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Thanksgiving Day Rush in the Future.

Weather: Dave man, open up! "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"



Construction Has Begun

Pics and commentary by Mark Minnick

In the first part of October, Phase 1 of the Cosmos Street and Utility Reconstruction Project began. Hjerpe Contracting out of Hutchinson is the main contractor. Heavy equipment, workers in hard hats and loads of plastic pipe have been seen everywhere on the north side of town. Trees are being removed, storm sewer concrete culverts are being set and natural gas lines are being moved. Quite the busy place.

One afternoon, I caught up with Jonas Svavarsson, Construction Rep. from Bolton & Menk. He indicated to me that construction would continue basically until it couldn't; in other words, freeze up. It'll be interesting to see if they get the work done that they want to get done by Thanksgiving. We surely wish them luck. Below, center, is an excerpt from the Construction Newsletter detailing this fall's scheduled work.



The general order of construction work for this fall once started will typically be as follows:

1. The topsoil, trees, and bituminous street surface will be removed
2. Temporary water service will be connected to your house
3. Sanitary sewer main and water main will be installed
4. New sewer and water services will be installed
5. Topsoil and seeding



-Happy Thanksgiving-

Miles for MnFIRE's Doug Foote Takes a Break in Cosmos



L to R; Jake Hansen, Jody Fruetel, Jon Fruetel, Angie Cairl, Jason Hirshman, Doug Foote, Josh Gilberts, Cory Studemann, Jen Studemann, Andrew Wittman.

Pic and commentary by Mark Minnick

Taking a much deserved breather in the Cosmos Fire Hall, Doug Foote talked for about a half hour to the welcoming crowd. Even though attendees knew why he was walking, he reiterating that there are firefighters in Minnesota that need help with physical and emotional health issues.

If you think about the situations that fire and rescue folks are put in when doing their job, it's no wonder that their health can be compromised. A few questions were asked about these issues and he answered them succinctly and frankly.

It was great to hear him stand up for the what is really a little known issue affecting some of these great folks. We are surely lucky to have their selflessness in our communities.

Everyone thanked him for raising awareness of the issue and wished him well on his way to the Capital in Saint Paul. **I wonder if the soles of his boots lasted for the whole 200 miles? They're not exactly walking shoes, ya know.*

Information courtesy mnfireinitiative.com

MnFIRE's recent fundraiser was a walk across Minnesota to raise awareness and much-needed funds for firefighter health. This will help ensure that more firefighters receive the life-saving services in three key program areas: heart health, emotional trauma, cancer prevention and support.

The multi-day event kicked off on September 12 near Marietta, on the westernmost edge of the state, and made its way through numerous Minnesota communities and these counties; Lac Qui Parle, Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Meeker, McLeod, Carver, Hennepin and Ramsey.

Dressed in firefighter gear, Chanhassen firefighter Doug Foote walked the entire 200-mile route, and was joined along the way by other firefighters, their families and community members to show support for MnFIRE's important mission. The walk ended Saturday September 18 at the Minnesota Fallen Firefighter Memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol in St. Paul.

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TIDBITS



Greetings! Happy Thanksgiving month!

The happiest people I know and have been associated with share a common thread; they are grateful people. They live an "attitude of gratitude" by deciding to be a grateful person. Is it easy? Nope.

It takes work but the benefits are worth the effort. I found an article by Matt Richardson, co-founder of Gramr Gratitude Inc. and does a good job of simply stating the obvious. "There are few things in the world that everyone agrees on. The most simple and profound thing is that we all want to be happy.

Fox News Anchors and Barack Obama both want to be happy. Yankee fans and Red Sox fans both want to be happy. Israelis and Palestinians both want to be happy. Pretty simple. Surprisingly, happiness is also pretty simple. Although there seems to be an "app" for pretty much everything", there isn't one for happiness.

There is something that works though, and it works every time. Gratitude. Until we are grateful for the things and people we have in our lives, we will never be satisfied with the things we try endlessly to acquire. Philosophers and laymen have been preaching the importance of gratitude since time immemorial, but recently researchers started testing gratefulness in laboratories, and the results have been incredible.

Gratitude changes the brain, it makes us happier and it in fact allows us to be happier. But gratitude changes more than just brain chemistry, it changes everything. It makes us better, it makes us kinder, it makes us happier, and it makes us whole.

Here are four ways gratitude will improve your life: 1) Relationships: Shakespeare had a way with words, let's take a look at what he had to say about gratitude's opposite: I hate ingratitude more in a man than lying, vainness, babbling, drunkenness, or any taint of vice whose strong corruption inhabits our frail blood." Heavy stuff.

If Shakespeare hates ingratitude, than your friends probably do too. Be thankful for the compliments your fiends give you, for the checks they pick up, for just being there, and it won't be long before you will have more friends to be thankful for.

2) Health; PhD. Robert A. Simmons recently conducted a study on gratitude which proved measurable benefits on psychological, physical and interpersonal health for subjects who practiced gratitude.

Most interestingly, he wrote that "Evidence on gratitude contradicts the widely held view that all people have a 'set-point' of happiness that cannot be reset by any known means." Simply put, you can actually be happier than you've even been if you practice gratitude. It just keeps building you up. It's just science.

3) Strangers; why did the Free Hugs Campaign get almost 75 million views on YouTube? Because people love it when other people are good to random people. That's a lot of goodness and a lot of people. But you get the point. Be good to strangers. Be thankful for strangers. Strangers will become your fiends if you let them.

4) Spiritually; it doesn't matter whether you are a conservative Christian, a mitzvah Jew, a nature loving Shaman, or a devoted Yogi, no matter what you believe about how it all ends, something in the core of every human being believes that it is important to be thankful while it is happening.

There is nothing that satisfies the soul quite like a self-reminder that there is always something and someone to be grateful for. Have a Grateful month!





Halloween Leftovers

By Mark Minnick

By the time you read this, Halloween will probably be all over and you will have had more than your share of candy, candy, candy. I'm way to old to enjoy the holiday fully, but I did see a bunch of cool Halloween related things around town. Congrats to the folks that take the extra time to decorate, give out treats and promote the fun. Here's a couple of things Igor and I found interesting.

Munster's Car?



When I heard that this really cool car "Just like the Munster's" pulled into the Mug Shots parking lot, I thought "Yea, right". When I went outside to take a look for myself, I was pleasantly surprised. Wow, I thought it was even cooler than the Munster's car. *(It had a Hemi, what could I say?)*

After ogling the car thoroughly, I fully expected to see Herman and Lilly standing nearby. But no, it was just Lee & Bonnie Harrier from Willmar, out for a cruise on a nice fall evening. They had stopped by Mug Shots to grab a burger and do some schmoozing with the natives. I talked with both of them for about ten minutes then left them alone to enjoy their burgers.

After they left, I got to thinking, maybe I should've checked the back seat to see if Grampa was 'resting' back there. You never know.

Monster's Yard?



A skeleton trying to emerge from the grave, a monster spider hanging out in it's huge web and a trio of scary ghosts emerging from an oversized green skull. Pretty darned scary for this old guy. But I wonder, what will show up next? A vampire, a witch, a zombie, a cable news personality? All very scary stuff…

-Happy Thanksgiving-

November
Daily Lunch Specials

M 1 Frito pie
T 2 Ham & cheese w/soup
W 3 Country fried steak dinner
T 4 Chili cheese dogs w/tots
F 5 BBQ chicken dinner

M 8 Liver & onion dinner
T 9 White trash hotdish
W 10 Broasted chicken dinner
T 11 Grilled cheese w/chili
F 12 Lasagna w/garlic toast

M 15 Cowboy stew w/cornbread
T 16 Baked chicken dinner
W 17 Cracked chicken sandwich w/soup
T 18 Goulash
F 19 Roast beef dinner or commercial

M 22 Broasted chicken dinner
T 23 Sausage & kraut dinner
W 24 Spaghetti w/garlic toast
T 25 Closed-*Happy Thanksgiving*
F 26 Chicken tacos w/Spanish rice

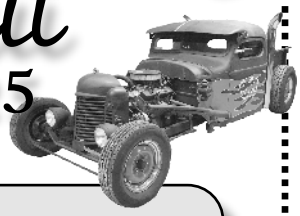
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T 30 Salisbury steak dinner



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HIAWATHA Qt. Jar Dill Pickles 29c
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Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for helping us out the last few months. For prayers and concerns, for food, shopping, cards, phone calls, mail service, taking out garbage and driving us to appointments. Special thanks to our family and Lori, Julie, Joyce, and Deb. We are doing much better. We appreciate it so much. Thanks again and God Bless you,

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CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
October 14, 2021

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2021.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Angelica Hopp and Jody Fruetel.
COUNCIL ABSENT: Katie Hansen
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville, Josh Halvorson, Sarah Miller and David Medina
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Van Hatton to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. September 9, 2021 City Council Minutes
b. Sep 21, 2021 Special City Council Minutes
c. Overtime Balances
d. MMS – Parameter Report
e. Meeker County Sheriff – Sep 2021 Report
f. Ballpark Concession Stand 2021
g. Liquor License – Mug Shots: On Sale, Off Sale, Sunday
h. County Sale of Forfeited Land/City Authorization (old bar & grill)
i. Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL) – Senior exercise Program

VISITORS PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDANCE

Bolton & Menk – Josh Halvorson, engineer for Bolton & Menk, reviewed the construction project. Work has started and the city should expect its first pay request in November.

October 14, 2021 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to approve the September 9, 2021 bills list with check numbers from 15132--15179 for $65,960.04. Motion carried**.**

Resolution 2021_22 USDA RD 1942_47 $1,258,000 Loan – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to approve Res 2021_22 $1,258,000 USDA Rural Development Loan. Motion carried**.**

2021 Pay 2022 Utility Accounts Assessment Hearing - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to recess the city council meeting and open the assessment hearing at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried**.**

There was no one present at the Utility Accounts Assessment Hearing. One letter was received from Diane Christianson regarding her account.

Close Assessment Hearing - A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hopp, to close the assessment hearing and reconvene the regular city council meeting at 5:37 p.m. Motion carried**.**

Assess Delinquent Utility Bills - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to assess the 2021 utility bills, payable in 2022. Motion carried**.**

Truth in Taxation Hearing –A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to set the 2022 Truth in Taxation hearing for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2021. Motion carried**.**

November City Council Meeting – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to move the November Council meeting to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday November 9th, 2021 due to Veteran's Day being on November 11th. Motion carried**.**

Assessment Parcel ID 21-0344010 – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to move to assess Parcel ID 21-0344010 for $19,200 for street improvements. Motion carried**.**

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 9, 2021. The agenda will be posted in the city office window, post office and bank vestibule by Tuesday afternoon. Any change in meeting dates or times will be displayed on the digital sign.
Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried.
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John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk



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97th Birthday



Pic and commentary by Delores Arndt
Members of Peace Lutheran Church and the Cosmos Legion Auxiliary helped Ardell Johnson celebrate her 97th Birthday.
L to R, Yvonne Schroeder, birthday girl Ardell, & Gladys Macik. Back, Shirley Anderson, Julie Seifert, & Delores Arndt.



TIME WARP Whozit?



These four FFA officers are preparing for their FFA "Corn Drive in November of 1964. The goal is to raise money for Minnesota's own Camp Courage. Can you identify any of these handsome *(or were they at least handy?)* Future Farmers of America?

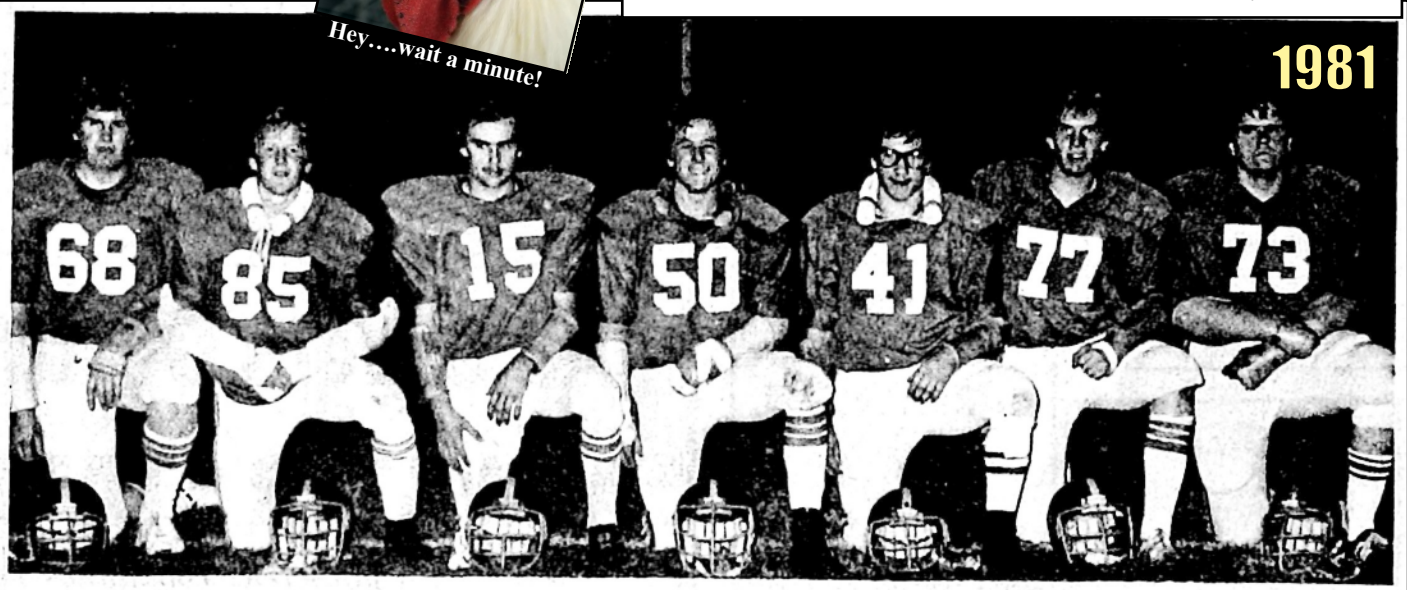
Whozit?

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One of our loyal readers from the outlands of Corvuso knew who last month's Royal gridiron warriors were! This is gonna cost us some KewPies!

Wayne Youngblom, Jeff Johnson, Steve Blackwell, Gary Berghuis, Nate Blum, Todd Strauman, Brad Dahlman ***emailed by Todd Reinke***



SEVEN SENIOR young fellows played their last high school football game on Thursday evening at Cosmos when Grove City came to town. Seniors are Wayne Youngblom, Jeff Johnson, Steve Blackwell, Gary Berghuis, Nathan Blum, Todd Straumann and Brad Dallmann.

Chef It Up!

"Food and spices….together. What a concept!"
Don't forget to teach a kid how to cook.



Cranberries



By Grace Kamrath

Happy Fall fellow Cosmonites. Thought I would center on cranberries this month. We can't even think of Thanksgiving dinner without those little red beauties. Hard to eat just a berry without sugar but they go with other ingredients so well and are loaded with vitamin C. My favorite cranberry sauce recipe is the simple one with just three ingredients.

CRANBERRY SAUCE

- 1 bag raw cranberries (washed)
- 1 orange (washed) cut into chunks
- 1 c. sugar (or suited to your taste)

Run the berries and orange thru food chopper or food processor Mix in sugar, Wait an hour or so for the sugar to dissolve and there you have your sauce or relish if you prefer.

Another sauce is the canned variety. I am not real fond of the jellied variety but our children preferred it.

I like the can of whole berry cranberries. I didn't exactly trick our children but I put the can of whole berries in the blender and the smooth sauce suited us all well.

CRANBERRY COFFEE CAKE

Cake:

- 1/2 c. butter softened
- 1 1/2 c. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 t. almond extract
- 1 t. vanilla
- 2 c. flour
- 1 t. baking powder
- 1 t. baking soda
- 1 t. salt
- 1 c. sour cream
- 1 c. whole cranberry sauce

Glaze:

- 1 c. powdered sugar
- 3 T. milk
- 1/2 t. almond extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. For the cake, cream butter and sugar. Beat in eggs and extracts until smooth. Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together. Add flour mixture alternately with sour cream. Pour half the batter into greased 9 inch tube pan. Spoon cranberry sauce over batter. Top with remaining batter. Bake 55 to 60 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes. Remove cake from pan. Let it cool a bit and after blending the glaze ingredients drizzle with glaze.



*Why did the band director permit the turkey to join the band?

Of course, he had the drumsticks.

Local Kitties Enjoy Annual Leaf Migration

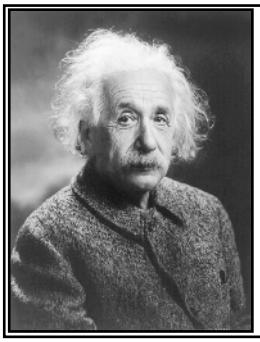


By Mark Minnick, part owner

Leaf lovers, Tippecanoe, Francine and Samantha (l-to-r) get together to witness the annual migration of leaves from the backyard tree branches to the ground. Boy is it exciting.

With utter fascination, they watch the spectacle of colorful fall leaves fluttering and dancing in the wind before they settle into their final resting place on the lawn. They say that this experience rates right up there with subduing a toy mouse, playing floor hockey with a beer bottle cap or standing in the window growling at the garbage truck.

These guys are serious about their hunting hobbies and don't like to be distracted. But, I bet crackin' open a can of liver pate cat food would get 'em away from the window in short order. That aroma is surely better than purdy leaves anytime.



"It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer."

Albert Einstein



"My wife is always trying to get rid of me. The other day she told me to put the garbage out. I said to her I already did. She told me to go and keep an eye on it."

Rodney Dangerfield

Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!

Woolly Meteorologist?

By Mark Minnick

Shirley Reinert sent a pic of this Woolly Bear caterpillar that showed up on her steps in October. I laughed as I thought back to old timer's tales I heard in my youth, about this little guy's ability to predict winter weather.

I tried to remember, "Is it the larger the red band, the tougher the winter or the more black there is the tougher the winter, or what the heck?" Now that I'm an old timer that knows how to use the internets, I proceeded to look up wooly bears.

Lo and behold, weather.gov had a great story to tell about this fuzzy little dude. So, without further delay, here's everything you ever wanted to know about the Woolly Bear caterpillar. *(and probably more.)*



Woolly Bear Caterpillar - Winter Predictor Or Not?



Article and pics courtesy weather.gov

Most people in the Midwest or New England have heard at one time or another that if you want a forecast for the upcoming winter that you should just look for a woolly bear (black at both ends and a reddish brown or rust colored in the middle) or fuzzy bear caterpillar. This same caterpillar is called the woolly worm in southern United States. Yet another name for this caterpillar is the Hedgehog Caterpillar, because it curls into a tight bristly ball and "plays dead" when picked up or disturbed. Whatever name they go by, they are often found in the autumn after they have left their food plants (variety of grasses and weeds including plantain, dandelion, and nettles) in search of a dark and sheltered spot where they can hibernate as larvae for the winter.

Woolly Bear Folklore

According to folklore, the amount of black on the woolly bear in autumn varies proportionately with the severity of the coming winter in the locality where the caterpillar is found. The longer the woolly bear's black bands, the longer, colder, snowier, and more severe the winter will be. Similarly, the wider the middle brown band is associated with a milder upcoming winter. The position of the longest dark bands supposedly indicates which part of winter will be coldest or hardest. If the head end of the caterpillar is dark, the beginning of winter will be severe. If the tail end is dark, the end of winter will be cold. In addition, the woolly bear caterpillar has 13 segments to its body, which traditional forecasters say correspond to the 13 weeks of winter.

As with most folklore, there are 2 other versions to this story. The first one says that the woolly bear caterpillar's coat will indicate the upcoming winter's severity. So, if its coat is very woolly, it will be a cold winter. The final version deals with the woolly bear caterpillar's direction of travel of the worms. It is said that woolly bear's crawling in a southerly direction are trying to escape the cold winter conditions of the north. On the other hand, woolly bear's crawling on a northward path would indicate a mild winter.

Folklore Demythed

Even though it is widely believed that the woolly bear caterpillar can predict the upcoming winter's severity, the truth is that this caterpillar can't predict what Old Man Winter has in store for us in the upcoming winter. The woolly bear caterpillar's coloring is based on how long caterpillar has been feeding, its age, and species. The better the growing season is the bigger it will grow. This results in narrower red-orange bands in its middle. Thus, the width of the banding is an indicator of the current or past season's growth rather than an indicator of the severity of the upcoming winter.

Also, the coloring indicates the age of the woolly bear caterpillar. The caterpillars shed their skins or molt six times before reaching adult size. With each successive molt, their colors change, becoming less black and more reddish. In addition, there are approximately 260 species of tiger moths (the adult of the woolly bear caterpillar) in North America, and each species has slightly different color patterns and hair coverings. As a result, some of the color and hair variations that we see each fall are a result of these different species.

As far as the story about the woolly caterpillar's coat, this is how Mother Nature helps it survive winter. The fur is called setae and it isn't there to protect them from the cold weather. Instead it actually helps them to freeze more controllably. Here is something truly remarkable. Once settled in, the caterpillars hibernate, creating a natural organic antifreeze called glycerol. They freeze bit by bit, until everything but the interior of their cells are frozen. These interior cells are protected by the hemolymph.

Woolly Bears can-and do-survive to temps as low as -90 degrees F! This ability to adapt to cold shows up particularly in the Arctic, where the woolly worms live in a strange state of slow motion. Most caterpillars live for two to four weeks before becoming moths. The Arctic woolly worms, however, spend at least 14 years in the process! The woolly bear caterpillar has even been known to survive an entire winter completely frozen in an ice cube.

As far as the woolly bear caterpillar's travel goes, they are simply moving about in search for that perfect spot to curl up and spend the winter. This is usually under bark, a rock, or a fallen log.

Even though there is great interest in its caterpillar stage, very few people know what it grows up to be. Each fuzzy, 1½ inch caterpillar becomes an Isabella Tiger Moth. After wintering in its chosen spot, the caterpillar awakens on a warm spring day and continues to feed. Soon it forms a cocoon and pupates. In about two weeks, an orange-yellow moth with 1 ½ to 2-inch wingspan emerges. The wings lack distinctive markings but the abdomen is spotted with three longitudinal rows of small black dots. These moths are active at night throughout summer.



Isabella Tiger Moth

***This myth has been around** since colonial times. However it grew in popularity after Dr. Howard Curran (curator of entomology from the American Museum of Natural History) did a small study in 1948. He went out to Bear Mountain, New York with a reporter, his colleagues, and their wives. He counted the brown bands on 15 different specimens. He then made a prediction for the winter. This news story was published in the New York Herald Tribune. It was picked up by the national press and the rest is history.

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By Mark Minnick

Vintage Comics...& Then Some



"The Girls" and the gang are out skatin' on the early ice in November of '34. You can figure out pretty quickly what happens next and it ain't a campfire...

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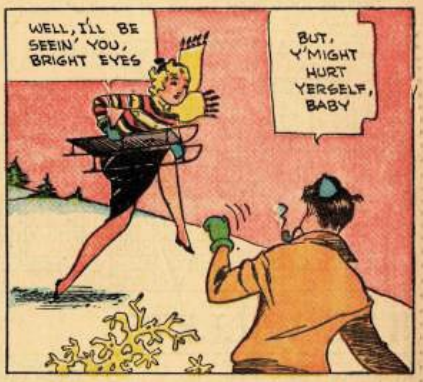


Boots is on back on the sliding hill. She's gonna show her guy that she can navigate a sled down that hill just fine-skirt, silk stockings and all thank you. Zoom! Zoom!















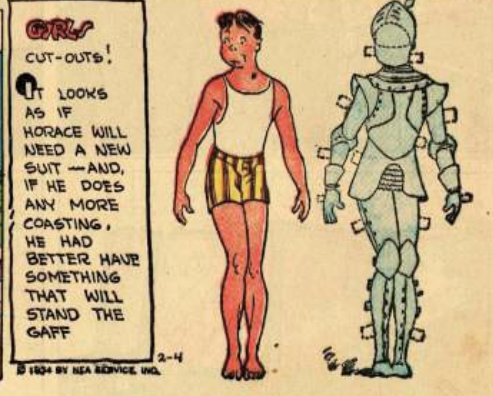














Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!

Thanksgiving Guests?

The alert neighbor from across the street took this shot of the suburban wildlife invasion in Tyler's yard.

By Mark Minnick



Sometimes a free Thanksgiving bird (or two) just shows up out of nowhere. No chamber of commerce holiday drawing or grocery store giveaway necessary. On the morning of October 1st, my number one son Tyler had wild turkeys show up in his suburban Oakdale front yard. Cool.

They appeared despite the lack of a camo ground blind or skillful calling. Heck, he doesn't even have a turkey license. Plus, the blind, the decoy and the calls are all here at dear old dad's. Hmmm, I wonder if the neighbors would be bothered by a shotgun discharge or two?

Anyway, he was surprised to say the least, especially living this close to the state's tallest buildings and overabundant population of politicians. Wait a minute, now we're getting our turkeys confused…

As our astute readers may recall, he sent me pics of a mallard drake and hen in his backyard that I published in a spring issue. Seems like his yard is quite the wildlife magnet.

What's next; A woodchuck? A whitetail deer? A bear? Bullwinkle? These darned city folk get all the perks. *(Although he did remark in good humor, "The d___ed rural youths are invading the suburbs.")*

Seems like all I get out here in the "Land of the Moldboard Plow" are a few rabbits, pretty birds and Stumpy the Squirrel *(No relation to "Rocky" J. Squirrel from Frostbite Falls, Minnesota)*.

But now that I think about it, we've got some cool animals around here too. I've seen a sharp shinned hawk or two and a red-tailed hawk, right in our back yard. I've seen bald eagles flying around the neighborhood and I've heard owls hooting at night. All cool stuff. *(don't feel left out Stumpy, you're cool too.)*

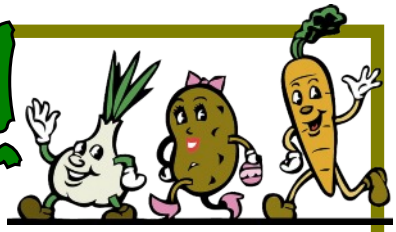
Who knows, maybe a free turkey (or two) will show up yet, just in time for Thanksgiving. What the heck, it's early. **P.S. Just so you know, we won't be having bald eagle or squirrel for the Thanksgiving feast. Turkey for sure. Maybe a chicken or ham? Decisions…*





Quick window shots taken by Tyler, before the marauding band of turkeys wander off to terrorize an unassuming suburban dog or cat.

CHEF IT UP!



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

DUCK SOUP



By Mark Minnick

Sometimes the meat in your fridge doesn't come from the butcher shop or the grocery store. Sometimes, it just magically appears, courtesy of a Gazette subscriber like Zach Hahnen, now known as "The Duck Fairy". After the hunt, he dropped me off a couple of birds pictured with the article in the October '21 issue, "A Couple for the Pot".

I filleted out the breasts and thighs, trimming out the shot up meat. I washed and dried the pieces, then sprinkled everything with Cajun seasoning to sit overnight in the fridge. The next day I rolled the meat in flour, sliced some onions and fried everything up in olive oil. Instead of liver & onions, I did duck & onions - it was great!

I had about a half cup of cooked meat left over, so I thought it appropriate for a batch of duck soup. Then my gray matter's weird word association tendencies took over and the Marx Brothers movie "Duck Soup" popped into my head. (See article, right.)

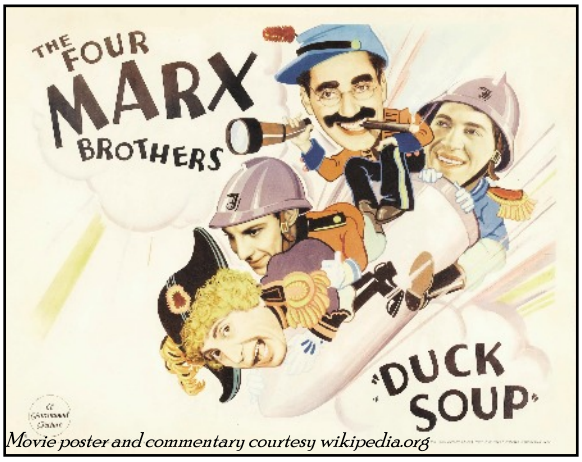
So, I proceeded to gather ingredients I had on hand. A tater, a tomater, some onion, garlic, celery, green beans and a can of white beans. It came together quite well and I REALLY liked it.

So here's the skinny on my…**Duck Soup.**



- ½ cup precooked duck meat, diced
- 1 small potato, diced
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 1 small rib celery, chopped
- ½ medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- ½ cup green beans, diced
- 1-15 oz. can white beans
- 2-3 tbsp olive oil
- 4 tsp chicken bouillon
- 4-5 cups water
- 1/8 tsp salt for onions & garlic
- red & black pepper, to taste

Saute chopped onion, garlic & salt in soup pan till soft and fragrant. Add water, bring to a simmer. Add the bouillon and dissolve. Add remaining ingredients, simmering for 10 to 15 minutes, till potatoes are done. I paired it with a handful of corn chips and a glass of milk…Good stuff Maynard. Serves 2-4; Depends on how much you're going to share. **P.S.- Just in case a duck or two doesn't fall out of the sky into your fridge, feel free to sub any meat (or veggie) in this soup. Quack…*



Movie poster and commentary courtesy wikipedia.org

Duck Soup is a 1933 comedy film written by Bert Kalmar and Harry Ruby. It was directed by Leo McCarey. Released theatrically by Paramount Pictures on November 17, 1933, it starred the Marx Brothers ~ Groucho, Harpo, Chico, and Zeppo. It was the last Marx Brothers film to feature Zeppo and the last of five Marx Brothers movies released by Paramount Pictures.

Groucho plays the newly installed president of the mythical country of Freedonia, and Zeppo is his secretary, while Harpo and Chico are spies for the rival country of Sylvania. Relations between Groucho and the Sylvanian ambassador deteriorate during the film, and they go to war at the conclusion.

Compared to the Marx Brothers' previous films, Duck Soup was a box office disappointment, though not entirely a "flop" as is sometimes reported. The film opened to mixed reviews, although this by itself did not end the group's association with Paramount. Bitter contract disputes, including a threatened boycott by the Marxes, soured their negotiations with Paramount just as Duck Soup went into production. After the film fulfilled their five-picture obligation to the studio, the Marxes and Paramount agreed to part ways.

While contemporaneous critics of Duck Soup felt it did not quite meet the standards of its predecessors, critical opinion has evolved and the film has since achieved the status of a classic. Duck Soup is now widely considered among many critics to be a masterpiece of comedy as well as the Marx Brothers' finest film.

In 1990, the United States Library of Congress deemed Duck Soup "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant" and selected it for preservation in the National Film Registry.

Final note: *"Duck soup" was American English slang at that time; it meant something easy to do. Conversely, "to duck something" meant to avoid it. When Groucho was asked for an explanation of the title, he quipped, "Take two turkeys, one goose, four cabbages, but no duck, and mix them together. After one taste, you'll duck soup for the rest of your life."*


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Cosmos Band to present concert

COSMOS—The Cosmos High School band and choir will present its annual fall concert, Friday, Nov. 20, 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission is free.

The choir will sing five numbers which includes two famous Broadway musical selections, "Tonight," from "Westside Story," and "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," from "The Sound of Music." The brass ensemble will be featured with the choir on "The Navy Hymn." The band will play five selections which include "Fantasy for Band," "Minstrel Boy," "My Fair Lady," "Lawrence of Arabia," and "The Nutmegger's March."

Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria after the concert, by the band mothers. Proceeds from this will be used toward the purchase of blazers.



ROBERT BERG

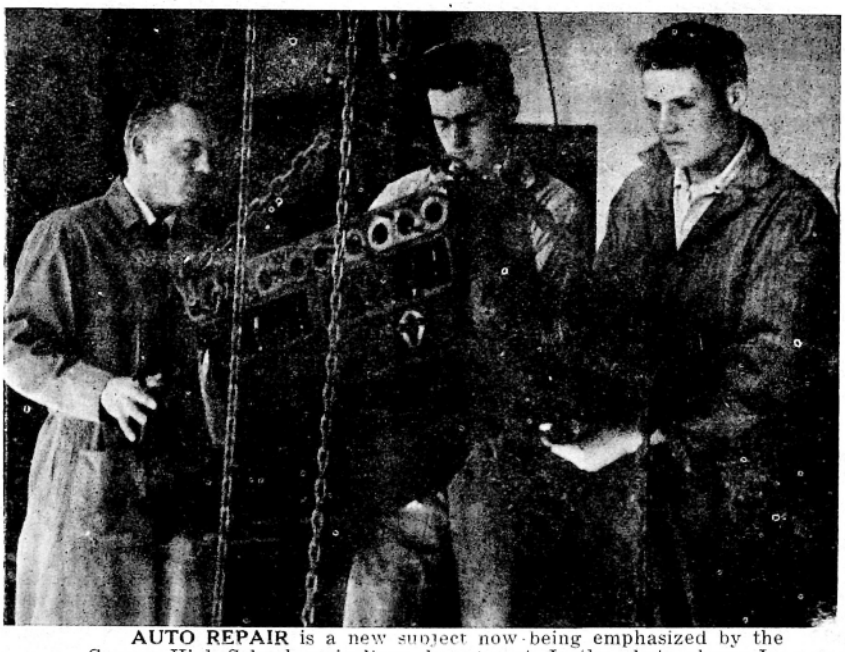
Poultry meeting Friday at Litchfield

LITCHFIELD—There will be a poultry meeting at the Litchfield Community Building, 1:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 20, according to County Agent, Russ Bjorhus.

This will be an informal meeting for people who are interested in expanding their poultry operation or starting now.

The program will be as follows:

1:30 p.m.—"How Large Must Our Poultry Flock be to be Profitable?" Paul Hasbargen, Ext. Specialist in Farm Management. 1:50 p.m.—"What Type of House and Equipment Should I Buy?" Robert W. Berg, Ext. Specialist in Poultry; 2:10 p.m.—"What Kind of a Program Must I Have to Support Such an Operation?" Roy D. Carlson, Director Division of Poultry, State Dept. of Ag.



AUTO REPAIR is a new subject now being emphasized by the Cosmos High School agriculture department. In the photo above, Instructor Harlan Jopp, left, supervises as Keith Ackman, center, and Leo Espelund dismantle an automobile motor.—Staff photo.

Mechanics is emphasized in Agricultural course

COSMOS—Mechanics is being emphasized in the Cosmos high school agricultural course this year.

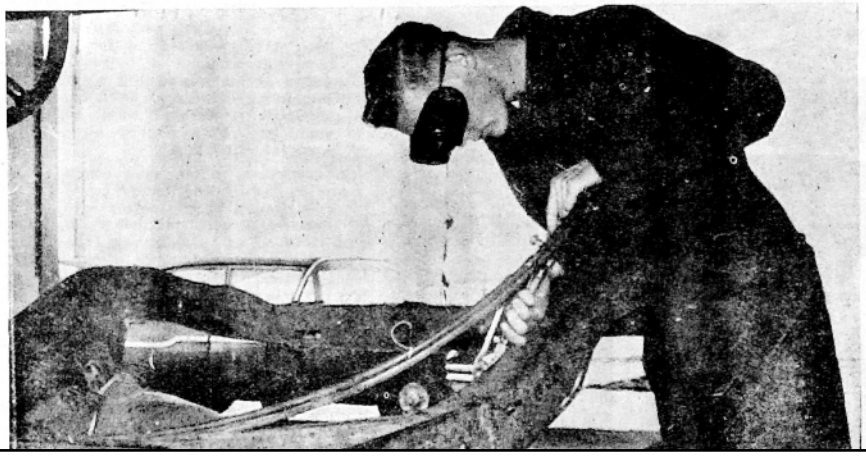
The recent need for technically trained young men and women is apparent. When those students who haven't the desire or the finances to attend a four-year college have finished high school, they must attempt to successfully compete for semi-skilled or non-skilled jobs with literally millions of other young men in the nation.

To help meet the mechanical needs of some of these young men, Mr. Jopp, Cosmos agricultural teacher, is emphasizing mechanics this year for some of his agricultural students.

They have disassembled and reassembled a Briggs and Stratton engine-generator, automobile transmission and have started working on the complete disassembly of an old Pontiac that was once used as a school pickup.

Although this course of study will not produce trained mechanics or provide the multitude of skills needed for entering garage mechanics, it will provide some basic mechanical skills which will enable the student to maintain some of his own equipment, and develop a broader mechanical background for entrance into specialized mechanical schooling later, and also provide an opportunity for exploration in a vocational area.

It is felt that some students may discover they have talents in automombile mechanics and continue their education in a special area. Others may find they do not wish to choose this for their vocation, and will be prepared to seek other types of work after graduation.



Parents will go to kids' classes at open house

COSMOS—On Nov. 23, the Cosmos Education Association and the Cosmos PTA will hold an open-house for the regular November PTA meeting.

This year a new procedure will be used for the functioning of the open-house. Parents will be able to follow the school day schedule in simulated form.

At approximately 8 p.m. the first bell, sounding the beginning of the mock school day, will ring. Four minutes later the bell will ring, thus beginning the first period of the mock school day. Each class period will be ten minutes long and there will be four minutes between each class at which time parents will pass to their next class. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria at the end of the mock day.

Parents should obtain the student's class schedule from the students. They should be sure they have the name of the class, the instructor, the hour and the room number. If a parent has more than one student in the high school, it may be desirable to divide the mock school day hours among the various student hours.

The instructors of the classes will take role and then explain the objectives of his particular course. General questions from the group will then be answered.

Parents are reminded that open house is not a night for parent-teacher conferences, but is an occasion that may be used for setting a date for one, if desired.

Registration for open house will begin at 7 p.m. This hour was chosen so that parents with obligations later in the evening will have an opportunity to attend. Teachers will be in their rooms at this time and would be glad to answer any questions. Remember, the mock school day starts at 8 p.m.

It's November 1964. Thanksgiving wasn't the glitzy holiday it has become today. Folks weren't really enamored with watching football games all day on the 19" black and white TV. "Black Friday" didn't exist. It seemed that folks were more interested in learning opportunities for students and the boys on the football team. Take a look...



COSMOS ROYALS. Above are the Cosmos Royals who finished second in the Cro-Hawk conference with a 3-1-1 record. Their final game is Friday when they take on the Stewart Gophers at Stewart. The players are, front row left to right, Manager Joel Koerschen, Don Fett, Ron Mortenson, Steve Eggert, Bruce Hoff, Jim Retzlaff, Phillip Nelson, and Gary Pearce. Second row: Lorallen Schneling, Gene Hackbarth, Jerrel Sharpe, Dave Thomas, Byron Higgin, Butch Geier, Dan Lundstrom, Ron Wothe, and Roger Ortloff. Third row: Captain Dave Weseloh, Butch Williams, Keith Ackman, Phillip Johnson, Virg Zins, Coach Mel Anderson, Wayne Smith, Leo Espelund, Mark Reinke, Tom Rennecke, and Henry Alberts.—Cosmos News staff photo.

Silver Lake's Hlvaka heads Cro-Hawk league in football scoring

SILVER LAKE—Larry Hlavka, senior end and halfback for the Silver Lake Lakeites, champions of the Cro-Hawk conference with a perfect 5-0 record, won the scoring title in the conference with 32 points beating out his teammate, Duwayne Paul, by one touchdown. Paul finished with 26 points.

Tied for third place in the scoring race wth 18 points were Dave Weseloh of Cosmos and Chuck Malmquist of Grove City followed by Terry Madsen, also of Grove City with 15 and Jerrel Sharpe of Cosmos with 14.

Evidence of the evenly matched teams in the Cro-Hawk Conference this year can be shown in looking over the scoring. In the fifteen games played, three ended in ties. The teams scored 244 points in conference play for an average of just slightly over 16 points per tilt. Silver Lake was the scoring leader with 71 points, an average of 14 per game.



LARRY HLVAKA

NAME	SCHOOL	TD	XP	TP
Larry Hlavka	Silver Lake	5	2	32
Duwayne Paul	Silver Lake	4	2	26
Dave Weseloh	Cosmos	3	0	18
Chuch Malmquist	Grove City	3	0	18
Terry Madsen	Grove City	2	3	15
Jerrel Sharpe	Cosmos	2	2	14
Glen Coulter	Maynard	2	1	13
Wayne Smith	Cosmos	2	0	12
Doug Taubman	Grove City	2	0	12
Gary Navratil	Silver Lake	2	0	12
Dan Lundstrom	Cosmos	1	0	6
Tom Rennecke	Cosmos	1	0	6
Mike Fritz	Clara City	1	0	6
Ron Lang	Raymond	1	0	6
Ken Carpenter	Maynard	1	0	6
Dan Danielson	Raymond	1	0	6
Bob Wagner	Raymond	1	0	6
Gary Hagemeyer	Clara City	1	0	6
Allan Teeple	Raymond	1	0	6
Lynn Wiebe	Maynard	1	0	6
Virgil Zins	Cosmos	0	1	1
Randall Haats	Raymond	0	1	1
Jerry Shimanski	Silver Lake	0	1	1
Dennis Benson	Grove City	0	1	1

Cosmos Royals Statistics

Player	YG	YA	T	TA	P	G
Alberts	0	0	1	1	0	1
Espelund	0	0	16	5.3	0	5
Fett	2	2	1	1	0	1
Higgin	0	0	25	8.3	0	3
Geier	39	9.1	28	5.6	0	5
Hackbarth	87	5	10	5	0	2
Jenkins	0	0	28	5.6	0	5
Lundstrom	50	50	25	5	6	5
Ortloff	31	15.2	10	2	0	5
Sharpe	714	12.2	31	6.2	13	5
Smith	164	5	24	4.8	12	5
Reinke	0	0	20	4	0	5
Rennecke	5	5	35	7	6	5
Weseloh	232	6	22	4.4	18	5
Williams	0	0	5	1.6	0	3
Zins	118	12.2	38	7.6	0	5

DEFINITIONS: YG—yards gained; YA—yard average; T—tackles; TA—tackle average; P—points; G—games.

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Deer season gets underway this Saturday

WITH A LITTLE cooperation from the weather, Minnesota deer hunters can look forward to another good season when the firearms deer hunt gets underway Saturday.

The deer are there. There doesn't seem to be any disagreement on that score. Residents of the deer range and others who have been in the woods this summer and fall report deer to be even more plentiful than last year when 114,000 deer were taken by 257,000 hunters.

A series of mild snowless winters and an adequate harvest of animals during the hunting seasons have kept the herd in a healthy condition.

The only problem now is the weather. If it is too dry, hunters say the woods are noisy and deer are easily "spooked." If it rains, deer are inclined to just lie low in heavy cover while the poor hunter wanders about getting slapped in the face with wet branches. If it is foggy or misty, visibility is poor and deer are hard to see.

Ideal conditions call for a light covering of snow on the ground and clear weather during the day. Under these conditions deer can be tracked, crippling losses are kept to a minimum and visibility for shooting is excellent. Too much snow makes it tough going for the hunter.

Even without ideal conditions, Minnesota's hunters have taken over 100,000 deer during each of the last several seasons. And chances are they will do it again this year, according to state game officials.

State game and fish director Ted Shields urged hunters to consult their hunting synopsis carefully to be sure of the zone they are hunting in and for the location of any closed areas.

He also asked hunters to double check on the hunting regulations. He said the rules were aimed at making the sport safe and to provide for proper harvesting of the herd.

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Ailing Royals to face sturdy Gophers at Stewart, Friday afternoon

COSMOS—The ailing Cosmos Royals will finish up their 1961 football season when they face the Stewart Gophers on the Stewart field, Friday.

The Gophers will be at nearly top physical strength as they have giant Ted Burke at fullback and defensive tackle, his brother Don in the line, speedy Bruce Schmidt in the backfield, along with the good quarterbacking of John Kalenberg. Stewart is a big, rough team, as they proved when they finished second in the 212 conference with a 5-2 record.

The Royals who have been handicapped all season with injuries will send a slightly revamped team into the game. The Royals will be playing without five of the regulars they started the season with. Gene Hackbarth and Henry Alberts have been out of action since the Grove City game, and Weseloh suffered a broken leg in the Maynard game. Mark Reinke has come up with a pulled ligament in his foot, and is a doubtful for the Stewart game. Byron Higgin is also a doubtful, as a pulled cartilage may keep him out of action.

Cedric Williams has filled in excellenty all season as a guard and end and may be called upon to start one of the guard positions. He is a good pass protection blocker with a lot of good speed. He has been a steady substitute and undoubtedly will help the Royals in their final game.

The Royals will be trying to put an illustrious end to a fine and successful season. Game time it 2 p.m.



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HE FLIES THROUGH THE AIR WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE. Virgil Zins, in the center of the picture above, takes to the air in an attempt to get away from a Gopher tackler, as he tries for more yardage to extend the gain from a completed pass. Other Royals in the picture are: Roger Ortloff, No. 47; Tom Rennecke, No. 29; Doug Jenkins, on the ground in the center of the picture; Dan Lundstrom, No. 24; and Wayne Smith, far right.—Cosmos News staff photo.



GANGING UP on Virgil Zins (No. 40, dark shirt), Cosmos, shortly after he caught a long pass from Jerrel Sharpe, are three Stewart Gophers. Moving in to help, at the right, is Butch Geier, No. 23.—Cosmos News staff photo.

Stewart Gophers down Royals, 18-6 in final game of the season

THE STEWART Gophers submerged the Cosmos Royals, 18-6, Friday afternoon, at Stewart. This game finished the season for both teams. It was Stewart's sixth win with two losses and one tie.

The Gophers scored in the first few minutes of the first quarter with a touchdown by Ted Burke. He went over from the 4-yard line. Stewart's try for the extra point failed when Burke's kick went wide of the uprights.

Again in the first quarter, Stewart scored on a pass from quarterback Byron Wacker to Dennis Daniels from 34 yards away. Burke's kick again missed the goal and at the end of the first quarter it was Stewart 12, Cosmos 0.

In the second quarter, Cosmos came back with its only touchdown of the game on a beautiful 60-yard pass from Sharpe to Zins. Zins and Sharpe made a great pass-catch pair all day. Sharpe's extra point kick was blocked. At the end of the half it was Cosmos 6, Stewart 12.

Stewart rapped up the game in the third quarter on a march which started on the Cosmos 34-yard line and ended with Pete Kalenberg going over for the last Stewart touchdown. Their extra point kick again missed the uprights.

Outstanding for the Royals all day on both offense and defense was Virg Zins, gaining 115 yards on offense and contributing 17 tackles on defense. Byron Higgin also played well on defense, with 10 tackles, with Doug Jenkins racking up 9 tackles.

Leo Esplund played his best defensive game of the year, recovering 3 fumbles and adding 6 tackles. Leo did some fine blocking from his center position.

Butch Geier played a very good defensive game at his safety spot, getting 9 tackles.

SCORE:

Cosmos	0	6	0	0	— 6
Stewart	12	0	6	0	—18



VIRGIL ZINS



LEO ESPELUND

In the Locker Room

WITH JOEL

THE COSMOS Royals finished their season Friday, Nov. 6, when they lost to Stewart. The Royals' record for the year stands at 3 wins against 4 losses and 1 tie.

The Royals did fairly well despite all the injuries the team suffered. During the season the injured were: Gene Hackbarth, Henry Alberts, Dave Weseloh, and Mark Reinke. Mark was unable to play the last game because of an injured foot.

The reserves of the Cosmos team deserves a lot of credit for the success of the team. The boys came off the bench to a starting position and accepted the responsibility with earnest. They also gave the starters competition in the practices.

Mr. Lehmkuhl, the principal of Cosmos High School has asked the spectators coming to all future Cosmos basketball games to please stay inside the blue line so as to stay off the playing floor. The student council of Cosmos will usher the people in and inform them where to sit. Please follow this procedure.

BASKETBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

A substitute must always report to the scorer, even if he enters to start the second half. He must remain off the court until beckoned except that this is not required for entry between halves. There is no limit to the number of times a substitute may enter and the only limit on time of entry is that the ball be dead and the clock stopped. At one time, there was a prohibition against entry and immediate withdrawal and the reverse. The present rule does not provide such limit. There is no specified number of seconds allowed for completion of a substitution but the rule provides that a substitute must enter promptly after being beckoned. The rule implies that the replaced player must leave with equal promptness. It is not permissable for the substitute to take time to confer with the coach after he has reported and has been beckoned to enter.

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Junior bowlers got instruction

A group of Junior bowlers enjoyed a school of bowling, Saturday.

After learning all the preliminary steps of bowling, that is, the proper way to pick up a ball, placing their fingers into the holes, and an explanation of the foul line.

They learned the position of their feet along with the pendulum swing, proper stance and pushaway. After working on the four step approach and delivery, they were ready to bowl with the pins set up. If they hit the head pin one out of two times they were awarded a free game of bowling for another day. Quite a number of the children were successful.

They enjoyed a coke and popsicle while learning of organizing Junior leagues for Saturdays (12 week schedule), if enough were interested. Bantam league for 8 through 12 years old, in which they would bowl 2 lines and Junior and Senior leagues ranging in age from 13 to 15 and 16 to 18. These would bowl 3 lines each.

Then they were all able to bowl a free game and it was most encouraging to see the nice easy deliveries and good beginning scores.

Everyone registered for prizes and those winning were:

Spare time bowling games went to Betty Zrust, Donna Farmer, Debbie Wright and Jimmy Hackbarth.

2 free lines of bowling went to Kevin Mortenson and Pamela Johnson.

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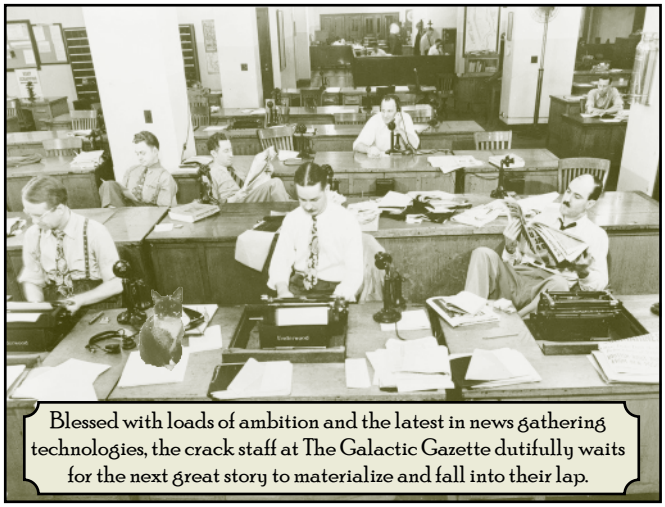
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See you next month, same Bat time, same Bat channel!

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

Letters to the Editor



Blessed with loads of ambition and the latest in news gathering technologies, the crack staff at The Galactic Gazette dutifully waits for the next great story to materialize and fall into their lap.

Love the paper. Thanks to the Galactic Gazette team!
Doug & Kim Mortenson

We gave extra money because we like the paper. Great job!!
Thanks, ***Samantha Anderson***

Thank you everyone for the kind words.- Editor



Veterans Day *(originally known as Armistice Day)* is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans, who are people who have served in the United States Armed Forces (that 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.

"Thank You for Your Service"
from The Galactic Gazette



-Happy Thanksgiving-



Thoughts & Observations



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

As autumn and the harvest season are in full swing, I have been doing some of my own 'harvesting' of the local garden bounty. Here's the stories. If you are sensitive to spicy and tasty things, don't read any further. You've been warned.

Local gardener Peggy Lux dropped me off some tomatillos in mid September during my auction activities. *(She also left a jar of tomatillo sauce that she canned plus the recipe she used to make it.)*



Tomatillos

The little green guys sat in the fridge for a couple of weeks until I had time to process them in the beginning of October. I used a very simple recipe for my tomatillo sauce or salsa verde; Tomatillos, onions, celery, serrano peppers and salt. Turned out great. A little later, Peggy dropped off some green tomatoes, so I turned them into salsa too. No pics of those, sorry. Thank you Peggy!



Next, brother Scott dropped off some jalapeno peppers, green and red. So, I cooked those up with some onion, carrot, garlic, salt and vinegar. I ended up with some nice red and green hot sauce. Goes great on my morning eggs or a bowl of soup. Thanks Scott.



Then there was the harvest of the serrano peppers that wife Deb grew this summer in a planter out the back door. I decided to dehydrate these to set aside for future use. They also turned out great. Thanks Deb.







GOOD STUFF MAYNARD!

Deb's backyard tomato crop was down to the end too. She had picked all that were left, green and red. They sat in the garage and ripened up nicely. I decided to make up one last batch of Pico de gallo, made with *real* tomatoes from the garden. Again, it turned out swell.



An anonymous donor dropped off what looked like some Anaheim and serrano peppers on our doorstep one day. I'm planning on making some more hot sauce with those after I get the Gazette printed. Thank you whoever you are.

I attended a DNR public meeting on October 12 concerning the proposed Quality Sunfish Management on local lakes Ripley & Minnie Belle. The purpose of this proposal is to try and increase the average size of sunfish in these lakes by lowering the limit to five fish per day.

**Note from the DNR website; In March 2021, nearly 100 Minnesota lakes received sunfish bag limit reductions. Now, the DNR is proposing another 50 lakes, including Ripley & Minnie Belle, for reductions that would go into effect in March of 2022.*

This meeting's main purpose was to explain the proposal and give people a chance to voice their opinions and concerns. I personally like the thought of seeing more large sunnies, even if you can only catch and keep five. You wouldn't know it looking at me but, five is more than enough for me to eat. Anyway…

Nine people attended the meeting, with seven out of the nine voicing vigorous opposition to the proposal. "I won't be able to feed my family" was the common response. Funny, I remember years back when the sunfish limit went from 30 to 20. I heard the same "I won't be able to feed my family" outcry then. It'll be interesting to see how this turns out.



The public comment period goes 'till October 30 and I believe a decision will be reached by the DNR sometime this fall/early winter. I'll try to keep the readers updated on this issue when I know more.



"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

Veterans Day

November 11

Cosmos Legion Family

Beack-Thompson Post 126

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at Mug Shots Bar & Grill



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