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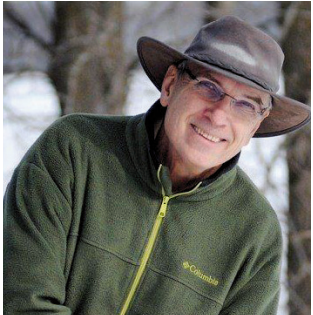
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## Naturally By Al Batt

The day was a stunner. I followed a chickadee and liked it at every opportunity. Each chickadee is a prime symbol of the natural world. As I filled the feeders, a chickadee landed on my arm. I tried not to breathe.

Starlings cornered the yard. I was under a flock of countless starlings one day. It was a murmuration. They zoomed over me and I heard this incredible whoosh that was both thrilling and mesmerizing. It caused the hair on my arms to stand. It was a splendid gift.

Research by biologist Mark Miller in 1929 found that the first robin songs began about 45 minutes before sunrise, but modern neighborhoods flooded in artificial light cause robins to sing much earlier.

A birder in Cleveland, Ohio, discovered a banded 28-year-old ring-billed gull, the oldest individual of that species on record. This proves that a proper diet isn't always important to longevity.

A report from the US Fish and Wildlife Service said bald eagles have quadrupled in population since 2009.

"Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom" has returned to television. It will air as two original episodes back-to-back each Sunday in its original time slot of 7 p.m. An owner of a trail cam told me his device is occupied with the filming of skunks and raccoons. It's his own Wild Kingdom.

Gee Whiz

The first whooping crane hatched at the International Crane Foundation in Wisconsin has died of natural causes.

The crane, named Gee Whiz, was 38 years, 9 months old. A whooping crane's average life expectancy in captivity is about 25 years. The oldest crane in captivity died at age 46, according to the foundation. Gee Whiz fathered 178 cranes and was known for his nasty disposition. Whooping cranes are the tallest birds in North America. The population has grown from fewer than 20 birds in the mid-1940s to around 850 birds today. The Foundation in Baraboo, Wisconsin, opens May 1.

### The mafia hypothesis

I listened to biologist Sarah Winnicki speak about her interesting brown-headed cowbird research on a podcast. She found eight cowbird eggs in one dickcissel nest. She added there is thought that the dickcissels feed their babies more than they do the cowbird babies. Sarah mentioned the mafia hypothesis, which suggests hosts accept parasitism to avoid retaliation against their nestlings.

### The NCAA is for the birds

The NCAA men's and women's tournaments have teams with bird nicknames. Some have won national championships — Stanford Cardinal, Louisville Cardinals, Marquette Golden Eagles, South Carolina Gamecocks and Kansas Jayhawks. The Oregon Ducks won the first NCAA men's basketball national championship in 1939. Other avian handles include the Iowa Hawkeyes (few teams are named after the body parts of birds), the Creighton Bluejays (should be Blue Jays) and the Virginia Tech Hokies (a manufactured sobriquet) with HokieBird, a turkey mascot.

### Q&A

"What do killdeer eat?" They feed primarily on invertebrates — earthworms, snails, crayfish, grasshoppers, beetles and aquatic insect larvae. They will eat seeds left in agricultural lands.

"Where do the sandhill

cranes seen in Nebraska in March nest?" The most numerous and smallest subspecies there is the lesser sandhill crane. The Canadian (intermediate in size) sandhill crane makes up about 15% of the birds staging along the Platte River and the greater sandhill crane comprises about 5%. Greater sandhill cranes nest in the Great Lakes and the Interlake region of Manitoba. The Cana-

dian subspecies breeds throughout central Canada from the Hudson Bay west to the Rocky Mountains. Lesser sandhill cranes nest across the northern reaches of Canada and Alaska, with about 80,000 of the birds crossing the Bering Strait to nest in eastern Siberia. An individual crane spends about 29 days along the Platte where

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Holy cowbird! These brown-headed cowbird females don't build nests. They parasitize the nests of over 220 other bird species. Photo by Al Batt



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**FAIRMONT ROTARY CLUB** prepared and served Tater Tot hotdish to over 125 on Wednesday, March 31st, at the First Congregational Church in Fairmont. Each month Rotary focuses on a different community project. (Submitted photo)

## Quilt Guild meeting

The local Prairie Star Quilt Guild will meet Monday, April 12th at the Fairmont Evangelical Covenant Church at 901 Woodland Avenue. The board will gather at 12:30 p.m. with the Guild members day meeting at 1:30 p.m. and the Guild members

evening meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the church.

Members are urged to bring projects they have completed for Show and Tell. Guild members are also reminded to wear masks and practice social distancing. Interested guests are always welcome.



Join us Saturday, May 8 from 10-3 for the 5th Annual Wine Walk in beautiful Blue Earth! Kick off your Mother's Day weekend by getting your family and friends together for this super fun event that includes wine tastings, store specials, delicious treats, limo rides and so much more! Tickets are available from Becki Steier Studio, Headlines Plus, Dikken's Furniture and Decorating and the Giant Welcome Center.

All ticket purchasers will be entered for a chance to win a fabulous prize! We encourage you to purchase your tickets early to ensure your swag as tickets are limited. You can

also save \$5.00 by purchasing early.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Women of Worth whose mission is to be for the good and betterment of families of rural Southern Minnesota. Through continuing education about abuse, neglect and violence that takes place in the rural area, along with financial support of programs designed to help all victims of abuse. This event is sponsored by Blue Earth's Business Improvement Committee. For more information email [dikkens@bev-comm.net](mailto:dikkens@bev-comm.net) or call 507-526-3893 and watch our Facebook page: Blue Earth Wine Walk.

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Darren Balcom.....June 19  
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## Update on Local COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts

Contact: Tim Langer 507-238-4757; [tim.langer@fmchs.com](mailto:tim.langer@fmchs.com)

- Weekly Update: 4/4/21**  
Vaccination work as of 4/2/21:
- Faribault County: 4,605 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for COVID-19. 33% of the total population has received at least 1 dose. The percentage of population over age 65 in Faribault County who received their 1st dose of vaccine is 78% as of 04/01/2021.
  - Martin County: 6,803 individuals have received at least their first vaccination for COVID-19. 34% of the population has received at least 1 dose. The percentage of population over age 65 in Martin County who received their 1st dose of vaccine is 76% as of 04/01/2021.
  - Community Health & Human Services received 100 doses of vaccine last week and provided to individuals meeting priority vaccine eligibility.
  - Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont received 438 1st doses last week and distributed all by 04/02/2021.
  - United Hospital District received 246 1st doses last week and distributed all by 04/02/2021.
  - Dulcimer Medical Center received 100 1st dose allocation last week.

- Plan for week of 4/4:**
- Community Health & Human Services is scheduled to receive 300 1st doses of vaccine this week- 200 doses of Moderna and 100 doses of Johnson & Johnson. Appointments are available to the general public (18+); however, a set number have been reserved for those who meet Minnesota priority eligibility criteria. Individuals who meet criteria and are interested in receiving a vaccine from Community Health should contact [covid.clinic@fmchs.com](mailto:covid.clinic@fmchs.com) to inquire about any remaining appointments. Individuals without access to the internet can call 507-238-4757 to schedule their appointment. Each week on Friday, appointment availability will be announced for the following week on the agency website ([www.fmchs.com](http://www.fmchs.com)) and Facebook page. Once appointments have filled for the week, links will be taken down.

- Mayo Clinic Health System Fairmont is scheduled to receive 348 1st doses of Pfizer vaccine (16+). MCHS-Fairmont is offering vaccines to anyone who meets the currently eligible for vaccinations. Patients who are eligible per the MDH guidelines will be contacted via their portal account or can call the Mayo Clinic Health System vaccination line at 507-594-2100 to schedule an appointment.
- United Hospital District is scheduled to receive 102 1st doses of Pfizer vaccine (16+) this week. United Hospital District is offering vaccines to anyone who meets the currently eligible for vaccinations. Those interested in scheduling an appointment can call UHD's Vaccine Hotline at 507-526-7700.
- Dulcimer Medical Center is scheduled to receive 100 1st doses of Moderna vaccine (18+) this week. For interest in appointments for vaccine, Dulcimer can be reached at (507) 238-4968.

Additional opportunities for vaccine exist at the following locations:

Hy-Vee Fairmont Pharmacy  
507-238-2880  
Get Your COVID Vaccine at Select Hy-Vee Pharmacy Locations ([hy-vee.com](http://hy-vee.com))

Wal-Mart Fairmont Pharmacy  
507-235-2517  
Flu Shots & Immunizations - Walmart.com

Sterling Drug- Fairmont  
(507) 238-2797  
COVID-19 Interest ([yoursterlingpharmacy.com](http://yoursterlingpharmacy.com))

Thrifty White Drug – Wells  
507-553-3162  
<https://www.thriftywhite.com/covid19vaccine>

State of Minnesota Vaccine Connector is another resource for finding vaccination appointments:  
COVID-19 Vaccination Registration ([mn.gov](http://mn.gov))

Please be patient as demand for vaccine is higher than current vaccine supply.

Vaccine is available at no cost from any provider. Some providers may ask for insurance information.

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During the month of April, Red Center for the Arts will host a 100+ piece visual art exhibit featuring a wide variety of mediums created by **North Union High School students**, under the instruction of JD Speltz. The gallery is open Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5p.m., after hours by appointment.

Red Red Center for the Arts will host a **Gallery Walk for Kids** on Monday, April 12th, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Walk will introduce a new art exhibit by North Union High School students. Bring the kids and take a walk through the gallery and explore your creative side with a variety of make and take projects. **FREE!**

Bird houses available April 10

A limited number of Wood Duck nesting boxes, Bluebird and Wren houses will be available at no cost at the shelter house at the Martin County Conservation Club park on the south end of North Silver Lake, from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 10th.

These houses were made by club members

utilizing donated used building materials. Donations are appreciated to cover expenses. Also, special redwood and cedar Wren houses are for sale.

The club property is about seven miles south of Fairmont on State Highway 15, turning west on County Highway 8 for 1¼ mile, just past Hands Park.

### COVID-19 vaccine is now available at all Hy-Vee Pharmacies

Hy-Vee, Inc. announced that COVID-19 vaccine is now available at all of the company's more than 270 Hy-Vee Pharmacy locations across its eight-state region.

Free COVID-19 vaccinations are available at all Hy-Vee pharmacies by appointment only. Patients should visit [www.hy-vee.com/covidvaccine](http://www.hy-vee.com/covidvaccine) to register for an appointment once they are eligible according to their state's guidance. Using the

online scheduler, patients can also schedule their second dose appointment (if applicable) when they schedule their first dose appointment, with no account necessary.

Hy-Vee also offers free COVID-19 lab testing (molecular PCR), rapid antigen COVID-19 testing and rapid antibody testing to test for past COVID-19 infection. To schedule a testing appointment, patients can visit [www.hy-vee.com/covidtesting](http://www.hy-vee.com/covidtesting).

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GRADE 6 HIGH HONORS

Regina Oberbeck, Clare Striemer

"B" Honor Roll

Makenna Fischer, Norah Heille, Leo Juarez, Collin Kain

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Are you or someone you know planning to further their education in the Arts? Red Rock Center is for the Arts is pleased to offer two \$500 post secondary arts scholarships. The purpose of these scholarships is to promote the arts and the development of future artists within our community through education.

Visit our website at [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) for complete details. Applications also available at all high schools in Martin County. Deadline to apply is April 30.

Regional Worship Center in Sherburn will once again be holding their **Community Monday Morning Breakfast**. Breakfast runs from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. every Monday morning. All are welcome to come and enjoy a good hearty breakfast. There is a variety of food that you can choose from. Come on out and have some breakfast and good conversation. A free will donation is accepted. The church is located across the street from the Kum and Go gas station in Sherburn.

"Let's Talk About Peace" seminar

This two hour seminar will examine the value of "Active Nonviolence" as lived and written about by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma Gandhi and Leo Tolstoy. Instructor: Peter Engstrom. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, April 13, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

FES, CER Classroom 158, (please enter through door # 15A), 715 Victoria Street, Fairmont.

Pre-registration is encouraged: CER telephone: 507-235-3141.

For questions about the class, call 507 848-4414.

Nominate a High School Senior for Gas for Grads

The Fairmont Women of Today organization is partnering with Poppe's Cenex Store & Car Wash to offer Gas for Grads, a new award for high school seniors graduating from any Martin County High School.

The Gas for Grads awards will recognize seniors for their dedication to community service. Any high school senior can be nominated for their service, no matter their future plans. Seniors must be

nominated by an adult; this could be a teacher, neighbor, coach, etc. The simple application is due by May 1, and the form can be found on the Fairmont Women of Today website at [www.FairmontWT.wordpress.com](http://www.FairmontWT.wordpress.com)

Five Gas for Grads winners will each receive a \$100 gift card to the Poppe's Cenex Store to help them reach their future destinations. Thank you for helping recognize some remarkable young people!

Mayo updates physiologic monitoring equipment

Mayo Clinic Health System locations in Fairmont, St. James, Mankato, New Prague, and Waseca, are investing \$8.2 million to upgrade physiological monitoring equipment.

This equipment assesses and responds to various aspects of a patient's condition and vital signs, including temperature, heart rate, respiration, activity and alertness. This upgrade will improve efficiency, reduce costs and align the equipment used at these locations with equipment used across Mayo Clinic.

Having standardized physiologic equipment allows health care providers, nurses and technicians to coordinate a patient's care while being in different places. Monitoring patients and delivering care becomes much more effective when experts from across

Mayo Clinic are using a single system with standardized equipment. All focus can then be on the patient's care — not learning or adjusting to different technology.

The new equipment will be in place by mid-April. Staff training is being provided in advance.



## Obituary Notices



### Marilyn J. Stewart, 93

A Service of Remembrance for Marilyn J. Stewart, 93, of Fairmont, Minnesota, formerly of Sherburn, Minnesota, was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at the Sherburn Assembly of God Regional Wor-

ship Center in Sherburn, Minnesota with Pastor Pete Ortega officiating.

Marilyn was called to her eternal rest on Wednesday morning, March 31, 2021 at Heartland Senior Living in Truman, Minnesota. Messages of Sympathy may be sent to the family online at [www.kramer-funeralhome.com](http://www.kramer-funeralhome.com)

Marilyn June (Bathke) Stewart was born on April 19, 1927 to William and Alma (Grunzke) Bathke in Wells, Minnesota. She attended Country School until 8th grade and was baptized in Wells, Minnesota. She would continue to live

in rural Wells until in her 20's. During that period, she attended business school in Mankato. Following school, she moved to Austin, Minnesota and worked in the front office at Hormel while also traveling southern Minnesota on Saturdays teaching Hawaiian steel guitar lessons.

She also did some traveling with girlfriends for fun and enjoyed attending Rural Youth square dances. It was through these dances that Marilyn met her future husband, Victor Stewart. The two were united in marriage on January 25th, 1958 in Wells, Minnesota. They lived in Sherburn after they were married for a brief time while farming,

before purchasing their first home in Spencer, Iowa in 1959.

In 1960, they were blessed with their first child, Steven. In Spring of 1961, the couple moved back home to Sherburn, Minnesota. In December 1963, Victor and Marilyn became parents to their second child, Susan. Marilyn spent the majority of her lifetime as a housewife, and 45 years self-employed working alongside her husband with Conklin Co., until the passing of Victor on July 30, 2015. Marilyn moved into Goldfinch Estates Senior Living in Fairmont, MN in 2017. There she enjoyed many various activities and made many new friends.

Marilyn was a proud grandmother to five

grandchildren and proud great grandmother to three great grandchildren. Marilyn cherished spending time with family and her grandkids. In her free time, Marilyn often enjoyed reading her Bible and the local papers. Anyone who knows Marilyn knows she was passionate about her Christian faith. She would frequently listen to gospel music, especially old hymns - and when it came to country music, Charley Pride was her favorite.

Survivors include Marilyn's son, Steven Stewart and girlfriend Donna Fiferlick of Marion, Iowa; his children include Kile Stewart of Tucson, AZ; daughter Gentry (Stewart) and her husband, Nick Winter of

Waucoma, IA; their kids Emery, Stella, and Rory; son, Tyler Stewart of WA.; Marilyn's daughter, Susan (Stewart) Farmer and her husband, Mark Farmer of Gilbert, AZ. Their children include: son, Lucas Farmer and fiancé, Gina Borgognone of Gilbert, AZ and daughter, Lindsey Farmer of Nashville, TN. Marilyn's sisters; Carollee Blank of Kasota, MN, Jeanette Schull (Armin) of Mankato, MN, Connie Tesch (Al) of Mesa, AZ, Russell Bathke (Rita) of Wells, MN.

Marilyn is preceded in death by her parents, William and Alma Bathke, infant brother Harold, husband, Victor, and brother-in-law Lowell Blank.



### Robert D. Olson, 92

Memorial Services for Robert D. Olson, 92, of Fairmont, MN, will be 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at the Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel in Fairmont with

military honors provided by the Lee C. Prentice American Legion Post 36 and Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222.

Those wishing to view a live stream of the service may do so at the following link <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/90618821>. Visitation will be 11:00 am until the time of the service on Thursday.

Robert passed away Thursday, April 1, 2021, at his home in Fairmont. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is

assisting the family with arrangements.

Robert Donald Olson was born on May 19, 1928, in Fairmont, MN. He was the son of Harry and Ida (Mundahl) Olson. Bob attended Fairmont public schools and graduated from Fairmont High School in 1947.

Bob enlisted in the Army on June 16, 1947. He served in Tokyo and was awarded the Army of Occupation Medal for Japan before earning his honorable discharge on October 16, 1948.

Bob was united in

marriage to Donna Allen in November of 1950. This union was blessed with seven children, Allen, Lori, Vicki, Gary, Roger, Mary, and Nancy. The couple resided in Fairmont and later divorced.

On December 18, 1982, Bob was united in marriage to Gladys Holland in Fairmont. Bob and Gladys resided in Fairmont and shared nineteen years together before Gladys passed away in 2001.

Bob began his career with the Fairmont Public Utilities in 1955 where he

worked until his retirement in 1989. He was a life member of the Martin County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1222 in Fairmont. Bob loved to spend time with his family and friends telling stories and jokes as well as golfing and dancing.

Left to cherish his memory include his children, Allen Olson of Fairmont, MN, Lori Schweiger of Fairmont, MN, Vicki Deubler of Kenesaw, GA, Gary Olson of San Francisco, CA, Mary Olson of Mankato, MN, and Nancy (Ross) Campbell of Fairmont,

MN; stepchildren, Dawn (Mark) Peterson, Darcy (John) Dillon, and Rocky Wolters; many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews; and special friend, Darlene.

Along with his parents, Harry and Ida Olson, Bob was preceded in death by his son, Roger Olson; grandchildren, Jodi and Matthew; wife, Gladys Olson; son-in-law, Keith; brother, Marlin Olson; and sisters, Donna, Dorothy, and Betty.

[www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net](http://www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net)

### Dorris I. Stromberg, 100

Funeral Services for Dorris I. Stromberg, 100, of Minnetonka, MN, formerly of Fairmont, MN will be at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 9, 2021 at Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont. Burial will be held at Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Friday, April 9, 2021 at Lakeview Funeral Home.

The family asks that people are mindful of social distancing guidelines, wearing masks and best practices in helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Dorris passed away on Sunday morning, April 4, 2021 at Good Samaritan Society in Estherville, IA. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Dorris I. Stromberg

was born on April 13, 1920 to John and Gertrude Horkey in Ortonville, MN. She was united in marriage to Leonard Stromberg on November 11, 1943 at the United Methodist Church in Ortonville, MN. Dorris worked at Railway Motors before moving to the

farm after her marriage to Leonard. She then began working at the Fairmont Community Hospital in the medical records department for several years. After retirement, Dorris continued consulting work at many small skilled nursing facilities in the

area. Dorris and Leonard eventually moved off the farm and moved to Fairmont. Recently, she lived in Minnetonka, MN until moving to Estherville, IA. A summary of her life was raising three children, gardening, especially flowers, baking and traveling.

Dorris is survived by children, Sandra, Larry, (Linda), and Susan (Patrick), grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Stromberg.

[www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net](http://www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net)

## DEATH notices

March 31 - Marilyn J. Stewart, 93. Kramer Funeral Home

April 1 - Robert D. Olson, 92, Fairmont. Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

April 4 - Dorris I. Stromberg, 100., formerly of Fairmont, Lakeview Funeral Home

April 4 - Norma J. Groshens, 93, Sherburn. Kramer Funeral Home

**IN MEMORIAM - ONE YEAR AGO**

March 20 - Bruce J. Nawrocki, 62, Portland, OR (formerly of Fairmont)

March 25 - LeRoy C. Franck, 85, Dunnell

April 2 - Arloine S. A. Morris, 89, Ceylon

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## 25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

**April 3, 1996**

The 1996 Martin County Dairy Association had two candidates who will be crowned Dairy Princess; Lori Jensen and Kristina Hartwig.

Keith and Sue Hilgen-dorf of Waverly Township were named Martin County's Farm Family of the Year. They were nomi-

nated by the local county Extension staff and agricultural leaders.

Jerry Kerns of Dundee, Oregon was featured in an Oregon Statesman Journal newspaper article, for raising kiwi fruit on his half-acre plantation. Kerns was the son of Katie Kerns of Fairmont and the late Lynn Kerns. Jerry's wife Mary, also a Fairmont native, was the daughter of the late Woody and Kathleen Wacholz. Jerry

had invented a special kiwi peeling machine.

The GHEC cheerleaders were to hold their annual style show and luncheon.

"Lest We Forget," a musical dramatization for the Easter season was to be held at Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Fairmont.

## 50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

**April 3, 1971**

The long-awaited completion of Fairmont's Friendship Village, a low rent housing complex, began with occupancy of 44 units of the proposed 125. Full occupancy was

expected to be completed by the target date September 1.

Five contestants from the area were pictured in the Photo Press, each representing a farmer's daughter, a requirement to be eligible to be chosen as Martin County's Dairy Princess. They were

Beverly Thiesse, Fairmont; Marilyn Kittleson, Sherburn; Debra Malo, Fairmont; Roxane Kabe, Fairmont; and Darlene Bremer, Ceylon.

Fairmont Natural Gas ran a large ad reminding everyone that ice on Fairmont lakes was still unsafe.



## Ask A Trooper: Must a vehicle's horn work?

by Sgt. Troy Christianson,  
MN State Patrol

by Sgt. Troy

**Christianson of the Minnesota State Patrol**

**Question:** I noticed that the horn on my vehicle does not work. Is there a law that says a vehicle must have a working horn and when it can be used?

**Answer:** According to state law, your vehicle must have a horn that's "in good working order and capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 200 feet. The horn or other warning device must not emit an unreasonably loud or harsh sound or a whistle." I believe the definition of whistle is quite clear, and use common sense to determine if a horn is unreasonably loud or harsh. If it's too loud or harsh, it could violate a local noise ordinance.

Minnesota law says it's legal to honk a horn when it's "reasonably necessary to insure safe operation" on the road. For example, that'd include warning other vehicles, pedestrians or animals as needed to avoid a crash.

If it's not a safety situation, it's illegal to honk the horn on the road. Excessive or illegal use of the horn could result in a road rage scenario, so only use it when needed for safety.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

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## Will investors change behavior after the pandemic?

The COVID-19 pandemic may end up changing our lives in some significant ways. To cite one example, it's likely we'll see a lot more people continue to work remotely, now that they've seen the effectiveness of tools such as videoconferencing. Education, too, may be forever changed in some ways. Perhaps just as important, though, is how many people may now think more about the future — including how they invest.

If you work with a financial professional, you may have connected with this individual over the past several months through a videoconferencing platform, rather than in person. Some people like this arrangement because it offers more scheduling flexibility and eliminates the time and effort of traveling to and from an appointment. Others, however, still prefer face-to-face contact and look forward to when such arrangements will again

be practical and safe for everyone involved. But if you're in the first group — that is, you prefer videoconferencing — you may now wish to use this communication method in the future, at least some of the time.

But beyond the physical aspects of your investing experience, you may now be looking at some changes in your investment strategy brought on, or at least suggested, by your reactions to the pandemic.

For example, many people — especially, but not exclusively, those whose employment was affected by the pandemic — found that they were coming up short in the area of liquidity. They didn't have enough easily accessible savings to provide them with the cash they needed to meet their expenses until their employment situations stabilized. Consequently, some individuals were forced to dip into their long-term investments, such as their 401(k)s and IRAs. Generally speaking, this

type of move is not ideal — these accounts are designed for retirement, so, the more you tap into them early, the less you'll have available when you do retire. Furthermore, your withdrawals will likely be taxable, and, depending on your age, may also be subject to penalties.

If you were affected by this liquidity crunch, you can take steps now to avoid its recurrence. Your best move may be to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the funds held in a separate, highly accessible account of cash or cash equivalents. Of course, given your regular expenses, it may take some time to build such an amount, but if you can commit yourself to putting away a certain amount of money each month, you will make progress. Even having a few hundred dollars in an emergency fund can help create more financial stability.

Apart from this new

appreciation for short-term liquidity, though, the foundation for your overall financial future should remain essentially the same. In addition to building your emergency fund, you should still contribute what you can afford to your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement plans. If you have children you want to send to college, you might still explore college-funding vehicles such as a 529 plan. Higher education will still be expensive, even with an expansion in online learning programs.

Post-pandemic life may contain some differences, along with many similarities to life before. But it will always be a smart move to create a long-term financial strategy tailored to your individual needs, goals and risk tolerance.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.*

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Hot off the presses, here are this month's top titles at the Martin County Library!

On Hoopla digital, the TV drama "Golden Harvest" is a top download, along with Julia Quinn's e-book "The Viscount Who Loved Me" from the Bridgerton collection. Tarryn Fisher's thrilling audiobook "The Wrong Family" continues to be a popular pick!

On Libby by Overdrive, the top requested items this month are Kristin Hannah's epic Dust Bowl novel "The Four Winds" and also Janet Evanovich's "Fortune and Glory," a new entry in the Stephanie Plum series!

For items that are popular right off the shelves of the library, John Grisham's "A Time for Mercy" is still the top dog! Also trending is James Patterson's "NYPD Red 6."

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Ag Update: USDA REPORTS PROVIDE AN OPTOMISTIC MARKET OUTLOOK

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The USDA “Prospective Plantings Report” that was released on March 31 indicated that the intended U.S. corn and soybean acreage for 2021 was well below as well as the planted acreage projected by most grain marketing analysts. The USDA prospective planting acreage is based on survey data collected from producers in early March. The USDA “Quarterly Grain Stocks Report” was also released on March 31, which lists the estimated grain inventory as of March 1, 2021. The very surprising USDA estimates for intended 2021 U.S. corn and soybean acreage, together with very tight grain stocks, resulted in both corn and soybean futures prices on the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) being up the limit after the report was released on March 31.

Typically, these late March USDA Reports are very critical to farm operators and grain traders because the

reports tend to have a high impact on grain market prices in the Spring and early Summer months. During these months, many farm operators try to sell remaining grain inventories from the previous growing season, as well as look for opportunities to forward price a portion of the anticipated crop for the current year. In a majority of years, corn and soybean prices usually reach their peak-price from April until June, which is why the late March USDA Reports are so important.

**Following are some highlights from the March 31st USDA Reports:**

**Corn ---** The planting intentions report indicated an estimated 91.1 million acres of corn to be planted in 2021, which is an increase of only 325,000 acres, or less than 1 percent from the 90.8 million acres in 2020. The 2021 U.S. corn acreage would be the highest since the

2016 corn acreage of 94 million acres. The highest corn acreage ever recorded in the March USDA survey was 97.2 million acres in both 2012 and 2013. Total corn acreage was reduced in both 2019 and 2020 by significant amount of prevent-plant acres in certain areas of the Corn Belt. The USDA corn acreage estimate was about 2 million acres below the average grain trade estimate of near 93.1 million acres. The 2021 corn acreage is expected to decrease in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and Nebraska, increase in North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin, and stay the same in Minnesota, as compared to 2020 corn acreage.

The total U.S. corn stocks on March 1, 2021, were listed at over 7.7 billion bushels, which compares to the 7.95 billion bushels on March 1, 2020. The March 1st USDA stocks estimate was at the lowest level in six years and was very close to grain

trade estimates.

**Soybeans ---** Based on the projections in the March 31st USDA Planting Intentions Report, U.S. soybean acres are likely to increase significantly in 2021, as compared to the 2020 soybean acreage. The USDA report indicated that producers are expected to plant 87.6 million acres of soybeans in 2021, which is up over 5 percent from 83.1 million acres in 2020 and would be the third largest U.S. soybean acreage ever recorded. The record U.S. soybean acreage was 90.1million acres in 2017, which is very close to the average grain trade estimates of 90 million acres for 2021. The 2021 soybean acreage is expected to increase significantly from the previous year in North and South Dakota, with more moderate increases in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Wisconsin.

Soybean stocks on March 1, 2021, were listed at just over 1.56 billion bushels, which is a decline of nearly 31 percent from 2.25 billion bushels on March 1, 2020. The total U.S. soybean usage from December, 2020 through February, 2021 was 1.38 billion bushels, which up 39 percent

from a year ago. The March 1 soybean stocks estimate came in very near the average stocks estimate by grain traders, which continues to strengthen prospects for future soybean market prices.

**Wheat ---** The intended total U.S. wheat plantings for 2021 is 46.4 million acres, which is up 5 percent from the 2020 wheat acreage of 44.3 million acres. The 2020 U.S. wheat acreage was among the lowest in the past 100 years. Total wheat acreage exceeded 50 million acres as recently as 2016. Spring wheatacreage is expected to decline in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and Montana.

Total wheat stocks on March 1, 2021, were listed at 1.31 billion bushels, which is down 7 percent from 1.41 billion bushels on March 1, 2020. The 2021 wheat stocks estimate was slightly above the average grain trade estimates.

The March USDA Grain Stocks Report indicated that as of March 1, 2021, there were just over 4 billion bushels of corn and 594 million bushels of soybeans stored on farms in the U.S., which represents about 52 percent of the

total U.S. corn stocks and 38 percent of the total soybean stocks. The 2021 on-farm corn stocks are down 9.4 percent from a year ago and the March 1 soybean stocks are 30.6 percent below 2020 levels. USDA does not survey the percentage of the bushels in on-farm storage that are forward priced for future delivery, as compared to bushels that are not priced. However, many private analysts feel that a much higher percentage of the corn and soybean bushels still in storage on March 1st may be forward priced in 2021 as compared to other recent years, due to the current strength in the cash corn and soybean markets.

On March 31, the day that the USDA Reports were released, December corn futures on the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) increased by 25 cents per bushel from the market open, closing at \$4.77 per bushel. Both the CBOT December corn futures price and local forward contract prices in Southern Minnesota are now near the highest levels thus far in 2021. Following the USDA Reports on March 31, nearly all

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# Drive into Spring



## 4 Tips to Feel Confident in Your Next Car Purchase

After a house, a car is likely the second-largest purchase most Americans will ever make. While it's often easy to feel confident in smaller, everyday buys - like a new pair of shoes or takeout from your favorite restaurant - bigger purchases, like a car, can leave you second-guessing. Did you make the right choice? Was there something better out

there? Here are the top tips to help you feel fully confident when buying your next ride.

### Tip 1: Do your homework

It's important to find a vehicle that complements your lifestyle - and fits your budget. Whether you're looking for a compact car to navigate narrow city streets, a convertible for open-air

road trips, or an SUV big enough to fit the whole family (and car seats too!), think about what you want in your next ride. Make a list of must-haves, and don't forget to note the ways your old car came up short - was your cloth interior too much of a magnet for pet hair? Next, get pre-approved for financing to get a sense of what you can spend (pro tip:

try out a payment calculator). This will help you feel prepared as you start the search process.

### Tip 2: Visit a store or shop around online

Once you've conducted your initial research and set a budget, it's time to find your dream car. Whether you prefer to visit a physical store or shop online, take time to browse your options. You may filter by price, vehicle type, make/model, color, and features (this is where your list of must-haves will come in handy!). Narrow down your top choices - decisions, decisions!

### Tip 3: Take it for a 24-hour test drive

Think you've found "the one"? Before you sign on the dotted line, take a 24-Hour Test Drive. CarMax, the nation's largest retailer of used cars, offers customers the Love Your Car Guarantee. This signature experience allows you to take a 24-Hour Test Drive before committing to purchase - providing increased peace of mind and buyer confidence as you experience a day in the life with a new ride. Take it for a spin around the neighborhood, swing by your local drive-through, pick up the kids from



practice, and see how groceries fit in the trunk.

### Tip 4: Feel even more confident with 30-day money-back returns

Give yourself an added dose of assurance by shopping with a retailer that offers an extended money-back guarantee. As part of CarMax's Love Your Car Guarantee offering, customers have 30 days to decide

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## When should you replace rotors and brake pads?



The ability to accelerate and steer freely is vital to vehicle performance. Equally crucial is being able to stop the car to avoid collisions and obstacles. Brake pads and rotors are vital components of braking mechanisms that need to be maintained and serviced.

Drivers may wonder how frequently they have to replace brake parts. Car and Driver magazine states brake pads are among the most crucial braking components. Brake pads create the friction that helps stop a car when they are pressed against the brake rotor, also known as the brake disc. It's in drivers' best interests to ensure that brake pads, as well as rotors, always function properly and are replaced before their effectiveness is compromised.

Replacing brake pads

Brake pads are made from different materials, but all will wear down over time, losing a portion of material every time the brakes are used. Eventually brake pads will not be able to generate enough friction to stop

the vehicle quickly. Industry experts generally recommend brakes be replaced every 20,000 to 60,000 miles. Since that is a wide mileage range, drivers can listen for squealing noises or grinding sounds or feel for vibrations when deploying the brakes. Each of those signs may indicate brakes need to be replaced.

Replacing rotors

Like brake pads, rotors also will wear out over time. Brake rotors must meet a certain thickness to be considered safe. If they are below that thickness, then they must be fully replaced. Some drivers opt to have their rotors resurfaced. This means removing any grooves, hotspots or anomalies on the rotors that can cause uneven wear of the brake pads. However, if the rotors are too thin, they cannot be resurfaced, as this removes some additional rotor material. Rotors can only be resurfaced once before replacement. Some vehicles have rotors that cannot be resurfaced at all.

Rotors can go thousands of miles before they need to be

replaced, but vibrations while braking and squeaking noises are usually indicative that rotors need to be checked and/or replaced. Even though brake pads and rotors may wear out at different intervals, many automotive professionals advise replacing rotors when brake pads are changed for optimal performance and safety.

Brakes are an essential safety component. Work with a qualified mechanic to have brake pads and rotors serviced before wear and tear adversely affects driver safety and vehicle performance.

## Vehicle maintenance tasks drivers don't want to overlook

Savvy drivers recognize that maintenance is essential to keeping their vehicles running strong for years on end. Such maintenance ensures vehicles are safe to take out on the road, and basic upkeep also protects drivers' financial investments in their cars and trucks.

Drivers who are not mechanically inclined tend to put their vehicles in the hands of a trusted mechanic to perform routine maintenance like oil changes. But there's a host of simpler vehicle maintenance tasks that drivers don't want to overlook, some of which can be performed without visiting the auto body shop.

•**Brake inspections:** Brake inspections are best left to the professionals, who can check the thickness of brake pads and look for other indicators of excessive wear. The automotive resource Cars.com recommends having brakes inspected during routine tire rotations, which many automotive professionals suggest should be done every six months.

•**Car wash:** Car washes might not be the first task drivers associate with vehicle maintenance, but they can prevent long-term damage to cars and trucks. Damage from bird droppings and road salt and ice melt products in the winter can damage a vehicle's paint job and its undercarriage. Wash the car on

your own at home or visit a professional car wash to perform this simple yet vital maintenance at regular intervals and whenever you notice significant buildup of dirt and grime on the car's exterior.

•**Air filter:** The air filter on a car or truck prevents debris, dirt and other contaminants from getting into the engine. The auto insurance experts at Allstate® advise drivers to inspect their vehicle air filters once a year. Air filters in need of replacement may appear dirty, and reduced fuel economy, unusual engine sounds and reduced horsepower are some other potential indicators that an air filter needs to be replaced.

•**Windshield wipers:** Windshield wiper blades are easily overlooked, but various automotive experts recommend replacing wiper blades every six to 12 months. Old wiper blades won't perform at peak capacity, dramatically reducing visibility during heavy rain and snowstorms. Anyone can replace their own windshield wiper blades in a matter of minutes, and new blades won't break the bank.

Vehicle maintenance is not exclusive to tending to what's under the hood. Keeping a car running smoothly for years involves routine tasks that many drivers can perform without professional assistance.



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# The importance of enrolling teens in driving school

As teenagers eagerly await the arrival of the birthday that makes them eligible to get their drivers' licenses, they may be anticipating the freedom that being able to drive alone provides. But that excitement can overshadow the immense responsibility of operating a motor vehicle.

According to Geico, 25 percent of 16-year-old drivers are involved in a car accident during their first year of driving. Expertise behind the wheel comes with practice, and starting teen driving journeys with a good foundation of information and instruction is key. Enrolling in a driver's education program can be a wise investment, and one that

reduces the number of collisions on the road.

The following are some ways driving school can benefit young drivers.

- **Pass your test the first time:** Though requirements are different depending on where drivers live, they typically must pass both a written and a road test to earn their licenses. Driver's education courses go over the rules of the road and the laws governing safe driving. A road instructor will go over driving basics and help you put them into practice while behind the wheel.

- **Access to an expert:** While Mom, Dad or another trusted adult may have the best intentions when teaching teens

how to drive, they may be rusty with some of the rules. Furthermore, they may have adopted habits or shortcuts that, while they work for them, may not be the proper way to instruct new drivers. A driving school helps teens learn how to drive well and safely.

- **Specially equipped vehicles:** The vehicles that driving schools have in their fleets have been modified to be especially safe. Most feature a rearview mirror and an additional brake pedal on the passenger side. This enables the driving instructor to have a clear view and also to act, if necessary, to avoid a collision while the student is still learning.

- **Meet requirements:** Most states in the United



States require driver training courses in some shape or form before a teen is able to get his or her license. In New Jersey, for example, obtaining a license is a multi-stage process. At age 16, teens may apply for a learner's permit with proof of enrollment in a behind-the-wheel driver training course and

a passing grade on the written test. At age 17, the student must then pass the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission road test. A probationary license will then be issued. If rules are followed during the probationary one-year period, a basic license is issued at age 18.

Driving schools also

may facilitate contact between teen drivers and a local motor vehicle department, such as setting up road and written test appointments and enabling teens to use their vehicles for the road test. Such factors only underscore the ways families can benefit from enrolling young drivers in driving school.

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## The top distractions behind the wheel

Did you know that a vehicle driven at 55 miles per hour or faster can traverse the length of an entire football field in a matter of seconds?

Driving requires not only knowledge of the rules of the road and skill behind the wheel, but also concentration on the task at hand. Data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration indicates distracted driving has been a significant fac-

tor in fatal car crashes. NHTSA says as many as one in 10 deaths are now attributed to driver distraction.

Distractions can come in many forms but fall into one of three categories: manual, visual and cognitive. Any distraction has the potential for serious consequences, including deadly accidents. Here's a look at some of the common distractions and how to avoid them.

- **Mobile phone use:** Texting while driving is one of the most dangerous forms of distracted driving. Texting combines cognitive, manual and visual distractions. Turn off phones while behind the wheel to help reduce the temptation to grab the phone.

- **Daydreaming:** Being lost in one's thoughts can be a big distraction. Driving with something

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heavy on one's mind can cause a person to lose track of the road. This may occur when experiencing intense emotions, particularly anger or stress. There's also a condition called "highway hypnosis" that causes drivers to "zone out" while driving. It often occurs while driving on open highways for extended periods of time. Taking

breaks and pulling over if you notice your mind wandering can help.

• **Pets and children:** Young children or unsecured pets can be very distracting in the car. As a child calls out, begins to cry or wants his or her needs met, drivers may turn to address those needs and take their eyes off the road. Pets that are moving around the vehicle also may distract a driver. All pets and children

should be secure in the vehicle at all times.

• **Adjusting the GPS:** Recalibrating the GPS or entering an address while driving can be a distraction. It's best not to touch the GPS unless the car is in park and at a complete stop.

• **Eating or drinking:** Taking hands off the wheel to enjoy that drive-thru meal can be a mistake. Looking down at food and removing hands from the

wheel reduces one's ability to steer and react immediately to sudden traffic hazards.

If drivers become knowledgeable of the significant hazards of distracted driving, they can make changes to improve overall safety. Completing certain tasks before leaving home or while the vehicle is parked can reduce the need to multi-task while driving.

## How motorcycle riders can stay safe

Warm weather and road trips often go hand-in-hand, and spring and summer are prime seasons for motorcycle riders to get out on the highway.

Motorcycle riders are at an extreme disadvantage when sharing the road with cars and trucks. In the event of a collision, motorcycle riders can be seriously injured and are far less protected than those in a car or truck. The latest data indicates motorcyclists are about 28 times as likely as passenger car occupants to die in a motor vehicle crash, states the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Motorcycle riders face greater hazards from debris on the road or other road conditions. Despite all this, the NHTSA says the number of motorcyclists killed in crashes dropped to 4,985 in 2018, marking an almost 5 percent decrease from their most recent study on motorcycling fatalities. Continuing to be safe, and educating oneself about motorcycle safety — whether you are a rider or someone sharing the road — can continue to keep injuries and accidents low.

• **Wear protective gear.** The NHTSA says the right helmet can mean the difference between life and death. From shape to style to fit, riders can work with helmet companies and outfitters to find the right helmet for them. Long pants, eye protection, riding gloves, and a waterproof jacket also make for effective and protective gear.

• **Take a class.** Novices would be wise to enroll in classes to go over motorcycling basics and safety guidelines that can keep them alive and well on the road. Check with your local motor vehicle commission or driving schools about classes that may be available.

• **Avoid blind spots.** Motorcycles are difficult to see on the road. Try to stay out of vehicles' blind spots as much as possible and maintain safe distances between your bike and others on the road.

• **Make yourself visible.** Wear something bright or use reflective or nylon tape and mesh to make yourself more visible to fellow motorists.

• **Never ride tired or intoxicated.** Fatigue and/or alcohol reduces reaction time and could find you

making costly mistakes that put your life in danger.

• **Share the road responsibly.** Drivers of cars and trucks need to be diligent in keeping their eyes and ears open for motorcycle riders, allowing them a wide berth.

Motorcyclists will be taking to the roads in increasing numbers, and safety should be their top priority.



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# Avoid drowsy driving incidents

Driving offers a sense of freedom that is hard to replicate. Is it any wonder young drivers are so eager to get their licenses while older drivers aim to hold on to them as long as they can?

Certain hazards come with getting behind the wheel, though most are largely preventable — including drowsy driving. As more people take to the roadways this spring and summer, it is important to remember that drowsy driving is a major problem.

The National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration estimates that as many as 6,000 fatal crashes each year may be attributed to drowsy drivers. The National Sleep Foundation found about half of adult drivers in the United States admit to consistently getting behind the wheel while feeling drowsy. In addition, more than 40 percent of survey respondents say they have fallen asleep behind the wheel at least once.

The impact of drowsiness on driving is just as dangerous as driving

while intoxicated, distracted or under the influence of both legal and illegal drugs.

•Reaction times are greatly reduced and worsen the drowsier the driver becomes.

•Awareness of hazards and the ability to sustain attention are diminished.

•Driving after being awake more than 20 hours without sleep is the equivalent of driving with a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent.

•The National Safety

Council warns that fatigued drivers are three more times more likely to be in a car crash than drivers who are not fatigued.

•Insufficient sleep is tied to poor decision-making, which can lead to risk-taking behind the wheel.

Some drivers may not recognize they are driving while drowsy. Drivers with certain sleep disorders, such as obstructive sleep apnea, may not recognize that their interrupted, less restorative sleep can ad-

versely affect their safety behind the wheel. Addressing sleep disorders can help drivers be more safe. Other people may be sleep deprived from working shift hours or taking care of young children. Asking for help to catch up on sleep can alleviate drowsiness when behind the wheel.

Individuals can take additional steps to make them less susceptible to drowsy driving.

•Avoid driving between midnight and 6 a.m. or in the mid-afternoon when sleepiness

peaks, according to the Sleep Foundation.

•Ask to change medications if they cause drowsiness. Check to see if supplements list drowsiness as reactions and avoid those that do.

•Take breaks when driving long distances. Travel with a driving partner who can share the responsibility of driving.

Drowsy driving is a problem that can be prevented. But drivers must first recognize the threat that drowsy driving can pose.

# Why is tire rotation so important?

Vehicle owners need to keep maintenance on the mind to ensure their cars and trucks are operating at peak capacity. Various components should be checked and serviced at key intervals. Oil changes and fluid top-offs are part of routine maintenance, but it can be easy to forget about other important parts of the vehicle, including tires.

Rotating tires is vital to their upkeep. Bridgestone Tires advises that tire rotation involves

repositioning a vehicle's tires in specific patterns from front to back and side to side. According to Big O Tires, the front tires tend to wear on the outside edges because the tire leans over when a driver turns a corner. The rear tires just follow the front ones, so they usually wear more evenly. By leaving tires in place, the outside edges on the front tires will wear down much faster than the rest and those tires will need to be replaced

sooner. Rotation may be required by tire warranties. Rotation also keeps the tires working properly.

Experts generally advise tire rotation every 6,000 to 8,000 miles, even if they do not show any signs of wear. It is challenging to determine if weather treads are uneven or how much wear has been sustained just by looking at them. Rotating tires can prolong the life of tires and decrease how frequently they need to be replaced.

Rotating tires keeps the tread depth uniform

and helps maintain traction and consistent handling across all four tires. Bridgestone says the tire rotation pattern that is best for a particular vehicle depends on the type of tire being used. Patterns are recommended by the standardizing body of the tire industry, called The Tire and Rim Association, Inc. Individuals can consult with professional mechanics about the proper way to rotate tires. Many tire manufacturers or automotive stores that have sold customers tires also will do tire rotations —

some free of charge.

In addition to proper traction, minimizing uneven tire treads causes the vehicle to be more balanced, advises Wrench, a mobile auto repair and maintenance company. This enables the driver to have more control even when roads are slippery. Many auto service centers will then align and balance tires after they have been ro-

tated. At this time the mechanic will likely check brakes as well, since it is easy to see and reach them when the tires are off.

Tire rotation is an important component of vehicle maintenance. Check with a qualified automotive professional to see if it's time to have your vehicle's tires rotated.



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BACKHAND RETURN - Cards Noah Vetter reaches for a return shot. Vetter and brother Parker Vetter downed the Tigers doubles team of Jack Doppelhammer and Will Taylor, 6-3, 6-3 in the Cards season opener last Thursday. Courtesy fairmontsports.com

BSC All-Conference teams

The Big South Conference announces the 2021 All-Conference teams for Girl's Gymnastics, Girl's Hockey, Boy's Hockey, and Wrestling.

Martin County Red Bulls have 9 wrestlers on the all-Big South Conference wrestling team: Jesse Potts, Jaxson Rohman, Kain Sanders, Lucas Jagodzinske, Connor Simmonds, Blake Jagodzinske, Carver Rohman, Max Ol-

son, Aden Welcome.

Martin County Area has three gymnasts on the all-Big South Conference team: Sabrina Segar, Anna Bachenberg, Hailee Schuett.

Mackenzie Household was named to the all-Big South Conference girls hockey team. Eli Anderson of Fairmont is an honorable mention selection on the all-Big South Conference boys hockey team.



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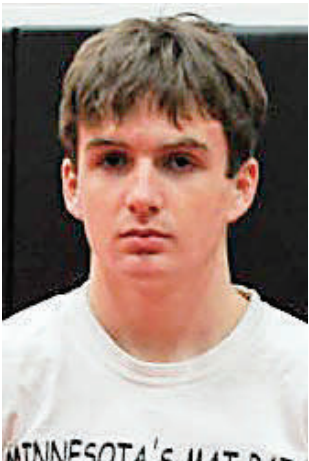
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## Guest Columnist

**Dr. Scott Burtis, M.S., D.C., Burtis Chiropractic Center**



Anyone who has worked on their wellness knows that healing takes time. You can't lose 20 pounds overnight, despite what some of those commercials tell you. You can't get your beach body back in two weeks, no matter how hard you try. There are no magic pills that will instantly make you happy, though they sure sell them as such. And there are no magic adjustments a chiropractor can give you to instantly cure a problem you have that is 20 years in the making, right?

That is right, but it doesn't stop quite a few patients from telling me that I instantly cured their twenty-year-old sci-

atica, or their ten-year-old carpal tunnel issue. And while relief from symptoms is sometimes dramatic and quick, the actual cure takes time. Yes, we do occasionally see miracles in our office — when I remember who I “really” work for. And yes, there are dramatic changes that take place when things have been bad for a long time. But when it comes to health care, true change takes time. Chemotherapy, cardiac rehab, physical therapy — no one expects these things to work overnight. And yet, we frequently will see patients drop out of care prematurely because they “feel better.”

There are two main problems that lead people to quit any kind of health improvement program, whether it is weight loss, chiropractic, or general well-being. If they achieve their goal (losing 20 pounds, stopping the migraines, or sleeping better, for example) they tend to think they can go back to the way they used to live and work. In other words, they go back to the life that got them to where they were with those pain or other symptoms in the first place. Instead of remembering that changing their choices led to changing their life, they look at their recent changes as a temporary solution to a permanent

problem.

The second reason that they quit is that they don't achieve their goals and just give up. Or they think it is taking too long or costs too much.

Think of it this way: if you decide to work out and change your diet, you're probably going to lose the weight you want to lose. But the changes you made should be your new normal, not a temporary fix. Do you only put gas in your car when it runs out on the highway? Do you only take insulin for diabetes after you go into a coma? Do you only go to the dentist when your teeth are so bad that you can no longer chew? Unfortunately, this is the approach many people take to their health in general. It is the reason most Americans are overweight and out of shape. It is the mindset that explains why America spends more on health care than any other coun-

try in the world and yet consistently ranks among the lowest of developed countries.

If you want the best health you can get for you and your family, stop thinking in terms of instant fixes. Stop thinking short term and focus on long term goals and the bigger picture. If your chiropractor recommends long term care and you don't understand why, ask them. You may be surprised to find that the health of your nervous system affects everything, not the just the kink in your neck. When your dentist recommends yearly check-ups understand that they are thinking beyond cavities and thinking of your oral health long term.

If you take a new supplement to help a certain condition, stop thinking you'll take it until you "feel" better. A classic example is when a supplement is helping with a

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CBOT soybean futures prices increased by the limit of 75 cents per bushel, with the November futures price closing at \$12.56 per bushel, which also is near the highest price level in 2021.  
Current corn and soybean market prices are at the highest levels since 2013, which has offered farm operators some excellent grain marketing opportunities in the past few months. Given the current tight grain stocks for corn and soybeans, along with the March 31 USDA acreage estimates, there should continue to be some strength in the near-term cash corn and soybean markets in the coming weeks. New crop corn and soybean prices for the Fall of 2021 are also likely to stay fairly strong in the coming weeks. However, the Fall harvest prices are likely to be quite reactive to Spring planting progress, potential drought conditions in some portions of the Corn Belt, and future USDA supply and demand reports.  
The March 31st USDA report was based on producer surveys of planting intentions, as of March 1st; however, there is potential for these planting intentions to be adjusted slightly when final planting takes place. Some factors that could lead to an increase in final U.S. corn and soybean acreage include the current strength in the grain markets and the potential for

early planting in many areas of the Upper Midwest. However, the recent sharp increases in fertilizer costs for corn production, may encourage any increased acreage to be more prevalent for soybeans than for corn.  
Many grain analysts are questioning the 2021 corn and soybean acreage estimates in the March 31st USDA planting intentions report, feeling that actual 2021 corn and soybean acreage is likely to be much higher. At the annual USDA "Ag Outlook Forum" in February, the USDA economists estimated 92 million acres of corn and 90 million acres of soybeans would be planted in 2021, which was considerably higher than the March 31st report and would be more in line with estimates by most grain marketing analysts. The next USDA crop acreage report will not be released until June 30 and will be based on the actual planted crop acres on June 1, 2021.  
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Hamburgers are a grilling staple in many households. Burger flavors and toppings are only limited by a home cook's imagination.

For those who may need a little burger inspiration, this recipe for "Barbecue Chipotle Burgers" courtesy of the Iowa Beef Council features a beer-based homemade barbecue sauce and is best served on Texas Toast for an extra burst of flavor.

### Barbecue Chipotle Burgers

Serves 4

1 pound ground beef (93 percent lean or leaner)  
1/2 cup beer  
2 tablespoons brown sugar  
2 tablespoons ketchup  
1 tablespoon minced chipotle peppers in adobo  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
4 slices frozen Texas Toast  
2 spears pickled okra, sliced

To prepare barbecue sauce, combine beer, brown sugar, ketchup, chipotle peppers, and Worcestershire sauce in saucepan; bring to a boil. Simmer 8 to 10 minutes until sauce is thickened; set aside.

Lightly shape ground beef into four 1/2-inch thick patties. Place patties on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, covered, 8 to 10 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, covered, 7 to 9 minutes) until instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally into center registers 160 F, turning occasionally. (Cooking times are for fresh or thoroughly thawed ground beef. Ground beef should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160 F. Color is not a reliable indicator of ground beef doneness.)

Meanwhile, prepare Texas Toast according to package directions. Cut each piece of toast in half. Fresh Texas toast, buttered, may be used instead of frozen product.

For each sandwich, spread 1 tablespoon barbecue sauce over one toast half. Top with burger, another tablespoon sauce and okra slices. Close sandwich.

**Cook's Tip:** Dill pickle chips or pickled jalapeño peppers may be substituted for pickled okra.

## "Just the other day"

Guest Columnist

Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer

## Sagullas

"Evelyn's preschool is closed on Good Friday. How would you feel about spending the day in Duluth?" Let me think about that; hang around the house watching the snowmelt on the edge of the woods, or go hang out with my granddaughter for the day? I went to Duluth Thursday and spent the night.

Friday morning, we were all up early. Ev and I dropped Addison off at school, then took her mom to work. Coming down the

steep hill of Lake Avenue, we could see a ship in the Duluth Harbor. We drove behind the DECC center to watch the big boat maneuver in the port. Standing on the sidewalk by the railing made of steel posts and chains, I took notice of how clean and pretty the city was in the soft morning light. The air was fresh and chilly - the water in the harbor was smooth as glass. They are so graceful; the big vessel barely made a ripple in the water's surface.

Evelyn noticed the big playground near the Duluth Aquarium parking lot, "Can we go there, Papa?"

"Maybe after school, when we pick up your sister."

Leaving Canal Park, a homeless man was sitting on the concrete boulevard, leaning against a signpost. He had a plastic bag of his belongings by his side. With his hood pulled over his head, partially covering his face, he looked cold and hungry.

Ev and I went through a drive-up to get breakfast, then back to Canal Park. I stopped at the red traffic light and rolled down my window. "Have you had breakfast?" He didn't look up but shook his head no. I offered the bag,

"We bought an extra meal for you." He got up to his knees to take the sack. I reached toward him with the large cup, "Do you like coffee?"

"Coffee is really good; I like it a lot." He set the sack down, stood up, and took the coffee. Wrapping both hands around the warm cup, he started a brief conversation, "I've been on the streets for a long time, mostly in the south during the winter, but I'm 57 now, and I just can't do it anymore." His eyes looked empty and lonely as if he just wanted someone to listen to him.

...cold...muddy feet...  
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