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NEWS FLASH!

Gazette Missing

Where was it? Neptune? Minneapolis? Uranus?



By Crack Reporter, Local Chicken

"Rumor has it that the Gazette wasn't getting done because the goofy editor was rocketing around in outer space with me. But if somebody asks, I'll plead the fifth. Nothing to see here folks." *P.S.-You may find another version of the story inside this issue. Just sayin'.*

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Weather: No man...I'm Dave, man. Will you... "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"

Cosmos Landmark Is No More



Pic of the church from the book, "The History of Cosmos" compiled by long time Cosmos resident, Amy Peterson.

Commentary by Mark Minnick-Archival images & information by Curt Meyer-Colored pics by Jeremy Hacker

Early February saw the demise of what most everyone in Cosmos referred to as "The Mortuary". Perched "Up on the hill" at the south end of town, the building started life as Peace Lutheran of Cosmos' first church.

Constructed in 1923, the first service was held on Sunday, November 25th of that year. The building held many a Sunday service and other events until April 13th, 1958 - A 35 year run.

After it's initial life as a church, the building was purchased by Hughes Funeral of Hector, using it for many years as a mortuary. For awhile, there was even a laundromat in the basement.

Fast forward to the present day, the building had been sitting idle for quite a few years and had fallen into a state of disrepair. Thus, without much fanfare, it was time for the 99 year old building to come down. *See next page for sequential pics of the demolition.*

-99 Year Old Cosmos Building-



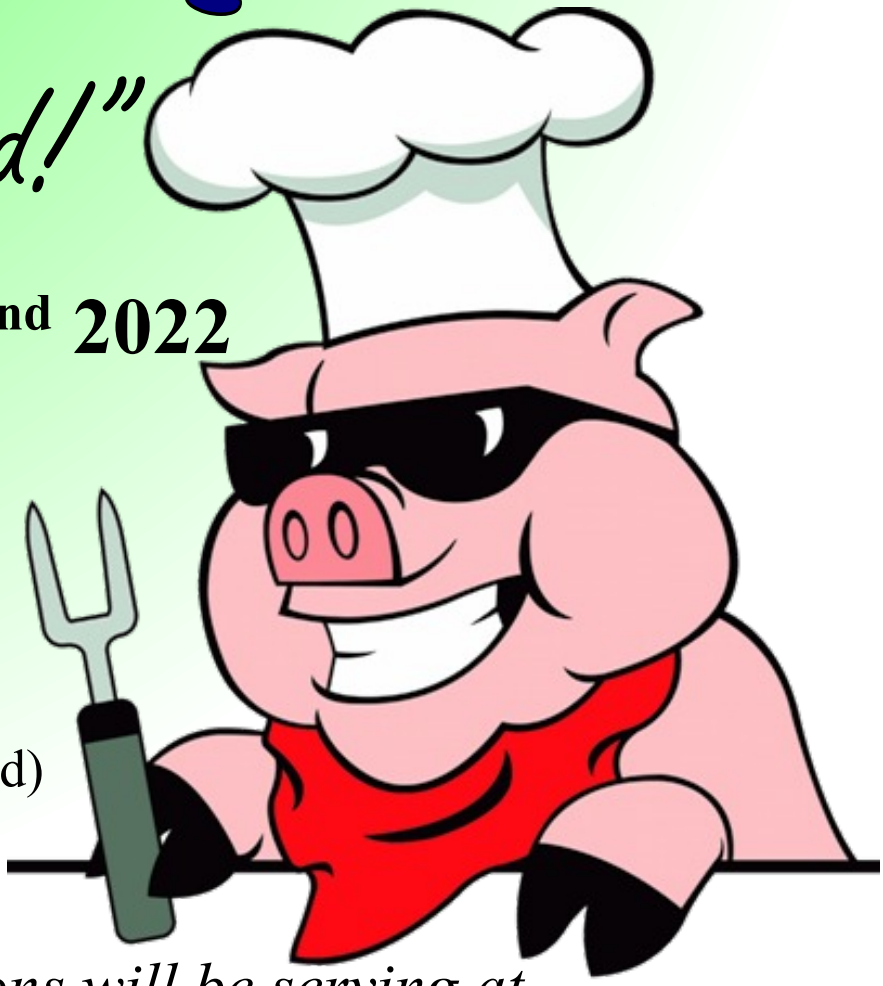




Don't miss the....

Cosmos Lions
Pork Chop Dinner

"Always Good!"



Friday, April 22nd 2022
5:30-8:00 PM

Menu
Grilled Pork Chops*
Potato Salad
Beans, (Green and Baked)
Bread
Beverage
**Extra chop available*

The Lions will be serving at

"Mug Shots" *in Cosmos*

-The Cosmos Fire Department dance follows-

Proceeds support community projects

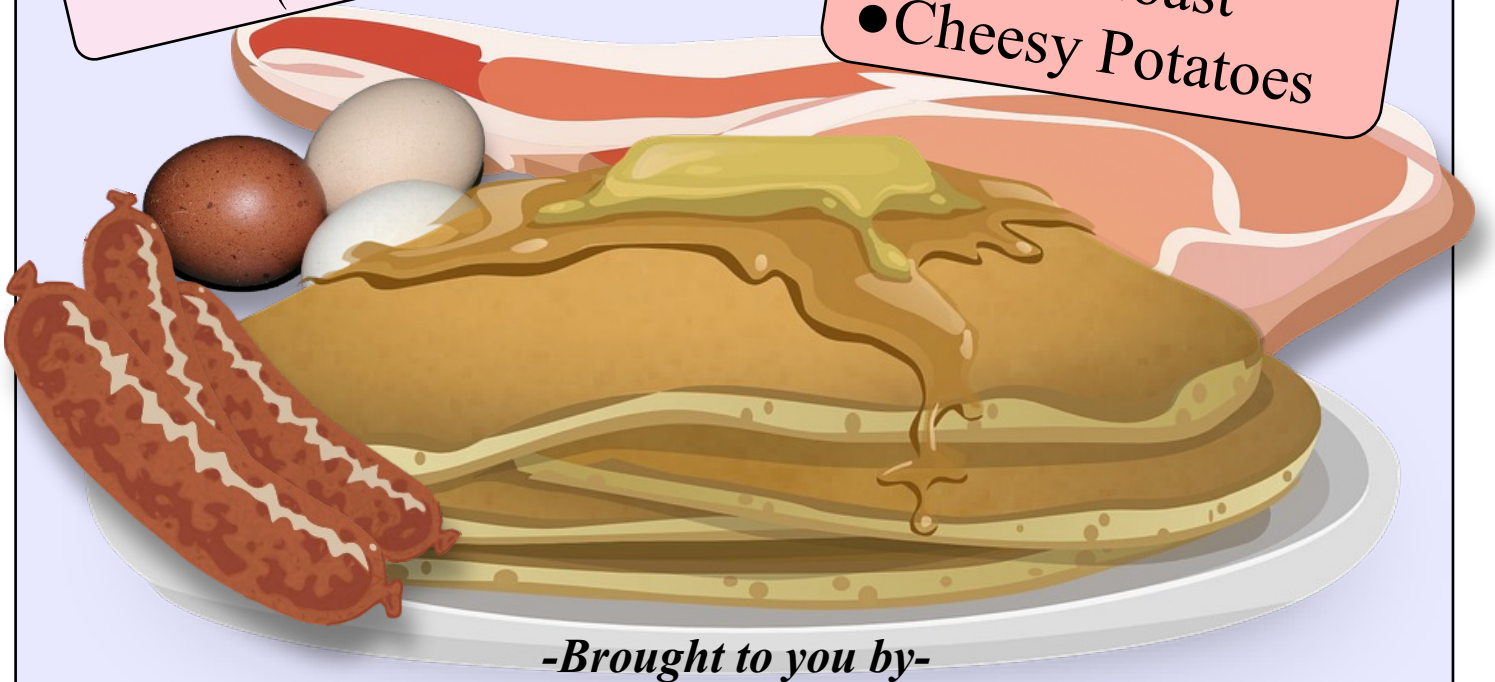
Please bring your old, no-longer used eyeglasses to the supper.

Breakfast Buffet

at **Mug Shots**
in Cosmos
Sunday, April 10th
9:00 AM – Noon
(Free will donation)

-Menu-

- Ham
- Sausage
- Pancakes
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- French Toast
- Cheesy Potatoes
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I would like to thank everyone for your support during this difficult time. Whether you called, sent a text, posted a comment online or sent a card, I truly appreciate every kind word of condolences. I would also like to thank the Cosmos Ambulance for your prompt transport of Dale to the hospital and to the Meeker County Sheriff's department for their assistance. A very special heartfelt thanks to Dales sister Becky, for being there for me as a sister and a friend from beginning to end and to Pastor Sarah for your kind words of comfort during Dales Celebration of Life. May he rest in peace. God Bless.

Valerie J. Thomas

Cosmos
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Clean-Up Day
Sat. May 21st

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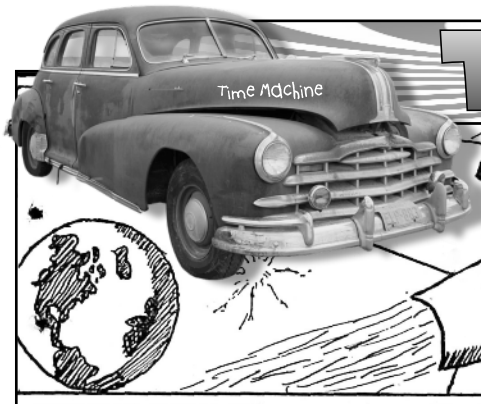
Happy Valentines Day!

Here's 5 things romantically challenged Minnesotans need to remember;

1. The big day is the 14th. Write it down. Maybe get a haircut.
2. Pick up a bag of those fancy chocolates from Runnings.
3. Use $5 of your minnow money for a nice perfume.
4. Splurge for fancy flowers. Heck, spend maybe $10.
5. Spring for a dinner that uses cloth napkins and costs more than a beef commercial. Have fun... Then!



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



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SCHOOL CHATTER

By JOYCE JOHNSON

On Friday evening at 8 p.m. the juniors sponsored their annual spring ball, of which the theme was "Sayonara Senior." Their lovely decorations were of Japanese design with different shades of pink as their basic color.

FFA Met

On Monday, May 20, the FFA boys held their regular meeting.

Cosmology Club Met

The Cosmos Cosmology Club held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening in the high school laboratory.

Friday is Awards Day

"Awards Day" will be on Friday, May 24, in the high school gymnasium. At this time, each high school individual will receive his award for his outstanding achievements and participation in activities during the school year.

Graduation Practice

There will be graduation practice on Friday during 7th hour and on Monday 5th hour.

Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate services will be held on Sunday, May 26, at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Test Days

Monday and Tuesday, May 27 and 28, will be test days for all grades. These will be the final exams for the year.

Research Papers

The seniors have been working on research papers for the last couple weeks, and they are due on Wednesday, May 22. A lot of work has been put into these papers, which are to be at least 10 pages in length, complete with a title page and a bibliography.

Testing Program

Gary Joselyn, of the Minnesota Department of Education, visited Cosmos High School about the testing programs on May 16.

Senior Trip

On Sunday, May 5, 22 of us Cosmos seniors boarded a Greyhound at 6 p.m. and were on our way to Chicago for our long-awaited-for senior class trip. We checked into Hotel Maryland at 6:30 Monday morning. After breakfast we were taken on a tour by bus of China Town, Skid Row, Maxwell Street and the airport. The driver of the bus had a very good knowledge of the city and explained to us the different buildings and a small history of sections of the city. In the afternoon we visited the Museum of Natural History, the Planetarium and the Shedd

3 Cosmos area girls vie for Dairy Princess

LITCHFIELD—Excitement will fill the air on Saturday, May 25 as 10 Meeker County girls vow for the title of the Meeker County Dairy Princess.

The girls participating are:

Pat Vehanen, sponsored by Dassel Creamery; Audrey Schneider, Watkins Creamery; Janet Ruprecht, Eden Valley Creamery; JoAnn Hess, Kingston Creamery; Vicky Hawes, Litchfield Creamery; Mary Schlueter, Cedar Mills Creamery; Diane Dahlk, Cosmos Creamery; Joan Seaman, Cosmos Creamery; Valeryn Anderson, Cosmos Creamery; Mary Juusola, Kingston Creamery.

During the afternoon the girls will be judged on their appearance, personality, natural beauty, quality of voice and speaking ability. This event will be held at the REA building.

The coronation ceremony will be held at 8 p.m. at the Litchfield high school. Marvel Bergquist, 1962 Dairy Regional Princess, will crown the new 1963 Dairy Princess. Two attendants will also be selected. Candidates will present talent numbers. Mr. Al Westrup, Meeker Co. ADA President will be Master of Ceremonies. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The top three girls will participate in the Regional Contest on June 25 at Litchfield. The Regional Princess will then participate in the State Princess Kay of the Milky Way Contest during the Minnesota State Fair.

Fred Berke to speak here on Memorial Day

COSMOS—Fred Berke, representative in the state legislature from Litchfield, will be the principal speaker at the Memorial Day services in Cosmos next Thursday, May 30.

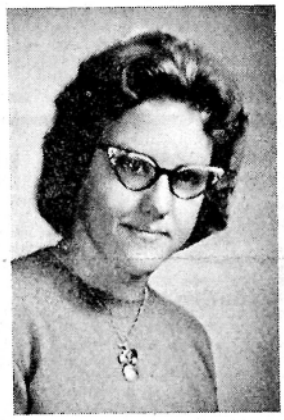
Mr. Berke will take part in services honoring this nation's war dead, conducted in the village park.

The Memorial Day events, sponsored by the Beack-Thompson American Legion post, are scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. with a short parade down Main Street.

Taking part in the par-



JOAN SEAMAN



DIANE DAHLK



VALERYN ANDERSON

Handcar goes for unscheduled

Loren Pearson wins school board post

COSMOS—Tuesday's annual school election resulted in one upset as Loren Pearson gained a seat on the board of education.

Mr. Pearson, who farms northeast of Cosmos, squeezed out incumbent board member Marvin Koerschen by six votes. Pearson got 66 while Koerschen got 60.

The other three-year term was won by incumbent Herman Raske, who got 89 votes. Steven Spreiter received one write-in vote.

Earl Koeberl, who was unopposed in his bid for the one-year term, was the high vote getter. He received 104 votes. Write-in votes for this position were: Allan Frederiksen 4, Ervin Retzlaff 1, and Arthur Adams 1.

A total of 115 votes were cast—one more than in last year's school election.

Weather REPORTS

Cold weather has featured the past week, along with fairly high winds and rain.

During a rain storm last Thursday evening, lightning struck a transformer on the Northern States Power Co. line west of Lake Lillian, leaving Cosmos and Lake Lillian without any electric power for an hour and 20 minutes.

The mercury dipped down below the freezing mark on Tuesday night.

	Hi	Lo
Wednesday, May 15	68	44
Thursday, May 16	77	53
Friday, May 17	71	45
Saturday, May 18	65	34
Sunday, May 19	57	36
Monday, May 20	56	34
Tuesday, May 21	45	26

Final events for seniors begin Sun.

COSMOS—Final events of their high school careers will begin next Sunday evening for 24 seniors of Cosmos high school, with the annual Baccalaureate service.

Sermon for the service will be delivered by Rev. Thomas Smrcka, pastor of Peace Lutheran Church, in the high school auditorium at 8 p.m., May 26.

The program will open with the processional played by Cynthia Grussendorf, scripture reading by Pastor Smrcka, a number by the mixed chorus, sermon by Pastor Smrcka, mixed chorus, benediction and postlude.

COMMENCEMENT for the senior class of 1963 will take place in the school auditorium on Wednesday evening, May 29. Dr. Truman Wood of Mankato will be the principal speaker.

The salutatory address will be delivered by Janet Boeder and the valedictory by Roger Kamrath.

Supt. Lennon will introduce the speaker, Principal George Lehmkuhl will present the class, Arnold Adams chairman of the board of education will present the diplomas. Invocation and benediction will be by Pastor Thomas Smrcka. Music will be furnished by the band.

MEMBERS of the class of 1963 are: Margaret Alberts, Valeryn Anderson, Darrel Bjur, Janet Boeder, Gary Bomstad, Marlene Carlson, Diane Dahlk, Garrett Flemming, Sandra Habben, Lynette Halverson, Larry Housman, Shirley Joecks, Joyce Johnson, Roger Kamrath, Richard Loveland, Jerry Nelson, Cheryl Petersdorf, Judith Podratz, Gary Remmel, Linda Renstrom, Larry Retzlaff, Joan Seaman, Sandra Tewes and Douglas Zins.

Ray Oslund serious injur

COSMOS—A Litchfield man, Raymond Oslund, miraculous-

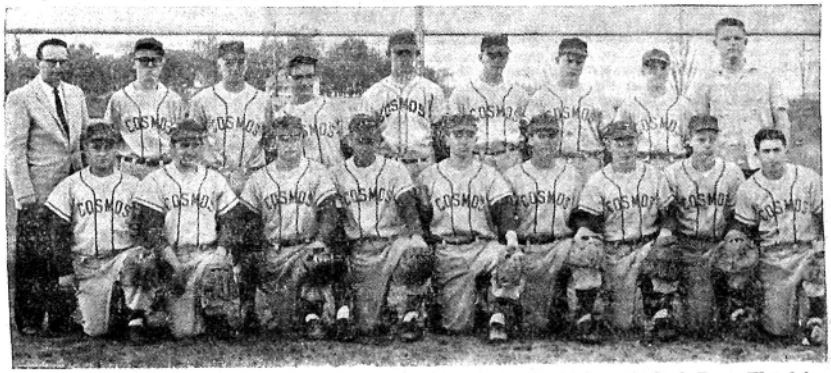
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Spring is here! We have dairy princesses and high school seniors looking to graduate. Eunice thinks that the high school sports report on the next page is pretty interesting too.

ROYALS WON CRO-HAWK TRACK TITLE, WED.



Champions of the Cro-Hawk conference last week was the Cosmos track team, seen above. Left to right they are: Gary Retzlaff, Gary Bomstad, Ron Egge, Wayne Smith, Dave Weseloh, Gary Poush, Larry Housman, Roger Kamrath, Gary Remmel, Cedric Williams, Larry Retzlaff and David Olson. Kneeling in front is their coach, Melvin Anderson.—Cosmos News staff photo.



League Leaders in the Cro-Hawk league this year were the Cosmos Royals, seen above. Left to right they are: front row, Gary Retzlaff, Richard Martin, Gary Bomstad, Jerrel Sharpe, Roger Kamrath, Randy Grussendorf, Dave Weseloh, Larry Sharpe and Larry Retzlaff. Back row, Coach Russell Nordine, Ron Egge, Gary Remmel, Wayne Smith, Larry Housman, Darlan Wall, Tom Rennecke, Glarence Geier, Jr., Manager Harlan Jenkins.—Cosmos News staff photo.

COSMOS—The Cosmos Royals won the first annual Cro-Hawk track title Wednesday as they barely nosed out Grove City. The final score was Cosmos 58½ to 58 for Grove City.

Maynard was third with 43½, Raymond fourth with 21 and Clara City with 16½ and Silver Lake 8½.

The Royals were down by seven points going into the last event of the meet, which was the pole vault. Roger Kamrath came up with first place in this event and Bomstad third to take the meet by one-half a point.

The individual star was Grove City's Bob Olson as he took the 100 and 200-yard dashes, plus the broad jump. Olson also took a second in the discus.

Although Cosmos only took two firsts, they had enough seconds and thirds to take the meet.

The only first places Cosmos won were the 880 yard relay and the pole vault.

Cro--Hawk Conference Track

1. Cosmos 58½
2. Grove City 58
3. Maynard 43½
4. Raymond 21
5. Clara City 16½
6. Silver Lake 8½

100 yard dash :10.7

1. Olson (GC)
2. tie L. Retzlaff (C)
Vasek (SL)
3. Lepler (CC)
4. Smith (C)

220 yard dash :25.1

1. Olson (GC)
2. Gerken (R)
3. L. Retzlaff (C)
4. Vesek SL)
5. Christiansen (M)

440 yard dash :60.6

1. Allen Remmel (GC)
2. Dickson (GC)
3. Lehrohl (M)
4. Williams (C)
5. K. Carpenter (M)

880 yard dash 2:13.3

1. Boike (M)
2. R. Remmel (GC)
3. Berry (M)
4. Stenberg (GC)
5. Fritz (CC)

Mile run 5:24.4

1. Heins (CC)
2. Zins (C)
3. Fried (M)
4. Poush (C)
5. Rubins (GC)

880 Relay 1:47.6

1. Cosmos 2. Raymond
3. Grove City 4. Silver Lake
5. Maynard

Mile relay 4:04.8

1. Grove City 2. Cosmos
3. Clara City 4. Raymond

120 high hurdles :19.2

1. R. Christiansen (M)
2. G. Remmel (C)
3. Hedtke (GC)
4. Poush (C)
5. Ulferts (R)

180 low hurdles :24.5

1. Gerken (R)
2. Hedtke (GC)
3. A. Remmel (GC)
4. Christiansen (M)
5. Poush (C)

Discus 112'8½

1. D. Swanson (M)
2. Olson (GC)
3. Smith (C)
4. Gerdes (CC)
5. Paul (SL)

Shotput 39'10"

1. D. Swanson (M)
2. Montgomery (GC)
3. Bomstad (C)
4. Tischer (CC)
5. G. Retzlaff (C)

High jump 5'4"

1. Zimmer (M)
2. tie Ulferts (R)
Housman (C)
Zins (C)
3. Ketcham (GC)

Broad jump 17'7¾"

1. Olson (GC)
2. tie Heins (CC)
Housman (C)
3. Bomstad (C)
4. Christiansen (M)

Pole vault 7'8"

1. Kamrath (C)
2. tie Rothers (M)
Bomstad (C)

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Mrs. Curt Thomas took first in Auxiliary bowling

DASSEL—Ten ladies from Cosmos took part in the Meeker County Legion Auxiliary bowling tournament, here, on Monday, May 13, in both singles and doubles events.

Mrs. Curt (Lu Rae) Thomas rolled a 534 in the singles event to take the first place spot.

Other winners from Cosmos were:

Bonnie Geier, fourth place in singles with a 513.

Mary Olson, sixth place in singles with a 503.

Bonnie Geier and Ramona Wright came through and tied for fourth place in doubles with 991.

Next year Litchfield will be host to this newly-formed tournament. The following year it will be held in Cosmos.

Saturday to be Poppy Day

COSMOS—Friday evening, May 24 and Saturday, May 25, has been designated as Poppy Day in Cosmos, according to Mrs. Glarence Geier, local Poppy Chairman.

Since the business places are only open on Friday evening, poppies wlil be sold during the evening in the business district and on Saturday all day, an opportunity will be given to purchase and wear a poppy. Members of the Beack-Thompson American Legion Auxiliary will sell poppies in the business district, while youngsters will canvas the residential section on Saturday. By wearing a poppy on Poppy Day you will be honoring the servicemen who died in World Wars I and II and the Korean veterans. Let's remember to honor the dead by helping the living on Friday evening, May 24 and Saturday, May 25, in Cosmos.

Royals rip Olivia 15-14 as Bomstad hits a grand-slam home-run

COSMOS—The Cosmos Royals and the Olivia Wildcats battled in a nine-inning game won by the Royals, 15-14, in Cosmos last Friday afternoon.

The Royals took the lead in the first inning when Larry Retzlaff hit a double to score two in front of him. Olivia came back with one in the third and the Royals came back with four in that same inning to take the lead.

Olivia came up with a run in the fourth and six runs in the fifth off three Cosmos pitchers. The Royals rallied for two runs in the fifth to tie it up. The Royals then got five runs in the sixth inning on Gary Bomstad's grand slam homer and an RBI by Darlan Wall.

Olivia came right back to tie it up in the top of the seventh with five runs and send the game into extra innings. Lee Potzler had a home run for Olivia in this inning. Each team got one run in the 8th.

Cosmos got another run in the ninth inning to win the game as Larry Retzlaff had his fourth hit of the game and scored the winning run.

Butch Geier started for the Royals and didn't give up any hits, but walked two. Errors got him into trouble. Egge re-

Sharpe L., c	5	0	1	1
Retzlaff G., c	2	0	0	0
Grussendorf, 2b	5	3	0	0
Wall, lf	5	2	2	0
Remmel, 3b	1	0	0	1
Kamrath, ss	2	1	0	0
Geier, p	2	0	0	0
Egge, p	0	0	0	0
Bomstad, cf	3	2	1	0
TOTALS	40	15	10	6

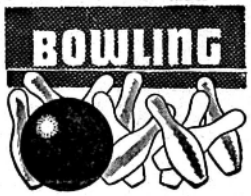
Olivia	ab	h	r	e
Rouse, lf	4	0	0	0
Kopek, lf	0	0	0	0
Wohnoutka, ss	4	1	0	0
Frank, 3b	5	1	1	2
O'Halloran	5	1	1	1
Potzler, rf, lb	4	3	2	0
Austad, c	4	2	2	2
Brown, cf	4	1	2	0
Benesh, 2b	4	2	1	0
Donnelly, p, rf	3	2	1	1
TOTALS	32	13	10	9

Score by innings

Olivia	0	0	1	1	6	0	6	1	0	
Cosmos	2	0	4	0	2	5	0	1	1	

Pitching sum.	ip	h	r	bb	so
Geier	4⅓	0	5	2	1
Egge	0	3	3	0	0
Retzlaff	4⅔	9	6	4	6
Donnelly	5	5	8	4	9
O'Halloran	4	5	7	4	4

Home runs: Potzler, Bomstad (grand slam). Doubles: Martin, L. Retzlaff, Frank.



Wednesday Mixed Doubles
Most Spares
Harry Eggert & Mabel Maag
Phillip Heil & Tillie Radunz
24 Spares each couple
High Series
Herb Maag, Dorothy Heil—892

Truck stolen Saturday night

COSMOS—A 1946 Dodge flatbed truck, owned by Hackbarth Implements, was stolen sometime Saturday night.

The truck was missed Sunday morning by Marvin Hackbarth, but he thought that perhaps one of his employees was using it.

It wasn't until Monday morning that Hackbarth began asking his employees who had it. When nobody knew where it was, he called police.

Cosmos Policeman Reuben Martin put out an all-points bulletin on the missing truck.

COSMOS SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

TUESDAYS		WEDNESDAYS		THURSDAYS	
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***The deadline to make the May issue is April 20th**

If you have any questions, talk to us or E-mail wordnut66@outlook.com

P.S. We will also publish confirmation, pre-school, kindergarten, grade school or college graduation announcements. They will be separate from the high school grads, but honored just the same.

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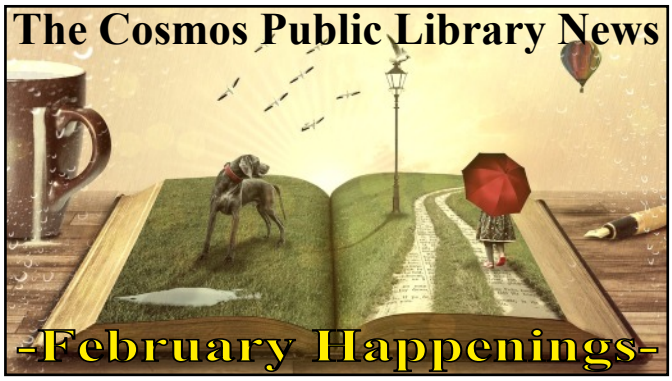
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Happy Easter
From the fine folks at...
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"All the news you really need. Probably more."
Personally, I think we should decorate carrots.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration
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Bruce & Kitty Schlueter
-Join us at an open house on-
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The Cosmos Public Library News



by Beth Cronk, Meeker County Librarian

Many exciting new things are happening at the Cosmos Public Library these days. From fine-free youth materials to laptops to bring home, there's a lot to check out!

As of early January, Pioneerland Library System has eliminated late fees on all juvenile and teen materials. This includes books, CDs, and DVDs with call numbers beginning with E, J, B, and YA. The new policy applies to library materials for children and teens, regardless of the age of the library cardholder. Youth materials that are a month late will continue to be billed for replacement, as will damaged materials. Have old fines on kids' materials? Talk to a library staff member about clearing those.

Cosmos Library is now offering laptops for checkout. With a valid library card, anyone can check out a Chromebook for four weeks and take it home. Need internet with that? Mobile internet hotspots are now available to check out at Cosmos Library for four weeks; they provide wi-fi at home for computers, tablets, and smartphones. Signal strength varies in the area, so you'll have to try the hotspots to see how well they work at your house. One laptop is still available for in-library use, as are desktop computers.

The adult winter reading program is underway at the Cosmos Library, running until March 15. Participants in Winter Reads 2022 get a book bag for signing up, while supplies last. After reading and rating three books, participants can choose a prize, and after three more they can choose an additional prize. Prizes this year include coffee mugs, travel tumblers, carabiner key chains, bag clips, lip balm, extra-large candy bars, and book lights. The program can be completed entirely via curbside pickup if desired.

Cosmos Library offers Take-Home Tuesday once a month. Each month a different craft kit for kids is available to pick up and complete at home. Watch the library's website at cosmos.lib.mn.us or the Facebook page to see when each month's craft is available.

The Star Tribune is now available to read in the library or to check out for three days. It comes by mail, so there is sometimes a slight delay in receiving it.

Pioneerland Library System has a new subscription to Tumble Books, a collection of animated, interactive, and read-along picture books for children. These fun, high-quality e-books can be accessed through the library's website or through the Tumble Book Library app. Visit www.pioneerland.lib.mn.us and look for the tumbling book image on the left.

Cosmos Library is open;

Mondays 10 am-5 pm, Tuesdays 2-5 pm, Thursdays 2-6 pm, Fridays 2-5 pm, and Saturdays 10 am-1 pm.

Frequently Asked Questions About the Library

by Beth Cronk, Meeker County Librarian

Here are some useful facts about the library in a **Frequently Asked Questions** format.
I hope you learn a little something you didn't know before!

How much does it cost to get a library card?
A library card is free! It's part of the public services available to you as a resident of Minnesota. Once you have a library card, it's also free to check out anything in the library collection, both ebooks and physical items. If you had a library card and it's lost, there is a $3 charge for a replacement card.

How many books are in the Cosmos Public Library?
The Cosmos Library has about 10,000 books. It also has about 1,500 DVDs and about 400 CDs.

What if I want to check out something that the Cosmos Library doesn't have?
You can request things from other libraries in the Pioneerland Library System, which has a collection of about 620,000 physical items. If Pioneerland doesn't have something, you can often request it from another library in Minnesota, using the MNLINK catalog. You can search both the Pioneerland and MNLINK catalogs online and request things yourself, or library staff can help you and place those requests.

Does it cost money to order things from other libraries?
No, the service is free to you as part of the interlibrary loan network in place in Minnesota. Our state is outstanding at providing access to library materials! Cosmos Library gets two deliveries of those interlibrary loan materials each week.

How long can I keep a book?
Most books are loaned for four weeks. Some bestsellers are limited to just two weeks while they're new; you'll recognize these by the sticker on the spine that says "14 day loan."

How long can I keep a DVD I've checked out?
DVDs are now loaned for two weeks.

Can I check out magazines?
Yes, magazines can be checked out for two weeks.

A book I checked out had a due date coming up soon, but now I found out that it's not really due for a few more weeks. What happened?
Automatic renewals! This is a brand-new service our library system is offering. If no one has a hold on an item that you have checked out, and you haven't renewed it before, the library's computer system will automatically renew it for you once, three days before its due date. If you are signed up for email updates about your account, you'll be notified by email when those renewals happen and when you have items that will be due soon.

I'm late returning a library item. How much will I be charged?
There is a charge of ten cents per day for late items, although there is a three-day grace period before those start being charged. Materials for children and teens no longer have late fees. If your item is a month overdue, you'll get a bill for the replacement of that item. If that happens, once you return the item the charge will drop to a $3 late fee (or to $0 for materials from the kids' section). If an item is damaged or lost, talk to library staff about how you can resolve that charge.

Can I use my library card in other libraries?
Yes, you can. Your Pioneerland library card will work in all libraries in the system. Our system stretches from Graceville to Glencoe and from Canby to Dassel. If you want to use a different library system in Minnesota, you can do that, too. Bring your card to them, and they will help you register as a reciprocal borrower in their system.

If you have more questions, stop in or call the library, and we'll be happy to answer them.



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

Thoughts & Observations



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



No, it's not Jabba the Hutt, it's your favorite Gazette editor. I just had to show off my bandaged incisions, surgical drain tube with collection bag and stylish hospital gown. Nice, Huh?

Where the Heck Was the Gazette?

A funny thing happened to me in January. My leg broke. To be more accurate, the titanium rod and associated hardware helping hold my patched up leg together broke, up near the hip. Most of our astute Gazette readers heard the news. If you didn't, I apologize.

As a result of those problems, I was not able to finish writing, laying out and printing the February issue, much less the March issue. *And no, I wasn't on Neptune. Minneapolis, but not Neptune.* Anyway, everyone wife Deb and I talked to were very concerned about my well being and very understanding of the situation. Thank you all. I will be acknowledging all of my well wishers in the next issue, as there just isn't space in this one. *(And I'm outta writing time. It's time to print.)*

For the readers and folks not familiar with my extensive orthopedic history, I decided to share my story with you. So here it is, from 2013 thru 2022, with illustrations and x-ray images.

I don't wish to 'toot my own horn' or make this issue all about me. But, I feel I should use my writing and graphic skills to help folks understand what happened with my 'broken' leg and why there was no Gazette.* **BTW, be sure and take a look at rest of this BIG, BIG issue - 36 pages! Wow!

An Orthopedic Odyssey



-The Story-

2013: In April, at the University of Minnesota-Fairview, I was diagnosed with bone cancer in my right femur. I had a femoral sarcoma. Woo hoo. ***(See Image 1)*** So, on May 10th, (Opening Fishing weekend…bummer) a University of Minnesota surgical team, headed by Dr. Edward Cheng, removed the cancerous portion of my femur. It was replaced with a donor bone, metal plates, screws and a titanium rod through the whole works. ***(See image 2)*** After nearly a two week recovery and hospital stay, I finally got home and started healing up.

2014: Following a yearly checkup to see how my leg bone was healing and mending onto the donor bone, Dr. Cheng determined that the upper portion wasn't doing so well. So, I had another surgery right before Christmas. Bone grafting was done to improve the healing and mending of that area. Again, after nearly a two week recovery and hospital stay, I got home and started healing up. After that, everything went pretty well for just just about nine years. What could go wrong, right?

2022: I felt something wasn't right regarding my leg in early January. I could still walk but it just felt weird. Like something moved or broke inside. Hmmm, I wasn't sure what to think. *(Or maybe I was just in a state of plain ol' stupid denial.)*

So I got my personal doc to put in an order to have x-rays taken, along with a subsequent visit to the ortho docs in Willmar. *(I can't prove it, but my guess is that while viewing the resulting x-rays, they chuckled and said "We ain't messing with that".)* Anyway, she immediately set up an appointment to see Dr. Cheng and his crew down at the University of Minnesota-Fairview Hospital.

Bummed out, dejected and pi**ed off, I waited for the appointment day at the U. In the meantime, as I tried to get out of bed one morning, I found out that I couldn't put any weight on the leg as the pain was excruciating. Oh great, I thought, what next? Now I'm even more bummed out, dejected and pi**ed off.

After more x-rays at the U of M, Dr. Cheng confirmed that yes, the rod and associated hardware was broken. ***(See image 3)*** On a positive note, I was informed that the cancer had not returned. That's a good thing.

Cheng assured me that they could repair my leg, no problem - Bing, bang, boom. To paraphrase, "Be down here in a couple of weeks and we'll fix you right up." At first, the casualness seemed a bit disconcerting but, I reminded myself that these guys do this stuff all the time. On top of that, they're pretty darned good at it too. That's a good thing.

So, on Friday, February 11th, it was "Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to the hospital we go". I checked in, threw on my complimentary and very stylish hospital gown, then got the veins in my hands poked for the IV's. Next, they rolled me into the operating theater, said "See ya later" and put me under the knife *(and screw gun?)* at about 1:00 in the afternoon.

First order of surgical business was to remove the old screws and plates, then extract the broken titanium rod. As for how they removed that rod, I don't want to know. My femur just above the knee had mended quite well to the donor bone, so they removed the plate that was there. *(Cheng noted post-op that they left a couple of pieces of broken screws in my upper leg, as it was too risky to extract them.)*

With the old hardware removed, the team proceeded to install a new style rod of a larger diameter, for more strength and durability. Thus, they had to enlarge the already bored out sections of my femur and the donor bone. Again, as for how they did the 'oversizing of the bore', I don't want to know. They also used some of my bone material, removed when enlarging said bore, for grafting the donor bone to the upper side of my femur.

To compliment the new and bigger rod ***(See image 6)***, a very large 'screw' anchored everything nicely into the ball section of my femur. ***(See image 5)*** Finally, they installed some small screws through the bone and into the upper and lower rod, stitched me up and I was all set - Bing, bang, boom. ***(See image 4)***

The long surgery finally came to an end at around 9:00 in the evening. Then off to the recovery room I went. As I slowly came out of the anesthetic fog, I groggily exchanged child rearing advice and pork grilling tips with the friendly recovery nurse till about 2:00 in the morning. Then they rolled me up to room 537 and a nice, fresh bed. After chatting with the nurse for a bit, I finally shut up and dozed off.

Despite a few minor complications, my recuperation in the hospital went quite well and I was released five days later on the 16th. Cool. I want to mention I had a great time interacting with the hospital staff and doctors. They were to be commended for their friendliness, caring attitude and professionalism during my stay. I truly cannot thank them enough.

Finally, I could not have gone through any of this surgery, treatment or recovery without the aid of my wife Deb. I owe her a debt that I can't ever repay. Dang.

In the meantime, I guess I'll buy her a beer…or two. Maybe even some pretzels.

An Orthopedic Odyssey

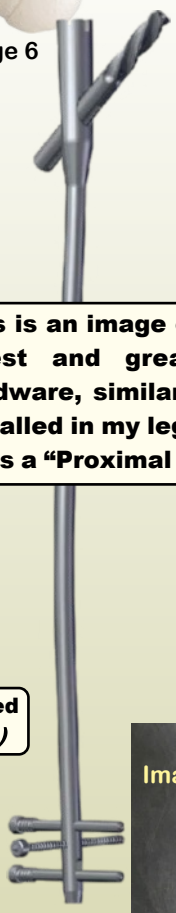
-The Images-

Image 5



Here's an artist's image of the 'Big Screw' that anchors the long rod or 'pin' into the ball part of my femur.

Image 6

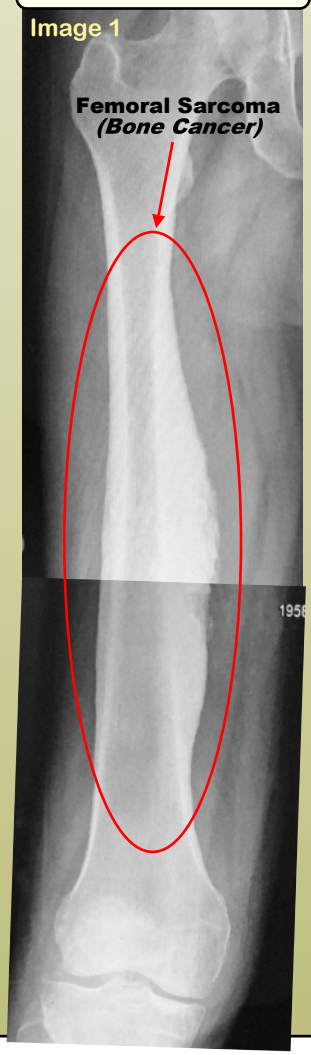


This is an image of the newest, latest and greatest femoral hardware, similar to what they installed in my leg. It is referred to as a "Proximal Femoral Nail".

-X-Rays of My Right Femur-

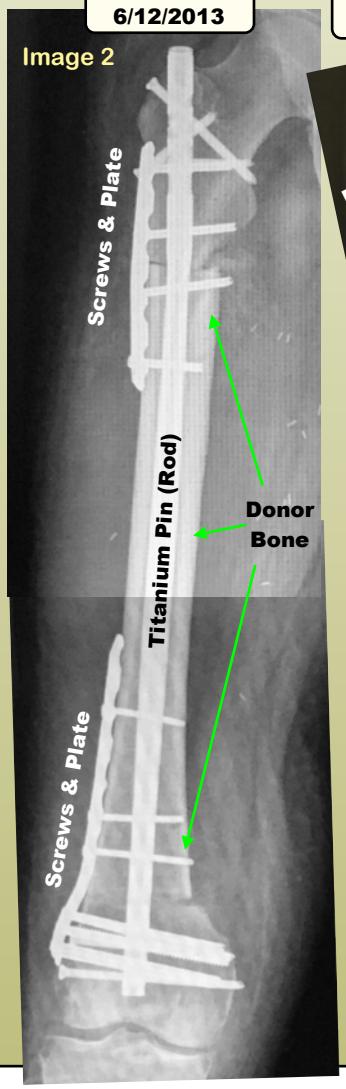
Bone Cancer Confirmed
4/25/2013 ***(Ruh, Roh.)***

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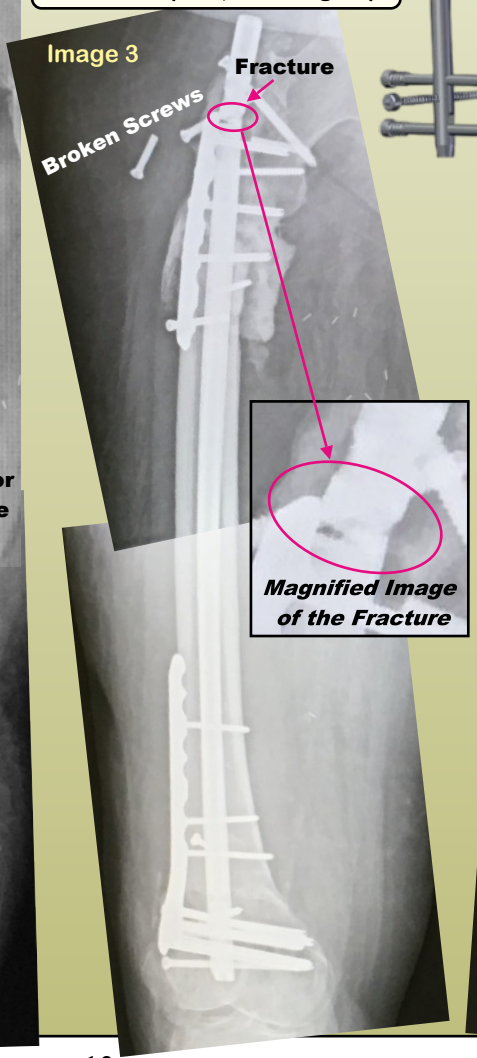
Post-Surgery
6/12/2013

Image 2



Fractured Pin (Rod) Confirmed
1/24/2022 ***(Ruh, Roh...Again)***

Image 3



Post-Surgery
2/11/2022

Image 4



Arizona Cotton

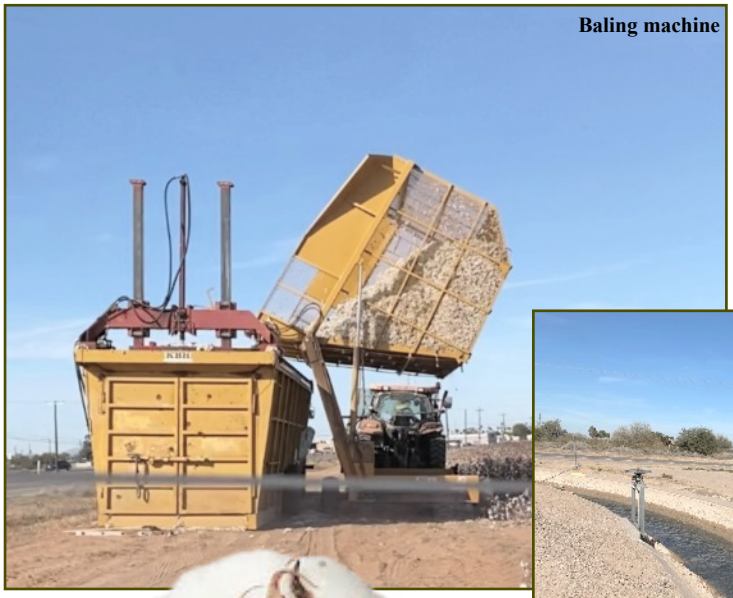

Green cotton field


Cotton combine

Pics and article by Jan Lux, 1-15-22

There are a lot of cotton fields here. The cotton stems are very tough, kind of like heavy soybean stalks. They water the fields using canals and flooding. Same with alfalfa fields which are plentiful because of dairy and feed lots. They also grow wheat for grain and to cut green for feeding. Just keep cutting it green for feed.

The cotton bails are loaded whole and taken to a local cotton gin. After cleaning the cotton, the cleaned out seeds are used for animal feed. I can not imagine how they used to be picked by hand. Their hands had to have been tough!


Baling machine


Cotton bale


Irrigation canal





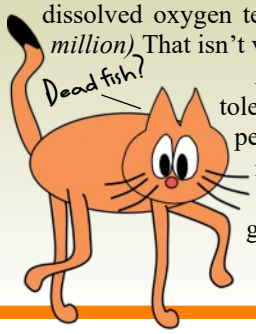
Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!

Thompson Lake Winterkill Probable

By Mark Minnick

If there are any of those nice walleyes left in Thompson Lake, they're probably 'belly up' as I write this. Scott Mackenthun, from DNR Fisheries in Hutch, shot me a couple of interesting texts on Feb. 28th. He indicated that the latest dissolved oxygen testing showed only 0.7 ppm. *(parts per million)* That isn't very much folks.



As a general rule, even the low oxygen tolerant game fish (northern pike and yellow perch) can't survive under 2.0 ppm. He also mentioned that the water, "Smells like rotten eggs." Things certainly don't smell good for the fishies.

The upside is that if the lake does 'kill' it will be prime water for raising walleye fingerlings this summer from spring fry stockings. I believe the DNR will also do ice out test nettings in Thompson to see if the lake did indeed completely winterkill.

As a humorous aside, it would not surprise me if the wily black bullheads survive the winterkill. Rumor has it by people in the know, that black bullheads can survive, migrate and possibly even reproduce in wet grass. Thank goodness, huh? Maybe better set that mower up a notch or two. Just sayin'.

Big Crappie



By Mark Minnick

My nephew Colton Minnick sent me a pic of a nice black crappie he caught through the ice in mid February. The Lake Koronis monster measured 17 ½ inches in length. He indicated that he is going to put the trophy on the wall, noting that this is a fish of a lifetime. Nice catch kid.



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Stumpy Sighted



Pic by Mark Minnick



Pic by Tyler Minnick

By Mark Minnick

Finally, photographic proof that, unlike Bigfoot, the nearly as elusive Stumpy is *not* blurry. Here's two pics that prove Stumpy is more than a legend. He really does exist!

Nature and the Great Outdoors Extra!

Hey, it's nice outside!

Midnight Snacks At the Bird Feeder



By Mark Minnick

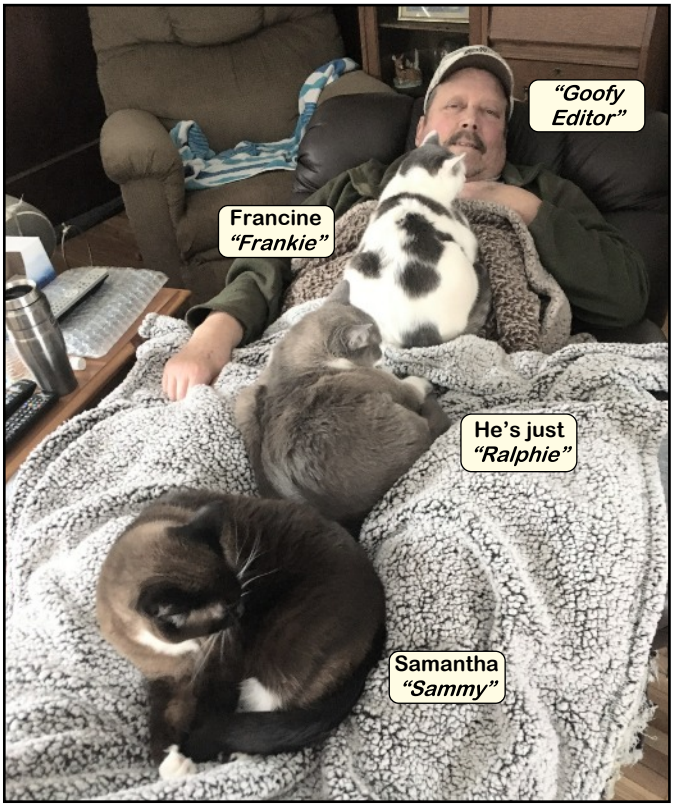
It's a dark winter's night in December. The multitudes of boisterous birds seen and heard at the feeders all day long are quiet now, snoozing comfortably in their nightly roosts. Squirrels are fast sleep in their leafy nests, high above the snow covered backyard. They're dreaming of feasting at will in those same feeders. The urban wildlife is 'tucked in' and it's quiet behind the house, or so it seems.

As wife Deb by chance glanced out the window, she noticed a different critter under the bird feeders. Here it was a 'midnight marsupial' i.e.-an opossum, poking around for a few morsels of spilled seeds. An unexpected visitor to the feeder that evening for sure.

Everyday, hoards of very cute and pretty birds sit on the feeders to eat. I swear they purposely flip more seeds on the ground than they eat. *Sigh.* At least ground feeding juncos and doves make use of the fallen seed. But, they don't find and eat all of it.

As shown by this omnivorous little fellow scarfing up a few uneaten seeds, nothing goes to waste in nature. Cool, and sleep tight.

Feline Attitudes & a Warm Blankey



Pic by Deb Minnick

By Mark Minnick

On my first day home from the hospital and you'd sure think that the kitties would've missed me. Well, you'd be wrong.

Before this pic was snapped, the little monsters just got done feasting on their favorite 'Salmon Dinner Pate" canned cat food. What a treat. Then, with their bellies full, they looked for a nice cozy spot to take a nap. How about a sunny windowsill? A soft recliner? Seventeen various kitty beds? Noooo, not good enough.

The spot that day would be *my* big warm body, in *my* recliner, covered with *my* luxurious micro-fiber blanket. Although I hadn't eaten seafood for lunch, I was also trying to settle in and take *my* nap. Anyway, no rest for the cripple until everybody got their spot 'kneaded' properly and then settled themselves in for some afternoon zzzzz's. And you couldn't even hardly notice their 'cat food breath'. Mmmm, salmon.

In reality, they really didn't care that I'd been gone for five days. I was just a very convenient, big old blanket warmer and after meal napping spot. Way better and bigger than a lap. Kitty logic, for sure. *(and don't harsh their mellow, by the way.)*



The Gazette wants to acknowledge 3 new contributors in this issue. **Jan Lux** and **Michelle Dahlk** both put together some interesting stories and images for some great additions to the Gazette. **Jeremy Hacker** took the time to get some great pics of the mortuary demolition. If you happen to see these or any of our regular contributors, be sure and thank them for their efforts. Remember, this newsletter belongs to you, the reader. Make use of it!

Cosmos Fire Department & Ambulance Squad Dance

-Music by-

The South 40 Band



We're a ninety's and older country group with a kick.
We keep our fans dancing by offering harmonies, guitar licks, and a solid back beat.
Always learning new songs to keep our shows fresh.

Friday April 22

-8:00 PM 'till Midnight-

at **MUG SHOTS**

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Following the Lions Pork Chop Supper

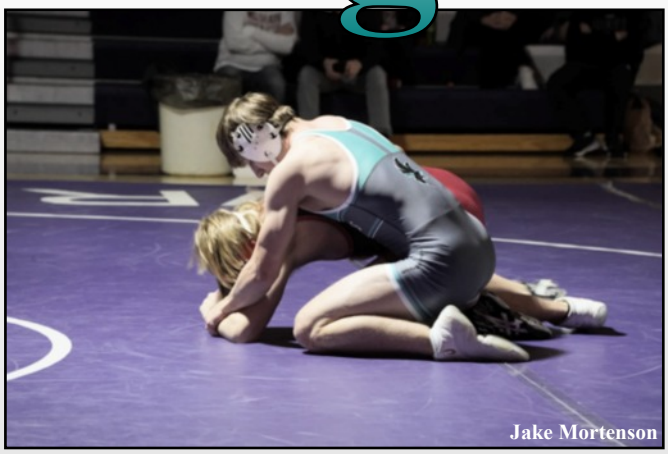
Don't Miss It!

$5.00 Admission at the Door

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

Wrestling


Mason Studermann


Jake Mortenson

ACGC WRESTLING NOTES AND NEWS

Written by Coach Mike Amsden
Pics by Linda Behm
Submitted by LeAnn Melberg, 1/21/22

- ACGC is ranked as the #7 Class A team in the latest Guillotine Rankings.
- Individually Ranked: Cole Holien (138) ranked 5th, Brady Holien (145) ranked, Jake Mortensen (145) ranked 7th, and Jaxon Behm (220) ranked 1st in class A wrestling.
- ACGC currently holds a 20-3 dual meet record with wins over 6 teams ranked in both class A and AA and. Back in December they won the Redwood River Riot. The Riot was an individual tournament that included 34 teams from all three classes. ACGC will look to challenge for its 11th conference title and 13th section title as the season goes on.
- Team Captains: Cole Holien, Brady Holien, Mason Studemann, Jake Mortensen, and Jaxon Behm,
- Career Milestones: Edwyn Gonzalez, Mason Studemann, and Logan Staumann passed 60 wins. Jevon Williams eclipsed the 75 win mark. Jaxon Behm exceeded 100 wins. Jake Mortensen, Cole Holien, and Brady Holien each surpassed the 125 win milestone.
- Cole Holien (120) recently earned West Central Conference performer of the week.
- Top Individual Varsity Records: Edwyn Gonzalez (126) 21-7, Brody Straumann (132) 5-7, Cole Holien (138) 24-3, Jevon Williams (145) 21-6, Brady Holien (152) 26-2, Mason Studemann (160) 21-6, Jake Mortensen (170) 20-4, Logan Straumann (182) 25-4, Isaiah Renne (195) 16-8, Jaxon Behm (220) 22-2, and Terrell Renne (HWT) 17-6.
- ACGC Wrestling History: The team has been to the state tournament 13 times. State champions in 2007. The team has a dual meet record of 534-129 (81%). 9 individual state champions. 172 individual state entrants.
- Home Matches Remaining: Jan 27th and Feb 10th
- ***Post Season:***
  Team Sections: Feb 19th @ Benson High School.
  Individual Sections: Feb 26th @ Minnewaska High school.
  State Tournament: March 3rd @ Xcell Energy Center

State Wrestling

Info from LeAnn Melberg, 3/23/22
Entrants: Isaiah Renne, Terell Renne, Jaxon Behm, Jake Mortenson, Brady Holien, Cole Holien

Congratulations to the following wrestlers for placing in State.

- Cole Holien 5th place
- Isaiah Renne 5th place
- Jaxon Behm 3rd place

The ACGC Falcon Flyover

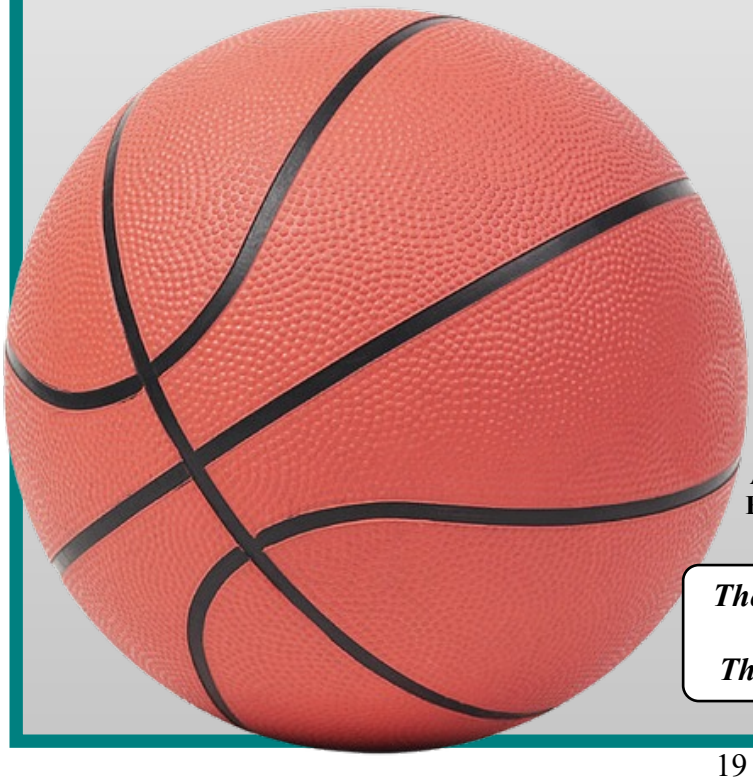
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Basketball

Commentary by LeAnn Melberg, pics by Jason Denton



Brock Denton is ACGC's leading 3 point shooter. Here he after making a shot at Eden Valley Watkins.





Alex Kokenge, taking a shot against Eden Valley Watkins. Elex is ACGC's leader in points so far this season with 229.

The ACGC Falcons have been working hard, but have been coming short on wins. Their season record is 3-9 as of Jan. 19th, 2022.

Family and Consumer Science

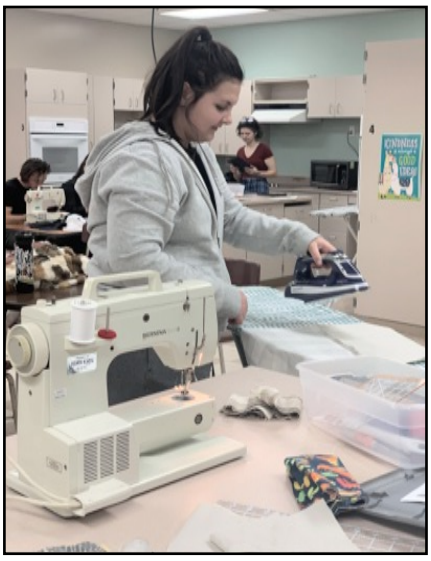
Pics and commentary by LeAnn Melberg

The Bernina Sewing machines that were purchased in the 1980's by the Cosmos school were repaired and are being used by ACGC students in a sewing class taught by Mrs. Ammermann.

ACGC added FACS (Family and Consumer Science) classes back into the curriculum in the fall of 2020. FACS is what most of us know as Home Economics. ACGC students are enjoying these classes and the classes have been filling up fast.



Tristan Roufs, ACGC Senior, left, is seen here at the sewing machine. He said, "It's pretty fun." Evelyn Waters, 10th grade, said "It's lots of fun. I like learning new things. "I like the environment," said Emily Newman, 11th grade.



Abby Kragenbring, 11th grade

DANCE



Pics and commentary by LeAnn Melberg

The ACGC Dance Team is having a great year! Not only did they win their home meet against 6 teams they have 3 dancers that were named to the 2022 All-State Dance Team. Congratulations girls!



"Hoppin' down the bunny trail."

-The-

Easter Bunny

is stopping at the

Cosmos Community Center

April 10th

2:00-4:00 PM

Lots of Beverages & Goodies

-Kids activities provided by-

The Cosmos Comets 4H Club



Stop on by!

-Sponsored by the Cosmos Community Club-

April Daily Lunch Specials

F 1 Fish dinner

M 4 Ham & cheese sandwich w/soup
T 5 Meatloaf dinner
W 6 Beef stew w/cornbread
T 7 Broasted chicken dinner
F 8 Shrimp w/fries

M 11 Grilled cheese w/chili
T 12 Country fried steak dinner
W 13 Tater tot hotdish
T 14 Broasted chicken dinner
F 15 Fish dinner

M 18 Chili cheese dogs w/fries
T 19 Tacos w/tots
W 20 Roast beef dinner or commercial
T 21 Broasted chicken dinner
F 22 Beef stroganoff

M 25 Liver and onions dinner
T 26 Chicken spaghetti
W 27 Salisbury steak dinner
T 28 Broasted chicken dinner
F 29 Lasagna w/garlic toast

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Where's the Gazette?



While 'vacationing' at a fancy spa in Pelican Rapids, Mn., **Sharon Kolle** is enjoying the latest issue of the Gazette. The **Vergas, Mn.,** *(Home of he infamous "Vergas Burger")* resident said she is enjoying her time there as she awaits a new knee. She tells me that the 'resort' staff are great and there is plenty to do. It sounds like a way fancier place than I'm used to. We'll have to get her a KewPie so she can show it off to her fellow resort goers.



Gazette reader **David Peterson** made sure he brought his Gazette with him to **Punta Gorda, Belize**. To figure out where the heck Belize even was, I had to run off the map. Regardless, another KewPie is awarded to a roving reader.

That a way, off the page!

Win a KewPie! Show us where you are reading the Gazette & Email pics to:
wordnut66@outlook.com

Chef it up!

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

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



Ukranian Borscht

By Mark Minnick

I've heard of this funny sounding dish many times, but have never investigated just what the heck it is. With all of the hardships that the Ukranian people have had to endure of late, I decided to take a closer look at this East European 'comfort food'. (I wish there was a way I could *actually* comfort them. My thoughts are sure with them.)

Here's a quick definition of the dish from wikipedia.org;

Borscht is a sour soup common in Eastern Europe and Northern Asia. In English, the word "borscht" is most often associated with the soup's variant of Ukrainian origin, made with red beet roots as one of the main ingredients, which give the dish its distinctive red color.

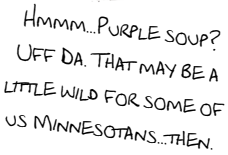
I would classify this dish as one of those 'poor people' foods that start out as meals intended to fill the belly with what you have on hand. In other words, cheap. I scrounged through a bunch of recipes online and found one thing in common-beets. Duh. Other than that, the ingredient list really varies by regional custom and family taste. Me thinks that it's no different than all of the variations of chicken soup or chili that we have here in the US. Then there's pizza…

Anyway, I wanted a simple recipe for this dish; quick, fresh and tasty. After reading numerous recipes, I picked out the ingredients I wanted to use and made my version. Good stuff, Maynard.

Ukrainian Borscht

- **½ lb *beef or pork, diced**
- **salt & pepper, to season the meat**
- **3-4 Tbsp olive oil**
- **2 garlic cloves, diced**
- **1 beet, diced**
- **1 carrot, diced**
- **1 potato, diced**
- **1 ½ cups cabbage, chopped**
- **1 onion, diced**
- **1 celery rib, diced**
- **4-5 cups water**
- **4 tsp chicken bouillon**
- **1 tomato sauce, 8 oz. can**
- **1-2 Tbsp white vinegar (to taste)**
- **½ tsp black pepper**
- **1 tsp salt free seasoning**
- **sour cream, for garnish**





Season diced meat with salt and pepper and allow to sit at least 10 minutes. In your favorite soup pot, brown meat in 2-3 Tbsp of olive oil over medium heat, removing to separate bowl when done. Adding an additional Tbsp of olive oil to the pan, saute a Tbsp or so of onion with the garlic. Cook till garlic just starts to brown, being careful not to burn it. Add water and bring to a simmer. Add bouillon, tomato sauce, white vinegar, meat, beet, carrot & potato. Simmer for 5 minutes. Add cabbage, onion, celery, black pepper and salt free seasoning. Simmer till the root veggies are cooked and the cabbage is done to your desired tenderness. Total cooking time, 20-30 minutes. Ladle into bowl and top with a dollop of sour cream. Makes 4 servings.

**If using a tough (cheap) cut of meat, after browning, simmer it in just the bouillon for as long as it takes to get tender. Braising it in the oven would be an option too. Then add the rest of the ingredients. (I personally hate overcooked and mushy veggies, that's why I don't like to overcook my soups for hours and hours.)*

**The sour cream really helps make this soup-I wouldn't leave it out.*

**I'm thinking lemon juice would be an interesting sub for the vinegar. Don't be afraid to add more of either, as this is supposed to be a tart or sour soup.*

TIDBITS



Greetings! Change…it's part of life. Just as weather changes, so does our life's "path". Dad sold the cows in fall of 1974. I was 16 and excited for the next chapter. No more chipping silage in subzero weather. Dad's knees had been bad for a couple years prior to selling the cows and milking became a major responsibility. At the time it was just doing the chores. Getting up before school in minus degree weather was just part of "the path".

The farm economy was good in the late 70's. I was farming with Dad, playing music, and going to college. I met a beautiful girl (Patty) from Fort Wayne Indiana in the Augsburg College Choir. Life was good. I told her about my plans to farm and she said it sounded fun. Good response from a city girl. We started to get "more serious" during spring semester 1978.

I went back to LL each weekend to help put in the crop and we decided Memorial Day weekend would be a good weekend to introduce Patty to the prairie, the farm, family, and friends. We had a great time in spite of a steady rain.

Saturday night I received "the call". The fishing gang decided to leave Sunday for the Churchill River in Canada, a week earlier than planned because of the rain. What??? Tried to explain I have my girlfriend home for the first time, and I was taking her back Monday. Let's just go Tuesday. Nope, we are leaving Sunday if you want to come along.

"Honey, there's been a change." Would you mind riding back to the cities with my sister on Monday? Yes, it means you would be spending a day with my family by yourself on your first visit to meet the family. I am so sorry. What? You're cool with that? Awesome!

Halfway to the Churchill River reality hit. What did I do? I left my girlfriend with my family to go on a Canada fishing trip. What an idiot. I guess the statistic is correct that a young male's brain is not fully developed until after age 25. Well, if she still likes me when I get back we may have a future.

That was 44 years ago. Yes, the fishing was spectacular, and we will celebrate 43 years this year. Win Win! There is a country song in there somewhere. Have a great February!

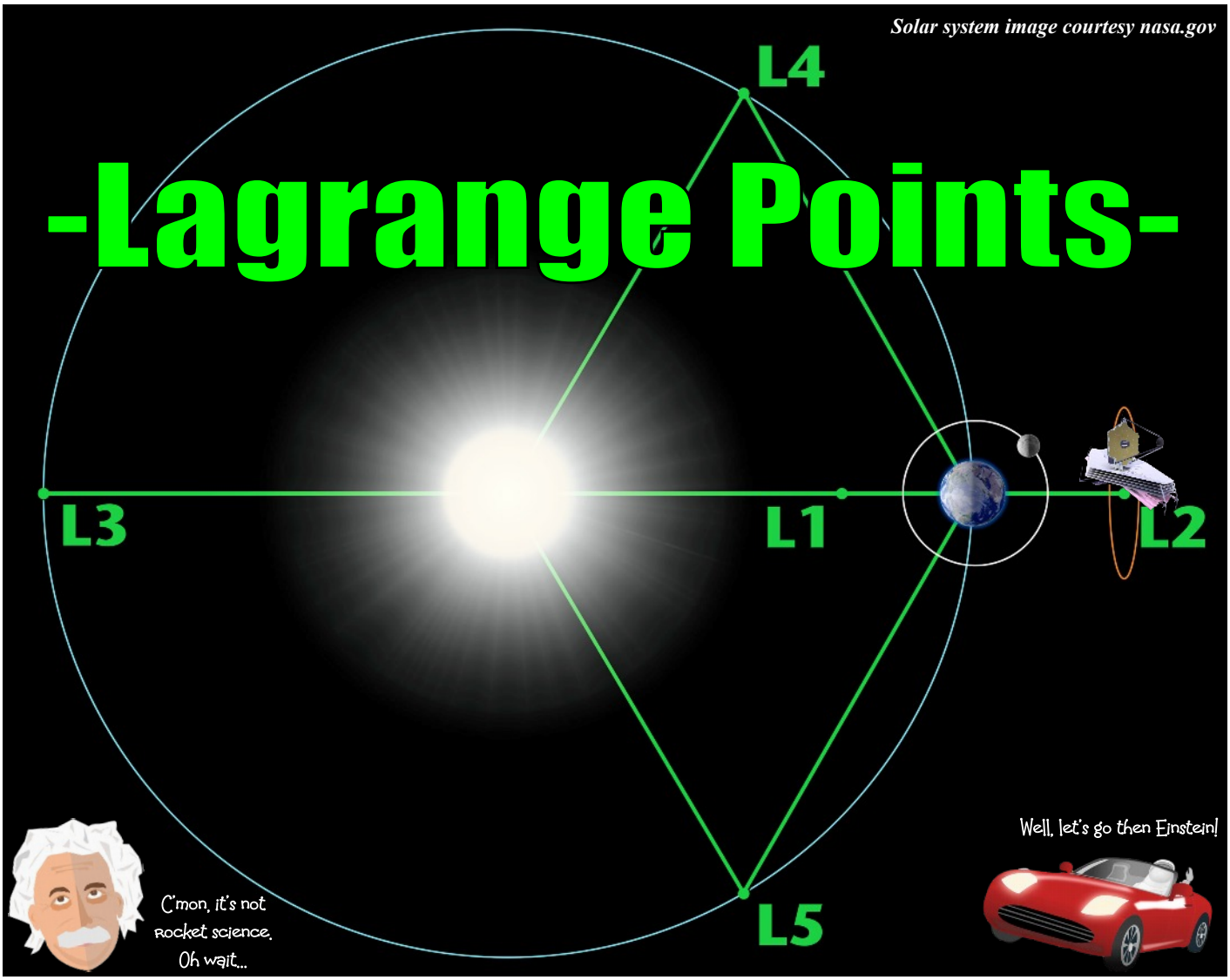


Science, Tech and Just Plain Cool Stuff

By Mark Minnick

In an earlier issue, I mentioned that I wanted to try and explain **"Lagrange Points"** to the readers. Lagrange Point L2 is where the James Webb Space Telescope is now 'parked'. Shielded permanently from the sun in the shadow of the earth, it's able to properly view deep space, unencumbered by sunlight and radiation. The NASA explanation below better explains to you what the heck all of the Lagrange points are.

Note; The article was written in 2018. referring to the L2 point as the "Future home of the JWST." The info is still accurate and relevant "Rocket Science" though. BTW, if I'm missing something or have gotten this wrong, please feel free to correct me. Email info to ***wordnut66@outlook.com***



Lagrange Points are positions in space where the gravitational forces of a two body system like the Sun and the Earth produce enhanced regions of attraction and repulsion. These can be used by spacecraft to reduce fuel consumption needed to remain in position.

Lagrange points are named in honor of Italian-French mathematician Josephy-Louis Lagrange.

There are five special points where a small mass can orbit in a constant pattern with two larger masses. The Lagrange Points are positions where the gravitational pull of two large masses precisely equals the centripetal force required for a small object to move with them. This mathematical problem, known as the "General Three-Body Problem" was considered by Lagrange in his prize winning paper (Essai sur le Problème des Trois Corps, 1772).

Of the five Lagrange points, three are unstable and two are stable. The unstable Lagrange points - labeled L1, L2 and L3 - lie along the line connecting the two large masses. The stable Lagrange points - labeled L4 and L5 - form the apex of two equilateral triangles that have the large masses at their vertices. L4 leads the orbit of earth and L5 follows.

The L1 point of the Earth-Sun system affords an uninterrupted view of the sun and is currently home to the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory Satellite SOHO.

The L2 point of the Earth-Sun system was the home to the WMAP spacecraft, current home of Planck, and future home of the James Webb Space Telescope. L2 is ideal for astronomy because a spacecraft is close enough to readily communicate with Earth, can keep Sun, Earth and Moon behind the spacecraft for solar power and (with appropriate shielding) provides a clear view of deep space for our telescopes. The L1 and L2 points are unstable on a time scale of approximately 23 days, which requires satellites orbiting these positions to undergo regular course and attitude corrections.

Courtesy nasa.gov

TIDBITS



Greetings! Its April fools day! Have you ever been part of an April fool's Day prank, either delivering the prank or been on the receiving end? In an effort to deliver jocularity in this month's article, I researched the internet to find April Fools stories. My goal this month is to offer some fun reading to help balance the influx of negative news you receive each day on the radio, TV and newspapers, by presenting April Fools stories and you can decide if they are true or false. The answers will be at the end.

1: Don't Disturb the Squirrels In 1993 city officials in Cologne, Germany imposed a new regulation on people jogging through the city park. Runners were required to pace themselves to go no faster than six mph. Any faster, the city officials cautioned, could disturb the squirrels that were in the middle of their mating season. T or April Fools

2: Corporate Tattoos The Pepsi-Cola Company, in search of more innovative ways to reach out to young consumers, once experimented with offering teenagers an intriguing deal. The company sponsored teenagers to tattoo themselves with its corporate logo. In return for permanently branding themselves, the teenagers received a lifetime 10% discount on the company's products. Teenagers were said to have responded enthusiastically to the offer. T or April Fools

3: Crustless Bread For those who just can't stand the taste of crusts, and are too lazy to cut them off themselves, Sara Lee introduced in 2002 the ultimate in convenience: crustless bread. Available in stores everywhere! T or April Fools

4: Pet Tax The city of Philadelphia, faced with a looming budget shortfall, last year announced a new tax targeted at pet owners. The owners will be charged a base fee of $10 per pet, and then $1 extra for every additional pound the pet weighs over ten pounds. Failure to pay the tax could result in the euthanization of the pet.

5: Chicken Manure-Powered Electrical Plant In 1991 Mitsubishi Bank contacted venture capitalists about an exciting new investment opportunity: *Fibro power*, a 14-megawatt generating plant fueled entirely by chicken poop. Finally, the investment prospectus boasted, a way to put unwanted chicken manure to good use. T or April Fools

6: Prehistoric Penguin Murals In 1991 prehistoric murals were discovered on the walls of an underwater cave in eastern France revealing that penguins and man once lived side-by-side in that region. Historians, accustomed to seeing prehistoric depictions of animals such as bison and deer, were extremely surprised to find the penguins. T or April Fools

7: Alabama Changes Value of Pi In 1998 the Alabama state legislature voted to change the value of the mathematical constant pi from 3.14159 to the Biblical value of 3.0. NASA engineers in Huntsville, Alabama were reportedly disturbed by the decision. T or April Fools

8: Bank Teller Fees In 1999 a Connecticut-based bank announced that due to rising costs it would be forced to charge a $5 fee every time a customer visited a live teller. The bank promised that the fee would actually help to improve the quality of customer service. T or April Fools

9: The Tooth Telephone Engineers recently unveiled the world's first tooth telephone, perfect for those who want to talk hands-free while on the go. When implanted into a tooth, the tiny device vibrates to let the user know there's a call. Users speak normally, and the tiny microphone picks up their voice. Incoming sounds are transferred to the inner ear by means of bone resonance. T or April Fools

Answers: 1) April Fool 2) April Fool 3) True 4) April Fool 5) True 6) True 7) April Fool 8) April Fool 9) True. How did you do? Have a great April. (reprint TDBT April 2006).

Highway 4 Resurfacing Project



Press release;

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will be resurfacing Highway 4 from the north side of Cosmos to south of Co. Rd. 23 in 2022.

Construction is expected to begin mid-June 2022 and will take approximately 2 months to complete. The total length of the project is approximately 9 miles.

This project will require a detour. The detour uses Highway 7, Co. Rd. 2 and Highway 12.

It's Not Easy Being an Owl



If owls could talk, he'd probably be saying, "Wadda you lookin' at?"



Article and pics by Michelle Dahlke,1-19-22

On Monday, January 10th, I was walking outside to our shed around 8 a.m. with my black lab "Cash". He is a great squirrel and rabbit hunter and sprinted off after another chase into the woods. When he came back I was alerted by his barking that something wasn't right.



Pro squirrel & rabbit harrasser, "Cash"

My first thought was…what have you retrieved now? There under one of our trailers was a Great Horned Owl. However by the size of the animal and talons it was pretty much figured out it was injured. It's right wing was extended out so I knew it wasn't going anywhere. I put the dog away and went in the house and honestly hoped it would just go away!

I looked out the window and seen it had moved itself up onto a snow bank in the sun, as it was -13 below out that morning. My husband Dave had a dentist appointment that morning and just had gotten home, when it tried to fly from the snowbank and crashed. We gathered our information on "what we should do". Call the DNR or the Raptor Center?

Google had the number for The University of Minnesota Raptor Center in St. Paul, so what the heck I thought I'll try and call and see if I can talk to someone. Yes, they picked up right away. She instructed us that we needed to catch it. And explained how we should approach it on doing so. Get a 'blanket and a box'.

We walked at this owl with both of us holding onto the ends of the blanket. It got scared and ended up under an evergreen. Dave eventually just reached under the darned tree and grabbed it. Our 'box' was a pet porter, we brought it into our heated shed to warm and called the Raptor center back. They instructed me they would get a hold of a volunteer driver and if I could meet the him halfway.



Hubby Dave quips, "Caught plenty of 'eyes but this is my first owl."

So after about an hour of hanging out with this creature staring me down. I loaded it up and set off to meet the driver on the outside limits of Hutchinson. Everything worked out in the owl's favor, it would be on its way to the Raptor Center to be admitted.



The injured bird gets handed off to a raptor center volunteer.

I received some paperwork and I was told I'd be able to email the Raptor Center to receive any updates on the health of the owl. The driver, Mike, also mentioned if it gets back to 100% they will contact me and release it back into our area. Time will Tell…Otherwise it becomes educational. More information and donations can be found on the website: raptor.umn.edu

Here's an "Owl Update"
emailed to Michelle from the U of M;

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To You

Dear Michele,

The
adult female Great Horned Owl that you found
is
suffering from a right humeral (wing) fracture
that veterinarians surgically repaired on
1/12/2022. The bird is currently undergoing
treatment in our rehabilitation clinic.

Baby Shower



for

Abby Johnson (Dallmann)

Saturday April 9th

9-11 AM

First Lutheran Church of Cosmos

They are registered at

Target & Amazon

In lieu of a card-please help Baby Girl Johnson build her library with a book!

TIME WARP Whozit?



Imagine a time when snowmobiles were made of steel, bogie wheels were the best riding suspension and 30 horses under the hood was 'insane'. Before a time of plastic skis, cushy suspensions, 120 horse engines and handlebar heaters. A time when snowmobiles were obnoxious and highly unreliable. But tough and gritty men raced them anyway. If they won, they got a handshake, a ten dollar trophy and bragging rights.

This snowmobile racer hailed from East Lake Lillian township. He bravely campaigned a two year old '68 Polaris Mustang in the winter of 1969-70. His 'race sled' came equipped with; The venerable 372 cc, single cylinder JLO engine, Town and Country muffler, bogie wheel suspension and an 18 inch cleated track. *(What the heck is/was a Town & Country muffler, you say?- ask the editor sometime.)*

Here he is in March 1970, displaying his sled, racing bib and trophies he won over the course of the grueling race season. *(He appears to be quite handsome and none the worse for wear, by the way…as a good, successful racer should.)* Anyway, **Whozit?**

Email your answer to:

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Gotta Love March

By Mark Minnick

The Spring Equinox was on March 20th. *(Did you try to balance an egg on it's end?)* The sun was over the equator and the days and nights were of equal length. From here on out, the days slowly get longer and warmer. Summer is coming.

The picture on the left shows a balmy 71 degrees on March 21st. The frigid looking pic on the right shows snow in the air and on the ground, with a temp of 30 degrees on March 22nd. Ahhh, Minnesota. If you don't like the weather…*you know the rest.*



"Turn That Crap Down!"



Musical musings, recollections and discoveries worth writing & talking about.

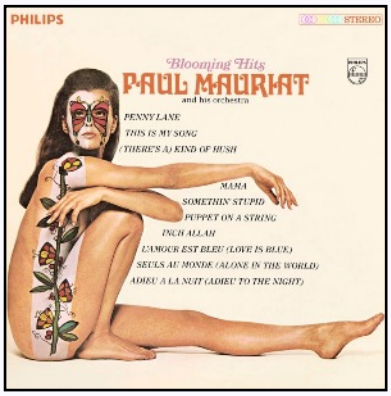
Music for Elevating and Icing a Rebuilt Leg

By Mark Minnick

In the last couple of months, *I've spent a bunch of time sitting in the recliner with my bum leg up. Sometimes, there was even an ice pack on it the size of Antarctica. Brrrr. On the bright side, it was a great time to revisit and enjoy some of my favorite easy listening tunage. Very few lyrics or vocals to think about or sing along with, mostly classic instruments and synthesized music.*

Heck, I had such a good time, I occasionally dozed off. Heh, heh. Oh well, that just means I had to listen to what I missed over again. Darn. Here's four of the albums I really enjoyed while recuperating in the chair. Maybe you want to give them a listen when you yourself are in a 'recuperating' mood. Crack a cold beverage while you're at it. If you doze off, I won't tell.

"Blooming Hits" by Paul Mauriat - 1968



I grew up listening to this album in the late 60's and early 70's. A long way off the beaten path from what kids my age were listening to at the time for sure. Hey, I was/am weird.

"Blooming Hits" was a fusion of American pop and classical instrumental music by Frenchman Paul Mauriat.

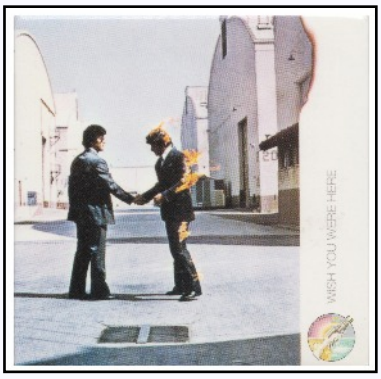
The album became popular primarily because of the number one hit song in 1968, *"L'amour est bleu"* ("Love Is Blue").

This is the only American number one single to be recorded in France, spending *five weeks* at the top of the charts in '68. I know it's not the Beatles or Led Zeppy but I still enjoy listening to this Frenchy's laid back and some say romantic music. Oui, Oui

**One more thing; When you're ten years old, this has to be the…*

Best…album…cover…ever. *(IMHO)*

"Wish You Were Here" by Pink Floyd - 1975



An iconic progressive rock album, I liked it the first time I listened and I enjoy it even more today. "Wish You Were Here" wasn't well received by the critics at the time. I didn't care and listened either by myself or with other fans of the album whenever I could.

Since '75, it finally received favorable critical acclaim, hailed by some as one of the greatest albums of all time. Whether you agree with that GOAT assessment or not, the album has sold over 20 million copies. Good stuff, me thinks.

In my twenties, "Wish You Were Here" was known as a stoner album. *(Maybe it still is?)* I always countered with the idea that this album was way too good to listen to while buzzed on anything. JMHO

To me, this is a light a cigar, open a cold craft beer and lean back to look at the stars on a nice summer evening album. Though right now for me, it's just the recliner, a Hamm's and a kitty on my lap.

"I Robot" by The Allan Parsons Project - 1977



This album turned the world on it's ear when released in '77. A prog rock masterpiece that still seems fresh, new and relevant in 2022, forty five years in the future.

Not to sound like a broken record, I liked it the first time I heard it and still enjoy it immensely every time I listen to it today.

There are ten tunes involving seven different vocalists. This makes for a unique sound on every track. A little unconventional for a specific artist, i.e.-Parsons; but in a cool way. Fear not, Parsons still has his fingerprints on every tune, making for a unique collection of progressive music tracks.

Play this album for a twenty something kid that's never heard of Alan Parsons and tell them it's a 'new' album release. After they give it a listen, inform them that this 'new stuff' is forty five years old. Hopefully, the grin on their face gets as big as yours.

"Where's the Drop?" by Deadmau5 - 2019



Deadmau5 ***(pronounced 'dead-mouse')*** is actually Joel Zimmerman for those not in the know. This Canadian electronic music producer, DJ and musician is known for his progressive house music and wearing a large mouse head mask at his concerts. *(Goofy kids…)*

I've enjoyed many of his tunes over the years, even though I am over sixty years old. *(Goofy geezers…)*

This album takes a different path into the classical music realm, away from Zimmerman's normal body of work. "Where's the Drop?" comprises re-imagined orchestral arrangements of his previous work, in collaboration with Gregory Reveret.



I really enjoy the orchestral vibe of this album. Simply laid back and dare I say 'contemplative'. Good stuff, Maynard.

CITY OF COSMOS
Board of Appeal and Equalization Hearing

Important information regarding Assessment and classification of property this may affect your 2023 Property tax payments.

Notice is hereby given, that the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Cosmos in Meeker County, Minnesota, shall meet on the Friday the 8th day of April 2022 from 9:00 am – 2:00 p.m., at the Meeker County Assessor's office at 325 N Sibley Ave, Litchfield, MN. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessment and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

John Douville
Clerk, City of Cosmos
March 23, 2022

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
January 6, 2022

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor Emily Van Hatten at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 6, 2022.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Emily Van Hatten, Katie Hansen and Angelica Hopp.
COUNCIL ASENT: Jody Fruetel and Tom McCarthy
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville, Dave Medina and Sarah Miller
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Hansen, seconded by Hopp to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Hansen, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. December 9, 2021 City Council Minutes
b. Overtime Balances
c. Meeker County Sheriff – Dec 2021 Report
d. Res 2022_01 Bank Signature Cards

January 6, 2022 Bills List - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Hansen, to approve the January 6, 2022 bills list with check numbers from #15254-15338 for $379,354.89. Motion carried**.**
Resolution 2022_02 Fees, Charges, Committees – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Hansen, to approve Res 2022_02 Fees, Charges and Committees. Motion carried**.**
Public Utilities – Dave Medina, Public Works Supervisor, reviewed wastewater lift station and the temporary work needed to be done for it to continue to operate. The water plant media replacement is working well with arsenic levels coming in at 5 and 7 respectively well under the federal limit of 10.
Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Thursday, February 10, 2022. 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 Hopp, seconded by Hansen, to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried.
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John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
February 10, 2022

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2022.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Katie Hansen, Angelica Hopp and Jody Fruetel.
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville, Deputy Sheriff Sarah Miller and David Medina
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Hansen, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Hansen, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. January 6, 2022 City Council Minutes
b. Meeker County Sheriff – Jan 2022 Report
c. Advertise for 2022 Seasonal Help – Parks/Public Works

VISITORS PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDANCE

February 10, 2022 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to approve the February 10, 2022 bills list with check numbers from 15339-15406 for $106,757.87. Motion carried**.**

Finish Lawn Mower – City staff requested the purchase of 90" finish lawn mower attachment for the Tool Cat. The mower would be used in addition to the 72" riding mower.

A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to approve the purchase of the 90" finish lawn mower for $6,384.20 which will be purchased from our credit balance at Farm-Rite, Willmar. Ayes: Fruetel, Hansen, McCarthy. Nayes: Van Hatten, Hopp. Motion carried**.**

Resolution 2022_03 Administrative Salary and HSA Contributions – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to approve Res 2022_03 Administrative Salary and HSA Contributions providing a monthly salary of $1,630 and monthly HSA contributions of $401. Motion carried**.**

Annual Fire/Ambulance Township Meeting – The annual fire/township meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at the Cosmos City Center with a light meal to follow.

City Council Date Changes - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to approve 5:00 p.m. March 8 and 5:00 p.m. April 7, 2022 City Council meeting dates. Motion carried**.**

Department Heads – Public Works Supervisor David Medina reported the upcoming wastewater conference is March 1st – 3rd in St. Cloud.
The latest arsenic level taken on January 24, 2022 registered 3.75, well under the limit of 10.

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The agenda will be posted in the city office window, post office and bank vestibule by Tuesday afternoon. Any change in meeting dates or times will be displayed on the digital sign.
Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried.

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John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
March 8, 2022

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

a. February 10, 2022 City Council Minutes
b. Meeker County Sheriff – February 2022 Report

March 8, 2022 Bills List - A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to approve the March 8, 2022 bills list with check numbers from 15407-15441 for $46,567.17. Motion carried**.**

Mosquito Spraying – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to approve a three year contract with Clark Mosquito Management for mosquito control. Motion carried**.**

City Office Personnel – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to approve the pay increase of $2.00/hr. and position title of Deputy City Clerk to Sarah Miller. Motion carried**.**

Ambulance Recruitment Bonus – general discussion by city council regarding possible recruitment incentives for new EMT trainees to help rebuild the volunteer ambulance staffing. No action was taken.

Fire Department Member – Fire Chief Fruetel recommended Cole Lux to become a new member of the Cosmos Fire Department. A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to approve Cole Lux as a new member of the Cosmos Fire Department. Motion carried**.**

Department Heads – Public Works Supervisor David Medina reported the north civil defense siren is not working due to last fall's construction. Contractors will work on fixing it this spring. Hydrant flushing will begin this spring with a reminder not to wash clothes during this time.

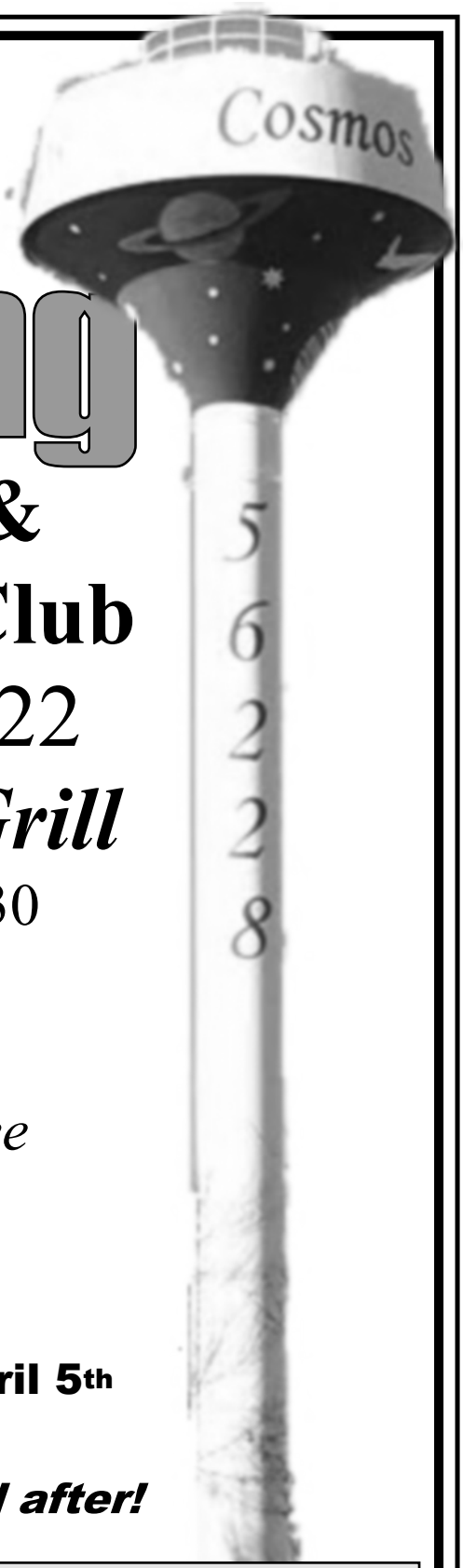
Ballpark Concession Stand – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to approve Joyce Kerrigan to operate the ballpark concessions stand at $16/hr. and authorize one additional hire for tournament days. Ayes: Hopp, Van Hatten, Hansen, McCarthy Nayes: Fruetel Motion carried**.**

Meeker Business – Mayor McCarthy reported the Meeker Business group will be in Cosmos on Tuesday March 15th to meet and visit businesses in the community. Lunch will be held at Mug Shots.
SpaceFest - Councilmember Van Hatten discussed early planning for Spacefest with emphasis on activities for the 8-14 age group.

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Thursday April 7, 2022. 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 Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

Annual Meeting



Cosmos Industries & Cosmos Community Club

Tuesday, April 12th 2022

At Mug Shots Bar & Grill

Social Hour at 6:00 Meal at 6:30

-If you are interested in joining-

Cosmos Industries

$50.00 *one time membership fee*

Cosmos Community Club

$15.00 *per person, per year*

**Non-Members may buy a meal if they wish*

***Please RSVP to Mug Shots by April 5th**

320-877-7525

Reservations WILL NOT be accepted after!

-Evening speaker will be-

Mike Kutzke

-In Memoriam-



Colleen Sarrazin

February 18, 1951-February 27, 2022 (Age 71)

Colleen Sarrazin, Age 71 of Wilmington, Illinois and formerly of Hastings and Hector, Minnesota, died Sunday, February 27, 2022 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, Illinois.

Born February 18, 1951 in New Ulm, Minnesota, Colleen Elizabeth was a daughter of Harland Hans and Betty (Johnson) Walter. She was raised in Lafayette, Minnesota; educated in the New Ulm schools, and graduated from New Ulm High School with the Class of 1969. Following high school, Colleen went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from the University of Minnesota. One of her first positions as Editor of the Cosmos Sun in Cosmos, Minnesota, led to her meeting Hubertus Sarrazin, whom she went on to marry on April 26, 1975. Together Colleen and Hubertus established roots in Hector and Hastings, Minnesota before relocating to Wilmington, Illinois in 2019 to be close to family.

Throughout the years, after working in journalism out of college and freelance writing, Colleen ran a catering business and most recently was employed as a Medical Clerk with the Veterans Administration in Minneapolis, from where she retired.

Colleen from an early age was active in her church, even assisting as a church organist. During her years in Hector, Colleen belonged to 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church, and once moved to Hastings joined the congregation of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. She sang in the church choir and also was part of a hand bell choir. Colleen volunteered at Hastings Family Service and was proud to have founded the Red Hat Society in Hastings.

One who had a love of cooking, Colleen also loved to play cards and at one time was part of two Bridge Clubs. She had the exceptional ability to connect with people, and engaging in social groups brought her joy. Her annual formal Christmas parties, which gathered dozens of family and friends into her home singing and celebrating the holiday were a highlight to many. Colleen participated in Community Theater and will be remembered for having the loudest laugh in the room. A loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, the legacy of Colleen Sarrazin will live on in the hearts of all of those who knew and loved her.

Survivors include her husband, Hubertus; son, Alexus (Krystyna) Sarrazin of Plainfield, Illinois; daughter, Alicia (Jeffrey) Lenart of Wilmington, Illinois; grandchildren: Claire Lenart, Ava Lenart, Henrik Sarrazin, Zaneta Sarrazin and Olivia Sarrazin; one sister, Nola (Layton) Walter of Hudson, Wisconsin, and her mother-in-law, Ada Dahl of Wheaton, Minnesota.

Colleen was preceded in death by her parents.

Green flameless cremation rites have been accorded, and the family is planning a celebration of life for a later date.

Family and friends are encouraged to sign the guest book, upload photographs and share Colleen's memorial page online through social media.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Colleen's memory to Hastings Family Service, 301 2nd St E, Hastings, MN 55033, which she supported for many years as a volunteer.

Green flameless cremation arrangements and services have been made under the direction and care of Baskerville Funeral Home in Wilmington, Illinois (815-476-2181) / www.BaskervilleFuneral.com

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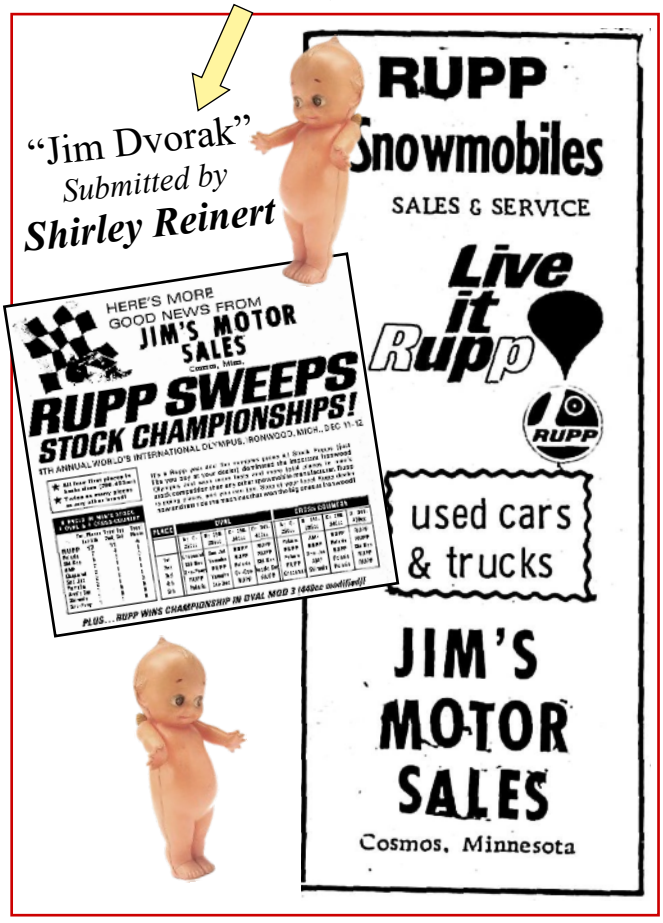
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Please remember the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces and our veterans, both alive and deceased. America owes them an immense debt of gratitude along with an every day simple "Thank you".



Wow! We only had one person answer this month's Whozit? correctly. I thought more of the locals would surely remember "Jimmy Rupp" i.e.- Jim Dvorak and the hot rod Rupp snowmobiles he sold to the locals. *(Son "Chucky Rupp" must not have caught this Whozit? column in the January issue...sigh...)* Anyway, here's our one KewPie winner;





Happy Easter



The next meeting is:
April 11, 7 PM
-At Mug Shots-

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