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This is our 27<sup>th</sup> edition of Good News Sunday Fairfield. We want to continue bringing you good news and heartwarming stories in these difficult times.

A 78-year-old's dream finally came true when she got her diploma. She was very happy and loved to learn. She spent six years working hard and learning new things. She received her diploma proudly from the Stamford University. She said she wanted to quit sometimes but kept pushing for her dream. She says that you should never give up. She is a great inspiration.

Jonathan Bauer and his daughter Ava were coming back from errands when they ended up in a 5-car pileup on a bridge in Maryland. He checked if Ava was okay and then got out of his car and checked if everyone else was okay or needed help getting out. When he was looking around, he came to a white truck that was half leaning out the bridge. There was a car seat in the back which got him worried so he looked in the water to see a toddler with its face up. He told Ava to get help then he did something crazy. He took off his shoes and jumped feet first in the water even though he was afraid of heights. He saved the little girl just in time. He was very brave and did something not many people would do.

A cab driver saved a man with Alzheimer's when Lynda Wells came out of her house at midnight waving at Mr. Good to come. When he stopped his car Mrs. Wells asked him to help her husband. Earlier in the middle of the night her 88-year-old husband fell out of bed. Mrs. Wells tried to lift him up but he was too heavy for her. So, she ran outside to see if anyone was awake to help her but there was only darkness until she saw Mr. Good driving his cab to pick someone up when she asked him pull over. When he did, she asked him if he could help her and her husband. He agreed as he helped him up on the bed. He left before Mrs. Wells could get his name. But she did not stop there she went researching and finally found him on Facebook. She got him wine and drank together as a thank you for saving her husband.

### Blockchain

As the blockchain becomes more important we want to educate you about it. This is the third edition in our blockchain series. This week we will talk about the disadvantages of using the blockchain last week was the advantages and the first week was an overview of the blockchain.

### Disadvantages of Blockchain

#### Data Inefficiency

A problem with the Blockchain is that the ledger is full of data so it is sometimes hard to get the ledger on your computer. And when you try to become a miner, you have to download a lot of data.

#### Energy/climate

Since the blockchain is a big complex system with lots of miners it uses a lot of energy. With all the complex algorithms and computers, you need a lot of energy to run that. Most of the energy used by the miners comes from unrenewable sources like coal and that pollutes the air.

#### Cryptocurrency uncertainty

A problem with cryptocurrency is that since there are only other people saying that the money has value and not a government there is an uncertainty that they will honor the coins you have. The problem is that someone may not honor the digital money you have or try to change the value of the coin by charging higher prices. This creates volatility so some people may get rich off cryptocurrencies and others can lose lots of money.

#### Lack of Privacy

Since all the transactions are public that means people can track where your money goes and your transactions. Once people figure out how to identify who is behind a key they can figure out where and when you bought and sold things. Because all the transaction are recorded, they can not only get your current information but also past transactions.

#### Anonymous

While having anonymous transactions is a big benefit of the blockchain it also is a downside. Since the blockchain is anonymous people can use it to fund and do illegal activities.

#### Security

A cryptocurrency account is secured by your private key. Because there is only one key if you lose that piece of code you cannot access your account anymore. Because the blockchain is a peer-peer network that means there is no organization for you to go to get a new key.

#### High Cost

Solving cryptographic algorithms needs a lot of computational power and powerful computers cost a lot of money. This will lead to only people who can afford the high costs to become miners and lessen the reliability of the network because the blockchain depends on a majority rules system. This will also lead to few miners and reducing the benefits of the peer-to-peer network.

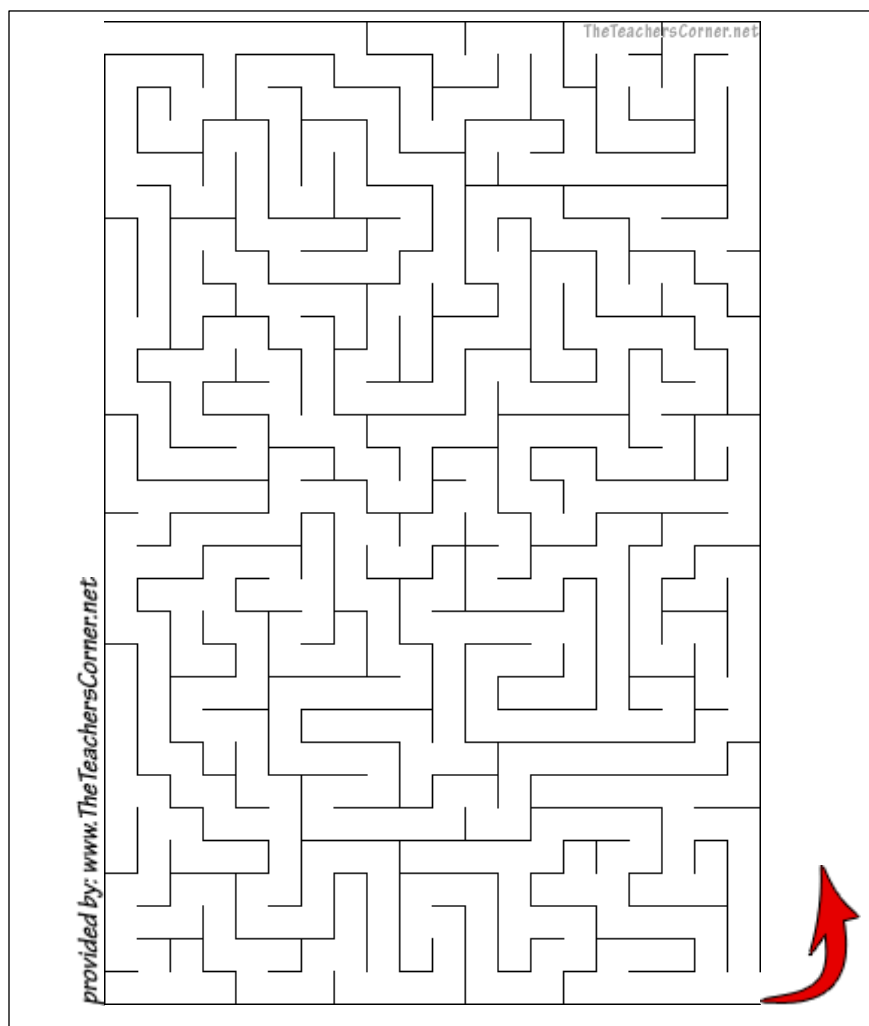
**Quote of the week.**

“Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.”

- Harriet Beecher Stowe

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover.”

- Mark Twain



Unscramble these words about goodness.

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1. Kindness 2. Happy 3. Truthful 4. Love 5. Helping 6. Giving 7. Hero

## Announcements

The library is having a Virtual Zumba kids session. This is a fun exercise for kids ages 6-11. This is happening on May 27th at 6:30 pm. To register before 4:00pm on May 27 go to [Virtual ZUMBA® Kids | Fairfield Public Library \(librarymarket.com\)](https://librarymarket.com/Virtual-Zumba-Kids-Fairfield-Public-Library).

On May 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm there will be a virtual Reiki 101 session. Reiki is a Japanese practice it helps reduce stress and promote relaxation. To register go to [Virtual Reiki 101 | Fairfield Public Library \(librarymarket.com\)](https://librarymarket.com/Virtual-Reiki-101-Fairfield-Public-Library).

On May 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm there will be a high-school book club. This month they are talking about classics. To register for this book club go to [Virtual-Page Turners Book Group, High School Edition | Fairfield Public Library \(librarymarket.com\)](https://librarymarket.com/Virtual-Page-Turners-Book-Group-High-School-Edition-Fairfield-Public-Library).



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On this day (May 23) ...

In 1908 Jhon Bardeen was born. He later went on to co-create the transistor.

In 1536 the Pope started the Portuguese inquisition.

In 1275 King Edward I declared the stop of persecution of French Jews.

In 1059 Philip I became the King of France.

In 1533 Henry the eighth and Catherine of Aragon divorce.

In 1785 Benjamin Franklin announced his invention of the bifocals.

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