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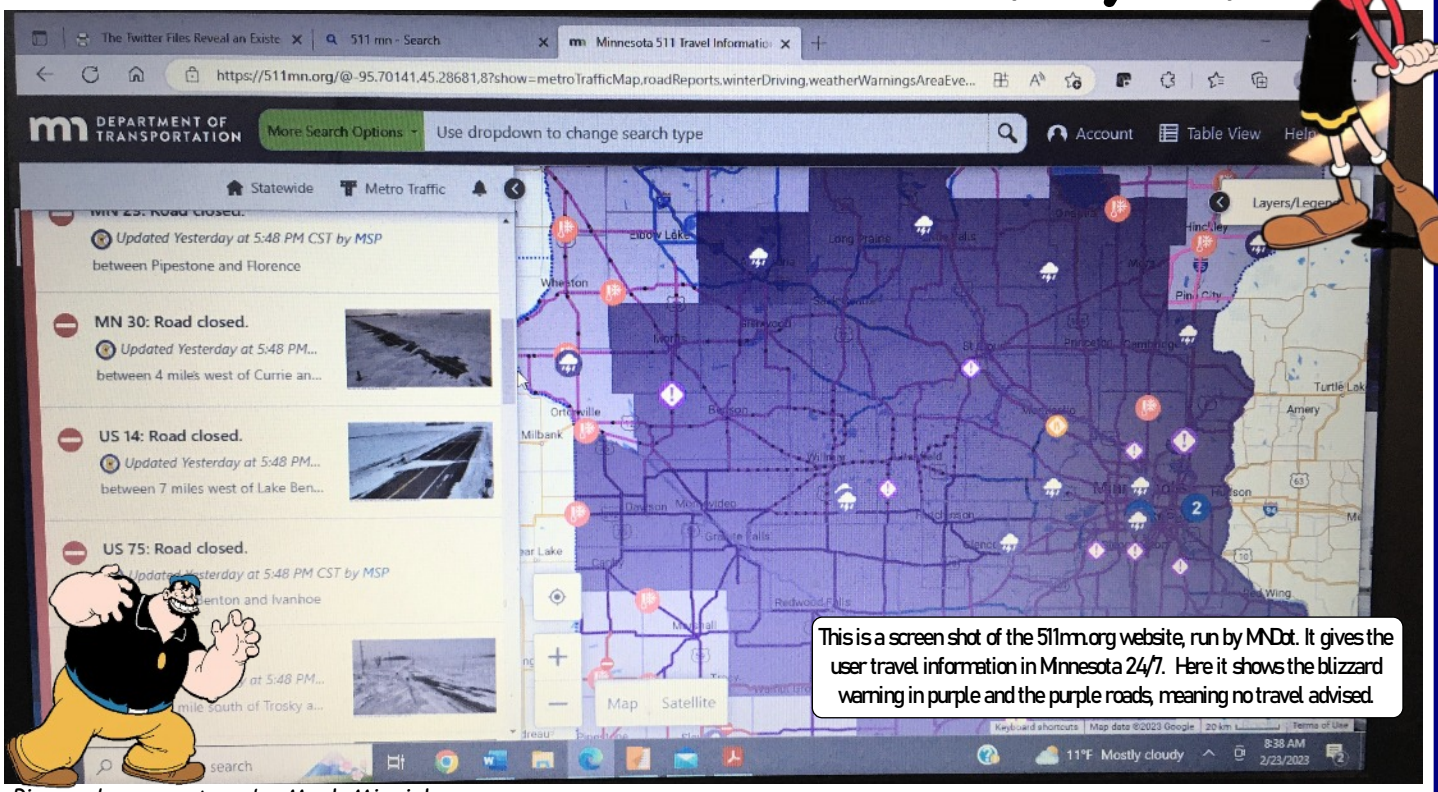
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Weather: Damp & icky, it's March | "All of the news you really need. Probably more" | "Noli credere omnia legis"

Winter Storm "Olive" (Oyl?)



This is a screen shot of the 511mn.org website, run by MNDot. It gives the user travel information in Minnesota 24/7. Here it shows the blizzard warning in purple and the purple roads, meaning no travel advised.

Pics and commentary by Mark Minnick

On Feb 23rd, there was supposed to be a monster winter storm headed straight for Minnesota. The talking heads at the National Weather Service hollered that this was to be a storm of 'historic magnitude'. A scary and tough **"Brutus"** type blizzard, not the nice, peaceful sounding winter storm **"Olive"** that they named it.

They should have named it **"Overlord"** instead. It starts with an 'O' and it's way more scary. Anyway, we were supposed to prepare for; 1. Too much snow for the kids to walk to school in, *(before it closes, of course)* up hill both ways. 2. Enough blowing snow to block your view into the neighbors kitchen window.

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Winter Storm "Olive" (Oyl?)



Main Street before the storm..



...and after.



Pics L-R, by Deb Minnick

It's a little snowy in front of the City Center

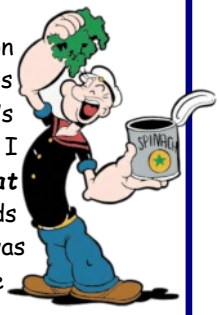
3. Temps cold enough that the dog would refuse to go more than six inches out from the door to do it's stuff. Oh the humanity. And Uff da.

Knowing all of this, a person has to be ready, cuz it's gonna be a bad one, yep. You go to the store and load up on extra potato chips, onion dip and beef sticks. Maybe some pickled gizzards, liver pate and some Cheez-Whiz too. Oh, and don't forget the TP.

Finally, on the way home, you stop by off sale to grab at least six extra cases of beer. Some visitors might stop over on their snowmobiles and you don't want to be a bad host. Anyway, now it's time to head back to the Ponderosa, hunker down and get ready. Who knows how long this blizzard of the century is gonna last? A week? A month? It could get rough.

So, with the wood stove stoked up, a cupboard full of snacks and some beer chilling in the snowbank, a good Minnesotan is ready. The storm is rolling in anytime...

Well, it did roll in...but it was really more of a nice **"Olive Oyl" Winter Storm** and not the nasty **"Brutus Blizzard of the Century"** that they jabbered on an on about for days. Yes, it snowed a lot in some areas making travel difficult. Driveways and streets in Cosmos had a bunch of snow to deal with. The winds blew the snow around making for bad visibility on the highways. But it wasn't ***thaaat*** bad!



MNDot had "No travel advised" notices on many roads and they closed some. And that's fine for sure, be safe. But, we all survived. It's just a another Minnesota winter, yep. Others I talked to said the same thing; It wasn't ***thaaat*** bad. I thought back to the March '65 blizzards for comparison. Ha! This "Olive" storm thingy was naathin'. Just naathin'. Plus, it helps that we always eat our spinach!

Bad storm or not, at least a guy has some potato chips and beef sticks left over. Not sure on the beer and pickled gizzards though. Two days was a long time...

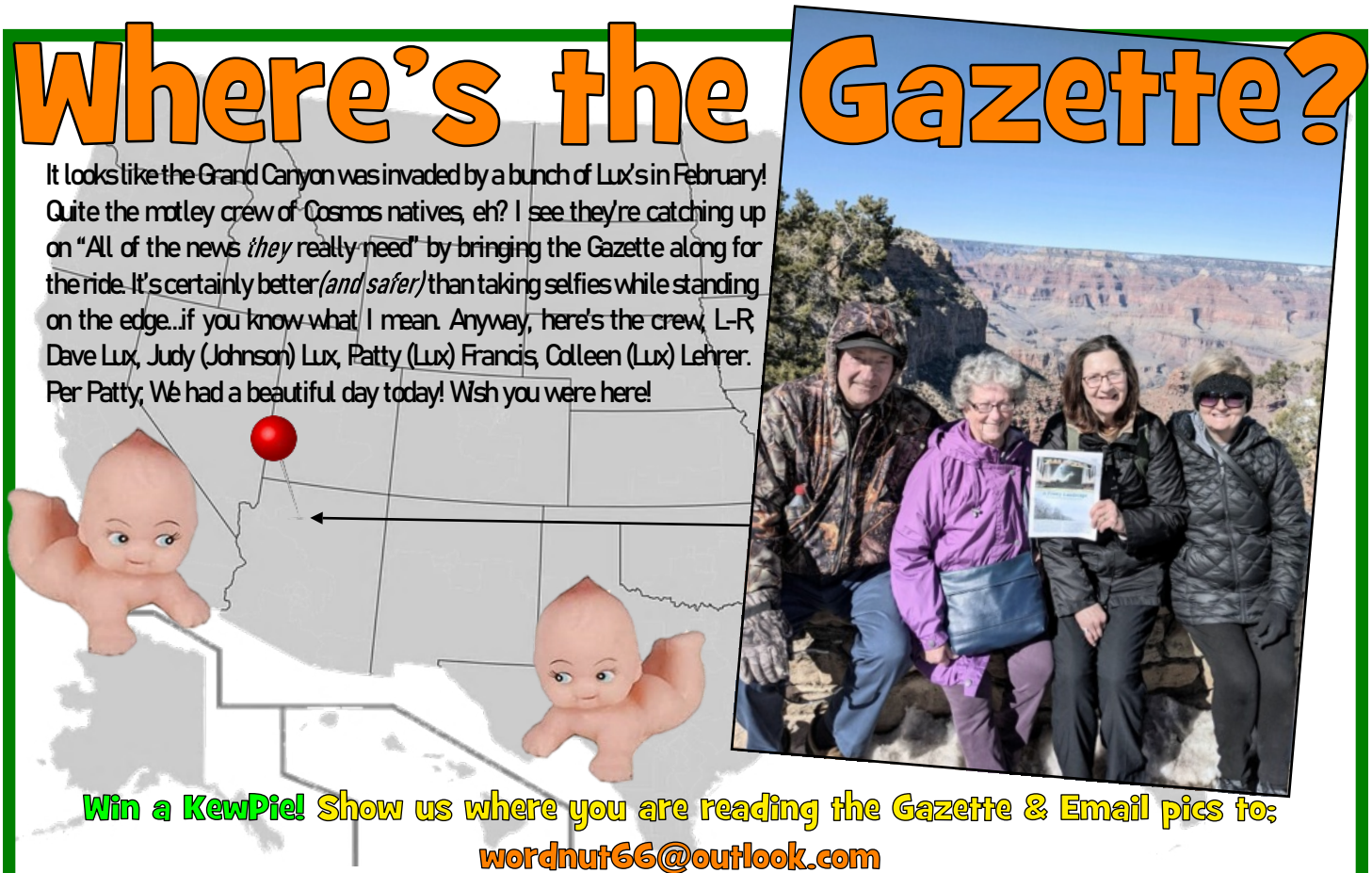
Below are screen shots of the view from the dash cams in the MNDot plow trucks.
Left is southbound on main street in Cosmos. Right is driving thru the arguably famous "S Curve" 4 miles south of Cosmos.





Where's the Gazette?

It looks like the Grand Canyon was invaded by a bunch of Lux's in February! Quite the motley crew of Cosmos natives, eh? I see they're catching up on "All of the news *they* really need" by bringing the Gazette along for the ride. It's certainly better *(and safer)* than taking selfies while standing on the edge...if you know what I mean. Anyway, here's the crew, L-R; Dave Lux, Judy (Johnson) Lux, Patty (Lux) Francis, Colleen (Lux) Lehrer. Per Patty, We had a beautiful day today! Wish you were here!



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Veteran Lions Recognized



Commentary & pic by Harry Weseloh

Two long-time stars of the Cosmos Lions Club were recently honored for remarkable, and enduring, service to their community.

Don De Leeuw and **Doug Adams** each were recognized for 50 years of dedication to the Cosmos Lions. The award letters and pins were distributed at a regional Lions meeting and then presented to De Leeuw and Adams at a local meeting in December. Actually, the two earned their half-century milestone a couple years ago but a COVID-caused delay postponed the recognition to 2022.

The two have been active members of the club since the very early 1970's and have been honored locally as the Lion of the Year during their tenure. Adams has served as president of the club and De Leeuw will be the local Lions' president for 2023-24.

Many Hands Make Quick Work



Pic by Sarah Jones

Front, L-R; **Gavin Burks, Alyssa Kurth** and **Chyler ???**
(Not a PLC confirmation kid, so we don't know the last name.)
Rear, L-R; **Phyllis Jenkins, Bryanna Laine, Carter Degner, Caden Peterson, Gage Degner, Brooklyn Martin, Riley Vliem** and
Executive Director of the Meeker County Food Shelf, **Jayme Revermann**

By Mark Minnick

On February 8th, the confirmation kids from Peace Lutheran Church of Cosmos volunteered to help out at the Meeker County Food shelf in Litchfield.

Quoting Pastor Sarah, "My heart is so full. You can be proud of the work that these children did today. Please ask them about it. It was overwhelming as their pastor to see them care for others!"



Happy St. Patrick's Day





We also welcome the

Spring Equinox



Monday March 20th 2023

From the

The Cosmos Lions

"We Serve"

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

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
February 9, 2023

Councilmember Mark Minnick received the Oath of Office.
A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday February 9, 2023.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Jody Fruetel, and Mark Minnick.
COUNCIL ABSENT: Angelica Hopp
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville 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 Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. January 12, 2023 City Council Minutes
b. Meeker County Sheriff – Jan 2023 Report
c. Past Due Utility Bills
d. Authorize Advertisement of Seasonal Help

Visitors Presentations, Petitions and Correspondence

Ballpark Building Doors – Gary Martin was present on behalf of the Cosmos Lions requesting permission for the organization to replace the doors on the concession stand and bathrooms at the ball park. The doors and corresponding frames need repair. The current locks would be reused.

A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Minnick, to authorize the Cosmos Lions to replace the respective doors at the ball park. Motion carried**.**

February 9, 2023 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to approve the February 9, 2023 bills list with check numbers from 16012-16051 for $66,910.47. Motion carried**.**

Water Treatment Plant Power Outage – the community suffered a power outage on November 21, 2022 that caused a power spike at the water treatment plant. Various electronic hardware/software was affected even though the system had an electrical surge protection. The replacement cost for the hardware/software is $27,060. It is expected the City's insurance will cover the replacement costs.

A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Minnick, to authorize replacement of the software/hardware at a cost of $27,060 with InControl out of Fridley, MN. Motion carried.

Xcel Energy Power Line – Administrator Douville reported on a TEAMS meeting call with Xcel Energy regarding the proposed 345Kv power line route from Lion County to the Becker power plant. There are multiple routes being reviewed, one potential route would come down MN Hwy 4 up to and around the City of Cosmos. We are at the very beginning of the route process with potential completion in 2027/28.

Ambulance Director Van Hatten reviewed a potential $1/hr. increase for the Ambulance crew for call and training hours. This would have an estimated $500 increase in the ambulance budget for 2023.

2023 Spacefest – Van Hatten stated a 2023 Spacefest is being planned but with potential changes. The committee will continue to meet and fine tune the plans for the community celebration in July.

Ballpark/Concession Staff – Van Hatten discussed bringing back the seasonal help for the concession stand and a possible new cooler for the stand from Viking Coke.

Fire/Township Meeting – The annual Fire/Township meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, 2023. 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 Minnick, to adjourn at 6:03 p.m. Motion carried.
_____DRAFT_____
John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

March Daily Lunch Specials
W 1 Sausage & kraut dinner
T 2 Beef stroganoff
F 3 **Liver & Onions Dinner**

M 6 Open at 4:00 PM
T 7 Frito pie
W 8 Salisbury steak dinner
T 9 Potato/hamburger hotdish
F 10 Broasted chicken dinner

M 13 Open at 4:00 PM
T 14 Crispy chicken sandwich w/fries
W 15 Chicken breast w/Rice-A-Roni dinner
T 16 Spaghetti w/garlic toast
F 17 "Roast Beef & Cabbage" Dinner or Commercial
M 20 Open at 4:00 PM
T 21 Grilled cheese w/chili
W 22 Broasted chicken dinner
T 23 Lasagna w/garlic toast
F 24 Pork chop dinner

M 27 Open at 4:00 PM
T 28 Grilled ham & cheese w/soup
W 29 Chicken Alfredo w/garlic toast
T 30 Country fried steak dinner
F 31 Scalloped potatoes & ham

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Friday Night Fish Fry!

Saturdays
3 PM 'Bargo'
5 PM Meat Raffle

"Stop By & Say Hi!"

City of Cosmos

Board of Appeal and Equalization Hearing

Important information regarding Assessment and classification of property this may affect your 2024 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 7th day of April 2023 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, 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 22, 2023

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Sheriff Office Hours in Cosmos: Tue 2:30-4:30 PM

-In Loving Memory of-

Julie Langness

Who Passed Away 5 Years Ago
March 1, 2018
Daughter, Sister, Mother,
Wife, Aunt, Grandmother, Friend

We often lay awake at night, when the world is fast asleep.
And take a walk down memory lane, with tears on our cheeks.

Remembering you is easy, we do it every day.
It's the heartache of losing you, that never goes away.

Your smile is gone forever, and your hands we cannot touch.
We have so many memories, we love you so very much.

We hold you tightly within our hearts, and there you will remain.
Life goes on without you, but it will never be the same.

Always loved but never forgotten.
Deeply missed by family & friends.

14th Annual

TABLE TIME

at Peace Lutheran Church of Cosmos

Saturday, April 1st
Table Viewing at 10:45 am
Salad Luncheon at 11:30 am



After March 15th, call the church office to reserve your spot at a table.
Tickets to attend are $10.00.
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Join us at Peace for Lenten & Easter Services



Sunday Services at 9 am

MARCH
Wednesday Evening Services at 6 pm

APRIL
2 9 am Palm Sunday Service
6 6 pm Maundy Thursday Service
7 6 pm Good Friday Service
9 6:30 am Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
Breakfast following Sunrise Service
9 am Easter Sunday Service

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Please join us for an Open House

90th Birthday Celebration



for **Leo Macik**

Sunday, March 19th
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Save the Date



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Wednesday, March 15th

11:30 AM till ?

***Info call* Linda Hopp; 320-221-0358**

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It truly is, "All of the news you really need. Probably more."



Wowsers! I didn't know there were so many readers that knew the **Professional Purveyors of Bovine Lactation** from the **Corvuso** suburbs. *(Maybe it had something to do with family? Hmmm…)* This is gonna cost the Gazette a $#!t ton of KewPies! I'm gonna have to send the collection plate around an extra time or two. Anyway, for those of you in the minority who ***don't*** know the answers, here they are.

Just got my Gazette in the mail.
A few elude my memory but here goes…From left to right,
Don DeLeeuw, (??) ,Sidney Johnson, Dorin Adams, Harold Reinke, (??), Sabin Peterson, (??), Fritz Schiro (maybe), and Elmer Arndt
Tom DeLeeuw, Byron MN

My best guess is, left to right;
Don DeLeeuw, Emil Duesterhoeft, Sidney Johnson, Dorin Adams, Harold Reinke, Norbert Hoffmann, Saben Peterson, Roy Fredericksen, Ferris Froehlich, and Elmer Arndt
…and no I didn't have to ask my dad.
Suzette (DeLeeuw) Peterson,** aka **The Buttermaker's Daughter

Hello Galactic Staff,
Picture of Corvuso Creamery Board:
Manager Don DeLeeuw, Emil Duesterhoft, Sidney Dean Johnson, Dorin Adams, Harold Reinke, Saben Peterson, Norbert Hoffman, Roy Frederiksen, Ferris Froelich, and Elmer Arndt.
Brings back memories of my dad heading to the creamery every morning!
Karen (Adams) Johnson

Good morning, Mark
Doug asked me to send this in. He sent a pic to Randy Arndt and he helped identify the guys.
From left, Don Deleeuw, Emil Duesterhoeft, Dean Johnson, Doran Adams, Harold Reinke. Next, Randy thinks maybe an Adams, possibly the bookkeeper. Next, Saben Peterson, Roy Fredrickson, Ferris Frelich, and Elmer Arndt. I'm not sure on the spelling of some of the last names. Have a good one.
Kim Mortenson

Don DeLeeuw, Emil Duesterhoft, Sidney Johnson, Dorin Adams, Harold Reinke, Norbert Hoffman, Saben Peterson, Roy Frederikson, Ferris Froelich, and Elmer Arndt.
Mark, Sorry to say I remember when. Back in the "Good old days".
Burny DeLeeuw

CHEF IT UP!

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



By Grace Kamrath

Greetings and salutations and looking forward to spring. Well our calendar will say spring but for sure the snow will be here much longer. So maybe don't start those tomato seeds quite yet.

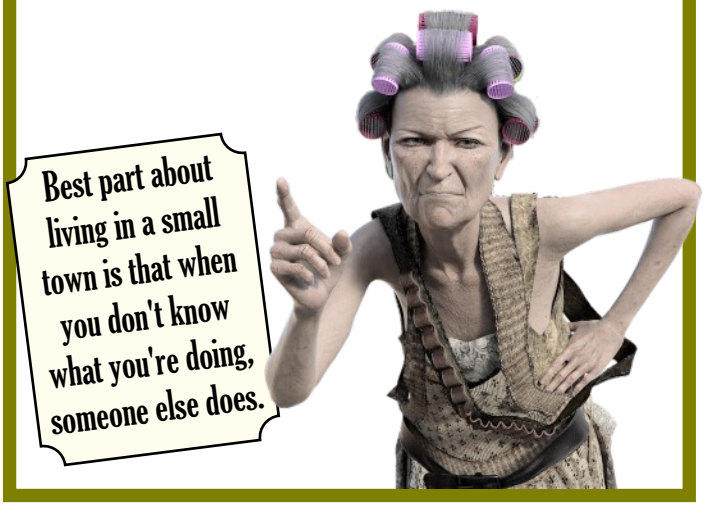
The recipe for this month *(I wanted something green)* is a great recipe for spring but if you have some asparagus left in the freezer or just purchase some that will be fine. But to have asparagus and it be the main dish, what could be better! This quiche is a self made crust not the traditional pie crust and it will make two pies.

ASPARAGUS HAM QUICHE



- 2 pkg. (10oz) frozen cut asparagus (thawed)
- 1 lb. chopped ham
- 2 c. shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/2 c. chopped onion
- 8 eggs
- 2 2/3 c. milk
- 2 (scant) c. buttermilk baking mix (like Bisquick)
- 2 T. dried vegetable flakes (optional)
- 1/4 t. pepper
- Grease two nine inch pie plates

Layer asparagus, ham, cheese and onion in pan. Beat eggs in bowl and add remaining ingredients. Mix well. Divide in half and pour over asparagus mixture. Bake at 375 for 30 min. Makes 12 servings.



TIDBITS



Greetings!

Please mark your calendar for March 2nd for another Lake Lillian C&C community appreciation banquet and March 17th for the annual smelt fry at Lake Lillian United Lutheran Church.

The other day I had a local resident ask what services First State Agency provides. Our office in Lake Lillian and the office in Sioux Falls provide all lines of insurance coverage with access to excellent companies. We are very competitive in homeowners, auto, farm package, liability, recreational vehicles, crop insurance, small business, health, and life.

I have been a Minnesota real estate broker since 1986 and provide services to help you in the listing or the purchase of a property. Please stop in for an insurance check up or real estate questions.

Expectations! Webster provides these definitions: a confident belief or strong hope that a particular event will happen… a mental image of something expected, often compared to its reality… a standard of conduct or performance expected by or of somebody.

Expectations are a necessity of life. We have expectations of ourselves, our family, our work, our church, our social clubs, our friends, our surroundings, and every day we hope our expectations are going to be met. They have both good and bad consequences. Expectations are directly tied to our surroundings.

A child waking up in the United States has a different set of expectations than a child waking up in the jungles of Brazil. When those expectations are met, we have a sense of well being. When those expectations are not met, we experience conflict.

So why am I talking about this? My expectation of "conflict resolve" is not being met. For example, our political system is a terrible example of conflict resolution. The polarity of the two major political parties is out of hand and the art of compromise is giving way to extremism. The news purposely exploits controversy, and we are seeing the results daily. My prayer this Lenten season is for peace and conflict resolution. Have a great March.

Spring will get here…eventually.

Battle of the Hotdishes

Uff Da!



The 'judges' had a tough, tough job, sampling all of the entries.

By Mark Minnick

The sun came up in Cosmos on Feb 19th, pretty much like any other Sunday. Some birds chirped, some didn't. Some folks rolled out of bed, some didn't. Some had hot coffee and breakfast, some didn't. Some went to church services, some didn't. Some got ready for a day of football, some…wait…I forgot…no more football.

But, some folks were busy putting the finishing touches on their best hotdishes, soups and desserts. Why, you say? To get ready for the **"Battle of the Hotdishes"** competition in the Peace Lutheran Church basement around noon. Uff da. *(Do I smell a Minnesoda TV cooking show here, then?)*

It was quite the culinary showcase. Numerous food dishes concocted by local chefs in a competition to decide, "Who's number one?" The resulting big spread of hotdishes and soups made for an absolutely 'heavenly' aroma. *(No pun intended. I also noticed that nobody brought any deviled eggs. Hmmm…probably a good thing.)*

Anyway, in the opinion of this ***'Humble hotdish and dessert taste tester'*** *(say that five times fast)* all of the entries were winners. I'm not kidding one bit; The food was absolutely marvelous! But, it's really hard on my manly sveltness. Uff da.

Everyone was given two macaroni's which were the designated 'ballots'. The voter deposited their 'ballot' in a cup in front of each dish to designate their favorite. Bing, bang, boom…done.

Sarah Jones and **Joyce Karrigan** counted the macaroni's shortly after voting, declaring the winners in short order. *(Hint; Lesson to be learned here, Arizona.)*

Editor's note: *There was a three-way tie in the dessert category. Yikes! So, everyone had to get new macaroni's and vote again. (There were no early mail in macaroni's to count either, so no worries there.)*

It was a well run and honest contest, as you would surely expect from a woman of the cloth and a retired USPS big shot.

The winners were; **Sandy Martin** for her ***Strawberry & whipped cream w/pretzel crust dessert*** and **Donny Martin** for his ***Savory chicken & dumpling soup***. *(I know, soup isn't a hotdish-So fire me.)* A wife & husband cooking team…Is that fair, or just good teamwork? Anyway, congratulations Donny & Sandy, and keep on cookin'!





The Big Winners Were

Sandy & Donny Martin



Sandy: Best Baked Goods/Dessert

Donny: Best Hotdish/Soup

Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!



A February Ride

By Mark Minnick

Number one son **Tyler** took the time out of his busy February schedule to come and hang out with his mom & dad for a few days. What a kid! There was an ulterior motive though. It was to dig out his vintage "Hot Rod" sled, gas it up and go for a scoot. So he did! *(He had to maintain his sanity and get away from mom & dad for a little bit, c'mon.)* Anyway, here's one of the pics he snapped on the **Luce Line Trail.** Nice.

Okeechobee Oinker



By Mark Minnick *Info and pic from Leslie Degner*

Cosmos native Jim Hackbarth and wife **Shirley** spend winters at a place they own in Lake Worth, Florida. *(Dirty dogs)* On a balmy January day, one of Jim's buddies asked him to go do some bass fishing. So where do they go? To the infamous **Lake Okeechobee,** home of 'pig' sized largemouth's!

To the Minnesota walleye types that aren't aware *(or don't care)*, this lake is arguably one of the best largemouth bass fisheries in the US and maybe the world. Jim caught, weighed and released this gorgeous 6 pound, 11 ounce specimen. Truly a 'pig' that would make my day, fer sure.

I could say, "Lucky dog" but I won't. Catching fish requires a brain, some skill and time on the water, whether guided or not. If you're gonna rely on luck, you're not gonna catch many fish. And you sure as heck won't catch 'em sitting at home, drinkin' coffee…So go fishing! *(and go while you can, believe me, I know.)* **By the way, nice fish Jim!** *(I wanna hear the story sometime.)*

FWIW: The 2023 Major League Fishing (MLF) Okeechobee Invitational is taking place as I write this on February 15th.



Nature and the Great Outdoors

Buffalo Lake Rod & Gun Club

Hey, it's nice outside!

Ice Fishing Contest

on Scenic Lake Allie



The Gazette's Renville County Outdoors Correspondent ***Marshall Haley***, covered the Buffalo Lake Rod & Gun Club's big Ice Fishing Contest on February 11th. With temps pushing 35 degrees under bright sunshine, it was a pretty nice day to be out on the ice. Marshall indicated that everyone had a great time, with 30 fish being registered. *Pics courtesy Marshall and the BL R&G Facebook page*



Registration Area
with a cozy campfire!



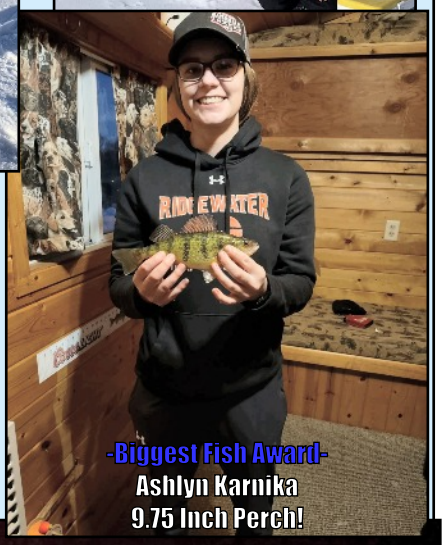
Fun, fun...



and more fun!



-Raffle Grand Prize Winner-
2023 Ice Castle 8x16 Limited
Carol Luckhardt-Morton, MN.



-Biggest Fish Award-
Ashlyn Karnika
9.75 Inch Perch!

And last but not least,

Fireworks!

What a way to end the day!



Science, Tech and Just Plain Cool Stuff



Artwork courtesy Roy Snyder

NASA's Perseverance Rover

Set To Begin Third Year at Jezero Crater





This image was acquired by Perseverance on Feb. 16, 2023 ***(Sol 708)*** **using its Right Mastcam-Z camera.** ***(Mastcam-Z is a pair of cameras located high on the rover's mast.)*** **The pic was selected by public vote to be featured as "Image of the Week" for Week 105 (Feb. 12-18, 2023).** *Image Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/ASU*



This image of the floor of Jezero Crater was taken by one of the Navcam imagers aboard NASA's Perseverance Mars rover on Feb. 5, the 698th Martian day, or sol, of the mission. *Credits: NASA/JPL-Caltech*

Article and pics published by nasa.gov, Feb. 17th 2023

NASA's Perseverance Rover will celebrate its second anniversary on the surface of Mars Saturday, Feb. 18. Since arriving at Jezero Crater in 2021, the six-wheeled, nuclear-powered rover has been examining geologic features and collecting samples of the Red Planet that are central to the first step of the **NASA-ESA** (European Space Agency) **Mars Sample Return** campaign. Scientists want to study Martian samples with powerful lab equipment on Earth to search for signs of ancient microbial life and to better understand the processes that have shaped the surface of Mars.

"Anniversaries are a time of reflection and celebration, and the Perseverance team is doing a lot of both," said Perseverance project scientist Ken Farley of Caltech in Pasadena. "Perseverance has inspected and performed data collection on hundreds of intriguing geologic features, collected 15 rock cores, and created the first sample depot on another world. With the start of the next science campaign, known as 'Upper Fan,' on Feb. 15, we expect to be adding to that tally very soon."

In addition to the rock cores, Perseverance has collected two regolith samples and one atmospheric sample, and it has sealed three "witness" tubes.

After Two Years...

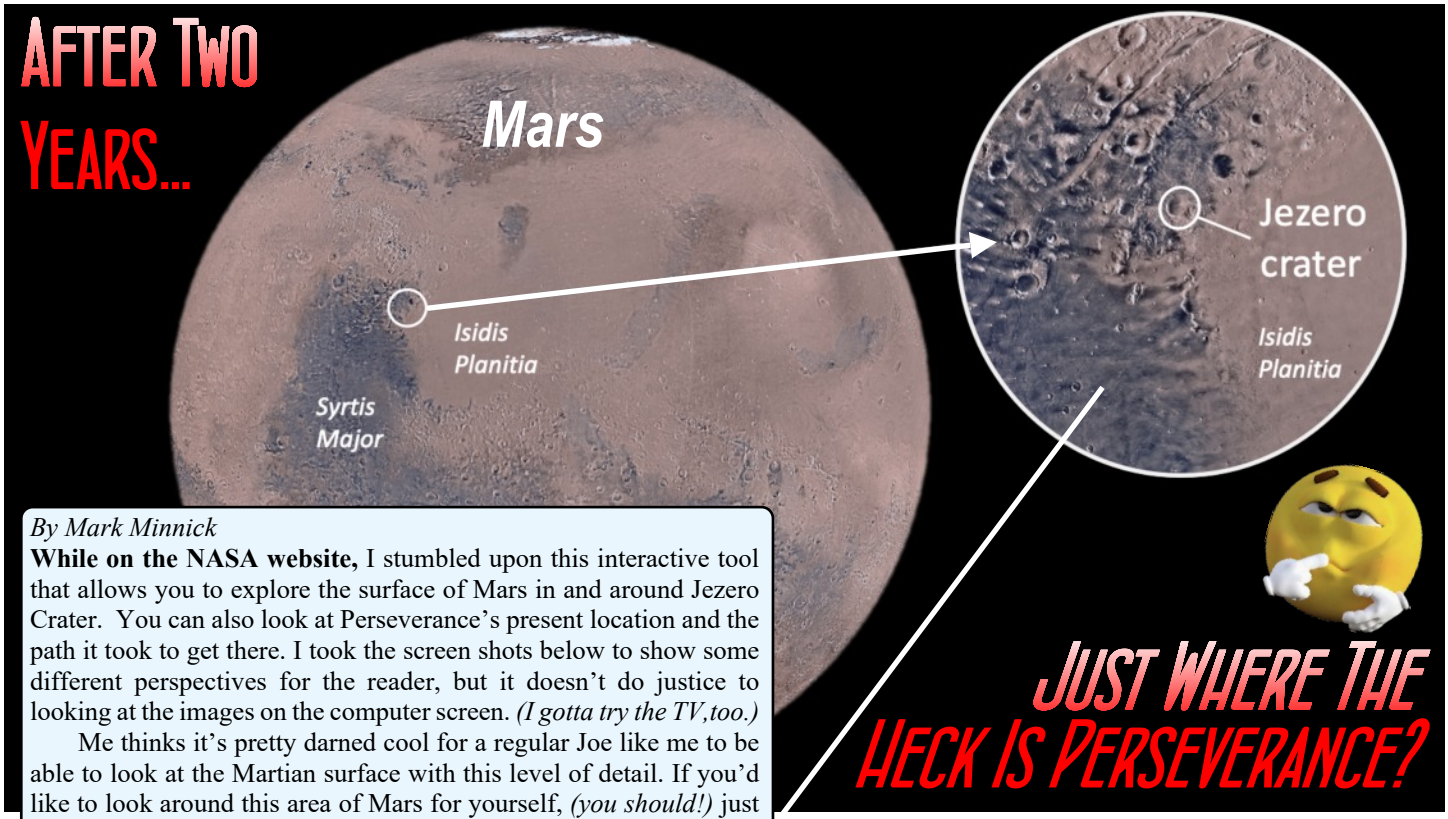
Just Where The Heck Is Perseverance?

By Mark Minnick

While on the NASA website, I stumbled upon this interactive tool that allows you to explore the surface of Mars in and around Jezero Crater. You can also look at Perseverance's present location and the path it took to get there. I took the screen shots below to show some different perspectives for the reader, but it doesn't do justice to looking at the images on the computer screen. *(I gotta try the TV,too.)*

Me thinks it's pretty darned cool for a regular Joe like me to be able to look at the Martian surface with this level of detail. If you'd like to look around this area of Mars for yourself, *(you should!)* just go to **https://mars.nasa.gov/mars2020/mission/where-is-the-rover/** I'll say it again, "It's pretty darned cool."

All Mars images courtesy nasa.gov





The ACGC Falcon Flyover

Events, Activities & Happenings in the Atwater/Cosmos/Grove City School District



Pics and commentary by
Tori Dengerud-ACGC Head Dance Coach

The Falcon Dance Team hosted their dance invitational on **Saturday, January 14th**. Both the JV and varsity kick teams took home first place medals! Varsity jazz placed fourth. Way to go, Falcons!

Back row: Coach Tori Dengerud, Sophie Oyen, Josie Starkovich, Rylie Nelson, Shelby Lange, Kendell Berger, Laura Anderson, Lily Matteson, Coach Sloan Hedtke

Front row: Jayden Olson, Gabi Shea, Kaylee Keppers, Macy Elton, Ally Giese, Brinley Grimsgard, Jada Rosenquist, Haley Johnson

Bargo Afternoon



Commentary by Mark Minnick, Info and pic by Deb Minnick

February 18th saw a big crowd of Bingo enthusiasts get together for "Bargo" (**Bar** Bin**go**) at **Mug Shots Bar & Grill** in Cosmos. Everyone had a great time, sipping on beverages and winning a few prizes. After Bargo, most stayed for the **Cosmos Legion's Meat Raffle** for even *more* fun. Whew! A pretty wild Saturday afternoon, me thinks. *Woot! Woot!*



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Cosmos Fire & Ambulance

Chili Cook Off A Big Success



Sign up here!

Department members 'guarding' the chili pots.

By Mark Minnick

The Cosmos Fire & Ambulance Department's first **Chili Cook Off** on February 25th was a rousing success! Department members cooked up their best chili efforts to compete with one another and find out, "Whose the best".

As chili fans showed up Saturday at **Mugshot's Bar & Grill**, they were greeted with the wonderful aroma of chili peppers, onions and other 'secret' ingredients. I'm guessing that I wasn't the only person having a Pavlovian response before digging in.

With nine chili entries, there was plenty of variations to sample and enjoy. The crowd did just that, as the crock pots were pretty empty by 6:00, which was voting time. Seventy one votes were tallied, determining the victors.

The first place medal was awarded in absentia, as **1st Place Winner Corey Studemann** was playing bean bags. *Sigh.* Anyway, congrats to him, plus the **2nd & 3rd Place Winners**, **Renee Hopp** and **Andrew Pearson**. A big thanks also to: The **Department Members** and all their work, the **hungry folks** that showed up to support the event, **Mug Shots Bar & Grill** for being gracious hosts, and the **Cosmos Lions** for their support.

After talking to members of the department, they indicated that they will probably hold this event next year. *I can't wait.*



Coveted Award Medals: Gold, Silver and Bronze



L-R: Dave Medina is holding medal for the absent
1st place winner Corey Studemann, 2nd-Renee Hopp and 3rd-Andrew Pearson

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Stevenson To Speak At 12 Noon

TO PERMIT all to personally greet Adlai Stevenson, the time of his speech Saturday at the national guard armory in Litchfield has been moved up to 12 o'clock noon, after which the Democratic candidate for president will shake hands with everyone who wishes to greet him, until the caravan continues on to the next appearance at Sauk Centre.

The extra time for personal contacts was arranged last Saturday at a meeting of Jack Puterbaugh, state DFL secretary, with officers and committee workers of the Meeker county Democratic-Farmer-Labor club, which is in charge of local arrangements. Before the hand-shaking period, Mr. Stevenson will speak for 10 or 15 minutes, beginning at 12 o'clock sharp.

Doors of the armory will be open well before the meeting. There will be no admission charge. After the speech-making, milk, coffee and doughnuts will be served on a free-will-offering basis. Mr. Stevenson has expressed his desire to visit personally with as many people as possible, and local arrangements are being made with that in mind.

At the same time, major state and national political attention will be focussed on Mr. Stevenson's remarks here and elsewhere on his five-day tour of our state. Besides five members of his Chicago staff, headed by William Blair, Jr., Adlai's personal secretary, reservations have been made for ten out-of-state newsmen, including Life and Time magazines, the New York Times, Chicago Sun-Times, Associated Press, United Press and Twin City papers.

CONGRESSMAN Eugene McCarthy, native of Watkins, will accompany other DFL leaders, possibly with Mrs. McCarthy, a former Litchfield high school teacher, nee Abigail Quigley. Senator Hubert Humphrey will introduce Mr. Stevenson. Senator Humphrey will be presented by

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ADLAI STEVENSON

HAROLD HESSER NAMED DIRECTOR OF CENTENNIAL

HAROLD Hesser of Cosmos has been named one of the directors of the Meeker County centennial committee. He will serve as Cosmos' representative on the committee.

Other directors named this week were Jim Hanson, Darwin; Levi Haapala, Dassel; Jack Anderson, Farmers Union; Harry Schneiter, Farm Bureau.

SIX MEN from Litchfield also serve on the committee, as well as one each from Eden Valley, Grove City and Watkins, who have not been named yet.

RED CROSS FUND DRIVE BEGINS

WITH THE largest quota in a decade as its goal, the 1956 Meeker Red Cross fund appeal will get under way today (Thursday) throughout the county, Ray Olson, chairman of the fund appeal, announces.

Assigned quota for the Meeker chapter this year is $7,700, the largest since the war years, Chairman Olson pointed out.

Chairmen for the townships and communities will canvass their respective areas, starting today, in

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Car Demolished When It Struck Cosmos School Bus



THIS IS THE 1949 Ford in which Ronald Brotten of Litchfield collided with a Cosmos school bus, last Monday morning. — Cosmos News Staff Photo.

Nobody Injured

A LITCHFIELD boy was only slightly injured, Monday morning, when the car he was driving crashed into a parked school bus on Cosmos' Main street.

Although Ronald Brotten, 16, 401 E. Third St., Litchfield, suffered only bruises to his left leg, the 1949 Ford he was driving was almost a total wreck.

Brotten was headed north on Main street when he struck a Cosmos school bus parked in front of the Diner. Driver of the bus, Stanley Mortenson, was in the Diner at the time of the accident.

The right front end of the Brotten car struck the left rear corner of the school bus. It was estimated that damage to the school bus was about $125, but it was not damaged bad enough to prevent it from being used to make the bus rounds that morning.

Brotten told Policeman Robert Erickson that he had taken his father to work at Hector and was returning to Litchfield when the accident occurred. He sad he looked at the marquee of the Hub theatre to see what picture was playing, and before he knew it he had struck the bus.

FALSE ALARM

Cosmos Firemen Get "The Runaround"

MEN AND equipment of the Cosmos Fire department sped north out of town on highway 4, last Monday morning, only to find they had answered a false alarm.

A child's voice, reporting a fire by telephone, stated there was a fire about a mile north of Cosmos.

Thinkng it was at the Richard Mortenson house, firemen rushed there, but found nobody at home and no evidence of any fire. They then went on to the schoolhouse Richard Mortenson had purchased and was remodeling, but everything was in order there, too.

The men and trucks then returned to the firehall while Assistant Chief Dorin Anderson drove his car out of town in other directions to look for a fire.

The alarm was sounded at about 10 a.m. It was about 45 minutes later when the trucks were put away and the firemen relieved from duty.

CENTENNIAL UNDERWRITERS CLUB BEING FORMED

An underwriters' club of the Meeker County Centennial celebration is being formed with civ-

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$25 PRIZE OFFERED FOR BEST NAME FOR CENTENNIAL

FIRST prize of $25 and a centennial honor plaque award, and second and third prizes of plaques will be given to the persons suggesting the best names for the Meeker county centennial celebration, June 14-17.

Below are the rules of the contest:

WINNER must be a resident of

NAME CENTENNIAL
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FREE SUPPER **Above is a small part of the 150 farmers from this area who were entertained at a supper put on by Cosmos Elevator and Supersweet Feeds last Thursday evening at the school lunchroom. A delicious supper of ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, rolls, butter, pie and coffee was served by Rosendale ladies aid. After the meal, a talk and movie about livestock feeding were given. Door prizes were won by Harold ,Herrly, Wesley Youngblom, Loren Pearson Floyd Wehking, Orville Wog, Martin Joercks, Louis Kurth, Orville Johnson and Charles Dallman. —Cosmos News Staff Photo.**

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Cedar Mills Downs Peace

FOR THE SECOND time in two weeks, St. Johns of Cedar Mills defeated the Peace cagers of Cosmos. This was another close game, with the final score 47 to 41.

Peace had an exceptionally good night from the free throw line, making 19 of 23 shots.

Ronald Koch, with 11 points, paced the Cosmos scoring. Kurth with 23, and Schaefer with 13, dominated St. Johns scoring.

The score at half time was 23 to 17 in Cedar Mills' favor.

7 WIN DOOR PRIZES AT CLINIC

DOOR prize were won by seven people Tuesday night at the Meeker county Farm and Home Safety Clinic at the Cosmos school.

Winners were: Mrs. Anna Mundt, Litchfield, tractor lamp; Mrs. Arnold Adams, Cosmos, boat safety cushion; Mrs. Hilma Soder, Atwater, trouble light; Mrs. Henry Remmel, Grove City, fire extinguisher; Mrs. A. C. Burmeister, fire extinguisher; Elinar Mundt, Litchfield, fire extinguisher; and Alvin Christianson, Litchfield, fire extinguisher.

THE PROGRAM consisted of a talk on radioactive fall-outs, traffic safety by Glenn Prickett, a picture on farm safety,, and lunch.

About 65 people attended the clinic.

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Northern State to enter Cosmos, however, until that company had purchased the electrical equipment owned by the Johnson brothers.

HE ALSO recalled that Cosmos township erected the town hall in 1926 on a spot which now is the roadbed of state highway 7. The village of Cosmos rented the hall from the township whenever they were in need of it. He remembers that businessmen of Cosmos put on a dance to buy a furnace and chairs for the hall.

OUTSIDE movies were quite an attraction in Cosmos in those days, Mr. Marx stated. They were shown on the lot which now is a street between Herbert Schiro's Shoe shop and Wyman's Market. People came from miles around in buckboards and wagons to see these movies.

VERY prominent in civic affairs in Cosmos, Mr. Marx served for four years as justice of the peace here.

With the Bowlers

MEN'S LEAGUE
February 21

Junior's Milk Service 3 over Meehan's Implement; Lake Lillian Lakers 2 over Johnson Hardware; Carrigan's Body Shop 3 over Cosmos Liquor Bar; Daylight Tavern 2 over Lake Lillian Lucky Strikes.

League Standings

	W	L
Meehan's Implement	41½	27½
Daylight Tavern	40	29
Lucky Strikes	39	30
Carrigan's	39	30
Junior's Milk	37	32
Cosmos Bar	36	33
Lakers	29	40
Johnson Hdwe	14½	54½

High 3 Games, Team

Daylight Tavern	2326
Lucky Strikes	2191
Lakers	2139

High Single Game, Team

Lucky Strikes	826
Daylight Tavern	798
Daylight Tavern	775

High 3 Games, Individual

Roland Podratz	536
Hans Swenson	202

High Single Game, Individual

Roland Podratz	220

February 28

Johnson Hardware 2 over Cosmos Liquor Bar, Junior's Milk Service 2 over Daylight Tavern, Lake Lillian Lakers 3 over Lake Lillian Lucky Strikes, Carrigan Body Shop 2 over Meehan's Implement.

League Standings

	W	L
Meehan's Imp.	42½	29½
Daylight Tavern	41	31
Carrigan's	41	31
Lucky Strikes	39	33
Junior's Milk	39	33
Cosmos Bar	37	35
Lakers	32	40
Johnson Hdwe	16½	55½

High 3 Games, Team

Junior's Milk Service	2279
Daylight Tavern	2227
Lucky Strikes	2192

High Single Game, Team

Junior's Milk Service	851
Lakers	766
Daylight Tavern	759

High 3 Games, Individual

Myron Flann	508

WOMEN'S LEAGUE
February 23

Gutter Duusters 2 over Pin Heads; Cozy Inn 2 over Minnick's 66; Suuperior Market 2 over Cosmos State Bank; Home Oil 3 over Cosmos Creamery.

League Standings

	W	L
Pin Heads	38½	24½
Minnick's 66	36	27
Cosmos State Bank	34½	28½
Cozy Inn	34	29
Superiorr Market	30	33
Home Oil	29	34
Gutter Dusters	26	37
Cosmos Creamery	24	39

High 3 Games, Team

Gutter Dusters	1948
Cozy Inn	1905
Superior Market	1861

High Single Game, Team

Gutter Dusters	695
Superior Market	682
Cozy Inn	667

High 3 Games, Individual

Phyllis Grussendorf	459

High Single Game, Individual

Phyllis Grussendorf	167, 150

March 1

Cosmos Creamery 2 over Cozy Inn, Superior Market 2½ over Pin Heads, Gutter Dusters 3 over Home Oil, Minnicks 66 2 over Cosmos State Bank.

League Standings

	W	L
Pin Heads	39	27
Minnick's 66	38	28
Cosmos State Bank	35½	30½
Cozy Inn	35	31
Superior Market	32½	33½
Gutter Dusters	29	37
Home Oil	29	37
Cosmos Creamery	26	40

High 3 Games, Team

Gutter Dusters	1920
Cozy Inn	1893
Minnick's 66	1865

High Single Game, Team

Gutter Dusters	664
Cozy Inn	656
Gutter Dusters	656

High 3 Games, Individual

Maxine Tatting	433
Virginia Grussendorf	425
Evelyn Thomas	415
Phyllis Grussendorf	410
Audrey Harris	405

High Single Game, Individual

Maxine Tatting	180
Virginia Grussendorf	162
Evelyn Thomas	160

HUTCH. MEN'S LEAGUE
League Standings

T P A	53
Hutchinson Drug	48
Anglin & Lack	47
Home Oil	47
Hutchinson Iron	47
Kraft Kay	47
West Lynn	43
Scotch & Soda	36

Individual Games, Home Oil

Porky Anderson	157	162	160
Martin Kutzke	136	159	130
Vern Swigart	204	167	166
Marvin Hackbarth	140	161	135
Gordon Johnson	164	180	189

SPORTS

Lake Lillian Junior Cagers Fall to Cosmos

THE COSMOS junior basketball team won another game from Lake Lillian, last Friday. The score was 43 to 27.

For Cosmos, Louis Alberts with 12, Larry Johnson with 10, and Lyle Arnold with 9 led the scoring.

IN ANOTHER game played Friday, the seventh grade team led at the end of the regular playing time. In order to give more boys a chance to play, the game was run an extra eriod.

At the end of this period, Lake Lillian led 16 to 75. The two teams agreed to call it a tie.

200-Bushel Corn Soon in Minn.

If we keep up our increase of 20 bushels a year in the Official Minnesota X-tra Yield Corn Contest — conducted each year by the University of Minnesota and the Farmer — we should soon top the 200-bushel mark. This is only the third year of the contest and the high yield was 180 bushels an acre. Last year it was 160. In 1953 it was 140. These facts come from Harold E. Jones, a University extension soils specialist.

OFFICE CHATTER

DATES SET FOR IMMUNIZATION CLINIC, HERE

ON WEDNESDAYS at 9 a.m., on March 14 — April 11 f May 9, immunization clinics will be held at the Cosmos school. Dr Thompson will be the doctor and the clinic will be in charge of Mrs. G. A. Hollaar, county public health nurse.

The series of three inoculations will be given one month apart for children who have never been immunized against whooping cough, diptheria and tetanus. Boosters will be given to children who were immunized 3 to 5 years ago (3 years is the latest recomtions and revaccinations (for those vaccinated over 5 years ago) will be done.

Free Mantoux tests will be given to 1 - 2 - 7 grade pupils this year.

It will be impossible to offer Salk polio vaccine at our clinics this spring. Supply of serum is still short and the state department of health couldn't promise an adequate amount on a certain date. Serum is available most of the time at Dr. Thompson's office. Mrs. Hollaar urges parents to take their children for polio immunization as this vaccine has proven to be very effective against paralytic and bulbar polio.

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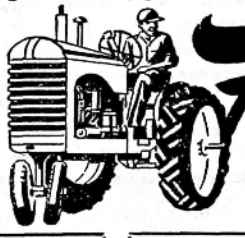
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Thoughts & Observations

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Some of the readers may think that the only food I eat at **Mug Shots Bar & Grill** is the delectable **Liver & Onions**. You would be wrong! The bride and I stopped in for **Taco & Tots Tuesday**, on Friday the 10th. *(Confused? Well, Friday or not, I think my made up name is cool.)* Anyway, it was pretty darned "Good stuff Maynard". I thought, waaay better than any of the chains. I'll be baaack.



Even more "Good stuff Maynard"; I spent some time messing around with more pickled and fermented foods. I came up with some dandies, yessiree Bob. *Left to right;* **Bloody Eggs**, **Moe's** ***(of Simpson's fame)*** **Rotten Pickled Eggs**, **Bloody Onions** and **Kimchi**. All of them turned out absolutely grrreat! I realize that most readers will recoil in abject horror at just the thought of these, so I won't list any of the recipes. Don't want to offend anybody or make them faint. But, if a smart reader wants one, let me know.



Speaking of more "Good stuff Maynard", it was a hoot attending the **Cosmos Fire & Ambulance Department's Chili Cook Off** at **Mug Shots**. Great food, great people and a great time. If you went home hungry or thirsty from an event like this, it was your own darned fault.

Another High, Holy Holiday is coming on March 3rd. Of course, it's none other than the delectable dish of **Liver & Onions** at **Mug Shots Bar & Grill**. All of the smart people will be there, you betcha, then.



I'd like to invite the Gazette readers, family, friends and all rock fans to a

Rock 'N' Roll Afternoon

on March 25th at Mug Shots

(See ad on page 17)

It should be a blast! Btw, I ran across this cartoon in the March '56 Cosmos News. I thought it quite funny and appropriate. Anyway, see you there &...

Turn That Crap Down!





TIME WARP Whozit?

Readers seemed to enjoy the 1968 Corvuso Creamery Board pic last month. Now let's see if they can recall the members of the **1956 Cosmos Creamery Board** this month.

One hint; The vice-president of this bunch was know for his salty language and the phrase, "Hooo, ya might know!"

Whozit?

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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".

-Public Meeting-

MNDot Draft Plans to Improve the Rain Gardens on Main Street (Hwy 4)

March 9, 6:00 PM

During the regular Cosmos City Council Meeting

at Cosmos City Center

Cosmos residents are encouraged to attend, learn, and give input. There may also be some volunteer opportunities.

-Ponderings-



- "What if Stacy's Mom was really Jessie's girl and her number was 867-5309?"
- "I definitely learned my lesson about speeding today and it will never happen again. I didn't get pulled over or anything, I just showed up for work 20 minutes early."
- "The worst part about getting old is remembering being young."



It's that time....

Spring Ahead!

Daylight Savings is Back!

On 2 AM Sunday, March 12th

Turn your clocks AHEAD one hour.



"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

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March: In like a lion & out like a lamb. What happens if the lion just plain eats the lamb? Nine out of ten dentists surveyed remind him to floss after brushing.



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The next meeting is
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