

Editorial

Click It or Ticket

Click It or Ticket means if you are caught not wearing your seat belt, you will receive a ticket. Starting May 20 and extending to June 2, Edgerton Police, Rock and Dane County Sheriff deputies and area State Patrol officers will be joining other law enforcement across the state and country aggressively supporting seat belt enforcement. They are protecting you.

If you are complaining about getting a ticket for not buckling up when driving a motor vehicle, here is a crash course in reality from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Wisconsin State Patrol:

- About half of the car and truck occupants killed in Wisconsin traffic crashes are not wearing safety belts.
- In our state, about 10 percent of motorists fail to buckle up. Yet this relatively small group makes up nearly half of the drivers and passengers killed in Wisconsin car/truck crashes each year.
- Teens and truck drivers are least likely to buckle up.
- You are 75 percent less likely to be killed in rollover crashes if you are buckled up.

Our law enforcement officers are working diligently to raise the percent of those using seat belts as we head into the period know as “the 100 deadly days of summer.” It is important to note that the American Automobile Association (AAA) reports that since 1975, seat belts have saved some 300,000 lives in the U.S. alone.

The goal is for 100 percent of us to buckle up. Buckling up costs you nothing, but the cost of NOT buckling up may be a ticket, or worse – your life. A life-saving reminder: Click It or Ticket.

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The Edgerton Reporter - Letters to the Editor Policy

The Reporter welcomes Letters to the Editor, however, letters must have a written signature, address and telephone number in order to be published. Letters must be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday’s publication.

We will run as many letters as possible each week, but space is limited. For that reason, letters must not exceed 350 words. Letters will be run as soon as possible. We give priority to letters from area residents.

We reserve the right to edit letters as necessary. Letters submitted to The Reporter should not be personal attacks, but should concern issues.

Letters on political issues will not be run in the publication the week prior to an election of candidates or referenda. This will prohibit someone from raising a question about a candidate or issue without allowing time for a response.



Legal News Today

Full text of these legal notices appear on pages 14-15

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- Town of Porter Tire Collection
- Edgerton School District Board Minutes - April 15
- Town of Fulton Noxious Weed Notice
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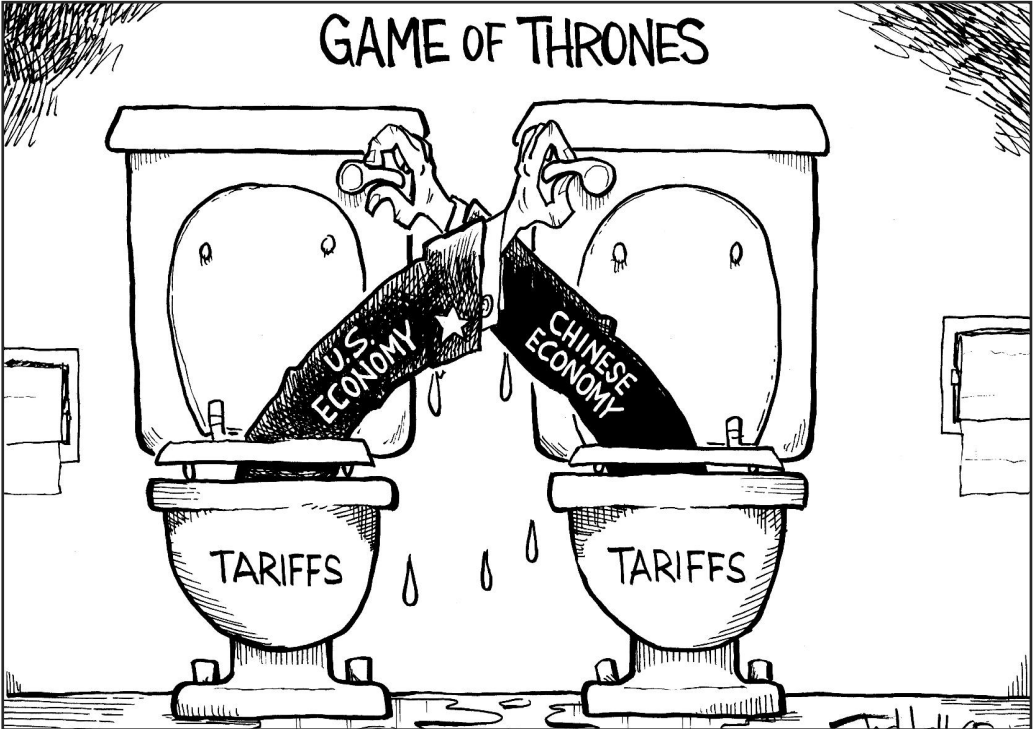
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EDGERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Submitted by Dr. Dennis Pauli, Edgerton School District Administrator



Edgerton School District Post-Referendum Update

By Dr. Dennis Pauli
District Administrator

Shortly after the referendum passed in November the District’s Core Planning Team, consisting of administrative and maintenance staff, have been meeting twice a month with representatives from Bray Architects and JP Cullen. Much of the work to date has been designing the floor plans for Community Elementary School’s Primary and Intermediate buildings, the high school commons area, counseling office, administrative office, and the science and math classrooms. Most of this work is complete and we are beginning to review three dimensional renderings of all the new and renovated spaces.

Throughout the design process our staff have been involved in the planning process by serving on specialized subcommittees which examined specific projects such as the high school commons area, science labs, elementary classrooms, and the elementary library. In the near future subcommittees will also assist in the selection of furniture and equipment.

In addition to subcommittee work, staff have provided input through site visits to Little Prairie Primary School in East Troy and Muskego Lakes Middle School. The tours provided our staff an opportunity to view new learning spaces similar to those in our plan designs for the Primary and Intermediate

buildings.

Recently the City Planning Commission approved plans for our infrastructure updates which include parking lots and campus traffic reconfiguration. Ridgeway Street will be a one way road from the beginning of the District property to Albion Street. Buses will no longer travel on Ridgeway Street and they will have a separate drop-off/pick-up loop in the new parking lot area that will be located near the District’s lighted sign. This project will begin in early June and be completed by Aug. 16.

Also occurring this summer will be the installation of secure entrances at Yahara Valley Elementary School and the Middle School. In addition, construction staging will be established for the Community Elementary School renovation of the 1990 portion of the building and the new construction. This portion of the building will be emptied this summer and work will begin in the fall.

In the fall, construction staging will be established for the High School addition near Door A (main entrance). This area will be closed and the main high school office will be relocated to the current District Special Education offices near Door E. The upper parking lot near Door A will be used as a parent drop-off/pick-up area next year and there will be limited parking available in this lot. During the summer of 2020 the entire drop-off/pick-up area at the high school will be reconstructed and additional parking will be available in this upper lot.

During the summer of 2020 renovations to the high school and the 1954 & 1957 portions of Community Elementary School will occur. Due to the amount of work these projects will require, the 2019/20 school calendar was modified to begin the year earlier and end on May 22, 2020. The calendar modification will provide three additional weeks to complete these major renovations.

Stadium Update
On May 20, demolition of the high school athletic stadium will begin. The stadium was assessed by engineers for safety and structural integrity. The necessary upgrades were not cost prohibitive and therefore the District chose to replace the stadium. Construction of the new stadium will begin immediately once the demolition is completed. The new stadium is scheduled to be completed by mid July.

Pedestrian Footbridge Update
The new pedestrian footbridge will be constructed this summer and installed in late summer or early fall. Prior to this work Alliant Energy will be installing a new electrical loop in the lines above the bridge which will then allow us to move the lines temporarily for the installation without interruption of electrical service to this area.

It is a privilege to serve as the District Administrator in the Edgerton School District.



Intransigent about intransitive verbs

By Curtis Honeycutt
Special to the Reporter

I ran into my friend Lou at the farmers market on Saturday, and she looked troubled. This wasn’t because the sweet corn wasn’t in season yet, but because it’s graduation season, and she had a very good reason to be bothered. She immediately asked, “People don’t graduate college; they graduate from college...right?” I really can’t tell you how happy I am that people find me at the farmers market to ask me grammar questions. And, I’ll go ahead and leave you with this cliffhanger: we’ll tackle why farmers market needs no apostrophe next week.

You would never say “I sat floor” or “He arrived Oklahoma,” would you? That sounds ridiculous. “I graduated” on its own is a complete sentence. So is “I sat” or “He arrived.” These are short, but sweet, complete sentences.

The key here is that “graduated” in the sentence “I graduated from college,” operates as an intransitive verb, which doesn’t allow or take a direct object. Here’s an example of a transitive verb sentence: Byron launched the cat into orbit. Here, “launched” is a transitive verb. Not only is it an active verb, but it also allows for at least one direct object (in this instance only one). The direct object here (cat) receives the action (launched) from the subject (Byron).

So, now let’s look at why “I graduated college” doesn’t work. For the sentence to pass muster, “college” would need to be a direct object. That would mean the direct object (college) receives the action (graduated) from the subject (I). This just doesn’t make sense.

Now let’s look at why “I graduated from college” does work. Here, “graduated” functions as an intransitive verb; it doesn’t take a direct object. Fellow word nerds already recognize “from college” as a prepositional phrase in which “from” is the preposition and “college” is the prepositional object. Now this sentence works.

If you find yourself at a graduation open house this weekend, make sure the grad doesn’t say “I graduated high school.” If you do, let the money inside the graduation card slip out into your pocket and demand that he enroll in summer school to remedy this egregious grammar goof.

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being \$250,000. When the department was formed in 1974, the City put a policy in place that prohibited management from modifying any City approved contract above \$2,500 to ensure total transparency. This policy protected both management and the governing advisory boards from taking action on contract changes above \$2,500 without the full review and approval by the Mayor, the fifteen members of the City Council and the City Attorney. At a minimum, the RCLD should adopt such a policy as a starting point to opening up their deliberations with the goal of making them totally transparent. Only then, will the public begin to respect and have confidence in the integrity of their deliberations. Actions taken by the pro-business Board without an open and public process will only continue the now relentless path toward more unregulated degradation of our environment. The time to act is now so that the Board can regain the trust and confidence of the public it was created to serve.

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