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Asteroids sure have a way of messing up the road on your way to grandma's house for Thanksgiving. Of course, you should probably be glad it didn't *hit* grandmas's house.

Weather: Wet & cold. *Don't forget dreary.* "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"

Ready or Not, Here it Comes



Cosmos City Center…Capitol of Winter Wonderland?

Photos and commentary by Mark Minnick

It's been a remarkably beautiful and enjoyable autumn season so far. *(Other than a short fishing trip to chase muskies with #1 son that was cold, wet and miserable. More on that another time.)*

Nice fall colors, near zero precipitation and unseasonably warm temps makes being outside very enjoyable. Folks could be seen grilling in their yards or hanging out at the local restaurant's outdoor patio. Kids playing on the playground and riding their bikes.

The corn and soybeans dry down nicely with the ample sunshine and warm fall breezes. Add good yields and you have the making for non-crabby farmers. All of this well into the month of October. A special treat indeed.

But, as we've all heard a million times, "If you don't like the weather, bla, bla, bla, just wait ten minutes, bla, bla, bla." As sure as Catholics have to watch out for lightning bolts, the weather gave us a 'bolt' of reality.

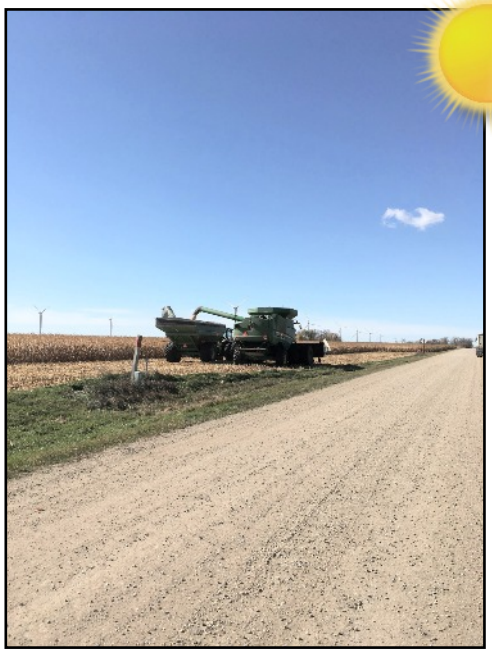
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Mr. Plow
Keepin' Roads Clear



City of Cosmos employee, Dave Medina or "Mr. Plow" as he is known around town, was diligently removing snow from the city streets after the 8" dump on October 20th. Lesser men would have been disgruntled, but Mr. Plow was all smiles and gave me a thumbs up as I drove by and got out of his way. Don't keep the man from his avocation.

Happy Thanksgiving



What a difference a few days make.



Continued from front page.

I guess our penance for an unseasonably nice autumn was 8" of the white stuff on October 20th-Wham Bam! A reminder that winter doesn't have to wait for December to show up. Yee Haw. *(It showed up a little early last year too on October 12th, bringing a 2" white coating of snow to the area. See Nov. '19 issue of the Gazette.)*

So here we are, from sunny and warm to cold and snowy. More than enough to make for slippery streets and sidewalks that needed to be cleaned. People dug out their shovels and put 'em to work. Snowblowers could be heard around town trying valiantly to move the soupy stuff. Snowplows, state and local, cleared roads, dumped sand & salt and made highways useable again. The combining of corn came to a halt as snow hanging on the ears tends to plug them ol' sieves. Hopefully there were no standing beans left in the fields. Then there's beets; I won't go there. I won't mention that it looked 'Christmasy' either.

By the time you read this, the early snow will probably have melted away. All of the yard stuff that you didn't get done will now be revealed once again. Sigh. So get out there and get 'er done. You might not get another chance.

*Or crack a Hamm's and ponder the situation. Complain a little too, it makes you feel better. It's the Minnesota way.









"Look out for number one and try not to step in number two." *Rodney Dangerfield*



The Old Fence…

Going, Going

….Gone!

Commentary and pic by Emily Van Hatten

A BIG THANK YOU to this group of volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to help with improvements to our softball field. They removed the old fencing and filled post holes in order for the new fencing to be installed for next seasons league and tournament play. A special thank you to Metro Erosion (Matt Martin) for bringing the heavy equipment to complete the project.



Front Row (L-R): ***Juliann Bjur, Janna Bjur, Jordan Bjur, Antia Bjur, Bethany Barka***
Back Row (L-R): ***Greg Schlueter, Jesse Bjur, Matt Martin, Laura Schmeling, Vern Schmeling, David Medina, Israel Medina***
Not Pictured: ***Brent Raske and Angelia Hopp***







A couple of KewPies are in order for readers that figured out last month's Whozit? **Brookfield** is the name of the skeleton on the bike at the end of Jadi and Renee Hopp's driveway, four miles south of Cosmos. We may hear more about the up & coming local personality in the future, so stay tuned. (Look out Local) Here's our KewPie winners;

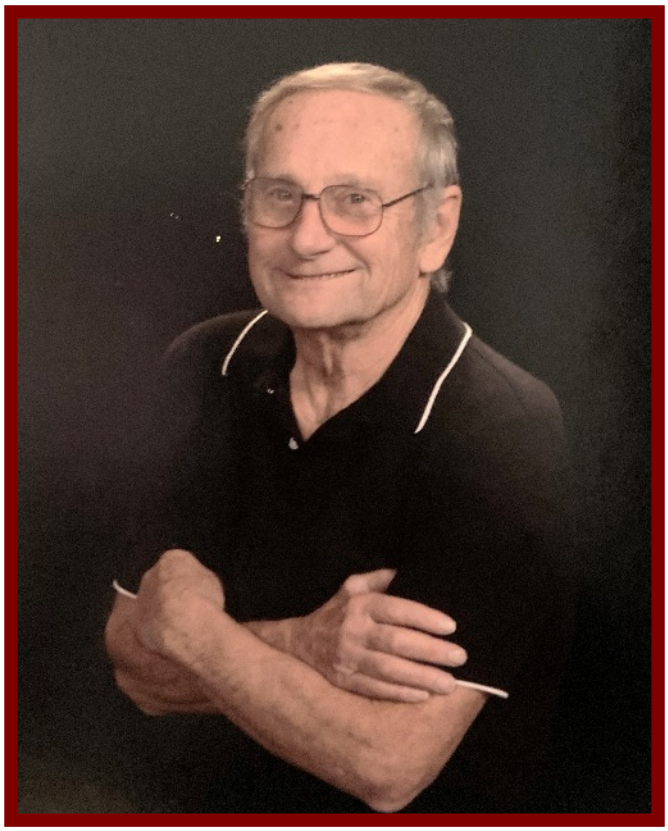
Skeleton on bike is Brookfield, located on the end of Jadi and Renee Hopp's driveway. *Shelley Deleeuw*

I found the ghost rider sitting at the end of Renee and Jadi's driveway!! *Gloria Anderson*

-In Memoriam-

James M. Lies

August 16, 1946 - October 16, 2020 (age 74)



James Martin Lies, son of Elmer and Jenny (Arnold) Lies, was born in Litchfield, MN on August 16, 1946. He grew up in the Manannah/Eden Valley area and graduated from Eden Valley High School in 1964.

Following graduation he joined the United States Navy and was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia on the USS Guam until August 11, 1967. He was then a member of the Naval Reserve until he was Honorably Discharged on July 4, 1970.

On May 4, 1968 he was united in Marriage to Janet (Bauer) at the Assumption Catholic Church in Eden Valley. They lived in Buffalo Lake and Cedar Mills, until making their home south of Litchfield in 1974. Their marriage was blessed with three daughters; Julie, Janelle and Jennifer.

Over the years Jim became a career bartender. He tended bar at the Eden Valley Legion, the Buffalo Lake Liquor Store, the 3 Gable Pub & Jim's Place in Cedar Mills and the Litchfield American Legion, but his dedication was to the Cosmos Legion Post 126.

Jim was a member of the Cosmos Legion Post 126, Litchfield VFW 2818, Meeker County Veterans Council, DAV, St. Philip's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Cosmos Community Club, Meeker Co. Yellow Ribbon, and the Cedar Mills Rod & Gun Club.

Jim enjoyed fishing, especially with his grand kids and great-grand kids on his birthday, coaching softball and umpiring pee-wee softball and spending time with friends. His greatest joy was spending time with his family.

Jim is survived by his wife Jan Lies & beloved beagle, Lady, of Litchfield; daughters Janelle (Tim) Carroll of Mesa, AZ; Jen (Matt) Buboltz of Gibbon; son-in-law Chris Langness of Lake Lillian, honorary son Jesse Johnson of Cosmos, MN. Grandchildren; Heather (Tony) Stueber; Josh (Mary) Lies; Angela (Jake) Warszynski; Ashley (Jordan Kaiser)Nelson; Heather (Cody Schauer) Langness; Braeden (Tori Bagley) Lies; Brooklynn Lies and Hunter and Mattalynn Buboltz. Great-Grandchildren; Carson, Aiden & Gavin Stueber; Mason Lies; Braleigh Nelson & Cameron Kaiser; Noah, Aubree, Paislee & Lincoln Schauer. Sibling; Joan (Dwayne) Davis, Duane Lies, Mike (JoAnn)Lies, Connie (Ron) Mathies, Mary (Dave) Thielen, Gary (Pam) Lies, Nick (Jenny Otte) Lies, and Joe (Cindy) Lies.

He was preceded in death by daughter, Julie Langness (03/01/18), parents Elmer and Jenny Lies, parents-in-law Harold and Adeline Bauer, sister-in-law Joyce Larson.

**Picture and obituary courtesy Jen Buboltz*

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
October 8, 2020

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Martin at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2020.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Tom McCarthy, Angelica Hopp, Emily Van Hatten and Jody Fruetel.

ALSO PRESENT: Josh Halvorson, John Douville and David Medina

Adopt Agenda – A motion by Hopp, seconded by McCarthy to adopt the Agenda. Motion carried

Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Van Hatton, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. Sep 10, 2020 City Council Minutes
b. Overtime Balances
c. MMS Report
d. Meeker County Sheriff – Sep 2020 Report

VISITORS PRESENTATIONS

There were approximately a dozen residents present to discuss the new enforcement of unlicensed vehicles operating on the streets of Cosmos. Some parents were upset that the deputy sheriffs were stopping their youth from driving around town. Deputy Sheriff Stock, who was present at the city council meeting reviewed the requirements to drive 4x4's, golf carts, lawn mowers etc. on the streets.

Discussion was heard regarding a possible city ordinance allowing the use of these vehicles on the streets but that ordinance will still require the minimum age to be 16. No action was taken by the city council

Meeker County Sheriff's Office – Deputy Sheriff Stock reviewed of September's Sheriff's activity.

City Engineer – Josh Halvorson, Bolton-Menk was present to review the current status of the USDA Rural Development application for the 2021 road construction project.

October 8, 2020 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by McCarthy, to approve the October 8, 2020 Bills list with check numbers from 14562-14557 for $74,627.41. Motion carried**.**

Ballpark Fence Improvements – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, hire Century Fence Company to install the 8' high outfield fence of 801' for $26,500. Motion carried.

Mayor Martin noted donations towards the ballfield fence from the Community Club of $1,000, Cosmos Industries $7,000, PEC Recycling $250, Falcon Industries $750, Home State Bank $500 and the American Legion $7,000. The City Council and the community are extremely grateful for these organizations to give back to the community.

Lot Split Request PID 21-027600 – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by McCarthy, to approve the lot split request for 500 Milkyway S. PID 20-027600 creating two lots, one 50' x 100' and 50' x 150'. Motion carried.

Utility and Maintenance Assessments Public Hearing – A motion by Mccarthy, seconded by Fruetel, to approve a public hearing for utility and maintenance assessments for 5:15 p.m. Monday, November 9th, 2020. Motion carried.

Firefighter CARES Funding – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by McCarthy, to authorize the Cosmos Fire Department to purchase $9,644 in supplies with CARES Grant money. Motion carried

Public Works – Dave Medina, public works supervisor, reported the automatic controls in the water plant are not working properly. They are currently working on a solution. The base of the wastewater lift station is busted and replacement may be moved up to the 2021 construction year.

Medina requested to purchase a grappler for the tool cat at a cost of $2,500. The council wanted to look at costs to rent that equipment if needed.

It was noted that LTD Broadband has placed their equipment on the water tower and will begin programing the internet equipment over the next several weeks.

Whitcomb Drainage is interested in buying the safety box for utility repairs. The city does not need the box as we do not do our own repairs. Mayor Martin will look into getting a fair market value for the box.

Static Sewer Charge - A motion by McCarthy, seconded by Fruetel, to charge a flat monthly sewer rate to PEC Recycling rather than putting in an additional meter just for the bathroom. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Hopp, seconded by McCarthy, to adjourn at 6:24 p.m. Motion carried.

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-Notice-
-To all City of Cosmos Residents-

From the City of Cosmos:

The City is applying for grant funds to help reduce the overall taxpayer costs of upcoming water and sewer improvements. To qualify for the grant funds, it is necessary for the City to conduct an income survey of its residents.

Bolton & Menk, Inc. has been contracted by the City to tabulate and summarize the surveys to assist in determining eligibility for the grant program.

On or before October 30th, you should receive a survey from Bolton & Menk, Inc. via the U.S. Postal Service. We would very much appreciate your cooperation by taking a minute to fill out the survey and **returning it by no later than Friday, November 13th**. ***(If mailing, please postmark no later than Wednesday, November 11th).***

Surveys returned after this date may not be counted towards the total.* **If we do not receive enough surveys back, the City will not be eligible to apply for the grant.

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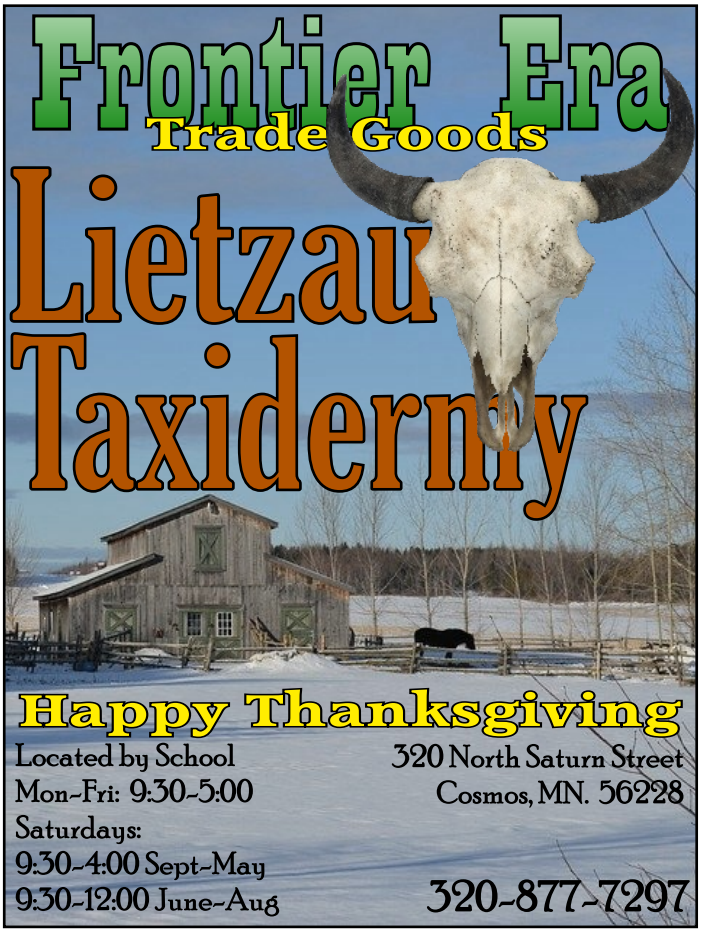
"Nine out of ten kids surveyed would rather have the ever popular hot dogs and potato chips for Thanksgiving, instead of turkey and all the trimmings. They say turkey is overrated but, the best part is they wouldn't have to eat leftover turkey for a week. Besides, you never hear of leftover hot dogs and chips, do ya? Have a Happy Thanksgiving...and pass the mustard.



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

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Happy Thanksgiving

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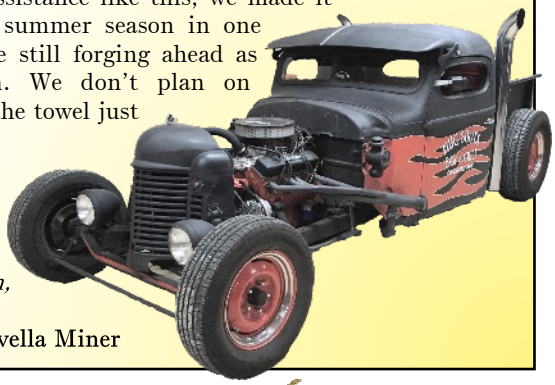
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A heartfelt

Thank You!

-To the City of Cosmos-

for allowing us to use some of the cities' picnic tables. This helped us comply with the State of Minnesota's COVID 19 mandates for serving customers outdoors this summer and fall. Because of assistance like this, we made it through the summer season in one piece and are still forging ahead as best we can. We don't plan on throwing in the towel just yet.



Thanks again,
Owners,
Brent & Marvella Miner

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November Daily Lunch Specials

M 2 Liver & onions dinner
T 3 Pork dinner or commercial
W 4 Hobo dinner
T 5 French dip & fries
F 6 Broasted chicken dinner

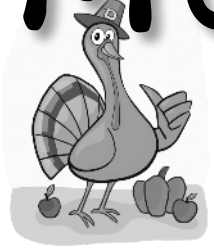
M 9 Spaghetti & garlic toast
T 10 Meatball dinner
W 11 BBQ chicken dinner
T 12 Lasagna & garlic toast
F 13 Chili dogs & fries

M 16 Shrimp & tots
T 17 Salisbury steak dinner
W 18 Broasted chicken dinner
T 19 Tator tot hotdish
F 20 Scalloped potatoes & ham

M 23 Pizza hotdish
T 24 Roast beef dinner or commercial
W 25 Tacos w/tots
T 26 *Thanksgiving-Closed*
F 27 Beef stroganoff

M 30 Potato hotdish

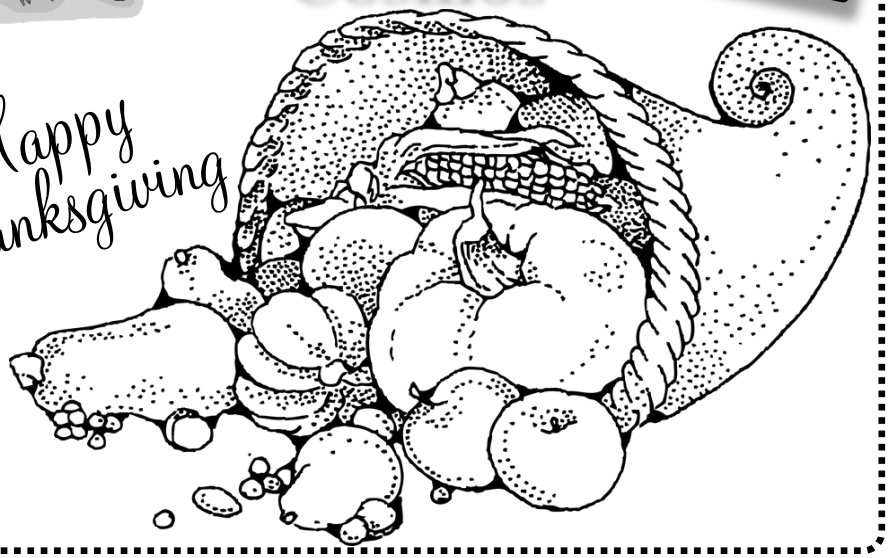
"Stop in and say hi!"



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Happy Thanksgiving





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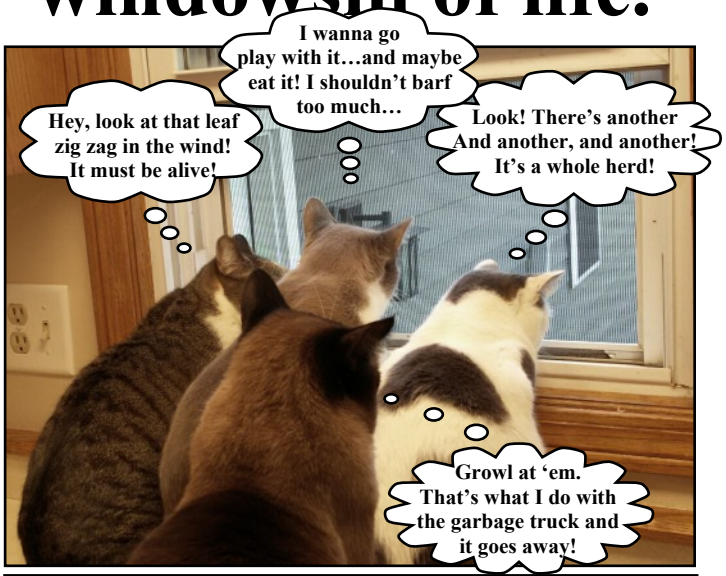
It's That Time
Fall Back!

On 2 AM Sunday, November 1st
Turn your clocks BACK one hour.

Standard Time Returns!

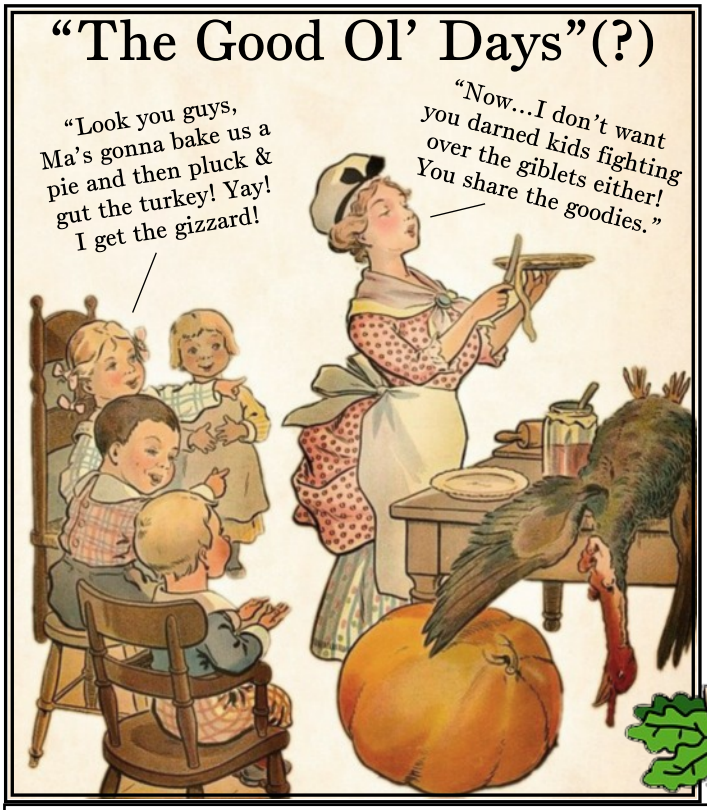
Happy Thanksgiving

Thoughts from the windowsill of life.

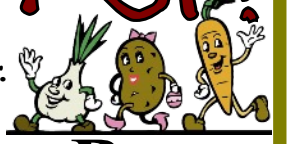


(Front, L-R) Tippecanoe, Ralphie, Francine with Samantha in the back, make it known to the falling leaves that these are four tough kitties that shouldn't be messed with. Just ask their beleaguered cat toys.

"The Good Ol' Days"(?)



CHEF IT UP!



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

Four Layer Bars

By Grace Kamrath

With all the pumpkin recipes available right now, I decided another approach to something sweet would be good. Here is a recipe with everyday ingredients except maybe for the M & M's. I think it would be really neat to have the fall colors of M & M's on these bars.



FOUR LAYER BARS

- Chocolate cake mix
- 1/2 c. butter or margarine
- 1 egg
- 3 c. mini marshmallows
- 1 c. M & M's
- 1/2 c. peanuts

Mix cake mix, butter (or margarine) and egg until combined. Spread into a13 x 9 inch buttered pan. Bake at 375 oven for 16 to 20 minutes. Immediately spread marshmallows, candies and peanuts on top. Return to oven for 2 to 3 minutes more. Cool completely cut into bars. Makes about 2 dozen.

**Both my mom, Lenora and her sister, Alice, loved to tell jokes. They both had their favorite jokes. Just the other day I found one my Aunt Alice had put in their church cookbook many years ago. Here goes….*

GOD AM I A MESS

When God gave out brains, I thought He said trains and I missed mine When He gave out looks, I thought He said books and I didn't want any. When He gave out noses, I thought. He said roses and I ordered a big one. When He gave out ears, I thought He said beers and I ordered 2 long ones. When He gave out legs, I thought He said kegs and I ordered 2 fat ones. When He gave out chins, I thought He said grins and I ordered a double. God am I a mess!

In Memoriam - Sid Hartman

(March 15, 1920 – October 18, 2020)

By Mark Minnick

As you probably already know, the legendary sports writer Sid Hartman passed away this October. I always enjoyed his work in the newspaper, over the radio and on the TV. There is a great tribute to the man in the form of a podcast on the **Garage Logic** website. Joe Soucheray and Patrick Reusse reminisce and tell stories about Sir Sidney for just about two hours. IMHO it is required listening if you are a Sid fan. Here's the link; *(Go to the website or physically type it in.)* **garagelogic.com/episode/10-19-20-soucheray-and-reusse-react-to-the-passing-of-sid-hartman/** Enjoy.

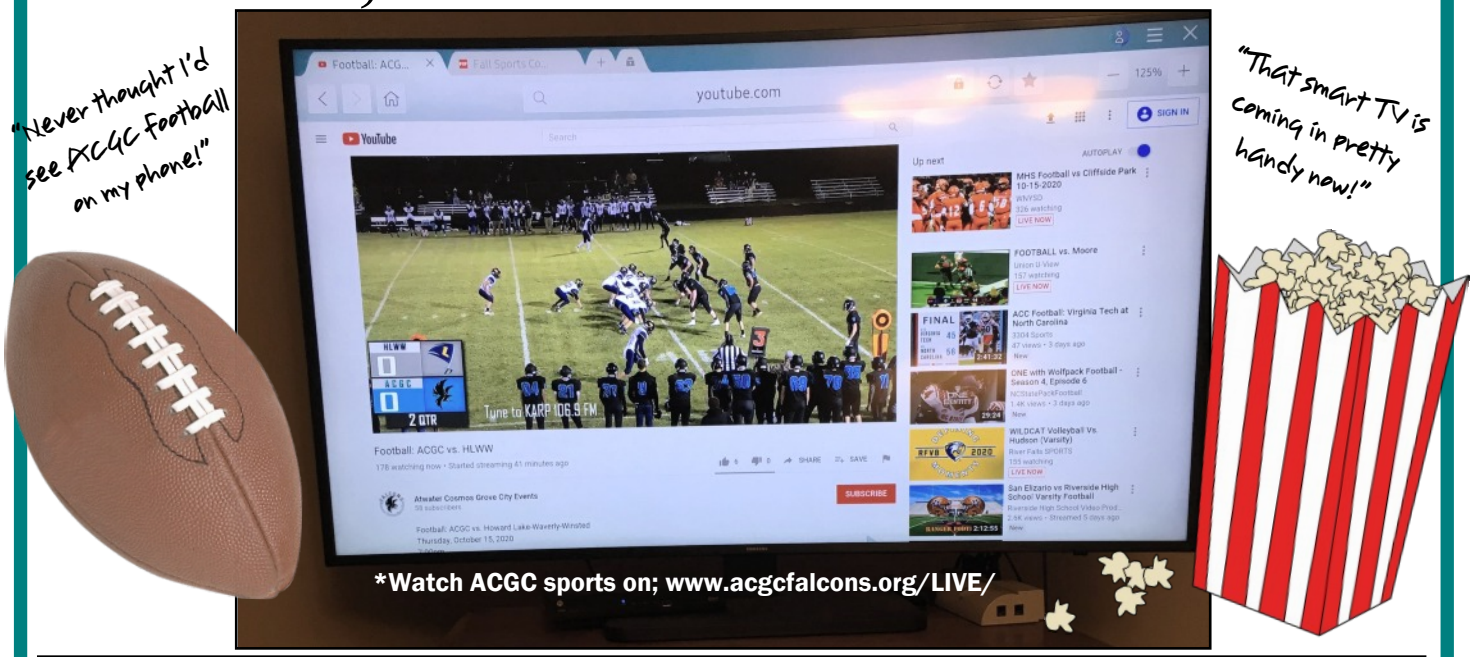


Photo courtesy Bobak Ha'Eri

"There are two ways to live: you can live as if nothing is a miracle; you can live as if everything is a miracle." – *Albert Einstein*

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

Look Ma, the Kids are on the Internets!



Pic and commentary by Mark Minnick

High school football has been quite different this year. Unless you have a kid on the team, you can't get into any game. No hotdogs, popcorn or cheering the boys on with other fans. The MSHSL COVID 19 guidelines dictate that these and more restrictions apply. At least we have folks in the school systems that are willing to record and broadcast games on the web. Kudos to them, it really helps us fans that enjoy high school sports. You can't smell the grass, feel the evening chill or enjoy rubbing elbows on the sidelines but, at least you can see the game. Better than nothing under the circumstances for sure.

I still had a good time watching the game against Howard Lake/Waverly/Winsted, which we won 32-18. I popped my own popcorn too, good stuff Maynard.

High School Sports During COVID 19

By Marj Mauer,
ACGC Activities Director

Life as an Activities Director is crazy busy but especially this Fall. Providing opportunities for students is worth every bit of the craziness. Providing opportunities for our students during a pandemic is important but challenging at the same time.

We are following the guidelines from MN State High School League, National Federation of Youth Sports, MN Department of Health, and the CDC. We currently have the following activities going on: the school musical, 9th-12th grade football and 9th-12th grade volleyball.

Practices are different this year. Wearing masks, small practice pods, sanitizing equipment, and washing hands are just a few of the requirements we have to follow. We may have 250 people at outdoor events and two spectators per participant for indoor events.

As I type this, I'm rescheduling a volleyball match because of a winter storm warning. In my 13 years as AD, this is the earliest I have had to reschedule because of a winter storm warning.

We are planning on starting the junior high volleyball season on November 3rd. We are scheduled to have wrestling, girls and boys basketball, dance, cheerleading, Math League, Knowledge Bowl, and One Act Play this winter. We want our communities to still be involved in our activities and so we are live streaming the events on http://www.acgcfalcons.org/LIVE/

Go Falcons!

Old Rivals BOLD & ACGC Rumble on NLS Turf

ACGC Falcon Flyover



QB #3 Luke Trebil





Landon Blom #26

Commentary by LeAnn Melberg
Player pics by Lynda Behm

With the lateness of the high school football season, cold, snowy and crappy weather was bound to affect the local schedule. It surely affected the scheduled Friday night game at Olivia. If played as planned, it would have been a slopfest.

The powers that be decided it would be better for BOLD and ACGC to meet on the gridiron at the New London/Spicer campus at noon Saturday, the 24th. That venue is artificial turf whereas the BOLD field was soggy sod. Less chance of injury and less muddy misery for the players.

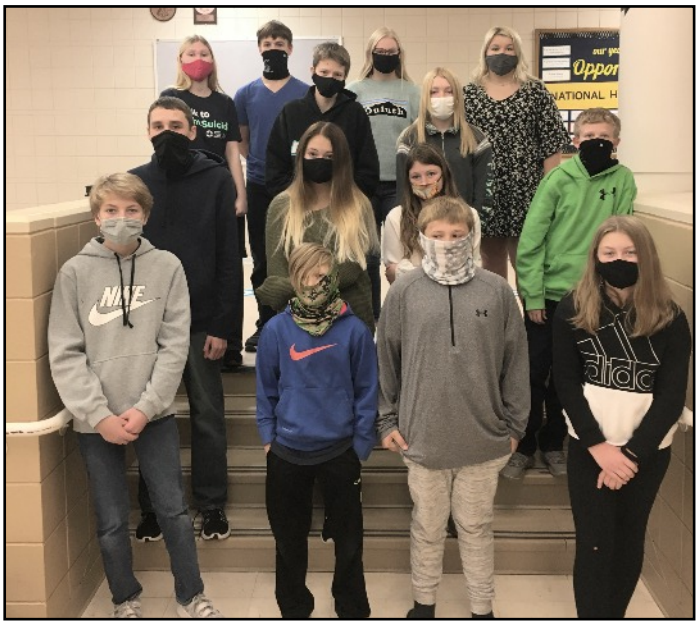
The game was closer than the final score indicates, as both teams battled mightily. ACGC made BOLD work for their 25-14 win. The ACGC Falcons are now 2-1 and BOLD is 3-0 on the season.

Game Statistics

First downs: 14 … Penalties: 6-50 … Rushing (Individual and team): Landon Blom 16-54, Luke Trebil 18-48, Malcolm Ludwig 1-0. 35-102 … Passing (Individual and team): Trebil 9-19-128-3 ... Receiving (Individual and team): Braeden Pickle 6-70, Levi Lilleberg 1-37, Masson Hiltner 1-18, Mason Studemann 1-3 … Interceptions:None … Fumble recoveries: Terrell Renne 1 … Tackles (solo-assist): Renne 6-2, Pickle 5-2, Hiltner 3-5 … QB sacks: Blom 1

ACGC Students of the Month

-September-



Courtesy of Sarah Reznechek
ACGC School Social Worker

Students pictured from left to right,
Front Row: Cole Malvin, Isaac Kalkbrenner, Branson Danielson, Audrie Palmer
2nd Row: Dylan Gilberts, Kara Bredeson, Mercedes Rykhus, Jayden Carr
3rd Row: Peyton DePoppe, McKenna Friauf
Back Row: Ashley Crooks Wyatt Garvick, Madisyn Groenseth, Liberty Jans
Not Pictured: Emily Newman, Gabriel Koglin

Go Falcons!

The ACGC Falcon Flyover

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The ACGC Production of Annie

***Watch on; www.acgcfalcons.org/LIVE/**









Commentary and pics by Thomas Rosengren, Director

The ACGC Theatre department greatly appreciates the generosity of the ACGC BOOSTERS and the COSMOS LEGION. This year we used the money to pay for the choreography videos that taught us many of the dance steps that were used in the original broadway production.

We also were able to purchase nearly 20 high quality wigs that will be utilized prominently in this production. The wigs truly transform the students into their multiple characters that they portray during the two hour production.

During this time of COVID and social distancing and mask wearing being involved in the theatre has allowed our students to have some sense of normalcy in their lives. We practiced every day after school working on dialog and singing all while maintaining social distancing and wearing masks.

It has been a challenge but the students have worked hard and come together to form a cohesive group that truly shines on the stage. The students learned a valuable lesson from the production of ANNIE this year. They learned that THE SUN WILL COME OUT TOMORROW. This truly have become the motto of the students in the production including the 16 students that are onstage, the 9 students that are working behind the scenes and yes even the four adults who are working to ensure the set looks great, the costumes are spectacular, the sound is mixed well with the outstanding vocals of the students and acting is on point with all emotions and expressions fully on display.

Thank you to the BOOSTERS for helping to KEEP THE ARTS ALIVE AT ACGC. Without your added assistance and encouragement; we could not have brought this show together. THE PERFORMING ARTS ARE VALUABLE ACROSS THE BOARD in the physical health, education and mental stability of the students who are involved in the arts. Truly this impacts every moment of their lives and ANNIE is sure to entertain those families who will be able to see it live and the community who will be able to live stream it on Sunday Nov. 1st at 2:00 pm. **Watch on; www.acgcfalcons.org/LIVE/*

Thank you again from all the students and staff who will be presenting ANNIE at ACGC.







ACGC Falcon Flyover



Corn Drive

Commentary and picture by
Victoria Halverson, ACGC FFA Advisor

The ACGC FFA went back to a Traditional Corn Drive this year and it was a HUGE success. The officer members wanted to participate in this event. The last couple years ACGC has been doing a dinner fundraiser, and it hasn't been a huge success.

Minnesota is the only state that does a Corn Drive. The corn and money that the members collected on Thursday, October 15th will be donated from ACGC FFA to True Friends in Annandale. It's a great thing to support those in our surrounding communities and the members thought they could raise more money this year by doing the Traditional Corn Drive fundraiser.

They collected over 2000 Bushels of corn last week and many cash donations from our community. FFA members prepared for the Corn Drive by sorting out groups of members that would go out to farms with trucks and gravity boxes to collect corn. They also looked at maps of the area and divided up sections so they could work as an efficient team.

All the members were very excited about how much they raised this year. So far we have a count of 10 times the amount of money that we will donate this year compared to last year. Our school record is $11,000 that we have donated and the group may have beat that this year!

Cash donations are still being collected. If you would like to donate to this cause please send checks to:

ACGC FFA
27250 MN Hwy 4
Grove City, MN 56243

Thank you to all the farmers who donated corn and for all the cash donations!

Go Falcons!

Editors note; Here's a copy of the latest ACGC Base Learning Model information as related to COVID-19, that was emailed out on October 23rd. *Courtesy LeAnn Melberg*

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ACGC FALCONS

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October 23, 2020

Good Afternoon ACGC,

This is a follow-up from the recent ACGC District Advisory Committee meeting. The topic of the meeting was to discuss ACGC's Base Learning Model. As you recall, ACGC utilized 3 priorities when choosing a base model.

#1 – The Choice is Best for Students and Staff
#2 – The Choice is Best for Families
#3 – The Choice is Feasible

ACGC selected the Base Learning Model as Pk-6 In-Person and 7-12 Hybrid. This fit the recommendation provided by MDE/MDH based on the COVID-19 County Case Rate at that time. ACGC also selected this model with the intention of maintaining consistency for the first 9-weeks of school, if possible. As we have progressed several weeks into the school year, MDE/MDH have provided school districts further guidance and flexibility allowing schools more local control to adjust their learning models based on their school statistics, not just county-level data.

The county-level case rates continue to rise. Yet, ACGC has been fortunate to maintain its Base Learning Model as the COVID-19 activity within the ACGC school community has been quite low. There have been two known positive COVID-19 cases among students and staff. However, there are currently no active positive COVID-19 cases among ACGC students or staff, (we know this can change quickly).

ACGC will continue to utilize the Base Learning Model through the fall peak of the outbreak, if possible. We continue to closely monitor the activity of COVID-19 at the county, community, and school district level and continue to do what we can to keep our students and staff safely in our buildings.

Thank you for your continued cooperation, patience, and resiliency as we continue to battle the effects COVID-19 has had on our schools and community.

GO FALCONS!

Sincerely,
Nels Onstad
ACGC Superintendent

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Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!





Image courtesy mndnr.gov

Invasive Zebra Mussels Found in Another Local Lake

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Press Release
October 5, 2020

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed reports of zebra mussels in Lake Minnie-Belle, near Litchfield in Meeker County.

A DNR-trained watercraft inspector reported finding a zebra mussel on a settlement sampler deployed on a private dock on the southeast side of Lake Minnie-Belle. Settlement samplers are solid surfaces placed in the water that people can regularly check for attached zebra mussels. The inspector subsequently found a second zebra mussel on the wheel of a dock, a third on a settlement sampler on the northeast side of the lake, and a fourth attached to a boat lift.

"Given that zebra mussels have been found at two sites in different areas of the lake, it is likely that there is an established zebra mussel population in Lake Minnie-Belle," said DNR aquatic invasive species specialist Eric Katzenmeyer.

The DNR reminds lake property owners to carefully check boats and trailers, docks and boat lifts, and all other water-related equipment for invasive species when removing equipment for seasonal storage. While it's always important to look for invasive species, it is especially beneficial at this time of year. Several new zebra mussel confirmations in recent years were initially reported by people removing docks, boats and boat lifts.

Minnesota law requires that docks and lifts remain out of the water for at least 21 days after removal from a waterbody before they can be placed into another body of water. In addition, anyone who transports a dock or lift from a shoreline property to another location for storage or repair may need a permit (link is external), to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Whether or not a lake is listed for any invasive species, Minnesota law requires boaters and anglers to:

- Clean watercraft and trailers of aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species.
- Drain all water by removing drain plugs and keeping them out during transport.
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

Some invasive species are small and difficult to see at the access. To remove or kill them, take one or more of the following precautions before moving to another waterbody:

- Spray with high-pressure water.
- Rinse with very hot water (120 degrees for at least two minutes or 140 degrees for at least 10 seconds).
- Dry for at least five days.

Zebra mussels can compete with native species for food and habitat, cut the feet of swimmers, reduce the performance of boat motors, and cause expensive damage to water intake pipes.

People should contact an area DNR aquatic invasive species specialist if they think they have found zebra mussels or any other invasive species that has not already been confirmed in a lake.

More information is available at mndnr.gov/ais.



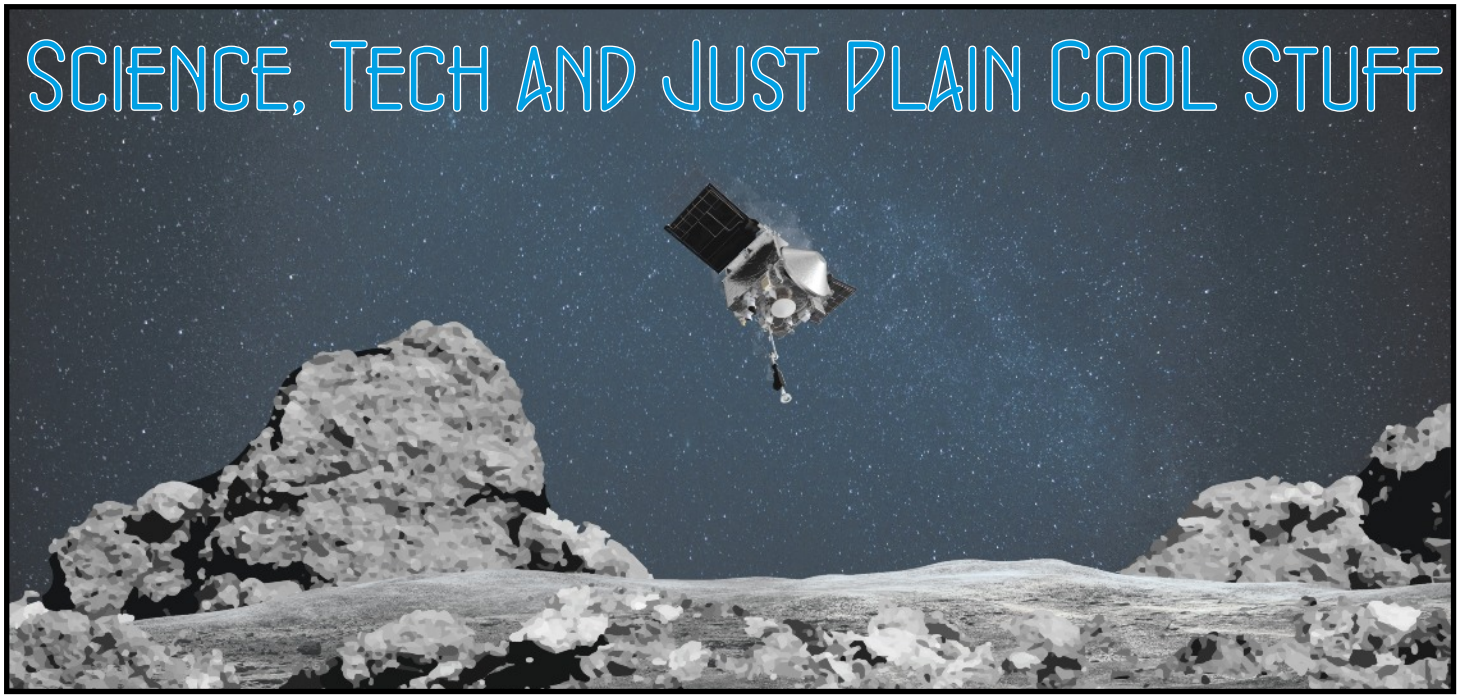
An example of Zebra Mussel Overtaking a native freshwater clam.

Happy Thanksgiving

"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world." *John Muir*

OSIRIS-REx = Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security, Regolith Explorer

SCIENCE, TECH AND JUST PLAIN COOL STUFF



This artist's rendering shows OSIRIS-REx spacecraft descending towards asteroid Bennu to collect a sample of the asteroid's surface.
Image Credit: NASA/Goddard/University of Arizona

OSIRIS-REx Touches and Samples Asteroid Bennu

By Mark Minnick

Another one of NASA's marvelous little robots just got us a sample of an asteroid and is set to bring it back to Earth in 2023. It should be a roughly two ounce sample for scientists to analyze. Hopefully, this gives us more insight into the composition of this rocky little, 600 yard wide celestial body and tells us more about planet formation in the early solar system. Please enjoy the interesting "Ten things to know about Bennu" article and the images with captions on these two pages. They are all courtesy of nasa.gov.

Ten Things to Know About Bennu *Courtesy of nasa.gov.*

1. IT'S VERY, VERY DARK...
Bennu is classified as a B-type asteroid, which means it contains a lot of carbon in and along with its various minerals. Bennu's carbon content creates a surface on the asteroid that reflects about four percent of the light that hits it — and that's not a lot. For contrast, the solar system's brightest planet, Venus, reflects around 65 percent of incoming sunlight, and Earth reflects about 30 percent. Bennu is a carbonaceous asteroid that hasn't undergone drastic, composition-altering change, meaning that on and below its deeper-than-pitch-black surface are chemicals and rocks from the birth of the solar system.

2. ...AND VERY, VERY OLD.
Bennu has been (mostly) undisturbed for billions of years. Not only is it conveniently close and carbonaceous, it is also so primitive that scientists calculated it formed in the first 10 million years of our solar system's history — over 4.5 billion years ago. Thanks to the Yarkovsky effect -- the slight push created when the asteroid absorbs sunlight and re-emits that energy as heat -- and gravitational tugs from other celestial bodies, it has drifted closer and closer to Earth from its likely birthplace: the Main Asteroid Belt between Mars and Jupiter.

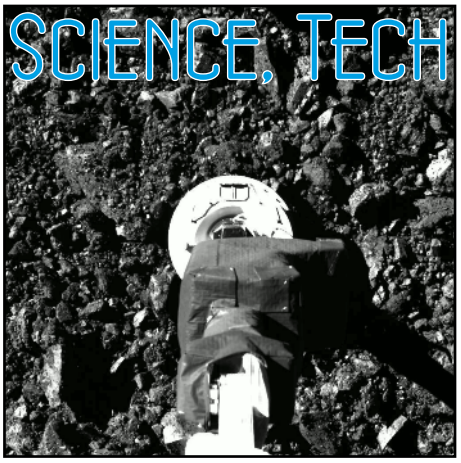
3. BENNU IS A "RUBBLE-PILE" ASTEROID — BUT DON'T LET THE NAME TRICK YOU.
Is Bennu space trash or scientific treasure? While "rubble pile" sounds like an insult, it's actually a real astronomy classification. Rubble-pile asteroids like Bennu are celestial bodies made from lots of pieces of rocky debris that gravity compressed together. This kind of detritus is produced when an impact shatters a much larger body (for Bennu, it was a parent asteroid around 60 miles [about 100 km] wide). Bennu, for contrast, is about as tall as the Empire State Building. It likely took just a few weeks for these shards of space wreckage to coalesce into the rubble-pile that is Bennu. Bennu is full of holes inside, with 20 to 40 percent of its volume being empty space. The asteroid is actually in danger of flying apart, if it starts to rotate much faster or interacts too closely with a planetary body.

4. ASTEROIDS MAY HARBOR HINTS ABOUT THE ORIGIN OF ALL LIFE ON EARTH...
Bennu is a primordial artifact preserved in the vacuum of space, orbiting among planets and moons and asteroids and comets. Because it is so old, Bennu could be made of material containing molecules that were present when life first formed on Earth. All Earth life forms are based on chains of carbon atoms bonded with oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen and other elements. However, organic material like the kind scientists hope to find in a sample from Bennu doesn't necessarily always come from biology. It would, though, further scientists' search to uncover the role asteroids rich in organics played in catalyzing life on Earth.

5. ...BUT ALSO PLATINUM AND GOLD!
Extraterrestrial jewelry sounds great, and Bennu is likely to be rich in platinum and gold compared to the average crust on Earth. Although most aren't made almost entirely of solid metal (but asteroid 16 Psyche may be!), many asteroids do contain elements that could be used industrially in lieu of Earth's finite resources. Closely studying this asteroid will give answers to questions about whether asteroid mining during deep-space exploration and travel is feasible. Although rare metals attract the most attention, water is likely to be the most important resource in Bennu. Water (two hydrogen atoms bound to an oxygen atom) can be used for drinking or separated into its components to get breathable air and rocket fuel. Given the high cost of transporting material into space, if astronauts can extract water from an asteroid for life support and fuel, the cosmic beyond is closer than ever to being human-accessible.

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Captured on Oct. 20, 2020 during the OSIRIS-REx mission's Touch-And-Go (TAG) sample collection event, this image shows the SamCam imager's field of view as the NASA spacecraft approaches and touches down on asteroid Bennu's surface, over 200 million miles away from Earth.

The sampling event brought the spacecraft all the way down to sample site Nightingale, touching down within three feet (one meter) of the targeted location. The team on Earth received confirmation at 6:08 p.m. EDT that successful touchdown occurred. Preliminary data show the one-foot-wide (0.3-meter-wide) sampling head touched Bennu's surface for approximately 6 seconds, after which the spacecraft performed a back-away burn.

Courtesy of nasa.gov.



This mosaic image of asteroid Bennu is composed of 12 PolyCam images collected on Dec. 2, 2018 by the OSIRIS-REx spacecraft from a range of 15 miles. Bennu is approximately 600 yds. in diameter.

Credits: NASA/Goddard/University of Arizona

6. SUNLIGHT CAN CHANGE THE ASTEROID'S ENTIRE TRAJECTORY.
Gravity isn't the only factor involved with Bennu's destiny. The side of Bennu facing the Sun gets warmed by sunlight, but a day on Bennu lasts just 4 hours and 17.8 minutes, so the part of the surface that faces the Sun shifts constantly. As Bennu continues to rotate, it expels this heat, which gives the asteroid a tiny push towards the Sun by about 0.18 miles (approximately 0.29 kilometers) per year, changing its orbit.

7. THERE IS A SMALL CHANCE THAT BENNU WILL IMPACT EARTH LATE IN THE NEXT CENTURY.
The NASA-funded Lincoln Near-Earth Asteroid Research team discovered Bennu in 1999. NASA's Planetary Defense Coordination Office continues to track near-Earth objects (NEOs), especially those like Bennu that will come within about 4.6 million miles (7.5 million kilometers) of Earth's orbit and are classified as potentially hazardous objects. Between the years 2175 and 2199, the chance that Bennu will impact Earth is only 1-in-2,700, but scientists still don't want to turn their backs on the asteroid. Bennu swoops through the solar system on a path that scientists have confidently predicted, but they will refine their predictions with the measurement of the Yarkovsky Effect by OSIRIS-REx and with future observations by astronomers.

8. SAMPLING BENNU WILL BE HARDER THAN WE THOUGHT.
Early Earth-based observations of the asteroid suggested it had a smooth surface with a regolith (the top layer of loose, unconsolidated material) composed of particles less than an inch (a couple of centimeters) large — at most. As the OSIRIS-REx spacecraft was able to take pictures with higher resolution, it became evident that sampling Bennu would be far more hazardous than what was previously believed: new imagery of Bennu's surface show that it's mostly covered in massive boulders, not small rocks. OSIRIS-REx was designed to be navigated within an area on Bennu of nearly 2,000 square yards (meters), roughly the size of a parking lot with 100 spaces. Now, it must maneuver to a safe spot on Bennu's rocky surface within a constraint of less than 100 square yards, an area of about five parking spaces.

9. BENNU WAS NAMED AFTER AN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN DEITY.
Bennu was named in 2013 by a nine-year-old boy from North Carolina who won the Name that Asteroid! competition, a collaboration between the mission, the Planetary Society, and the LINEAR asteroid survey that discovered Bennu. Michael Puzio won the contest by suggesting that the spacecraft's Touch-and-Go Sample Mechanism (TAGSAM) arm and solar panels resemble the neck and wings in illustrations of Bennu, whom ancient Egyptians usually depicted as a gray heron. Bennu is the ancient Egyptian deity linked with the Sun, creation and rebirth — Puzio also noted that Bennu is the living symbol of Osiris. The myth of Bennu suits the asteroid itself, given that it is a primitive object that dates back to the creation of the Solar System. Themes of origins and rebirth are part of this asteroid's story. Birds and bird-like creatures are also symbolic of rebirth, creation and origins in various ancient myths.

10. BENNU IS STILL SURPRISING US!
The spacecraft's navigation camera observed that Bennu was spewing out streams of particles a couple of times each week. Bennu apparently is not only a rare active asteroid (only a handful of them have been as of yet identified), but possibly with Ceres explored by NASA's Dawn mission, among the first of its kind that humanity has observed from a spacecraft. More recently, the mission team discovered that sunlight can crack rocks on Bennu, and that it has pieces of another asteroid scattered across its surface. More pieces will be added to Bennu's cosmic puzzle as the mission progresses, and each brings the solar system's evolutionary history into sharper and sharper focus. *Courtesy of nasa.gov.*

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Hey, it's nice outside!



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Local Firearms Deer Season-November 7-15
Muzzleloader *(Statewide)* Nov. 28-Dec. 13



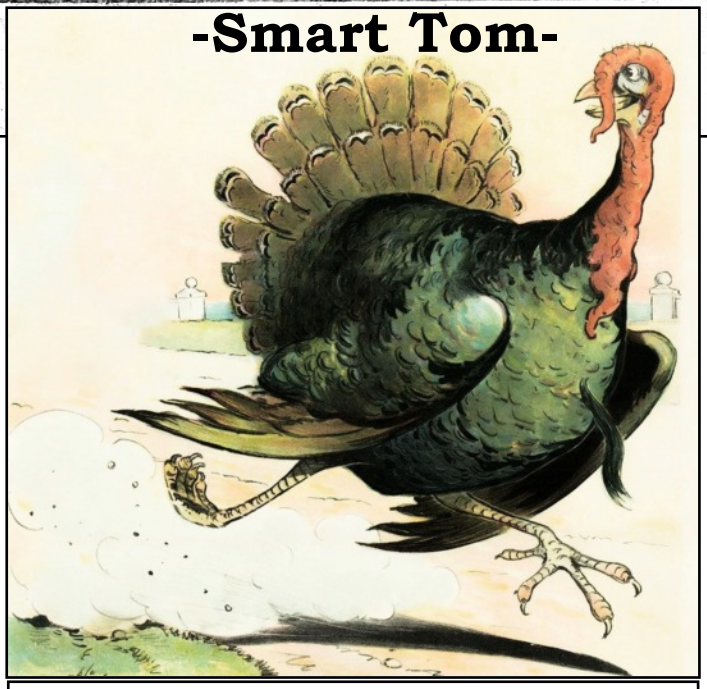
It's fall 1966 in small town Cosmos. This is before COVID, before Nike, before Thanksgiving day football games and before 'Tofukey'. There were real guys who played real football on real grass, sometimes even in real mud. If they really screwed up in a game, they had their real feelings hurt, because the real coach chewed their real butts. There was no whining on Clapchat or sniveling on Tweeter. No 'trending' either, just a 'Suck it up and get better' attitude. And all was well and good in the world of small town high school football.

It's the end of the season for the Royals squad and the Cosmos News had the team's picture in the paper as a season ending salute. Do you recognize any of the players or coaches on the '66 squad? **Whozit?**

TIME WARP Whozit?

Happy Thanksgiving

-Smart Tom-

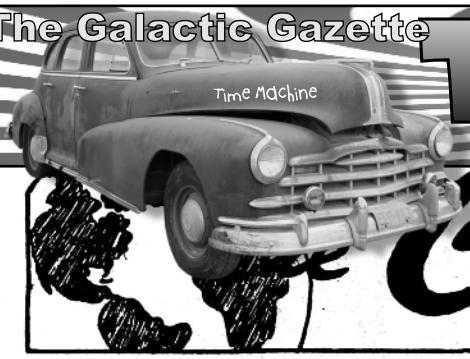


"Gravy and stuffing are NOT my friends.
Does it look like I just fell off the turkey truck?"

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Look at all of the Girl Scouts Eunice! Then there was multi car accident just east of Cosmos. At least no one was hurt. You better buy a couple of tickets for the steer raffle too.

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Butter promotion trail blazing is ADA meet topic

GLENCOE--Trail-blazing in butter promotion will be a principal topic when dairymen for American Dairy Association 6-county Region VI gather here on Nov. 22.

The annual business meeting of Region VI starts at 1 p.m. Tuesday (Nov. 22), in the McLeod County Courthouse in Glencoe.

Business will include election of officers for the region which includes Carver, McLeod, Meeker, Nicollet, Renville and Sibley counties.

Current officers are: Curtis Peterson, Gaylord, Regional Director; Fred Feltman, Jr., Norwood, Alternate Director and Secretary-Treasurer; John F. Albrecht, Glencoe, Regional Chairman; and Lowell Richards, Buffalo Lake, Vice-Chairman.

Progress in Minnesota state and national promotion programs currently being conducted to increase butter consumption will be reported by American Dairy Association staff personnel with selected portions to be shown on film.

Princess Kay of the Milky Way, Linda Kottke, of Glencoe, will attend and relate her experiences in the personal "Butter Bell-Ringer" promotion in which she has been working throughout the state.

Refreshments will be served.

Adjournment is scheduled for 3 p.m.

High school play was big hit

COSMOS--The Cosmos high school play, "You Can't Take It With You," drew hearty applause from a large and appreciative audience, last Friday evening.

The play was directed by Donald Randolph and featured the following cast members in the order of their appearance:

Linda Nelson, Caryn Higgin, Jean Frederiksen, Charles Lundstrom, Gary Pearce, Joel Koerschen, Mark Beckstrand, Bruce Adams, Reyna Helin, Bruce Schlueter, Marlin Minks, Gene Kruse, Julie Fredin, Melvin Lietzau, Wendy Ryti, Joe Beckstrand, Steve Egge, Rick Kess and Vickie Kutzke.

Stage managers were Marie Hacker and Rick Kess.

Make-up: Diane Burgstahler and Betty Hacker.

Sound effects: Lorelei Gassman and Gwen Reinke.

Costumes: Pam Schiro and Jan Busch.



INVESTITURE ceremonies for new Brownies in the Cosmos troop were held last week. The new Brownies seen above, left to right, are: Judy Martin, Mary Minnick, Terry Beasley, Judie Sayles, Martha Sharpe, Carol Dvorak, Dawn Giesel, Diane Dvorak and Paulette Foster. --Cosmos News staff photo.

9 invested into Brownies

COSMOS--Brownie Girl Scout Troop No. 70 met Thursday, Nov. 10, at the Auxiliary Club room.

A special investiture ceremony, with the mothers attending, was held after the regular business meeting.

After the lighting of the candles, the explanation was read, and "That is a Brownie?" a short play was enacted by the third grade girls.

In turn, each new girl was then invested and welcomed into the Brownie troop by the other girls with the Brownie salute.

Girls invested were Terri Beasly, Carol Dvorak, Diane Dvorak, Paulette Foster, Dawn Giesel, Judy Martin, Mary Ann Minnick, Julie Ann Sayles, and Martha Sharpe.

Lunch was served by the troop leaders.

St. Paul Book gets bid on science room

COSMOS--St. Paul Book and Stationery Co. was low bidder for the supplying of many items for the science room of Cosmos High School, when the school board opened bids, Tuesday evening, Nov. 8.

The firm bid $4,907 for the cabinet work, new sinks, shelving and counter tops.

The science room will be completely remodeled very soon.

Steer raffle is slated for Dec. 2

COSMOS--The annual steer raffle of the Beack-Thompson American Legion post is scheduled to take place on Friday evening, Dec. 2, at the Legion clubrooms.

There will be drawings every half-hour, beginning at 8 p.m. for prizes.

Proceeds of the raffle will be used for the fence which is now being built on the community cemetery.



GIRL SCOUTS. Above are seen the Cosmos Girl Scout troop and its leaders as they posed for the News photographer, last week. In the front row, above, are:

Injuries slight as three cars crash, Friday

COSMOS--Injuries were very slight in accident which involved three automobiles, late Friday afternoon.

The mishaps began at about 5:30 p.m. when Merlin Krueger of Cedar Mills ran his 1964 Mercury off highway 7, about three miles east of Cosmos.

The car flipped end over end, landing on its top in the snow of a field north of Highway 7.

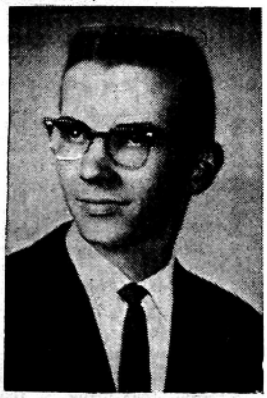
Krueger, uninjured, crawled out of the wreck and walked for help.

A short time later, Milton Peterson, who farms near Corvuso was headed home on Highway 7 in his new pickup truck which he had purchased about three hours previously. He stopped to see if he could give aid to whomever might be in the wrecked car.

As his pickup stopped, it was struck from behind by a 1948 Chevrolet coupe driven by Harry Hoff of Cedar Mills township.

Hoff's car, which was demolished, landed on its side in the north lane of Highway 7, while the Peterson pickup, with a smashed back end, was pushed into the south ditch, on its wheels.

Only injuries outside of bruises were some cracked ribs sustained by Mr. Hoff.



ROGER KAMRATH

Roger Kamrath named president, honor society

WAVERLY, IOWA--Roger Kamrath of Cosmos, Minn. was elected president of the Iowa Gamma of Alpha Chi national

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Eunice, maybe we should grab a fresh duck to take home for the Thanksgiving feast. You should grab some cranberries too. A box of potato chips would go good with a holiday Hamm's too.

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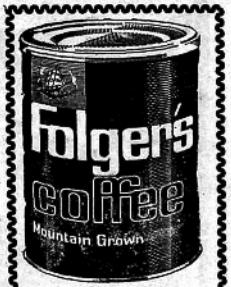
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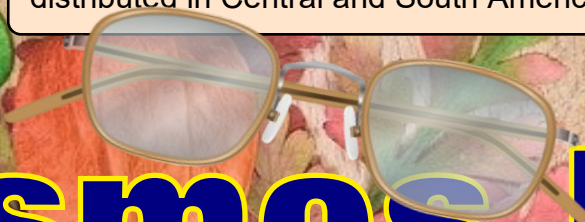
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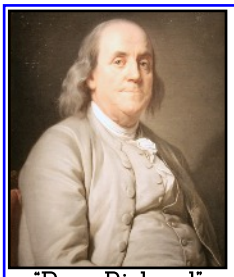
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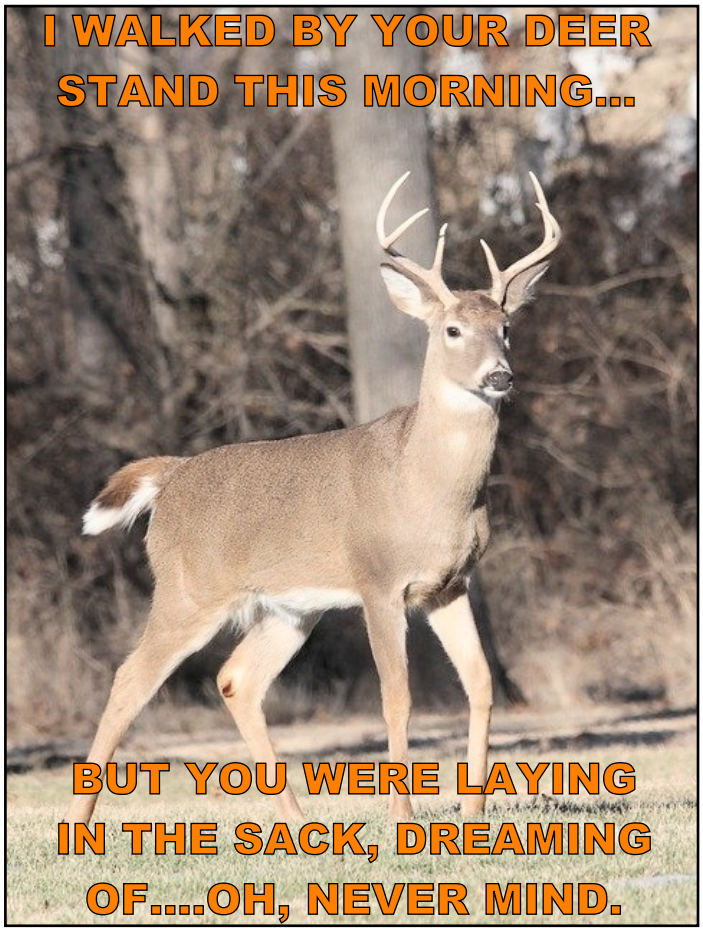
Please remember the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces and our veterans, both alive and deceased. America owes them an immense debt of gratitude along with an every day simple "Thank you".


"Poor Richard"

Letters to the EDITOR

When you say, "Go fly a kite!"
We reply, "OK...is it storming yet?"

Thank you to everyone that makes this paper happen. We enjoy reading it.
Thanks again,
Samantha Anderson



Thank You

We would like to Thank everyone for your support during this difficult time. Whether you brought food, joined in Jim's Celebration of Life, sent a card or kept us all in your thoughts and prayers, we are beyond grateful. Knowing he touched so many lives is an indescribable feeling. Thank you and God Bless.

-The Family of Jim Lies-

Veterans Day

November 11th 2020

"Honoring All Who Served"



Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans, that is, persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces (and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable).

It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I.

Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the **11th hour** of the **11th day** of the **11th month** of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

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