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Around the State

Ride Share Legislation

This week a bipartisan group of legislators led by [Rep. Tyler August \(R-Lake Geneva\)](#) unveiled a new ride sharing bill that will set standards for services like Uber and Lyft. The bill updates our statutes by requiring a state license for these companies, background checks and a zero tolerance policy for alcohol and drugs. The drivers would also need to be fully insured and carry a \$1 million coverage plan. The bill sponsors say it will provide riders with more choices, create jobs and reduce the number of drunk driving incidents by up to 10 percent.

More Students take AP Exams

Wisconsin students are being called the "Best in the Midwest" when it comes to [Advanced Placement \(AP\)](#) exam performance. The College Board reports that 23.6 percent of Wisconsin graduates scored a three or higher on these exams. That's above the national percentage of 21.6 percent. With students receiving college credit and/or advanced standing with these scores, the College Board estimates it amounts to a savings of \$32.9 million in college costs.

Local Events

[Big Bunny Celebration & Easter Egg Hunt](#)

Apple Holler, Sturtevant
Friday, April 3, 10 a.m.
Friday, April 4, 10 a.m.

[Easter Photo with Live Bunnies](#)

Capitol Update



Some beautiful spring weather has finally arrived in Wisconsin. While the tulips haven't bloomed around the Capitol, the spring legislative session is in full swing. The public hearings on the budget around the state are beginning to wrap up and the Joint Committee on Finance will begin taking votes to improve Governor Walker's plan soon.

I would like to thank all of you who have filled out my budget survey. It's great to see so many people taking the time to share their thoughts and concerns about the two-year spending plan. My office continues to get dozens of surveys back every day. So if you haven't filled one out yet, you still have time. You can save a stamp by taking the survey online at www.speakervos.com.

One of the items being discussed in the budget is a potential plan for a new Milwaukee Bucks arena. Governor Walker proposed using \$220 million in future state income tax revenue from NBA players to pay back bonds purchased by the state to help build the arena. The amount in bonding has troubled many of my fellow Republicans, including me. I have repeatedly said that in order to keep the Bucks here, the locals need to step up more. The stakeholders met this week for a short meeting, which involved Mayor Barrett and County Executive Abele. I am glad that the county and city have come to the table to find a way to partner with the state on a plan for a new Bucks arena. I look forward to working with them to determine the most viable option that's in the best interest of the taxpayers of Wisconsin.

In the coming weeks, there will be a lot going on at the Capitol. I will continue to keep you informed with this weekly update, but I encourage you to follow my daily updates on social media as well.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful Easter and enjoy watching the Final Four on Saturday night! **GO BADGERS!**

UW-Parkside Visit



Burlington Garden Center
Friday, April 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Egg-stravaganza

Racine Zoo, Racine
Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast with Easter Bunny

Sturtevant Fire Station
Saturday, April 4, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

6th Annual Rock for Vets

Memorial Hall, Racine
Saturday, April 18, 5 p.m.

Seeds of Change Luncheon

Lutheran Social Services
Infusino's Banquet Hall, Racine
Wednesday, April 22, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

2nd Annual Relay for Life Golf Outing

Brightondale Golf Course, Kansasville
Saturday, April 25, 1 p.m.-8 p.m.

A Composition in Time - A Masterworks Concert - Season Finale

Racine Theatre Guild
Saturday, April 25, 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m.

RAMAC Membership Dinner

Festival Hall, Racine
Wednesday, April 29, 5 p.m.

Career Fair

Racine Marriott, Racine
Wednesday, May 13, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Take my Survey



Click the above photo to be linked to my budget survey.

Speaker Vos is pictured with Mike Haubrich and Chancellor Debbie Ford.

I would like to thank Chancellor Debbie Ford and Mike Haubrich, President of the UW-Parkside Foundation Board, for giving me a tour of [UW-Parkside](#) last Friday. They showed me the Rita Tallent Picken Regional Center for Arts & Humanities (better know as "The Rita"), Wyllie Hall, Greenquist Science Labs and the Innovation Corridor. UW-Parkside is doing many innovative things, including creating an app for bus riders in Kenosha. I was pleasantly surprised to meet so many students who happened to be from western Racine County. The school is clearly a community asset with many talented students.

Thanks for Visiting



Thanks to Grover Norquist, president of [Americans for Tax Reform](#), for coming to the Wisconsin State Capitol to talk about his involvement with the [Right on Crime](#) initiative. He led a bipartisan conversation with legislators and staff then stopped by the Speaker's Office. I appreciate that he took the time to visit our great state.

Go Badgers!



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