



Despite doomsayers; newspapers are read

Despite all the doomsayers out there writing obituaries for the nation's newspaper industry, 150 million Americans — two out of three adults — read a local newspaper last week.

Newspaper Association of America research from 2011 by Scarborough USA indicates almost 70 percent of your neighbors read either a printed newspaper or its online counterpart within the past seven days.

How could that be?

Well, it's because newspapers still represent the most trusted source of news in America. I know that's hard to believe when you hear the "mainstream media" criticized at every turn on cable television.

But it's true.

When citizens want to get the facts, they turn to their newspaper.

This is National Newspaper Week, and this year's theme, "Newspapers — Your No. 1 Source for Local News," underscores the importance of the nation's newspapers in the daily lives of its citizens.

Newspapers certainly have their competitors out there: a hundred million websites, hundreds of thousands of bloggers, Facebook, Twitter, billboards, radio and television. And that competition is formidable.

But where does the vast majority of the "authoritative" news coverage originate that other outlets utilize? Simple ... the nation's daily and weekly newspapers.

If print is dead, then why do more than 7,000

weekly and 1,400 daily newspapers still open their doors every day and report what is happening in their communities?

Because they take seriously the importance of local news. They know those who plunk down their hard-earned cash want their newspaper to cover those events that are unique to each community.

Every day, newspapers in our communities cover the big stories and the routine as well. Editors take to heart the newspaper's role as the most comprehensive source of a community's historical record, so births, deaths, weddings, engagements, business accomplishments, crime, courts, real-estate transactions and a myriad of other day-to-day news events are covered along with important government decisions that affect our lives.

Newspapers are the No. 1 source of local news in every city and county in America, because we show up each and every day and cover those stories. It's what our readers have come to expect.

And it's what we do better than any other news source in America.

— Doug Anstaett

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Social security or stealing savings

A local stamp (only) should be cheaper! What is cost hauling mail off, for jobs there, and back? Then closing small post offices; devastating rural people!

Two would be more efficient to build a refinery there for Alaska, Canada, North Dakota oil than pipe the profits to Texas!

Name anyone in all of Social Security, whose money, has been

Letter to the Editor

Saved for... and returned too? Plus interest! If any body but congress had foisted this pyramid ponzi chain letter on the people of USA... They would be punished for fraud!!!

Abolish retirement (\$) for every elected official - if budget is not bal-

anced - dock their pay \$ame %! "Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the way, and see and ask for the old faiths; where the good way and walk the rein, and ye shall find rest for your soul..." Jer. 6:16

Frank Sowers Benkelman, Neb.

Casey's Comment

By Casey McCormick



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I don't consider myself a "spring chicken." Enough gray and thinning hairs are hard to ignore. But just because you've been around doesn't mean you can't experience something new.

For instance, I attended my first baby shower last Friday.

Our nephew and his sweet wife, Derek and Allyse Ross, are getting closer to being first time parents. An invitation to their shower came

to the house a couple weeks ago. I guess I didn't look it over very good since I figured just the ladies were going. But it was made clear that the gentlemen were expected also.

So family and friends gathered to celebrate the good fortune to come this couple's way. It was heart warming to see all the people together with such a sense of hope for the unknown baby's fu-

ture. If this kick-off party is any indication, the new born will have a lot of fans in his, or her, life.

This calls for an Irish blessing: "A new born babe brings light to the cottage, warmth to the heart and joy to the soul."

Rec 4 U

By Penny Gienger



St. Francis Rec Director

With the fall chill in the air comes a few more activities sponsored by St. Francis Recreation Commission. Men, are you interested in Flag Football?

A group of men are wanting to get a weekly game going before the cold weather sets in. Tentative plans are to start next Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Greene Field. Dustin Dunn is the contact person - so call him to voice your interest at 332-3067.

If enough people respond by the 11th he will set a schedule. A player's fee will be collected and waivers will need to be signed before play begins.

This Sunday Kim Zwegardt will be conducting Fused Glass 101. The class is full, but if you are still interested let me know and we may be able to schedule another session.

Kim creates beautiful jewelry and glassware. Three small projects will be completed while she

instructs students on basic glass skills.

Also, starting soon is Basic Blacksmithing under the instruction of Tony Howard. This is the second year he has offered classes and those attending have enjoyed time spent learning the skill. Tony has his own forge set up in his backyard and gives lessons there. Call me to get your name on the class list.

Another successful season of Youth Flag Football has just finished. Eight teams met the last four Saturdays. Thank you to all the coaches for giving your time.

They were Noel Rath, Chris Leibbrandt, Kody Krien, Drew Kaup, Cody Todd, Robin Peters-

en, Matt Smull, Marlin Queen, Shawn Blanka, and Tye Faulkender. High School referees were Mike Leibbrandt, Lane Hoffman, Gavin Cooper, Steven Nelson, and Dillion Straub. Job well done.

Another ongoing class is the grade school age Girl's Gymnastics under the instruction of Conny Paulsen. Class began in late August and will continue throughout the school year.

We'd love to see everyone get involved. Call Penny today at 332-3949 to join in the fun.



GOD SAYS
Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
Matthew 11:28

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As I write today, I am listening to a great old recording of Autumn Leaves by Nat King Cole, a song guaranteed to put you in the proper frame of mind for the season.

For those of you who have spent a lot of time tending to the needs of a productive garden the past six or seven months are probably pretty happy with the influx of cooler days and chilly nights. As the harvest winds down, it gives us a chance to put the past season in perspective, and perhaps make a few notes of "do's and don'ts" as we suggested a couple of weeks ago.

If there has not been a killing frost in the area of your garden, there are probably still a few goodies out there. We would do well to utilize the remaining late season crops because some of the vegetables that are the last to mature can sometimes provide some of the tastiest treats of the entire season.

How many different kinds of relish can you think of that can be made from the vegetables that still be might be growing in your garden? Go ahead and name a few that you have prepared yourself, or read about, or remember from the old days when the family learned to use just about every growing thing

remaining in the garden before the cold weather shut things down. I remember many of them, nearly all of which required a bottle of vinegar and a sack of sugar.

As I think back to those days, the one relish that immediately comes to mind is one called picklelilly, or was it piccalilli, or perhaps it was called just plain green tomato relish. I suspect there were many names given to the concoction that could be made only from green tomatoes as a base, and then zapped with green and red bell pepper, maybe some finely shredded cabbage, and a good dose of chopped onion. Piccalilli would never have happened if there had not been a backyard garden. It was a mixture of late maturing garden plantings and not from stuff obtained at the grocery store. Ever try to buy green tomatoes at Safeway? If you didn't have a garden,

you didn't understand about the multitude of flavors contained in a spoonful of piccalilli, or some other assigned name of green tomato relish.

Sadly, most of us gardeners just don't take the time to create those wonderful relishes we grew up with, me included. I still make a few jars of Red Relish each year because of a surplus of beets, and I always try to do a batch of Corn Relish earlier in the season. I have dozens of green relish recipes lying around that I'll probably never get around to making.

How about some Rummage Relish, or Artichoke Relish? Maybe some Dixie Relish or Cucumber-Relish would add some fresh taste to a winter meal. Relishes of any kind are just plain good food. The ingredients are probably awaiting your magic touch right out there in the garden.

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