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The Vernal Equinox with Two Suns?
How Does That Work?
Happy Spring Anyway!

Weather: Far out, man. Again. "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"

COVID 19 Vaccinations Begin in Minnesota

By Mark Minnick

The COVID-19 vaccines are here in Minnesota and being distributed in earnest across the state. I have included guidelines directly from the **State of Minnesota COVID-19 Response** website. I hope this helps our readers who are in need of this information. For those with access to the Internet, here's the address;

mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/connector/index.jsp

For those who don't have Internet access or want to help someone else, here's an excerpt from the website's ***Frequently Asked Questions*** section that will help;

Q; Can I sign up a family member for the Vaccine Connector if they don't have email or Internet access?

*A; Yes. You can help a family member sign up online, or you can call the Community Vaccination Program Hotline at **833-431-2053**. The person being signed up will need to be present if you choose to sign up by phone.*

So there you go, get that shot and let's get ahead of this virus. It's time.

Vaccine Connector

Minnesota COVID-19 Response

mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/connector/index.jsp

The Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector is a tool that helps Minnesotans find out when, where, and how to get a COVID-19 vaccine. After you fill out a simple form, the Vaccine Connector will:

- alert you when you are eligible to receive a vaccine;
- connect you to resources to schedule a vaccine appointment; and
- notify you if there are vaccine opportunities in your area.

Who should sign up for the Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector?

Sign up for Vaccine Connector:

- This tool is for all Minnesotans who have not yet been vaccinated!

Whether you are eligible for a vaccine now or later – the Vaccine Connector will notify you when you it's your turn for a shot.

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You don't need to sign up if:

- You have already received your COVID-19 vaccine.
- You previously registered for our COVID-19 Vaccine Pilot Program or the COVID-19 Community Vaccination Program. You're already on the Vaccine Connector list, and there is no need to re-submit your information.
- You completed the Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Education and Child Care survey. You're already on the Vaccine Connector list, and there is no need to re-submit your information.
- You completed the Health Care Connection Form, you do not need to re-submit your information. The Minnesota Department of Health will work with health systems and local public health agencies to notify you about when and where you can get vaccinated.

Who can get vaccinated now?

In Minnesota, you are eligible now to get vaccinated if you are a:



- Minnesotan age 65 or older
- Health care worker
- Long-term care resident or staff member
- Pre-kindergarten through Adult Basic and Community Education school staff member, or contracted school staff member
- Child care staff member at a licensed and certified child care center or program

Demand for vaccine far exceeds supply, and we encourage Minnesotans to remain patient as more vaccine arrives in the weeks and months ahead. Minnesota is continuing to distribute vaccines using a phased approach to immunize for impact by focusing on populations with heightened risk of getting COVID-19, as well as those at significant risk of severe illness and complications if they become infected.

What happens after I sign up?

The Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector will get you information about when, where, and how you can get the vaccine.

It's important to note that if you are eligible to get vaccinated right now, you do not have to wait for information from the Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector before you get your shot. If your health care provider or employer contacts you about making an appointment, or if you have another opportunity to get vaccinated, you can and should do that.

If you are currently eligible:

Minnesotans who are currently eligible can expect to receive information from the Vaccine Connector soon. How you get your vaccine will vary by group:

- Adults 65+ will immediately be entered into the random selection process for the state's Community Vaccination Program sites operating in Minneapolis, Duluth, and Rochester. If you are selected to receive your vaccine at one of these sites, you will be notified by text, email, or landline by the company that runs those sites, Vault Health. The state is also continuing to partner with hundreds of local medical providers and pharmacies to provide shots to Minnesotans aged 65 and older. Adults 65 and older can use the Vaccine Locator map to find nearby vaccine distribution sites and make an appointment to receive a vaccine through the providers listed there. If you are over age 65, you can also contact your regular provider directly.
- Educators, school staff, and child care workers will continue to hear from your local public health agency, employer, state-sponsored community vaccination site, or state vaccination partner about when and where you can get vaccinated.
- Health care workers will be notified by their local public health agency, employer, state-sponsored community vaccination site, or vaccination partner about when and where they can get vaccinated.
- Long-term care residents will hear from your facility about when and where you can get vaccinated.

If you are not currently eligible:

The Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector will send you updates about your COVID-19 vaccine eligibility as vaccine supply increases in the weeks and months ahead.



CHEF IT UP!

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



Irish Potato Cakes

By Grace Kamrath

Greetings. Since it is March 17 is a special day for the Irish, I thought I'd use an Irish recipe. I am not sure if it is really Irish but that was the name on the recipe.

Not sure how many of you have been to Ireland but, Duane , our son Drew and I spent the better part of a week there and and if you asked me to go again, I wouldn't take but 15 minutes to pack my bag and be ready to go. Our son, Drew was part Irish so it seemed like a good trip for all of us.

My favorite part of the trip was going to the different pubs in the evening and listening to the ballads played by people from the community that came together to play music and sing. The food and scenery and of course kissing the Blarney Stone made the trip one terrific joy..



IRISH POTATO CAKES

4 medium potatoes boiled*
2 T. milk
4 T. butter or margarine, divided
1 t. salt
1/4 t. minced onion
1/2 t. Tabasco
Flour

Mash potatoes; add milk, 2 T. butter, salt, onion, Tabasco; blend well. Shape into six patties. Dust sides of each patty with flour. Melt remaining 2 T. butter in skillet. Fry potato cakes in skillet until browned on both sides. Serve immediately. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

**3 cups leftover mashed potatoes may be substituted; omit milk, 2 T. butter and salt used to mash potatoes in above directions.*

TIDBITS



Greetings!

Hopefully you made it through our recent sub-zero cold snap ok! Definitely feel for those in the southern states. It will be interesting to see how Texas addresses their electric infrastructure. The ensuing damage of bursting frozen water pipes in residential and commercial buildings is going to be significant... Especially as the price of building materials has skyrocketed in the last 12 months.

On the bright side, the forecast shows much warmer weather on the way. Yeah!! Covid vaccinations are moving forward. Yeah!! Hopefully by the beginning of summer the majority of the US population will have had the opportunity to receive their shots. I read an article this morning the world has its eyes on Israel as they are the world leader in getting their nation's population inoculated and moving toward "opening up".

Last week a rep for an auto glass company stopped by the office. She covers a big portion of MN. I asked her what the mood was of the people she meets on a daily basis. She replied "concerned but hopeful". She went on to say she thought doing "one" act of kindness each day would make a difference. (I got goosebumps). I grinned and pointed to the word "ONE" in large caps hung on the wall by my desk. Remember, One bite at a time.... Have a great March!





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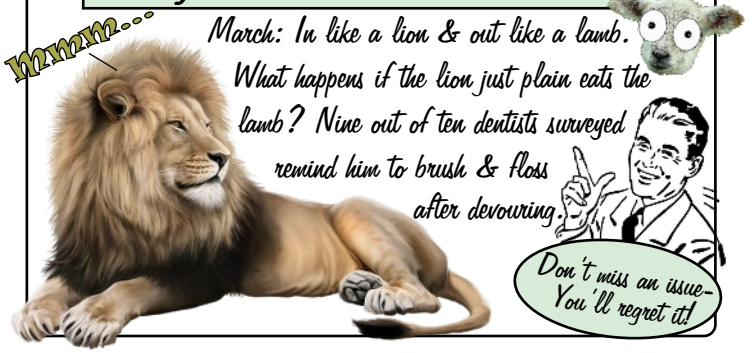

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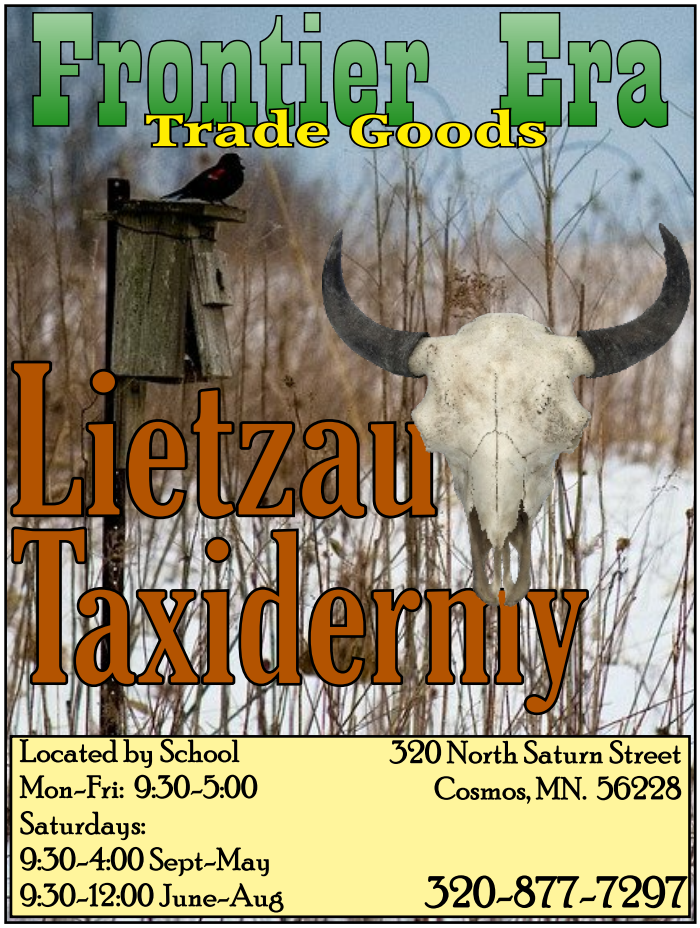

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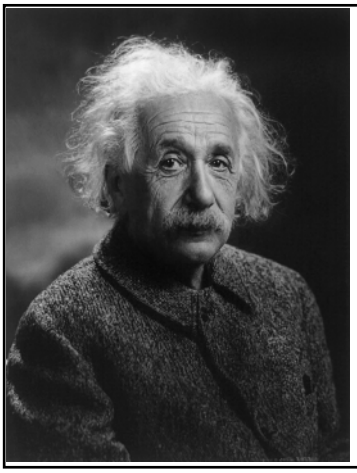
Rodney Dangerfield



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CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
February 11, 2021

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday February 11, 2021.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Angelica Hopp, Emily Van Hatten and Jody Fruetel.
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville, Sarah Miller and David Medina
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp to adopt the Agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Fruetel, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. January 14, 2021 City Council Minutes
b. Overtime Balances
c. Meeker County Sheriff – Jan 2021 Report
d. Annual/Fire Township Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Tues. Feb 23, 2021

Engineers Report – Josh Halvorson, Bolton-Menk was present to review the 2021 street and utility projects. Discussed the upcoming schedule for the City to stay on track for a 2021 road construction project. The assessment policy should be reviewed and adopted at the March meeting.
February 11, 2021 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to appoint Katie Hanson to fill the 2 year term of form Councilmember Tom McCarthy. Motion carried**.**
Appoint City Councilmember - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to move the April Council meeting to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Motion carried**.**
April Council Meeting - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to move the April Council meeting to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Motion carried**.**
March Council Meeting - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to move the March Council meeting to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2021. Motion carried**.**

Public Hearing – MN DEED Application - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to recess the city council meeting and open the public hearing at 5:30 p.m. to review the MN DEED grant application. Motion carried**.**

There were no written or oral comments received by the city office and there was no one present at the public hearing regarding the DEED (MN Dept. of Employment and Economic Development) application.

The City of Cosmos qualified for the $600,000 grant for the upcoming water, sewer and road projects within the city. The city qualified because the residents were able to fill out the salary survey in the community within the allotted time and the community fell within the income guidelines for the grant.
Close Public Hearing –- A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to close the public hearing at 5:35 p.m. and reconvene the city council meeting. Motion carried**.**
Resolution 21_05 Support of A Small Cities Development Grant –- A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Van Hatten, to approve Resolution 21_05 Apply for the MN DEED Grant of $600,000. Motion carried**.**

Public Works – David Medina, Public Works Supervisor, reviewed the water testing results and reported that all testing limits were met. The daily flushing of the water plant will eventually be resumed back to two days a week during the winter and three days a week during the summer.
Mr. Medina reported on a semi-trailer being parked on the city streets. **A motion by Hopp**, seconded by Emily to give seven day written notice and if not removed, the city will remove the trailer. Motion carried.
Allina Health 24/7 Dual Ambulance Coverage –- A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hopp, to amend the Allana Health Emergency contract to cover to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If Cosmos ambulance is not available for a call, Allina Health with provide the service. Motion carried**.**
Ambulance Pay – Ambulance Captain Van Hatten discussed potentially increasing ambulance hourly pay, on call pay and recruitment incentives to help keep the ambulance service staffed both for the immediate time period and the future. More discussion will be held at the annual township/Fire meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 18, 2021. The agenda will be posted in the city office window, post office and bank vestibule by Tuesday afternoon. Any change in meeting dates or times will be displayed on the digital sign.
Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

_____- DRAFT-_____
John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk



Important Dates & Info

By Mark Minnick

Cosmos' big construction project having to do with upgrading the city street, sewer and water systems is fast approaching. Here is a timeline and list of the subjects that the council will be discussing and making decisions on this spring.

Every citizen and taxpayer in the city will be affected by this large undertaking. So, it may be in these citizen's best interest to talk with their council members, either privately or at a regular council meeting. It makes a lot more sense that wondering, "What the heck is that big backhoe doing digging a hole in my alley?" The time to start the work will be here before we know it. See you at a meeting.

Here's the meeting schedule decided upon by the city and principle project engineer, Josh Halvorson;

- **3-18-21:** Council - Assessment Policy Adoption.
  Call for Improvement Hearing.
- **4-13-21:** Council - Conduct Improvement Hearing and Resolution Calling Assessment Hearing.
  Hold Open House Following Council Meeting.
  Preliminary Assessments Calculated.
- **5-13-21:** Council – Resolution declaring costs to be Assessed and Adopting Assessments.
  Resolution Approve Plans & Specs and Authorize Bidding.
- **6-10-21:** Council – Address Assessment Appeals.
  Resolution Accepting Bids & Award Contract.

AN IRISH BLESSING

May there always be work for
Your hand to do.
May your purse always hold a
Coin or two.
May the sun always shine on
Your windowpane.
May a rainbow be certain
To follow each rain..
May the hand of a friend
Always be near you..
May God fill your heart with
Gladness to cheer you.



Submitted by Grace Kamrath

American Legion 50 Year Member



Pic courtesy Curt Meyer

Long time local **Kenny Schmeling**, right, received a **50 Year Legion Membership Award** presented by Cosmos Post 126 Commander, Mark Adams, left.



WOIDS OF WISDOM from



~Breakfast Menu Discussion~

"I'll take some burnt toast 'n' a rotten egg." *Curly Howard*
"Burnt toast 'n' a rotten egg?" *Larry Fine*
"Yeah, I got a tape worm, 'n' that's good enough fer him!" *Curly*

March Daily Lunch Specials

M	1	Beef stew w/cornbread
T	2	Liver & onion dinner
W	3	Broasted chicken dinner
T	4	Tuna casserole dinner
F	5	3 pc. Fish dinner
M	8	BBQ chicken dinner
T	9	Sausage & kraut dinner
W	10	Meatloaf dinner or commercial
T	11	Chicken spaghetti
F	12	Fish sandwich w/JoJo's
M	15	Pulled pork sandwich w/cup soup
T	16	Salisbury steak dinner
W	17	Chicken broccoli casserole
T	18	Broasted chicken dinner
F	19	3 pc. Chicken dinner
M	22	Sauerkraut hotdish w/toast
T	23	Baked chicken dinner
W	24	Beef stroganoff w/toast
T	25	Taco salad - beef or chicken
F	26	Fish sandwich w/JoJo's
M	29	Lasagna w/garlic toast
T	30	Broasted chicken dinner
W	31	Hamburger hotdish w/toast



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UCAP Launches New Homelessness Crisis Line

Willmar, MN. FEB 2021
UCAP announces its new 24/7 crisis line for people experiencing homelessness.

Homelessness is not as visible in rural areas as it is in larger cities. Typically, the homeless population in our area consists of local people who are struggling. Most go to extraordinary lengths to hide the fact that they are homeless from friends or coworkers.

Real-life examples of homelessness UCAP has observed include: people "couch hopping" (moving from place to place nightly, sometimes experiencing exploitation), living in a vehicle, sleeping in storage units, locking themselves in their place of work, warming up in 24-hour businesses, or multiple families living in one single-family apartment. With COVID-19, the issue is compounded via job loss and a shortage of affordable housing options.

To better respond to the need in our communities, UCAP is launching a homelessness crisis line throughout our service area. The crisis line will operate outside of regular business hours and will be solely dedicated to helping people find emergency shelter.

"We are excited to be able to offer this as a resource throughout our service area," said Angela Larson, Family Services Director at UCAP. "We want to be as accessible as possible and don't want people to have to wait until the next business day before they can get help."

Anyone in need of shelter should first call their local UCAP office during regular hours. Outside of business hours, those in need should call the crisis line. Those in Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, Renville, and Redwood Counties should dial 320-587-5244, extension 12. Staff may not answer immediately if they are assisting others, so a message may be left, and calls will be returned as soon as possible. Screening questions will be asked to determine eligibility and coordinate appropriate shelter and other services as needed.

United Community Action Partnership brings together area resources to effectively and efficiently address the growing needs of our local communities in southwest Minnesota. UCAP has a rich history of helping people, changing lives, and working to eliminate poverty in the lives of people in Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Redwood and Renville counties. More information about UCAP and its programs may be found by visiting UnitedCapMN.org or by calling 507-537-1416.

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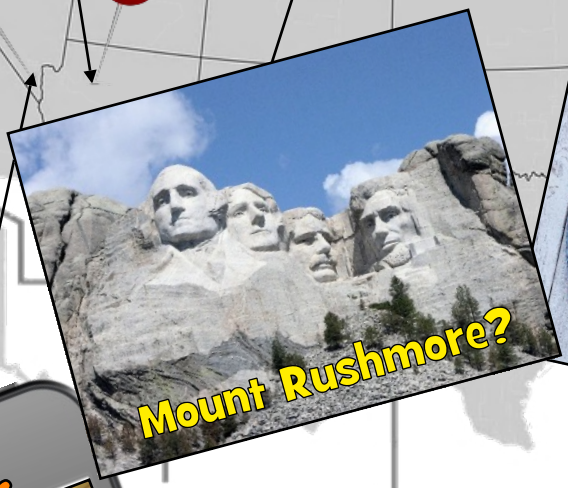

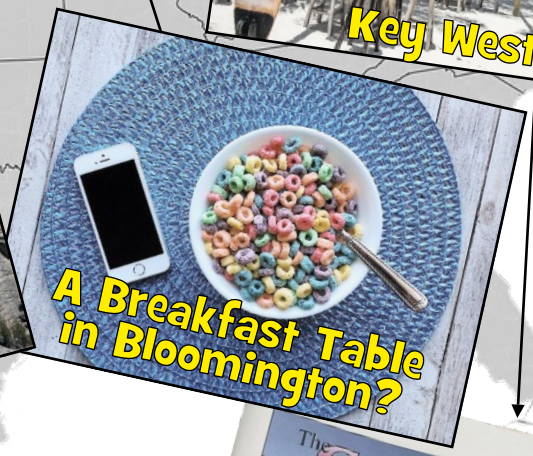





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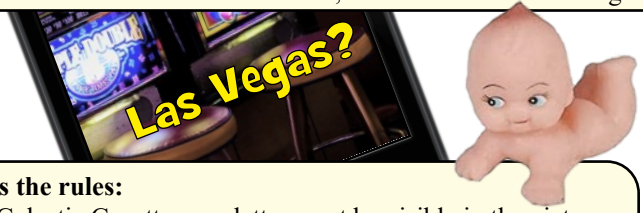

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Our local correspondent, who wishes to remain anonymous, and the Old Hen are seen here on a tropical island. They spent the afternoon laying in a hammock, while enjoying the warm breezes and the Galactic Gazette.





Vintage Comics...& Then Some

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I wasn't able to dig up much about these two cartoons, "**Nobody Loves a Fatman**" or "**Napoleon and Uncle Elby**" but they ran for quite few years. Looking through both of their files, there was some nice humorous stuff that I plan on using in later issues. I hope you like 'em.

NOBODY LOVES A FAT MAN

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Sunday Cartoon, 1909



NAPOLEON AND UNCLE ELBY

Daily Cartoon, 1932

By Clifford McBride



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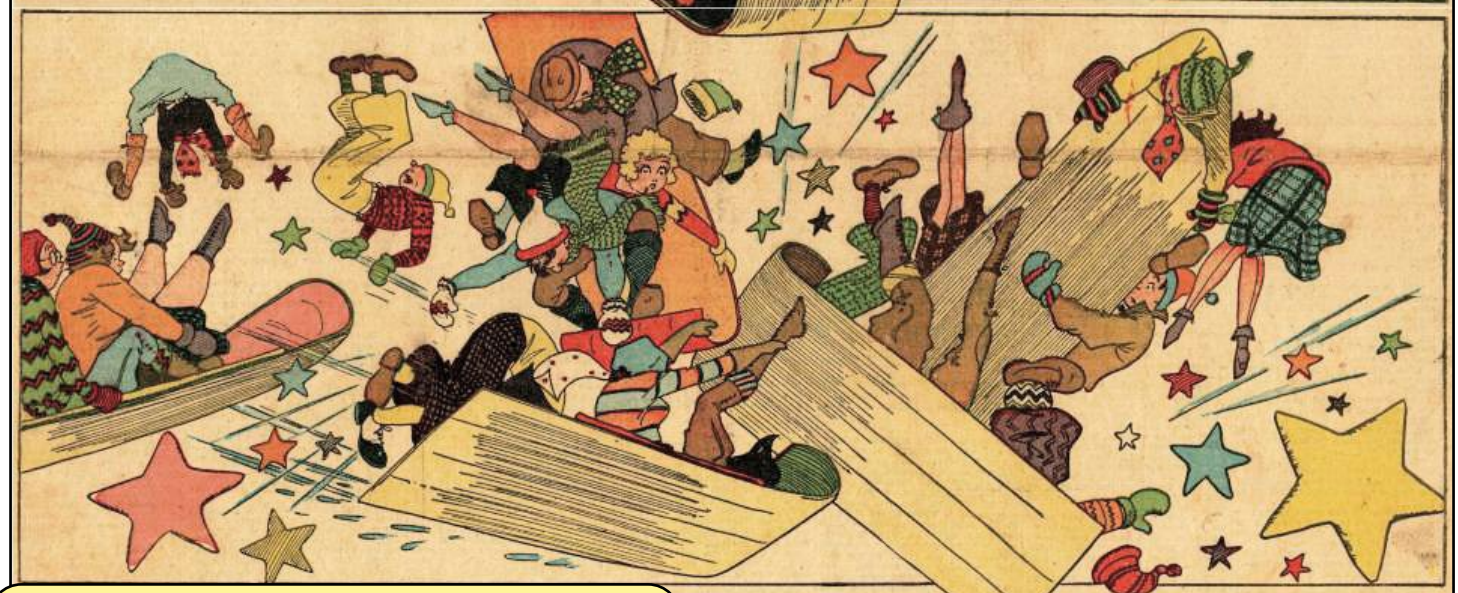
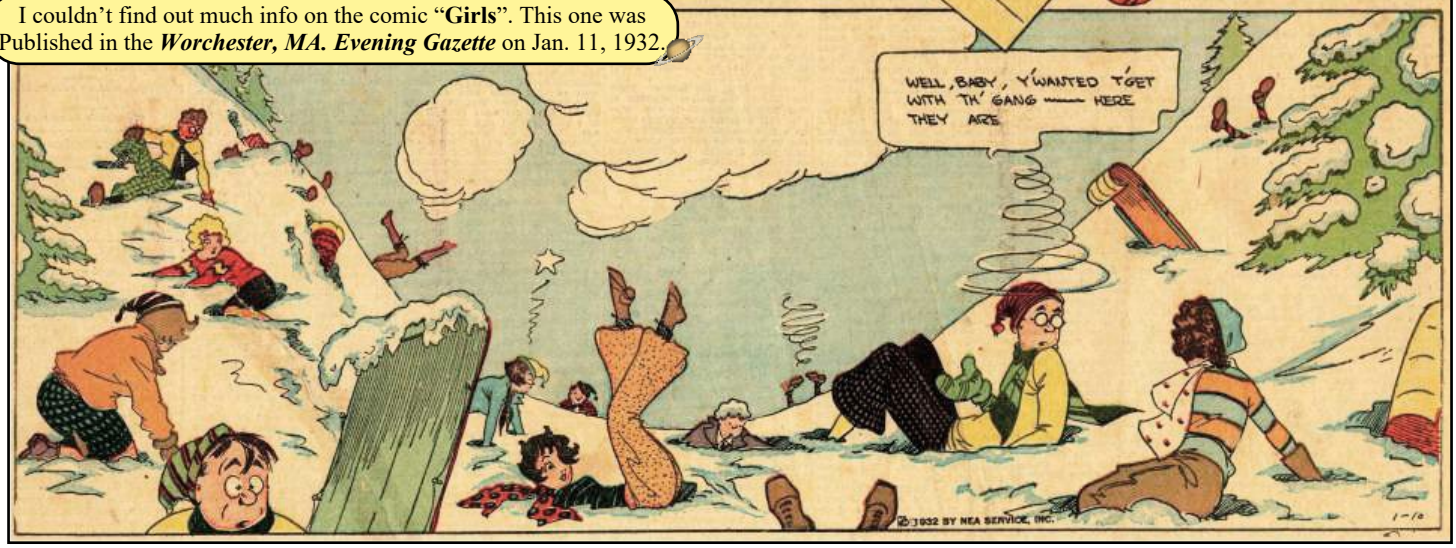


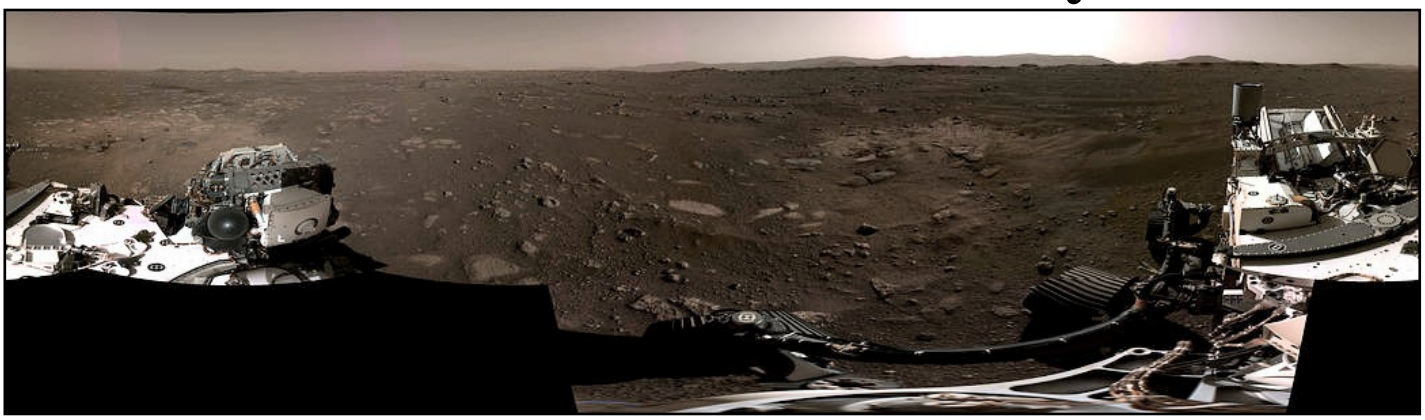
I couldn't find out much info on the comic "**Girls**". This one was Published in the ***Worchester, MA. Evening Gazette*** on Jan. 11, 1932.




SCIENCE, TECH AND JUST PLAIN COOL STUFF
MARS LANDING:
Seven Minutes of Terror!?
Naaa...Piece of Cake!

NASA artist's rendering of spacecraft entering Martian atmosphere. *Courtesy nasa.gov*

Perseverance Lands Successfully on Mars



Panorama, taken on Feb. 20, 2021, by the Navigation Cameras, or Navcams, aboard NASA's Perseverance Mars rover. *courtesy nasa.gov*

By Mark Minnick

As the newest Mars rover Perseverance sat down on the Martian surface, I took a sip of coffee and exchanged "Thumbs up" emoji texts in approval with my son Tyler, friend Todd and a rocket scientist (retired) presiding in California. More on that later. Besides the "Thumbs up" we all also whooped and hollered, belying our conservative Minnesota heritage. Uff da…then.

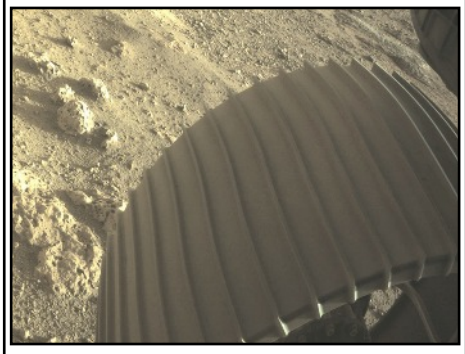
By analyzing surface images taken with it's camera eyes, and following the instructions encoded into it's computer memory, Perseverance made the proper adjustments to the rockets as it descended. A type of "Artificial intelligence" if you will. It landed right where it was supposed to, in an area roughly the same size as the city limits of Litchfield or Hutchinson. *(See map in the Feb. '21 issue)* Amazing.

NASA had come through again, with another successful Mars landing of a highly sophisticated 'robot'. This cool little six wheeled vehicle, about the size of a mini-van, is ready to do a little 'toolin around' on Mars now. Vrooom, vrooom.

Exploring the area around Jesero crater, it will perform experiments, take soil boring samples and shoot both pictures and videos, all in high-definition.

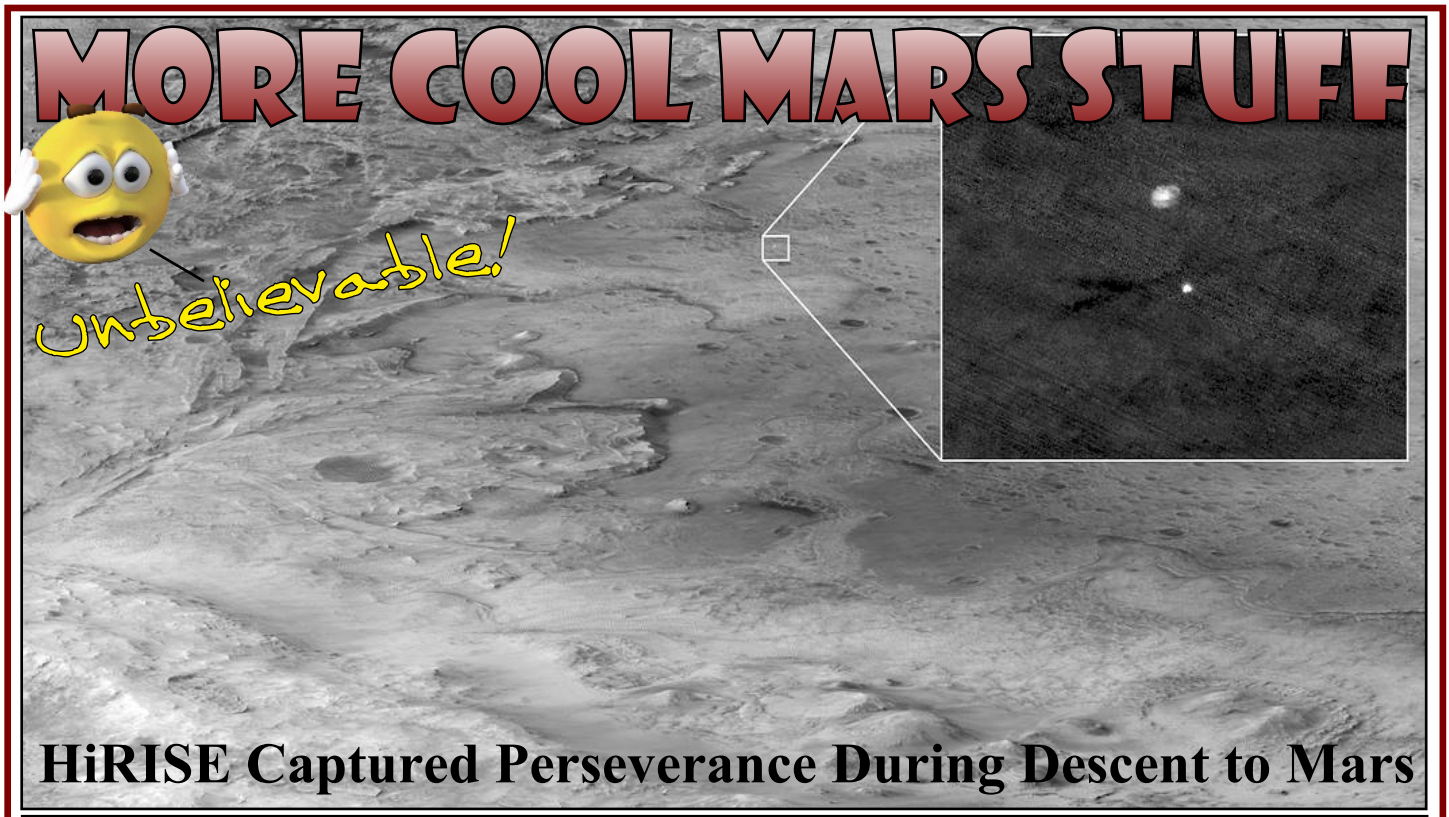
I believe that the the best is yet to come as Perseverance is slowly readied to go exploring the Martian surface. All of the past Mars rovers' images have been stunning in their own rights, and I don't know why this one would be any different. **So, hang on - *It should be a fun ride.***

Perseverance's Big Wheel



This high-resolution image shows one of the six wheels aboard NASA's Perseverance Mars rover, which landed on Feb. 18, 2021. The image was taken by one of Perseverance's color Hazard Cameras (Hazcams). *Courtesy nasa.gov*

MORE COOL MARS STUFF



HiRISE Captured Perseverance During Descent to Mars

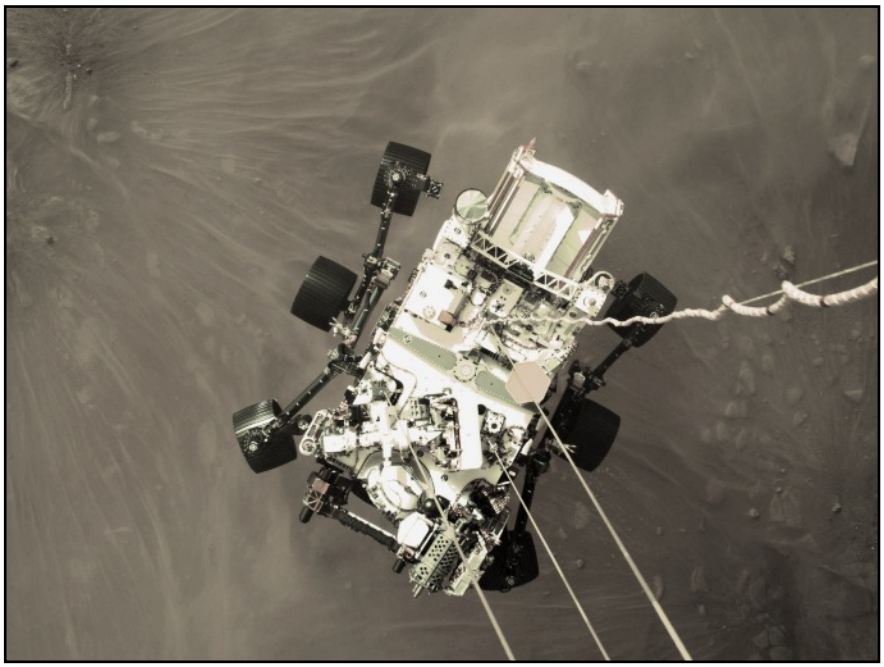
The descent stage holding NASA's Perseverance rover can be seen falling through the Martian atmosphere, its parachute trailing behind, in this image taken on Feb. 18, 2021, by the High Resolution Imaging Experiment (HiRISE) camera aboard the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter. The ancient river delta, which is the target of the Perseverance mission, can be seen entering Jezero Crater from the left.

HiRISE was approximately 435 miles from Perseverance and traveling at about 6750 miles per hour at the time the image was taken. The extreme distance and high speeds of the two spacecraft were challenging conditions that required precise timing and for Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter to both pitch upward and roll hard to the left so that Perseverance was viewable by HiRISE at just the right moment.

The orbiter's mission is led by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California. JPL, a division of Caltech, manages the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter for NASA's Science Mission Directorate in Washington. Lockheed Martin Space in Denver, built the spacecraft. The University of Arizona provided and operates HiRISE.

Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/University of Arizona

NASA's Perseverance Rover Sends Sneak Peek of Mars Landing



This high-resolution still image is part of a video taken by several cameras as NASA's Perseverance rover touched down on Mars on Feb. 18, 2021. A camera aboard the descent stage captured this shot. *Credits: NASA/JPL-Caltech*

Think!

By Mark Minnick

On this page and the one previous, I have included a few of the early images that Perseverance has sent back to Earth. I was stunned and elated at the same time looking at these historic images. So cool. New ones are being released everyday and I will be including the most interesting of those in future Gazettes. I hope the reader takes the time to really look close and actually think about where these images are coming from. Think about the human ingenuity and technology involved - Really think about it. Unbelievable, I say. ***What say you?***

The ACGC
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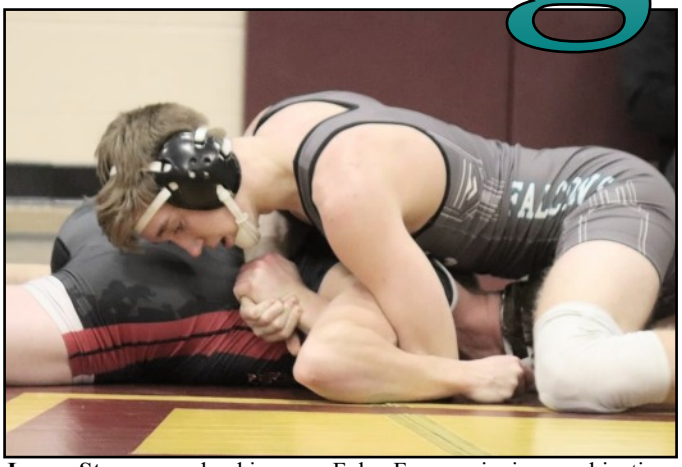
Wrestling



Mason Studemann attempting to finish a single leg takedown.



Logan Straumann hooking up a Foley Farmer pinning combination.



Jaxon Behm working out to the side looking for a barb wire pinning combination.

Commentary by
Mike Amsden
ACGC Public Schools
6th Grade Teacher
Head Wrestling Coach
Pics by LeAnn Melberg

The season is going about as well as expected. We are currently 8-0 and ranked 2nd in class A as a team. The team is working hard and shedding some of the rust off as we get deeper into the season.

Some of the challenges: Not having the kids in school has been difficult. The younger kids not having rides to practice and just not having the constant daily interactions with the athletes has affected several aspects of our team.

From Jan. 29, 2021

ACGC Falcon Flyover

1st Place Winners!



L to R-Back:
Coach Kristi Lilleberg-Barber, Coach Sloan Saba, Captain Jillien Lilleberg, Captain Mikiya Kemerling, Coach Tori Hayunga, Coach Nicole Ammerman
Middle: **Gabi Shea, Choreographer Lily Hansen, Jayden Olson, Hannah Lilleberg, Macy Elton, Abby Thomas, Choreographer Ally Giese**
Front: **Kendell Berger, Brinley Grimsgard, Hailey Burroughs, Ciana Molinaro, Haley Johnson, Jada Rosenquist**

Photo and commentary by
Kristi Lilleberg-Barber
ACGC Head Dance Coach
Dated Thursday, February 4th 2021

Congratulations to the ACGC Falcon Dance Team for taking first in High Kick three times this week! Saturday at RCW, Monday at home, and last night in Elk River. Their strengths on the score sheets are in the difficulty categories of choreography and kicks. Way to go Falcons!

Dance

2021 All-State Dancer Jillien Lilleberg

CONGRATULATIONS to Jillien Lilleberg, a junior on the ACGC Falcon Dance Team, who has been selected as a member of the 2021 MADT All-State Dance Team! She was nominated by her coaches and selected by the MN Association of Dance Teams to represent the top dancers in single A KICK.

Dated Feb. 23, 2021

Image and commentary courtesy;
Kristi Lilleberg-Barber
ACGC Head Dance Coach

Go Falcons!



Winter Sports?

ACGC Falcon Flyover

By LeAnn Melberg

What a different time we are living in! There are always 2 ways to look at things-negatively or positively. When it comes to sports we have both. It's been great watching Pro Sports on TV and even college ball, but when it comes to High Schools sports, it's just not the same.

Granted at the high school level, schools can't afford a professional camera crew and announcers. We are so happy to have staff and volunteers that know how to run video equipment and that can get it streamed into all our homes. If you find yourself dizzy from watching games at away schools, the camera is being run by a computer, so need to yell at the camera guy. I find watching wrestling is the easiest because it's just a small area that needs to be videoed, so it's zoomed in and you can see faces. If you have a tv that you are able to get live streaming, watching basketball and dance are ok, just hard to see faces, especially under masks.

Our Falcons are playing again though and that's what kids need. They are once again learning teamwork, collaborating to solve problems, being creative, cooperating, building communication skills, finding their strengths and weaknesses and building relationships that can last a lifetime. There are lots of great reasons to be on a team! Being physically active is by far the most important reason. Why not be active and have fun at the same time. Wearing a mask is a struggle while exercising, but our Falcons are doing it.

ACGC Winter Sports has only been competing for a couple weeks. Our wrestling team is ranked #1! Our basketball teams and dance team are enthusiastic and ready to make their own mark, after losing so many seniors from last year. Even though the general public is not allowing fans , fans can still stream games from the comfort of their own homes. To watch just go to http://www.acgcfalcons.org/live/.
Go Falcons!

From Jan. 26, 2021







Jonathan Wipfli
Image courtesy MNDNR



This last month has been too cold for this old, fat, crippled editor to be outside and find a story. *(I have seen Stumpy scampering around though.)* So, I am reprinting an article from the Jan-Feb 2021 Minnesota Conservation Volunteer magazine. It has to do with the care and cooking of wild game. Hopefully it inspires some of the readers to make use of that venison roast they were gifted last fall.



The Minnesota Conservation Volunteer Q&A

Chef and author Jonathan Wipfli helps hunters and anglers step up their fish and game cooking skills.

Article reprinted from the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer

-Game On-

Jonathan Wipfli is a hunter, angler, and chef. After he uses his field skills to harvest wild game and fish, he employs his culinary talents to transform it into delicious meals. In his books Venison and Fish (Voyageur Press), Wipfli offers full guides to preserving and preparing dishes, taking wild-harvested protein all the way from field to table with mouth-watering results. Recipes range from easy, such as wood-fired muskie nuggets drizzled with a shallot herb sauce, to more involved, such a venison shoulder steak confit with caramelized cabbage, meat sauce, and champagne vinaigrette.

Wipfli, a Wisconsin native, trained in New York City at the French Culinary Institute and worked in a string of buzzy New York restaurants before returning to the Midwest and writing his cookbooks. While more titles are a future possibility, his author career is taking a back seat to Animales Barbeque, the popular food truck he operates at Able Seedhouse and Brewery in northeast Minneapolis. We caught him by phone as he looked forward to a fall filled with deer, grouse, woodcock, and turkey hunts.

Q | You write in Venison that you grew up in a hunting family, but you didn't really start taking hunting seriously until you were in your mid-20s. What made you get into it at that point?

I've always had a passion for doing things outdoors. I was always around hunting and taking part in it, but I didn't fully embrace it as a child and through my high school years. But moving back to the Midwest it was like, what do you do to get outdoors? And hunting was right there. There was a year where I went out turkey hunting with my buddy for the first time, and after that I just dove in and haven't looked back since. I really enjoy the field-to-plate aspect of harvesting your own meat.

Q | Were you already applying some of your culinary school techniques to the game you were harvesting at that time?

We were doing it right away. I remember one of the first really interesting ones we did. My buddy Ben and I were out turkey hunting, and he shot a bearded hen. And she had an egg in her. So we cooked it, and his dad just thought it was the craziest thing. It kind of started there, and since then I've been taking traditional techniques from basically French cuisine, or some people call it new American cuisine too, and applying them to wild game. And also thinking about how wild game differs from livestock animals and treating them slightly differently with flavors and techniques. So it started small and then evolved animal by animal as I got more into hunting.

Q | What are some of those ways in which wild game differs from livestock animals?

The biggest thing is fat content. If you compare a moose to cattle, there's infinitely more fat in cattle. Same thing with turkey or deer when compared to similar animals from farms. Since they're more lean, you have to be more careful when you're cooking them not to dry them out and to cook things to proper temperature. The other big thing is they have—some people love it, some people hate it—a gamier flavor. And you can do things to balance those flavors out during the cooking process.

Q | In Fish you stress the importance of properly cleaning and storing fish. Why is that a big deal?

Fish flesh is just way more susceptible to breaking down quickly. And that's why eating fresh fish is such a sought-after thing. Just keeping fish properly iced or frozen is such a big thing. Fish can turn from fantastic to soft and smelly in a matter of days. So processing it efficiently and effectively and then storing it properly will keep your fish so much cleaner tasting.

Q | A lot of Minnesota anglers seem to be locked into a mindset in which walleye is really the only fish to catch and eat. Is that too reductive a view? What are we missing out on if we just chow down on walleye?

Well, walleye is good, and I can kind of understand that. But man, crappies and bluegills, those things are unbelievable. And northern pike, as far as flavor goes, is right on top of the charts. I'd put a northern pike against a walleye any day. They might be a little more difficult to process and take care of because of their size or their bone structure. But once I learned how to fillet a northern, I think it's easier than filleting any other fish. There are so many options out there for anglers. If you just stick to walleye, you're missing out on some good bites.



Tales from the COSMIC Tavern & Lounge

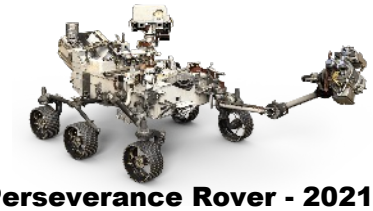
First Images: *Mars, Moon, Mars. Next, the Home.*



Mariner 4 - 1965



Lunar Lander "Eagle"- 1969



Perseverance Rover - 2021

By Mark Minnick

After reveling in the landing of Perseverance, I waited dutifully for the first images to be sent back to NASA's technicians here on Earth. As the first few images were released later in the day, my initial reaction to the first one, *below right*, was, ***"Awww, you're kidding me. After all this time and money, that's it?"*** But, my thoughts were based in humor, and I was smiling. I knew these first images were produced with the lower definition navigation cameras, with their transparent lens protectors still installed. So it's gonna look…kinda crappy. I was fully aware that many more images would be forthcoming once the lander got settled in and readied by the NASA techs to perform its duties.

I chuckled to myself again as I remembered how I felt as a seven year old watching the TV news on the ol' black & white in the summer of '65. They advertised that they were going to show us the first pictures from Mars, sent back from Mariner 4 as it flew by the planet. I sat and waited for pictures of continents, seas and those ever present canals. Maybe an alien city or two? Ooooh man, what will we see? Lordy, I was excited. *(I had just watched the "War of the Worlds" movie on TV earlier in the year. It was scary but so cool. And yes, I knew it was fiction.)*

When I saw that first Mars image, *below left*, my excitement ebbed away pretty quickly. I thought again, ***"Awww, you're kidding me. After all this time and money, that's it?"*** I was learning at this tender age that things aren't always as you want them to be. But, as more images came in from Mariner 4, we learned more about this 'wet' planet full of life. It looked more like the desolate surface of the moon, mountains, craters and all. No aliens, no cities, no canals, much less water. Man, what a letdown. Bummer.

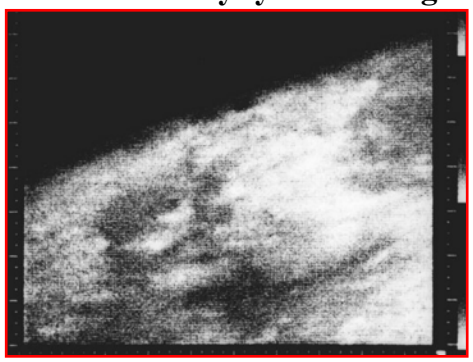
A few years later in the summer of '69, I was in a similar situation watching the first moon landing. Again, in front of the 17 inch black & white, I excitedly watched as Armstrong came down the ladder, at least it kinda looked like that was happening. Or was it? It was hard to decipher anything as the TV picture was, "Crappy" to say the least and that's being nice. It was kind of a moving whitish blob on the TV screen - hmmm. I thought again, ***"Awww, you're kidding me. After all this time and money, that's it?"*** But we trusted Walter Cronkite and Wally Schirra to tell us that it really was a man stepping onto the surface. The image, *below center*, has been cleaned up with our modern computer technology to look better and it surely does. It was way worse on TV. Way worse.

I'll probably be in the Finishing Home when real people step foot on the Martian surface. Me-wearing Depends, waiting for Wednesday night Bingo and watching *Walker-Texas Ranger*. I'm guessin' the *Seether* video ain't happenin'. Just sayin'

Hopefully they have a big screen TV so my feeble eyes will be able to watch. My guess is that NASA will send a robotic "News Crew" to land first and be there to document and televise the first human step on Mars. By then, we should be good at minimizing any image quality concerns.

But, stuff still happens, like dirt on lenses, camera breakdowns and dust storms. Maybe even a failing robot? If it turns out to be another fuzzy or 'meh' event, I will surely spout out, ***"Awww, you're kidding me. After all this time and money, that's it?"*** Yup…per, you becha. ***"Now get me a banana! And a Hamm's."***

Mariner 4 Flyby First Image



The first flyby image of Mars on July 15, 1965
Image credit; nasa.gov

Man on the Moon First Image



First image of Neil Armstrong stepping onto the lunar surface, July 21, 1969
Image credit; nasa.gov

Perseverance First Image



First image from Perseverance Rover following its successful landing on the Red Planet on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021. *Credits: NASA/JPL*

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TIME WARP

"It's Spring in 1970. The days are getting longer, snow tires become mud tires, snow turns to sleet, then rain. Other than those minor annoyances, Spring is really nice, right Eunice?"



TRAFFIC BUG YOU? Then consider how terrified this little calf must have been amid the traffic of highway 7 last Monday shortly after it escaped from the wrecked trailer. --Cosmos News staff photo.



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It was round-up time on highway 7

THORPE--An impromptu cattle round-up was staged on and along state highway 7, one mile west of the Thorpe Road shortly after noon on Monday.

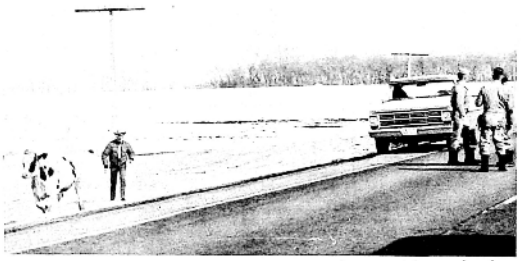
Five springing heifers and one calf, desperately scared, but with only slight cuts and bruises, scattered up and down the highway and into the fields after being released from the wrecked trailer in which they were trapped.

They were taken to nearby farms until a Cosmos Transfer truck picked them up and held them until a truck from Watertown, S. D., called for them.

A South Dakota farmer was hauling the animals west on highway 7 in a large horse trailer when the vehicle lost one of its wheels.

The trailer swayed madly from side to side, then finally overturned in the opposite lane. Fortunately, no other vehicles were nearby at the time. There were no injuries to any person, nor to the pickup which was pulling the trailer.

When released from the trailer, the cattle also showed only minor injury.



ROUND-UP TIME was last Monday on highway 7 as the owner tried to round up the cattle from his wrecked trailer. --Cosmos News staff photo.



WRECKED HORSE TRAILER lies on its side on the highway. --Cosmos News staff photo.

Stay Free

Too many of our citizens demand the right to determine what is moral and what is not. They end up determining that nothing is immoral--everything goes. They feel no obligation toward others who maintain traditional moral standards. They feel no responsibility for the young who are not prepared for exposure to the kind of immorality that they desire to preach and practice. This is not freedom; this is irresponsibility.

YFC Sponsors' Banquet to hear Dave Boyer

THE FIFTH annual West Central Minnesota Youth for Christ Sponsor's banquet will be held Friday, April 3, 6:45 p.m., at the Willmar Senior High School Auditorium.

Featured guest will be Dave Boyer, Nationally known gospel singer and speaker, who tells his amazing story of deliverance from bondage by drugs and alcohol to freedom in Jesus Christ.

The Banquet will also feature the Contemporaries, as well as a report of the work of Youth for Christ over the past year and a look to the future.

Persons interested in attending may contact the Youth for Christ office 235-0119 for tickets, or by writing to Box 625, Willmar.

Meeker gets $12,276 for county park

GOV. HAROLD LEVANDER today announced that the State of Minnesota has reimbursed Meeker County in the amount of $12,276.10 for funds spent for Spring Lake County Park.

The funds are available under the U.S. Department of Interior's Land and Water Conservation (LAWCON) program. Governor LeVander is Chief Administrator of the LAWCON program in Minnesota.

In a letter to Meeker County Auditor Miss Merium Vincent, the Governor said, "As Chief Administrator for the LAWCON fund program, it always gives me great personal satisfaction to forward the reimbursement monies to the local units of government. Your local people should also take a measure of personal pride in themselves as natural resource planners for future generations.

"I also want to take this opportunity to thank Sen. Stanley Holmquist and Rep. Adolph Kvam for their assistance in securing the funds to promote this natural resource project."

Saturday was night of awards for local FFA'ers



SWEETHEART of the FFA, Barb Peterson, was presented with this Sweetheart Jacket, a bouquet of roses, and escorted to the head table. --Cosmos News staff photo.

COSMOS--Five members of the Cosmos Chapter of the Future Farmers of America received awards at the annual FFA Parent-Son Banquet on Saturday night at the Cosmos school.

Terry Anderson was awarded the Green Giant Award, and Mark Steuber was named Star Green Hand. Three other boys won two awards each: Mike Eggert, Star Dairy Farmer and Star Farm Mechanics Farmer; Dale Nelson, Star Crop Farmer and Star Livestock Farmer; and Joe Folsom, Star Chapter Farmer and DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award.

The announcement of the chapter sweetheart for 1970 was made with Barbara Peterson being presented the sweetheart jacket and a bouquet of roses.

Roy Frederiksen was named Honorary Chapter Farmer and presented an award.

The evening's program was under the direction of Master of Ceremonies Joe Folsom. Introduction of guests was by Randy Arndt; a welcome by Jack Johnson.

Opening ceremonies by FFA officers included the following: President Joe Folsom, Vice President Mike Eggert, Secretary Blake Johnson, Treasurer Orville Johnson, Reporter Darrel Kaping, and Sentinel Doug Mashs.

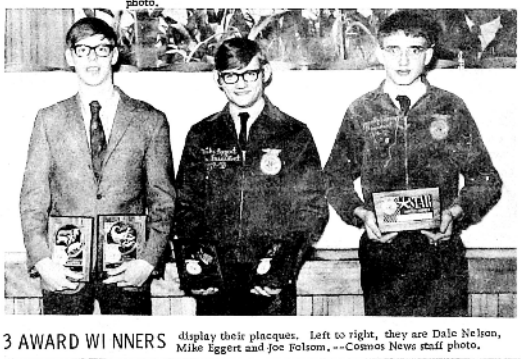
Joe Folsom presented the chapter sweetheart award to Barbara Peterson, after which FFA President Val Anderson spoke briefly.

Invocation was by Pastor Ave-Lallemant of St. John's Lutheran Church, Cedar Mills, after which the FHA served the banquet.

FFA members Darrel Kaping, Mike Eggert and Blake Johnson presented a skit. This was followed by musical numbers by the girls' triple trio: Karen Pearson, Val Anderson, Barbara Peterson, Deb Judd, Vicki Thomas, Carla Ryti, Cindy Thomas, Jan Grussendorf and Dona Farmer.

The Year's FFA activities were summarized by Darrel Kaping, Orville Johnson, Lyle Gilberts, Keith Adams and Joe Folsom. FFA officers then presented the Honorary Chapter Farmer Award to Roy Frederiksen.

FFA Adviser Wayne Albrecht presented the awards, after which the FFA officers gave the closing ceremony.



3 AWARD WINNERS display their plaques. Left to right, they are Dale Nelson, Mike Eggert and Joe Folsom. --Cosmos News staff photo.

First aid courses are now being offered

COSMOS- Lloyd Hoff, Cosmos fire chief urges all firemen to attend the first aid courses being taught by Wm Nelson of Litchfield Tuesday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the upstairs Legion clubrooms.

All ambulance drivers are required to take this course.

4 locals chosen for petit jury duty

COSMOS – Four persons from this area have been selected for Petit jury duty with the April term of district court.

The jurors are ordered to report for duty the first day of the term, at the courthouse in Litchfield, on April 13.

According to Hardy Silverberg, clerk of District Court, the four selected from this area are: Dean Bemis, Cedar Mills township; Marvin Degner, village of Cosmos; Eilert Flemming, village of Cosmos; and Mrs. Otto Willner, Danielson township.

The other 36 prospective jurors selected include: Phillip Anderson, city of Litchfield; Mrs. Donald Amleend, Dassel township; Mrs. M.A. Bellman, village of Dassel; William Carlson, Kingston township; Paul S. Christie, village of Eden Valley; Mrs. Orville Dollenschell, Forest City township.

Harry Erickson, Kingston township; Mrs. Willard Erickson, city of Litchfield; Elmer Eurerle, Forest City Township; Bernard Flowers, Litchfield township; Mrs. Edward Haag, Manannah township; Mrs. Edwin Hanson, city of Litchfield; Mrs. Huge Heimdahl, city of Litchfield; Elsie Hellwig, city of Litchfield.

Esther Johnson, village of Grove City; Mrs. Tom Katlack, Darwin township; Julia Lahr, city of Litchfield; Mrs. Bernard Olson, Dassel township; Mrs. Oscar Peterson, Kingston Township; Mrs. Alfred Reinke, Acton township; Vincent Rothstein, Harvey township; Mrs. Bud Schuman, Collinwood township.

Mrs. Art Sjoquist, village of Dassel; Mrs. Erling Stark, city of Litchfield; Jete Stenger Jr., Forest Prairie township; Mrs. Rollin Swanson, city of Litchfield; George Swanson, village of Grove City; Mrs. Nelson Warren, village of Grove City.

Mrs. Hugh Wagner, city of Litchfield, Clarence Welch, city of Litchfield; Mrs. Donald Wendroth, Union Grove township; Eugene Winings, Forest Prairie township.

Bloodmobile to be in Cosmos Mar. 23

THE RED CROSS Bloodmobile will be in Meeker County during the week starting March 23. The time, location and the chairwomen are as follows:

Watkins -Monday, March 23, at St. Anthony School. Chairwomen are Mrs. Mike Mies of Watkins, Mrs. Peter Stenger, Watkins and Mrs. women are Mrs. Janet Tomlimson and Mrs. Allen Gardner

Hours are 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.



Langmo presides at Meeker Co. GOP convention

Montgomery to address REA annual meeting

LITCHFIELD - Terry Montgomery, well known in the MCLP area, will be the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Associa-



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MR. AND MRS. WERNER Reinke and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Reinke and family were Sunday afternoon and supper guests at the Walter Reinke home.

MR. AND MRS. ROY Frederiksen and Paul were Sunday guests at the Lawrence Hubert home in Lamberton.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON and supper guests at the Lowell Benson home in honor of Lowell's birthday, Mrs. Lina Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Benson of Crowe City, Herman Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hedtke of Excelsior and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lau of Bloomington.

MRS. MARIE MAAG and Mrs. Margaret Burgstahler and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Maag were among other relatives who were Monday guests at the Carl Erdman home in Danube.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD Higgin attended the 25 wedding anniversary "open House" at the Don Clow home in Hopkins in honor of Mr. and Mrs. LaMoure Dagen on Sunday. They also visited at the Eugene Schwantz and Byron Higgin homes in St. Louis Park.

MRS. MARIE MAAG, MRS. Margaret Burgstahler, Mrs. Herbert Maag, Mrs. Paula Nielsen, Mrs. Leonard Svien, Mrs. Maynard Rennecke, Mrs. Roy Jordin, Mrs. H. L. Swanson and Mrs. Oscar Maas were luncheon guests of Mrs. William Holmquist of Hutchinson on Friday afternoon.

MR. AND MRS. WILBUR Sieg and family of St. James were Sunday dinner guests at the Ray David home on Sunday.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD Olson and boys and other friends and relatives who attended the 20 wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schmeling at rural Hutchinson on Sunday.

MR. AND MRS. MORRIS Holum and Paul of Minneapolis were Sunday dinner guests and afternoon guests at the Bob Berry Sr. home.

MR. AND MRS. STAN Lacher and family of Owatonna were week end guests at the Herb Maag home.

STAGE BAND MEMBERS and director Robert Turner of Cosmos High School attended a Band Instrumental Clinic at St. Cloud over the week end.

MR. AND MRS. BEN Thomas, Curt Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Remmel and other relatives attended the funeral for a niece of Ben Thomas, Mrs. Eileen Hanson, at Atwater on Thursday after noon.

MR. AND MRS. HERB Maag entertained at a 6 p. m. dinner last Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swanson, Mrs. Kole Peck and Brian of San Bernandino, Calif., Mrs. Marie Maag, Mrs. Margaret Burgstahler, and Rev. and Mrs. Ron Freimark and girls in honor of Herb Maag, Harry Swanson, Marie Maag and Mrs. Peck's birthdays.

DR. AND MRS. DUANE Hill joined Mr. and Mrs. D. Thomas Hill of Tbolin, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Schwant and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Halverson of Marshall and other relatives in Minneapolis at the Ambassador hotel over the week end.

MR. AND MRS. FRANCES Haley, Jr. and family were week end guests at the Frances Haley, Sr. home at Windom.

MR. AND MRS. LLOYD Mortenson and boys spent the week end at the Orton Melberg home at MacGregor, Minn.

ELMON JOHNSON OF Hopkins and Mrs. Selma John son were Saturday visitors at the Harry Larson home.

MR. AND MRS. DALE Pietron of St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Williams and friend of Minneapolis and Mrs. Effie Pietron of St. Cloud were week end guests at the Cedric Williams home. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Foster and Anna Marie were Sunday guests. They all helped Mrs. Butch Williams celebrate her birthday Sunday.

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS were Sunday evening guests at the Marvin Schiro home to help Mrs. Schiro and Sharon celebrate their birthdays. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Art Schiro, Mr. and Mrs. Art Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Schiro, Donald Schiro family, Earl Rusch family, rural Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Kutzke rural Grove City, Glen Horky, Hector, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lietzau and Doug of New Ulm.

MR. AND MRS. LEONARD Svien were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests at the Bernard Hauer home at Dawson. They also visited at the Vernon Lundquist home in Lake Lillian on their way home.

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD Raitz of New Ulm were Sunday evening guests at the Walter Mortenson home.

MR. AND MRS. GENE Kiecker and family of Fairfax and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rosenau and Dennis of Bird Island were Friday night supper guests at the Orville Wog home.

MR. AND MRS. WALTER Mortenson visited Elmer Mortenson at Darwin on Sunday.

MR. AND MRS. ORVILLE Wog visited at the Robert Wog home in New Ulm Saturday evening. They visited at the Richard Wog home in Willmar Sunday evening.

SUNDAY EVENING SUPPER guests at the Vic Eastman home to help Mr. and Mrs. Eastman celebrate their birthdays were Levi, Delano and Charles Lietzau families, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lietzau, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lietzau, Mrs. Maye Gundeson and Mrs. Verna Hintz of Hutchinson.

HARRY WOTHE OF FRAZEE spent from Friday till Monday at the Dorin Anderson home. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wothe were Saturday evening supper guests at the Anderson home.

MR. AND MRS. DORIN Anderson, Harry Wothe of Frazee and Mrs. Effie Wothe were Sunday dinner guests at the T.A. Makey home in Golden Valley.

MRS. NOEL PECK (CAROL Ann Koch) and her little son left for St. Paul on Thursday of last week to spend sometime with her aunt, Bertha Koch. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Swanson spent the day with them. Mrs. Peck visited with the Edgar Koch family, Roger Johnsons and Donald Koch families, also with Mr. and Mrs. Victor Schultz while in the city. In Cosmos she was the guest of Mrs. Anna Johnson and the H.L. Swansons, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Johnson. Mrs. Peck and son departed for San Bernardino, California on Sunday evening.

THURSDAY GUESTS AT the Donald Olson home to help Jamie celebrate his third birthday were Mrs. Leo Plut, Tony, Christine and Mitchell of Litchfield, Becky Bain, Mrs. Eugene Dallman, and boys, Mrs. Herman Hawes, Ethel Olson, Mrs. Harvey Bratsch, Mrs. Kenneth Dallman, David and Barbie, Mrs. Mary Macik and Linda and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmeling and family. Saturday guests were Mrs. Myron Mielke and Debra of Litchfield.

MR. AND MRS. STEVEN Spreiter left last Thursday for Hawaii to attend the Banker's convention. They'll be gone about a week.

Don Grussendorf has heart attack

COSMOS – Donald Grussendorf was admitted to the Litchfield hospital Saturday evening with a slight heart attack.

Mrs. Willie Peterson broke her shoulder

ROSENDALE– Mrs. Willie Peterson has been a patient at the Meeker County Hospital in Litchfield since March 6.

She is suffering from a broken shoulder.

Nicki Rayna is new daughter of Jim Davises

HUTCHINSON A baby girl, Nicki Rayna, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis, (Betty Faber) at the Hutchinson hospital, Friday, March 13.

She has a brother Patrick two years old at home. She weighed 5 1/2 lbs.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davis of Cosmos and Mr. and Mrs. Nick Faber of rural Lake Lillian.

Shower honors Karen Martin

COSMOS Many friends and relatives attended the bridal shower given in honor of Karen Martin at the Cosmos School Cafeteria, Sunday, March 15.

Honored guests besides the bride to be were Karen's mother, Mrs. Rueben Martin, mother in-law to be Mrs. Ed Sladek, Mrs. Gary Martin, Kitty Wothe, Barbara Sladek, Mrs. Ron Wothe, Darla Sayles, grandmothers Mrs. Harold Martin and Mrs. Henry Lang of Bird Island. Each received corsages. Decorations were yellow and white.

Scripture and prayer were given by Mrs. Richard Martin.

Mrs. Marvin Degner served as mistress of ceremony.

Mrs. Stanley Peterson gave a humorous reading.

Mary Ann Minnick presented two organ selections. Judy and Janean Martin presented a duet accompanied by Mary Ann Minnick on the organ.

Hostesses giving the shower were Mmes. Marvin Degner, Harold Minnick Sr., Ted Wothe, Bud Smith, Martin Kutzke, Harris Nelson, Orville Martin, Clarence Martin, Gary Martin, Richard Martin, Myron Anderson, Arnold Lang, Donald Lang, Mrs. Delores Pfeffer, Lloyd Hoff, John Arndt and Roger Sayles.

Karen Martin and James Sladek will be married at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Lake Lillian on April 11.

Lois Koch will marry David Berkey

COON RAPIDS Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Koch of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, former residents of Cosmos, have announced the engagement of their daughter Lois, to David A. Berkey, son of Virgil Berkey and the late Mrs. Berkey of Coon Rapids.

Miss Koch attended St. Cloud State College. Mr. Berkey graduated from North west Electronics and is employed by Montgomery Ward company as a service technician.

The wedding is planned for May 2.

Shower honors Carolyn Schultz

COSMOS – A bridal shower was given in honor of Carolyn Schultz at the Peace Lutheran Church of Cosmos Monday evening, March 9.

Seated with Carolyn were her mother, Mrs. Erdmand Schultz and mother in law to be Mrs. Nygaard of Cokato, LuAnn Schultz and Vickie Schultz and her grandmother Mrs. Albert Schultz. They all received yellow corsages. Decorations were blue, white and yellow.

Mrs. Robert Lietzau gave scripture and prayer. Mrs. Levi Lietzau, an aunt of Carolyn's presented a solo. A reading was given by Mrs. Harry Larson. Karen Schmalz played several piano selections.

After gifts were given to the bride to be the following hostesses served lunch: Mmes. Erwin Retzlaff, Herb Schultz, Leo Schultz, Marvin Degner, Roger Sayles, Levi Lietzau, Vernon Heyer, Richard Johnson, Clarence Martin, Gary Martin, Lloyd Hoff, John Arndt, August Hanson, Rueben Martin, and Walter Mortenson.

Carolyn Schultz and Wallace Nygaard will be married in Cokato on March 21.

It Happened at Thorpe

MR. AND MRS. ALTON Wicklund of Hutchinson and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Degner were Sunday guests at the Ambrose Bomstad home.

MRS. AMBROSE BOMSTAD visited at the Bethron Hanson home in Atwater on Saturday.

MRS. HAROLD HARTUNG and Eldon of Granada were Friday overnight guests at the Ron Parks home.

MR. AND MRS. AMBROSE Bomstad visited Sunday evening at the Virgil Zins home at rural Atwater.

MR. AND MRS. ED Aclonan attended the Land O' Lakes meetings at the Radisson hotel in Minneapolis Thursday and Friday. They also visited at the Paul Kevilus home in Minneapolis.

MR. AND MRS. EUGENE Dallman and boys were Sunday evening guests at the Donald Olson home to help Jamie celebrate his birthday.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK Fischer of Litchfield were Sunday dinner and supper guests at the Harold Spangler home.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD Riedel and grandchildren were Sunday guests at the Lyle Haley home in North St. Paul to help Darin celebrate his third birthday.

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD Spangler were Tuesday evening guests at the Erwin Lehrke home at Bird Island.

MRS. HILLARD ABBAS of Delevan returned home Sunday after spending couple weeks at the Ray K. Johnson home. Mrs. Abbas is recuperating after submitting to surgery recently. She is Mrs. Johnson's mother.

MR. AND MRS. GORDON Johnson and Mrs. Ellen Johnson flew out to Sylmar, California last Thursday to spend several days visiting at the Bob Katzenmeyer home.

ABOUT 17 FRIENDS WERE guests at the Ray K. Johnson home Monday after school to help Duane celebrate his tenth birthday.

Mrs. Dennis Riedel goes to Germany

THORPE – Mrs. Dennis Riedel left by plane for Germany last Wednesday.

She has received a call that her mother had been in a car accident and was hospitalized.

4-H NOTES

THE CEDAR MILLS Jets 4-H met on Feb. 10 for their regular meeting. Roll call was answered by your favorite TV program. It was decided to have each person sell five boxes of cards during March and April.

Project talks this month was given by Steve Nelson on Arts & Crafts, he showed us how to make a plaque. Joel Krueger had an electrical demonstration and showed us how a three-way switch works. Marianne Schlueter gave us a demonstration and showed us how to make lava.

We then enjoyed looking at old time slides of our club and slides of "The Work of Jr. Leaders" which Russ showed and explained to us. After a jumping rope relay we had a delicious Valentine inspired lunch served by Mrs. Ray and Ranold Krueger.

Reporter,
Barbs Ellig

WEEK-END SPECIALS MARCH 19th - 21st
BY REPEAT REQUEST

ORANGES, large, dozen 59c
Snoboy Carrots, 2 cello bags 29c
Russet Potatoes (Minn.) 20 lb 99c
Chef's Delight Cheese, 2 lbs. 75c
Peas & Carrots 303 tin, 6 for 69c
PEARS, 2½ tin, 3 for $1.00
Welch GRAPE JAM 20 JAR or JELLY 49c
Chocolate Chips, 6-oz. 5 for $1.00
RING BOLOGNA SCHWEIGERTS each 89c
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Friday, March 20
12:00 noon - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 21
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ANNUAL
BUSINESS MEETING
LITCHFIELD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Sat. March 21

10:00 a.m. Stockholders Register (Lobby)
10:00 a.m. Free Lunch (Cafeteria)
11:45 a.m. Musical Program (Auditorium)
12:50 p.m. Youth Tour Report
1:00 p.m. Guest Speaker, MR. TERRY MONTGOMERY
1:30 p.m. Business Meeting

FREE Lunch
Free Lunch
Senior High School Cafeteria
Saturday, March 21 - 10:00 a.m.
Lunch furnished by Meeker Cooperative

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Drawing for FREE PRIZES

COVID Pandemic Update

Cosmos Cares for Common Good!

Pandemic challenges entire community to get Cosmos over the COVID 19 finish line!

Vaccines by Pfixer, BioNTech and Moderna

will help get Cosmos to the common good of "Normal" life. The light is at the end of this COVID tunnel.



"Normal" living for all.

School kids, vulnerable older adults, essential workers, first responders, firemen and women, convenience stores, gas stations, bars & cafes, church goers, sports fans. Could be later in 2021!



So Cosmos, let's care enough for one another to do what it takes:

1. Urge 100% to be vaccinated
2. Continue wearing masks
3. Practice physical distancing-6 ft.
4. Urge friends to do the same.



Duane & Grace Kamrath of Cosmos are among the first to receive vaccinations.
Give Duane a call at **(507-832-9252)**
so he can name & congratulate you in the next Galactic Gazette.
Month by month we can finally get to "Normal".



C'mon Cosmos, we can do this!

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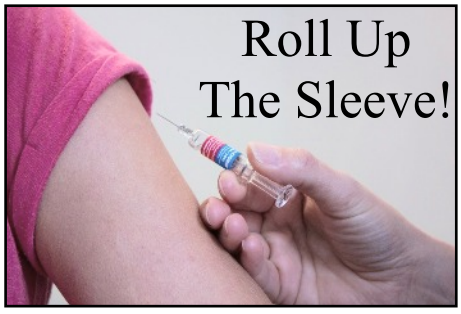

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See you next month, same Bat time, same Bat channel!

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



TIME WARP Whozit?

These three young lads were lauded for their basketball prowess on the Cosmos Royals Basketball team in 1970. The young man in the center was awarded All Conference Honors, the other two were given honorable mention.

Whozit?

Email your answer to:

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We Have A Winner!

I was a little surprised that no identified any of the ferocious individuals on the 1979 Royals Wrestling Team. I even labeled some of the guys with their school nicknames, later in life occupations and various derogatory variations thereof. Even a hair band comparison and…sigh…still no reaction. I suppose most of the people that know them are in the home by now…

Anyway…. One astute reader and Cosmos Alum, sent me a few of the guy's names that he could identify-all the way from Fergus Falls. Holy cow that internets information highway is really far reaching! Who knew it could make it from there to here? Whew!

Here's the email & he gets a couple of KewPies, btw! Way to go Gary! *I can identify a couple: Wade Samson; Brian Park; Neil Pearson; Mike Kutzke; Ray Johnson; Gerald Anderson; Mark (Gator) Dallman; Lee Pearson.* ***Thanks, Gary Schmidt***



COSMOS ROYALS WRESTLING TEAM - Jeff Johnson, Lee Kaping, Lee Pearson, Scott Peterson, Wade Samson and Brian Park. Back row, left to right, Assistant coach, Clark Johnson, Neil Pearson, Ray Johnson, Mike Kutzke, Gerald Anderson, Lonnie Amundson, Mark Dallmann, and Coach Mr. Don Bluhm.

In case you can't read that small print, here's the cast of characters:

Front, L-R; Jeff Johnson, Lee Kaping, Lee Pearson, Scott ***"Bib Overalls"*** Peterson, Wade Sampson and Brian ***"Sears has Everything"*** Park.
Back, L-R; Assistant Coach-Clark ***"Colonal Klink"*** Johnson, Neil Pearson, Ray Johnson, Mike ***"Student Success Big Shot"*** Kutzke, Gerald ***"Open wide"*** Anderson, Lonnie Amundson, Mark ***"Gator"*** Dallmann and coach Don Bluhm.



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