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Evelyn Alexander Mother of the Year

Evelyn Alexander has been an icon in the North Chicago community her entire adult life. She is known for her work as a school board member, a Rotarian, and 28 years working for the municipality of North Chicago. Because of her dedication to family, and the children of the community, she has been named the 2020 Mother of the Year by the Chicago Peoples Voice Newspaper.

See story on page 7





IS LEADERSHIP IN YOUR BAG OF TEA

places blame for everything on others instead of saying, this is where we are, and this is where we need to be and this is where we are going. These are the expectations of leadership. Instead of leading, President Donald Trump is playing politics.

This is what is in his bag of tea. This is what is coming out in this hot water.

In a world of chaos, sometimes it is good to go back to gold standards, like the Bible and see what it says about all of this.

In First Corinthians 13:11 the Bible (KJV) says “When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”

Donald Trump is 73 years of age and he is still playing with his twitter.

It was the late great Langston Hughes (who incidentally has family roots in Lake County) who wrote a poem called “The Negro Speaks of Rivers”. And in that poem Langston says, “I have known rivers. I’ve known rivers ancient as the world and older than the flow of human blood in human veins. My soul

The COVID-19 Pandemic has changed the world and challenged everyone in some way. I heard it once said that people are like tea bags, put them in hot water, you not only see how strong they are, you see what they are made of. It all comes out.

The President of the United States, in this hot water, has shown that he is going to come out of the bag, with divisive words and actions. He yells at the media, points the finger and

has grown deep like the rivers.”

I know that my soul has grown deep like the rivers. My expectation for a President of the United States, and other leaders who shepherd funds, and manage programs that are designed to help people, is that we all grow up and develop a selfless magnanimous attitude and fulfill the expectations of our calling and or position in life. We need to move beyond our personal doubts, fears and proclivities, and do what is right for and by people. We have to let our bigotry go. We have to let our racism go, even though for some, that is all that they have to hold on to.

About 10 years ago, I was complaining about the leadership in our community to a preacher. And that minister told me something that I will never forget. “Those people are not going to change.”



I pair that with something that my father said when I was growing up, even then, I naively had aspirations for some people who were behaving badly and they were fully grown adults. My father said way back then, “Elroy, people don’t change just because they get older, in most cases, they just get worst”.

And finally, my mother would say, “What don’t come out in the wash, will come out in the ringer.”

I said all this to say, that in the worst of times,

the villain, or the saint, whatever we are made of is going to emerge and manifest itself. It is in hard times that you discover who your friends are, and your foe. It is in hot water where you find out what people are made of, whether they are weak or they are strong. In this time of world-wide pandemic, it is important to remember the principals of our Gold Standard, and encourage positive, strong, tested leaders “whose souls have run deep like the rivers” to step up to the plate and lead.

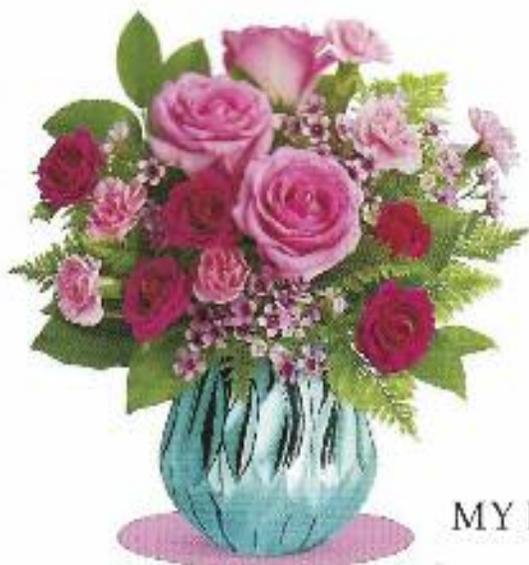
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GEM OF MY HEART BOUQUET

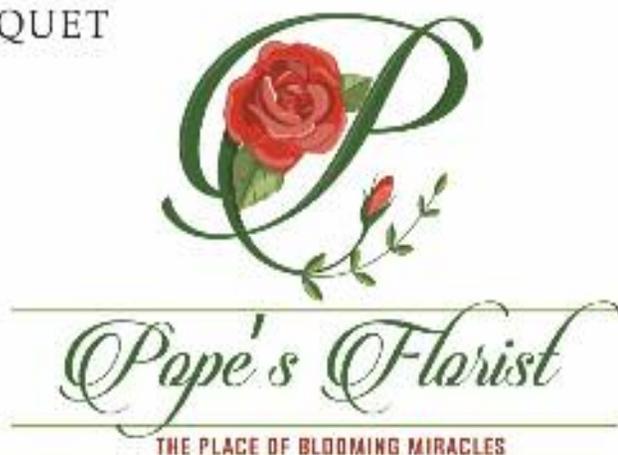


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The LOCKHART-WHITE REPORT

May 2020

A communique of the Community Action Partnership of Lake County

Corona Virus Prevention Strategies



Mary Lockhart-White
Executive Director

Currently, there is no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure. The following everyday actions can help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or the inside of your elbow, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces using cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting solutions
- o Follow manufacturer label directions to determine strength, purpose, and stay time

For more information, see:

- Caring for Our Children (CFOC) 3.3.0.1. Routine Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Disinfecting
- How to Clean and Disinfect Schools to Help Slow the Spread of Flu

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. This is especially important

a f t e r going to the bathroom, before eating, after cleaning, blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if they are visibly dirty.

- Handwashing: Clean Hands Save Lives
- CFOC 3.2.2. Hand Hygiene

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registered surface disinfectant products on the Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2 list have qualified under EPA's emerging viral pathogen program for use against SARS-Co V-2, a coronavirus that causes COVID-19. Coronaviruses are enveloped viruses, meaning they are one of the easiest types of viruses to kill with the appropriate disinfectant product.

CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a face-mask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including coronavirus.

Caterer James Sisson Cooks Up Meals for Seniors



by Elroy Reed

On Saturday, April 25, 2020, Chef and Caterer James Sisson garnered community support and cooked up a delightful meal for seniors and others hit hard by the COVID-19 Pandemic in North Chicago. The noted cook served up 500 meals that were distributed by carriers like Foss Park Commissioner Vance Wyatt to seniors who were following the Stay-At-Home executive orders mandated by the State. State Representative Rita Mayfield, one of the sponsors of the event, delivered food to Seniors at Kukula Towers.

"It's making a big difference to seniors who are shut in. We are pro-

viding them with a hot meal. It's cooked in a clean environment, in a COVID-Free manner. It's Delivered. Our seniors are very excited to received these meals," says State Representative Rita Mayfield.

There were many volunteers like Mike Morales, police officers and others who pitched in with delivery, packing, and serving food.

Individuals who contributed to funding this project were Mayor Leon Rockingham, Alderman Bonny Mayfield, Alderman Carl Evenas, Vance Wyatt, Alderman Torrance Markham, and Pam and John Idleburg. The menu included baked chicken, southern fried chicken, catfish, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls and pound cake.

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Evelyn Alexander, Mother of the Year

Evelyn served for 17 years as a school board member in North Chicago Districts 63, 64 and 123. She holds the distinction of never losing an election.

On June 19, 2012 the State Board of Education appointed Evelyn as member of the Independent Authority for North Chicago Unit School District 187. She remains on the Independent Authority, today. Evelyn also serves on the College of Lake County Lakeshore Campus Advisory Board; where she is a past chairman and currently longest serving member of the board.

She is past President of the North Chicago Rotary, a Paul Harris Fellow, and is noted for being the driving force behind the creation of the Northeast Illinois Tee program.

Evelyn has worked 28 years at the City of North Chicago in various positions, including dispatcher/police matron, health commissioner, and chief of staff to the Mayor Bobby E. Thompson. Evelyn was also a legislative aide for Senator Terry Link for more than 10 years. She also served as

a Commissioner on the North Chicago Housing Authority and the Lake County Community Development Commission.

Evelyn is also a member of the Eureka Temple #1172.

She has received numerous awards, including the YWCA Women of Achievement Award, and the 1977 "Mom of the Year," nominated by her daughter, Cynthia, at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

She has four children, eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

She is also an active member of the First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church of North Chicago.



Evelyn Alexander says "Stay Safe and remember to wear a face mask or facial covering when going out in the community." She is wearing a homemade face mask made by a friend from her church.

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CLC Board of Trustees continues educational delivery and business operations amid coronavirus pandemic crisis

A Peoples Voice Special Report

Since the coronavirus pandemic began to take hold in communities across the United States and particularly in Lake County, Ill., the Board of Trustees of the College of Lake County (CLC) has led offering students and the local community a range of resources.

As part of implementing an alternative learning delivery model for students and faculty, as well as ensuring a positive remote work model for staff, consistent communication has been increasingly important. Dr. William M. Griffin, CLC board chair, stated, "President Lori Suddick and I communicate often as this crisis continues to take new turns. During this time, it is imperative to have good relations and open communication between the board chair and the president. I am available at any hour to discuss emerging situations and solve new problems."

At the board's first-ever virtual meeting, held on April 21, 2020, and shared publicly via YouTube live stream, special care was taken to allow trustees to attend in person, with guests presenting information using Zoom technology. Precautions, such as the use of masks and gloves and social distancing measures, ensured safety.

Dr. Griffin, board chair, and Amanda Howland, vice chair, highlighted the following board-supported decisions that received overwhelming support:

- 1) Timely and useful coronavirus updates containing information and resources directly related to CLC and the region;
- 2) A new Lancers Keep Learning website providing educational and counseling support and guidance for students and community members;
- 3) Technology delivery to students who rely on information technology resources typically only available on campus;
- 4) Introduction of the Lancers Keep Learning Fund, allowing eligible students to apply for financial assistance for educational costs and critical basic needs;
- 5) Modified policies and procedures to be appropriate and student-friendly in light of new conditions;
- 6) Distribution of \$2.4 million in CARES Act funding to CLC students.

Vice Chair Amanda Howland and Student Trustee Victoria Thoman The virtual meeting ensured the continuity of essential college business and included the election and appointment of new trustees. Amanda Howland administered the oath of office to newly elected student trustee Victoria Thoman.

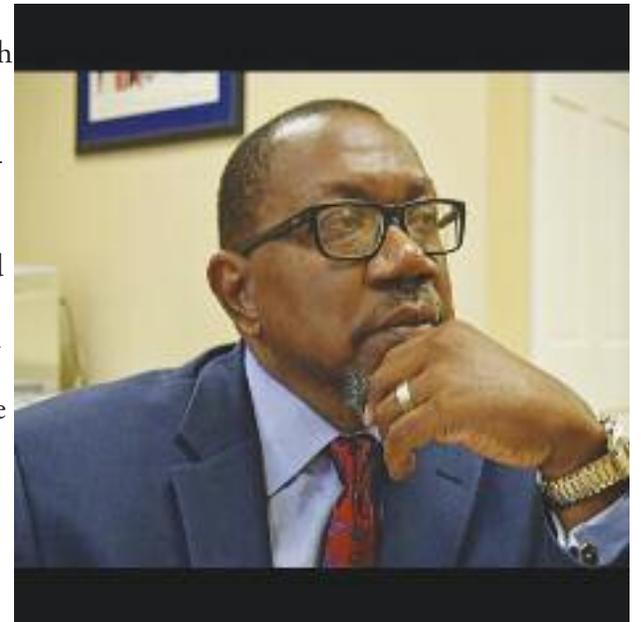
In addition, the board unanimously approved and appointed former senior executive Vaseem Iftkhar and attorney Torrie Mark Newsome to fill two vacancies on the Board, positions left open by the retirement of Dr. Catherine M. Finger and the death of Timothy Powell. The two newly appointed trustees will be sworn in at the Board's next meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 6 p.m.

Vaseem Iftkhar is a retired senior executive with over three decades of experience in research and development in the pharmaceutical industry including at Abbott Laboratories. A dedicated community volunteer with a focus on interfaith understanding, Iftkhar has been a member of the CLC Foundation Board and is a member of the Daily Herald's Sounding Board.

Upon learning of his appointment as a trustee, Iftkhar said, "Affordable education is a right of every citizen in this country. Community colleges play a key role in providing meaningful education and training to enhance the opportunities for everyone and support our economy."

Attorney Torrie Mark Newsome is a former 20-year employee of Abbott Laboratories, has volunteered for United States Air Force Reserves and is a former Assistant State's Attorney for Lake County. In 2005, Newsome founded The Law Office of Torrie Mark Newsome. He is the immediate past chair and a former member of the CLC Lakeshore Advisory Committee. Newsome also taught Introduction to Paralegal Studies at CLC for 13 years.

Upon learning of his appointment as a trustee, Newsome said, "CLC is a very special institution in my life and the life of my family; my mom and two of my three children are graduates of CLC. I am humbled and honored by this appointment, and I am ready to serve on the CLC Board of Trustees, which is committed to putting the needs of our students and our community first."



Attorney Torrie Newsome, Appointed to CLC Board of Trustees



Vaseem Iftkhar, retired Abbott Labs Executive, Appointed to CLC Board of Trustees



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COVID-19 By the Numbers

A Peoples Voice Special Report

As of the printing of this publication, there were over 1 million confirmed cases of the Covid-19 Virus in the United States with less than 2% of the population tested. There could be millions more who have not been tested and who show no symptoms of the disease. The United States represents more than a third of the known cases world wide. More than 61,000 people have died.

In Lake County, Health Department officials report 3,080 cases with 118 fatalities and the number appears to be growing each day. NBC News reports that an event, held after a statewide recommended moratorium on gatherings of more than 10, the North Shore Quad Cities Revival, held at Christian Valley M.B. Church of North Chicago, contributed to numerous individuals catching the virus. Sources close to the health department report that through contact tracing, more than 50 individuals have tested positive for the virus who attended that event, and at least one person has died.

City officials in North Chicago and Waukegan have evoked the Emergency Authority Act and issued orders to suspend regular City Council meetings. Both Mayors in North Chicago and Waukegan have issued ordinances which require anyone going out into the public to wear a mask or some sort of face covering. Schools and business have been shut down.

Some businesses, according to Governor J. B. Pritzker which have been shuttered will be allowed to open-up as of Friday, May 1 in an effort to ease

the financial impact of the pandemic. These businesses include retail stores greenhouses, garden centers and nurseries, and animal grooming services. Employees and customers must wear face coverings. Most of the retail outlets that are scheduled to reopen will fulfill phone and online orders for curbside pick-up and delivery.

Schools, under the auspices of distance learning, may continue to operate. Elementary, Junior and High Schools are closed for the school year and will open again in the Fall. Some schools, like the College of Lake County, have rescheduled traditional graduation until December. Universities and Colleges, such as CLC, will offer online courses for the summer

There are two new drugs which show promise to treat the Covid-19 Virus, Remdesivir and Famotidine the active ingredient in the over the counter heartburn drug Pepcid AC. According to a NIH trial(sponsored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases), Remdesivir treatment helped COVID-19 patients recover faster. Researchers say that COVID patients who were taking the heartburn medicine Pepcid AC, taken for gastrintestinal ulcers, seemed to bind a key enzyme in the virus and keep it from spreading in the the body.

None of these drugs have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat Covid-19.



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Sigismund and Euphema Nelson Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Sigismund and Euphema Nelson celebrated their 50th Anniversary on April 26, 2020. The couple have two adopted children. The couple were married in 1970, in Jamaica and immigrated to the United States. They settled in North Chicago and were among the founding members of the Living Waters Apostolic Pentecostal Church of North Chicago.



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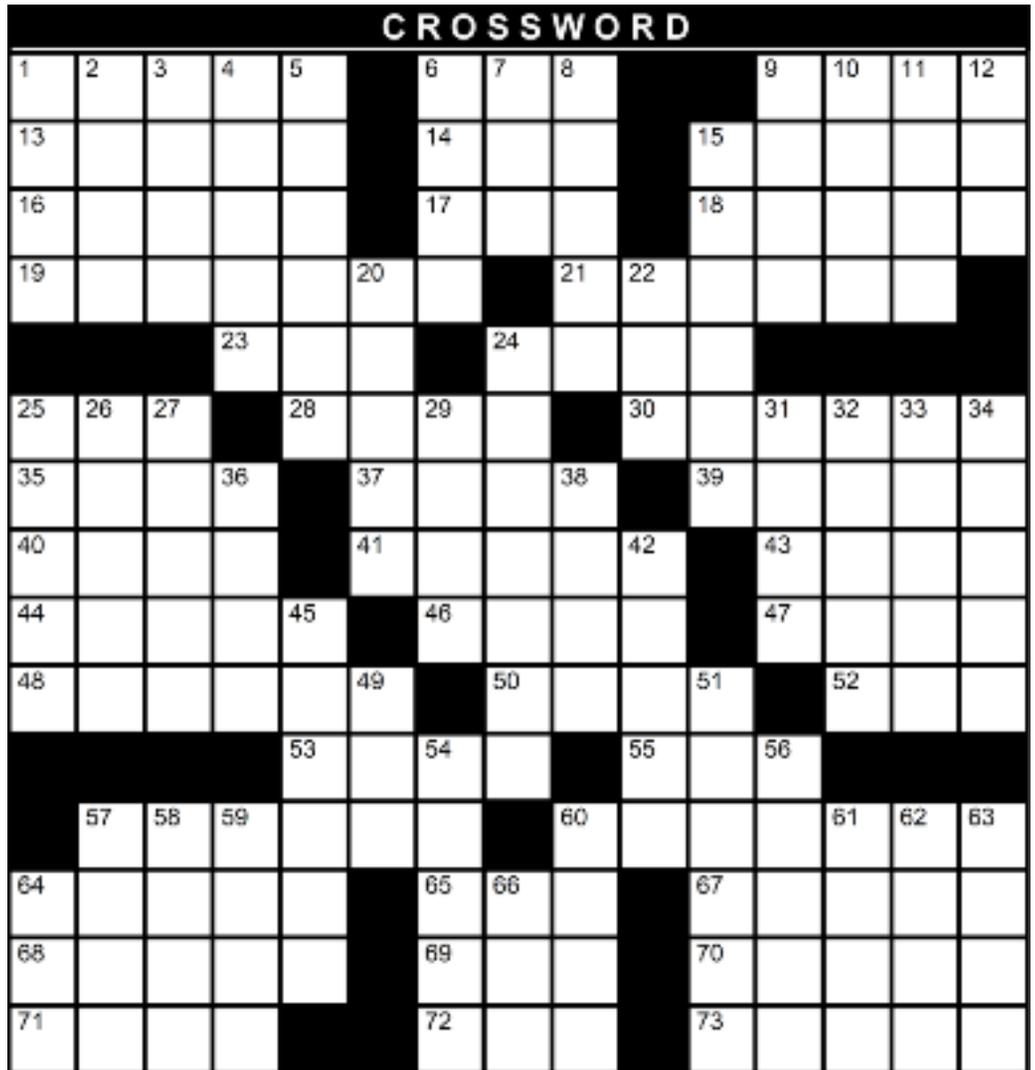
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ACROSS

1. Happen again
6. Promotions
9. Field mouse
13. UV absorber
14. Seek a seat
15. Eagle's nest
16. Jury _____
17. Mad King George's number
18. Bad-tempered one
19. *Two or more people on the road
21. *Fines can do that?
23. Scot's woolen cap
24. Give an impression
25. Last month
28. Willy Wonka mastermind
30. Lay down to rest again
35. Container weight
37. Damaging precipitation
39. One born to Japanese immigrants
40. Windows alternative
41. Clown act
43. London subway
44. What Motion Picture Association of America does
46. Lentil soup
47. Pulitzer winner Bellow
48. Little Women to Aunt March
50. Victorian and Elizabethan ones, e.g.
52. Dropped drug
53. Type of dam
55. Post Malone's genre
57. *Traffic separator
60. *Kind of lane
64. Tiger's and lioness' offspring
65. J. Edgar Hoover's org.
67. Capital of Vietnam
68. Between wash and dry
69. 1985 Kurosawa movie
70. Village V.I.P.
71. Brewer's kiln
72. Play part
73. Young salmon

Down

1. Campus drilling grp.
2. Poet Pound
3. Coconut fiber
4. Not fitting
5. Add a new magazine
6. Seed cover
7. *Punishable driver offense, acr.
8. Like a hurtful remark
9. Action word
10. Like face-to-face exam
11. Don't cross it?
12. Comic cry
15. Keeness in a certain field
20. D-Day beach
22. Old-fashioned over
24. Move like a serpent
25. *Go back the way you came
26. Hawaiian veranda
27. Banal or commonplace
29. *"Raised _____," or "Don't Walk"
31. Small fragments
32. Bar order, with the
33. Puzzle with pictures and letters
34. *Up-side-down triangle sign
36. Biz bigwig
38. Yarn spinner
42. "The Nutcracker" protagonist
45. Crafting with stitches
49. One of Sinbad's seven
51. Miss America's accessory, pl.
54. Prefix for below



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56. Church song
57. Actress Sorvino
58. Shining armor
59. Negative contraction
60. Pub order
61. _____-China
62. Christmas season
63. Horizontal wall beam
64. *Keep your hands at ten and _____
66. *Measurement of alcohol in body, acr.

The 2020 Census: Our Pathway to More Money, Power, & Respect

These are indeed trying times for our nation, as we endure the uncertainty of the COVID-19 global pandemic. It is times like these that every person needs to be counted so that we receive the resources and assistance that are due for our communities. An accurate census count is critical and we must not be undercounted.

In the census, which is taken every 10 years, information is drawn that helps to draw electoral and representative districts and also distributes as much as \$675 billion yearly in funds to various Federal Programs like Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) to our communities.

In turn supports critical areas like public health, education, infrastructure and more. The 2020 Census is our opportunity to get our fair share or the more than \$675 billion in federal funds.

Given today's political climate it is imperative that all social justice organization not only instill within their minority base the need to partake in the census, but also speak out against the many pitfalls facing our federal program such as Medicaid and Medicare.

Census deadlines have been revised in response to COVID-19 and it is now strongly recommended you fill out your Census form online to comply with stay-at-home orders and other social distancing guidelines.



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