Racine

by Dominique Lambright

I had the pleasure of speaking with Ahmad Qawi. He is a very interesting, ambitious man. He is definitely someone who has proven to be a visionary with a record of positioning organizations as leaders in diverse communities. He has had expertise in earning the public trust by leading with passion and communicating how nonprofit organizations are assets to the communities they serve.

Ahmad grew up in North Chicago and he never dreamed that he would be the CEO of a YMCA in Racine. When in high school and college at IL State he played football so naturally his natural African American male aspirations surrounded becoming an NFL football player. He learned a lot of leadership qualities while playing sports, which helped him along the road to achieve a lot of those big moments today. In 1992, he came back to North Chicago after graduating college and worked in the Lakehurst mall, making about \$6.50 selling jewelry.

One day he had a friend with a colleague who came and met with Ahmad about a position to be an STD and HIV counselor at the Health Department, Ann Jensen hired him. He was 23 years old with a college degree and his first son. As an HIV counselor he interviewed people diagnosed with an STD, and in the 90s HIV really hit, so Ahmad did outreach so he could pass out information and condoms. People he knew would feel awkward with him being their counselor and ask to have someone else speak with them. At 25/26 in 1995/1996 his supervisor Ann Jensen told him about a position as a Project Coordinator for Region 7 for HIV, this is



Ahmad Qawi

how he got into the field and he learned how to do his job better and got funding for the program. He did this until 1998. He had a great impact. His achievements during this period were:

- Secured a million dollar grant from the Centers for Disease Control and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).
- Facilitated the Request for Proposal (RFP) process in identifying Health Departments and non-profits, in the collar counties of Cook Co., to provide HIV prevention education and antibody testing to people at high risk of being infected with HIV.
- Facilitated communication between the IDPH, Regional Implementation Group members, and regional subcontractors.
- Monitored each subcontractor's budget to ensure funding was used effectively and efficiently.

• Co-chaired the Region 7 Implementation Group meetings.

In the Kenosha paper they had a job as an Executive Director for a Youth Leadership Academy for young African American boys in Racine. This started his journey here. His mother always taught him to take an opportunity presented to him. The Academy had 50 or 60 African American boys in it. Ahmad was very lucky to have such an influential board of directors. He did this from 1998 to 2004. During this period, he reorganized the newly formed Racine Youth Leadership Academy into an organization that focused on improving the City of Racine by addressing issues faced by fragile families. As he helped further along developing this Academy he achieved:

- Strategically merged the Academy with the YMCA through a strategic planning process to better serve youth.
- Engaged local business owners, volunteers, and other community stakeholders in developing a Fund Development Plan.
- Facilitated a committee of staff, Board of Directors, teachers and parents to develop activities that developed leadership characteristics that enhanced youth's ability to develop positive self-concepts, productive attitudes and intellectual curiosity.
- Created the organization's operations, human resource policies and fund development systems.
- Served on several local committees (i.e., United Way Outcomes Committee) providing valuable input on how to better improve the City of Racine.

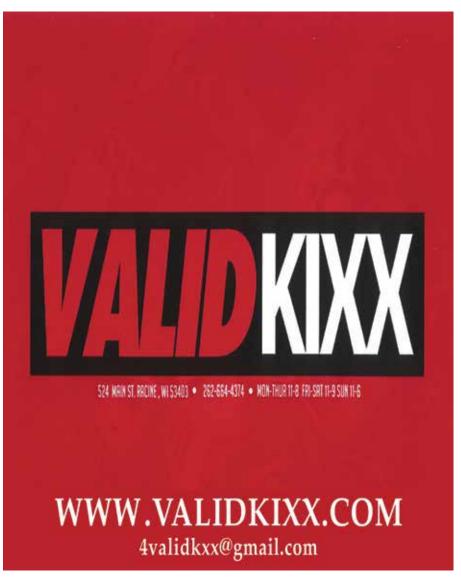
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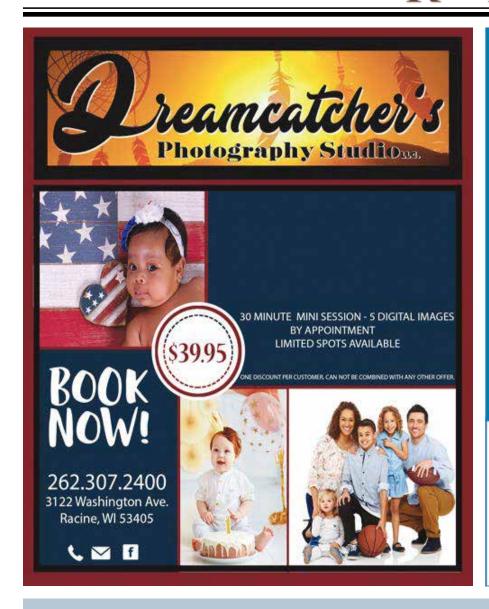
leading to him taking on bigger and bigger roles that presented themselves. Eventually as the Academy got to move into the YMCA and combine with another program called Young Challengers it just positioned Ahmad more into a leadership role in the YMCA and part of combining the two programs led to Ahmad moving into the Director of Community Development from 2004 to 2009. He positioned the Racine Family YMCA as a leading organization in the Racine community dedicated to increasing the strength and effectiveness of community life by improving local conditions in the areas of Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility. As he progressed, the achievements here were very impactful as well:

- Created new community-based programs to reverse the negative trend of low academic achievement and negative stereotypical behavior of youth by serving the basic social, emotional and academic needs of youth throughout their school-aged years.
- Successfully created and implemented a city-wide Fatherhood Project assisting over 500 men to be better fathers.
- Managed close to \$500,000 in Government and local grants.
- Secured an \$110,000 contract from the Racine County Workforce Development Center to manage the county's Children's First Program.
- Secured an 18% increase in the Department's 2008-09 United Way grant.
- Consistently lead successfully Strong Community Campaigns raising over

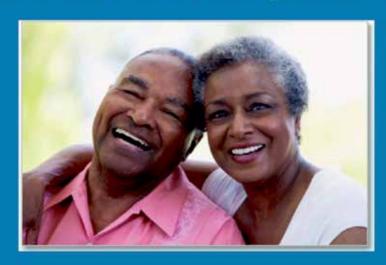
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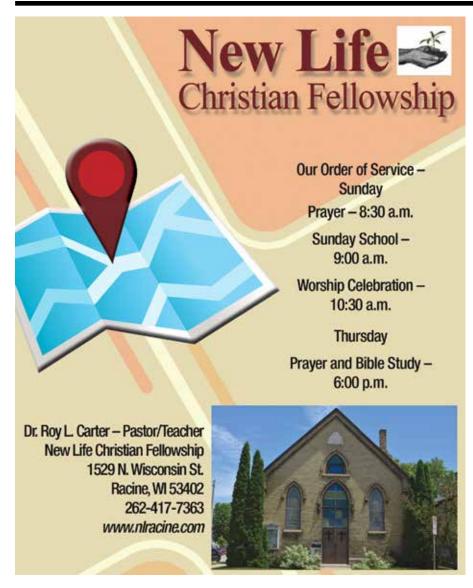
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RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

SITUATION SUMMARY

The Central Racine County and City of Racine Health Departments are closely monitoring an outbreak caused by a new coronavirus COVID-19 that has been detected in 70 locations internationally, including the United States. This is a rapidly evolving and dynamic situation. Local officials are committed to mitigating the coronavirus impact for Racine County residents.

CURRENT COVID-19 CASES

The health departments report one confirmed case of COVID-19 in Racine County.

STATE ORDER RESTRICTS BARS AND RESTAURANTS, LIMITS GATHERINGS OF 10 OR MORE

Governor Tony Evers has ordered the banned gatherings of 10 or more people. Further, Governor Evers ordered the closure of all bars and restaurants effective at 5 p.m. Takeout or delivery service at restaurants or bars will continue.

The City of Racine, Racine County, and Central Racine County Health Department issued the following joint statement on the state order restricting bars and restaurants:

"We recognize this order is extremely difficult and disruptive for bar and restaurant owners, employees and patrons. However, we are in an unprecedented situation and bold action is required to mitigate the impact of coronavirus and protect public health. We thank bars, restaurants, other businesses and residents for their understanding. We are all in this together, and we are all doing our part to slow the spread of the virus."

OTHER STATE DEVELOPMENTS

The State of Wisconsin reported 72 positive tests for COVID-19, 1,038 negative tests, and community spread in Dane, Milwaukee and Kenosha counties.

The current school closure order is extended until further notice.

RACINE COUNTY

Racine County today is making the following announcements:

- Jury service is suspended through April 12, 2020. Jurors summoned for this time period should not report to the Courthouse for jury service their term will be rescheduled. For updates on juror service please visit www.racinecounty.com/clerkofcourts.
- Racine County is immediately closing county-owned golf courses, which include Ives Grove and Browns Lake; golf clubhouses; and dog parks.

Effective Wednesday, March 18, all nonessential functions at County buildings will be closed. Anyone doing business at county buildings should call ahead and be prepared to make alternative arrangements to meeting in person.

CITY OF RACINE

Racine Mayor Cory Mason is reminding residents the City does not and will not shut off your water and WE Energies has committed to not cutting off utilities during this time.

City of Racine buses continue to operate regularly and are being cleaned thoroughly every day.

Walk-in service at Racine City Hall has

been suspended with the exception of the Clerk's Office. We encourage residents to call or email departments in advance. City workers are still working, but not holding public offices to curtail the spread of COVID-19

The City is suspending all public meetings of City Councils, boards, committees, and commissions until at least April 20, 2020

PUBLIC HEALTH

The City of Racine and the Central Racine County Health Departments have been coordinating with local area healthcare providers to ensure people tested for COVID-19 receive appropriate public health follow up. As part of this follow-up, both health departments are asking people to be isolated or quarantined based on current State and Federal guidance. The health departments will communicate risk to the public, places of business, schools and other community settings in the event than an exposure is confirmed.

RESOURCES

For the most current and up to date information on COVID-19, please go to the Centers for Disease Control's website: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

You can also find current information on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website, which has guidance that is updated regularly for travel, self-quarantine, and school districts, among other important information: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm

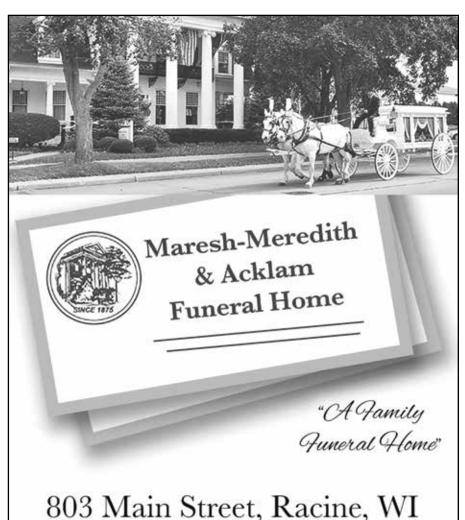
RUSD Referendum to Be Decided on April 7 Ballot

On April 7, residents of the Racine Unified School District will be asked to vote on a proposal that will impact every school and every student. The referendum would fund \$598 million of work including construction of new schools, modernization and major renovations, safety and security enhancements and upgraded technology as part of the District's long-range facilities master plan. The work will be funded over 30 years while keeping the referendum-related tax rate flat.

Key Projects: Construct new schools, including a new K-8 campus in Sturtevant, a Starbuck International Baccalaureate K-8 and new, smaller middle schools; Modernize schools through major renovations and maintenance; Enhance school safety and security; Modernize classroom technology; Create a second early learning center; Expand successful programs, such as the Academies of Racine; Create schools that are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant/

Holding the Line on Taxes: For the last several years, RUSD has kept our commitment to maintain stable property taxes. The 2020 referendum proposal continues to protect our taxpayers. The referendum funding plan will not cause the school property tax rate to increase. In fact, the Board of Education developed a policy that will hold District administration accountable for keeping the school construction-related tax rate flat now and into the future.

For more information, visit www.rusd. org/2020Referendum. For questions email referendum@rusd.org.



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April 1st is 2020 Census Day

Racine – While the outbreak of COVID-19 has caused uncertainty, cancellations, closures and postponements, the 2020 U.S. Census is still ongoing and crucial to the future of Racine County and all of our communities.

"It's easy to ignore the Census 2020 invitation when we are worried about our jobs, our kids' education, our family's health and paying our bills," said M.T. Boyle, chair of the Racine County Complete Count Committee. "But it's more important than ever that we have all our residents respond to the Census and be counted. Federal funding allocations and political representation for the next 10 years depends on accurate Census data."

Almost all local programs and services, such as schools, free and reduced lunches, hospitals, health care, parks, roads and economic support programs receive money through federal spending programs guided by Census data.

"Each resident counted equals \$1,600 in federal funding to our communities. This makes it absolutely critical that everyone is counted in Racine County so our communities receive their fair share of funding," Boyle said.

Although April 1st is considered Census Day, efforts to encourage residents to self-respond to the Census online at 2020Census. gov, by phone at 844-330-2020 or by paper will continue through mid-August.

"When you are calling your neighbors, church members, family and friends to check on their well-being during this COVID-19 crisis, consider asking them if they have responded to the Census and help them by giving the website or phone number to call," added Boyle.

The Census is mobile-friendly and takes only 10 minutes. Census questions include the names, ages, and nationalities of all the mem-

bers of your household who are living at your address on April 1st. You do not need to have your Census ID to complete the Census.

"We absolutely understand that some of our residents are hesitant to answer the Census questions due to fears about safety and confidentiality," Boyle said. "It is illegal for your answers to be shared with any other person or government agency, including the IRS, ICE or law enforcement. The Census is safe to take."

The 2020 Census Response Rate Map is already tracking nationwide response rates (https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates. html). As of March 30, Wisconsin had the No. 1 response rate in the country at 42.7%. In Racine County, the overall response rate was 45.1%, with some Western Racine County census tracts with over 50% response rates, while the 3 lowest-counted tracts in the City of Racine hovered just over 22%.

"This means that traditionally under-counted populations in the hard-to-count census tracts will stay that way unless we can encourage higher participation in 2020," says Boyle. "We need everyone to respond to the Census. You all matter to the future of our community."

Reminders will be mailed in April and early May before Census workers follow up in person. Residents can respond online or by phone in English as well as 12 additional languages – ensuring over 99 percent of U.S. households can respond in their preferred language.

To respond to the Census online or to get more information, visit My2020census.gov or 2020Census.gov. To respond by phone, call 844-330-2020. For more information on Racine County's local efforts, visit www. racinecountycounts.org and follow on Facebook.com/RacineCountyCounts.



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COVID-19 and the Market: What's Happening? And What Can I Do?

by Yvette Stewart

Historic market volatility has washed over the globe in recent weeks. The spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) has precipitated a record drop in the stock market and a sharp plunge in bond yields, sending the U.S. into its first bear market in over a decade. People around the world are facing a health crisis that's driving an economic crisis, which rightfully so, is leading to high levels of anxiety for families and individuals concerned about their wellbeing and financial situation. Unfortunately, it's too soon to tell just how long this environment will last. So, what can you do to cope with the market volatility in the meantime? And what can we learn from past global pandemics?

Virus outbreaks and stock market performance

There is no doubt that this pandemic is different and has caused a larger dislocation than past virus outbreaks. However, it's still encouraging to note how financial markets have historically rallied following major health crises. As this chart of the S&P 500® Index illustrates, markets have generally delivered



positive returns in the six to 12 months following the peak of a virus outbreak.

This isn't to say that investors should stick their heads in the sand and pretend the downturn isn't happening—this is a

very serious and difficult situation. Eventually though, markets should return to some level of normal and slowly the economy will come back to life. Of course, the past is no guarantee of future results, but historically even the worst markets have been temporary dips in a general march higher for stocks.

What can you do during this time of volatility?

Here are a few steps to consider:

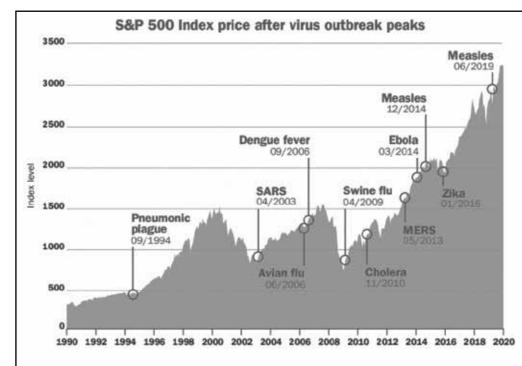
• Remember the power of diversification: Instead of simply selling your stocks in an attempt to cut your losses, review your portfolio to see if it is properly balanced between stocks, bonds, and cash that align with your goals, time horizon and your ability to man-

age risk. While a diversified portfolio can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses, it can greatly reduce the impact of volatility.

- Stay focused on your-long term goals: Remember, your investment strategy is based on your goals, not headlines. While it's important to be aware of the news related to COVID-19, particularly from a health perspective, be careful not to let your emotions affect your investing. Try to keep your portfolio on a steady course. Volatile periods in the market can create good opportunities to either invest more or to adjust your portfolio as needed. But make sure any investment decisions you make are in the long-term interests of achieving your financial objectives.
- Revisit your views on risk: There's nothing like a significant market downturn to remind you that investing involves risk. Market swings provide an opportunity to reassess the level of risk in your portfolio and determine whether you still think the amount is appropriate for your circumstances. The level of comfort (or discomfort) you feel when the market moves up or down substantially is a good starting point on whether your portfolio fits your risk profile.

• Meet with a financial professional: If you are concerned about the recent performance of the markets, it may be a good time to sit down with your financial advisor. Together you can talk about your financial goals for the future and what steps you can take next to start on the path to achieving them.

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Virus outbreak	Virus peak	S&P 500 6-month change	S&P 500 12-month change
Pneumonic plague	09/1994	+8.2%	+26.3%
SARS	04/2003	+14.6%	+20.8%
Avian flu	06/2006	+11.7%	+18.4%
Dengue fever	09/2006	+6.4%	+14.3%
Swine flu	04/2009	+18.7%	+36.0%
Cholera	11/2010	+13.9%	+5.6%
MERS	05/2013	+10.7%	+18.0%
Ebola	03/2014	+5.3%	+10.4%
Measles	12/2014	+0.2%	-0.7%
Zika	01/2016	+12.0%	+17.5%
Measles	06/2019	+9.8%	N/A*
Average price retur	n	+8.8%	+13.6%

ast performance is not a guarantee of future results.

Source: Bloomberg, as of 2/24/20. Month-end numbers were used for the 6- and 12-month percent change, *12-month data is not available for the June 2019 measles.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index (S&P 500* Index), an unmanaged index of common stocks, is frequently used as a general measure of market performance. The index reflects reinvestment of all distributions and changes in market prices but excludes brokerage commissions or other fees, it is not possible to invest directly in an index.



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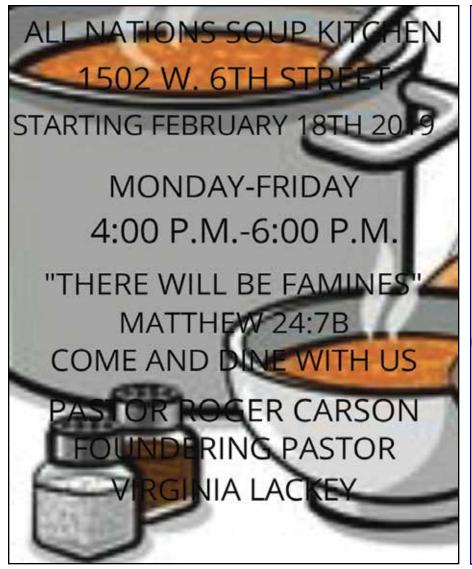


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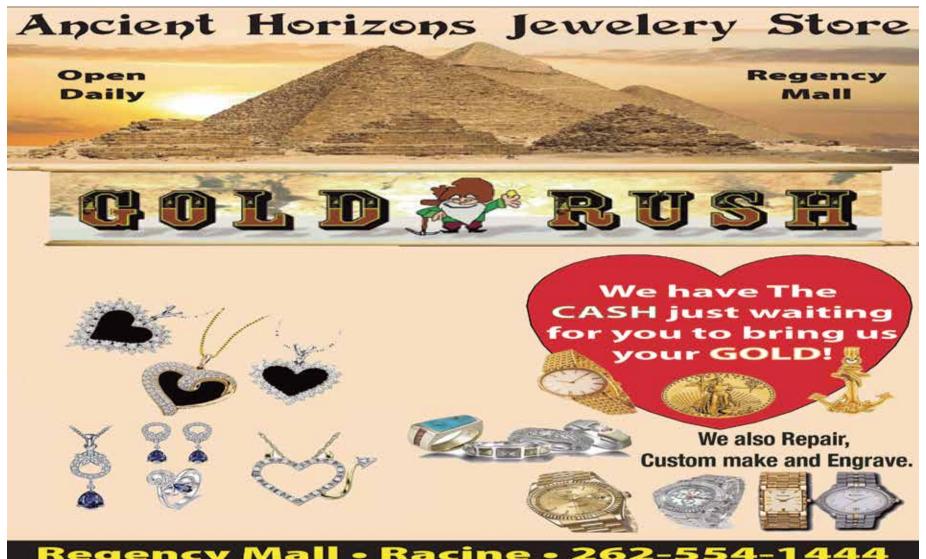


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Jeff Lambert 20 Years in Business

by Dominique Lambright

Jeff Lambert started his career with Allstate in 1988. He was in college at the time and was brought aboard as a senior customer service representative. Then in 91, was promoted to a staff customer service rep. After that in 93, Jeff was promoted to an agency manager for the marketing department for AllState. So, this allowed Jeff to travel across the country for Allstate. In 96, Jeff was promoted to a senior marketing manager. However, he did that for several years. And when 99 came around, Allstate went through a major downsizing where they had to lay off so many people and save so much money. By the end of 1999 Jeff's job was eliminated. So after 11 years of working for Allstate, Jeff became unemployed for the first time. He has always been a person to have a job and work summer jobs and things like that.

Jeff's mindset has always been entrepreneurial. His goal had been to own a business. At this time Jeff did some thinking long and hard and decided that maybe this was the time to start his own business. Well, he met with some Allstate folks and then put the wheels in motion to open up his agency. He got brought back on to Allstate in March of 2000 as an employee agent so he could move into becoming an independent agent. So basically, they gave him 18 months as an employee agent to meet certain sales goals and expectations. So after the end of the 18 months they would evaluate your performance and if you met or exceeded those expectations, then you would be granted the independent contract. Jeff became an Independent agent in October 2001.

There were highs and lows that went

along with starting. Jeff says that it was a little slow at the getting his name out there. It was a little discouraging, but he put some processes in place and hired himself a decent team. In 2001 that became a pivotal year because his agency was leading not only in Racine but in the entire state of Wisconsin. They were leading in writing the most preferred auto and saw production increase from maybe 500% from the previous year, 2000. From there to 2008 was excellent. When the homeowner's market in 2008 crashed that's kind of when things leveled themselves out. Jeff had been working at this for 8 years and wanted to hit the goal of 10 years.

It's tough having a business in this city, especially a minority one, so Jeff just credits God to a lot of his success. Jeff had moments when he thought he couldn't do this anymore because things happen that are out of his control, like when you represent a company, they can change the rates, do different things and that can have a big impact of your business. He made it 10 years and wanted to hit the next milestone, 15 years. In 2011 to 2013 those were great years. When Jeff got to 15 years, he did not think that 20 years was next. He was getting older and wanted to think about having a lesser role in his company. As time went on, we see that Jeff made it to the 20-year mark.

The thing Jeff loves about his work is helping people. He's a very hands on agent. Very personable. So he likes to help people protect the things important to them. He knows there's a lot of insurance agencies, competitors out there, but when you give that customer that personal service, he believes



that goes a long way. It allows you to retain those individuals and they look at you as the trusted advisor. And often if they trust you, not only would they trust you with their insurance needs, then they may have other things they want to get your input on.

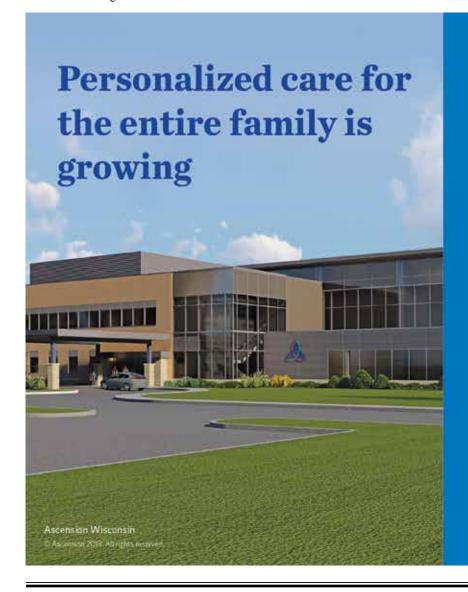
Jeff says that if they shut his doors tomorrow, he'll be able to walk away proudly saying, "You know what, I was in business in this town for 20 years and you don't be in business for 20 years and not successful. So, you know,

I have to been doing something right. And you know, I just thank all my clients that have supported me throughout the years. If it wasn't for them and the grace of God."

Jeff has embraced a lot of changes that have occurred over the years he has been in business for. Business 20 years ago was more in person, face to face where now people prefer to do business over the phone. He says you have to adapt to make it. He has persevered and the next steps are to

think about the direction Jeff wants to go in in the next couple years. He says it may be time to look towards retirement and get his kids involved if they get into the business. Another option could be to sell the agency, but we hope he can keep it in the family. There is nothing set in stone, but this year will be very instrumental in helping him make that decision

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Mother Louise Hunter Honor Walk and Vigil

Family, friends and loved ones invited the entire Racine and surrounding communities to celebrate the life and legacy of Mother Louise Hunter, in a 1st Annual Honor Walk and Vigil on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 7:30PM. About 200 people were in attendance.

The Honor Walk began at 1031 Douglas Avenue, Racine, WI 53402, which is the former Love and Charity Mission building, where Mother Louise Hunter served the Greater Racine and surrounding communities for 50+ years. This building served as a shelter and food distribution site. The Honor Walk ended at 1331 Rapids Drive, Racine, WI 53402. This location is where Mother Louise Hunter served during her last years of serving Greater Racine and surrounding communities.

Once everyone reached 1331 Rapids

Drive, Racine, WI 53402; a Candlelight Vigil took place. During the Vigil family, city and community leaders, neighbors, former residents, clients of Love and Charity, and the Greater Racine and surrounding communities shared and reflected on Mother Hunter and the work she did through Love and Charity that impacted and transformed many lives. Minister Cheryl McCrary sang some special dedication songs to help honor her legacy. Participants were also encouraged to bring a candle and or Black/Gold Balloons.

For more information, please contact Event Contact Person: Larry Hunter (Grandson of Mother Louise Hunter). 414-892-1502 larryhunter_jr@yahoo.com.

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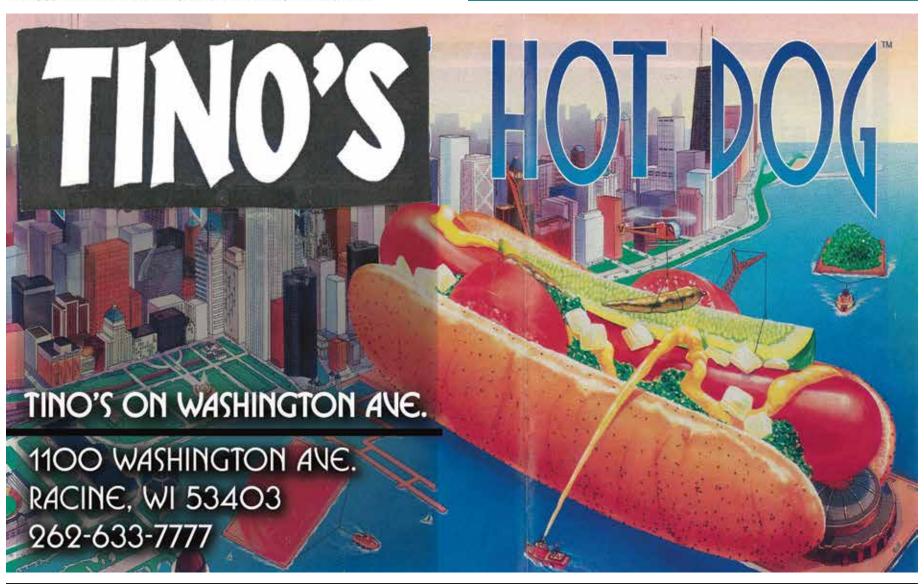
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American Baptist College Spreads its Flame in Racine

American Baptist College, (ABC) a fouryear Christian liberal arts, historically Black College, held its annual ABC Day the weekend of March 5-8 in the Middle Wisconsin area. Students, faculty, alumni and administrators spoke at 32 churches in Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, and Beloit.

Pastor Keith Evans, President of the Wisconsin General Baptist Convention said, "We were delighted to host these outstanding representatives from my alma mater and allow area churches to host them in their pulpits. This long-standing tradition allows the College to showcase its students, and alumni, by giving them a chance to preach before an audience beyond classroom sessions" he added.

"We are delighted about the numerous churches who hosted our students and alumni in the Milwaukee area. It was a valuable opportunity for us," said Dr. Forrest Harris, Sr., president of ABC.

ABC Days, coordinator, Rev. Andre' Trice says this was a true blessing. "Our students know this is a meaningful opportunity and prepared for weeks. They worked to present the very best of themselves and further demonstrated the lessons they have learned at ABC." ABC President, Dr. Forrest Harris preached at 10:30 at Tabernacle Baptist Church and the closing event, the ABC Rally at Christ the King Baptist Church.

The ABC Days experience is what will assist students in their further pursuits in becoming pastors and ministers alike, as well as agents of social change.

In addition to pulpit preaching, administrators met with business, educational and



ABC meets with educational officials in Milwaukee: Mr. Arthel Howard, Chief of Police, Racine, Dr. Eric Gallien, superintendent of Racine Unified School District, Dr. Archie Ivy, former principal, and Pastor, New Hope Baptist Church, Dr. Phyllis Qualls, ABC, President Forrest Harris, ABC, Dr. Keith Posley, Superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools, Jeremiah Holiday, Chief Academic Officer, Milwaukee Public Schools, Pastor Keith Evans, President Wisconsin Baptist Convention.

non-profit organizations to further inform Racine area citizens about the rich history of ABC. "From our meager beginnings ABC has worked hard as a community to strive and thrive to meet challenges from economics, programming, Civil Rights and academic development to produce leaders of social change," said President Harris. American Baptist College has the distinction of having two Presidential Medal of Honor Recipients,

Congressman John Lewis and Rev. Dr. C. T. Vivian.

For more information, contact Andre' Trice at atrice@abcnash.edu or call 615.687.6939.

THE PRAYER CLOSET

APRIL 2020

"But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day." (2 Peter 3:8, NIV)

I believe God wants to do exceedingly, abundantly above and beyond what you could even ask or think. He can take you further, faster than you could ever dream. God can speed things up on your behalf. Because you honor and trust Him, things that should have taken you a lifetime to accomplish will only take you a fraction of the time. This is the kind of God we serve!

We see this all through scripture. In just one day, David went from a shepherd boy to the one who led the Israelite army to victory. Ruth was a poor widow collecting scraps in the field, and God sent Boaz to her. She went from begging in the field to owning the field. God breathed in her direction. God took her further, faster.

Remember, the thoughts you think and the words you say are prophesying your future. If you want to see a shift occur in your life, you've got to get in agreement with God and say, "Yes, God, this is for me. I thank You that I am coming into my destiny sooner than I imagined!"

Father, I choose to trust that You are working behind the scenes on my behalf. I believe that You can take me further, faster than I could ever imagine. I surrender every area of my life to You. Use me for Your glory in Jesus' name. Amen.

Apostle Charles C Jones D.D. Presiding Apostle of the Word of Faith Christian Fellowship International, Inc. Racine, Wisconsin





Ascension Medical Group Wisconsin launching drive-through COVID-19 testing Patients must be pre-screened by an Ascension Wisconsin provider before visiting testing site

Milwaukee, Wis. (March 23, 2020) – Ascension Medical Group Wisconsin is launching drive-through testing for COVID-19. Individuals who wish to be tested must first be pre-screened by an Ascension Medical Group provider, by phone, or virtually using Ascension Online Care.

The screening involves answering a series of questions about symptoms, travel history and any potential contact with COVID-19 patients. Patients who meet the criteria, which is based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, will be given an appointment for drivethrough testing at the appropriate site.

At the testing site, patients will remain in their vehicle at all times. An Ascension associate will look up the patient's information in the electronic health record to confirm that they have been screened and require testing. Insurance information will be collected for follow-up purposes, if it's not already entered into the electronic health record. An Ascension associate will confirm that the patient has an established Ascension provider. There is no upfront charge for the testing.

Nasal swab samples will be collected and sent to a state-approved laboratory for analysis, which can take up to one week. Patients will be provided this information at the time of testing

Ascension Medical Group Wisconsin will contact patients with results. Positive results will be alerted to the Wisconsin Department of Health.

"We continue to collaborate closely with local and state health officials to ensure that community members experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 can be tested for the virus, while limiting exposure to keep the health and safety of our patients, associates and visitors as top priority," said Dr. Patricia Golden, primary care medical director of Ascension Medical Group Wisconsin's Greater Milwaukee Area.

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LOCATIONS OPENING LATER THIS WEEK

- o Ascension St. Michael's Plover Clinic (Stevens Point)
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o Ascension St. Mary's - Crandon Clinic According to the CDC, symptoms of CO-VID-19 can range from mild to severe and may appear 2-14 days after being exposed to the virus. Symptoms seen with the infection with COVID-19 are not specific, with cold-like symptoms in mild cases. Symptoms could include a fever, along with cough and shortness of breath. If someone is elderly or has other medical conditions, such as heart or lung disease, diabetes or cancer, they may get sicker from the virus and develop pneumonia or other lung problems. For more information on COVID-19, please visit cdc.gov

For convenient access to a doctor without leaving home in non-emergency situations, patients may use online care from a smartphone or mobile device (laptop or tablet) via Ascension Online Care, which offers visits with a doctor 24/7 from work, travel or home. Use code HOME for a discounted \$20 visit. Download the app at ascension.org/OnlineCare. Care is available in all 50 states and no insurance is required.

There also is an Ascension COVID19 Hotline set up for those who have questions about COVID-19, are experiencing symptoms, or those who want to receive a text message to schedule an Ascension Online Care appointment with a provider. The toll-free number for Wisconsin is 1-833-981-0711



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- The deadline to register to vote by mail/ online has been extended to Monday, March 30th! Register to vote online here: http:// myvote.wi.gov
- Municipalities are encouraging absentee voting. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is 5PM on Thursday, April 2nd. You can request one at the following link HERE

Census

The U.S. Census Bureau has mailed postcards to each household and requests that you complete the survey by April 1st. The census results decide the amount of federal funds given to Racine communities - money that helps fund public schools, local roads, hospitals, parks and much more. Learn more at RacineCountyCounts.org.

Jobs - Hiring Right Now
• Aldi Warehouse on 13th and Ryan
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- RUSD is offering free "grab and go" meals from 9-10am, Monday-Friday at 8 sites. Children no longer need to be present during meal pickup. Academic enrichment packets and best-selling children's books will be available. You can find a list of school sites here: www.rusd.org/meals
- Kingdom Builders Fellowship food giveaways, ID required, located at Horlick Field parking lot, 1648 N. Memorial Drive: Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm; Saturdays at 5:30 a.m.

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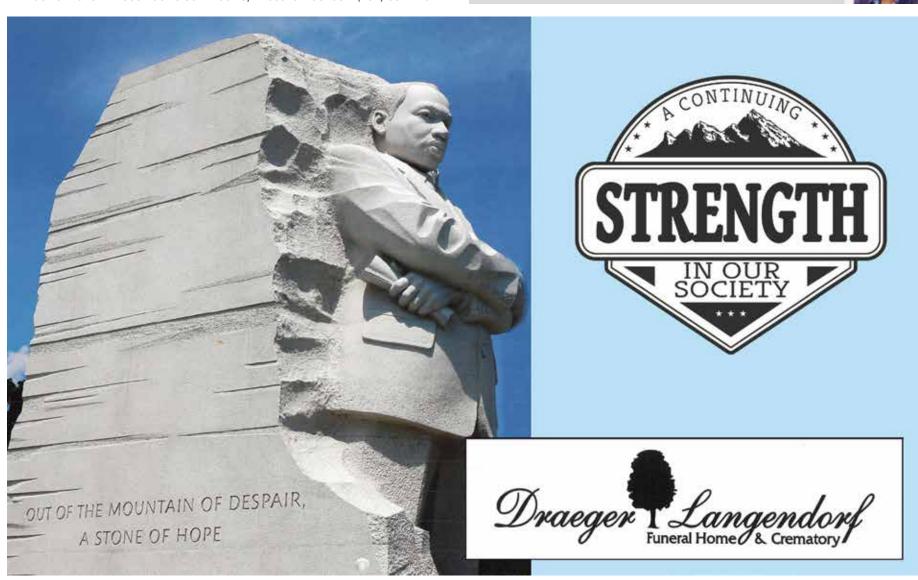
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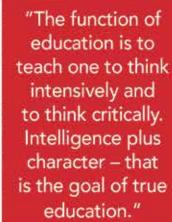
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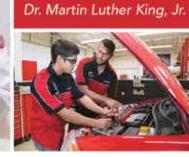
March Schedule for homebuyer workshops held at 6021 Durand Ave., Suite 100. Racine, Wi 53406

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Big Brothers Big Sisters unsure of its future due to event cancellations

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Racine and Kenosha (BBBS), one of the area's most influential nonprofit organizations is near closing due to two fundraising cancella-

tions associated with the Cornonavirus-19 pandemic.

Two, Bowl for Kids Sake fundraisers, which make up nearly 26% of the nonprofits budget had to be cancelled in March. Now the organization is struggling to meet our financial obligations, including the lease holder of its 3131 Taylor Ave. headquarters. "The building is home to our administrative offices and hosts trainings and activities for our Littles (children)," said Sonya Thomas, the agencies executive director.

"The board is doing everything within our power to keep Big Brothers Big Sisters alive for the next generation of children," said Ronald Tatum, BBBS board president. The agency celebrates its 60th anniversary in July.

The organization depends on donations and special events to underwrite it's expenses.

Traditionally, the Bowl for Kids Sake fundraiser gives BBBS a good start by covering first- quarter expenses, Tatum said. "It gets us through the first few months of the year until other funding sources kick in later in the year. The cancellation of two big events so early in the year has caused tremendous hardship, and we need help."

To meet their most-immediate obliga-

tions, the nonprofit seeks to raise \$10,000 by mid-April or they will be in jeopardy of closing. To reach its goal, they will host a crowd funding campaign on Facebook this weekend. Friends and associates can also give on the organization's webpage www.beabignow.org under the donation tab or mail a donation to Brothers Big Sisters, 3131 Taylor Avenue, Racine, WI. 54305.

No amount is too "Little. Every amount counts." Tatum said.

Founded in 1959, BBBS is one of the county's oldest and most successful youth mentoring organizations. Its closure would impact hundreds of local children ages 5 to 19, their adult mentors and the Racine and Kenosha communities.

The agency reports that after 1 year of mentoring:

- 84% of Littles sustained or improved their grades. Higher grades are linked to higher school graduation rates.
- 90% of Littles report that having a special adult in their lives is important, which is associated with improvements in school performance and mental health, as well as decreased delinquency.
- 92% of Littles plan to graduate high school and college. Mentoring has been linked to higher educational and vocational aspirations, which have been shown to predict long term school performance and standardized test scores.



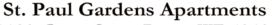
Big Brothers Big Sisters is located on Taylor Avenue in Racine.

- 93% of Littles maintained or improved their sense of belonging by peers or feeling socially accepted. Mentoring can help facilitate peer relationships and social acceptance, which have been linked to a range of positive outcomes, including school achievement, improved conduct, and a lower likelihood of dropping out.
- 97% of Littles report maintaining or improving their attitudes toward risky behaviors. How a child feels about others their age engaging in certain risky behaviors such

as using tobacco, skipping school or hitting someone is associated with actual negative behaviors and violence.

"I pray that this organization -- one that does so much good for our most vulnerable families and children, does not become a symbol of the economic catastrophe facing our community due to the Coronavirus," said Tatum

For more information, contact Sonya Thomas, BBBS executive director at (262) 637-7625 or sonya.thomas@beabignow.org



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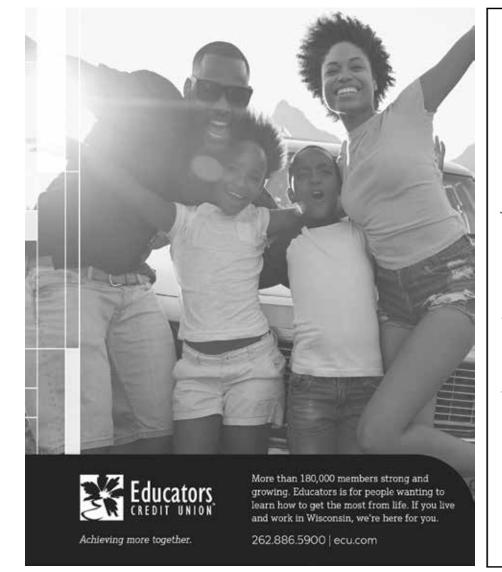
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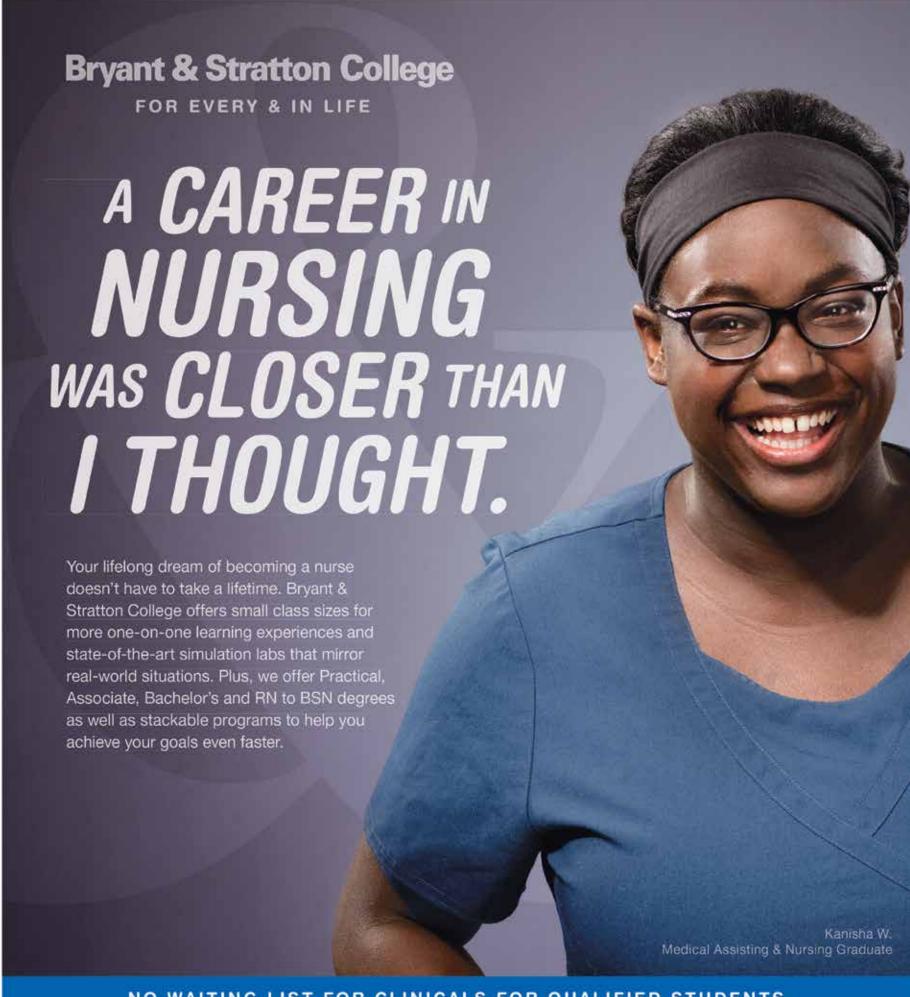
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Racine Theatre Guild Postpones Performances and Activities

The Racine Theatre Guild Board of Directors met to discuss the future of upcoming activities and events due to COVID-19. With rapidly changing updates and news, these decisions are based on current recommendations. All 2019 – 2020 events and activities are postponed and updated performance dates will be announced as soon as possible. We will continue to monitor the situation for more developments and plans may be adjusted over time.

Theatre Classes - All theatre classes are canceled for the remainder of the semester

Akeelah and the Bee - scheduled for March 27 – April 5 will be postponed until a

Jean's Jazz: Eric Jacobsen Quintet scheduled for April 11 will be postponed until a later date

Signature Spotlight: The Golden Age of Broadway – scheduled for April 18 will be postponed until a later date

Mamma Mia! – scheduled for May 8 24 will be postponed until a later date

Box Office Hours – the Racine Theatre Guild will be closed to the public until further notice. Email, mail, and phone calls will be answered throughout the week.

Ticketing Options

If you currently have tickets for these productions, please hold on to them. When new performance dates are set, we will contact ticketholders to begin the process of

exchanging tickets into corresponding dates and seats.

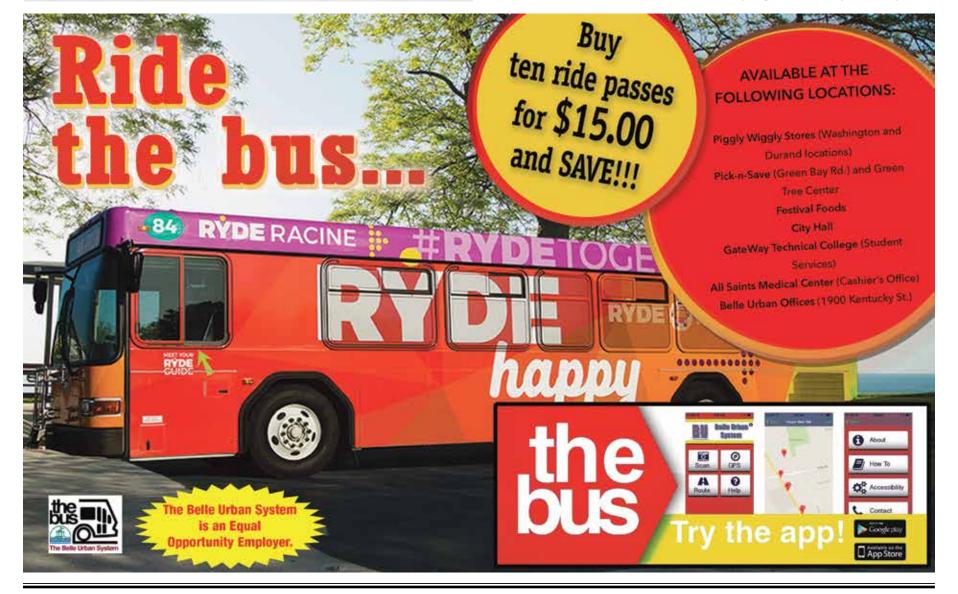
The Racine Theatre Guild is planning to reschedule all postponed performances. However, if you would like a refund or to donate your tickets back for any of these shows, please contact the Box Office at (262) 633-4218. Families enrolled in classes can be contact the Box Office directly regarding donations or refunds.

As a nonprofit, community theatre, we appreciate how much you are all a part of our family. How the theatre has become your home away from home. The absence of that comraderie will be felt by us all and we thank you for your continued support while we wait to open our theatre to you once again.

We extend our gratitude to the volunteers who have given their time and talents to these productions through set construction, costume building, and rehearsals. We are incredibly proud of your work and cannot wait to welcome you back for your moment to shine.

Although the lights of our theatre will be dim, we hope to continue spreading the power of theatre, community, and positivity. Stay-tuned to our social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, for stories and moments capturing the spirit of the Racine Theatre Guild.

In the meantime, be safe, stay healthy, and know that we will be anxiously waiting to "light up lives at all stages" once again.





To Your Health

Making changes, improvements, breakthroughs you want/need the most

Greetings! A pandemic like the Coronavirus is a rude "wake up call" to just how important, no crucial our health is. That we really need to be HEALTHY AS POSSIBLE and have our IMMUNE SYSTEM AT ITS BEST.

One may think, Well I could get the virus or some disease, sickness regardless of what my health is. However, Sunday, HCT co-facilitator made an interesting, key point in the last meeting.

It's not just about getting the virus or not, but HOW WELL CAN THE BODY FIGHT AND MOVE IT THROUGH AND OUT OF OUR SYSTEM. That's what good, strong health and immune system can help to accomplish.

So, honestly, really and truly, how good is your health and immune system? How well can it FIGHT, COMBAT ANY VIRUS, DISEASE, sickness that invades your body?.

That's what HCT ebooklet below is all about that was just put together, and that I am excited to share with you.

HCT E-Booklet

(HEALTH, NUTRITION, DIET Change, Support & Accountability TEAM)

Stop and imagine and think about what healthy diet and living "really truly" is or means. Then compare it to your health, diet and lifestyle.

♥ What's the difference? What's your health honestly like? Not healthy, well, feeling great like you want or it could be; needs

much improvement, big changes?

♦ What changes; improvements or breakthroughs does your health, nutrition, diet need most?

♥ What are your greatest challenges, blocks or excuses that must be resolved?

For answers, what to do, HCT (HEALTH, NU-TRITION, DIET Change, Support & Accountability TEAM) in Table of Contents below is for you AND those you know whose health is like yours. Team up, work together, help each other out.

Plus, how would you like Optimal Health, Wellness AND Prevention, Freedom (free as possible from disease, sickness, "aches and pains" and drugs)?

You (and your partner or teammate) can have it starting with this HCT menu or options to choose from. And you can skip around, don't have to go in order (#s from Table below).

- 1. What purpose, goals or outcomes do you want for your health, nutrition diet? Write them down; discuss and work out with others (1).
- 2. Go to the next meeting (3). Bring someone with you.
 - 3. Utilize Open Forum in the Agenda.



4. Complete any or all of the Question-

5. Have Health, Nutrition, Diet Checkup

6. In Change, Improvement and Optimal Health Model (4), start with 4, behavior contract or action plan (change agents, tools or instruments of change) and do something, anything with 2 or 3. You can skip 1.

7. Other, what would you add, suggest or like?

HCT E-Booklet Table of Contents

Like you would in a library or resource center (7), explore 1-11 below; think of your self as a Columbus or Lewis and Clark; look around, take notes; see what sparks your interests; what you would like to learn, try out or apply. Then use behavior contract or action plan, 6 above to accomplish it.

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4. Change, Improvement and Optimal Health Model

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7. Resource Center

www.maxfulfillment.com/healthresource/ 8. How To Start Your Health Off Right---Anytime

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9. Healthy Holidays

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10. On Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/healthnutritiondiet/

11. In Meet Up

https://www.meetup.com/Sunday-Health-Nutrition-Diet-Support-Accountability-Team/

HEALTH, NUTRITION, DIET SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM

How would you like all the health, nutrition, diet support and accountability you could possibly need?

STOP and just think about how all this applies, is true or impacts/affects you, others; your friends, family, community:

- The over weight you look around and see on our bodies;
- Our lousy; health, life-threatening junk, processed "food" diet saturated with unhealthy, addicting sugar, salt and oils;
- Widespread disease, sickness, "aches and pains"; cancer, heart attacks, diabetes, dementia/alzheimers you see and hear about so much, too much;
- Prescriptions, medications needed to keep us going, alive, and that compromise beyond repair proper functioning of our body's organs!

What's your reaction, feeling---disbelief, disgust, outrage; care, concern and wanting to do something about it?

If so, then take part in the beginning, "be in on the ground floor" of the

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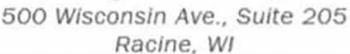
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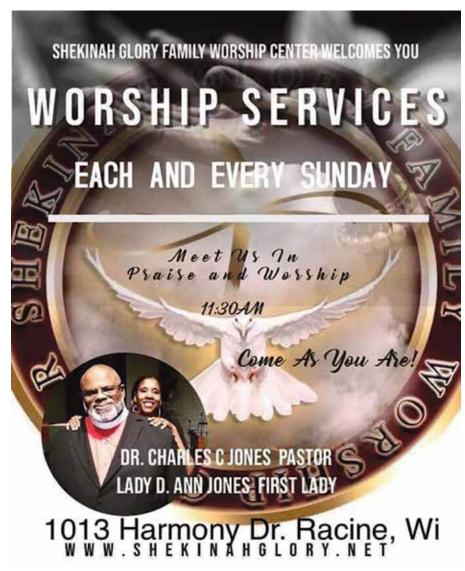
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UW-Parkside's Professional and Continuing Education wants to assure you that the health of our community is a priority to us. To better serve you, a temporary modified Refund Policy has been put into effect: Refund/Cancellation Policy - Cancellations will be charged 3% of the registration fee, plus a \$5.00 administration fee. If a decision is made by the Office of Professional and Continuing Education to cancel an event due to low enrollment, the choice of a voucher towards future registrations or a full refund will be offered. In the event that Professional and Continuing Education classes are interrupted due to Coronavirus, we will reschedule courses. If it is not possible to reschedule an event, vouchers and full refunds will be offered.

As a note, be mindful of heightened hygiene protocol, such as hand-washing, etc. as advised by health officials. Be aware of recommendations from the CDC and community health organizations. Visit this website for more information on CDC guidelines: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-ihe-response.html







Baldwin Introduces Loan Forgiveness Plan to **Support Small Businesses Hurt By Coronavirus**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – As Congress considers economic stimulus legislation, U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin introduced a plan to support small businesses hurt by the coronavirus pandemic.

The economic stimulus response from Congress must provide small businesses the federal resources they need to stay in business and get through this economic crisis," said Senator Baldwin. "My plan expands direct aid to small businesses so they have the resources they need to keep moving forward, and keep their workers on the payroll.'

Baldwin's plan would build off of the first emergency response legislation that Congress passed in March. Baldwin's legislation would increase SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans

from \$2 million to \$10 million so that small businesses have access to badly needed financial resources to pay their employees and keep up with their operating costs, like rent, utilities and interest on debt. The expanded loans would be available to any small business that has suffered from lack of demand or forced closure like bars, coffee shops and restaurants.

The plan would also provide loan forgiveness for any economic injury disaster loan granted under the COVID disaster declaration if the small business employer maintains 100 percent of its staff at full pay and full benefits throughout the duration of the declared disaster. Her plan also would waive a current requirement that a small business demonstrate they are unable to obtain credit elsewhere.

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Starving Artist Fair **Applications**

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Online applications are available at www.racineartguild.com/safracine.



Qawi YMCA President

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\$100,000 annually.

- Helped develop the Racine County Workforce Development Board's Higher Expectations Strategic Plan.
- Created detail Professional Development Plans for all direct reports involving both the development of soft and technical skills.

As time went on, Ahmad went to a lot of conferences and discovered how big YMCA was and how much money he could make. He went through a lot of training for becoming the president of the YMCA today. He never gave up. It was funny because he had a degree but it had nothing to do with what he is doing now, and he bumped his head often but he kept at it. He appreciates Racine for the diversity and opportunity to meet people and he learned to adjust. Ahmad wanted to make his way up

93% of ČEOs of the YMCA white males and that was something they wanted to change, and so they focused more on people of color and women to be in higher leadership positions. Ahmad applied to be a CEO but didn't get an interview, he wasn't ready. When Jeff was hired 13 years ago, 2 years into that Ahmad went in and talked with Jeff about being his #2. And to add icing on the deciding factor he said that he would deal with all the drama. Ahmad needed more experience in the operations of a YMCA and that was a big reason he could get no one to consider him for the position. So Jeff said



he would be his #2 and made him the vice president in 2009.

As the Vice President/ COO he insures the smooth running of the day to day operations of the Racine Family YMCA's two membership branches, one community center and all outreach programs. Focusing on the strengthening of staff recruitment and development, financial and fund development, Advisory Board development, community relations and customer service. Ahmad's achievements only kept growing:

- Successfully managing a 5-million-dollar organizational budget.
- Secured \$150,000 in grants to build a commercial kitchen at the George Bray Neighborhood branch, to provide healthy breakfast for neighborhood kids during the school year.
- Facilitated the purchase of the George Bray Community Center in 2017 and implemented a Strong Communities Agenda in the George Bray neighborhood.
- Increased the Strong Communities Agenda revenue to 1 million dollars annually to support urban programming.

- Negotiated an agreement with the Racine Country Club to manage their outdoor pool and to provide swim lessons to their membership.
- Wrote and received a \$225,000 grant from Racine County to implement a Credible Messenger Program.
- Established a collaborative relationship with the Village of Union Grove to provide Summer Day Camp and manage their Sports & Recreation programs.
- Created the Y's first Community Health Coalition at Sealed Air.
- Managed the opening of a second branch in the Association in September 2012.
- Increased membership from 1,500 membership units to 5,000 membership units
- Implemented a Health and Wellness program targeting the Hispanic/Latino communities reaching over 1200 people over the past four years.
- Developed and implemented the Diversity, Inclusion and Global Engagement Committee of the Board of Directors.
- Implemented the YUSA Safety Around Water program with over 4000 2nd graders in RUSD.
- Created and implemented the Associations New Employee Orientation.

2017 hit and Jeff talked to Ahmad about retiring and he said in the next 2 to 3 years he will prep him so he could be ready to become the president, because he would be ready to retire. So, July 1st of 2020, Ahmad will be moving into his position of President. After having a total 5 sons, Ahmad knew that he wasn't leaving Racine once they entered into higher grade levels of school. So let's congratulate Ahmad Qawi on his new position!

Ahmad Qawi | YMCA | 8501 Campus Drive, Mount Pleasant, WI 53406 | (262) 634-1994

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin and Rep. Mark Pocan Introduce Legislation to Guarantee Coronavirus Testing Kits for American Servicemembers in Middle East

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin and Representative Mark Pocan introduced bicameral legislation to require the Defense Department to make testing kits for COVID-19 available to all American servicemembers deployed to the Middle East.

Senator Baldwin and Representative Pocan received calls from Wisconsin military families concerned that Wisconsin Guard members deployed to Afghanistan were in areas with confirmed COVID-19 cases, and did not have testing kits available. On March 11, Senator Baldwin wrote to the National Guard and the Defense Department Health Agency requesting more information and Representative Pocan also sent a letter requesting information from Sec. Esper. Late last week, the Defense Department confirmed there is no ability to test servicemembers in the countries they are serving, and instead samples are currently being sent from the Middle East to Germany to be processed.

"It is unacceptable that testing kits aren't immediately and readily available for servicemembers in the Middle East where there are confirmed cases of COVID-19 and this legislation will fix that," said Senator Baldwin. "We owe it to our men and women in uniform to protect their health while they are working to protect our national security."

"In the midst of a global pandemic, no one should be left to fight this virus on their own—especially not our military personnel serving overseas," said Representative Mark Pocan. "When troops abroad are suffering from coronavirus-like symptoms, they should be tested, not ignored. The lack of responses and answers we have received from the Department of Defense and Secretary Esper on their preparedness has been disappointing to say the least. I am increasingly less confident that the leaders at the Pentagon are prioritizing the health of our military personnel despite repeated calls to do so. Sen. Baldwin and I cannot wait for Pentagon inaction any longer, we are taking the necessary steps to protect our military personnel now.

Baldwin and Pocan's bill would require the Secretary of Defense to make testing for COVID-19 available for servicemembers in the Middle East within one week of enactment. It would also require a report from the Defense Department on its formal policies or protocols provided to all servicemembers regarding how to be tested for COVID-19.

Baldwin Working to Provide Child Care and Elder Care to Health Care Workers to Help Respond to Coronavirus Outbreak



WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) helped introduce legislation with Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Kamala Harris (D-CA), Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Jack Reed (D-RI) to assist health care workers with child and elder care so that they can continue to treat patients during the coronavirus, or COVID-19, pandemic. The Helping Health Care Workers Afford Child and Elder Care Act provides payments to eligible health care workers and lab technicians in need of child care or elder care support and will help them work additional hours to treat an anticipated surge in patients with COVID-19.

"As the coronavirus continues to spread throughout Wisconsin, we must support our health care and lab workers so they can continue to combat this public health emergency" said Senator Baldwin "This leg-

health emergency," said Senator Baldwin. "This legislation will provide child care and elder care resources to our health care workers on the frontlines of this pandemic so they can continue serving patients and saving lives."

School closures and closures of senior centers have complicated shift work for health care workers who now need to find child care or elder care support during their regularly-scheduled shifts. With the need for extra shift work likely to intensify in the coming weeks and months as health care providers prepare for a surge of patients, and given that the length of school and senior center closures remains uncertain, Congress needs to provide support for health care workers to afford child and elder care.

The Helping Health Care Workers Afford Child and Elder Care Act ensures that frontline health care workers can continue to serve patients in need as efforts continue to respond to the coronavirus pandemic. The legislation provides \$5 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide payments to support eligible health care workers who have a certified need for child care and elder care support.



Restaurants Offering Free Meals and **Deals During Pandemic**

While most of us are staying home as much as possible, cooking more and not being able to get some essential items at grocery stores, restaurants around the Treasure Valley are helping out first responders and parents who may have a hard time feeding their kids when they normally would be in school.

As places are closing, laws are changing and new details emerge daily, make sure you call ahead of time to ensure that the deal is still being offered.

Here's some deals happening now throughout the Valley:

- Burger King: Get two free kids meals with any purchase on the Burger King app. Orders \$10 and up are eligible for free delivery, depending on location.
 - Chipotle: Now through March 31, all orders over \$10 come with free delivery.
 - Cracker Barrel: Now through April 1, get free, contactless delivery for all orders over \$15.
- Del Taco: All orders are eligible for contact-free delivery on Grubhub, Postmates, and
- Denny's: Now until April 12, get \$5 off orders of \$20 or more, and free delivery.
 IHOP: Now through April 19, use code IHOP20 at checkout to get 20% off your first online order. Free delivery with no minimum required.
- Jersey Mike's: Get free delivery on all orders placed through the app until further
 - KFC: Now through April 26, all orders come with free delivery. With Grubhub delivery orders, you can select the option for contact-free delivery at checkout.
 - Little Caesars: Now through March 29, get free delivery on online orders over \$10.
- McDonald's: Select locations are giving free meals to kids. Call your local chain to
- get more information. • Olive Garden: Get two meals for the price of one — \$12.99 — with their "Buy One, Take One" promotion. Free, no-contact delivery is available on orders with a \$40 mini-
- anda Express: Now until April 17, feed the whole family with a \$20 Family Meal when you order online or through the Panda Express app.
 - Red Lobster: Now until April 12, all orders come with free delivery.
 - Taco Bell: Get free Grubhub delivery on all orders over \$12.
- TGI Friday's: Use code FREEKIDS to get a free kids entrée with online orders of \$20
- Wendy's: Get a free Honey Butter Chicken Biscuit with any breakfast purchase. All orders \$10 are eligible for free delivery on Grubhub and Postmates.

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