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

Autumn Anniversary Odyssey*

**or Old People Fun, You Betcha!*



Notice: This story may bore the heck out of you, small children & pets. Proceed at your own risk. The Galactic Gazette will not be responsible for any embarrassment incurred by drooling out the corner of your mouth if you fall asleep while reading it.

Pickin' Corn

Pics and story Mark Minnick

What does an old married couple do to celebrate 39 years of wedded bliss? Go on a road trip thru scenic West Central Minnesota, of course! Uff da, it doesn't get any better than that, does it? Plus, this Galactic Gazette Editor doesn't have a story for the front page of the November Gazette. So, here we go, killing two birds with one stone. But, it may be too much fun for a couple in their mid 60's. We'll see…

Our October 15th wedding anniversary was slated to be a gorgeous fall day. So, with bluebird skies, warm sunshine and a full tank of fuel, Deb and I point our rusty but trusty GMC truck *(Hey, times are tough and money is hard)* west on Highway 7. We cruise along doing 60, flanked by endless vistas of corn, soybean and beet fields. Seeing the massive amount of crops being harvested, it's hard not to appreciate this basis for our bountiful food supply here in the US. Pretty neat stuff, me thinks.

Around Prinsburg, we stopped at a self-serve produce stand to grab some fresh dug white and red potatoes. Nice. Further west, we turned north onto Chippewa County Road 4. Being off of 7, we both comment that we can now drive around 30 mph or so and 'farm from the road'. Gotta see how good or bad that guy's corn looks or how many weeds were missed in that bean field, ya know.

A couple miles up, we roll into the infamous town of Gluek. Nowadays, this small bump in the road consists of a couple of houses and a large agricultural grain & service center. 70 to 80 years ago, this little borough's claim to fame was it's location as the western terminus of the Minnesota Western Railroad, known by many as the "Luce Line". Over 50 years ago, this defunct railroad passed thru the area served by the Galactic Gazette; Corvuso, Cosmos and Lake Lillian. I barely remember it as a youngster.

Because of questionable management and lack of financial capitol, the railroad couldn't continue on west to ports in California, Oregon or Washington like other railroads. MWR employees jokingly referred to Gluek as "The West Coast". Around Cosmos, certain local fellas bragged about how they took their lucky and appreciative brides to "The Railhead" for their honeymoon. In later years, they continued to celebrate wedded bliss by revisiting scenic Gluek on their wedding anniversaries. Those wives had some thoughtful hubbies, fer sure. So, as we passed through 'town', I smiled and followed their lead, thinking "Hey, this works…for 30 seconds anyway".



The "West Coast"?

Odyssey continued next page

Autumn Anniversary Odyssey*-*continued*

The adventure continued as we made our way north to the "South of Benson Hinterlands". A couple more miles and we hung a left, heading west to where the Shakopee Creek, *(now basically a ditch)* dumps into the Chippewa River. Deb's old home place is nestled in on the banks of these two converging waterways. Her nephew Mikey Kobbermann owns the farmstead now and runs his grandpa's land.

Thru the magic of cell phones, Deb knew where he was combining corn that day. Still road farming, we puttered down the gravel to catch up with the harvesting relatives and inquire, "How's it goin' then?" There was even some unexpected excitement on the way there.

We happened upon a bald eagle grabbing a meal in a picked cornfield, not 100 feet from the edge of the road. Sorry, I couldn't get a pic as the bird didn't like us being that close and flew away with it's meal. Oh well, still neat to see. Dang, I've gotta have the phone a little more ready to go for next time.

We noticed the cloud of corn stalk dust as we got closer to the field that Mike's dad Greg was combining. His mom Kim *(Deb's sister)*, was running the grain cart. Mike kept busy driving the loaded semis home, unloading into the dryer, then heading back to the field. Wash, rinse, repeat. A pretty efficient three person family operation if you ask me, a dumb city kid.

As everyone was too busy to stop and talk, we drove the truck through the field and down to a woodsy area by the river. We gawked at an old farm site, admired the beautiful fall foliage and surveyed the nearly dry river bed. Deb really enjoys this stuff, as this is what she grew up with being a country farm girl. Add in some unseasonably warm weather plus bright blue skies and you have a great "Day at the farm". Even a dumb city kid can appreciate that.

We decided to scoot back up to where the relatives were still working. Mike and Kim stopped for a bit to say hi, but that was it. Back to farming. We understood, waved and left the 'family fun' harvest activity. So our 'road farming' continued, with a slow zig-zag gravel road trip north, into to Benson. Uff da, then.

Nearing 1:30, it was past time for our "Anniversary Lunch". Deb pulled into one of our favorites, the Mi Mexico Restaurant, located right on Highway 12 in Benson. It's always fun pondering their enormous number of food choices on the menu, *which takes about a day and a half to read, btw*. The patient waitress finally took our order, then we sat back to soak up the ambiance, assisted by a malted beverage.



Quite the romantic view of downtown Benson, eh?

When our late lunch came, we dug in like hungry dogs. So much for romance, eh? The icing on the cupcake was watching freight trains rumble through town while we munched on our burritos. A pretty good day so far, you betcha. But wait…it gets better. Sounds like maybe a 'Foamer' adventure taking shape here. *(See the definition of 'foamer' in the October '22 issue.)*

With full tummies, we groaned a bit getting back in the truck. When we finally got rolling, an eastbound grain train was also leaving town, slowly building up speed. It was a monster, I guessed a 10,000 footer. The train set up is what us foamers refer to as a **3-2-1** configuration; **3** locomotives on the front, **2** mid-train and **1** on the rear. *(Ha! I'm so old, I can remember when there was a caboose or two back there.)* The engineer in the lead locomotive controls all of these helpers remotely from the cab.

Heading home east on Highway 12, we slowly started catching up with this monstrosity on the rails. Foamer heaven, here we come! Traffic was light, so Deb was able to pace the train nicely, without slowing traffic and getting cussed at. Being able to closely watch and listen, I learned two things; First, the 2 mid-train locos and the loco pushing on the rear were not producing any tractive effort, they were just idling along. Second, the coil springs on all of the grain car's trucks were not compressed, meaning the cars were all empties.

My take; This was an empty unit grain train that didn't need 3 of the 6 locomotives to move this relatively light *(empty)* train. It's destination was probably a grain loading facility, somewhere in the Twin Cities area.

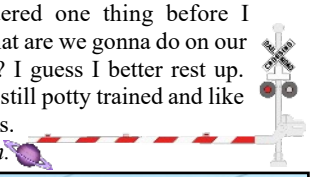
As Deb sped up and passed the head end, the engineer open his cab window and gave us a wave. Cool! Window rolled down, I gave him a thumbs up. We cruised ahead into Kerkhoven and pulled into a tiny city park, right next to the tracks. The train rumbled into town, approaching the spot where we were sitting. The engineer recognized the truck and gave us toot of the horn and a wave - again! Cool! Hey, there's nothing wrong with feeling like a three year old, right? At least I'm potty trained and like hot pork rinds.

After the toot and wave, we decided it was time to grow up and get home to feed the starving kitties. So we buzzed through Willmar, and Atwater, then turned south at Grove City, and headed for the homestead.

The kitties got fed and bathroom breaks were taken…just in time for *all* of us. After sitting down and resting a bit, we kinda got our second wind and decided to wheel over to Mug Shots to schmooze with the locals. A couple of malt beverages, plenty of good company and rock 'n' roll music on the jukebox capped off a great day. Man, we didn't roll home till after dark. Yikes! Us old folks aren't used to that!

When my tired old head finally hit the pillow, I pondered one thing before I zonked out; What are we gonna do on our 40th to top this? I guess I better rest up. And so far, I'm still potty trained and like hot pork rinds.

You betcha then.





Deb is pacing the monster train on Hwy 12 as it heads east towards Murdock. This pile of grain hoppers is probably returning from the West Coast. ***Not the one in Gluek though…***

TIDBITS



Greetings!

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of August and Gertrude Faber of rural Lake Lillian, who were killed in a tragic auto accident recently.

We just do not know how the day is going to end. I did not grow up with horses. My parents did. In fact, my dad started farming with horses. It's hard to really appreciate the hard physical work of "those days". You know the saying, "until you walk in someone's shoes…."

Anyway, my exposure to horses has been quite limited. In my youth, there was an occasional ride but very few. In 1980, Pat and I signed up for a trail ride up the mountain by Lake Louise while camping across Canada, which was spectacular.

Before we started this trail ride, I was kicked in the shin by another rider's horse before we left the corral. I know, how is it possible to get kicked by a trail horse while in the corral? I just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time when this yahoo started goofing off on his horse and I was on the ground holding my horse behind him. I tried to get out of the way but there were other horses behind me. I have a permanent memory mark on my shin bone as the horse connected with my right leg as I tried to jump out of the way.

Fast forward to 2022. My son Jake called this past spring and asked if we would be interested in joining his family for a football game in Lexington KY as his alma mater (Northern Illinois) football team was playing University of Kentucky in September. Jake found a house on a working horse farm just north of Lexington to stay for the weekend.

It was a fabulous road trip to Kentucky. We set up the GPS to take us on scenic routes and it took us through French Lick, Indiana (home of Larry Bird). It's beautiful in southern Indiana and into Kentucky. Lakes, hills, beautiful vistas, and great motorcycle roads (Looking forward to going back on the motorcycle when the leaves are changing in that region).

The stay at the 160-acre horse farm was a wonderful experience. The home was a 50's all brick rambler which at one time, was the main house on the property. It was surrounded by a fenced in pasture and horses greeted us as we drove up the driveway. We were encouraged to walk the property and we did.

One morning while walking the roads on the property, we met the owner, John, at the main stable. He generously spent time talking with us and told us his story. He grew up on a horse farm in Ireland (you can add the brogue) and his father sent him to university to learn the "business" of horses. When he completed his studies, he went back to his father's farm to help.

When his father passed away, his oldest brother inherited the farm, and they did not see "eye to eye" (as he put it) and he moved to the US in 1984 with $200 in his pocket. He found his way to Kentucky to work in the horse business and seized the opportunity to buy this farm 20 years ago at public auction. He now has 60 thoroughbreds and boards another 90 horses of which many are polo horses. For an untrained eye, I thought the horses were stunning. That week, he had sold a 4-year-old thoroughbred for $105,000 at the local horse auction and John showed us the video of his horse selling on his phone.

I am not sure we would ever would have stayed on a horse farm without this opportunity. Yup, it was really cool. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.



Thoughts from the ~~windowsill~~ of life.

kitchen counter

By Mark Minnick

Wife Deb had a bumper crop of tomatoes and serrano peppers this year. It was great, I thought. So, she decided to make and can tomato juice and salsa. Lotsa work, but cool none the less. I think the stuff from the store is pretty darned good too, but if she wants to do all the work, more power to her. Go for it.

Anyway, here is ever present sous chef **Samantha**, diligently watching over a batch of simmering salsa. *(If cool, she'd lap it up.)* She's a goofy cat that likes raw tomatoes and green peppers. So, when slicing these veggies up, she's always ready to grab a chunk and run. It's naughty but funny at the same time. By the way, her favorite is raw potatoes. You'd think it was tuna. *Kitties…*

CHEF IT UP!

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

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



Celery Casserole



What did the Pilgrim say to the green pumpkin?

"Why orange you orange?" *(Groan…editor.)*



By Grace Kamrath

A long time ago we lived in Jackson, Mn. Our daughter, Gail was born there. She was the only birth in our parish for that year. At the annual church meeting the next January, Duane informed the congregation "we did our part".

We left a lot of wonderful people there when we moved. But Betty gave me a delicious recipe for CELERY CASSEROLE. It is not everyone's favorite but a very pleasant change from our typical casseroles(hot dishes).

CELERY CASSEROLE



- 4 c. celery cut in1" pieces
- 5 oz. can sliced water chestnuts
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1/4 c. sliced pimento (optional)
- TOPPING
- 1 c.soft bread cubes
- 1/4 c. slivered toasted almonds
- 2 T. melted butter

Cook four cups celery into 1" pieces in small amount of water (salted) about eight minutes.

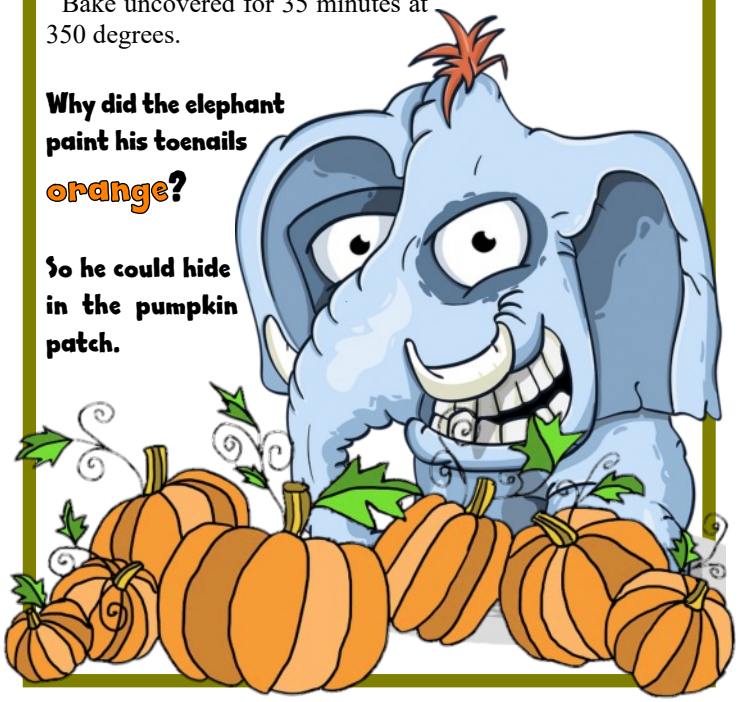
Drain and mix with one five oz.sliced water chestnuts, one can cream of chicken soup and one fourth sliced pimento (optional).

Put in buttered casserole. Cover with one cup soft bread cubes and one fourth slivered toasted almonds. Pour over this two tablespoons melted butter.

Bake uncovered for 35 minutes at 350 degrees.

Why did the elephant paint his toenails orange?

So he could hide in the pumpkin patch.



Energy Assistance Program is open for the 2023 Season

Press release; Willmar, MN, October 1st, 2022

Applications are now open for United Community Action Partnership's Energy Assistance Program. Renters and homeowners are encouraged to apply for the Energy Assistance program which helps eligible applicants pay a portion of home energy and heating costs. Households with young children, people with disabilities, veterans or seniors are especially encouraged to apply.

The Energy Assistance Program serves households that earn less than 50 percent of the state's median annual income (Example: $49,698 for a family of four). It helps low-income homeowners and renters with heating bills through grant money paid directly to their utility companies or heating fuel vendors.

Crisis funding is available for those who are approved for energy assistance and facing a disconnection. Additional crisis funding is also available to renters and homeowners with past due water and sewer bills through our Water Assistance Program.

Applications are accepted up to May 31, 2023. Funding is limited and administered on a first-come, first-served basis.

To get an application visit UCAP's website at www.unitedcapmn.org or call us at 320.235.0850

Opportunity for Community Input

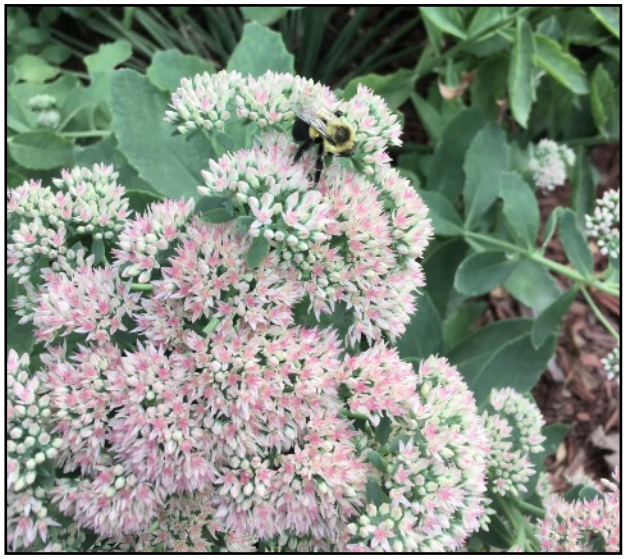
Press release 10/20/22

United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) works to eliminate poverty by empowering individuals and strengthening communities. Through community coordinated partnerships, we help individuals and families find the support, resources, and relationships they may need. We care about the communities and people we serve.

"Hearing from community voices is important to us," said Debi Brandt, Executive Director. She added, "The information from this survey will help UCAP to better understand community needs, the resources available and the services that are still needed."

Please complete UCAP's brief survey by using the below link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KW3FLG7 .

If you are not able to complete this online survey, please call 320-235-0850 ext. 1931 for alternate ways to provide your insights.



A local bee is busy grabbing some pollen off of Sedum plants blooming in the yard. *Pic by Mark Minnick*

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
October 13, 2022

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom McCarthy at 5:00 p.m. on October 13, 2022.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Angelica Hopp, Jody Fruetel, and Katie Hansen.
ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Miller, David Medina, Deputy Sheriff Sarah Miller and Josh Halvorson.
Adopt Agenda- A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten to adopt the agenda. Motion Carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda- A motion by Hansen, seconded by Van Hatten to adopt the consent agenda. Motion carried.

a. September 8, 2022, City Council Minutes
b. Meeker County Sheriff- Sep 2022 Report
c. Delinquent Utility Bills List

Visitors Presentations, Petitions and Correspondence

Resident- Brian Burgess at 411 Saturn St N was present to discuss the issues of the brush site and city staff.
Resident- Quincy McNeil at 80 Capricorn Ave E was present and wanted to know if the water in town was back to normal. The council discussed with him that after changing out the media at the water treatment plant last November the city levels are where they are supposed to be, and everything is in good standing order.
City Engineer- Josh Halvorson, Bolt -Menk was present to discuss the pay request No. 8 of $650,337.32.
A Motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to approve payment No. 8 for $650,337.32. Motion carried.
October 13, 2022, Bills List- A motion by Hopp, seconded by Fruetel, to approve the October 13, 2022 bills list with the check numbers from 15778-15827 for $29,440.30. Motion carried.
5:30 PM Public Hearing Small Cities Development Grant Update- A Motion by Hopp, Seconded by Van Hatten to recess the City Council meeting and Open the Public Hearing at 5:30pm.
5:30 PM Public Hearing Small Cities Development Grant Update- Josh Halvorson was present to discuss the 2021 Small Cities Development Program Grant Progress Updates. The city was awarded $600,000 from the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development Small Cities Development Program on May 24, 2021. SCDP is funded Federally through the Community Block Grant, a program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Purpose of the funding award was to support Phase 1 public water distribution and sewer collection improvement and once complete, will provide the city with several environmental and economic benefits, including but not limited to: reductions inflow and infiltration, sewer back-ups and water loss; and increased water quality and pressure.
A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp to close the Public Hearing at 5:32 and reconvene the regular Council Meeting. Motion Carried.
Set Public Hearing- Past Due Utility Assessments/ Lawn Maintenance 5:30pm November 3rd.
A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hansen to set the public hearing for past due utility assessment/ lawn maintenance for November. 3rd at 5:30pm. Motion carried.
Set Public Hearing- Update Ord. 2013_01 Rural Service District 5:45pm November 3rd.
A Motion by Hansen, Seconded by Hopp to set the public hearing to update Ord 2013_1 Rural Service District for November 3rd at 5:45pm. Motion carried.
Proposed Cosmos City Park Sign and Location- Council Member Angelica Hopp discussed that the Community Club was wanting to purchase a new city park sign and having it in the same location as the old one that was damaged in the storm. Also was discussed was the Lions Club splitting the cost.
A Motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hansen for the Community Club to move forward with the purchase of the sign located at the Cosmos City Park.
Department Heads- David Medina, Cosmos Public Works Superintendent discussed that he had passed his C water operator's license. Also was discussed that a roll off trailer and semi-truck parked on new city roads, and it would need to be moved due to city ordinance.
Cosmos Brush Site- The city council and public works superintendent went over some concerns and issues we are having with the new city brush site and will be taken care of.
Ball Field- Council Member Emily Van Hatten discussed with David Medina that winterizing needed to be done at the ball field. Actions have already been taken place.
Street Sweeping- Council Member Katie Hansen discussed having the street sweeper come out after fall. David Medina advised that we were already on the schedule for the town to be swept.

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Thursday November 3, 2022. The agenda will be posted in the city office window, post office and bank vestibule by Tuesday afternoon. Any change in the meeting dates or times will be displayed on our digital sign.
Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Hansen, to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried

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Sarah Miller, Deputy City Clerk

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City of Cosmos Brush Site

Hours:
1st & 3rd Saturday of Every Month
8 AM-12 Noon
2nd and 4th Wednesday of Every Month
12 Noon-4 PM
-Holidays excluded-

Materials to be collected include:

- Grass & Leaves
- Garden Waste
- Brush (NO larger than 3" in diameter and 4' in length)

For Cosmos Residents Only!

The Galactic Gazette

"Always Action Packed & Fun Filled!"

"Nine out of ten people who sit down for the Thanksgiving feast will be polite and leave some of the good stuff for others. One out of ten will take all they can before their d****ed relation gets it all. Gotta love relatives."



City of Cosmos
Help Wanted
Deputy City Clerk

The City of Cosmos is looking to fill the Deputy City Clerk position. This position is part time, 24-32 hours per week, wages dependent on experience. Office administration skills along with ability to provide city services to the public in an office environment. Holiday/vacation pay in addition to statewide pension plan.

Please send letters of interest and resume/job application to the City of Cosmos, PO Box 614, Cosmos, MN 56228.
Email: cosmoscity@mchsi.com or call 320-877-7345.
Position open until filled. The city is an equal opportunity employer.

John Douville
City Clerk
City of Cosmos, MN

November
Daily Lunch Specials

T 1 French dip w/soup
W 2 Hobo dinner
T 3 Broasted chicken dinner
F 4 Stew w/cornbread

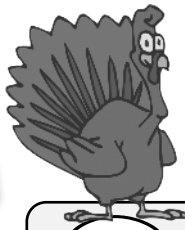
M 7 Open at 4:00 PM
T 8 Crispy chicken sandwich w/soup
W 9 Lasagna w/garlic toast
T 10 Chicken breast w/Rice-A-Roni
F 11 Liver & onions dinner

M 14 Open at 4:00 PM
T 15 Frito pie
W 16 Broasted chicken dinner
T 17 Spaghetti w/garlic toast
F 18 Roast beef dinner or commercial

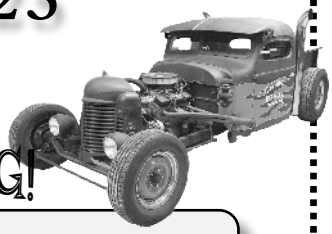
M 21 Open at 4:00 PM
T 22 Grilled cheese w/chili
W 23 Beef stroganoff w/toast
T 24 Closed-Thanksgiving
F 25 Cowboy stew w/cornbread

M 28 Open at 4:00 PM
T 29 Chili dog w/fries
W 30 Meatloaf dinner or commercial

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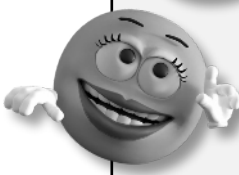


HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Soup & Chili Season is Back!

Saturdays
"Back by popular demand!"



3 PM Bargo
5 PM Meat Raffle



Cosmos Royals Football Team - 1966





TIME WARP Whozit?

This month's **Whozit?** is ripe for the picking! It's your chance to win a bunch of KewPies. There are ***28*** people to identify! Let's go here and name some of these handsome guys!

It's the end of the 1966 Cosmos Royals Football Season. The boys finished 1-6 overall and 0-6 in the **Cro-Hawk Conference**. Can you name any of the players or coaches from the pic above. To the left is the lone Royals team member named to the **Cro-Hawk All-conference Team**.



so, **Whozit?**



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Happy Thanksgiving

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Saturdays:
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9:30-12:00 June-Aug

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Harvest Hotdish Supper

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Sunday, November 20
4:30 to 6:30 PM
-Free will offering-

Craft & Gift Show

Saturday November 12
9 AM - 2 PM
Cosmos Community Center

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Clothing, Rugs, Table Runners,
Quilted Wall Hangings
& More!



Happy Thanksgiving



A Big "Thank You" to All of Our Supporters



The Cosmos Lions

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

So God Made a Grain Cart Driver



Poem courtesy Ty Higgins, at Ohio Ag Net, October 25, 2016 - Pic by Mark Minnick

A few years ago, a Super Bowl commercial put the American farmer at the forefront of many conversations the following morning as Ram Trucks put Paul Harvey's reading of "So God Made a Farmer" with a montage of pictures of farmers doing what they do everyday. But, even with the farmer getting this much deserved recognition, there is still one group of workers on the farm that need some thanks and praise this time of year. This post is for them.

-So God Made a Grain Cart Driver-

On the 8th day, God looked at his paradise and thought...
"I need a man that can be responsible for the mistakes that everyone makes. I need a man that is expected to read minds and a man that is to be everywhere he is expected twice as fast as possible."
So God made a grain cart driver.
God said...
"This man will have to be patient, for he will get his butt chewed like he's a dog, for simply not being able to see because of the glare of the Sun. This man is expected to have the same view of the cart as the combine driver does, even though he is inside the tractor in front of that cart. He needs to be a man that can make a miracle of a 1000 bushel per minute auger unload at double that and be expected to knock his teeth out driving back in the field to the combine at nearly road speed."
So God made a grain cart driver.
God said...
"This man will be solely responsible for not spilling grain, but also smart enough to run over skips in the field so it looks clean. I need this man to be able to understand hand gestures that change every day. I need this man to hold his tongue when he's told it's all his fault and be willing to grease the combine every day."
So God made a grain cart driver.





The Galactic Gazette is pleased to introduce our 2022 Voter's Guide covering the candidates running for important local offices this November 8th. Five individuals are running for two seats on the Cosmos City Council. Nine individuals are running for four seats on the ACGC School Board. With permission, we obtained the info you see on these three pages from The Minnesota League of Women Voters. A big thank you goes out to them. So, take a look at the candidates. We hope this info helps in your decision making.



Cosmos City Council Member (Elect 2)

(All info current as of 10/22/22)

Landon Eich *(No Picture)*

Why are you the best candidate for this position? (750 characters)
Candidate has not yet responded
If elected, what will your top three priorities be and why? (500 characters)
Candidate has not yet responded
How will you work with your community to promote public safety in our neighborhoods? (500 characters)
Candidate has not yet responded

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Mark Minnick *(No Picture)*

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COSMOS, MN 56228

Why are you the best candidate for this position? (750 characters)
I've lived my whole life in Cosmos, nearly 65 years. During this time, I've watched many cultural and political changes take place, some good, some not so good. City, state, country, world; things have always changed and always will. Regardless, time moves on, as does the city and it's residents, hopefully for the better. I believe my life lessons as a resident and a public relations (business) person qualify me to be a decent and conscientious city council member. I wish to do my civic duty by listening to the thoughts and concerns of the residents while serving on the city council. I will certainly try my darnedest to do what's best and right for Cosmos.
If elected, what will your top three priorities be and why? (500 characters)
1. Be closely involved in the inner workings of city government to understand better how things work. 2. Get the residents of Cosmos to be more involved in city issues and initiatives. 3. Encourage residents to contact me with ideas and concerns. Complaints are fine, but answers are better. If we all work together, we can continue to make Cosmos a great place to live.
How will you work with your community to promote public safety in our neighborhoods? (500 characters)
Community safety begins by getting to know your neighbor. Good neighbors watch out for each other and their property-Both sides care. If a disagreement does come up, be it barking dog or loud vehicle, you know them-talk to them. In case it doesn't work, you may have to consult with a council member or the sheriff's department for advice. Both are there to help. Finally, if you see something that doesn't look right, say something! Remember, look out for your neighbor and stay safe!

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ISD #2396 School Board Member (Elect 4)

(All info current as of 10/22/22)

Christine Buer (No Picture)
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Why are you the best candidate for this position? (750 characters)
I am the best candidate for this position because, I have Integrity! I stand strong in my beliefs and morals. I am willing to learn and want to make a difference. If there is an issue. I will talk to the people involved, then go and see the problem for myself. Getting all sides of an issue before voting is important. I believe in truth, communication and transparency.

If elected, what will your top three priorities be and why? (500 characters)
Safety is my first priority. Children need to know that they will be safe in school. Keeping politics out of the school is second for me. Children need reading, writing and arithmetic. They need to learn subjects that will help them succeed in life. They also need a chance to just be a kid. “Teach kids how to think not what to think”. Next is communication. Without good communication there can be misunderstanding and that can lead to mistrust and frustration.

How will you work with staff and teachers to promote safety in our schools? (500 characters)
I would start with a survey of students, teachers, administration and staff. Do they feel safe in the school? Do they notice things that can be changed to make the school safer? They are the ones that are in the school everyday. Keep parents informed and ask their ideas too. Talk to local law enforcement about what they think would be helpful safety measures. Maybe we need to hire a form of security. Teach kids to be aware of their surroundings and report unusual activities. Work together!

Joe Groshens (No Picture)

Why are you the best candidate for this position? (750 characters) Candidate has not yet responded.

If elected, what will your top three priorities be and why? (500 characters) Candidate has not yet responded.

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Randall Kaisner (No Picture)

Why are you the best candidate for this position? (750 characters) Candidate has not yet responded.

If elected, what will your top three priorities be and why? (500 characters) Candidate has not yet responded.

How will you work with staff and teachers to promote safety in our schools? (500 characters) Candidate has not yet responded.

Megan Morrison



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Why are you the best candidate for this position? (750 characters)
As a 12 year veteran of the ACGC School Board, I have had the privilege of not only residing on the board, but also holding the positions of Treasurer, Vice Chair, & (currently) Chair. In 2021, I was named to the MSBA All-State School Board for my continued dedication to learning, commitment as a leader, and collaborative work with fellow board members. I am a compassionate listener & I have the ability to ask hard questions while valuing others' opinions and viewpoints that may be different from my own. Our District team has steered ACGC through a number of accomplishments of which I have been a part of, including the passing of the building bond, the remodeling of 2 school buildings, & just recently, the hiring of a new superintendent.

If elected, what will your top three priorities be and why? (500 characters)
The new superintendent brings many valuable skills and abilities, but he is still new to ACGC. It is a priority of mine to continue to make his transition smooth and beneficial to our District.
After the past few years of concentrating on building projects, then navigating COVID, and most recently hiring a superintendent, our District is in a great position to focus on education again.
My final priority is to continue using our Strategic Plan to guide education at ACGC.

How will you work with staff and teachers to promote safety in our schools? (500 characters)
The key to safety is good communication and systems. Systems should be routinely examined to make sure proper plans are mapped out and practiced in preparation of a possible emergency. A school's best safety tool is the relationships within the building and the community. In order to learn, students need to feel safe. They need to know that there are adults in their day-to-day interactions that they can trust. I will continue to support new ways to deepen these relationships at ACGC

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Jeff Niedenthal



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Why are you the best candidate for this position? (750 characters)
Education of our children helps ensure the continued flourishing of the republic. This has been a central focus during my 26 years in the Navy training new sailors, and during 15 years in the defense industry. Since moving into the ACGC school district I have been attending many of the school board meetings and developed an understanding of many of the board issues. My organizational experience in the fleet and industry dealing with contracts, systems engineering, and cost/benefit analysis can benefit the district. I am a member of the District Advisory Committee and look forward to continuing to serve my community. I have no children in the school nor any anyone employed by the district ensuring I have an unbiased decision envelope.

If elected, what will your top three priorities be and why? (500 characters)
1: Ensuring ACGC moves into the top 25% of state schools, top 10% in reading, and increasing technical education. 2: Supporting the adoption of curriculum changes, but offering guidance to ensure the changes fit our community. Example; the state department of education changes to the social studies curriculum can be accommodated but with tweaks to ensure the core of social studies is retained. 3: Continue to work the existing strategic plan making it a reality to parents and tax payers.

How will you work with staff and teachers to promote safety in our schools? (500 characters)
I support placing a resource officer in the school, at least on a part time basis. We need to create a climate where students become willing to hold each other accountable to high standards of ethics and behavior.

Sarah Oyen



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Why are you the best candidate for this position? (750 characters)
I am here to serve my community. I would like to work with our administration to support the mission of ACGC. This role is about serving and supporting the education of all children in our district.

If elected, what will your top three priorities be and why? (500 characters)
1. A safe and secure environment for education. Our children and school staff deserve this. 2. Representing the concerns and needs of our community within the administrative team. It is important that our community is represented as a whole. 3. Striving to sustain a high quality education for our kids. As parents and community members, we want a healthy and high functioning school district.

How will you work with staff and teachers to promote safety in our schools? (500 characters)
I will ask questions, educate myself on safety initiatives, and work with local agencies to find the best fit for our schools.

Scott Stafford (No Picture)

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Why are you the best candidate for this position? (750 characters)
I have been on the ACGC School board for 12 years; I am a Grove City Native living south of town on a farm near Rosendale. I have 2 children that went to School at ACGC, they are now 20 and 24. Wife Nyla for 30 years
I am very proud to represent the communities of ACGC on the school board.
I do my best to represent the educational concerns of all 3 communities.
I have always advocated for transparency, and community involvement in decisions made at ACGC.
I was the leading advocate for ACGC to form the District Advisory Committee. This committee needs to have more input in school decisions instead just being made aware of decisions that are made.
I advocate for rigid evaluation of all staff, and that needed changes happen

If elected, what will your top three priorities be and why? (500 characters)
Improving education. Although test scores are not the only indicator of a good education, we must improve in this area. More & better Tech. Education at ACGC.
Advocating for a resource officer at the Sr. High School. This is very necessary to promote responsibility amongst our students and educate them about the consequences of illegal activities.
Ethics. Hold all students and staff accountable to ethical standards put forth by the community.--
Mental health!--
4-day week!

How will you work with staff and teachers to promote safety in our schools? (500 characters)
I will continue to advocate for a student resources officer. ACGC needs to always be evaluate safety concerns for our students. It is also very important to consider the opinion of the parent's and community members in this area.

Traci Smith (No Picture)

Why are you the best candidate for this position? (750 characters) Candidate has not yet responded.

If elected, what will your top three priorities be and why? (500 characters) Candidate has not yet responded.

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Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!

State Record Sunny Out of Green Lake

Press Release-October 24, 2022-Article and image courtesy MnDNR



An angler caught a one pound 12-ounce hybrid sunfish from Green Lake in Kandiyohi County that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has certified as tying the weight-based state record. The record fish's weight ties that of a hybrid sunfish caught from the Zumbro River in 1994.

Aaron Ardoff caught the sunfish on Sept. 18 when he was fishing with his brother and a friend. He was catching bass and pike with a black and orange spinnerbait when the sunfish bit his lure.

"As soon as I started reeling, I could tell this wasn't fighting like a pike or bass," Ardoff said. "When the fish got closer I could see that it was a sunfish and I started panicking! I kept telling myself to not go crazy and just get it in."

Ardoff brought the fish to a local tackle shop, where he met the local fisheries supervisor who identified the fish as a hybrid sunfish and witnessed the fish weighed on the shop's certified scale. A hybrid sunfish is a cross between two species of sunfish.

The DNR announces state records in news releases, on social media and on the DNR website. Find current records and guidelines for each type of state record at on the DNR record fish page.

Fat Bass

even w/o lead stuffed in the belly



Pic by Dave Dallman, article by Mark Minnick

Gazette subscriber Dave Dallmann stumbled onto a nice 16.5 inch largemouth bass out of Minnie Belle on October 11th. I mentioned that, "Anybody can catch those stupid green b@$$***ds that you can't eat anyway." He chuckled and replied, "Yea, you're right. But at least I *go* fishin'..." Touche' Dave, touche'.

First Pheasant Opener



Pic by Zack Hahnen, article by Mark Minnick

Gazette Subscriber Zach Hahnen sent this picture of his four legged hunting companion, **Benelli**. The recent October 15th **Minnesota Pheasant Opener** was her first. Benelli indicated that she had a great time rousting up a few birds from the Benson, Minnesota hinterlands. Her owner Zach said that they saw more combines than birds, but still had a great time.

Where's the Gazette?



Pic by Shirley Reinert

Dolan Roufs, **Mike Roufs** and **Shirley Reinert** decided to go up north to see fall colors and visit Duluth. Photo was taken at **Canal Park in Duluth**.



Pic by Joyce Karrigan

Greta and **Ganessa Martin** hangin' out with the Gazette in **Cosmos**. *"All the news they really need. Probably more."*

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The 'Other' Opener



Pic by Mark Minnick

The Minnesota *"Falling Leaf" Season Opener* started on October 1st this year. House cats across the state could hardly wait for the neighborhood trees to start dropping their colorful foliage. It's quite the spectacle of nature, as leaves battle wind and gravity on their arduous journey to the ground, dodging house cats the whole time.

Here, **Francine** or "Frankie" can be seen tracking one of those crafty suckers as they fall lazily to the ground. With lots of growling and scratching on the window, she shows those leaves who's the boss. They're so scared of her, they're shaking like a leaf on a tree…oh wait. Never mind.

Brookfield

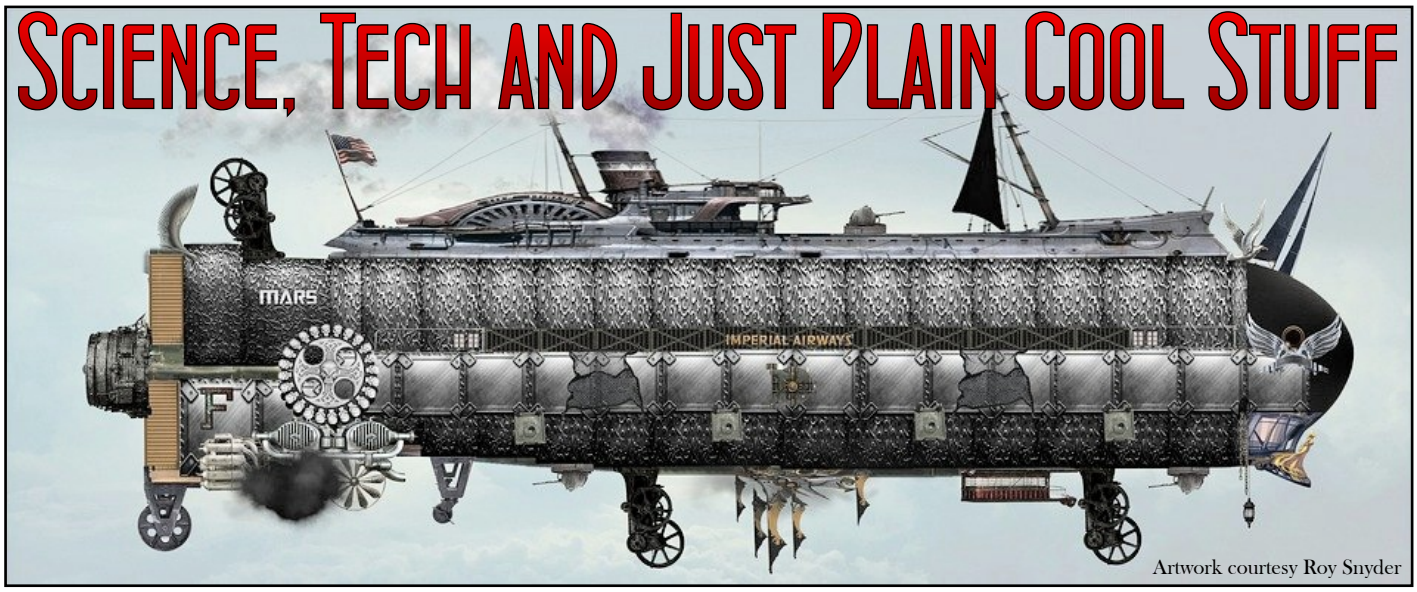
…The Witch? WTH?



Pic by Deb Minnick

What is the world coming to when a pretty darned scary and cool skeleton dresses up as a witch for Halloween? And sits on a garbage bag covering his infamous 'green bike'? What's next? Frankenstein dressing up as Dracula? The Wolfman dressing up as the Mummy? Dogs and cats living together? ***Aye Carumba-it's just not right!***

Science, Tech and Just Plain Cool Stuff



Artwork courtesy Roy Snyder

I remember how I was in awe seeing the first image of the aptly named, **"Pillars of Creation"** taken by **Hubble** in 1995. Now we get a different but still marvelous view from **Webb** in 2022. *(below)* I think both images are cool. On the next page, we have to remember that **Curiosity** is still roving around on Mars doing cool stuff, just like it has for the last ten years. *(No offense **Perseverance**…)* ***Editor, Mark Minnick***

Hubble vs Webb



NASA's Hubble Space Telescope made the **Pillars of Creation** famous with its first image in 1995, but revisited the scene in 2014 to reveal a sharper, wider view in visible light, shown above at left.

A new, near-infrared-light view from NASA's James Webb Space Telescope, at right, helps us peer through more of the dust in this star-forming region. The thick, dusty brown pillars are no longer as opaque and many more red stars that are still forming come into view.

While the pillars of gas and dust seem darker and less penetrable in Hubble's view, they appear more diaphanous in Webb's.

The background of this Hubble image is like a sunrise, beginning in yellows at the bottom, before transitioning to light green and deeper blues at the top. These colors highlight the thickness of the dust all around the pillars, which obscures many more stars in the overall region.

In contrast, the background light in Webb's image appears in blue hues, which highlights the hydrogen atoms, and reveals an abundance of stars spread across the scene. By penetrating the dusty pillars, Webb also allows us to identify stars that have recently – or are about to – burst free. Near-infrared light can penetrate thick dust clouds, allowing us to learn so much more about this incredible scene.

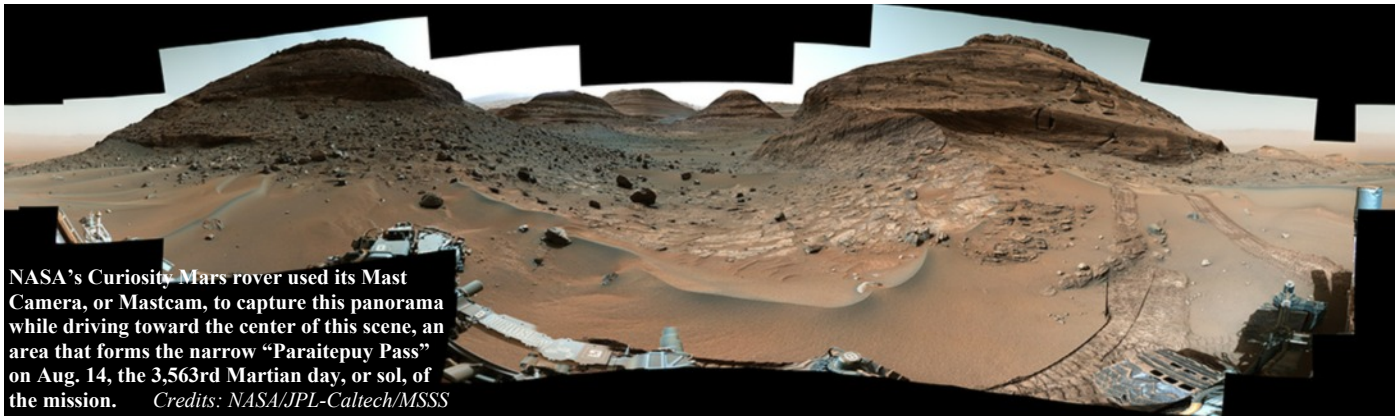
Both views show us what is happening locally. Although Hubble highlights many more thick layers of dust and Webb shows more of the stars, neither shows us the deeper universe. Dust blocks the view in Hubble's image, but the interstellar medium plays a major role in Webb's. It acts like thick smoke or fog, preventing us from peering into the deeper universe, where countless galaxies exist.

The pillars are a small region within the Eagle Nebula, a vast star-forming region 6,500 light-years from Earth.

Dated October 19, 2022 - Credits: Science: NASA, ESA, CSA, STScI, Hubble Heritage Project (STScI, AURA) Image processing: Joseph DePasquale (STScI), Anton M. Koekemoer (STScI), Alyssa Pagan (STScI)



NASA's Curiosity Mars Rover Reaches Long-Awaited Salty Region



NASA's Curiosity Mars rover used its Mast Camera, or Mastcam, to capture this panorama while driving toward the center of this scene, an area that forms the narrow "Paraitepuy Pass" on Aug. 14, the 3,563rd Martian day, or sol, of the mission. *Credits: NASA/JPL-Caltech/MSSS*

The rover has arrived at a special region believed to have formed as Mars' climate was drying. After journeying this summer through a narrow, sand-lined pass, NASA's Curiosity Mars rover recently arrived in the "sulfate-bearing unit," a long-sought region of Mount Sharp enriched with salty minerals.

Scientists hypothesize that billions of years ago, streams, and ponds left behind the minerals as the water dried up. Assuming the hypothesis is correct, these minerals offer tantalizing clues as to how – and why – the Red Planet's climate changed from being more Earth-like to the frozen desert it is today.

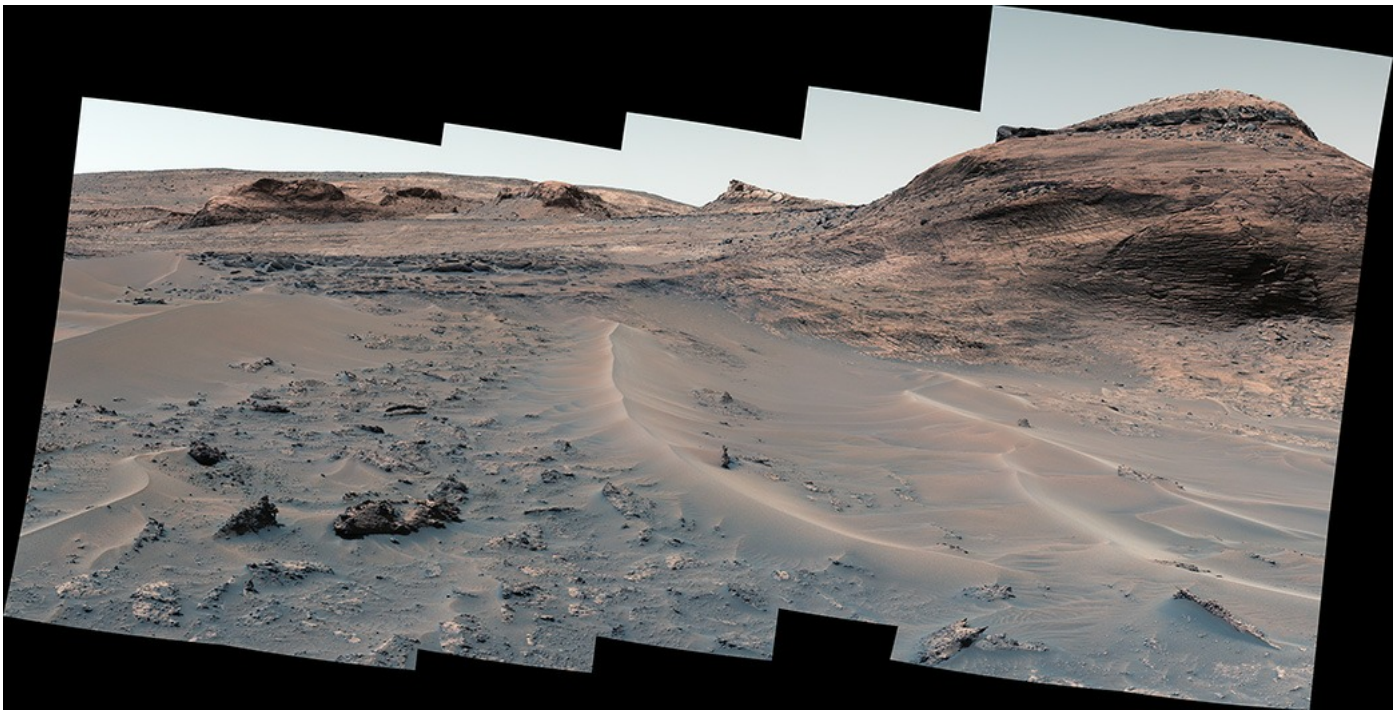
The minerals were spotted by NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter years before Curiosity landed in 2012, so scientists have been waiting a long time to see this terrain up close. Soon after arriving, the rover discovered a diverse array of rock types and signs of past water, among them popcorn-textured nodules and salty minerals such as magnesium sulfate (Epsom salt is one kind), calcium sulfate (including gypsum), and sodium chloride (ordinary table salt).

They selected a rock nicknamed "Canaima" for the mission's 36th drill sample, and choosing was no easy task. Along with scientific considerations, the team had to factor in the rover hardware. Curiosity uses a percussive, or jackhammering, rotary drill at the end of its 7-foot (2-meter) arm to pulverize rock samples for analysis. Worn brakes on the arm recently led the team to conclude that some harder rocks may require too much hammering to drill safely.

"As we do before every drill, we brushed away the dust and then poked the top surface of Canaima with the drill. The lack of scratch marks or indentations was an indication that it may prove difficult to drill," said Curiosity's new project manager, Kathya Zamora-Garcia of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California. "We paused to consider whether that posed any risk to our arm. With the new drilling algorithm, created to minimize the use of percussion, we felt comfortable collecting a sample of Canaima. As it turned out, no percussion was needed."

The mission's scientists look forward to analyzing portions of the sample with the Chemical and Minerology instrument (CheMin) and the Sample Analysis at Mars instrument (SAM).

Dated October 19 2022 - Article credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/MSSS



NASA's Curiosity Mars rover used its Mast Camera, or Mastcam, to capture this panorama of a hill nicknamed "Bolívar" and adjacent sand ridges on Aug. 23, the 3,572nd Martian day, or sol, of the mission. *Credits: NASA/JPL-Caltech/MSSS*

261 Fall Run



The 261 Locomotive poses for pictures.

Pics top, middle left & bottom courtesy of Brittany

Train Fun

By Mark Minnick

I mentioned in the October Gazette that future daughter **Brittany Leeson** and son **Tyler Minnick,** *left,* were going on the 261 Fall Excursion Tour on Sunday October 2nd. The trip took them from **Chanhassen** to **Glencoe**, Minnesota and back. I mentioned that they should take some pics of the day. So, they did and here they are! Below is a tent that was set up next to the **Bongard's** cheese factory. Inside the riders were treated to live music, cheese and *beer*. I'm jealous!







Pic by Deb Boll

As proof that someone actually reads my Gazette ramblings, **John & Deb Boll** took the advice and hopped on the 261 Tour also. Even though it was a little drizzly on Saturday the 1st, they both said they had a great time. Here Deb snapped a shot as the 261 crew was just starting to ***"Pour the coals to her"*** for a photo run-by. I'm jealous…again…*sigh.*



TIME WARP

November 1966

We've got Brownies, Girl Scouts and "Trail-blazing" butter. I don't know just how butter blazes a trail that well, but maybe they knew something in '66 that we don't know now. You better check it out Eunice while your here.

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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 Rusch.

Lights: John Roufs and Mr. Schoener.

Publicity managers: Lois Runke and Linda Hoffman.

Usherettes and ushers: Gwen Reinke, Peggy Menton, Dorothea Steinke, Don Fett, Ron Bjur and Bruce Luthens.



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: Julie Ann Sayles, Terry Beasley, Dianne Dvorak, Catherine Schoener, Patricia Lux, Julie Mortenson, Judy Retzlaff, Mary Ann Minnick, Paulette Foster, Kimberly Heyer. Second row: Mrs. Frank Dvorak, Julie Foster, Connie Schultz, Dawn Giesel, Carol Dvorak, Martha Sharpe, Debbie Heil, Vicki Schultz, Colleen Thomas, Julie Rusch, Debbie Zrust, Linda Petersen and Mrs. Leo Plut. Back row: Mrs. James Dvorak, Joleen Retzlaff, Valerie Ryti, Nancy Lietzau, Beverly Burgstahler, Julie Benson, Donna Retzlaff, Debra Wright, Sheryl Egge, Theresa Schoener, Cheryl Lehrke and Mrs. James Schoener.—Cosmos News staff photo.

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.

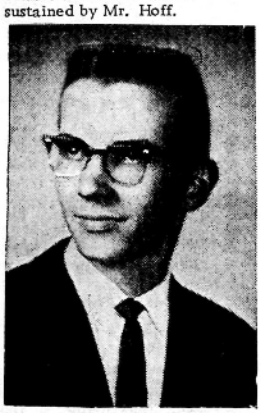
Krueger, uninjured, crawled out of the wreck and walked for help.

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 Cahpter of Alpha Chi, national honorary scholastic society.

Roger was advanced from junior to senior membership at the iniation ceremony for 38 new students at Wartburg College on Sunday.

I thought Dick Higgen's article about Jack Lietzau in the Sept '55 issue of the Cosmos News was pretty neat. I used it as the basis for the Whozit? column in the Sept '22 Gazette. So, here's the whole article. I hope you enjoy it. - *Editor*

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JACK LIETZAU AT HIS DESK
Cosmos News Staff Photo.

THE FACE IS FAMILIAR

Anyone Can Succeed --Says Jack Lietzau

"ANYBODY can be a success. The only thing necessary is that you be determined. Make up your mind to meet your obligations — even if you can meet only part of them at a time.

"Don't plan to be a success within six months — no business can be put on a firm foundation in less than three years."

This philosophy may well be the key to success. They are the guideposts which Jack Lietzau, one of Cosmos' most outstanding successes has followed from a humble start to his enviable position in Cosmos today.

Back in 1917-18 Jack was working on the farm now known as the Johnson-Schiro farm. In the evenings men would come to the farm and Jack would cut their hair.

Jack started getting so many customers that he decided to go into the barber business. In 1921 he enrolled at the Twin City Barber college. After graduation he became Cosmos' first licensed barber.

Jack's cousin, Herb. Lietzau, also worked in the barber shop under Jack's supervision. Jack began doing carpenter work durin the daytime and cutting hair evenings and the days before holidays.

This schedule was a rough one, however, and Jack found he had to give up one of his occupations. In 1927 he sold the barber shop to Herb.

Jack worked as a carpenter for some time, then became a contractor, running his own crews.

IN 1934 Jack decided to go into the lumber business. He managed to get a carload of lumber sent to him on consignment. To pay the freight bill he mortgaged his home.

Jack's first lumber yard consisted of office space and hardware housed in a building 18 feet wide and 22 feet long. It was located in the grove at the Robert Lietzau farm.

A short time later he shingled the M E church at Rosendale in exchange for an old horse barn 16 feet wide and 96 feet long. It was cut into sections and moved to Cosmos on trailers pulled by automobiles. One side of the building was opened and it was used for storing lumber.

In only two years the Lietzau Lumber Co. had outgrown this building. Jack then built a double shed 64 feet wide by 84 feet long. This stood at the spot where Jack's new home is now located.

A year later another 40 feet was added to the length of the building. This served the company well until 1946.

IN 1946 construction was started on the new building on Main

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"A brain is no stronger than its weakest think!"

GOVERNMENT WILL AID FARMERS IN CONSERVATION

FARMERS were urged today by Carl Marquard, chairman, Meeker county ASC committee to review their conservation problems and needs to determine whether some of them may be solved during the balance of this year.

The federal government is willing to share with the farmers the cost of carrying out certain conservation practices, because it is recognized that the conservation of our soil and water resources is in the public interest.

Mr. Marquard stated that farmers must file their requests for federal cost-sharing before the practices are started; otherwise such practices will not be eligible for payment. The request forms are available at the county office.

Here are some of the practices which are needed on many farms and may be performed by the end of the year:

INSTALLING underground drainage systems to dispose of excess water — This practice is the installing of tile drains for the purpose of removing excess internal water to a depth necessary for crop production. The SCS is responsible for the technical phases of this practice and the maximum federal cost-share is $1.25 per rod of tile installed.

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street. This was the present concrete construction building which today houses the Red Owl store and Cosmos Purina in addition to the Lietzau Lumber and Hardware. It measures 100 feet by 200 feet.

This building was constructed entirely by Jack's help at the lumbed yard. It was completed on May 15, 1948.

Work on the new building went quite smoothly — with two exceptions. Twice heavy rains greatly damaged the building. The first time a 60-foot section was washed out. The second time, high water destroyed a 100-foot section.

Jack's determination held out, however, and finally Cosmos' largest store was open for business.

JACK LIETZAU was born at Biscay. He moved here with his parents when he was only three weeks old. They lived on the farm at the south edge of Cosmos which is now owned and operated by Jack's brother, Robert.

In 1923 Jack married a Cosmos girl, Clara Hintz. Theirs was the first wedding at Peace Lutheran church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lietzau have reared four children. Levi and Delano are associated with their father in the lumber business; Lois (Mrs. Victor Eastman) now lives in Minneapolis, and Charles, who livves with his parents and is attending high school.

JACK HAS always been a public spirited citizen, always working for the betterment of Cosmos. He has served as president of the PTA and a mayor of the village around 1942.

One accomplishment as mayor, which Jack is proudest of was the curb on selling beer on Sundays and to minors.

It has been a long hard pull for Jack Lietzau, from practically nothing in 1917 to his present high status in the community.

His life is an example of his philosophy in action. Proof of what a person can do if he is really determined.

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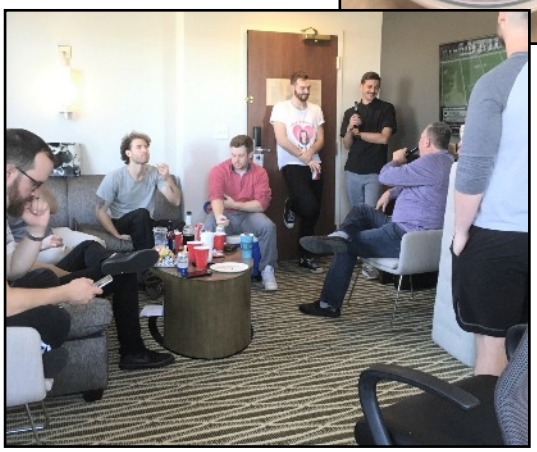
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With waterfowl hunting season upon us, nephew **Colton** was thoughtful enough to bring me some fresh goose legs and thighs. I told him I've been wanting to smoke some up, so I fired up the Weber and did 'em. They turned out fabulous! *See below…*





First order of business with the finished product, I made up some goose noodle soup. "Good stuff Maynard!" even if I do say so myself. *See right…*



Next, I happened to be talking to son **Tyler** about how good the legs turned out. He suggested that I bring them down for the wedding party guys to snack on before the ceremony. That turned out to be a good decision as they were a real crowd pleaser. A rare culinary treat, for sure. Above are just a few of the guys in Tyler's wedding entourage, enjoying the goose with a few beers…and plenty of BS. Good times.

Lastly, I gave Colton a bag of goose meat that I filleted off of the bones. He took them with on his next hunting excursion for 'road snacks' and indicated they were great. At least some ended up with the guy that got me the meat. Thanks bud.

As most of the readers know, son **Tyler** and **Brittany Leeson** were wed on October 8th in Minnetonka. I had a great time, met some great people and even shed a few tears. I started to relax a bit when it was time for the music to begin for their wedding dance. You know me and music, it makes for a nice evening epilogue after a wonderful day. *Time to rock 'n roll folks!*

I also had a great time with their master of ceremonies for the evening, **DJ Steve**. He had most everyone out on the dance floor, young or old, at one time or another. During one of the breaks, I conversed with him out in the hallway.



I requested some **Led Zep** and he said he could do that. Cool. Next I asked if he had **"I knew the bride (When she use to rock n roll)"** by **Nick Lowe**. I made mention that if he played that tune, I might have to get out of my wheelchair and boogie a bit. We fist bumped and he went back to play the Zep number.

Then he cued up "I knew the bride" and announced that it was requested by the groom's dad. Everyone gathered round on the dance floor and started to boogie with me as I rolled around in the chair. When the second verse came up, I unstrapped my legs and stood up, balancing on my semi-good left leg. Let's go!

As the song continued, I used my bum right leg to do the **"Cosmos Two Step"**. I haven't done this little jig since my old dancing days with wife **Deb**. If you're not familiar with this dance step, just ask **Dennis Boelter**. Like Bo, he knows.

Despite dancing only once, I'll remember that moment for a long time. After the tune, DJ Steve even came over and gave me hug. Laughing, dancing and a cool DJ. It doesn't get much better than that, other than gaining a **daughter that I never had**.

As I write this, most of the leaves have been blown off the trees and the squirrels are running around burying walnuts and acorns. The harvest is almost done and I put the boat to sleep. Fall is about finished, so you better polish up that snow shovel folks!



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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".

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.

Mark…. Just got the paper…yikes - a whole page! I was surprised to be sure. That was 66 years ago and it was just as much a surprise then as seeing it now. Me thinks you still owe me a beer!!! Anyway, it was an honor then and still enjoy the memories of our first and only year at CHS.

Donna (Erickson) Hanson

Thanks Donna! Well, it looks like a gotta hang out with a Homecoming Queen sometime and buy her a beer. Darn.

Mark

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