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IDPH Reports Discovery of First Two Rabid Bats of 2024, Warns Public to Watch Out for Rabid Bats and Animals



CHICAGO – With the weather warming up, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is warning the public to beware of wild animals that may carry rabies, especially bats, as they become more active this time of year. The warning follows the discovery since May 10 of the first two rabid bats

of 2024 in the state in Cook and Will counties, IDPH said. The bats were recovered inside two homes in those counties and subsequently tested positive for rabies.

"Rabies is a fatal but preventable disease," said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra. "It is important that Illinois residents know how to prevent rabies exposure to protect themselves and their loved ones. Bats are the most common carriers of the rabies virus in Illinois but not the only carrier. Illinois residents should stay away from bats and any

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Phi Beta Delta at WIU Inducts Eight New Members

MACOMB, IL – The Eta Epsilon Chapter of Phi Beta Delta inducted eight new members during its fifteenth ceremony on Wednesday, April 24 in Knoblauch Hall. The purpose of the Eta Epsilon chapter is to recognize and encourage high professional, intellectual, academic and personal achievements in the field of international education. Applications are accepted year round, and an induction ceremony is held each spring.

Phi Beta Delta, founded at California State University, Long Beach in 1986, was established as an organization in 1987, with 38 chartered chapters, many of which had existed for a considerable time previously at the local level. It is the first honor society dedicated to recognizing scholarly achievement in international education. There are currently over 200 chapters worldwide, and WIU's Eta Epsilon chapter was founded in 2009. The WIU chapter hosts Culture Nights for new international students and awards two scholarships each year, among other activities.

This year's inductees are:

1. Trigvel Bodapati-- Trigvel is a WIU graduate student from India, majoring in Engineering Technology. His reflection on his international experience has led him to say: "Meeting lots of different people from all over the world has helped me to understand more about different cultures and perspectives"

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5/13

Andrew Erin Lee Knott, 18, Beardstown, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Tina Marie Park, 50, Macomb, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Devon Michael Chase, 31, Indianola, IA, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

Terry Lee Leverett, 41, East Alton, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant

Jaheim Marshawn Johnson, 22, Macomb, was charged with criminal trespass to state land, resisting a peace officer

Andre Jerrod Sims, 34, Bushnell, was arrested on a McDonough County body attachment warrant

TODAY'S JOKES

Q: What animal is always at a baseball game?

A: A bat!

Q: How does a scientist freshen her breath?

A: With experi-mints!

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Table Grove Accident Leads to Fatality

On 05/19/2024 at 9:21pm, the Fulton County Sheriff's Office responded to a two vehicle head-on collision on US 136 near the viaduct east of Table Grove. The preliminary investigation indicated that a 2018 Chevrolet passenger car crossed the center-line and into the path of a 2023 Chevrolet pick-up truck. Coroner Austin Rhodes was called to the accident and pronounced the driver of the Chevrolet passenger car deceased at the scene.

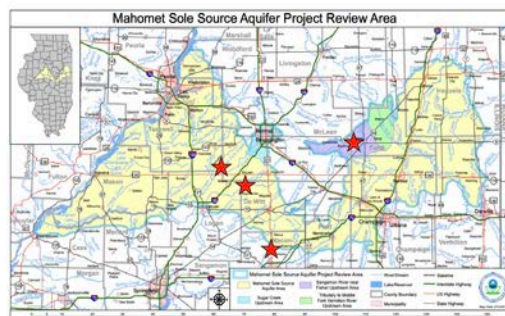
On 05/21/2024, Coroner Rhodes released the identity of the deceased as Lori Rodriguez, 57, of Table Grove. After an investigation it was determined that Rodriguez died as a result of injuries sustained in the vehicle crash. This crash remains under investigation by the Fulton County Coroner's Office, pending further testing.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Illinois State Police, Table Grove Fire and Rescue, Fulton County EMA, and Havana Police Department.

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Death Notices

Mary "Jane" Hinton

69, of Colchester

Mary "Jane" Hinton, 69, of Colchester, IL passed away at 5:30 PM on Friday, May 17, 2024 surrounded by family at home.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. Memorial services will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at the Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home. Pastor Dave Hudson will officiate. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital or to Illinois Cancer Cares. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com

Frederick "Dean" Janssen

97, of Augusta

Frederick "Dean" Janssen, age 97, of Augusta, passed away peacefully with his wife and family at his side on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 7:29 am, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Visitation was held on Sunday, May 19, 2024, at the Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta. A Funeral Ceremony was held Monday, May 20, 2024 at Faith Lutheran Church in Augusta, IL with Rev. Rick Hertenstein officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Augusta.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Faith Lutheran Church or the Woodlawn Cemetery, in Augusta.

The Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL is handling arrangements.

Eric Wells

51, of Macomb

Eric Wells, 51, of Macomb, passed away Thursday, May 16, 2024, at McDonough District Hospital in Macomb.

A memorial visitation was held on Thursday May 23, 2024 at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Canton. A burial with military honors took place at on Friday at White Chapel Memory Gardens in Canton.

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Janice K. Roberts

73, of Augusta

Janice K. Roberts, 73, of Augusta, IL, passed away at 4:22 pm on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at her home.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorials may be made to the Golden Good Shepherd Home, 101 Prairie Mills Rd, Golden, IL 62339.

You may read the full obituary and leave condolences online at shawgomemorial-home.com.

Joan Kost Miller Loring

96, of Macomb

Joan Kost Miller Loring, 96, of Macomb passed away at 4:18 a.m. Monday, May 20, 2024 at Wesley Village Healthcare in Macomb.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 23, 2024 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb with Pastor Bob Greene officiating. Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Vermont Cemetery.

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Blandinsville

WEDNESDAYS

Christian Church Youth Program

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THURSDAYS

After-School Program

Blandinsville Christian Church After-School Program will be held every Thursday for Kindergarten through High School students from 4:00pm until 5:00pm throughout the school year.

SATURDAYS

Story Hour and Crafts

Saturdays at The Blandinsville-Hire Library at 10 AM. Snacks available. Check out the many new kids and young adult books. Spend some time at the library and take a book home to read!

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

City Wide Yard Sale

The City of Blandinsville will hold a city wide yard sale starting at 8am. There is no fee to sign up and you can sign up at the Blandinsville Library to get your name and address on the sales list by May 28. A list of yard sales will be available to pick up at the Library May 30-June 1.

Bushnell

FRIDAY, MAY 24

B-PC FFA Alumni Bingo Night

at the VFW more details coming.

TUESDAY, MAY 28TH

Friends Feeding Friends Community Meal

at the Community Christian Center from 4:30 - 6:30PM. Donations are accepted, but not expected. Some of the proceeds will benefit the Bushnell Swimming Pool.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

VFW Breakfast

The Bushnell VFW will be serving breakfast from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m at the Post 1422 Hall located at 181 E. Hail in Bushnell. Providing on-site, takeout, and curb service. For takeout and curb service please call 309-333-9919. They will be serving biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and French Toast.

Colchester

EVERY MONDAY

Colchester Library Story Hour

from 10:45-11:45am. Books, crafts, songs and fun!

Good Hope

MAY 31 - JUNE 2

50th Annual Sodbuster Days

Check out the full schedule on page 8 in this issue.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Good Hope Fireman's Beer Garden

Join us for a night of live music with Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters at the Good Hope Fireman's Beer Garden at the Good Hope Firehouse, 145 W. Main St., Good Hope. Tickets are available through a Good Hope Firemen or message the Facebook Page to purchase beforehand. Tickets will be available at the gate to purchase, day of. Beer Garden Opens at 6PM and band starts at 8PM. All money raised will be used to purchase a cascade air system for the GHSFD.

Macomb

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Macomb Farmers Market

The Saturday, May 25 Macomb Farmers Market operates from 8 am to Noon, on the southern & eastern sides of downtown's Chandler Park. Shop for baked goods; fresh produce; meats; cut flowers & plants; Amish goods; honey, jams, & syrups; coffee; hand-crafted items; and more — all locally produced. Music by guitarist Shawn Griffith. Thursday morning Farmers Markets start on May 30.

MONDAY, MAY 27

Memorial Day Service

Macomb American Legion Post 6 will hold a Memorial Service at 10:30am

FRIDAY, MAY 31

"Be Kind to All" Mural Unveiling

Macomb's Bottle Cap Mural "Be Kind to All", created by Emily Roberts, will be unveiled from 5:30-6pm on the 100th block of W. Washington St. (rain venue-Western Illinois Museum). This event is sponsored by Interfaith Alliance of Macomb.

Plymouth

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Little Creek Alpacas Beach Party

Come out to Little Creek Alpacas (2105 N 50th Rd, Plymouth, IL) from 1pm-5pm for our 2024 Alpaca Beach Party Season Grand Opening! There will be vendors and the Quesal Puppet Troupe will be performing a special puppet show around 1:30pm. Carol Jean & Jera will be playing live music from 2:30pm-5pm. Regal Face Painting will be joining us with her artistic skills (please note, face painting

is cash only), and we will also have a Rock Painting Station (free will donation). Coolers are allowed this year if you'd like to pack some drinks & snacks.

Rushville

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Celebrate America with the Lesters

and free BBQ at the New Life Christian Camp, 11257 Old Macomb Rd, Rushville at 3pm. This is a non-ticketed event. Love offering will be received for the group. Please call 309-827-2406 with any questions.



The Cafe

On Wednesday, May 22 we have Act 2 (Liz Beck) playing for us from 5:30-7:30pm and Thursday, May 23 don't forget about Open Mic Night! There will be some great music and drinks from 8-12pm.

The Park Place

The Hong Kong Sleepover formally invites you to their very last band practice together on Saturday, May 25 from 7-10pm. It's been a fun ride! All Ages are welcome and the cost is \$10 at the door.

Forgottonia Brewing

We have Lydia Cunningham, a young indi-artist, multi-instrumentalist musician and singer. She will be playing oldies through current hits from country to pop and light rock on the acoustic guitar and keyboard in the beer garden on Saturday, May 25 starting at 7 pm. Todd and Nate will be rocking out playing a bunch of your favorite alternative hits in our beer garden on Friday, May 31 starting at 7 PM.

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Memorial Day Tribute

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MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

Blandinsville

Three Local Veterans will be honored at this year's memorial celebration service in Blandinsville. The Blandinsville, Good Hope and Sciota (BGS) Memorial Service will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday, May 25 at the Memorial on South Main St., in Blandinsville. In case of inclement weather the service will be held at the Blandinsville Methodist Church.

Bushnell

The Memorial Day Services will take place at 11:00 a.m. on May 27th at the Memorial park in Bushnell hosted by VFW Post 1422. The agenda will begin with greetings from the commander Dale Markley. An invocation will follow. The BPC Band will next present the National Anthem. Commander's comments, recitation of General Logan's Orders and Flander's Field will follow. The BPC Band will perform America the Beautiful. The Commander will then read the necrology for the local area veterans. Laying of the wreath will be performed and the honor guard will provide a salute to the dead. The service will conclude with a benediction and closing remarks.

Colchester

Colchester Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony will be held Saturday, May 25, at 11:00 am in downtown Colchester at the corner of Market and Fulton Streets (Community Room Friendlyway Park in case of rain). Following a presentation of the Colors a reading of the Names of Veterans added this year, as well as the reading of the names of all veterans deceased this past year. This year's Speaker will be Captain Ron Pettigrew. Bring your lawn chairs and join in on Honoring the Men and Women who Serve our Country.

Ipava

Ipava's American Legion Memorial Day Service will be held Monday, May 27 at 11am in the Ipava Veterans Memorial Park.

Macomb

Honoring Our Nation's Heroes Memorial Day Service in Macomb will take place at 10:30 am, Monday, May 27 at the American Legion Post #6, 221 E. Washington St., Macomb.

Blandinsville-Hire District Library Summer 2024 Reading Program: "READ, RENEW and REPEAT"

This summer's program is designed for all ages and features the idea of conservation, focusing on protecting species from extinction, maintaining and restoring habitats, enhancing ecosystem services, and protecting biological diversity. The program encourages reading as a restorative method of self-improvement and self-preservation. The program will still focus on the younger children in the community, but we encourage the entire community to participate, including young adults (ages 10-18) reading to their siblings and parents reading to their children, as well as reading on their own.

There will be ways to record your reading time to others and yourselves with incentives for doing so. The program will be Wednesday mornings: June 12,19,26 and - July 3,10,24 (no program the week of July 17th due to Vacation Bible School) from 10AM -12 Noon. The summer project will be planting and maintaining a pollinator garden with different guest presenters, crafts, and snacks, beginning with a story-time.

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FISH FRY/CHICKEN DINNER
LIVE MUSIC SATURDAY
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VENDORS IN THE PARK

FRIDAY, MAY 31

- West Prairie FFA Pork Chop BBQ 5-7:30PM (Carry out available) – Firehouse
- Opening Ceremony, 50th Celebration with cookies, & Introduction of Grand Marshals, Leslie Lewis and Sue James at 6PM
- Jr. Grand Marshals – Eli & Braydon DeCounter
- Auction in the park/shelter house- 7:30PM
- Music Trivia/ Trivia in the Park after auction – no fee just 4 to a team
- Glow Parade – 9PM – glow sticks and LED's available in front of the Firehouse - Courtesy of the Good Hope Sodbusters Committee and the Good Hope Fire Department. Line up at Church at 8:30PM for Parade.
- Car Crusin' 5-8PM in front of the Village Hall

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

- Breakfast at Good Hope United Methodist Church 7-10AM
- All Town Yard Sale- Locations across town
- Craft Vendors in the Park 9AM to 4PM
- Parade 10AM -Theme "Golden Jubilee" - Trophies awarded for Judges' Choice & Most Creative. Contact Tammy DalBello for sign up 847/337-7086
- Antique Tractor Show following the parade (on opposite side of the park as before)
- Firemen's Fish Fry and Chicken Dinner 11:30AM- 5PM (Carry out & delivery) - Firehouse
- Bags Tournament 11:30AM at basketball court
- Kids Pedal Tractor Pull- sign up 2:30PM, starts at 3PM (ages 3-8)- basketball court

- BINGO 11AM-Noon & 4-5PM Shelter House
- Kids Games- 4PM – Chore Relay, Water balloon toss, Potato Sack Race
- Watermelon eating Contest – 5PM Sign Up at the Gazebo
- Beer Garden (front of firehouse) presented by Good Hope-Sciota Firemen- 6-11PM Cash only. \$15 cover. Contact Sharon Arnold for details 309/333-5027
- Captain Geech & the Shrimp Shack Shooters perform 8-11PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

- Coffee, Donuts, & Community Worship Service 10:45AM - Rededication of the Lighted Cross on the Church, Good Hope Methodist Church
- Touch a Truck & Bounce houses at the firehouse, 1-3PM

For event details check out Facebook/Sodbusters Days Festival.



The Good Hope Sciota Firemen invite you to Good Hope, IL for a Weekend of Family Fun, Good Food & Live Music!

TICKETS AVAILABLE:

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All money raised will be used to purchase a cascade air system for the GHSFPD.

LIVE MUSIC

CAPTAIN GEECH & THE SHRIMP SHACK SHOOTERS

Saturday, June 1st

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Bats

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wild, unfamiliar, or stray animal, as well as any animal that appears to be sick. Groups of bats can move into people's homes and that underscores the importance of knowing the ways of keeping bats out of your home."

Public health officials stress that if a bat is found inside a home, it is important to try and cover it with a container and contact animal control so it can be tested for rabies. (See below for tips on how to capture a bat.)

IDPH is also reminding the public to make sure that rabies vaccinations are up to date for pets and any valuable livestock and horses for which a rabies vaccine is available. If a pet is exposed to a high-risk wild animal – such as a bat, skunk, raccoons, fox or coyote – pet owners should immediately contact a veterinarian for advice.

Rabies is a virus that affects the nervous system. People can get rabies after being bitten by an infected animal. Rabies can also be contracted when saliva from a rabid animal gets directly into a person's eyes, nose, mouth, or a wound. People usually know when they have been bitten by a bat, but bats have very small teeth, and the bite mark may not be easy to see. If you find yourself in close proximity to a bat and are not sure if you were exposed, for example, you wake up and find a bat in your room, do not kill or release the bat before calling your doctor or local health department to help determine if you could have been exposed to rabies and need preventive treatment. If the bat is available for testing and test results are negative, preventive treatment is not needed.

If you have been bitten by any animal, seek immediate medical attention. Bite wounds can become infected and if the animal is high risk for rabies, preventive treatment, must begin quickly.

An animal does not have to be aggressive or exhibit other symptoms to have rabies. Changes in any animal's normal behavior can be early signs of rabies. A bat that is active during the day, found on the ground, or is unable to fly is more likely than others to be rabid. Such bats are often easily approached but should never be handled.

The following tips can help prevent the spread of rabies:

Do not touch, feed, or unintentionally attract wild animals with open garbage cans or litter.

Never adopt wild animals or bring them into your home. Do not try to nurse sick, wild animals to health. Call animal control or an animal rescue agency for assistance.

Teach children never to handle unfamiliar animals, wild or domestic, even if they appear friendly. "Love your own, leave other animals alone" is a good principle for children to learn to reduce the risk of exposures to rabid animals.

Maintain homes and other buildings so bats cannot get inside.

If a bat is in your home, do not release the bat outdoors until after speaking with animal control or public health officials.

After consulting with animal control or public health officials, you may need to capture the bat for rabies testing to determine if you need preventive treatment.

Steps you can take to capture the bat are:

When the bat lands, approach it slowly, while wearing gloves, and place a box or coffee can over it.

Slide a piece of cardboard under the container to trap the bat inside.

Tape the cardboard to the container securely, and punch small holes in the cardboard, allowing the bat to breathe.

For more information about rabies and keeping bats out of your home, visit the IDPH website.



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Inductees *continued from page 1*

2. Whitney Bowen – A native of Granada, Whitney is a junior majoring in Construction and Facilities Management at WIU. She has dedicated herself to volunteer and community service work, including Rotary. Most recently she volunteered 20 hours to the Alternative Spring Break group. Whitney states that her volunteer work reminds her of the importance of understanding and compassion.

3. Colleen Carlson – Colleen is a U.S. community member from Macomb. Her background includes visiting Italy, Finland, Ireland, Germany, Romania, Hungary and Russia. She taught in Mexico as part of a grant and has been an International Neighbor to WIU students. Colleen states "I firmly believe in the power of relationships across cultures as a tool for world peace."

4. Sol Catala-Valentin – As a citizen born in Puerto Rico, Sol comes to Phi Beta Delta from the university library where she serves as an Area Studies and Reference librarian. She has a number of research works and presentation as part of her portfolio and is a C.T. Vivian Scholar.

5. Harsha Idurawage – Harsha is a graduate student and teaching assistant in the Mathematics Department at WIU. Born in the U. S., he holds Sri Lankan citizenship and has taught mathematics at the military Academy in Sri Lanka. In addition to his extensive honors for teaching, he has a number of published articles, particularly focusing on the Covid pandemic, and served as the coordinator of the Sri Lanka Military Academy Journal.

6. Elizabeth Shyroch — Beth is a Macomb community member who has the unique perspective of being a mother-in-law regarding international education as she has two daughters married to individuals from West Africa. She has visited extensively in that area of the world as well as opening her home to a Japanese student.

7. T. K. Vinod — Dr. Vinod joins Phi Beta Delta from the WIU faculty where he serves as the interim chair of the Chemistry Department. He has studied in India, Canada and the U.S. He has many honors, including being a Fellow of the Illinois Academy of Science, the 2012 WIU Distinguished Faculty Lecturer, and the recipient of multiple awards for his mentoring activities.

8. Arisleide Valdez-Rico – Arisleide is a senior WIU student from the U.S. who is double majoring in Broadcasting and Journalism in Advertising and Public Relations and Foreign Languages and Culture in Spain. She has had the opportunity to study in both Spain and France. She states that her Study Abroad to Spain was the best decision she ever made because of how it helped her grow personally and academically.

For more information on the chapter, email pbd@wiu.edu or visit their website at https://www.wiu.edu/global_studies/phi_beta_delta/index.php or join them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WIUPBD/>.

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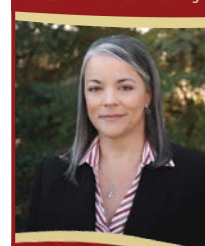
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The Grant Writer will identify, apply, and monitor various grants that meet the organization's needs, overseeing the City's grant application process. They will build and maintain positive relationships with local, State, and Federal grant providers.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in a relevant field such as public administration, nonprofit management, communications, or a related area.
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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Australian bushranger Joseph Johns escaped from prison so many times that the government finally had to build a special cell to hold him, after which an overly (if understandably) confident governor said to him, "If you get out again, I'll forgive you." You guessed it: Johns escaped that as well.

* There's a "Heaven Scent Pizza" for dogs, made of flour, carrots, celery and Parmesan cheese.

* A high school basketball coach was fired after his team won 100-0 because the Catholic school he worked for thought that such a wide-margin victory failed to display a "Christ-like and honorable approach to competition."

* Two Chinese bank employees stole over \$6.6 million and spent it all on lottery tickets. Unfortunately, crime didn't pay when they only recovered about \$13,000.

* Don Rickles died before he could record dialogue for "Toy Story 4." Rather than replacing him, Disney reviewed 25 years of material from the first three films, video games and other media, and assembled enough to cover the entire film.

* A study has found that second-born children are more likely to be troublemakers.

* In Japan, male students can confess their love to another person by giving them the second button -- the one closest to the heart -- from the top of their school uniform.

* Laser removal doesn't actually remove a tattoo. It just helps break it down so the body's white blood cells can carry it away. Eventually, you poop out your tattoo.

* A bloodhound in Alabama went outside to relieve itself and accidentally joined a half marathon, then ended up in seventh place. The race was redubbed the "Hound Dog Half," and those who end up in seventh place earn a special award.

Thought for the Day: "If you run out of kind words for yourself, stop talking." -- Niklas Goke

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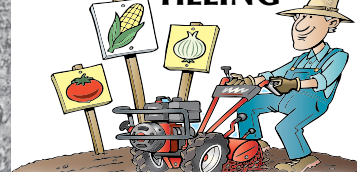
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