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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

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 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

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.



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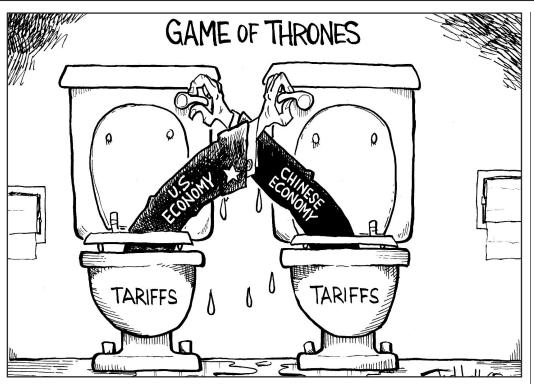
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EDGERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

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

invite you to join us Monday,

May 27, at 10 a.m. as we com-

memorate Memorial Day at the

Veteran Memorials have long

ing arts center.

fellow service members.

Dear Editor,

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 dropoff/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 recon-

structed 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 rethe stadium place 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.

by Curtis Honeycutt

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.

Curtis Honeycutt is a national award-winning syndicated humor columnist.

Letters to the Editor

protect our country and our way a ground breaking ceremony for of Natural Resources. of life. States, cities and com- the Memorial when we raise ies, Veteran Memorials, etc. We the Edgerton area community.

> Sincerely, Dan Rosenbaum,

Edgerton high school perform- Memorial committee

Dear Editor,

been an important venue to honor and remember veterans ing to rebuild/expand our seven decades I have seen the portfolio of public funds with an have a Memorial designed for dant native flora and fauna de- million, the minimum contract ton

Central Park where anyone can graded due to largely unbridled being \$250,000. When the de-Memorial Day is fast ap- go to honor and remember Vet- growth brought on by an explo- partment was formed in 1974, proaching. On this day flags erans in their lives. Our project sion in toxic corporate farming the City put a policy in place will be flown at half-mast until depends wholly upon the gener- and pro-business expansion of that prohibited management noon. We will take time collec- ous financial support of the tourism at the expense of the en- from modifying any City aptively to remember as a nation, Edgerton area community busi- vironment and the concerns of proved contract above \$2,500 to ALL military service members nesses as well as private dona- river and lake front property ensure total transparency. This that have given their lives to tions to succeed. We will have owners and the state Department policy protected both manage-

munities across our nation will \$110,000.00 of the \$155,000.00 RKLD to postpone a proposal to on contract changes above host events that include needed for Memorial comple- require the Board of Commis- \$2,500 without the full review speeches, music, parades, honor tion. See how you can help and sioners to approve all expendiand approval by the Mayor, the guard teams, etc. Personal re- to follow our progress-visit tures over \$2,500 is a case in fifteen members of the City flection may include time alone www.edgertonveterans.org and point. It speaks to the Board's Council and the City Attorney. to reflect, helping needy veter- discover ways you can donate to continuing practice of obscuring At a minimum, the RCLD ans/families, visiting cemeter- make this Memorial a reality for transparency so that residents of should adopt such a policy as a the lake district are largely kept starting point to opening up their in the dark about the operations deliberations with the goal of and expenditures of the Board making them totally transparent. President, Edgerton Veterans using homeowner assessed fees. Only then, will the public begin The financial expenses of the to respect and have confidence Board should be made totally in the integrity of their deliberapublic, available on line to inter-tions. Actions taken by the proested parties, audited by an out- business Board without an open As a fourth generation cot- side CPA on an annual basis, and public process will only that have gone before us. Me- tage owner on the Rock River, I and expenditures over the pro- continue the now relentless path morials help many veterans re- am increasingly concerned posed \$2,500 should absolutely toward more unregulated degraconnect with civilian life as well about the misguided manage- require full Board approval. As dation of our environment. The as honoring / remembering their ment of Lake Koshkonong and former General Manger of the time to act is now so that the the surrounding waterways by City of Los Angeles Community Board can regain the trust and The Edgerton Veterans Me- the Rock-Koshkonong Lake Development Department, I ad- confidence of the public it was morial Committee is fund rais- District (RKLD). In the last ministered a federally funded created to serve.

ment and the governing advi-The recent action of the sory boards from taking action

Steven MacKinlay Porter, current Veteran Memorial. We quality of water and once abun- annual budget of nearly \$500 8994 Rock River Road, Edger-