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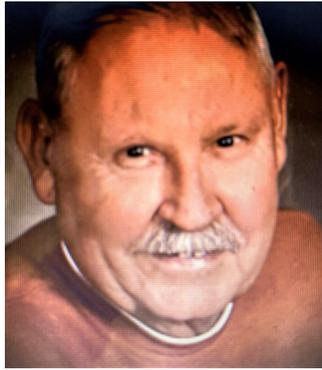
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Our building on Main Street in Lexington is closed right now, but the volunteers of THE FORT-Lexington Genealogical and Historical Society- are willing and able to help you with questions or need for historical research.

We **check our email daily**, so just email us and explain your request and we will put an experienced volunteer in contact with you for some personal help. Email us at thefortoflex@aol.com

Hope to hear from you soon.
From Your FORT Volunteers



We are sad to share news of the passing on Feb 3 of Larry McGuire, husband of our Vice President Susan Jacobs McGuire and a long-time member of THE FORT. Larry played the part of a Lexington hunter in our celebrated show in April 2017 at the Carousel Barn and was often a “solutions guy” behind the scenes whenever we needed fix-it advice. He leaves Susan, 3 daughters, 2 sons, 12 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and several sisters and brothers. Larry had served in the Army and American Legion, worked 34 years at GE in Bloomington, was an avid outdoorsman, and a champion in the sport of archery. His funeral was at St. Paul Lutheran in Lexington on Feb 20 and he was laid to rest at East Lawn Cemetery in Bloomington.



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BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF GENEALOGISTS

A recent inquiry brought to attention this organization that some of you may be surprised to learn about:

Incorporated in 1964, BCG is an independent, not-for-profit certifying body that is nationally and internationally recognized. BCG promotes ethics and standards through its certification program and publications, including [Genealogy Standards](#); [The BCG Application Guide](#); [OnBoard](#), its newsletter; and [SpringBoard](#), its blog. BCG also offers skill-building lectures at national conferences, seminars, and webinars.

Certification depends on evaluation of work samples in a portfolio submission. Applicants are evaluated on documenting, researching, and writing reports. Certification shows that a practitioner has met the rigorous standards for knowledge and competence in the field of genealogy. It could make it possible to [turn your love of genealogy into a business!](#) If interested, check out the comprehensive web site at bcgcertification.org or write them at PO Box 14291 Washington, DC 20044



It's almost time for **IDITAROD #49!!** If you aren't a fan already, it's worth checking out this historical commemoration of the overland dog-sled trips made across Alaska in 1800's to bring life-saving supplies to the villages in remote Alaska. In pony-express style, the dog teams and mushers rushed non-stop through the worst weather on their missions. In 1925 BALTO became famous as the hero leader of a rescue team.

This year the memorial 1,000 mile race for nearly 50 teams running from Anchorage to Nome begins on **March 6.** Many teachers use the race online to show students how the internet can bring immediate news across the miles, as most of the race does not warrant coverage by TV, newspapers, or radio. The website Iditarod.com has a wealth of information to share. Champion Martin Buser is again running his team this year and many other race teams are veterans on the trail. It's fun to pick a team and follow them on the nearly 10 day race through some of the most challenging conditions for men and dogs. Check it out!!!

Good News for all basketball fans in Illinois! **The Basketball Museum of Illinois** is still in the planning stages under the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association. For several years Lexington Coach Don Eiker spent much of his retirement time gathering donations and memorabilia for the big project that was slated for Pontiac, Illinois on Old Route 66. THE FORT sent some treasures from our basement so they could be shared by all. Don passed in 2018 and the news of the museum became so hard to find. Recently we were updated on museum progress and shared the news in an article in the *Lexingtonian*.

For now, the museum committee under the chairmanship of Bruce Firchau is working on a virtual presentation to be called **ILLINOIS BASKETBALL EXPERIENCE** and will continue to plan for either a building site or a traveling museum for the future. All of the states surrounding Illinois already have multi-million dollar Basketball or Sports Museums, so Illinois is not giving up the dream. Many interesting and historical items are posted already on their web page at basketballmuseumofillinois.org which is fun to explore until the next offering becomes available.

