The Spooky and Scary Halloween Edition

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Looks Like a Pretty Spooky Planet to Me!

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Weather: Who? "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"

Softball & Burgers Are Back!



The Cosmos Softball Park was a pretty popular place on Sept. 4-5.

Pics and article by Mark Minnick

Last year's Lion's Labor Day Softball Tourney was canceled because of Covid 19 concerns. Apparently there was plenty of pent up desire to play softball as ten teams registered to compete this year.

Parking was at a premium as vehicles filled spots around the ballpark, on main street and even on some side streets. The eager tournament fans enjoyed the crack of the bat, some fresh popcorn and a cold beverage or two. The kids ate freezees, candy and played in the dirt.

The fans didn't forget the famous Lion's Burgers either, as nearly every other person you saw seemed to be munching on one.

The winning team was the undefeated Walt's of Willmar. See the top three team pics and info later in the Gazette. Some folks call this the best weekend of the summer. They may be right.

"Three out of four pumpkins surveyed don't want to be a Jack-O-Lantern. By the way, who talks to pumpkins?"

September 4-5, 2021-Labor Day Weekend

Lion's Burgers, Beer & Softball

-Pictures & Memories-



Here it comes…



Welcome to Cosmos on this Chamber of Commerce Day. Let's play ball!



I need some popcorn and a pop. Or maybe a freezee. Am I too old for a freezee?



Standing room only.



Lion's assistants Jan & Paul Lux poured beer for the thirsty crowd.



Meanwhile, at the shack, "Popcorn Princess" and Lion Joyce Karrigan readies a box of warm, wonderful popcorn for another lucky customer. Lion Smudge Schmeling doubts the 'princess' part.

Softball Tourney Injury Report



Pics and commentary by Mark Minnick

Veteran first baseman for the Corvuso Meats team, Emily VanHatten, was injured by a smokin' line drive on Saturday the 4th. She fractured one finger and jammed the other. Ish & Ouch!

According to Emily, her normal prowess and lightning fast reflexes at first have declined slightly. It seems that age even catches up with superstar athletes. Funny how that works.



Speaking of line drives, Taylor Fruetel was hit just above the left eye, also on Saturday. He doesn't look any the worse for wear and indicated that he feels pretty good. Oh to be young and tough.

Cosmos Lions Labor Day Weekend Co-Rec Softball Tournament Winners

Commentary, names and pics by crackerjack reporter "Harry Hank" Weseloh



First Place; Walt's of Willmar. Walt's cruised undefeated through the 2021 Cosmos Lions Labor Day Co-ed Softball Tournament, prevailing in the championship game against Upright Builders/Swanson Insurance.
(Back, L-R) Dani Christie, Kallie Wycoff, Tessa Ewert, Datriana Jensen, Sam Esse;
(Front, L-R) Nate Hoberg, Luke Battes, Matt Evans Anthony Whaylen, Matt Schornack.



Runner-up in the Lions Labor Day tournament was Upright Builders/Swanson Insurance. Team members are;
(Back, L-R): Dave Swanson, LaRay Runke, Morgan Kurth, Lindsey Minnick, Courtney Weispfennig, Randy Kurth. (Front, L-R) Seth Kirtz, Nick Smith, Brock Luthens, Christian Kurth, Ben Hansen, Corey Kurth and Chandler Kurth.



Third place for the 2021 Cosmos Lions Labor Day Tournament was Metro Erosion. Team members are;
(Back, L-R): Matt Martin, Cody Goldschmidt, Greg Schlueter, Eric Wilner, Kristyn Martin, Matt Anderson and Grant Solem.
(Front, L-R) Larrity Lang, Sutton Amberg, Hailey Wilner, Rachel Wilner, Morgan Bohlin and Rylie Wilner.

It was another successful

Cosmos Lions

Labor Day Burgers, Beer & Softball

-Weekend-

The Cosmos Lion's would like to extend a big "Thank You" to all of the teams, spectators, assistants and the ACGC football players that make this a great event for everyone to enjoy!

Burgers, Beer & Softball

-Weekend-

"By the Numbers"

- 1335 HAMBURGERS
- 1497 GLASSES OF BARLEY POP
- 239 CANS OF SODA POP
- 237 BOTTLES OF WATER
- 243 BOXES OF POPCORN
- 10 LBS OF BUTTER
- 38 LBS OF KETCHUP
- 100 LBS OF ONIONS
- 768 SLICES OF CHEESE
- 16 GALLONS OF PICKLES
- 10 TEAMS
- 18 SOFTBALL GAMES
- 7 BLOWN CALLS BY THE UMP...(RICH!)
- 1 DAMAGED WINDSHIELD *SURELY BY AN ASTEROID!



Happy Halloween Too!

Here's the results for our

"Big Green" Raffle

The Lions sold 250-$20 tickets and we had

13 Big Winners!

2-$500

2-$250

9-$100

Here They Are!

(Ticket sellers are in parentheses)

$500: Renee Hopp (Jadi Hopp)
$500: Joey Kruse (Doug Martin)
$250: Joyce Karrigan (Ballpark)
$250: Sonja Fruetel (Gary Martin)
$100: Twyla Oachs (Mark Minnick)
$100: Jamie Olson (Gary Martin)
$100: Mel Macik (Ballpark)
$100: Alan DeLeeuw (Don DeLeeuw)
$100: Matt Martin (Doug Martin)
$100: Rose Weber (Brad Dallmann)
$100: A.J. Lang (Gary Martin)
$100: Matt Wroge (Ballpark)
$100: Doug Kadelbach (Mike Welter)

Thank you raffle ticket buyers.
The Lion's appreciate your support!

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
September 9, 2021

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 9, 2021.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Katie Hansen, Angelica Hopp and Jody Fruetel.
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville, Josh Halvorson, Sarah Miller and David Medina
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Van Hatton to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. August 17, 2021 City Council Minutes
b. Overtime Balances
c. MMS – Parameter Report
d. Meeker County Sheriff – Aug 2021 Report
e. Set Public Hearing – Community Facilities loan – 5:00 p.m. Tues, Sep 21, 2021

VISITORS PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDANCE

Bolton & Menk – Josh Halvorson, engineer for Bolton & Menk, reviewed the upcoming construction project. The contractor will begin work in October. Sanitary sewer manholes in street intersections will be worked on as well as sewer mains in the alleys for this year. Once full construction starts next spring, it will take 25 weeks to complete. The start time and throughout, the project will be dependent on weather.

Water Plant Media Replacement – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Hansen to approve contracting with Treatment Resources for $39,397 for the media replacement at the water plant. Motion carried**.**

The media has outlived its useful life. The project will be paid for by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding.

September 09, 2021 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to approve the September 9, 2021 bills list with check numbers from 15094-15104 for $38,186.28. Motion carried**.**

Resolution 2021_19 $1,258,000 GO Temp. Bonds 2021B – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to approve Res 2021_19 $1,258,000 GO Temporary Bonds 2021B. Motion carried**.**

Resolution 2021_20 $4,547,000 GO Temp. Bonds 2021C – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to approve Res 2021_20 $4,547,000 GO Temporary Bonds 2021C. Motion carried**.**
Resolution 2021_21 MN Public Facilities Authority Water Grant Application – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to approve Res 2021_21 MNPFA Water Grant Application. Motion carried**.**

2022 Draft General Fund Budget - Administrator Douville discussed the preliminary general fund budget and property tax levy.

A motion by Hopp, seconded by Fruetel, to approve the preliminary General Fund 2022 budget of $540,436 with a preliminary property tax levy of $287,263. The same tax levy as the last several years. Motion carried**.**

2022 DNR Grant – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to approve a 50% matching grant for $5,100 with the MN DNR for Fire Department Equipment. Motion carried**.**

Fire Hall Doors – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel to approve repairs for several fire department doors, regarding weather stripping, etc. for $1,064 Motion carried**.**

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 14, 2021. The agenda will be posted in the city office window, post office and bank vestibule by Tuesday afternoon. Any change in meeting dates or times will be displayed on the digital sign.
Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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

October Daily Lunch Specials

F 1 Zucchini meatloaf dinner or commercial
M 4 Sausage & kraut dinner
T 5 Roast beef dinner or commercial
W 6 Broasted chicken dinner
T 7 Chili cheese burger & fries
F 8 Hot ham & cheese w/soup

M 11 Grilled cheese w/chili
T 12 Tacos & tots
W 13 Turkey dinner or commercial *(sorry Billy for last month)*
T 14 Fish sandwich w/soup
F 15 Baked chicken dinner

M 18 Chicken strips w/JoJo's
T 19 Clubhouse w/soup
W 20 Broasted chicken dinner
T 21 BBQ rib dinner
F 22 Beef stew w/cornbread

M 25 BLT w/soup
T 26 Fish dinner
W 27 Roast beef dinner or commercial
T 28 Spaghetti w/garlic toast
F 29 Beef stroganoff

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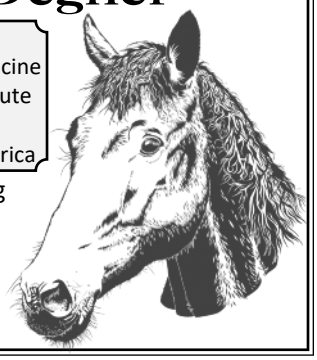


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Thank You

to all our friends and relatives for all the visits, calls, cards, gifts, flowers, texts and food I received when I was in Harmony River for 2 1/2 months. I appreciated it so much. One day after I got home, we became grandparents. Maxton Matthew Adams was born August 19 in Seattle, Washington. We are so blessed.

Carol Adams

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PeeWee Softball -2021-

Pics by Joyce Karrigan

End of the Season





Say "Freezee!"

The Galactic Gazette

"Always Action Packed & Fun Filled!"

"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."



Don't miss an issue- you'll regret it!

Have a Happy Halloween.

"Little Free Library" Comes to Cosmos



L to R, Caleb & Conner Peterson

Pic and story by Mark Minnick

Cosmos has another library in town and it doesn't have any lights, heat, chairs or tables. But it does have a good number of books that can be read and shared by anyone. Take a book and/or leave a book as you wish, kind of neat. *(Littlefreelibrary.org is a large, non-profit book sharing organization headquartered in Hudson, Wisconsin.)*

Located in the bandstand in the city park, the cabinet holds probably 15-25 books, depending on size. Cosmos was lucky enough to receive this library due to the effort of Boy Scout Conner Peterson, with assistance from his younger brother Caleb.

Hailing from Kandiyohi, Minnesota, Conner told me this is an Eagle Scout project for him. Little Free Library supplies the building plans, then Conner acquires the materials and constructs the little cabinets himself. The final step is to install the cabinet in an approved place in various towns and cities.

I asked Conner if he has to stop back and replace books after a period of time. He answered, "Nope, the libraries pretty much take care of themselves. People take books home to read and bring back more books to add to the collection. It works out pretty well."

A big "Thank You" goes out to Conner and Caleb for their thoughtfulness and effort. So, you might want to take a trip down to the city park to check out the new library in town. While you're there, grab a book to read. It can't hurt.



A Couple for the Pot


Pic by Zach Hahnen

By Mark Minnick

My stereotypical definition of duck hunting weather is; Gray, overcast, cold and rainy. The bluebird skies and golden fall foliage above don't usually come to mind. It sure makes for comfortable hunting though. Camo sweatshirt, jeans, shotgun, pocket of shells and a lawn chair. Lemonade anyone?

Gazette subscriber Zach Hahnen and Lab companion Benelli *(Nellie for short)* show off some Wood Ducks they bagged while hunting on September 25th. They were enjoying the Minnesota Regular Waterfowl Season Opener. It also looks like they will be enjoying roast duck later next week, with onions and mushrooms, no less.

These two met up with other two legged friends to hunt in an undisclosed cattail hideaway near Benson, Minnesota. I asked Zach if he brought a Gazette with him so he could snap a pic for the popular "Where's the Gazette?" column. He indicated that Nellie was supposed to, but she forgot. More training is in order I see.

She did remember a couple of bacon flavored chew toys and her favorite blanky though. She's got priorities.



It's the middle of September and this soybean field is a nice gold color. This is what ag community folks call "Fall Color".

CLC Open House



Pic and commentary by LeAnn Melberg

On September 1st, numerous locals visited the Cosmos Learning Center Open House, for a tour of the renovated school building.

Quilts



Pic and story by Pam Walter

These 10 beautiful quilts made by the Trinity Lutheran Church Women where delivered to the St. Cloud Veterans Medical Center by Julie Seifert, Cosmos Legion Auxiliary Unit 126.

TIDBITS



Greetings! Hope this finds you well. It has been a beautiful fall and we are receiving much-needed moisture. Soon the harvest will be in full swing. Please drive carefully and please give the machinery and trucks on the road respect and space. We have witnessed drivers who go around the farm machines and swerve into oncoming traffic lanes and expect the oncoming traffic to move over or slow down. Remember the oncoming traffic has the "right of way." Please be patient and be safe out there.

Zig Ziegler and Lou Holtz are dynamic speakers and have walked the walk. I have heard them both say: "dream big! …. there is so much opportunity available if you are willing to do what it takes." I encourage anyone who has an influence on a young person to encourage them to dream big.

I am a fan of sports, especially football. It's fun to follow the local teams and athletes. I recently made a Google search of active roster NFL football players who grew up in MN. The chart showed 19 players who are active on 53-man rosters. Two of the players are "brothers" from Spicer, Brandon Zylstra (active Carolina Panthers wide receiver) and Shane Zylstra (active practice squad Detroit Lions). Brandon played his college ball at Concordia Morehead (graduated 2016) and Shane played at Mankato State (graduated 2019).

The road to the NFL from these small schools is statistically extremely low, however, these two skillful players have beat the odds and have found the path to living their dream of pursuing an NFL career.

Brandon started his way to the NFL in 2016 after a successful college career of football and track at Concordia Morehead. His first two years (2016-2017) were in the Canadian League with the Edmonton Eskimos where he was named the teams Rookie of the Year and a CFL All-star his second year. In 2018 Brandon made it to the NFL. His first year was with the MN Vikings where he played all 16 games, mostly on special teams, and then he moved to the Carolina Panthers in 2019 were he scored his first NFL touchdown on Sunday 9/19. Brandon is listed on the Panthers site at 6'2" and 215#.

Shane Zylstra graduated from Mankato State in 2020 and had a stellar senior year as a wide receiver with 227 receptions, 4,297 receiving yards and 54 touchdowns. Shane has transitioned from wide receiver to tight end in the NFL. This spring he was signed by the Vikings and played preseason fighting for a position on the active roster. However, Shane was released during the final cuts but was immediately claimed off waivers by the Detroit Lions where he is currently on the practice squad. Shane is listed on the Lions site at 6'4" 230#.

Congratulations to these young Zylstra men and their families! Good luck in your NFL careers! Have a great October and go Gophers and Vikings!



* * * PUBLIC NOTICE * * *
City of Cosmos

The City of Cosmos will be doing maintenance on the water plant in October. The process will take 10-14 days. During that time, it is recommended that residents use bottled water for drinking purposes. While the water is still technically safe to drink, it will have higher levels of contaminants that the water plant would normally filter out.

The filter media in the plant is being replaced as it has passed its useful life. The water from the well will be chlorinated but will then go straight to the water tower. We are working with the company to complete the media replacement as quickly and efficiently as possible. The City appreciates your patience during this maintenance of the water plant.

The digital board at the city office and public postings on community billboards will be placed around the community notifying when the project begins and ends.

2021 Street and Utility Construction

The 2021 Street and Utility Reconstruction project is set to begin. Fall work will begin by the time the Gazette goes out to the residents. A more detailed letter will go out to affected property owners on the north side of Highway 7.

Fall work will include tree removal, sewer manhole replacement in affected city intersections, sewer main replacement and sewer lining in alleyways. There will be times where access to alleyways will not be available and/or utilities may be temporarily interrupted. The affected property owners will be notified ahead of time to make preparations, i.e. moving vehicles out onto the street, etc. and contact numbers available for information or to help address any issues that may arise.

The Cosmos Public Library News



-August Happenings-

By Jennifer Barnes-Cosmos Public Library

As part of the Cosmos Library's 2021 Summer Reading Program, Reading Colors Your World, the library hosted a Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest. The contest was open to youth of all ages.

Because of the challenges with Covid-19, it was decided that library programming would be held outdoors this summer and it was up to individual libraries to decide what events/programming they wanted to offer. The staff at the Cosmos Library (Gene and Jennifer) enjoy activities that bring people together, and feel it is important to make sure the library is involved in the community.

In addition to other programming, Gene had the idea of a Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest, and it was a success. All of the participants had fun, and much laughter was enjoyed! Deb Minnick served as our impartial judge, and the winners for each age category received a $5.00 DQ gift card. Chalk and popsicles were provided by the library. All participants enjoy cooling off with a popsicle after a warm afternoon of drawing.

The participants were Asher Lund (winner for the teens), Hailey Yocum, Annabelle Barnes, Seth Lund, Maggie Lund, and Evie Lund (winners for the under 10).

The youth had an opportunity to interact and get to know each other, the sidewalk looked so cheerful, and our Summer Reading Program has been a success despite the challenges.





The names of the participants: Asher Lund, Seth Lund, Maggie Lund, Evie Lund, Annabelle Barnes and Hailey Yocum. Winners received a $5 DQ gift certificate (Asher Lund, Maggie/Evie Lund).









Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's ~~nice~~ scary outside!

Reel Education



Evan Wright, Luke Kuhlmann, instructor Luke Adam, and Corbin Ostrander examine the contents of a seine net and identify aquatic species.

In the classroom and on the water, these high school students learn fishing skills and conservation

All images and story courtesy of the Minnesota Conservation Magazine Sept/Oct 2021 Issue. Written by Tom Hazelton

Justice Rebrovich has been working his 16-foot fishing boat along the shoreline for almost two hours when he finally gets a hit. Rebrovich, a junior at Nashwauk-Keewatin High School, leans back and sets the hook.

The fish swirls aggressively in the lily pads as it tries to shake the hollow-bodied frog lure. "About time, baby!" he says, reeling hard. Soon, a largemouth bass is boatside and in the landing net. "Yeah, honestly," says his fellow student and angling partner, Daniel Clusiau, laughing, as he hands the net to Rebrovich.

It's sunny and breezy—a nice May morning for the final 2021 outing of Spartan Angling, Nashwauk-Keewatin's elective fishing class. Today, Spartan Angling is out on Bray Lake, just north of Nashwauk, a small lake rimmed by forest, with cabins tucked into the trees. The whole class is fishing—a few in another student's boat, a couple in a paddleboat, and the rest on math teacher Luke Adam's pontoon.

Adam created the for-credit class, first offered in the spring of 2019, to give students in grades 9 through 12 the chance to learn or expand on their fishing skills and to introduce them to fish biology and conservation concepts. Lessons include basics like tackle and rigging and deep dives into fish species and conservation. They also have several fishing outings each semester, both on the ice and on open water, some as weekend trips and others as school-day field trips.

Adam says that while several schools around Minnesota have fishing teams, most are extracurricular and often oriented toward competitive fishing. He doesn't know of any other schools offering a for-credit class focused on basic fishing skills and conservation.

"We're teaching kids a lifelong skill," he says. "You might play football until you're 18, but you can fish your whole life." Both Clusiau, a sophomore, and Rebrovich signed up for the class mainly because it sounded fun, but they found it to be more interesting and educational than they'd expected. "It even teaches me a lot of stuff," Rebrovich says. "Like invasive species … or the history of Red Lake, and how overfishing really messed it up and it's in, like, recovery right now."

He thinks that the class is great not just for kids like him, who have an angling background, but for those who didn't grow up on the water. "I've fished my whole life," he says, making another cast with his baitcaster, using his thumb to brake the spool and dropping his bait right on target next to the bank. "A lot of kids don't get that chance."





Instructor Luke Adam gives spinner and bead components to Sabrina Woodman to make spinner rigs in class.

The previous afternoon, Adam teaches the kids to tie spinner rigs in his math-slash-fishing classroom at the high school in Nashwauk. A dozen students, a mix of girls and boys, make up the class, which, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, had to be adapted for online learning. Back in the classroom, the kids are engaged, but with a relaxed, end-of-the-year vibe. They pass around spinner-making materials: hooks, fluorocarbon leader, beads, and spinner blades.

Adam gently steers the room. The first step: tying the hook to the line. "We're gonna use the clinch knot," he says. "Remember the twisty one?" Some of the students deftly knot their hooks in place with well-practiced turns. Some lean forward to better see Adam's demonstration. The classroom has a fishy feel amid the math trappings. The white board, still marked up with a few final algebraic formulas, is crowned by a large mounted northern pike with a blue surgical mask over its toothy face. Beneath a 20-digit printout of the number pi is the NKHS Fish Game Outdoor Wall, where students and staff pin photos of their outdoor pursuits.

After the spinner rig demonstration, Adam points, with the tip of a fishing rod, to a depth map of Bray Lake, where the class will fish the next morning. He quizzes students on which areas of the lake look best for finding different species of fish, and shares information on where he's caught fish before and what kind of bait and lures work best.

Adam has had a cabin on Bray Lake since the early 1980's, so he really knows the lake. Many anglers keep such knowledge close to the vest, but Adam is happy to share his wisdom with a room full of people. "I just want the kids to be successful. To have a good time," he says after class, adding that not all the students have had the same outdoor opportunities he grew up with.

Adam believes that Spartan Angling gives students a chance to connect to the outdoors. "Fishing doesn't care about socioeconomic status, or race, or physical ability," he says. "You don't have to be an elite athlete to fish." And in Adam's class, you don't necessarily need your own equipment, either. Piled in a corner is a jumble of fishing rods and tackle boxes available for the students to use if they don't have their own.

Much of it was purchased with funds from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Angler and Hunter Recruitment and Retention Grant program, which aims to help local groups interest Minnesotans in the outdoors. The grant also helps pay for things like resort fees, boat rentals, and bus charters for class trips, such as a recent outing to Lake of the Woods.

Jeff Ledermann, DNR Fish and Wildlife education and skills team supervisor, worked with Adam on the grant process. Getting kids involved in the outdoors is critical, he says during a phone call a couple of weeks later, and not just for their own enjoyment. It's important for the future of fishing and conservation in the state. "We know that people who are connected to nature, and spend time outdoors, are more likely to act in ways to protect it," Ledermann says. The tricky part is working outdoors activities into the curriculum. "You can learn a lot about math and science … by participating in archery or in fishing," he adds. "It's getting teachers to look outside the box, frankly. Luke [Adam] has done that."

In addition to two DNR outreach grants, Adam has found strong support from local service organizations and businesses that have donated or discounted gear for the class. "Fishing seems to be universally supported, especially when you can tie kids into it," he says. "You don't really need to candy coat it."

After the outing on Bray Lake, Adam and his class gather at his cabin. Venison brats sizzle on the grill while Adam and his students discuss how the buffer of brush and tall grass between his mowed lawn and the lake helps protect the water from erosion and pollution. They also drag a seine net along the bank to see what kind of fish are using the near-shore habitat.

Later, Kaydince Thoennes, a junior, stands at a picnic table where a half-dozen northern pike, caught that morning, await the knife. The fillets will be added to walleyes the students caught on Lake of the Woods, then shared in an end-of-the-year fish fry at the school. "I think it's cool," Thoennes says when asked why she wanted to clean the fish. "And I think I'm good at it."

Thoennes learned to fish as a young kid, but says her family had gotten away from it in recent years. She originally signed up for Spartan Angling because she needed to take an elective class. "I thought it was gonna be boring," she explains, removing the thin strip of meat that contains the northern's pesky Y-bones. "But I actually turned out to really like it." Especially, she says, since there were other girls in the class—four this semester.

With the first northern filleted, Thoennes asks Adam if they can check the predator fish's stomach to see what it had been eating. "We'll do a little lesson here," Adam says, and students gather around. "What do you think is in there?"

"A minnow!" comes the chorus reply. Adam cuts a small incision in the end of the pike's stomach and squeezes from the bottom, like it's a slimy tube of toothpaste. A small half-digested fish with faint vertical stripes slides out, to the loud disgust of a few students. "Whoa! Perch!" says Thoennes, reaching for the knife. "Can I do some more, Mr. Adam?"



Corbin Ostrander caught this northern pike on Bray Lake with the Spartan Angling class.

Science, Tech and Just Plain Cool Stuff



This image, taken from aboard the International Space Station, shows the Aurora Australis as it streams across the Earth's atmosphere as the station orbited 271 miles above the southern Indian Ocean in between Asia and Antarctica.

Named for the Roman goddess of dawn, the aurora is a captivating display of light in the night sky. The Aurora Borealis and Aurora Australis — also called the northern lights and southern lights — occur at the northern and southern poles.

Aug 13, 2021-Image Credit: NASA

Update: James Webb Telescope Set to Launch Dec. 18, 2021

Editors note: The Gazette originally reported the JWT was set to launch on Oct. 30th. It seems that I picked an article from the NASA website that was written before they decided to change the launch date. My bad. So far I have not been able to determine why the change was needed. It I find out I will tell our readers. Sorry for the screw up. Good help is hard to find.

Courtesy nasa.gov

NASA plans to launch the James Webb Space Telescope into orbit Dec. 18, 2021, to serve as the premier deep space observatory for the next decade.

The agency set the new target launch date in coordination with Arianespace after Webb recently and successfully completed its rigorous testing regimen – a major turning point for the mission. The new date also follows Arianespace successfully launching an Ariane 5 rocket in late July and scheduling a launch that will precede Webb. The July launch was the first for an Ariane 5 since August 2020.

Webb, an international program led by NASA with its partners ESA (European Space Agency) and the Canadian Space Agency, will launch on an Ariane 5 from Europe's Spaceport in French Guiana on the northeastern coast of South America. ESA is providing the Ariane 5.



Image on the right;
After successful completion of its final tests, NASA's James Webb Space Telescope is seen here being prepared for shipment to its launch site.
Credits: NASA/Chris Gunn

The ACGC
Falcon Flyover
Events, Activities & Happenings in the Atwater/Cosmos/Grove City School District

"The Boys of Fall"



Landon Blom tries to elude tacklers on the BOLD gridiron.

Article and pics by Football Mom LeAnn Melberg

The first 3 games of Falcon Football have had plenty of ups and downs. It started with their first game at BOLD. The Falcons managed to win the 1st half but the Warriors came back after half time and stopped the Falcons from scoring again. The Falcons lost 22-12.

The Falcon's 2nd game was on their home field but struggled against state ranked Kimball with another loss 34-6.

Finally a win came for the Falcons with their 3rd game against Long Prairie-Grey Eagle. Even with all the penalties (mostly bogus) that were called on the Falcons, they pulled off a 34-16 win. It what was a very long game thanks to the referees. The Falcons are led by seniors Landon Blom, Mason Studemann, Anders Grimsgard, Eric Melberg, Hunter Powers, Mason Hiltner, Joe Johnson, Alex Kokenge and Brady Lyons.

Epilog: After Friday's game one ref did come and apologize for the penalties. We had 19 penalty calls against us. The ref that apologized admitted that our illegal formation calls were wrong. We were in a legal formation. We had 3 penalties that were constantly being called. The ref admitted that 2 out of the 3 shouldn't have been called. It was awful.



Versus BOLD, QB Anders Grimsgard #9, completes a handoff to running back Landon Blom #26, who is following his blocker Eric Melberg #66.

CHEF IT UP!

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

Don't forget to teach a kid how to cook.



Apple Kuchen

By Grace Kamrath

Greetings people of Cosmos! I was struggling with the idea of another tomato recipe but opted for apple instead. There are probably as many recipes for apples as tomatoes.

When it comes to apples, I am in a quandary as to which type of apple to use. Some are really best for eating like Braeburn, Gala,Red Delicious and McIntosh. But others like Empire, Granny Smith, Jonagold and my favorite Courtland are great for eating or baking.

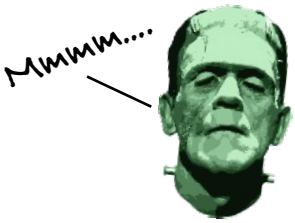
You probably have your favorites too. I do remember as a child we had several apple trees in our backyard in Lebanon, Wisc. One was referred to as "an apple to a pie". In other words, they were huge. I have no idea what name it had.

APPLE KUCHEN



1 c. flour
2 T. sugar
1/4 t. salt
1/2 c. butter or shortening

Mix like pie crust and pat in a 9" x 9" pan. Peel and alice 5 c. apples, add 1/2 c. sugar and 1/2 t. cinnamon. Mix and spread over crust.



Streusel
1/2 c. flour
1/2 c. sugar
1/4 t. salt
1/4 c. butter

Mix together and sprinkle over top of apples. Bake 45 to 50 minutes at 350 degrees.

**I love recipes with not too many ingredients and everything I have in my pantry or fridge.*



ACGC Falcon Flyover



THE FFA CORN DRIVE IS BACK!

By Eric Melberg

Last year the ACGC FFA Officer Team reinstated the Corn Drive. It was a huge success. We raised over $14,000 and donated the money to the camp True Friends. True Friends is a nonprofit agency providing new experiences to children and adults who are disabled. This camp is located near Annandale. The FFA has a long history of donating to True Friends formally known as Camp Courage.

In recent years the ACGC FFA had a fundraiser meal to raise money, but FFA members were disappointed with the profit and asked the ACGC Administration to let them bring back the Corn Drive. FFA members worked in groups last year and brought grain carts to area fields where farmers willingly donated their corn. Our FFA raised the 2nd largest amount of money for True Friends last year, and were presented an award at our end of the year banquet.

We again will be doing the Corn Drive this year and hoping to raise more money than last year. A date has yet to be decided, but if you would like to donate corn please contact me at the number below. Checks can also be sent to ACGC FFA, 27250 MN Hwy 4, Grove City, MN 56209. Please note Corn Drive.

Thank you for the donations last year and I look forward to hearing from you (the sooner the better) about this year's donations.

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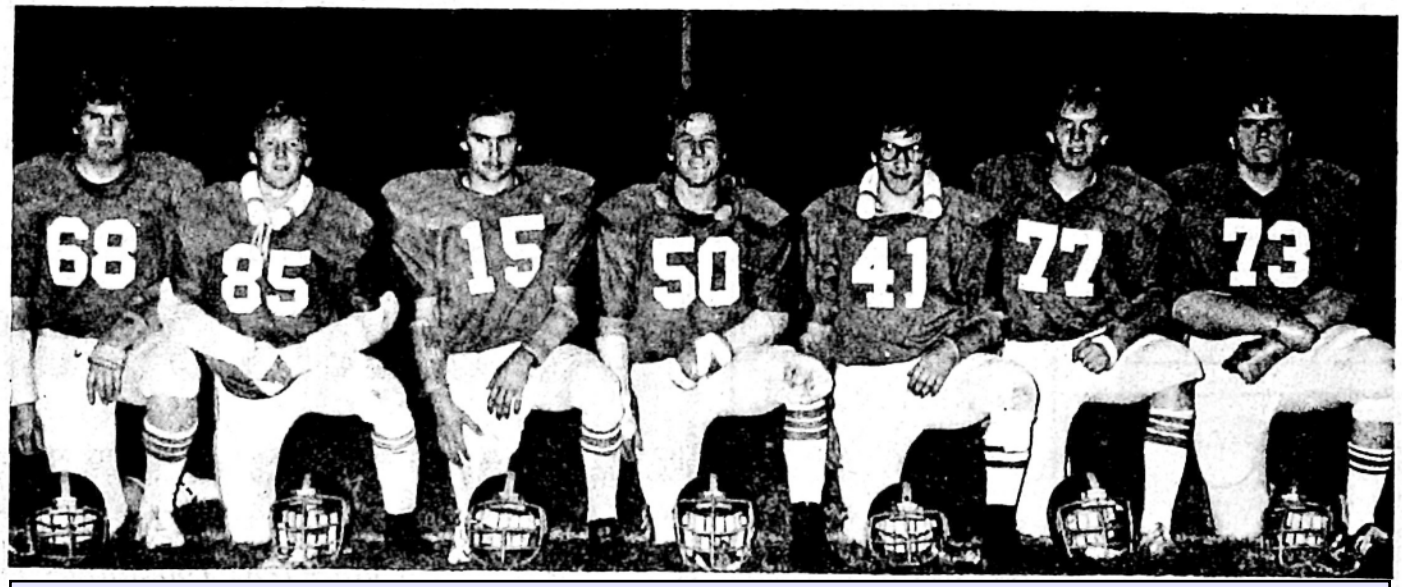


TIME WARP Whozit?





Email your answer to:
wordnut66@outlook.com



Here are seven Cosmos Royals senior football players. They played their last high school football game on October 28, 1981. Can you name them?

Whozit?





CHEF IT UP!

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

Don't forget to teach a kid how to cook.



Zippy Pickles

By Mark Minnick



My wife Deb, sometimes known as the "Cat Lady" made a nice batch of dill, onion, garlic and Minnesota Kryptonite *(cayenne pepper)* pickles. It's gonna be hard to wait at least another month before enjoying the first jar of tasty pickle goodness. No recipe here, just a pic to make the tasty pickle people jealous. The crown of my head sweats just thinking about them.



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By Mark Minnick

Vintage Comics...& Then Some



I thought it very appropriate during our October harvest season to have a comic strip about an old time "Husking Bee". Here's "Lena Pry" from 1938. *She's a sweetheart!*



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Time Machine

October 1981

TIME WARP

No mention about an upcoming Halloween party Eunice! What are the poor little waifs going to do after a night of Trick or Treating? Go home and add their haul of candy to the summer parade candy stash I guess.



THIS CHEVROLET PICKUP was totaled in a one vehicle rollover on Highway 7 1¼ miles east of Lake Lillian early Saturday morning, October 24, at about 3 a.m. The driver, Kevin Maahs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erdman Maahs of Cosmos, was taken to the Hutchinson Community Hospital by the Lake Lillian ambulance where he remains hospitalized.

Fifty-five Cosmos students study under CQE

COSMOS--The Independent Study Program at Cosmos High School is off to a busy year. It is in its third and final year of funding from the Minnesota Council on Quality Education (CQE).

CQE receives its monies from the state legislature to help local districts research innovative and cost-effective ways to improve education.

This fall semester 25 juniors and 30 seniors are enrolled in 25 different course of instruction. Thirteen of these courses are correspondence course. The enrollment is up 49% for a total of 86% of juniors and seniors enrolled. This is an all-time high for the project.

Sixteen teachers are involved as advisors plus many community people are involved as resource help in a health career exploration course.

The following students and teachers are involved in regular independent study courses that have been developed at Cosmos High School:

Anatomy - Sandy Sathre (Miss Kratzke).

Basic Drawing - Norma Schlueter (Miss Johnson).

Child Education - Debbie Ainslie (Mrs. Winters and Mrs. Housman), Denise Kiecker (Miss Runksmeier), Mary Jo Lietzau (Miss Arlt) and Sandy Lietzau (Mr. Hallmaier).

Computer Programming - Gena Albright, Duane Anderson, Nate Blum, Todd Grages, Roger Johnson, Roxanne Lux, Pat Minnick, Kim Pearson and Dolly Schaefer (Mr. Lueck Lueck).

Creative Living Space - Laurie Niles (Miss Johnson).

Drawing II - Diane Bluhm (Miss Johnson).

Explorations in Health Occupations - Karen Faber and Joy Loveland (Miss Johnson).

Interior Design - Lori Samson (Miss Johnson).

Music Theory - Barb Dallmann (Mr. Pasche).

Speech - Dawn Kiecker (Mrs. Bakke).

Synthesizer Music - John Krohn (Mr. Pasche).

Zoology - Robin Youngblom (Mr. Van Overbeke).

The following students are taking correspondence courses through State University at Fargo. The Cosmos teachers are advisors in addition to an instructor at Fargo.

Arc Welding - Gary Carlson and Darin Mahlow (Mr. Currier).

Auto Engines - Neil Schlueter (Mr. Lueck).

Aviation - Tim Dege, Shane Stenberg and Merl Zimmerman (Miss Johnson).

Junior English - Brad Peterson (Miss Kolle).

Farm Management - Mark Elling, Jeff Johnson and Scott Peterson (Miss Peterson).

Farm Power and Machinery - Rod Anderson, Wade Driver, Paul Folsom, Lee Kaping, Monty Krosch, Dale Runke and Curt Schlueter (Miss Johnson).

Fashion Design - Anna Wilner (Mrs. Rick).

Feeding Farm Animals - Steve Blackwell (Miss Johnson).

Mechanical Drawing - Todd Anderson, Troy Johnson, Gary Schlueter, Wayne Youngblom (Mr. Currier).

Notetaking and Penmanship - Peggy Olsen (Mr. Nordine).

Photography - Lori Wehking (Mr. Bluhm).

Shorthand I - Juanita Park (Mr. Nordine).

Wildlife Management - Brad Carlson, Mark Kruse, Mike Lang, Todd Reinke and Todd Straumann (Miss Johnson).

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SHINING A POWERFUL LIGHT ON THE LOCAL SCENE

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Ray Johnson elected WAVTI V.P.

WILLMAR--Ray Johnson, a 1980 Cosmos High School graduate, has been elected as the Willmar Vo-Tech Student Body Vice-President for this school year. Johnson has served as vice-president of the Machine Shop VICA organization during the 1980-81 school year. He is also serving as vice-president of the Student Senate this year.

While in high school, Ray was a National Honor Society member and was on the varsity wrestling team. He plans to graduate from the Machine Tool Technology Program in June, 1982. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Johnson of Cosmos.



RAY JOHNSON

"Kids Store" set for Dec. 5

COSMOS--The Women's Club of Cosmos is again sponsoring a Kid's Store on December 5, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Milky Way. Since the response was so great last year, even more low-priced articles, all $1.50 or under, will be made available so the kids can get their own special shopping done without mom and dad around. Articles will be mostly hand-made, but some manufactured articles will also be available, and there will be gift ideas for all ages.

The customers are limited to sixth grade and under, so plan to bring your children in for that proud feeling of buying their own gifts for their families.

Last year, several people said they wouldn't mind donating small, inexpensive articles for purchase at the store. If anyone wishes to donate such home-made articles, please contact Marcia Huska 877-7634 or Myrtle Housman 877-7453.

Bus route to change Monday

COSMOS -- Students and parents of Cosmos are reminded that the bus routes change for all Cosmos students.

Steve Grussendorf to play lead in "Brigadoon"

CASPER, WY. --Steve Grussendorf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Grussendorf Jr. of Casper Wy., and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Grussendorf Sr. of Cosmos will play the lead male role in "Brigadoon," at the Casper College.

Grussendorf said "Brigadoon" is making him grow as an actor because the character has so many dimensions. He has been in other plays but he didn't have the main character and didn't have as deep personalities.

Musical theater is just an activity Grussendorf enjoys doing. He's a tenor voice major, but he's not sure what he wants to do with his music career after this year, but hopes to be able to join Up With People.

Up With People is a group that puts on a show around the world in an attempt to spread the joy of life. Grussendorf said 3,000 people audition for the group and only 500 are selected.

Public Notice

COSMOS--The Actual Use Report for General Revenue Sharing of the City of Cosmos is available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, October 29--Cosmos Royals Football team hosts Grove City in their last football game of the season. Parents night will be observed.

MONDAY, November 2--District Volleyball tournament play begins. (See schedule).

TUESDAY, November 3--Cosmos Community Club meets.



Whozit?

HERE IS a HALLOWEEN Whozit picture for you to identify.

Last weeks whozit picture was of Rose (Plaxk) Kiecker, Sara Ann (Jordin) Hanson, Mae (Ratke) Johnson, Erlene (Weispfennig) Schultz and Lucell (Reinke) Dallmann.

More Whozit pictures are needed.

Metal chimneys can fail with wood heat

The growing use of wood as heating fuel by economy-minded homeowners is causing concern for fire chiefs and insurance companies.

Especially when those wood-burners use some types of metal pre-fabricated chimneys.

Cosmos Fire Chief Merle Olsen warns that double-wall insulated and triple-wall ventilated, metal, pre-fab chimneys are failing or are responsible for igniting nearby insulation or combustibles, when used with wood heat.

Because the inner liners of these chimneys can collapse or warp, Olsen said masonry (flue-lined) chimneys should be used instead. Problems with pre-fabs originate through overfiring, lack of regular cleaning or a chimney fire.

Some insurance companies also are taking second looks at the problems; Olsen said homeowners should check with their agents before installing a pre-fab chimney.

The Reinsurance Association of America (RAM), which basically insures insurance companies, also has expressed concern over the metal chimneys. It is documenting cases where structural failure of metal pre-fab chimneys used with wood heat has occurred, according to James Faber, RAM vice president for loss investigation. Faber is based in Hutchinson.

During last year's heating season, RAM member companies handled 35 claims involving the chimneys, Faber said. Losses from these fires totaled about $764,000.

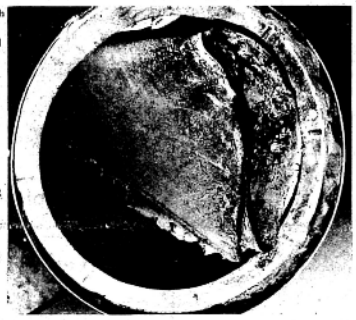
RAM also has filed a formal report and complaint with the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, which is conducting an investigation. The Minnesota Insurance Information Institute and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety also have been notified.

The September edition of the Minneapolis Builders Association newsletter also carries warnings about metal chimneys. It said RAM is recommending that its 94 member companies refuse to insure structures with metal pre-fab chimneys.

"The problem that the insurance companies are having is that actual field firing conditions for extended periods of time or chimney fires due to creosote build-up exceed the capabilities of the metal flues," the newsletter told builders.

Building officials have known all along that metal flues for wood burning have shortcomings, but RAM's criticism adds weight to builders' claims, the newsletter said.

Also recognizing warp and collapse problems with the chimneys, Underwriters Laboratories of Canada is writing new standards for chimneys used with wood heat.



THE INNER LINING of this chimney has collapsed, an example of what can happen with metal pre-fabricated chimneys that are used with wood. Fire Chief Merle Olsen is joined by insurance companies in issuing warnings on using the chimneys when wood is burned.

GOING ON A TRIP? RENT A CAR

"C" stamp is on sale at Post Office

COSMOS--The cost of mailing a first-class letter will rise to 20 cents beginning Sunday, November 1 when new postage rates go into effect, Postmaster Carol Lang reminded customers today.

A new "C" stamp is on sale at the post office. The stamp bears the letter "C" instead of a denomination and has a postage value of 20 cents, the new rate for one ounce of first-class domestic mail.

The brown and white stamp features an eagle with the legend "US Postage" beneath it. The letter "C" appears beside the eagle.

Also included in the design are the words "Domestic Mail" to remind mailers of its intended use.

The "C" stamp cannot be used on international mail. Mail destined for foreign countries and bearing "C" stamps will be returned to senders.

The "C" stamp is available in sheets, coils and booklets. A nondenominational postal card, also available, sells for 13 cents, the new postal card rate.

"Any remaining supply of 18-cent stamps that mailers have on hand may, of course, be used," Postmaster Carol Lang said, "as long as they are combined with one or two-cent stamps to meet the new first-class rate."

Celeste Koeberl passes State Bar exam

Celeste Koeberl received word that she passed the Minnesota Bar Exam and will be sworn in on October 30.

Celeste graduated Cum Laude with honors from the University of Minnesota Law School, June 12th, 1981. She was one of 200 to be awarded a J. D. degree at that time.

Friends and relatives helped Celeste celebrate the occasion Sunday afternoon, October 18 at the home of her mother, Dona Koeberl. Those who attended were Dennis Johnson, Celeste's husband; Irene Working, Celeste's grandmother; and other relatives and friends, Loren Pearson, Vernon Pearson, Andy Johnson, Doris Johnson, Janet Pearson, Nancy Pearson, Connie Pearson, Hilda Schmalz, Marcia Johnson and Dave Fett.

Fender bender at Hwys 4 & 7

COSMOS--Monday morning an accident occured at the intersection of Hwy. 7 and 4 in Cosmos.

Involved in the accident was a 1968 Oldsmobile driven by Sandy Lietzau of Cosmos and a 1972 Plymouth driven by Raymond Kvam of Minneapolis. Damages to the Oldsmobile amounted to about $150 and to the Plymouth about $800.

The accident was investigated by the Cosmos Police Department.

Child Care food program

WILLMAR--The Region 6E Community Action Agency, Head Start, announces participation in the Child Care Food Program. Meals are available, at no separate charge to all enrolled children without regard to race, color, or national origin at the following sites:

Spicer Head Start, Litchfield Head Start, Merton Head Start, Home Base Van Head Start, Hutchinson Head Start, Olivia Head Start, Watkins Head Start and Blomkest Head Start.



THE MUSICAL MARCUS FAMILY from Raymond, Minnesota will bring a concert of Gospel music at the Hector Evangelical Free Church Friday evening, October 30. The Marcus family has been singing together for six years in various churches, special meetings and county fairs. Their concerts include their own instrumental accompaniment.

They are all members of the Calvin Marcus family with six children ranging in age from 3 to 22. Calvin Marcus is a farmer and carpenter. Mrs. Marcus is a registered nurse. The Marcuses have also made one record album and are planning another.

The Hector church is hosting Morning Meditations at this meeting. The program will begin at 8:00 p.m. and is open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken.



SENIOR GIRLS WHO PLAYED their last regular season volleyball game at Grove City Tuesday evening were Mary Jo Lietzau, Daria Schaefer, Kris Peterson, Pat Minnick, Kim Pearson, Juanita Park, and Karen Faber. The girls will be playing in District play next Thursday evening.

Cosmos News

MR. AND MRS. OTTO Ahlbrecht, Sally Inselmann and Frieda Inselmann attended the wedding of Paula Peterson and Roger Inselmann on Friday afternoon at the First Lutheran Church in Glencoe and the reception at the Linde Cafe in Glencoe.

MR. AND MRS. LOREN Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. Allan Schmidt attended the Minnesota Association Cooperative annual meeting at St. Paul Radisson on Monday evening.

MR. AND MRS. ALLAN Schmidt visited at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Condor and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Nelson, all of Litchfield during this past week.

MR. AND MRS. HERB Maag attended the wedding of their grandson, Scott Lacher and Denise Berry at the First Methodist Church in St. Cloud and the reception at Ivans' in the park in St. Cloud on Saturday.

MR. AND MRS. STANLEY Koehler and Brian of Hutchinson and Vern Fredin were Thursday evening supper guests at the Randy Koehler home in observance of Randy's birthday.

MR. AND MRS. LARRY Fischer and family of Forest City and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Howarth of Kimball visited at the August Fischer home during the week.

MR. AND MRS. ROGER Erickson and son of Lake Lillian, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Erickson of Atwater, and Steven Erickson were Thursday evening supper guests at the Lester Erickson home.

MR. AND MRS. LESTER Erickson and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Garberich attended the open house 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kuehn at the Ogilvie Fire Hall a week ago Saturday. Sunday, the Ericksons and Garberichs visited Mr. and Mrs. Junior Von Loh and son in Perham.

ERIKA PAUL OF MINNEAPOLIS spent the week with her grandmother, Mrs. Dorothy A. Raske and uncle and aunt, Larry and Karen Raske and Sarah. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Paul were weekend guests. Sunday, Mrs. Dorothy Raske hosted a birthday dinner for her daughter, Jeane Paul. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dorin Adams, Mrs. Agnes Adams, Lawrence Beckstrand, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Raske and Sarah.

MR. AND MRS. LARRY Raske hosted a pre-Halloween Party for five couples on Saturday night at the Don Peterson home in Bird Island.

MR. AND MRS. CLARence Lietzau joined other family members on Sunday at the Nels Hanson home Lake Jennie to help Mrs. Hanson celebrate her birthday.

MARK KETCHAM OF Austin, Texas, is spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Ketcham and also to help them observe their 40th wedding anniversary.

MR. AND MRS. DARWIN Blom and boys of rural Granada were a week ago weekend visitors at the Del Welderhoft home.

THE ERICKSON OIL Bowling Team went to St. Cloud and bowled in the tournament on Sunday. The team consists of Edythe Olson, Elva Erickson, Ann Nielsen, Diane Benson, Della Hackbarth and Kate Mohagen.

MRS. ESTHER LAABS, Mrs. Ray Peterson and Mrs. Wm. Radtke with other ladies from Trinity Lutheran Church attended the Hutchinson Conference of the American Lutheran Church Women's Workshop at Gaylord on Saturday.

MR. AND MRS. HARVEY Bich of Hutchinson were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Mrs. Violet Schiro home.

MR. AND MRS. EUGENE Wehking and family and Orville Dahlk Sr. with other family members were Sunday dinner guests at the George Dahlk home, rural Rosendale.

MISS EILEEN STUEBER of Glencoe spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Josephine Stueber.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT Schmidt were Friday afternoon and supper guests at the Frank Boeder home.

TODD IVERSON OF Willmar, Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Bellke, Troy and Corey of Hutchinson were weekend guests at the Ilert Anderson home and the boys enjoyed hunting.

MR. AND MRS. ORVILLE Martin of Hutchinson were Sunday afternoon guests at the Harold Martin home.

DAVID ANDERSON, Todd and Darin of St. Louis Park and Al Prickett of Bloomington spent the weekend with David's mother, Mrs. Elva Meyer.

MRS. ELVA MEYER spent Tuesday through Thursday with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Macken in Elk River.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT Nelson and family of Rosemount were Sunday afternoon callers at the Clara Nelson home.

MRS. CORA ANDERSON was a Sunday afternoon visitor at the David Anderson home.

MR. AND MRS. ROD Kolle, Mrs. Mamie Kaddatz, Mrs. Flossie Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Peterson and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Arthur Peterson home in Eden Prairie. The ocassion was the confirmation of Corey Peterson during the afternoon at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie. Corey is the grandson of Mrs. Mamie Kaddatz and Mrs. Flossie Peterson.

MR. AND MRS. GAYlord Stockland with other family relatives were Friday evening guests at the Roney Kutzke home to help Roney celebrate his birthday.

SCOTT FREDERIKSEN returned to his home in Hastings on Monday after spending ten days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Frederiksen, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Frederiksen were on vacation.

MR. AND MRS. GLARence Geier Sr. spent the weekend with their son and family, the Clarence Geier Jr. at Paynesville.

MR. AND MRS. EDward Olson returned on Friday from a three week trip that took them to Westport, Conn. to visit their daughter, Nancy and husband, David Farmer and children. The Olsons also enjoyed a tour through the New England States while there.

SUNDAY DINNER AND afternoon guests at the Orville Wog home were Mr. and Mrs. Slyvester Vogel and family of Springfield and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wog and family of Willmar. Mrs. Josephine Stueber was a Monday evening caller at the Wog home.

MR. AND MRS. CARL Remmel and Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson attended the wedding reception and dance for Mr. and Mrs. William Velacich on Saturday at the Darwin Rod and Gun Club. Mr. and Mrs. Velacich were married August 29 in Yakima, Wash. Mrs. Velacich is the former Kathi Harding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Harding of Litchfield.

MR. AND MRS. EUGENE Wehking and family were Saturday evening visitors at the Al Barnes home, rural Hutchinson.

Services for Ervin Hukriede were Monday

KENYON--Funeral services for Ervin Hukriede of Kenyon were held on Monday with interment at Glencoe.

Ervin with his brother, Maynard, built the "Hub Theatre" in 1949 and also a restaurant just south of the theatre.

Ervin and Verda Hukriede and their sons, Duane and Roland resided in Cosmos for a number of years before moving to Kenyon.

Cards maybe sent to the family at 614 Spring Street, Kenyon, Mn. 55946.



November wedding for Cheryl Ann and Eugene

BUFFALO LAKE--Mr. and Mrs. Denton Burgstahler of Buffalo Lake announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of Cheryl Ann to Harold Eugene Nelson of Veblen, S. D.

A November 7 wedding is planned at the United Methodist Church in Buffalo Lake.

CARDS OF THANKS

HAROLD HERRLY BEcame a patient at the Meeker County Hospital at Litchfield on Tuesday.

Mrs. FLOYD (Jeanette) REMIS had major surgery in Mesa, Ariz. Jeanette would appreciate cards and they may be sent to - 671 South 93rd St., Mesa, Ariz. 85208.

KEVIN MAAHS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erdman Maahs entered Hutchinson Community Hospital, Hutchinson on Saturday morning for eye surgery, following an accident.

MRS. MARYETTA MINNICK entered the Meeker County Memorial Hospital, Litchfield, last Thursday and is a medical patient with eye problems.

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HOSPITAL NOTES

I would like to thank the Cosmos Ambulance Crew, Dr. Olson and nurses, all who sent cards and visited me while I was hospitalized at the Meeker County Hospital. Special thanks to Pastor Cordes for his prayers and visits.

Agnes Maas (cT34p)

Calendar of events at Cosmos Legion Club

Wednesday, Oct. 21 ..... Steak-Ribs-Shrimp
$5.50 - Serving from 6:00-10:00

Friday, Oct. 23 ..... Fish-Chicken-Ribs
$4.00 - Serving from 5:30-9:30
Smorgasbord Style - All you can eat

Saturday, Oct. 24 ..... Cosmos Bull Park Benefit Dance
Music by "Midwesterners"

Wednesday, Oct. 28 ..... Steak-Ribs-Shrimp
$5.50 - Serving from 6:00-10:00

Friday, Oct. 30 ..... Wedding Dance
Ervin Westphal and Clarine Klemp
Music by "Gary Mons"

Saturday, Oct. 31 ..... Halloween Party
Music by "Wagoneers"

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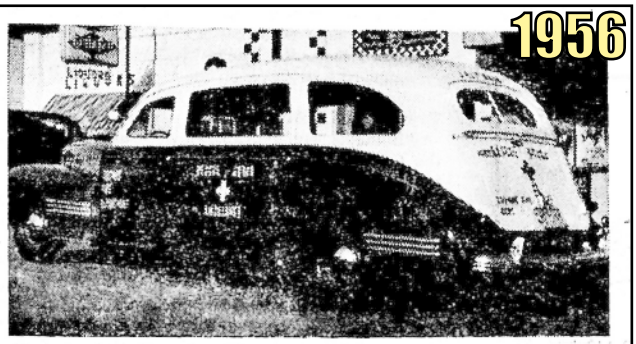


See you next month, same Bat time, same Bat channel!

Please remember the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces and our veterans, both alive and deceased. America owes them an immense debt of gratitude along with an every day simple "Thank you".



Well folks, we are certainly saving on the KewPie's this month. No one emailed in the answer for last month's mystery vehicle. (Curt Meyer told me what it was.) It was the bright, shiny red & white new ambulance that the people of Cosmos were so proud of. Wouldn't it be cool if we still had it? Some nice rims and a little something extra under the hood? Plus, a nice sound system to boot. Can anyone say "Ghostbusters"? Who ya gonna call….?



Cosmos News Staff Photo

NEW AMBULANCE The new ambulance just purchased for the Cosmos Fire department rescue squad is seen above. Painted red with a white top, the vehicle contains the department's rescue equipment and is available for all types of emergency service.





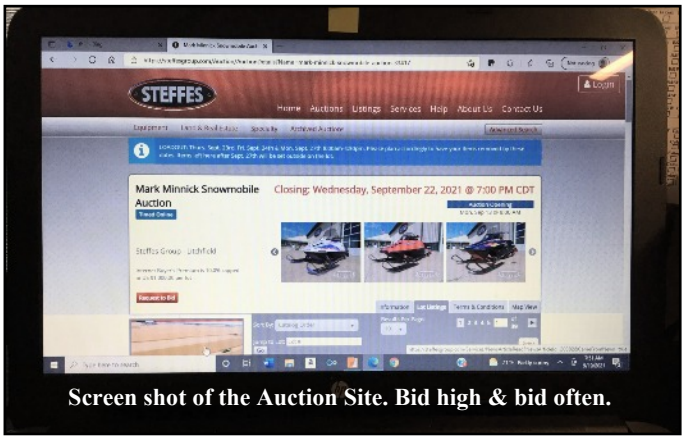


"Name one time in human history when a group fighting to ban books or censor speech were the good guys. I'll wait.... *Vivek Ramaswamy*

Thoughts & Observations



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Screen shot of the Auction Site. Bid high & bid often.

As of this writing on Sept. 19th, the auction of my snowmobiles and related parts is up and running. It seems to be going just as any auction goes; some people are going to get a heck of a deal, while others jockey and joust for that special item that they want, money be damned.

The biggest thing that is different (and great, I think) about online auctions is: 1. There are no in-person lookers and wanna-be's who have no intention of bidding and are physically in the way of actual bidders. 2. I'm one of the non-bidders that's watching and the lunch wagon is only a few steps away…the fridge…great! There's beer in there too! 3. Watching is excellent entertainment, plus I can listen to music at the same time!

Anyway, by the time you get this issue, the auction will be over. I may or my not write a more extensive article on the subject in the future. We'll see.

For the brief moment that I was down at the ballpark over Labor Day weekend, I had the chance to converse with a young man probably five or six years old. Properly attired for a warm summer day in t-shirt, shorts and no shoes, he was happily playing around by a picnic table next to me. (Sorry, I wasn't bright enough to snap a pic or get his name & age.)

While playing in the gravel, the little guy noticed me at the next table. I was sitting there watching the game while sipping on a cold barley pop. Then he looked at my legs that were sporting the always 'stylish' compression stockings, in light gray no less.

Looking back up at me he asked, "Why are you wearing those socks?" This was one of those moments when thirteen scenarios race through your head in what seems like only .0003 seconds. What do I say? How do I answer the kid? The first thought that pops up in the old gray matter is simply to tell the truth. The ol' truth has served me pretty well over the years, whether talking to a six year old or a sixty year old.

I didn't figure that it would be right to explain that my terrible legs that have terrible circulation and swell up terribly if I don't wear the socks. And if my legs are swollen too much and too long, I could stroke out, fall face first in the gravel and spill my beer. That would be terrible. Then the ambulance crew would have to hunt up a forklift to load me in the 'amblance'. That would be terrible. Sigh…

I certainly didn't want to traumatize the kid, nor did I figure he would understand my old person's attempt at gallows humor. After rolling these thoughts through my head in .00025 seconds, the proper answer finally materialized. It wasn't frightful but very truthful. I replied, "Because they make me look cool." He smiled at me and quickly replied, "I have socks too!" and immediately went back to the serious business of playing in the gravel. This little dude is smart and certainly doesn't miss a beat.

I was pleasantly satisfied that I answered him quickly, positively and truthfully. But alas, I have found that the 'quickly' part has gotten harder in my sixties. At least the truth part is still working ok…I think.

I wonder if this cool kid owns a pair of Crocs too? He must.

As a faithful listener to The Loon radio station in Willmar, I again was tuned in for the bi-weekly "Loon Library Remodel Show" on September 3rd. As always, it was a great show, miscues and all. It's often referred to as "The fastest hour in radio" by seasoned DJ's Rob and JJ. I eagerly listened to all of the new tunes, rating them via text along with legions of other faithful listeners. But for me, the excitement was just beginning.



Recently, at the end of every show, JJ conducts a random drawing for all of the listeners who texted in their votes on the tunes. They then award some nice swag to the winners, courtesy of show's new sponsor, Busch Light. Lo and behold, I ended up a winner of one of the packages. Ka-ching! How cool is that?

A disclaimer here; I am *not* a highly paid promoter of the KKLN radio station, it's DJ's, or Easy Drinkin' Busch Light. But I will give credit where credit is due. I like it when somebody sticks up for and promotes Rock 'n' Roll, new & old.

As far as doing my part, I'll stick up for and promote Rock 'n' Roll, new & old, for free. Unless of course somebody is *really* willing to pay me to do it, then we can surely talk. Yep, call me.

While working on the final paperwork and updates for my auction, I stopped into Sonora's Mexican Restaurant in Litchfield for "A little lunch". A little lunch it was, with two beef burritos, smothered in cheese sauce, with Mexican rice, refried beans, guacamole and a bit of lettuce. Plus a Modelo Dark…mmm. The chef does a nice job of cooking the beef into tasty and tender bites. The 'by request' homemade hot sauce added that special 'hair raising' touch, too. I will be back.



By the time I think to get out the camera, one burrito is already gone.

Happy Halloween!

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