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Challenges of stay at home order for family

By Linda Wilk

The stay in place order has certainly been challenging for myself and my family, some more than others.

Now, I know this is necessary, critically important and a very small sacrifice compared to what nurses, doctors, first responders and those families who have lost a loved one or who are suffering themselves are facing. My prayers will continue to be with all involved in any way.

I am just sharing my perspective on how it is affecting myself and those nearest and dearest to me.

Our eldest daughter, Laura, stays in her apartment in Milwaukee, causing us to delay our traditional Easter dinner for a later date. And now there is uncertainty when she will be home to visit again, as Wisconsin's stay at home order has been extended to May 26.

Then there are Andrea and Marissa who are studying at home, coming down only for meals and going out for a daily run in Matter Park.

My husband, Larry, who is a golf course superintendent, is living life normally, going to work daily to keep the golf course grounds in pristine shape.

For me, life depends upon the day, as expectations are that I stay at home to work whenever possible. Since I also



A SLICE OF LIFE

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oversee the local domestic violence home, there are days I need to assist there, so my days vary.

It was interesting to talk to my brother who has a job working for a California based organic farming company. Since beginning his job with the company, he was worked from home, in his basement, so for him working from home is nothing new. What is new and has been challenging, is that his wife is now also working from home.

She has set up shop upstairs, while he has his basement office – creating a bit of tension in their household as they navigate a new normal.

For me, I will honestly say staying home to work for me, is very challenging.

I think one of our Flannery-Keal Home residents said it best, when she said,

it is not that I can't manage to live within these four walls, it is the fact that you have told me I can't go out. To keep everyone safe and healthy, we have restricted all residents to leaving only for pre-approved medical appointments and for work.

While I have done my best to keep my exercise routine intact, that too has been a struggle. I mourn the loss of my YMCA daily workouts.

It is true there are a plethora of work out videos online, doing yoga and crunches in the privacy of your living room is just not the same.

As one of my Y friends texted me, she misses the conversation and even the squats!

While I anxiously await the day, I can return to work in my office, and go back to exercising at the YMCA, I also know that things will be dramatically different for some time to come.

I have to wonder how long we will need to social distance and if we will ever go back to shaking hands or giving hugs.

Will people routinely wear masks when in public? Will waitresses at restaurants serve you with surgical gloves and cloth masks – time will tell. I just pray that as we begin to return to work and play, that we all remember the lessons that we have learned and adapt to our new normal so that all can be safe and virus free.

Local COVID - 19 Fund expands

With Grant County's work force and businesses continuing to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Grant County Economic Growth Council announced on Tuesday, April 14, that its COVID-19 Loan Fund has partnered with Grant County's Convention and Visitor's Bureau to expand its funding capacity.

The revolving loan was initially funded with \$75,000 from the Growth Council's revolving loan program established in 2004, but the CVB contributed an extra \$20,000 to provide

more assistance to Grant County retail, restaurants, and other tourism-centric businesses in an effort to survive the economic impact of the pandemic.

The first round of applications closed on April 3, and six businesses will receive a loan up to \$7,500 with payments deferred for the first six months.

"It is more important than ever for the CVB to support our business community and ensure that our favorite restaurants and shops remain open for future visitors and our local community," CVB

Executive Director John Lightle said.

While the extra \$20,000 is a major boost for Grant County businesses, the Growth Council is still seeking additional funding to expand the COVID-19 Loan Fund's capacity, as well as additional equity partners. If you would like to contribute to the COVID-19 Loan Fund, contact a Growth Council member or donate directly through PayPal at <https://www.grantcounty.com/covid19-loan-fund>.

Primary

May 4 is the deadline for registering to vote in the primary election, which has attracted more attention than previous years because of an increased number of contested races.

At the county level, Republicans have contested races for treasurer, recorder, county council and Superior Court 3 judge. Democrats have only one candidate on the county ballot.

Twenty-one candidates,

Dispatch

justing to that change, can be difficult.

And with the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to affect everyday living throughout Grant County, the adjustment has been even more difficult for Clayton.

"Dealing with COVID-19 and all of the stay-at-home restrictions [has been tough,]" Clayton said. "I had this plan [where] I was going to meet all of my dispatchers first and then meet everybody on the response side of things and get a really good plan formulated. So far, COVID-19 has ruined any of that plan. I've had to get used to meetings via Web-X and phone calls and what not. That plan went out the window on day one."

Despite the current circumstances, however, Clayton is making the best of it.

"So far, [it's been] about not only getting acclimated to the area as much as I can

16 Republicans and five Democrats, are seeking party nominations to succeed Susan Brooks, who is retiring after representing Indiana's Fifth Congressional District for eight years.

Gov. Holcomb's directive also includes two COVID-19 exceptions related to absentee ballots, according to Bryant:

Medical professionals will be allowed to accompany traveling boards, typi-

without going out and exploring places but [also] getting to know everybody and all the people that are involved in Central Dispatch."

The realm of dispatch can be tough on many people. According to Clayton, the average person who works dispatch only lasts for about five or six years, and back when he started, it was only two or three. Dispatchers work anywhere from eight to 12 hours a day, staring at a computer and answering a plethora of phone calls to help service the citizens of a community like Grant County with whatever is required.

"You never know when you sit down at the start of your shift that day what exactly that day is going to bring," Clayton said. "Every phone call is different. Every phone call requires your full attention. Every situation is different, and you have to be prepared for

cally a bipartisan team of one Republican and one Democrat, to assist homebound voters and people in nursing homes and hospitals.

Typically a member of a voter's household is the only person who is allowed to deliver a voter's ballot. That restriction is being relaxed for the primary to allow any family member to deliver a voter's ballot.

that. You can go from zero to 100 in the ringing of a phone."

With Clayton at the helm, Marion can expect effective, personalized, and extraordinary service from Central Dispatch whenever it is required.

"I have to support the dispatchers that are taking those phone calls, and make sure that they are taken care of [so] we're giving the best possible service we can to Grant County," Clayton said. "[I want] to embrace the best practices and the best policies that we can utilize and explore...to give citizens the best possible service that we can offer from our dispatch center. What you can expect out of me is a dispatch system that is going to work for the citizens. I'm going to ensure that our citizens get the best standard of care. They are going to get the best product that we can put out there."

Deaths

Marjorie Louise Hewitt
1942-2020

The family will hold a private service with Pastor Mick Simpkins and Pastor Dan Hopkins officiating. Immediately following, burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery.

Melburne George Weaver
1927-2020

A graveside service for Weaver took place on Thursday, April 16 at Gardens of Memory at 2 pm.

Consuelo Gause
1928-2020

A private visitation and service for family will be

held with burial taking place at Marion National Cemetery at a later date.

Jerry L. Bone

Due to COVID-19, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Alfred M. Fights

1926-2020

Private services will be held at a later date.

Janiece S. (Payne) Duling
1932-2020

Due to COVID-19 private family services will be held. Burial will take place at Park Cemetery in Fairmount.

Donna K. Ragsdale

1942-2020

Due to the recent regulations mandated by the CDC and the Governor of the State of Indiana, memorial services will be held at a later date at First Christian Church.

Michael J. Bligh

1940-2020

Due to the recent regulations mandated by the CDC and the Governor of the State of Indiana, funeral services will be held at a later date at St. James Lutheran Church.