



by Curtis Honeycutt

Try me a river

Of course, they were gonna try and kill me. Do not try and bend the spoon. Thor, you gotta try and bottleneck that portal. I just quoted the movies “Riddick,” “The Matrix,” and “The Avengers,” respectively. I could have used more than a thousand other movie quotes to illustrate the fact that the phrase “try and” is a fixture of popular culture and usage.

This begs the question: does that make “try and” okay? We certainly live in a post-proper society. No longer do we dine in the parlor or take tea on a doily on a regular basis. Does that mean rules don’t apply anymore? Does that mean grammar relativism is a slippery slope to the land of doofus textspeak chaos? Let’s pump the brakes for a second and examine “try and” and “try to.”

Usually, people say “try and” when they should technically say “try to.” I’m going to try to fix my turntable. I’m going to try and fix my turntable. In these two examples, “try to” is considered standard usage, while “try and” is informal or idiomatic usage that means “try to.” However, upon further examination, “try and” may communicate something different. If I “try and” fix my turntable (which is broken, by the way; I’m devastated.), it implies that I will be successful in fixing it. I will try and pass my test. I will try and reboot the server. In other contexts, “try and” implies irony and suggests certain failure. “I’d like to see you try and stop me, Batman!”

I’ll go ahead and insert my caveat refrain: it’s best to avoid using “try and” in a formal context, unless you intend to use it in a literal sense. While filling out the form to nominate my writing on grammar usage for the Pulitzer Prize (Thank you, by the way.), opt for “try to,” as in: “Honeycutt will try to make grammar palatable through his use of attempted humor; whether he succeeds or not is up to what each reader finds chuckle-worthy.”

If you understand “try and” as an idiom (which is a type of figurative language), then go ahead and use it. After all, idioms aren’t meant to be taken literally. Technically, “try and” is not standard usage, but I can’t try and make you stop using it.

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Editorial

We salute our Edgerton area Veterans

On Monday, we will be celebrating Veterans Day. This national remembrance celebrates the anniversary of the end of WWI. It was the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour in 1918 that an armistice was formed with Germany. The next year, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as Armistice Day to honor those who served in WWI.



In 1945, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day to celebrate veterans of all conflicts. Men and women from Edgerton have served with distinction from the Civil War to today’s world conflicts. We owe them this salute and so much more.

It is important to note that Veterans Day and Memorial Day are not the same. Memorial Day honors those who have died in service to our country. Veterans Day pays tribute to the service of all military veterans.

We honor our veterans. In this issue, Edgerton businesses and organizations salute the living veterans with ties to Edgerton. We know there will be names missing and we invite you to tell us the names so that we may publish them in next week’s newspaper.

While our salute is for the living, we also honor all of our brave Edgerton men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country – their lives.

Publishing this honor roll is a way we recognize their service and say thank you. Every single name on the list has served our country in a time of need and each has made sacrifices. Some were injured, captured by the enemy or witnessed a fellow soldier die; however, all trauma of war leaves scars, some of which never heal.

As we celebrate this year’s Veterans Day, our country is facing the human and economic costs of America’s longest running war. We are experiencing rising rates of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and depression among many of our surviving veterans from the Iraq, Afghanistan and Middle East conflicts. This is in addition to the horrific injuries they have received from IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices), ambushes and suicide bombings.

Veterans Day also reminds us that we have work to do. Besides urging our U.S. House and Senate to allocate the money needed to care properly for all of our veterans, we also must show our appreciation for their service to our country.

We owe each and every veteran our sincerest appreciation for their service and their sacrifices. Salute our military men and women on Nov. 11. If you get the chance, shake their hand and express your recognition of their heroism. Actually, only two words are necessary, “Thank You.”

Diane Everson, Publisher

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Madison VA co-hosting vets conference

Submitted by Paul Rickert
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The William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital is partnering to co-host the Southern Wis. Veteran’s Conference and Resource Fair (S WI Vet Con 2019) on Nov. 19, 2019, at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison Wis., located at 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way from 8:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Other hosts include, the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) of Eagle Country (serving Crawford, Juneau, Richland and Sauk Counties), together with 8 other ADRC counties in Southern WI; Dane, Rock, Jefferson, Dodge, Columbia, Green, Grant, Iowa and Lafayette.

The ADRC agencies in these counties are also partnering with their local County Veterans Service Officers. This is the first time an event like this has been held in Wisconsin.

The purpose of the Veteran’s Conference is for Veter-

ans, their families and friends to learn about a variety of local resources, participate in breakout sessions and an opportunity to socialize with other veterans.

The Conference’s Key Note Speaker will be Karen Vaughn. Karen is the mother of fallen U.S. Navy SEAL, Aaron Carson Vaughn. On Aug. 6, 2011, Aaron was killed in action in the Tangi River Valley of Afghanistan when a chopper carrying thirty Americans was shot from the sky while rushing into battle. Since then, Karen has become an influential supporter of Veterans and the military.

The Conference is for Veterans of all ages. A few of the session topics covered will be:

VA Golden Age Games- VA staff Joe Naylor and Greg Wilenbucher

Pension with Aid and Attendance and Survivor Benefits

Travel Resources to VA Appointments and Other Community Based Resources- VA Staff Justin Kramer speaking

Service-connected Disabilities to Include Presumptive

Disabilities

Caregiver and Dementia Information and Resources-VA Staff Margaret Flood speaking

Mission Act Updates and VA Eligibility- VA Staff Carol Walsh and Tony Dargiewicz speaking

DNR-Licensing, Permits, and Accessible Parks and Recreation

Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals

Adaptive Sports and VA Alternative Whole Health Therapies- VA staff Dr. Jennifer McDonald speaking

To attend this event please call 608-240-7400 or stop into your local ADRC office to register and pick your no cost lunch options. Veterans can also register with their local County Veteran Service Office as well. Please also ask about no cost transportation assistance when registering. Deadline to register has been extended to Nov. 8, 2019.

For more info about the Madison VA Hospital, visit www.madison.va.gov or www.facebook.com/MadisonVAHospital.

HSGAC examines security implications, economic challenges of 5G technologies

From Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

The Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee held a hearing Thursday to examine the national security and economic challenges in competing with China and Chinese-supported telecommunications companies, as well as other global competitors, in the race toward 5th generation (5G) wireless networks.

“We are at a technological crossroads. While the development of 4G wireless technology made innovations like Uber and Netflix possible, the transition to 5G promises connectivity that is 100 times faster and five times more reliable. It will also enable us to connect exponentially more devices at the same time, a ca-

pability that will empower the Internet of Things, which will inter-connect all modern devices, as well as innovations like artificial intelligence and smart cities,” noted Senator Johnson in his opening statement.

“But this progress is not inevitable. According to FBI Director Christopher Wray, the vulnerabilities associated with the development and deployment of 5G technology, especially the threat posed by China, is one of the ‘generational threats that will shape our nation’s future.’ That threat relates both to national and economic security. When it comes to cyber-attacks and cyber espionage, China is a known bad actor ... With regard to our economic security, winning the race to 5G is worth billions of dollars for

the U.S. economy. It is imperative that the U.S. maintain its global leadership with 5G and not let adversaries like China and other competitors seize the first-mover’s advantage, which includes setting the standards for a host of related technologies, and the related economic benefits.”

The Salvation Army Rock County is short on turkeys

Submitted by
Patrice Gabower
Salvation Army

The Salvation Army Rock County is short turkeys for their annual Thanksgiving dinner. The Janesville Corps-Community Center, 514 Sutherland Ave. in Janesville, will serve their dinner on Thursday, Nov. 28, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Each year, a traditional Thanksgiving meal is prepared and served by volun-

teers to those who would otherwise be unable to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. Dinner was served to over 700 Rock County residents last year. The Salvation Army Rock County is seeking turkey donations to prepare for our annual dinner.

Volunteers cook and prepare over 50 turkeys. Donations will be accepted daily at the Janesville Corps at 514 Sutherland Ave., Janesville.

For more information call 608-757-8300.

Guest Opinion

Sen. Baldwin calls for Wisconsin State Legislature to confirm Brad Pfaff as State Agriculture Secretary

By U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin released the following statement calling for the Wisconsin State Legislature to confirm Secretary Brad Pfaff to lead the state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

“I have worked across party lines to support Wisconsin farmers and the State Legislature should do the same. State legislative Republicans should not let politics get in the way of helping our farmers when they are dealing with many difficult challenges. We all need to work together to provide our agriculture economy and rural communities the support they need right now. Secretary Pfaff has the experience, qualifications and commitment to do this and the State Legislature should put partisan politics aside and confirm him so he can continue doing his job and we can all get to work putting our Wisconsin farmers first,” said Senator Baldwin.

Correction

Correction to Park City women mix cheese with fun and fundraising article in last week’s Edgerton Reporter. Cheeseball cost—cheeseball—\$7.00 cheese tub—\$5.00 and the scholarships go to

Rock county students but, they can go to any post-secondary educational institution of choice, does not have to be in Rock County. The applicant has to come from a Rock County school.

Legal News Today



Full text of these legal notices appears on 14 & 15

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