The Spooky and Scary Halloween Edition

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Mmmmm...Grunt! Alien invasion... scare me & Igor! Mmmmm...

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

Take Me Out to the Soft Ball Game



Pics and commentary by Mark Minnick

You couldn't have asked for any nicer weather than what showed up for the Cosmos Lions Labor Day Softball Tourney on September 3rd & 4th. Low humidity and temps in the mid 70's greeted teams and fans both Saturday and Sunday. I didn't notice a bit of sweat, forehead or underarm, player or spectator, on either day. Just smiles and laughter as burgers, beer and softball was foremost on everyone's minds.

Plus, this year they got to ooh and aah over the glitzy new scoreboard gracing the ballpark above the center field fence. Nice.

The weekend always seems to be a reunion of sorts, and this year was no different. The locals and the used-to-be locals show up to have some fun, eat a burger and catch up with friends and family. Maybe even watch a little softball.

As usual, the Lions worked hard supplying everyone with plenty of their famous burgers, cold beer, soda pop, fresh popcorn and treats. If you went home hungry or thirsty, it was your own darned fault. Or maybe you were just scoreboard gawking too much and forgot to eat.



Everybody's having a good time.

Burgers, Beer, Conversation and Oh Yea, Softball

Cosmos Lions Softball Tourney-Sept 3rd & 4th- Cosmos Softball Park



The stands were full of people and even a dog or two. Didn't see any kitties though.



The infamous new scoreboard.



No time to mug for the camera, we're workin'.



Swing batter!



Cosmos Suns & Daughters Facebook Overlord **Mark Dallmann,** above left and Galactic Gazette Brain Trust, **Yours Truly**, to the right. It just goes to show that they let ***anybody*** into these ball games. We didn't scare any little kids as far as I know.

(and man, how did I take this selfie…?)

Get Me a Hamburger at the Softball Game

(Sung to the tune of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame")

Take me out to the softball game,
Take me out with the crowd.
Buy me a beer and a burger or two,
If you're not here, it sucks to be you,
Let me root, root, root for my own team,
If they don't win, it's 'cuz of Rich.
Safe at home and he called 'em out,
To laugh or cry, I don't know which.



Gotta get that diamond groomed and ready to go for the next game. Not just anybody can do that, ya know.

-Cosmos Lions Labor Day Weekend-

Co-Rec Softball Tourney

By Harold Weseloh

Walt's, a Willmar-based team, defended it's Cosmos Lions Labor Day title from 2021 with a convincing undefeated run through the 2022 event contested September 3-4 at the Cosmos Ballpark.

Walt's turned back a spirited Upright Builders/Swanson Insurance crew in the championship game. Upright Builders/Swanson insurance took the measure of Cunningham Farms in the game leading to the finale. Cunningham Farms finished third and Snap-on Tools was a competitive fourth.

Ten teams competed in the tournament which the Lions launched in 1972.



1st Place

Walt's was champ again, of the ***Cosmos Lions Labor Day Softball Tourney.*** *Front (l-r):* Derek Totushek, Dane Daak, Matt Evans, Anthony Whaylen, Luke Battes. *Back (l-r):* Tessa Ewert, Megan Knickerbocker, Ronni Mullenbach, Kallie Wycoff and Kaylie Brazil.

2nd Place

Grabbing second was **Upright Builders/Swanson Insurance** whose team members were, *Front (l-r):* Alex Hefel, Ross Peterson, Hunter Peterson, Jordan Olson, Mitchell Kurth and Chandler Kurth. *Back, (l-r):* Brad Weber, Courtney Weispfennig, Kelsie Weber, Morgan Kurth, Melinda Palm, Sam Enstad, Kaylee Erickson, Randy Kurth and Dave Swanson.





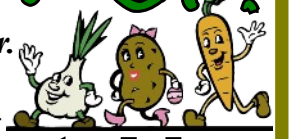
3rd Place

Third-place was corralled by **Cunningham Farms** and included *Front, l-r:* Lindsey Minnick, Sam Cunningham, Datriana Jensen, Jen Anderson and Sara Tostenson. *Back (l-r):* Josh Cunningham, Michael Martin, Noah Cunningham, Zach Cunningham, Jacoby Anderson and John Cunningham.

Chef it up!

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

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



Indian Vegetables

By Grace Kamrath

My dear Aunt Elda lived in a college town in Wisconsin and had students renting the lower level of her home. She was so excited when a young man from India prepared a favorite recipe of his for her.

She passed the recipe on to me and the title of the recipe in my box is INDIAN VEGETABLES and has stayed that way. For sure you could name it many other names. It could be "end of the year vegetable dish" or "curried vegetables" or "herbed vegetables" but " Indian Vegetables" sounds best to me.

INDIAN VEGETABLES

3 T. olive oil add a handful of onions and saute them. Add celery, carrots, green peppers, cabbage, green beans, squash and perhaps you can think of a few more vegetables. There is no exact measurement for the vegetables so add more of what you like and less of the others. Chop the vegetables and add them to the onions and heat through and simmer. Add sage, curry, cumin, salt and pepper. Once again , my aunt did not specify how much of each herb /spice to add, so you will need to use your best judgement and taste test.

This is a side dish but I like it so much, I can easily make it the main course. However, the man of the home (Duane) does not feel the same way.



A minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs for the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to fine that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute.

The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty:the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need $4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge $100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner". Problem solved!!!



Memorial display courtesy of
The Cosmos Fire & Ambulance Departments
Sunday, September 2022.

By Mark Minnick

During the September 11th church service at Peace, worship leader **Cami Peterson-Devries** talked about the anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attacks. She reiterated what most of us already know; Our world view changed drastically that day.

After the service, I talked with her for just a bit, asking what her personal memories were when she heard the news of the planes being flown into the Twin Towers.

She responded, and I'm paraphrasing here, "I was driving my two kids to school when I heard the news on the radio." As she shook her head a little bit, she just said, "Yea…" I agreed with her. It was quite the day. And a tough one at that.

Grant Recipients



By Emily Van Hatten

The Cosmos Ambulance and Fire Departments were recipients of a matching grant program. The Central Region Cooperative of Sleep Eye, submitted the grant on behalf of our departments for training and equipment updates. Both departments were awarded the grant funds which were then matched by the Land O' Lakes Foundation.

Pictured is, Cosmos Ambulance Captain, Emily Van Hatten, left and Cosmos Fire Department Treasurer ,Adam Lietzau, right accepting the grant checks from Ron Wendinger, who is on the Central Region Cooperative Board of Directors.

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
September 8, 2022

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom McCarthy at 5:00 p.m. on September 8, 2022.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Angelica Hopp, Jody Fruetel, and Katie Hansen.
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville, Sarah Miller, David Medina, and Josh Halvorson.
Adopt Agenda- A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp to adopt the agenda. Motion Carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda- A motion by Hansen, seconded by Fruetel to adopt the consent agenda. Motion carried.

a. August 16, 2022, City Council Minutes
b. Meeker County Sheriff- Aug 2022 Report
c. Delinquent Utility Bills List

Visitors Presentations, Petitions and Correspondence

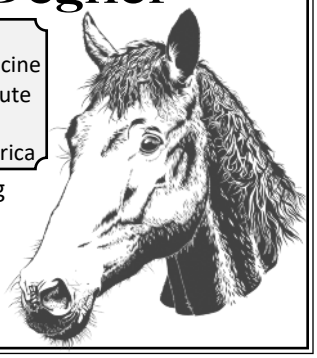
City Engineer- Josh Halvorson, Bolt -Menk was present to discuss the pay request No. 7 of $813,326.60. Also discussed was a changing the completion date for the 2021 road and utility reconstruction project from October. 1, 2022, to November 15, 2022, at no additional charge.
A Motion by Hopp, seconded by Hansen, to approve payment No. 7 for $813,326.60. Motion carried.
A Motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to approve the completion date change for the 2021 road and utility reconstruction project to November 15, 2022 at no additional cost.
September 8, 2022 Bills List- A motion by Hopp, seconded by Hansen, to approve the September 8, 2022 bills list with the check numbers from 15734-15777 for $928,415.18. Motion carried.
2023 Preliminary General Budget- A motion by Hopp, Seconded by Van Hatten, to approve the 2023 preliminary general budget. Motion carried.
2023 Preliminary Property Tax Levey- A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to approve the 2023 preliminary property tax levy of $287,263.00, no change from the 2022 Tax Levy. Motion carried.
Truth in Taxation Hearing Date- A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to approve the truth in taxation hearing date to December 8, 2022, at 6:00pm. Motion carried.
Department Heads- David Medina discussed he would need to obtain his CDL to drive the city plow truck. Also discussed was the new water testing kit he had ordered.
Cosmos Brush Site- The new city brush site was discussed by the city council and decided on opening October 1, 2022. Days and hours will be the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 8-12pm and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 12-4pm for Cosmos residents only. Holidays not included.
A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten to open the brush site October 1st 2022, the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 8-12pm and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 12-4pm for Cosmos residents only. Motion carried.
Ambulance Squad- Ambulance captain Emily Van Hatten reported on new member Carry Danielson who is taking the EMT classes and requested approval from the council for the City of Cosmos to pay her the sign on bonus of $500 for completion of the class, $500 for the 1st year of service, and $500 for 2nd year of service.
A motion by Hopp, seconded by Fruetel to approve the City of Cosmos to pay Carry Danielson the EMT sign on bonus of $500 for completion of the class, $500 for 1st year of service, and $500 for 2nd year of service. Motion carried.
Score Board- Emily Van Hatten discussed that the scoreboard at the ballfield was up and working great and Dave Dahlk donated a lot of time working on it.
Grass/weeds- Tom McCarthy had discussed resident's yards with overgrown grass/weeds and that they needed a letter to address the grass/weeds.
Junk Yards- Tom McCarthy discussed the property at 311 Astro Blvd E needed to be cleaned up of debris and garbage and suggested a letter be sent out.
Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Thursday October 13, 2022. The agenda will be posted in the city office window, post office and bank vestibule by Tuesday afternoon. Any change in the meeting dates or times will be displayed on our digital sign.
Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried

_____DRAFT_____
Sarah Miller, Deputy City Clerk

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New City of Cosmos Brush Site

-Located by the city sanitation ponds-
Opening on October 1, 2022
Days and Hours will be:
1st and 3rd Saturday of the Month
8 AM-12 Noon
2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month
12 Noon-4 PM
For Cosmos Residents Only!
-Holidays not included-



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October 16, 2022
10:00 a.m.

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F 7 Sausage & kraut dinner

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T 11 Sloppy Joe's w/fries
W 12 Broasted chicken dinner
T 13 Tator Tot hotdish
F 14 BBQ chicken sandwich w/soup

M 17 Open@4:00 PM
T 18 Grilled cheese w/chili
W 19 Scalloped potatoes & ham
T 20 Meatloaf dinner or commercial
F 21 Pulled pork sandwich w/soup

M 24 Open@4:00 PM
T 25 Chili dog w/fries
W 26 Roast beef dinner or commercial
T 27 Ham & cheese sliders w/soup
F 28 Country fried steak dinner

M 31 Open@4:00 PM

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Halloween Party!
SATURDAY OCTOBER 29TH
8:30-12:30
Costume Contest
1st $300 2nd $150 3rd $50
Judging between 11.00-Midnight
Live Music by
Crimson Edge

To Our Incredible Community of Cosmos

We would like to formally thank our friends and family for the incredible donations and hard work put in for our benefit. We understand how busy summer can be and how hectic life can get so the time and effort put in by those in our community is greatly observed and appreciated. Again, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you for all the kindness given to our family, well wishes, prayers and donations.

This has been one of the hardest things our family has had to endure having two young children but our community has blessed us in more ways than one and we are forever grateful. The donations that were given to us and money raised from our benefit will go towards medical bills and living expenses being Marysa will be off of work until the beginning of 2023.

We wanted to give a little bit of an update, Marysa will need at least one more surgery which will be on her back and continued physical therapy. Jeremy has made close to a full recovery with occasional neck/ muscle pain. We will continue to heal and give back to the community and church in ways that we can.



Again, we are incredibly thankful and want everyone to know how blessed and honored we feel. We received dozens of get well cards, prayers, gift baskets and monetary donations. We are beyond blessed!

Thank you,
The Anderson's
Jeremy and Marysa

Happy Halloween

It sure looked like everyone had a great time at the **Lions Labor Day Weekend Softball Tourney**. It was great to see all of the fans and ballplayers there, young and old. Hopefully you got to eat your fill of our famous ***Labor Day Hamburgers*** and a box of popcorn or two. Our ***Big Green*** raffle was a ***big*** success again this year. The Lions extend a hearty **"Thank You"** to all of you.



From the

The Cosmos Lions

"We Serve"

Remember, we are always looking for new gals or guys to become members & join us.
Feel free to talk to any Lions member or email; cosmoslions@mac.com



Dates for our SAIL Leader Training will be:

- Wednesday, October 26 - 8:30 to Noon on Zoom
- Wednesday, November 2 - 8:30 to Noon on Zoom
- Wednesday, November 9 - in-person 8:30 to Noon (Location TBD)

Note: You must attend all three sessions to complete the SAIL Leader Training.

Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL)

This training is open to current SAIL Leaders as a refresher, SAIL participants, staff and anyone 55 and older (guy or gal) who would like to learn to lead a SAIL (Stay Active and Independent for Life) class in their community. Must be passionate about well being!

If you are interested in signing up please connect with me via phone or e-mail.

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Hey, it's nice outside!



Peak Prairie

Grasses fade from green to gold at Hole-in-the-Mountain Prairie, a 1,300-acre prairie near Lake Benton preserved by The Nature Conservancy.



The first day of fall at Crow-Hassan Park Reserve near Rogers.



Pelicans gather on a prairie wetland at
Split Rock Creek State Park in far southwestern Minnesota.



A prescribed burn, necessary to maintain the prairie landscape,
sweeps across Touch the Sky Prairie.



A colorful prairie landscape.

Photographer Jim Brandenburg finds deep quiet and subtle color on Minnesota grasslands in autumn.

(All pics and article courtesy the September–October 2022 Issue of the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer)

Give celebrated nature photographer Jim Brandenburg a choice between the riotous fall palette of the Minnesota north woods or the gentle hues of the prairie and he won't hesitate to pick his favorite. "I like the subtleties of the prairie colors," he says. "They're at their peak photographically in the fall."

Brandenburg grew up near prairie in southwestern Minnesota and has helped to restore prairie lands, including the 1,000-acre Touch the Sky Prairie near his boyhood home, where he shoots many photos. Still, throughout his life, he says, "I've noticed the incredible decrease in prairie acreage. It's like an endangered species almost. Less than 1 percent of North America has remained in tallgrass prairie."

Knowing this makes every parcel of prairie all the more precious. "It's kind of sacred territory for me," he says. Add the element of quiet anticipation that pervades in the fall, and overall it's a very special time for the photographer. "There's an exhilaration that comes with the change of seasons. The air is a little different, and you know something's happening."

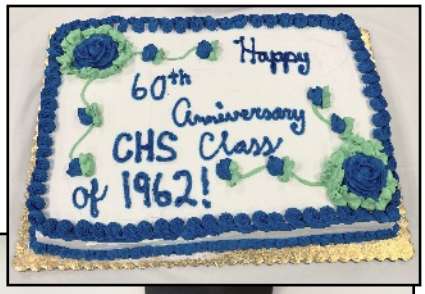
-Cosmos High Class Reunion-

September 9th 2022

At The Cosmos City Center, Cosmos, MN.

CHS Class of '62



















Front row, L-R *Jan(Welander) Ackerman, Judie (Stockland) Kutzke, Janet (Zrust) Prokusch, Diane (Turck) Kuechle, Mardette (Johnson)Trettin.* ***Second row L-R*** *Maureen (Turner) Schneider, Connie (Thor) Dallmann, Karen (Ackman) Adams, Doug Adams.* ***Third row L-R.*** *Gary Benson, Ken Anderson, Curt Meyer, Ron Brooks, Jim Olson, Don Kaddatz, Orv Dahlk, Wayne Kessler*

-Cosmos High Class Reunion-

Saturday September 17th 2022

At The Mayflower Golf Club, Fairfax, MN.

CHS Class of '82



R to L; *Jody (Ackerman) Krueger, Brad Dallmann, Gary Berghuis, Peggy (Olson) Manwarren, Gary Carlson, Karen (Faber) Zimmerman, Kim (Pearson) Ries, Linda (Macik) Kutzke, Darla (Schaefer) Albrecht, Laurie (Niles) Edwards, Shane Stenberg, Pat (Minnick) Weseloh, John Krohn, Denise (Kiecker) Johnson, Diane (Bluhm) McClain, Joy (Loveland) Housman, Lee Kaping, Scott Peterson*

Selfie from Marshall Haley





By Mark Minnick

You really gotta give Marshall Haley credit. The guy is honing his angling skills in *Renville County* of all places. No, we're not talking about fishing the Minnesota River. No, we're not talking a super secret koi pond tucked in a farmer's back yard. No siree Bob, we're talking fishing the scenic drainage ditches and abandoned gravel pits in "The Land of the Moldboard Plow".

Whoa, now that takes serious effort and determination. Who says kids just wanna play video games and text all day. Ha! To the left, he shows off a nice September northern pike he caught from an unnamed gravel pit. Holy cow, if these fish get any bigger, he's gonna need longer arms to take the selfies!

The ducks may be all but gone down that way, but it looks like there's at least a couple of fish left. Go get 'em Marshall!







We had one reader that identified both of last month's Whozits! Two KewPies!

Whozit jack lietzau and sue martin. Awesome again! ***Shirley Reinert***

A few others correctly identified J.M. "Jack" Lietzau. *(He was grandpa to a couple of them.)*

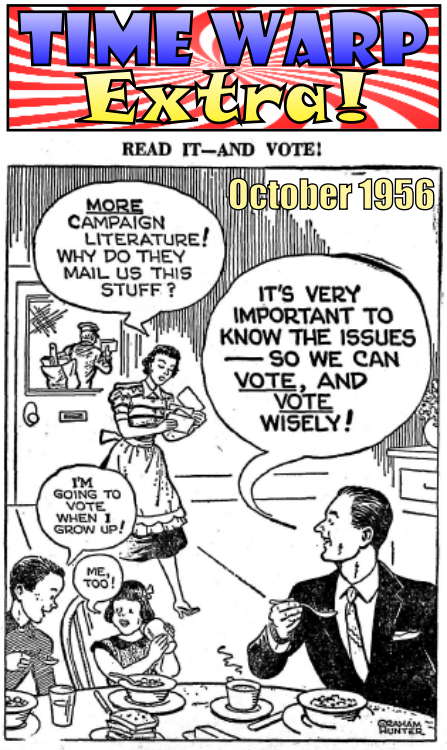
Hey! That's my Grandpa Jack! ***Maria Lietzau***

The Whozit is Jack Lietzau ***Shirley Anderson***

September's Whoz-it: That's our dad's dad, Johann (Grandpa Jack) Lietzau....first time I've seen that photo!

Adam Lietzau





By Mark Minnick

I noticed this cartoon as I was perusing around in **The Cosmos News** archives from the fall of 1956. A 'Get out the vote' cartoon if you will. I thought it relevant to this time of year before the fall election.

Methods to deliver voting information have certainly changed in 66 years. So has the style of dress for being seated at the dinner table. Gotta love dad's tie and moms apron.



Not sure what to say about this picture.
Submitted by Dough Boy



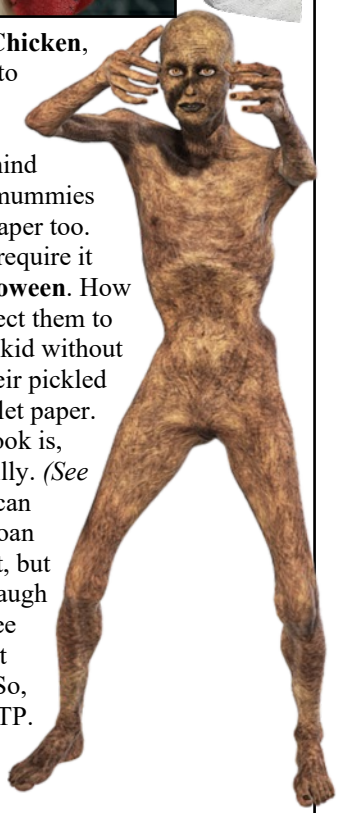
Local Chicken says

"Toilet Paper Hoarding Is Tough on Mummies"





The Local Chicken, who wishes to remain anonymous, wants to remind people that mummies need toilet paper too. They *really* require it around **Halloween**. How can you expect them to scare a little kid without wrapping their pickled bodies in toilet paper. The naked look is, well…just silly. *(See right)* They can grunt and groan all they want, but people just laugh when they see them without body wrap. So, don't hoard TP. Remember, mummies used to be people too.



Disadvantaged mummy begging For toilet paper.

We Have a Winner Folks!

Pics courtesy The Loon, commentary by Mark Minnick

In a classic case of "Local boy done good", **Eric Wilner** is the proud owner of a brand new 2022 Harley-Davidson Street Glide. The local lad was the winner of **94.1 The Loon's "94 Days of Summer"** contest that concluded on Saturday, September 10th at **Apol's Harley-Davidson 50th Anniversary Celebration**, in Raymond, Minnesota.

Out of ten finalists, Eric selected the lucky key that started the shiny new iron as everyone watched and subsequently clapped and cheered. As the black Harley sat and idled nicely, a few of the comments heard were; Woo hoo! Yee haw! and Holy $#@T Eric! After shutting the bike down, he also received plenty of back slaps, high fives and hand shakes conveyed from numerous well wishers. Everyone was pretty whipped up and rightfully so.

It was quite the glorious finish to Apol's 50th Anniversary and The Loon's "94 Days of Summer" contest. Now Eric has a cool new bike, complete with a premium sound system, including FM radio. Hmmm, I wonder what station he'll have it tuned to? Anyway, light it up Eric. I mean the radio, the radio…



L-R; **Mark Zondervan**, Apol's manager, **Justin Klinghagen**, co-owner of The Loon, **Lonnie Apol**, Apol's owner, **Eric Wilner**, The Big Winner, **Rob Ryan**, afternoons at The Loon, **Nate Thomas**, mornings at The Loon, and **John Jennings**, co-owner and occasional on-air personality at The Loon. Except for Mark and Lonnie, I know everyone in the picture. But, I wonder who's back at the station spinning the records?

It's one of the worlds many mysteries, right up there with Area 51 and why Minnesotans like zucchini.



Look ma, I gots the right key!



A few days later, it's time for that first ride home.

Reclusive Farmer Comes to Town



By Mark Minnick

On a recent evening at the local watering hole, I dang near fell outta my wheelchair. *(And that woulda been ugly.)* After coughing up beer that went down the wrong throat, I finally hollered, "Myron Macik came to town! Holy crap!"

I informed him that I wanted to take a picture to put in the Gazette, cuz nobody would believe me if I told 'em what I saw. He smiled and obliged, as you can see above.

I wonder what's next? Dogs and cats living together? One dollar gas? Hotdish with jalapenos in it? Naaaa, that last one will *never* happen. Myron will be back to town before that. Uff da.

TIDBITS



It seems Rick is off riding a motorcycle or something fun this month. Lucky guy. I do smell a big story when he gets back tho.

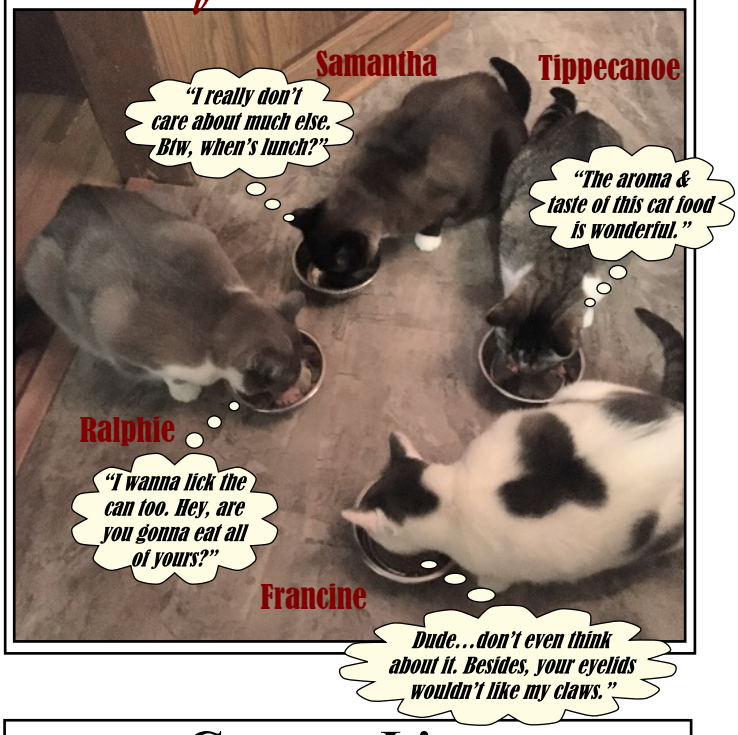
-The Editor-

Legion Auxiliary Donates

By Yvonne Schroeder

Cosmos Auxiliary members Robyn Scott, Julie Seifert and Yvonne Schroder met with Karla Minnick and gave her our items, games and puzzles to give to the eagles nest in Sauk Centre, Mn. to enjoy the donations.

Thoughts from the ~~windowsill of life.~~ mind of a cat while eating.



Cosmos Lions "Big Green" Raffle Winners

By Mark Minnick

The Cosmos Lions had another great raffle fundraiser this summer. It culminated in the very dramatic and highly anticipated drawing of the winners, on Sunday, September 4th at the ball park.

A big "Thank you" from the Gazette to the good folks that bought raffle tickets. You *all* supported the Lions! So, without further adieu, here's the list of the lucky ones. Read 'em and weep…

Hey, I'd try and bum at least $20 off of 'em. What the heck.

$500 Steve *"Coach"* Solem
$500 Kirk *"Flash"* Reckow
$250 Beau *"Knows"* Weseloh
$250 Joshua Baklund
$100 Mike *"Two Under"* Welter
$100 Bernie *"The Mayor"* DeLeeuw
$100 Jon Kalenburg
$100 Tyler *"The Kid"* Minnick
$100 Ryan Kaczmarcek
$100 John Skille
$100 Jan Blum
$100 Natasha Thompson

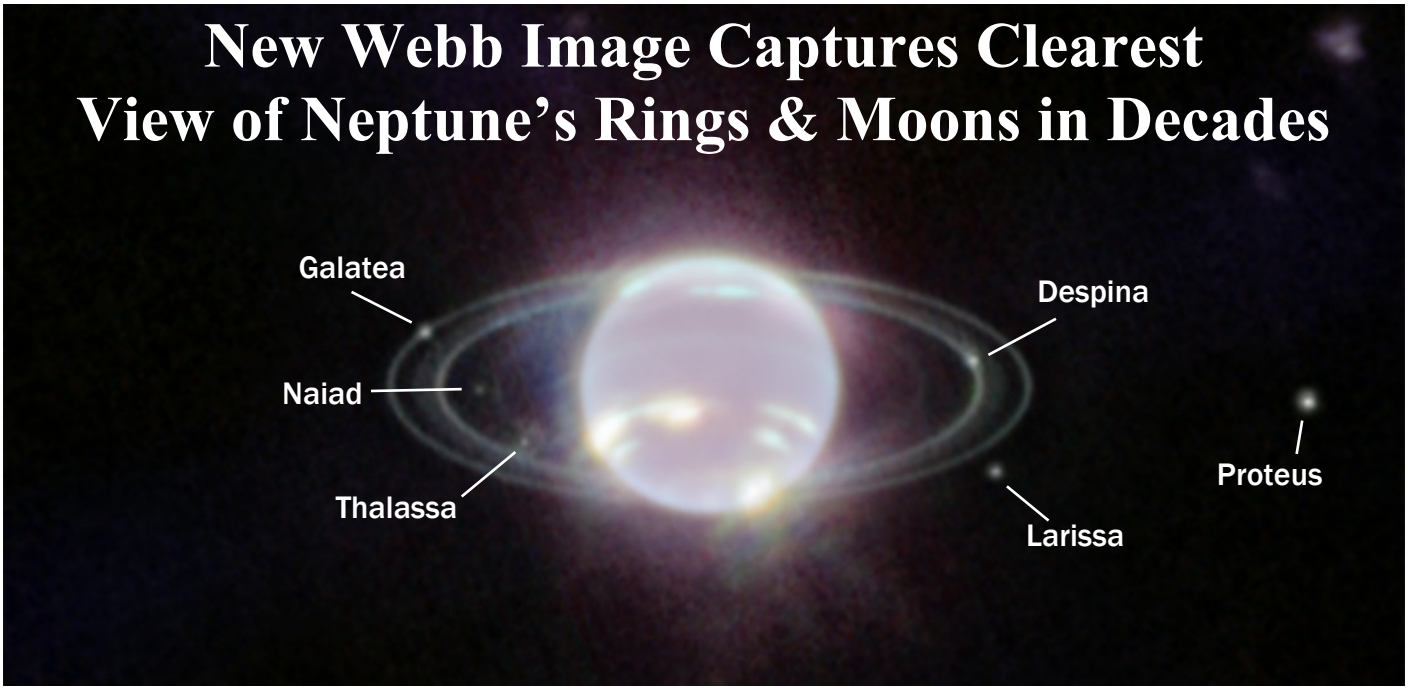


Science, Tech and Just Plain Cool Stuff



Artwork courtesy Roy Snyder

New Webb Image Captures Clearest View of Neptune's Rings & Moons in Decades



The planet Neptune is roughly ***2.8 billion*** miles away from the **Earth** and our **James Webb Space Telescope**. *(See "LaGrange Points" article in the Mar, Apr, May, 2022 "Super issue")* What we're seeing in this image is the very faint dust rings and six tiny, tiny little moons orbiting around this ice giant. Maybe kinda like watching fruit flies buzzing around a rotten tomato on the surface of the moon with a pair of binoculars on a warm summer evening. *(I didn't take the time to actually do the math on this analogy, but it sounds cool, me thinks.)* Anyway, I think it quite amazing to see this much detail from right here on earth. Absolutely incredible Eunice. ***Editor, Mark Minnick***

This article and the pic above courtesy NASA, ESA, CSA, STScI

NASA's James Webb Space Telescope shows off its capabilities closer to home with its first image of Neptune. Not only has Webb captured the clearest view of this distant planet's rings in more than 30 years, but its cameras reveal the ice giant in a whole new light.

Most striking in Webb's new image is the crisp view of the planet's rings – some of which have not been detected since NASA's Voyager 2 became the first spacecraft to observe Neptune during its flyby in 1989. In addition to several bright, narrow rings, the Webb image clearly shows Neptune's fainter dust bands.

"It has been three decades since we last saw these faint, dusty rings, and this is the first time we've seen them in the infrared," notes Heidi Hammel, a Neptune system expert and interdisciplinary scientist for Webb. Webb's extremely stable and precise image quality permits these very faint rings to be detected so close to Neptune.

Neptune has fascinated researchers since its discovery in 1846. Located 30 times farther from the Sun than Earth, Neptune orbits in the remote, dark region of the outer solar system. At that extreme distance, the Sun is so small and faint that high noon on Neptune is similar to a dim twilight on Earth.

This planet is characterized as an ice giant due to the chemical make-up of its interior. Compared to the gas giants, Jupiter and Saturn, Neptune is much richer in elements heavier than hydrogen and helium. This is readily apparent in Neptune's signature blue appearance in Hubble Space Telescope images at visible wavelengths, caused by small amounts of gaseous methane.

Webb also captured seven of Neptune's 14 known moons, *see above*: Galatea, Naiad, Thalassa, Despina, Proteus, Larissa, and the biggest, Triton. *(Sorry, Triton doesn't appear in this image. It would have appeared waaaay off of the page -Editor.)*

The Spooky and Scary Halloween Edition

Thoughts & Observations

By Mark Minnick,
"Insect Loving Idiot" Editor of **The Galactic Gazette**. Email at **wordnut66@outlook.com**

First things first. I gotta take care of a ***"Dumb Donkey"*** screw up from last issue. In the article, ***"The Beatles 1965 North American Tour"*** I mentioned that Def Leppard, Motley Crue, Poison and Joan Jett played in US Bank Stadium, home of the Minnesota Twins. Uhhh, the Twins play at Target Field. The Vikings play at the "Bank" Senior moment I guess. I noticed the screw up when I was halfway done printing. Samantha has to get a little better at proofreading.





Since watching the fourth season of "Stranger Things" I have been enjoying **The Beach Boys** version of **"California Dreamin"** used in the show soundtrack. As I'm not a rabid Beach Boys fan, I wasn't aware that they recorded their version of this tune in 1986. It's a great cover of **The Mama's & the Papa's** big hit. I enjoy both of 'em.

I finally took some time to make some chipotle (smoked) peppers. I had some **Carolina Reapers** donated from the community garden and some **Jalapeno's** that other folks had given me. They turned out great but, those Reapers are just plain nasty. Uff. Regardless, thanks for the peppers folks! If anyone wants to try some, let me know.



For all of you railroad buffs out there, the **Friends of the 261** group will be running a fall excursion from **Chanhassen to Glencoe** on October 1st& 2nd. The reason I know about it is son **Tyler** and his fiance **Brittany** will be riders on the Sunday excursion. Looks like they are going to have some real railroad fun a week before their wedding. Cool…What could be better?



Brio Style
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Tyler was the typical kid that liked trains. He had his **Brio** toy train set that he played with for hours in his bedroom. Beside fishing and swimming on our family vacations, we spent plenty of time watching and chasing trains on the BNSF Trans-Con by Staples, Mn. Back at home, it was great fun to ride on excursions behind the **Milwaukee Road 261**, almost twenty five years ago.



Milwaukee Road 261

We even chased this shiny black locomotive a few times, in a string of cars with fellow gawking railfans. Hey, it's cheaper and arguably more fun than riding because you get to see and hear the engine. The term railfans or **foamers** defines our family.

For those not in the know, here's the definition of foamer from wikipedia; *In the United States, railfans can be referred to as **"foamers"**. There is a dispute over the origin of this term. Some cite the extensive use of styrofoam to create scenery and landscaping in model railroad building, while others trace its origins to the related term **"Foamite"** (which stands for "**F**ar **O**ut **A**nd **M**entally **I**ncompetent **T**rain **E**nthusiast") or claim it refers to **"the notion of foaming-at-the-mouth craziness"**.*
I like that last one. What?….

As a bonus on this excursion, the Friends of the 261 will also be running their recently acquired and restored **Milwaukee Road EMD E9 diesel locomotive #32A**. Kind of a "Two rare and gorgeous locos for the price of one" excursion. Nice.



Milwaukee Road 32A

So, if you are or want to become a 'foamer' you may want to take a ride or at least get a look at this marvelous train on Oct 1st or 2nd. As of this printing, I believe tickets are still available. For complete info, go to **261.com** or ask me and I may be able to help. *And remember to look both ways before crossing those tracks.*

(261 & 32A images courtesy 261.com website)



"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



TIME WARP

October 1961

Holy cow Eunice, the village is looking at (smelling?) sewage disposal. There was a 'Hot Rod' combine and skunks with babies, I mean rabies. Plus, the 'local law man' Ruebie Dubie finally got his man. That showed that bad guy not to mess around in this town! Darned right!

Coun... more details of sewage disposal

AT ITS monthly meeting Monday night, the village council heard Mr. Carter, from the engineering firm of Carter & Krueger of the Twin Cities, explain in detail the disposal plant and lagoon types of sewage systems.

From a cost standpoint, the lagoon system would be the most feasible method of sewage disposal for Cosmos.

However, a preliminary study of the area which would include surveying, maps, etc., would cost $1,500. After a lengthy discussion, the matter was tabled for another month.

LAST Sunday several members of the council visited the disposal plant at Monticello and the lagoon type system at Rogers, Minnesota. They were very favorably impressed with the lagoon at Rogers, noting there was grass at its shores, ducks swimming on it, and it was clean and odorless.

A lagoon must be located one-half mile from town and one-quarter mile from any house.

HAROLD "Dutch" Katzenmeyer was the only bidder on the old Otto Reinke house, which the village owned in the south part of town. His bid of $650 was accepted.

THERE were no bids on the house which the village owns in the north section of town.

After four months wait police get unlicensed driver

A WAIT of nearly four months paid off, Monday, for Cosmos law enforcement officials.

At that time Policeman Reuben Martin arrested a rural Cosmos man for a driving offense dating back to June of this year.

Last June Martin arrested Raymond Paul Swanson, 24, who farms northeast of Cosmos, for driving without a drivers license. He was ordered to appear before justice of the peace Martin Kutzke, but he never showed up. When sought at his farm, police were never able to find him at home

On Monday the waiting paid off when police saw him driving through the streets of Cosmos.

In justice court he was fined $35 and costs, and his automobile license was impounded until he gets a drivers license.

Filings now open for Cosmos village offices

The annual Cosmos village election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 7, between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the village hall.

The two-year term of Mayor R. C. Matthews expires this year. The three-year term of Harold Hes... who is village trustee



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Combine burns on Thomas farm

A COMBINE on the farm of Bert Thomas, 7 miles northwest of Cosmos, burned Thursday afternoon

Mr. Thomas had started the motor of the combine preparatory to going into the field and stepped into the house for a few moments. When he returned, the combine was in flames.

The Cosmos Fire Department was summoned, but considerable damage had already been done to the machine. Damage was estimated at about $300.

Rabid skunks again in area

RABID skunks again are turning up in the Cosmos area.

One of these sick animals was seen near the downtown area in Cosmos last Thursday by a group of school boys. They summoned Harold Minnick, Jr., from the nearby Phillips 66 station. Harold destroyed the animal.

Thursday evening Cosmos firemen went on a skunk hunt in the village, at which time they killed another animal.

Harlan Stenberg gets trophy at Hampshire show

HARLAN Stenberg of Grove City is the proud owner of a beautiful trophy which he won at the Minnesota State Hampshire Show and Sale at New Ulm, for having the grand champion gilt.

The show took place Sept. 27.

Mr. Stenberg also had the top selling gilt. He farms 11 miles north of Cosmos.

Friends of Scouting drive



SENATOR McCARTHY

McCarthy to be honored at a testimonial dinner

SENATOR Eugene McCarthy will appear at a testimonial dinner given in his honor by the Meeker DFL club. The dinner will be held at the Litchfield community hall at 7 p. m. Oct. 7.

The public is invited to attend.

Farm outlook meeting set for October 17

WILL BEEF cattle and hogs be good profit-makers in 1962?

Here's an opportunity to hear what the specialists have to say about it. A discussion on beef and hogs will highlight the Meeker County Farm Outlook meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 17 at the Fair Grounds, according to County Agent, Howard G. Grant.

The program will also feature an interpretation of supply and demand, forecasts of expected prices, profit possibilities and management tips.

Major emphasis will be put on cattle and hogs, but printed outlook information on other

Second follow-up of cancer prevention study began in this community today

MINNESOTA researchers of the American Cancer Society's Minnesota Division will begin today to take up their duties once again for the second follow-up of the Cancer Prevention Study, a six-year nationwide project, to learn why some people are more likely to get cancer than others.

Minnesota researchers, 4,250 of them, housewives, students auxiliaries, physicians, dentists, nurses, are among the nearly 70,000 trained volunteers in 1,121 counties throughout the country who are checking on more than 1,100,000 Americans. The study, initated in October, 1959, will continue for another four years. There are fifty-eight counties in Minnesota parilies enrolled and 74,372 individuals answering the first survey questionnaire.

In the first follow-up completed last year, volunteers succeeded in tracing all but six-tenths of one per cent of all the men and women enrolled in the study across the nation. Approximatically 8,200 deaths were reported. In Minnesota, of the 74,372 persons enrolled, all were traced but seven. There were 793 deaths reported, with 142 of this number from cancer.

THIS YEAR, in addition to reporting whether the enrollees are alive or dead, the volunteers will be asked to submit to subjects in the study a short supplementary questionnaire relating to sickness, if any, since Oct. 1, 1959, and air pollution in areas where they live and work.



This year, and for the next four years, the volunteers will continue to report if each participating member is still living. If the volunteer reports a death, the statisticians will seek its cause from the death certificate, medical records and supplemental information from the attending physician.

The study is the largest medical statistical survey ever conducted in the United States according to Dr. Lyle Hay President of the Minnesota Division of the American Cancer Society.

"The Cancer Prevention Study, if done without volunteers, would cost the American Cancer Society as much as forty million dollars," Dr Hay said.

"VOLUNTEERS who make this saving of dollars possible are in effect saving lives," Dr Hay said. "It is through such efforts of volunteers that this study will probe the effect of environment on cancer and will attempt to learn more about symptoms of the disease to help improve early detection."

The Meeker County Unit Prevention study leader is Mrs A. E. Eske of 420 North Armstrong, Litchfield. Her group leaders in this area are:

Mrs. Chris Nielsen and Mrs E. H. Maag, Cosmos.

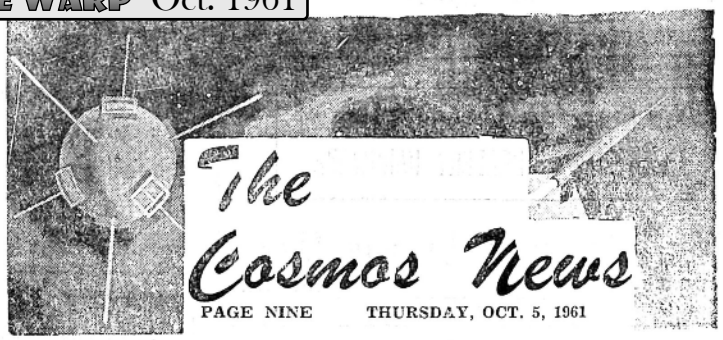
New committee men for ASCS are announced

ASCS Community Committeemen from this area elected to serve their respective communities for 1961 are as follows. The first named in each township is chairman, the second is vice-chairman, and the third named is the regular member.

ACTON: Raymond O. Nelson, Franklin Silseth, Donald



MR. AND MRS. DAVID ANDERSON



Thieves break in Thorpe Elevator

A BREAK-IN and attempted robbery occurred at the Thorpe Grain elevator Saturday evening, about 9:15 p.m.

Nothing of value was in the cash drawer but some papers and records were taken from it, after thieves broke the front window of the door and unlatched it to gain entry to the elevator.

Joe Von Loh and a helper had been working on a car in the driveway but Mr. Von Loh had left for Cosmos.

The other man, upon hearing glass breakage, slammed down the hood of the car and went to investigate. Evidently the intruders were warned and made their escape before he could see them.

THORPE FARMERS UNION TO MEET, OCT. 9

The Thorpe Farmers Union Local No. 107 will meet at the East Lake Lillian Town Hall, Monday, Oct. 9, at 8:15.

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BLOMKEST, MINN.

Carolyn Remmel and David Anderson were married at First Lutheran church

AMIDST a setting of palms and lighted candleabrum at the chancel of the First Lutheran Church of Cosmos, Minnesota, Miss Carolyn Remmel and David E. Anderson were united in marriage, with Rev. Levine performing the double ring ceremony on August 12, 8 p. m.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Remmel, Lake Lillian, and the groom is the son of Mrs. Cora W. Anderson of Cosmos.

Commencing the ceremony "O Perfect Love" was sung by Gary Petersen of Buffalo Lake. As the couple knelt at the altar "The Lord's Prayer" was sung. Accompanist was Mrs. Roy Frederiksen who also played the traditional wedding march.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, marched down the aisle of white satin bows and greens, wearing a floor length gown of gardenia white schiffili embroidered nylon organdy over bridal taffeta. The figure molding bodice featured a portrait neckline outlined by prilletles and pearls. The bodice and three quarter length sleeves were enchanted by schiffili trim extending into a princess panel down the front of a circular bouffant skirt and double panel down the back creating a box pleat falling into a chapel train.

Her pure English silk illusion fingertip veil fell from a crown of seed pearls and chantilly lace etching. Her only jewelry was pearl earrings, a gift of the groom, and she carried a cascade of two orchids, encircled by stephonatis and ivy.

Maryljean Remmel was her sister's maid of honor. She wore a spaghetti strap street-length dress of lavender satin accented by a cultured pearl and earrings, a gift of the bride. Her accessories consisted of a lavender satin picture hat, matching satin heels and white gloves. She carried a bouquet of shaded lavender to deep purple asters.

Flower girl was Robin Remmel, sister of the bride. Her short dress of lavender satin with a peter pan collar and baby doll sleeves was accentuated by a matching lavender satin headband and white gloves. She wore a cultured pearl, gift of the bride, and carried a miniature bouquet identical to the maid of honor.

BEST man was his twin brother, Dean Anderson of Cosmos. Groomsman was the bride's brother, Gale Remmel. The men in the bridal party wore black tuxedoes, cufflinks and tie clasps, gifts of the groom, and each received a white carnation boutonniere with the groom wearing white stephonatis in his lapel and cufflinks and tie clasp, gift of the bride. Ushers were Ken Anderson, brother of the groom and Gary Remmel, brother of the bride.

Mrs. Remmel chose a green and white figured dress and white accessories for her daughter's wedding. The mother of the groom wore a gray and white dress with white accessories. Each received a corsage of red roses.

Miss Karen Anderson was in charge of the guest book.

A RECEPTION for 200 guests was held in the Luther League Hall adjoining the church. The gifts were cared for by Miss Elvina Petersdorf, Mrs. Myron Reinke, and Mrs. Darrell Madsen. Punch was served by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Anderson.

The three tiered wedding cake, topped with a miniature bride and groom and surrounded by long stemmed red roses, was cut and served by Mrs. Curtis Thomas, and Mrs. Delano Lietzau. Coffee was poured by Mrs. Art Isenberg. Waitresses were Mrs. Don Herzog, Karen Wilner, Mrs. Harold Minnick, Jr., Mrs. Norman Rust, Arlene Wegner, and Mrs. Ron Koch.

Kitchen honors were shared by Mrs. Edgar Bomstad, Mrs. Charles Dallman, Ethel Olson, Mrs. Roland Garberich, and Mrs. Hans Erickson.

THE BRIDE and groom spent a week honeymooning in the Black Hills and Colorado. They are now residing on a farm near Cosmos.

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Employment service announces schedule for October

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Litchfield, community building Wednesdays, Oct. 4, 18.

Olivia, courthouse, Thursdays, Oct. 5, 19.

A representative will be there to serve those who are looking for work, and those who wish to file for unemployment benefits.

Employers who are looking for help of any type — professional, clerical, skilled workers, common laborers, or farm workers —are also urged to make use of this service to their area. No fees are charged. Our full-time office in Willmar is open Monday through Friday from 8 a. m. to 4:45 p. m.

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Chillin' With the Queen

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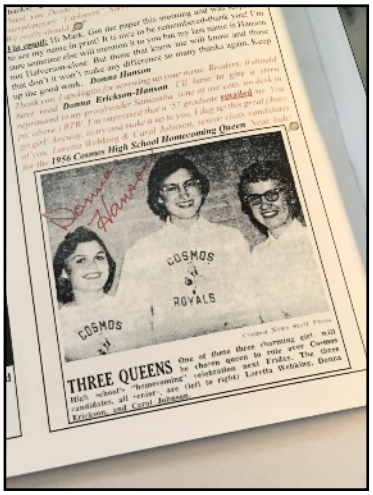


Donna and your favorite editor.

On the afternoon of August 24th, I stopped by Mug Shots Bar & Grill to see some of my mom's classmates at their **CHS Class of 1957 Reunion**. I know a lot of 'em, but I was really interested in talking to the Homecoming Queen, **Donna *(Erickson)* Hanson**. *See Cosmos News, below*. Last year, she politely emailed me that I had misidentified her as Donna *Halvorson* - Yikes! A apologized in the Aug '21 issue, *right*.

Now I had a chance to personally meet Cosmos High's ***first*** Homecoming Queen - Cool! *(I even remembered her name.)* We got acquainted, talked a bit and laughed a bunch. I think I surprised her when I proceeded to get out my August '21 issue of the Gazette. I wanted her to autograph the pre-homecoming pic that I included in that issue. She obliged me and left me with her elegant signature. Nice. My copy of this issue just gained a whole lot of value me thinks.

It's not often you get to have a beer and hang out with a homecoming queen. Kinda makes me weak in the knees thinking about it…oh wait…I'm a cripple, I can't walk anyway.



Look ma! An autograph from a famous celebrity!

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COSMOS ROYALS FAMILY. Above is Homecoming Queen Donna Erickson's royal family as they looked a moment after the coronation. Queen Donna is seated in regal splendor on her glittering throne in the center of the stage. On her head she wears her newly-acquired crown, and she holds a bouquet of red roses. Left to right are: Dean Anderson, Ronald Koch, Barbara McKenzie, La Moyne Flemming, Loretta Wehking, Howard Savage, Queen Donna, Kitty Wothe, Carol Johnson, Lyle Arnold, Janet Halverson, Marlin Lietzau, Alvina Petersdorf and Dennis Meyer.

Cosmos News Staff Photo

Donna Erickson Crowned Homecoming Queen

BY KATHRYN FABER

WE DON'T KNOW exactly who was coming home, but Cosmos high school's homecoming was a big success.

After an anxious day of waiting following the election of homecoming queen on Thursday, Duane Adams, student council president, crowned Donna Erickson the first homecoming queen of Cosmos.

Duane crowned Donna, then presented her with a bouquet of beautiful red roses from the school.

Her attendants were the two other queen candidates, Carol Johnson and Loretta Wehking. Donna also had attendants from the freshman through the junior classes.

FOLLOWING the coronation, there was a pepfest at the football field and a bonfire. Speeches were given by the coach and members of the football team.

After the bonfire, the kids all joined hands and had a wonderful time at the snake dance. They ran through the streets of Cosmos—and through a few of the buildings, too.

THE EXCITEMENT of putting together floats for the Friday parade was lots of fun. It was a big parade, with floats entered from every class, grades one through twelve. There were also floats from each organization such as the Library club, GAA, FHA, FFA, and the "C" club.

The band led the parade down Main street and back to the school house. The queen and her attendants rode in convertibles.

The junior class received first prize on their float, and the FFA received second prize. Each decorated float was awarded a dollar for being entered in the parade.

THE GRIDDERS did their part to make the day a success when they defeated the Bulldogs from Lester Prairie.

During half-time the band and the majorettes performed. Queen Donna rode in a convertible around the field as the spectators cheered.

IN HAPPY spirits, the seniors were honored guests at the PTA supper on Friday night. The junior class had the honor of serving the seniors and the crowd that came for the supper.

The help of Mrs. Trei was appreciated very much. She instructed the junior class in the proper methods of serving.

AFTER THE supper, a dance highlighted the evening's activities. Queen Donna and her attendants led the Grand March.

The dance ended a very successful first homecoming for the Cosmos Royals.

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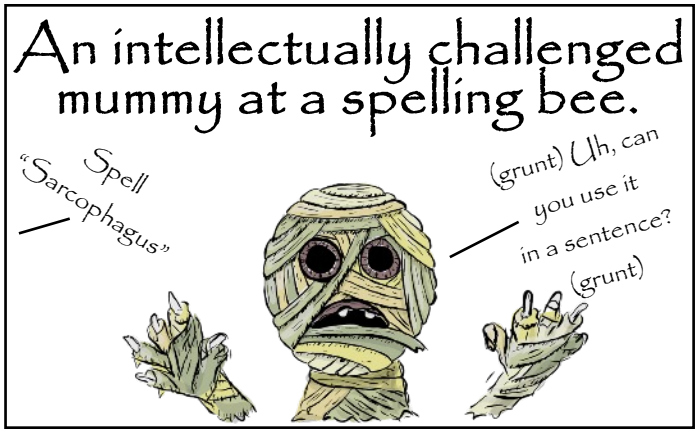
TIME WARP Whozit?



GEESE A' PLENTY have been present in this area in the past few days as the birds make their annual flight to the sunny southland. Among the successful hunters from this area have been the above trio, seen with their bag, which they got near Lake Lillian.

It looks like the lead was really flying over the skies of Lake Lillian. *(Yea, waterfowl hunters used to shoot lead shot.)* It seems that a few honkers ran right into the pellets providing some free meat for the hunters. I wonder if their better halves roasted the birds up for Sunday dinner, complete with stuffing and all the trimmings? Then some pumpkin pie and whipped cream for dessert. Good stuff Maynard! Anyway,

Whozit?





Happy Halloween



The next meeting is:

Oct. 10th, 7 PM

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