

Editorial

Exercise patience regarding coronavirus vaccine

By Diane Everson, publisher

Last year, 2020, was a year unlike any in our lifetimes due to a pandemic in race relations, a pandemic due to the coronavirus and a struggling economy hurt by COVID-19.

Regarding the coronavirus, there is good news. The FDA has approved two vaccines, one from Pfizer and the other from Moderna.

Now the challenge. Our state has systems for storing, distribution and administering. The problem is a shortage of doses. Gov. Evers wrote a letter to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) urging more doses for Wisconsin. "While some of these life-saving vaccines are sitting in Pfizer freezers, our nation is losing 2,661 Americans each day, according to the latest seven-day average. The failure to distribute these doses to states who request them is unconscionable and unacceptable." The first problem is the shortage of doses and the second problem is there is not clarity of which persons will get the vaccine after the first phase (1A).



We received the following information from the Wisconsin Department of Health via our request to our State Representative Don Vurwink. We appreciate his help to get this for you. This was written to Don by Health Services Legislative Director, Andrew Hoyer-Booth, on behalf of the DHS Secretary.

"Right now, the state is still in phase 1A – health care personnel and staff and residents of long term care facilities. The long term care facilities are being vaccinated by Walgreens and CVS, and our other vaccinators (hospitals, health departments, FQHCs, etc.) are vaccinating the health care personnel – both their own employees and other unaffiliated health care workers in their community if they so choose.

"Individuals who are 75 and older will likely be part of phase 1B. The State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (SDMAC) is finalizing guidance for the distribution and equitable allocation of the limited vaccine supply for Phase 1B and these recommendations are expected to be published next week. How long each phase will take will depend on the supply of vaccine. There is not a hard start or stop for each phase; this will be a fluid process. If supply allows, we can begin Phase 1B before finishing Phase 1A, and similarly with Phase 1C."

As you can tell, "a fluid process" is extremely vague. Yesterday Gov. Evers predicted most in Wisconsin won't get the vaccine until June. There is also concern that there will be a needle shortage.

With so many unknowns, please exercise patience. Everyone who wants a coronavirus vaccine will be able to get it. We just don't know when. In the meantime, continue frequent hand washing, sanitize surfaces, and wear masks and keep a social distance when out of your home. Patience everyone.

The Edgerton Reporter editorial reflects the opinion of publisher, Diane Everson and the legacy perspective and worldview of Harland and Helen Everson.

Guest Opinion

Statement from National Sheriffs' Association president on U.S. Capitol violence

Submitted by Sheriff David Mahoney

Our great country must solve our differences in a civilized method – at the ballot box. The violence and injuries at the U.S. Capitol are repulsive to every freedom loving American and an assault on democracy. For those choosing to use violence and intimidation, we must not permit, condone or support it.

This dangerous and unauthorized incursion into the U.S. Capitol has no place in our democracy. Interrupting lawful and constitutional dialogue by the Members of Congress during this seminal debate is appalling.

Destroying the Capitol, the Congress and not adhering to the rule of law in our nation's Capital must be strongly dealt with.

The first amendment of the US Constitution is inviolable. However, it does not grant mobs the right to overrun our Capitol, damage the people's house, stop open debate or assault fellow Americans.

The Nation's Sheriffs call upon those in D.C. protesting the outcome of the 2020 election to recognize their actions have dissembled into violence. The action to unlawfully overwhelm our Capitol are indistinguishable between that of Antifa or any other lawless groups who chose to destroy cities and communities.

We must return our country to one that leads the world in democracy and civility even during times of strong dissent. I further call upon President Trump to call for an immediate end to this criminal behavior and return our country to a calm period. There is no place in our society for violence, criminal damage and physical assaults.

Legal News Today



Full text of these legal notices appears on 10 & 11

City of Edgerton 12/21 Common Council Minutes
City of Edgerton Voting by Absentee Ballot Information
Town of Porter- Notice of Hearing
Edgerton Board of Ed Meeting Minutes 12/14/20



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Many people would find this very surprising, but Soma abuse is actually very common, and it is being prescribed by tons of pain management clinics. Be cautious of the effects this medication could have on you or someone else. Soma is a muscle relaxant that acts as a sedative of the central nervous system, putting it in the drug class of a tranquilizer. It has been known to be mixed with other narcotics to form different kinds of "cocktails"

which can be deadly. A person abusing Soma also builds a tolerance and dependence for the drug. In a study of 20 Soma users, 13 of them admitted to using more than prescribed. People are known to take it and drive, which is very dangerous because it causes slow movements, confusion, disorientation in time and space, slurred speech and a groggy, dazed expression. If someone stops taking Soma, they will go through withdrawals like any other drug, which include anxiety,

tremors, seizures, hallucinations and insomnia. It should be tapered down and never stopped cold turkey. Seek medical help when trying to get off of this medication and get to a drug treatment center ASAP.

Click here to learn more about Soma <https://www.narconon-suncoast.org/drug-abuse/soma-effects.html>

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Note to readers

Dear Readers

In addition to the note on the front page, here are a few other short items I want you to know about:

1. The American Automobile Association (AAA) wants you to say "crash" not "accident." We received this plea from AAA, "when you call a crash, collision or wreck an 'accident,' we imply that these tragedies are inevitable, and that they're beyond human influence or control. After all, 'accidents' happen, don't they?" They further explain, "When it comes to car crashes, nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, according to comprehensive research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 94 percent of all crashes are the result of driver error. That means that 36,000 of the 38,800 people who lost their lives on American roadways in 2019 could still be here today if drivers made different choices." They conclude that 95 percent of the crashes could be avoided. Remember: it is crash, collision or wreck and not accident.

2. Alliant Energy named to Newsweek's America's Most Responsible Companies for 2021. The list, which spans 14 industries, recognizes the top 400 most responsible companies in the United States. "To successfully create a better tomorrow," is Alliant Energy's motto. Their roadmap follows their sustainable energy plan, aspirational net-zero emissions goals for the energy they generate and actions to help build equitable, respectful and resilient communities. Alliant Energy Corporation provides regulated energy service to 970,000 electric and 420,000 natural gas customers across Iowa and Wisconsin, including Edgerton. We congratulate Alliant Energy and want you to know of this prestigious recognition.

3. Senator Baldwin works to make college more affordable and accessible for Wisconsin students. U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, a member of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP), successfully secured provisions from her Working Students Act in the year-end, bipartisan government funding legislation to support students who are working their way through school. This year-end, bipartisan government funding legislation, which Baldwin voted for, passed the full Congress last week and now heads to the President's desk to be signed into law.

"In Wisconsin, I've heard firsthand from students and graduates struggling with the cost of higher education. As the pandemic continues to present students and families with challenging financial situations, we must do everything we can to make college and its related expenses more affordable, so we can build a stronger path to the middle class for all Americans," said Senator Baldwin. "Students who work while in school should not be penalized with less access to financial aid. I'm proud my legislation has passed both chambers of Congress because now more than ever, we must ensure that working students have the opportunity to earn an affordable higher education and succeed in the workforce." Congratulations, Tammy.

We want to produce the best weekly newspaper possible for you. Let me know your ideas.
–Diane Everson, publisher

Request

We welcome your input

With the new year upon us, we have a request of you, our readers, for assistance.

This January we want to editorialize about items we think should be priorities in the coming year.

Are there items you would like to see addressed by government, the schools or other civic groups to improve our community?

Please let us know. We would like to have community input into this important list.

– Diane Everson, Publisher

Open Meetings and Open Records Law

Section 19.31, Wisconsin Statutes

"In recognition of the fact that a representative government of the American type is dependent upon an informed electorate, it is declared to be the public policy of this state that all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those officers and employees who represent them.

Further, providing persons with such information is declared to be an essential function of representative government and an integral part of the routine duties of officers and employees whose responsibility it is to provide such information."

The Edgerton Reporter supports this policy.

THE GRAMMAR GUY

by Curtis Honeycutt

Opening up Pandora's can of worms

When it comes to streaming radio services, I prefer Pandora over Amazon Music. You see, Pandora offers deep cuts while Amazon plays mostly predictable hits. Even though I'm an Amazon Prime member and benefit from no commercials, I opt for the advertisement-laden Pandora radio. What can I say? I like Pandora's algorithm (or is it AI Gore Rhythm) better.

I didn't mean to open up a can of worms about streaming radio services. Or is it opening up Pandora's box? Let's get to the bottom of this, shall we?

According to Merriam-Webster's Dictionary, Pandora's box is "a source of many troubles" or "something that will lead to many problems." According to the Ancient Greek tale, some evil wedding guest gave a character called Pandora a box as a wedding gift, but Pandora was not to open it. Curiosity got the better of poor Pandora, and she opened the box, the result of which unleashed sickness, death and all sorts of evil into the world. This is why we can't have nice things.

Although the origin of the phrase "open up a can of worms" is uncertain, imagine you're going fishing in the 1950's. You'll need some bait, so you head over to the neighborhood bait and tackle shop, where you purchase a can of worms. This can of worms is nothing to worry about — that is — until you open it. Once you open the can of worms, all the wiggly, slimy, tangled-up mess of worms try to get out of the can. It's like trying to put already-squeezed toothpaste back into a tube.

Both "taking the lid off Pandora's box" and "opening up a can of worms" are precarious situations, but there is a difference between the two. When you open up a can of worms, you attempt to solve one difficult problem which leads to even more difficult problems. When you take the lid off, or open, Pandora's box, you unleash an evil that can't be undone. There is no "CTRL + Z" for Pandora's box.

"The legislature's proposed budget cuts really opened up a can of worms." This example is a complicated situation, but can (in theory) be resolved.

"When I asked my uncle about his opinions on the current Congress, I didn't realize that I had opened up Pandora's box." In this example, once your uncle starts sharing his views on the government, he will never stop.

I think the lesson here is never to buy fishing bait from a lady named Pandora. If you do, make sure you're the one that gets away.

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