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A Matter of Perspective

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One little book with a whole lot to teach
Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are. ~ Mason Cooley

Many of us have been familiar with having to stay where we are over the course of the last several months. I was talking to some people I was interviewing today and it occurred to me that I had hardly been out of my house since March 15. This was only the second in person interview I had done. I have written most of my stories through research online, phone calls and e-mails.

One thing I have done a lot of is reading. I have read articles and posts and books and newspapers and magazines. I have read things for research. I have read things for pleasure. I have "read" Audible books, I have read Kindle books. Basically, I have done a lot of reading!

A little book with a lot of power
One of the most favorite books I have read over the past few weeks is a very condensed version of *How to Win Friends and Influence People* by Dale Carnegie.

There is a lot of power packed into this book that measures a mere 3 1/4 inches tall by 2 3/4 inches wide.

Like I said, though, it has a wealth of wisdom within its 134 tiny pages. There are an average of 50 words per page.

Nine Principles that can shape your leadership skills
I wanted to share the Nine Principles that make up the book. Here they are:

- Principle One: Begin with praise and honest appreciation.
- Principle Two: Call attention to people's mistakes indirectly.
- Principle Three: Talk about your own mistakes before criticizing the other person.
- Principle Four: Ask questions instead of giving direct orders.
- Principle Five: Let the other person save face.
- Principle Six: Praise the slightest improvement and praise every improvement. Be hearty in your approbation and lavish in your praise.
- Principle Seven: Give the other person a fine reputation to live up to.
- Principle Eight: Use encouragement. Make the fault seem easy to correct.
- Principle Nine: Make the other person happy about doing the thing you suggest.

The Central Theme
As you can see, the theme of the book is building the other person up, praising them and making them have ownership of projects and their decisions.

Being a leader is a tremendous responsibility and not everyone should or will become one.

Think about it—the title of the book is "How to Win Friends and Influence People." These principles are perfect for winning friends. They are perfect for influencing people!

They are great ways to interact with other people whether you are a leader or a friend!

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The U.S. Attorney's Office claimed Sue's bones had been seized from federal land and were therefore government property. It was eventually found that Williams, a part-Native American and member of the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe, had traded his land to the tribe two decades earlier to avoid paying property taxes, and thus his sale of excavation rights to Black Hills had been invalid. In October 1997, Chicago's Field Museum purchased Sue at public auction at Sotheby's in New York City for \$8.36 million, financed in part by the McDonald's and Disney corporations.

Sue's skeleton went on display at the Field Museum in May 2000. The tremendous T.rex skeleton—13 feet high at the hips and 42 feet long from head to toe, with a 2,000-pound skull and 58 teeth—is displayed in a special exhibition space.

Sue's extraordinarily well-preserved bones have allowed scientists to determine many things about the life of T.rex. They have determined that the carnivorous dinosaur had an incredible sense of smell, as the olfactory bulbs were each bigger than the cerebrum, the thinking part of the brain. In addition, Sue was the first T.rex skeleton to be discovered with a wishbone, a crucial discovery that provided support for scientists' theory that birds are a type of living dinosaur.

On this day in 1990, fossil hunter Susan Hendrickson discovers three huge bones jutting out of a cliff near Faith, South Dakota. They turn out to be part of the largest-ever Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton ever discovered, a 65 million-year-old specimen dubbed Sue, after its discoverer.

Amazingly, Sue's skeleton was over 90 percent complete, and the bones were extremely well-preserved. Hendrickson's employer, the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research, paid \$5,000 to the land owner, Maurice Williams, for the right to excavate the dinosaur skeleton, which was cleaned and transported to the company headquarters in Hill City. The institute's president, Peter Larson, announced plans to build a non-profit museum to display Sue along with other fossils of the Cretaceous period. In 1992, a long legal battle began over Sue.

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Mac versus Windows. It's a debate that has been ongoing for many years...which one is better?

In college, most of us had Windows computers. At that time they were requesting an IBM that was a few thousand dollars to run all the software we would need for our photography classes. I remember I had a blue Toshiba as it was a hair bit cheaper. I can't say I had many issues with it. There was one time I had to hand the laptop over to the college's IT guy to fix something. When I arrived to my graphic design class I had to use one of the Mac desktops. As far as I can remember, that was my first encounter with a Mac computer. It took some getting used to, but once I had it figured out, it was so much simpler to use than my Windows.

Between college and starting my job at the newspaper office, I had always had a Windows desktop computer because they were much cheaper than a Mac. When I started at the paper, everything at the office was Mac. After becoming reacquainted, I was happy to use the Mac computer again. It was maybe a year later that I received a Mac laptop. It made life so much easier being able to be more portable and having the ability to take notes and get my work done quicker. At some point, maybe two years ago, the keyboard and mouse quit working. Okay fine, so the computer was

still working so I got an external keyboard and mouse. I loved my little Macbook. I could easily bluetooth files to it and it was just a great little computer.

But, all good things come to an end. My poor little Macbook died.

The Mac laptop was quickly replaced by a Windows laptop. It's a little bigger, very nice looking and I am still getting used to the fact the keyboard and mouse work! After spending years working on a Mac, it's a bit of an adjustment to learn how to do what I am used to doing on a Windows. I keep hitting the wrong key to activate the shortcuts, everything is backwards and sending a bluetooth file is a pain. I will have to look at my options to send files from my phone to the computer.

Other than re-learning how to do things, it's been great so far. It's fast and when I figure out how to do something, it does it without argument. It's a little bigger than my old laptop and it barely fits in my computer bag, but I'm not complaining. Having a larger screen to see things better is a good thing.

While I am still trying to get my email contacts to import to my new email program, I am really enjoying this new, faster, brighter laptop.

While I will always love Mac computers, I really do like my new laptop!



This week I want to touch on the MSHSL's (Minnesota State High School League's) decisions about sports for the 2020-2021 school year. An article printed elsewhere in this week's edition of the paper covers the basic portion of their decisions, so I'm going to focus on my opinion on it.

I see the worry related to Covid and sports, and I'm happy they're letting kids play sports this year. But I still get the feeling that this is way more complicated than it needs to be.

The way I see it, as much as it may scare some of you to hear this, in my opinion, if one kid shows up to school with Covid, most of the student body and staff in that building is going to catch it. The same thing happens with the common cold every winter. It seems to be just a given that it's going to happen.

Take that information as you will, and even with a mask mandate in school, if they take education back to the classroom, you've easily got a thousand kids or more in the schools in this area. Smaller schools maybe would be a little safer considering the odds of someone having the virus and bringing it to school, but I'm not an expert in that field.

I'm not going to assume that kids going back to school is going to cause another outbreak, but I think sheltering everyone from the virus was a mistake. We don't know if we're dealing with just one strain or can you get Covid more than once? I don't think it's been around long enough for a lot of facts to be determined as of yet.

In my opinion, herd immunity is the best thing for us. They say you can't catch some diseases a second time once you had them, like the chicken pox. There are different strains of the flu or a cold. Can you catch the same strain more than once? I'm not certain. I know you can catch a cold or get the flu several times in a season because there are different strains of them.

I feel for the elderly and immunocompromised, but for the virus to truly fizzle out, I feel that keeping people away from it is the worst thing we can do. If we continue on the path that we are on, I believe it's just going to keep resurging and causing new outbreaks.

Whatever your views are on this issue, I'm sure of one thing that we can agree on—that the quicker this all goes away—the better. We all want things to go back to the way they were...don't we?