The Spooky and Scary Halloween Edition

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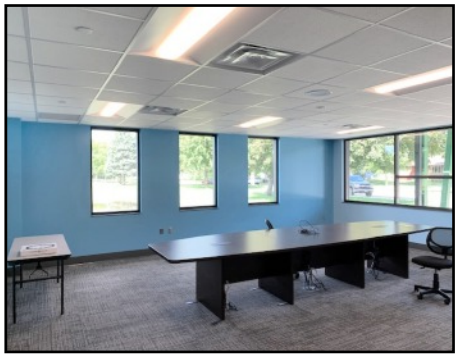
No monsters under the bed on this planet. Just intense radiation from two hot suns; enough to fry you're innards, Igor. You best use a little more sunscreen.

Grunt...!

Weather: Oooky & Spooky | "All of the news you really need. Probably more" | "Noli credere omnia legis"

Cosmos Learning Center Ready to Go



New conference room is located on northeast corner.

Pictures and commentary by LeAnn Melberg

The Cosmos School which was built in 1955 just finished a major remodeling project. With the help of Nels Onstad, ACGC Superintendent, a 5 million dollar bond was awarded to the Cosmos Learning Center (CLC) for the remodeling project. This bond did not cover the whole amount and the Southwest West Central Service Cooperative which runs the CLC still had to pay for part of the construction.

Many Cosmos residents have noticed the demolition of the gym and the north 60 ft of the main hallway. The gym and hallway were not salvageable, this was a disappointment to the staff at the CLC and hard for community members to see come down.

The Cosmos Learning Center (CLC) provides jobs for over 70 workers! How awesome for our Cosmos school to be providing so many jobs in our community. These jobs include administration, teachers,



Staff is always in communication with each other.



Old Entrance-New Facelift

specialists and many paraprofessionals. In most schools paraprofessionals are not given health insurance but the paras at the CLC work 6.5 hours a day and have health insurance and benefits.

The CLC started their school year off on August 27th with 34 students having to do Distant Learning. The CLC is a Level Four Setting. Level (or setting) four students are considered learners who receive education programs in public separate day school facilities like the CLC. Students are in specially designed programs for special education students only.

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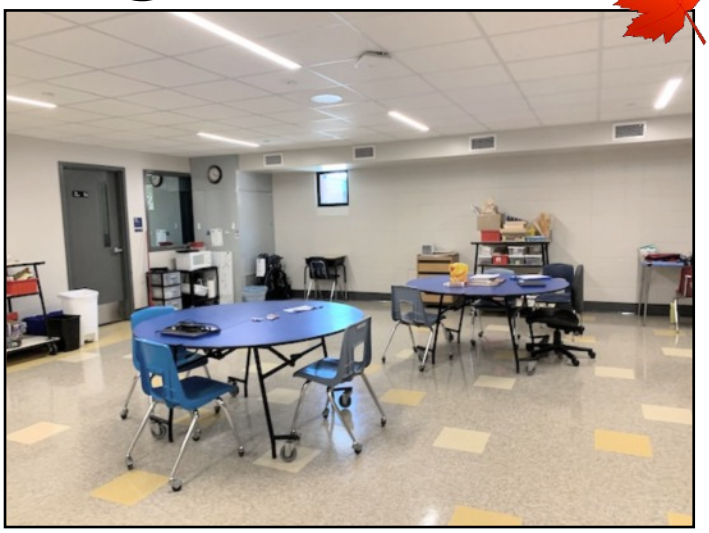
"Three out of four pumpkins surveyed don't want to be a Jack-O-Lantern. Who knew gourds had an opinion."

Cosmos Learning Center





New high windows were put in the school to help protect and keep the students safe. This also helps students who are easily distracted to stay focused.

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The EBD (Emotional Behavioral Disorder) students in grades 4-8 (in a usual school year) would be together in a classroom working possibly on the same theme (let's say Alaska), but assignments are different based on students' academic abilities. The CLC has rooms for all different styles of learning. From rooms for large group learning to smaller rooms that fit either small groups or are used to educate just 1 student at a time.

Students at the CLC work on Soft skills that are nonacademic skills that students acquire to help them succeed in life. They often include social emotional skills, critical thinking skills, and skills that focus on positive interactions with others and the ability to adapt to challenges. Teamwork is also a focus so students have the ability to work well with others.

The purpose of the CLC is to provide a highly effective social and emotional learning and academic program for students with disabilities and to provide support for their families.

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The lockers at the CLC are no longer located in the hallways. They are located all together in a central area of the school.



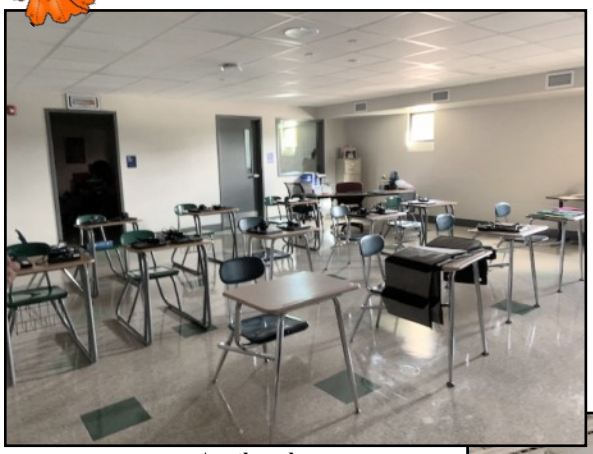


Life skills can be taught right in the cafeteria area. These 2 life skill areas can be closed when students are having lunch. This room is a great multi use room.

Cosmos Learning Center



The new view of the school from the street is juuust a little bit different than what the locals are used to. Nice though, very nice.



Another classroom.

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The CLC also has behavior analysts who work with patients to overcome mental and social disabilities. This support for students is mostly used with autism and developmental disabilities.

The CLC provides a safe place where students don't "feel different." The CLC has students from 19 different school districts. The school has also a new Ready Clinic for children ages 18 months to age 6. The Ready Clinic works with autism children at an early age hoping to increase a child's opportunity for mainstream education.

The need for the CLC is great. The Cosmos School is again a wonderful, beautiful place for students and lets not forget- provides many job opportunities in Cosmos.



Now that's a shiny hallway floor!
***(I wonder how it would handle a hockey puck? He shoots…he scores!)* Just sayin'….**



This area at one time used to be the Industrial Arts Area and then later turned into a Music room, now it's a multi used recreation area.

The Spooky and Scary Halloween Edition



Nature and the Great Outdoors

From Swimming in Water to Frying in Oil





Photos by Joyce Karrigan

By Mark Minnick

Late in the afternoon of September 13th, some local anglers were trolling the mysterious depths of Star Lake, looking for a little "Bend in the pole".

By golly, bend it did, as Joyce Karrigan nabbed this 27 inch northern pike with assistance from Laura Schmeling and Wally & Harriet Sturges.

The group completed the excursion with a little "Shore lunch" as they fried it up in cast iron over the fire. Tough to beat. *(What, no donuts?)*



October Daily Lunch Specials

T 1 Pot roast dinner
F 2 Baked chicken dinner

M 5 Beef stroganoff w/toast
T 6 Turkey melt sandwich w/soup
W 7 Broasted chicken dinner
T 8 Sausage & kraut hotdish
F 9 Chili dogs w/fries

M 12 Hot ham & cheese sandwich *w/soup*
T 13 BBQ Chicken dinner
W 14 Pork chop dinner
T 15 Spaghetti w/garlic toast
F 16 Sausage & kraut dinner

M 19 Lasagna w/ garlic toast
T 20 Roast beef dinner or commercial
W 21 Scalloped potatoes & ham w/toast
T 22 Broasted chicken dinner
F 23 Soup & salad

M 26 Beef stew w/corn bread
T 27 Pizza hotdish w/garlic toast
W 28 Pork dinner or commercial
T 29 BBQ chicken dinner
F 30 Chili pot pie

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Cosmos Mosquito Spraying (Abatement)

The City of Cosmos will be putting the question of continued mosquito spraying (abatement) on the November 3rd ballot. The actual question that the voters of Cosmos will be voting on will be stated as such:

" Shall the City of Cosmos discontinue mosquito abatement? A majority yes vote would direct the City of Cosmos to no longer spray for mosquitos. "

Fogging Chemical

By John Douville, City Administrator

The chemical used to fog for mosquitos in Cosmos is a low dosage of synthetic permethrin. Pyrethrins were first extracted from the chrysanthemum flower in the 1960's and later synthetic pyrethroids were developed in the laboratory. Developed in 1974 and approved for use in 1979 due to its low toxicity to mammals and broad safety margins. The chemical has been widely used across the United States since that time.

Permethrin is classified as non-toxic to moderately toxic, depending on formulation. Fogging for mosquitos uses the lowest concentration as compared to something like crop spraying that uses a higher concentration and droplets verses fogging.

Permethrin has been approved for topical applications in higher concentrations on children aged 2 months and older, which gives us an indication as to the generally low toxicity level of the chemical. One drawback of permethrin is that it is highly toxic to aquatic life, bees, dragonflies, mayflies and other beneficial insects. Fogging after dark helps mitigate this drawback.

City of Cosmos

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
September 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Martin at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2020.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Tom McCarthy, Angelica Hopp, and Jody Fruetel. Councilmember Emily Van Hatten arrived at 5:15 p.m.
ALSO PRESENT: Josh Halvorson, John Douville and David Medina
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Hopp, seconded by McCarthy to adopt the Agenda. Motion carried
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hopp, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

A. August 6, 2020 City Council Minutes
B. Overtime Balances
C. Meeker County Sheriff – Aug 2020 Report

VISITORS PRESENTATIONS

John Smith, Meeker County Commissioner Candidate **–** was present to discuss his campaign for the Meeker County Commissioner position.
Meeker County Sheriff's Office – review of August's activity.
5:15 p.m.
City Engineer – Josh Halvorson, Bolton-Menk was present to review the current status of the USDA Rural Development application for the 2021 road construction project.
Soil Borings - A motion by Hopp, seconded by McCarthy, to approve soil borings for the 2021 Road Project at a cost of $14,780. Motion carried**.**
September 10, 2020 Bills List - A motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hopp, to approve the September 10, 2020 Bills list with check numbers from 14451-14561 for $76,671.79. Motion carried**.**
Ballpark Fence Improvements – A motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hopp, to hire Mike Walter Construction for the 18' high 56' long backstop fence at a cost of $5,636 and to hire Century Fence Company to install the outfield fence of 801' for $19,850. Motion carried
2021 Final General Fund Budget– A motion by Fruetel, seconded by McCarthy, to approve the 2021 General Fund Budget of $555.559. Motion carried
2021 Final Property Tax Levy – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Van Hatten, to approve the Final 2021 Property Tax Levy of $287,263, representing a zero percent increase in the Property Tax Levy. Motion carried.
Firefighter Training – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Van Hatten, to authorize the Cosmos Fire Department to allow Firemen to participate in fire retention activities to their level of training. Motion carried
Civil Defense Siren – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to purchase a Civil Defense Siren with battery backup at $21,000. Motion carried.
LTD Broadband – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to authorize LTD Broadband to install wireless internet antennas on the water tower. Motion carried.
Hospice Tree – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by McCarthy, to remove the easement in place for the hospice tree site. Motion carried.
Well #4 – Dave Medina, public works supervisor, reported that the pump for well #4 was not working properly and will have to be repaired.
Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.

_____- DRAFT-_____
John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

For the 2020 Minnesota State General Election being held November 3, 2020!!

Registered Minnesota Voters

Because you are a registered voter in the State of Minnesota when this ballot packet was sent to you, **you are NOT required to have a witness.**

If you have questions contact county elections office (320-693-5212) or visit the website: MNVOTES.org

Your returned ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day (November 3, 2020) and received by your Absentee Voting Office within 7 days of the election.... to be counted.

If you do not want to use the U.S. post office or private delivery service to return your voted ballot, you may drop your ballot off at:

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Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

Additional office hours: Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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"Nine out of ten zombies surveyed preferred Halloween candy over human flesh. So kids, be sure and leave some goodies for the ol' groaning and shuffling dudes. Don't gawk either, they're kind of self conscious about their halitosis and bad complexion. Zombies have feelings too."

Have a Happy Halloween.



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Identifying the Seniors elected for CHS Homecoming Royalty in '70 proved to be a tough one for the readers. I really thought more alumni would chime in. Oh well. We had one reader that identified one person. So we award one KewPie.

"I think three of these kids are Dave Fett, Julie Benson and Denise Kicker." ***Elaine Berry***

(First one is right)-one KewPie.



CANDIDATES for Homecoming King and Queen are: left to right, kneeling, David Martin, Don Frederiksen, and Paul Nelson; standing, Chelie Neuton, David Fett, Deb Esping, Janet Macik, Roger Mortenson, Pat Schlueter, and Vicki Thomas.

Here's the names folks - Read 'em and weep!



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CHEF IT UP!

"Food and spices….together. What a concept!"



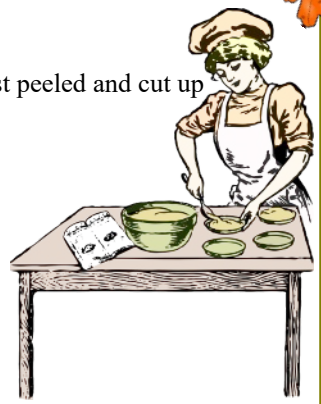
Autumn Soup

By Grace Kamrath

Happy October!! Isn't it lovely to have fall!!! This is the best time of the year. I know there are a lot of people that feel that way. For those who are not crazy about fall, hang on the season will change.

I picked a nice soup for the recipe for this month. It has lots of vegetables and the really practical ones that you might have raised in your garden or easily picked up at our community garden, farmers market or just from the grocery store. Our tomatoes came in with abundance this year so anything with tomatoes is welcome at our home. Although BLT's are our all time favorite way to use the tomatoes.

AUTUMN SOUP



- 1 lb. hamburger, browned
- 2 c. canned tomatoes or just peeled and cut up
- 1 1/2. water
- 2 c. diced potatoes
- 1 c. sliced carrots
- 1 1/2 t. salt
- 1/8 t. pepper
- 1/2 c. diced celery
- 1/2. chopped onion
- 1/4 c. rice (not instant)

Put 4 cups of water in medium size kettle along with the rice and cook for about 45 minutes. Add browned hamburger,salt and pepper. In separate pan put carrots, celery and onion with a bit of oil and steam for 15 minutes. Now combine the two mixtures along with the potatoes and the extra 2 cups of water and bring to boil and cook for another 15 minutes. Done!!! I like to add about 1/2 t. garlic but it is not necessary. This should be enough for about 6 servings.

A young man was returning to Wisconsin from a visit to his see in grandmother in Minnesota when he was stopped by a state trooper at the border for driving a bit too fast. He was so happy to have received a warning instead of a ticket that he gave the trooper a small bag of his grandmother's delicious chocolate chip cookies and proceeded on his way.

Later he was stopped by another trooper. "What have I done?" he asked. "Nothing" said the trooper with a smile. "I heard you were passing out great chocolate chip cookies".



TIME WARP Whozit?



In our travels around the land of corn, soybeans, solar panels and windmills, we ran across this skeleton on a bicycle. Hmmm, we thought, that's not something you see everyday. After stopping and talking to the…er, skeleton, we found out it likes being outside on adventures and even has a name.

Politically correct or not, we all profile people and things when we first meet them. Years ago it was called, "Sizing up" somebody. You know, those first five to ten seconds when you first meet a person and without a second thought, you try to figure out who this new person is; Good, bad or otherwise.

So as you are trying to figure out who or what or where this dude is, take a look at a few profiles we came up with. After talking with the dude/dudette though, we found out none of these descriptions apply. But hey, we saved you some time.

NOTICE:

The proposed theories postulating the identity of "Bike Person" below, have been proven false, due to exhaustive research. So, we know for sure that he/she/it is NOT…

…Lance Armstrong succumbing to the perils of cycling on the boring Minnesota prairie; There's nothing to look at, so it's too easy to go too fast and you burn up, like an old, worn out satellite reentering the Earth's atmosphere.

…The remains of a person from a newly discovered, weird and ancient civilization that thought green bicycles were cool.

…Another ill fated attempt by a nudist trying to save money by riding a bike to work during the winter.

…One of those annoying skinny people that insist they could just live on 'organic' rice cakes 'cuz they're soooo good. Don't get me started on their 'organic' flavored water, either.

…An overzealous fan of country artist, Hoyt Axton.

…A stupid idiot looking up for a solar eclipse on the wrong day without their official Galactic Gazette Eclipse Viewing Glasses.

…Some old, underpaid movie extra from the flick, "Mars Attacks". *(Maybe he's from "Jason and the Argonauts" but not "Mars Attacks",no sir. Look it up.)*

…Geoff Peterson, Craig Ferguson's retired robot buddy on "The Late, Late Show with Craig Ferguson."

Whozit? Whatzit? Wherezit?

The Spooky and Scary Halloween Edition



The gang is getting ready for a quick test drive to Alpha Centauri.

Local Chicken Visits Alpha Centauri

By Local Chicken

Greetings all! The Old Hen and I have been having a great time here on Neptune. So much so that I almost forgot to send home some money for Fried. He's been taking care of the other hens at the home coop with food, drink, Netflix and all that good stuff. He said things were going well and he hasn't seen hide nor hair of Lil' Weasel. Which is good, I don't need any trouble when I'm away, especially from a weasel.

You already know about our gambling, hunting and fishing we've enjoyed while staying here. We've also done quite a lot of sight seeing in other nearby star systems. Before I go any farther, I have to mention that the Old Hen wanted to get her own spaceship instead of hitching around with the aliens.

So we went down to the new spaceship dealer, Far Out Sales, right here in Triton (big city on Neptune) and looked at the new model year ships. Quite the impressive line up. Everything from little moon scooters to all out, galaxy melting screamers, there was something for everybody.

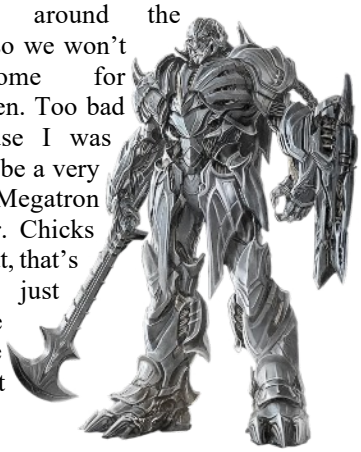
After kicking the fins on quite a few, the Old Hen fell in love with the one you see in the above picture. It's one of those new retro hot rods with the 'old school' look, but all of the latest and greatest space warping technologies under the hood. Plus, it's loaded with cushy creature comforts for the driver and passengers.

Anyway, we took a quick test drive over to the closest star system to Earth, Alpha Centauri. We had to see what this thing would do. The Old Hen was pleased as we got there in a couple of hours, just using rocket fuel. Not bad for a little over four light-years. So we looked at the three stars quick, (Alpha Centauri A, B and C) and zoomed back to Neptune, as we didn't want to get caught outside the solar system with just dealer plates on the ship.

The old girl was sold but told the salesman she wanted different colored floor mats, a chicken feed dispenser and a fresh grasshopper cage in the cabin before we picked it up. First accessory request they ever had like that, they said. She just clucked.

We also found out that the ship is one of those new 'save the universe' dual fuel jobbies. It runs on either A; Good ol' rocket fuel or B; Chicken poop; regular or premium (just the white stuff). You know what the white stuff is, right?

Anyway, we're going to do more scooting around the galaxy, so we won't be home for Halloween. Too bad too, cause I was going to be a very svelte Megatron this year. Chicks dig it. But, that's ok, I'll just save the costume for next year.



Local in his Megatron costume.

The ACGC Falcon Flyover

Events, Activities & Happenings in the Atwater/Cosmos/Grove City School District

FFA National Finalist



Editors note: This same article also appeared in the ACGC "Information Highway" newsletter.

Commentary and pics courtesy LeAnn Melberg

Ethan Melberg has been named a National Finalist in the proficiency area of Agricultural Services in FFA. He is one of the top 4 individuals that will be announced at the National FFA Online Convention at the end of October.

Ethan started his own soil sampling business in 2017 and his business falls in the Proficiency Type of Agricultural Services. Prior to starting his own soil sampling business Ethan worked for his dad as an employee soil sampling.

After learning procedures and how to put the grid on the iPad for sampling, Ethan started his own business. Ethan is given a list of fields his farm clients want tested and he sets up his schedule, trying to maximize less driving time between fields.

Soil sampling can only be done in a short period of time in the summer and weather conditions and field conditions play a major factor in how much he can get done in a summer.

The summer of 2018 was very wet so he did not get all his fields tested and had to push hard in 2019 to get more done than he would usually do in a summer.

Operating his own business has taught Ethan how to keep records, use QuickBooks for his accounting and make invoices for clients. He has also learned how to communicate with clients, his worker, his accountant and the company that does that actual soil tests.

With the profits Ethan made from soil sampling he was able to rent 78 acres and raise corn while still in high school.

Ethan also earned his State Degree and was the Region 5 Star in Agribusiness in 2020. He is presently attending North Dakota State University majoring in Ag Business.

Go Ethan!







ACGC Falcon Flyover

Back in Action!

By LeAnn Melberg

The Minnesota State High School Board of Directors met on Monday, Sept. 21st and reversed their decision about fall volleyball and football.

Volleyball will be an 11-week season that will begin on Set. 28th. There will be 10 days of preseason practice and first competitions will take place Oct. 8-11. They will have 14 dual competitions and then 2 weeks of playoff.

Football will also begin on Sept. 28th and the first games will be Oct.9-10, with a 6 game regular season, 2-week postseason. The postseason format is yet to be determined.

Under current Covid-19 Guidelines from Minnesota Department of Health, no spectators are allowed to attend indoor events in school facilities (gyms, pools, etc.) and outdoor events are limited to 250 total spectators.

Fall sports at ACGC are going to look very different in the stands, but our ACGC Student-Athletes will still have our full support!

Here's a copy of the email notice sent out by ACGC concerning fall sports. Go at it kids!

Go Falcons!



ACGC Families and Community Members~

The MSHSL Board of Directors held a special meeting Monday to reconsider placement of the fall activities seasons, most specifically volleyball and football. Initial research has indicated lov community spread through local activity participation when CDC guidelines are followed. We also know participation in extra-curricular activities is an important factor in the overall physical and emotional well-being of high school students. By a 14-4 vote, the MSHSL Board of Directors approved allowing football and volleyball back to fall seasons.

- **9th- 12th Grade Football -** Practice begins on Sept. 28.
- First contest will be on Oct. 9, six games total.
- MEA game will be played Thursday, October 15.
- Lower level game schedules will be posted at a later date.
- Two week post season schedule TBD, no state tournament
- max 250 people in attendance.
- 100 tickets for away games and 150 for home games.
  We want our players' families to have an opportunity to watch them play and so tickets will be distributed to the 9th-12th grade players' families. 3 tickets per player for home games and 2 tickets per player for away games.

9th – 12th Grade Volleyball - Practice begins on Sept. 28.

- First contest will be on Oct. 8, 14 matches total, no more than two per week.
- We will play each conference school twice.
- Last game, Nov 24. Two weeks of playoffs (TBD) the first two weeks of December.
- No state tournament,
- No fans at games.

We are working on a live stream for our home matches/games and the other schools in our conference are also hoping to provide live streaming. Live streaming TBD

All sports schedules can be found at http://www.centralmnconference.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=35

Winter sports calendar will be determined at the October 1 MSHSL Board of Directors meeting.

Go Falcons!

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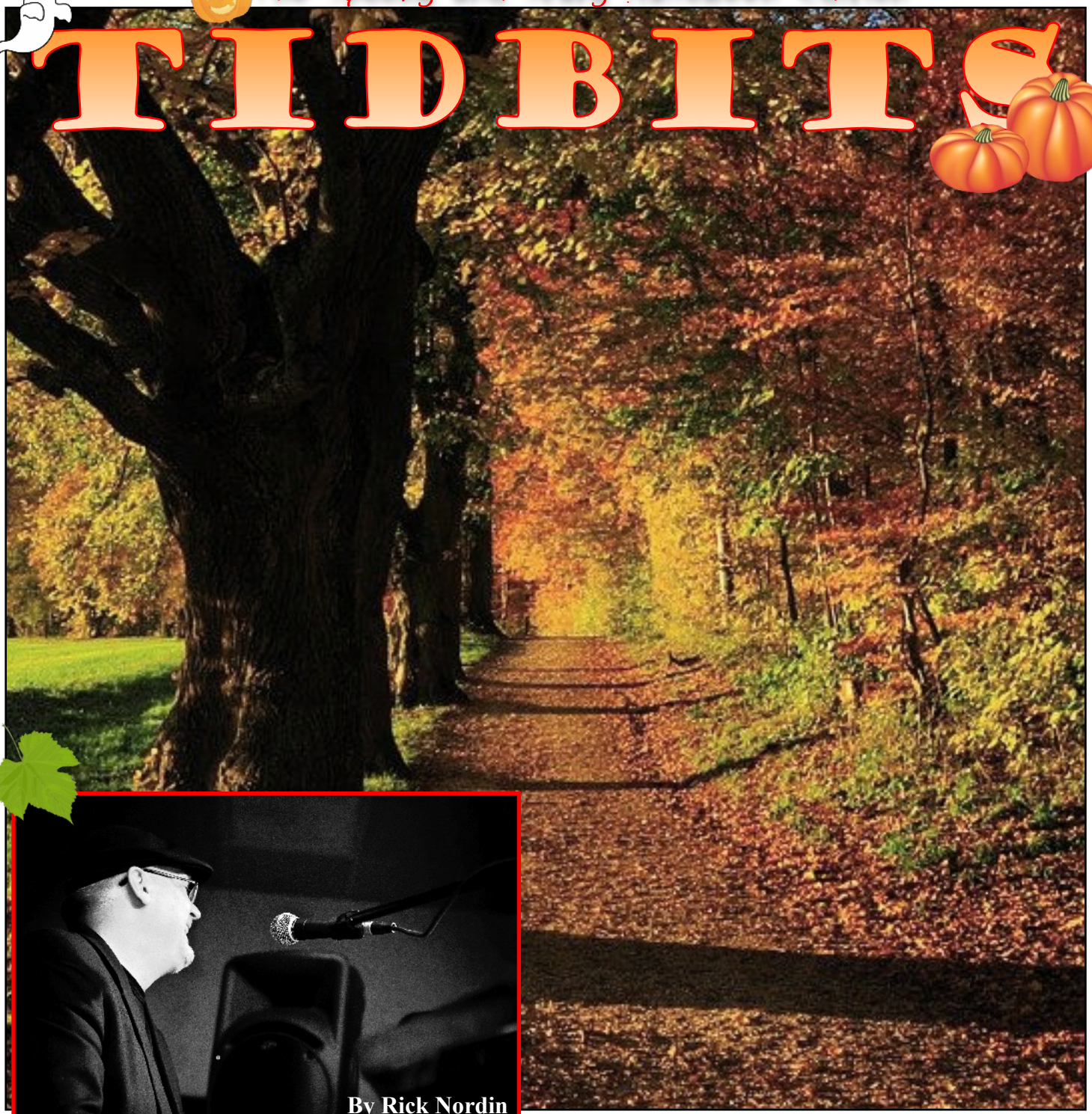

By Rick Nordin

Greetings! Fall is officially here, and the harvest is beginning. Please be safe on the road. When following or meeting large farm implements, please slow down, be patient and give them plenty of room.

We are entering our eighth month of living with Covid. Businesses and social events are slowly opening again. Yeah! We still need to be mindful of social distancing when in public. I must admit this has been hard. I like to greet people with a handshake, or a hug. We should be mindful this is not a socially acceptable public behavior at this time.

For us who live in the country, we practice social isolation daily, but for those who live in a town or city, this is a major change. I looked on Google and found these statistics: The City of New York is 302.6 sq miles and has a population of 8.4 MILLION. The state of Minnesota has a population of 5.64 million in 86,938 square miles. Hennepin county is 607 sq miles and has a population of 1.27 million. New York City has 6.6 times more people in half the space.

It is a miracle New York City was able to contain the virus as well as they did. Please remember all those health care workers who continue to battle through this ongoing virus event. Please remember all the teachers who are also battling through figuring out how to provide education during these times. They are the unsung heroes!

Enjoy the fall template of colors. Have a great October.

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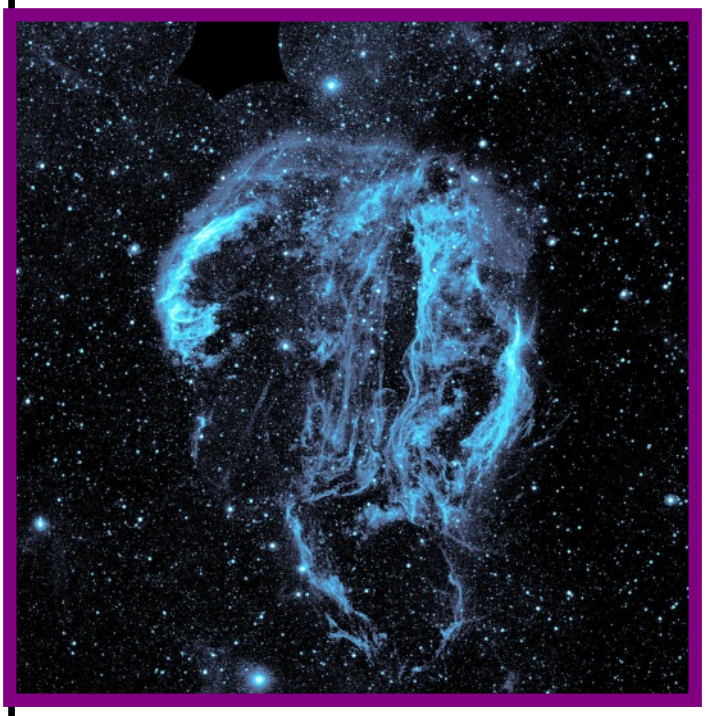
SCIENCE, TECH AND JUST PLAIN COOL STUFF

Spooky Things in the Constellation Cygnus



Forsaken Ghost?

Image and commentary courtesy nasa.gov

Wispy tendrils of hot dust and gas glow brightly in this ultraviolet image of the Cygnus Loop nebula, taken by NASA's Galaxy Evolution Explorer. The nebula lies about 1,500 light-years away, and is a supernova remnant, left over from a massive stellar explosion that occurred between 5,000 to 8,000 years ago.

The Cygnus Loop extends over three times the size of the full moon in the night sky, and is tucked next to one of the "swan's wings" in the constellation of Cygnus.

The filaments of gas and dust visible here in ultraviolet light were heated by the shockwave from the supernova, which is still spreading outward from the original explosion. The original supernova would have been bright enough to be seen clearly from Earth with the naked eye.



Galactic Ghoul



Image & story credit nasa.gov

The DR 6 cluster is also nicknamed the "Galactic Ghoul" because of the nebula's resemblance to a human face. Astronomers have described it as "some sort of freakish space face," emphasizing the cavity-like regions that look like eyes and a mouth.

These large cavities are the result of "energetic light" and strong stellar wind that come from the ten stars in the center of the nebula (the part also known as the "nose").



A Spectre in the Eastern Veil

Image Credit & Copyright: Ken Crawford (Rancho Del Sol Observatory)

Frightening forms and scary faces are a mark of the Halloween season. They also haunt this cosmic close-up of the eastern Veil Nebula. The Veil Nebula itself is a large supernova remnant, the expanding debris cloud from the death explosion of a massive star.

In the composite of image data recorded through broad and narrow band filters, emission from hydrogen atoms in the remnant is shown in red with strong emission from oxygen atoms in blue-green hues.

Cosmos Lions 2020 "Big Green" Raffle



Cosmos Lion Ben Hansen sold a $500 winning ticket to Melissa Enstad of Hutchinson. When she heard the good news she said, "I just finished doing good deeds for two different people today. I guess it's my turn!" She plans on using the money for a well deserved vacation.

The Cosmos Lions wish to thank all of our supporters - past and present, young and old. Again this fall, we had a successful fundraising raffle, and we really appreciate all of you ticket buyers. We are already earmarking funds for future civic projects in the area, so stay tuned. We could not do it without your support. Thank You!

The Cosmos Lions

Here is the list of all of the prize winners:

$500 - Ronnie Peterson
Missy Enstad
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$100 - John Frederiksen
Craig Barnaal
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Allen Henslin
Luann Lang



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AS FAR AS THE EYE COULD SEE, a seemingly never-ending stream of cars kept traveling west on highway 7, last Saturday morning, as hunters hurried to find a spot to hunt pheasants. Stopping at the red blinker at the intersection of highways 7 and 4, cars were often lined up bumper to bumper for at least a mile. Above, Robert Erickson, Cosmos policeman, is seen as he waved the traffic through. Erickson said that this year's traffic on highway 7 is the heaviest he has ever seen. — Cosmos News Staff Photo.

THEY'LL BE ALL OVER

10-20-55 Editorial

SATURDAY will see more activity in this area than we've seen for quite some time. That's the day pheasant season opens. Judging from the large number of birds we've seen, hunting should be exceptionally good this year.

One thing you can be absolutely sure of, though, hunters will be swarming all over the country side like an invasion of locusts. According to Robert Erickson, Cosmos policeman, traffic on highway 7 will be terrific. Last year cars were lined up for blocks back of the stop light on the junction of highways 7 and 4.

With the new improvements to highway 7, the traffic situation will very likely be worse than ever this year.

You'd better drive extra carefully that day, and also watch out for stray buckshot out in the country.

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Hospitalized Vets To Eat Pheasant From Hunters

MINNEAPOLIS— Thousands of hunters throughout Minnesota will take part in a big pheasant hunt Oct. 19-21 to provide birds for Ed Snave's 17th annual pheasant dinner for hospitalized war veterans.

Some 4,000 war veterans in 14 hospitals will eat the free pheasant dinner on Oct. 24 according to Ed Shave, retired Minneapolis Tribune outdoor writer, who founded the event and has directed it each year.

The dinners this year will be held at veteran's hospitals at Minneapolis, St. Cloud and Fargo; Minnesota soldiers home; state hospitals at St. Peter, Rochester, Fergus Falls, Anoka, Hastings, Moose Lake and Willmar, and Glen Lake, Nopeming and Ah-Gwah-Ching sanatoriums.

The event is sponsored by Minnesota veterans organizations, Minnesota sportmen's civic and conservation clubs and the Minneapolis Tribune.

Included among the hunters will be members of 200 Posts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Minnesota Conservation Federation, Izaak Walton League and the Minnesota Game and Protective League.

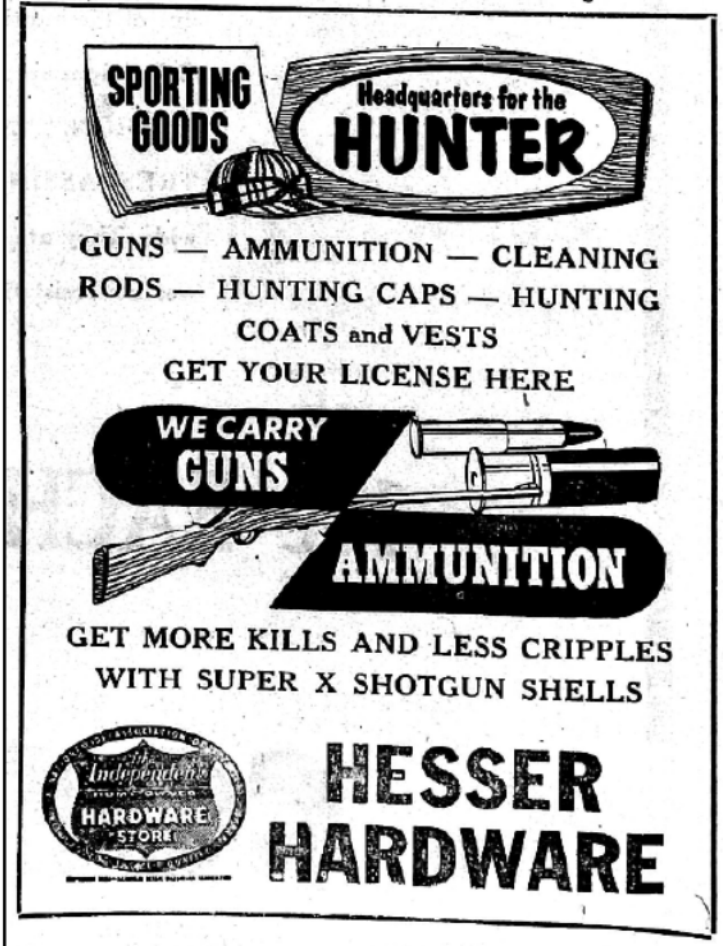
Any hunter in Minnesota may take part and donate a pheasant for the dinner. Those wishing to take part should contact their local game warden.

Any game wardens in the pheasant area will handle the distribution of shells donated by various firms for the hunt. They also will be responsible for collecting the pheasants from over 225 towns on Monday night, Oct. 21, and taking them to some 40 towns where Minneapolis Star and Tribune trucks will pick them up on Oct. 22

THE TRUCKS will transport the birds to the National Food stores commissary in Hopkins, where, that same evening, the pheasants will be cleaned on a volunteer basis by the butchers in the Minneapolis and St. Paul suburban National Food stires.

The dressed birds will then be distributed to the 14 veterans hospitals by the Star and Tribune trucks.

Twenty-five cases of shotgun shells were donated by Minneapolis firms, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Posts of the Military Order of the Cooties and Fifth District of the American Legion.



From the Editor: Hey folks, it's harvest season in the mid-fifties. Time for picking corn with the two row on the Farmall. A farmer also has to be getting after those little round soybeans. Filling the silo for those hungry milk cows is another project. It seems the work on the farm is never done.

But, it's also hunting season! There's rural traffic jams caused by hunters. Some bag a few of those 'exotic' Canadian geese flying through. And don't get the guys started on those new hunting regulations cooked up by that darned State Game & Fish Department. They don't know nothin....

The biggest draw was the pheasants, a seemingly endless supply. So many that even non-hunters gave it a try occasionally, often with great success. The local fields were full of pheasants and hunters. It's surprising more folks didn't get hurt.

Note; this was before hunters wore blaze orange. Heck, blaze orange didn't even exist yet! It's hard to imagine hunters blending in instead of standing out.

Take a look at some of the articles and pictures I clipped out of Cosmos News from this era. Hopefully it will bring back good memories for some and enlighten others with new info.

EDITORIALS 10-27-55

How Long Can No. 7 Take It?

By RICHARD HIGGIN



MORE AND MORE people are learning that highway no 7 is THE highway for traveling east and west in this part of Minnesota. Since the section between Hutchinson and Cedar Mills was rebuilt this summer, traffic has become heavier all the time.

Last Saturday there was more traffic on no. 7 than at any previous time, as hunters streamed out of the Twin Cities to try their luck at bringing down a few pheasants.

That was something that doesn't happen every day, but nevertheless the fact remains that traffic is getting very heavy on no. 7 every day.

With a relatively thin mat of asphalt, the road is well on the way to destruction already. In many places the highway has already been patched.

Travelers like highway no. 7 because it provides speedy east-west travel with a minimum of stops and towns to go through.

The highway department will do well to keep this thoroughfare in condition. Another layer of asphalt would go a long way toward keeping this popular road the fast comfortable way to travel from western Minnesota to the Twin Cities.



'A Little of Everything Cooked Up By Dick.

"IT'S MORE EXCITING THAN Christms." That's how my wife described the opening of pheasant hunting season—and, you know, she's absolutely right!

At no other time of the year is our little town as popular and as busy as it is when the hunters swarm in for birds.

We are all pretty familiar now with how choked with traffic highway 7 can be the last few hours before the season opens, and then again when the hunters begin returning home on Sundoy evening.

On Saturday morning just before the season opens, Cosmos is as jammed with people as during the Christmas rush. For a few hours hunting supplies and "no hunting" signs sell even better than hotcakes ever sold.

Suddenly, along the streets of town you see the faces of more former local residents than you will ever see at Christmas time.

Did you ever stop to notice how many homes in Cosmos have extra cars parked in front of them on Sunday morning? There are very few that don't have at least one extra car there.

There is no doubt about it—the lowly pheasant completely outranks Mr. S. Claus when it comes to bringing excitement to Cosmos.

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Old Doc always used to say: "So far, the only provision for replacing defective drivers of automobiles is when they kill themselves off."

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I WAS BITTEN

ALL MY LIFE I have never been very much interested in hunting—always figured it was quite a waste of time and energy. But last week-end friends of ours from Roseau, who came here to hunt pheasants, convinced me that I should try it once.

Needless to say, it didn't take long until I was "bitten by the hunting bug" and I really enjoyed myself. Don't ask me how many birds I shot or you're liable to get a big lie for an answer. After all, that isn't the important part—it's the enjoyment I got out of it.

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WILDLIFE IN MINNESOTA

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ARE HUNTING REGULATIONS COMPLICATED, INCONSISTENT?

By JIM KIMBALL
Director of Game and Fish

Does it sometimes seem to you that hunting regulations are unnecessarily complicated and a bit inconsistent at times? Do you ever wonder if the Conservation Department could be complicating the rules just to make the sport more difficult or even (perish the thought) to set you up as an easy pinch for some foxy game warden? Reviewing this year's hunting regulations it's not surprising if you have a few doubts.

For example, we set a pheasant season which is state-wide and all with the same bag limit. Then the next week we announce a deer season which has no less than eight zones with seasons ranging from one to nine days in length—and this we claim to be modern, efficient game management.

It truly is good game management, of course, and I only hope I am more successful in justifying it than I have been in making it appear ridiculous.

Since our last issue, everyone is convinced, I trust, that a pheasant population cannot be reduced shooting cocs. Rou also know that in poor range pheasants will increase for a few years then decline, whether hunted or not. So, in good range and poor, if they are not harvested they are wasted.

But deer management is quite another thing. The carrying capacity of the timbered deer range of the northeast is determined by the food supply—winter food is the limiting factor. In the south and west carrying capacity is determined by farmer tolerance. Here food is plentiful, and with an efficient warden force now keeping poaching under control, deer soon would be too abundant if we did not impose a limiting factor—the gun. Excuse me archers—the gun and the bow and arrow.

Most farmers like most wild game. All farmers like deer—but not too many. When a farmer says, "I'm getting quite a few deer on my place but would like to see 'em build up just a bit more", that is the time to open the season.

Nobody ever had just enough deer. They only come in two quantities; too few or too many. And once a farmer has had too many too few is a lot fewer than it used to be.

In farming country where food is nutrious and plentiful, deer are more prolific, survive better and grow faster than in the north woods where good food is less abundant. While big woods does are having single and twin fawns, farm does are producing twins and triplets.

Now the objective of deer management is more deer to shoot. This means holding annual production as high as possible without damaging the range. This is done, of course, by maintaining the largest possible herd of brood stock which the range will adequately support or the farmer will tolerate.

Deer are easily over-shot in farming country. A four or five day season can cut the herd so low that it takes four years to get it up again. This means four years of no harvestable surplus and no hunt. On the other hand a one or two day season may take just enough to keep our friend the farmer wanting "just a few more" and still leave good brood stock to produce another harvest the next year. Obviously this can be accomplished only through a season based on knowledge of deer abundance, habitat conditions and hunting pressure, and because these conditions vary throughout the state we must have several zones. If our facts are off our zones are off, and we goof—a most rare phenomenon.

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HUBERT SCHIRO, Cosmos, and his father-in-law, Earl Hogan, Willmar, are seen with the results of a hunting trip to Milan Minn. Oct. 23. The largest of the three geese weighed nine pounds, the other two averaged about seven pounds. The pair also got nine pheasants.

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Recovering



Brian & Sharon Burgess

By Mark Minnick

Cosmos resident, Sharon Burgess is recovering from a fall she had a little more than a month ago. Sharon fractured both shoulders in her fall, which I'm told are tough injuries for anyone to come back from quickly.

She is in the Bethany on University facility in Fargo, North Dakota. According to her hubby Brian, she is doing as well as can be expected and the facility is 'top notch' great. She is going to be their needing assisted care and physical therapy for awhile yet.

The Gazette wishes her a speedy recovery and we are all hoping for the best. We want you to be able to write many more of your "Adventures" for our readers to enjoy. We miss ya.

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Mindless Ramblings…

(What, Again?)

By Mark Minnick

No recipe this month, but I want to share a couple of culinary experiences that I had recently. Fall always brings out thoughts and memories from previous years. At my age, there are a TON of them too. It's getting harder and harder to keep track of them tho, as that mental file cabinet is getting a little overloaded. Sigh.

I noticed that the wife had acquired a butternut squash. There it was, sitting on the counter, waiting to be consumed. I immediately got a hankering for some squash soup. So I dug up the recipe, published in the Nov. 2019 Gazette issue, "Squash & Sausage Soup" (say that fast six times) and proceeded to put together a batch.

Man, I had forgotten how great this stuff is. Fresh chunks of squash, potato, onion, garlic and celery finished off with loose fried breakfast sausage. (Next batch, I'm gonna use diced and seasoned pork shoulder.)



*I'm not including the recipe again, but if you threw out the old Gazette (shudder) and now want to try it, let me know and I'll get you a copy.

It really made me smile and appreciate a nice fall day. Another one of those simple moments when you are reminded that it's good to be alive.

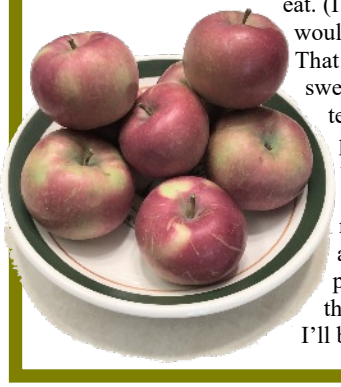
While driving in the bat truck on assignment for the Gazette, Curt Meyer waved me over to his place. As I pulled into his driveway and parked, he asked me "What's new?"

Over a perfectly chilled malt beverage, we proceeded to get caught up on the latest goings on. As I was finishing up and getting ready to get home, he asked, "Want some Apples?" I said yes and he proceeded to bring me a good two dozen or so plump Mcintosh beauties. I thanked him profusely (I love apples) and got back home.

First order of business was to sample one. A quick wash, quarter and de-core - now the taste test; One bite….magnificent! Finish it up and take the next step, this is gonna be good.

So, I butchered up six more, cut them in smaller chunks and threw them in a pot on the stove. Didn't peel them either. Sprinkled on some cinnamon, sugar and a little H2O over medium heat and waited for the magic. Just in time for lunch, fresh applesauce!

In no time at all, the beauties were cooked down and ready to eat. (I struggled to let it cool enough so I wouldn't burn the roof of my mouth.) That first bite…was nirvana. Not too sweet, not too tart - a nice taste and texture. And by the way - NO, the peels were not tough or stringy, very edible, likeable even.



Just another one of those moments that make you smile and appreciate a nice fall day and good people. Thanks Curt and Sandy for the apples. (and the malt beverage.)

I'll be back…

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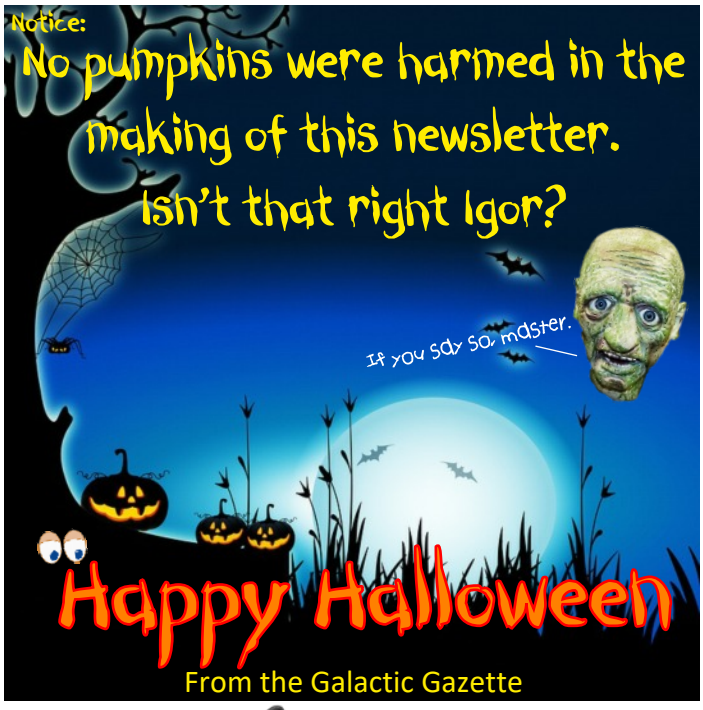



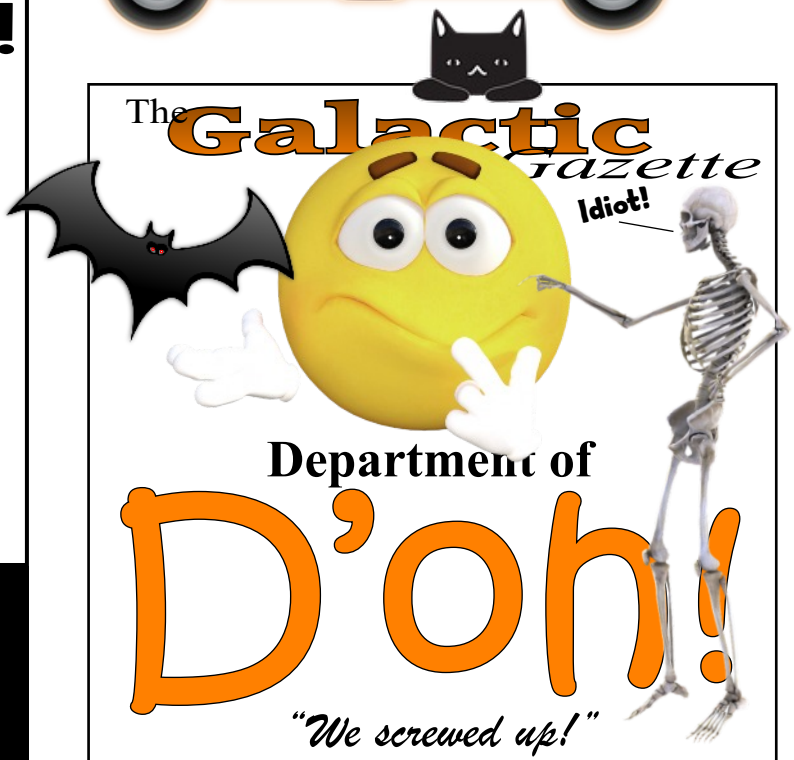

*In the September issue, I forgot to mention the Autumnal Equinox. You know, when the day and night are of equal length and the sun is straight overhead at the equator. A big celestial event for us Earthlings. Pretty lame for a publication with 'galactic' in it's name. Doh!

From the Cosmos Legion Family

Happy Halloween!

Next meeting date for Post 126 is; **Monday October 12 at 7:00 PM** at **Mug Shots**.
Remember, meeting dates are the second Monday of the month, 7:00 PM, at Mug Shots.
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From Curt Meyer, Legion Historian

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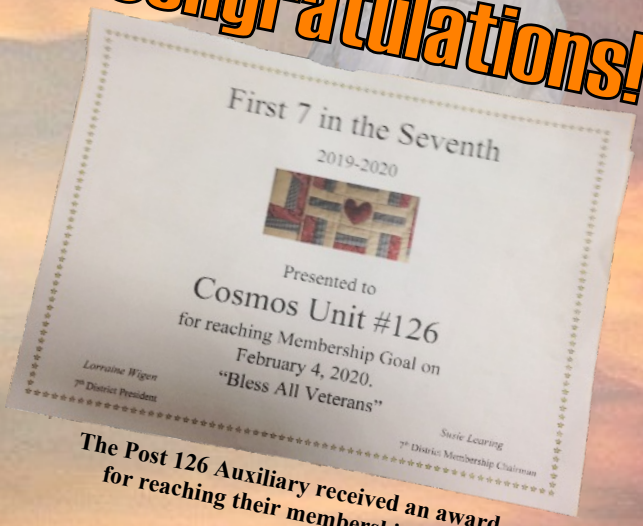

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