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The Mushroom Planet.
Now we just gotta find the Gravy Planet.

Weather: Dave's not here. "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"

Street, Sewer & Water Project Moves Ahead



By Mark Minnick

The Cosmos City Council took another step forward in the upcoming infrastructure project in Cosmos. At the last regular meeting on March 18th, they voted to adopt an assessment rate of $128.00 per linear foot of street.

They also decided to hold a Public Hearing regarding the street and infrastructure improvements on April 13th, 2021, 5:30 PM at the city center. After the hearing, there will be an Open House starting at 6:00 PM.

Josh Halvorson of the engineering firm Bolton & Menk, presented a recently finished mapping of the video inspection of the sanitary sewer in the north half of the town. You can see the map on the next page and the places where there problems. Use the associated key to identify the type of problem with the sanitary sewer. According to the preliminary info, there are 94 infiltrations, 22 sags, 5 cracked or broken spots and 15 places in the pipe that are impassable. I don't know if anyone was expecting that many deficiencies.

Many hours of video were taken to document the state of the sanitary sewer. I overlaid a few stills on the map of the bad areas, with identifying man hole numbers (MH), date, time and distance on the photo. I added arrows directing the reader to the approximate area where the problem exists.

Be aware, each one of the cross marks, regardless of color, indicates a problem. As you can see in just these few images and the map, things need to be tended to.

Remember, the Open House is;
Tuesday, April 13th at 6:00 PM.

Future meetings:

- **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.



Infiltration



and more Infiltration

Sanitary Sewer Televising - Results

March 2021

BOLTON & MENK















LEGEND

- 8" - SANITARY SEWER TELEVISED
- 12" - SANITARY SEWER TELEVISED
- LAMP HOLE
- SANITARY SEWER MH

TV DEFICIENCIES (NO)

- INFILTRATION (94)
- SAG (22)
- CRACK / BROKEN (5)
- IMPASSIBLE (15)

Notice: This map is courtesy of Bolton & Menk and has been modified by the Galactic Gazette to fit on the page and be legible to the reader. There are no guarantees as to scale or photo location accuracy.

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JUPITER ST N
MILKY WAY ST N / TH 4
MARS ST N

Select TV Inspection Pics of Sanitary Sewer Deficiencies

TIDBITS



Greetings!

It seems we all could use more humor in our lives. WHAT IS A GRANDPARENT? Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of her own. They like other people's. A grandfather is a man grandmother. Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the store and have lots of quarters for us. When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars. They show us and talk to us about the color of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on "cracks." They don't say, "Hurry up." Usually grandmothers are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth and gums out. Grandparents don't have to be smart. They have to answer questions like "why isn't God married?" and "How come dogs chase cats?" When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again. Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television, because they are the only grown ups who like to spend time with us. They know we should have snack-time before bedtime and they say prayers with us every time, and kiss us even when we've acted badly.

(An oofta joke) A boy from Duluth, Minnesota named Lars had heard stories of an amazing family tradition. It seem that his father, grandfather and great grandfather had all been able to walk on water on their 21st birthdays going to the boat club across the lake for their first legal drink. So when Lars' 21st came around, he and his pal Sven took a boat out to the middle of the lake. Lars stepped out of the boat and nearly drowned. Sven managed to pull him to safety. Furious and confused, Lars went to see his grandmother. "Grandma," he asked, "it's my 21st birthday, so why can't I walk across the lake like my father, his father, and his father before him?" Granny looked into Lars' eyes and said, "Because Lars, your father, grandfather and great-grandfather were born in January; you were born in July.

A man feared his wife wasn't hearing as well as she used to and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family Doctor to discuss the problem. The Doctor told him there is a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the Doctor a better idea about her hearing loss. Here's what you do," said the Doctor, "stand about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response." That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he was in the den. He says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens."

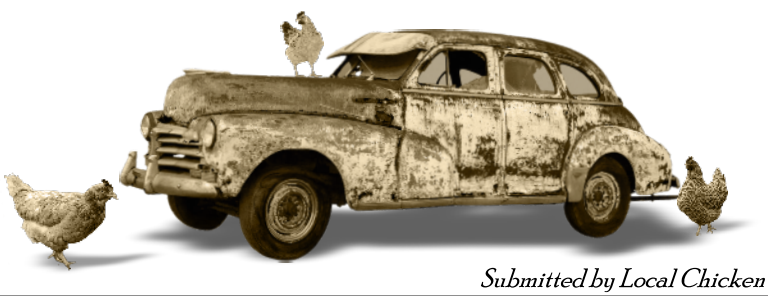
Then in a normal tone he asks, 'Honey, what's for dinner?" No response. So the husband moves to closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife and repeats, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Still no response. Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from his wife and asks, Honey, what's for dinner?" Again he gets no response. So, he walks up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again there is no response. So he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for dinner?" "Earl, for the FIFTH time, CHICKEN!"

It doesn't hurt to take a hard look at yourself from time to time, and this should help get you started. During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director what the criterion was which defined whether or not a patient should be Institutionalized. "Well," said the Director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub." "Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup. "No." said the Director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?" Have a great April.

Why do chicken coops only have two doors?



Because if they had four doors they'd be chicken sedans. Yep.



Submitted by Local Chicken

HAPPY EASTER



From. . .

The Cosmos Lions

"We Serve"

We appreciate the support we always get from the community and look forward to serving the area again this coming year. 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
March 18, 2021

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday March 18, 2021.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Angelica Hopp, Emily Van Hatten, Katie Hansen and Jody Fruetel.
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville, Sarah Miller and David Medina
Councilmember Hansen was sworn in to complete the term of Councilmember McCarthy.
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen to adopt the Agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hopp, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. February 11, 2021 City Council Minutes
b. Overtime Balances
c. MMS – Parameter Report
d. Meeker County Sheriff – Feb 2021 Report (TBP)
e. Public Hearing – April 13, 2021 5:15 p.m. – Agricultural to Industrial
f. Ambulance -Ridgewater College Training Agreement

Gary Martin, Cosmos Lions was present to ask on behalf of the Cosmos Lions, if they could replace the cement in the ballpark concession stand. After general discussion, a motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to authorize the Cosmos Lions to replace the cement concession stand score.

Quincy McNeal was present to share his appreciation for the city on their continued improvement projects, now the city street, sewer and water projects for 2021.

March 18, 2021 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to approve the March 18, 2021 Bills list with check numbers from 14778-14816 for $94,641.74. Motion carried**.**

Resolution 21_06 Adopting Assessment Policy - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to approve Resolution 21_06 Adopting an Assessment Policy. Motion carried**.**

Resolution 21_07 Adopting Assessment Rate - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Fruetel, to approve Resolution 21_07 Adopting an Assessment Rate of $128 per linear foot of street. Motion carried**.**

Public Hearing/Open House- A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to schedule a Public Hearing on Street and Infrastructure Improvements for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, 2021 with an Open House to follow at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried**.**

Ambulance Pay Review – Councilmember/Ambulance Director Van Hatten reviewed the pay presentation to the townships within ambulance call area. The townships at the annual Fire/Township meeting were supportive of pay increase for the ambulance personnel.

Ambulance Pay- A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to approve ambulance pay rates as follows; EMT $14/hr., EMR $12/hr., Load Wage $8 per load, Call shift $3/hr. Motion carried**.**

Public Works – David Medina, Public Works Supervisor, stated that he has passed his Class C water license. Medina reviewed the need to possibly replace the media at the water plant. It is currently at the end of its useful life and he can see some samples creeping up to their limits. The city engineer will review possible costs to doing this.
Fire Chief Fruetel discussed the upcoming Chili Cookoff fundraiser scheduled for April 10th, 2021.
SpaceFest - Van Hatten discussed preliminary preparations for Spacefest 2021. The City Council was in favor of having the festival return for this year.

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. **Tuesday**, **April 13, 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 Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. Motion carried.

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Open House

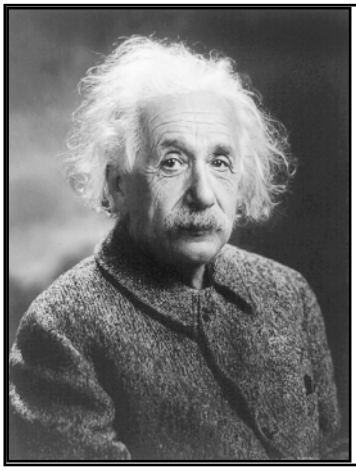
Come-and-Go/Drive-By
Bridal Shower
in honor of
Taylor Reinke-Tuel
Saturday, April 24th, from 1-3 p.m.
at the home of her parents
Todd and Susan Reinke
11843 590th Ave rural **Cosmos**
Current social distancing guidelines will be followed.
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The couple is registered at Target and Amazon.

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Albert Einstein



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

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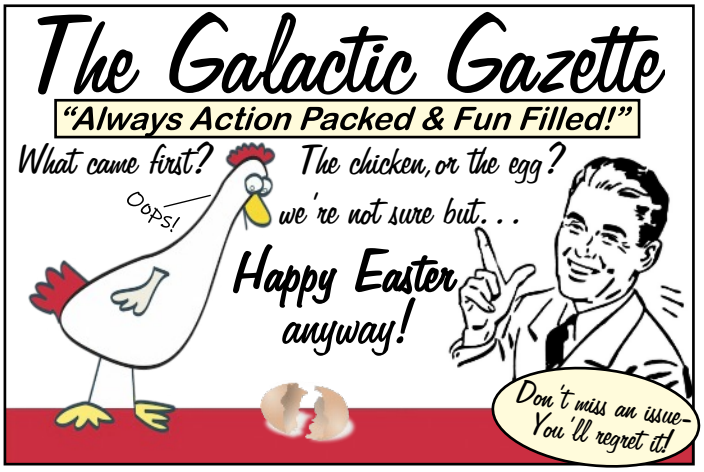
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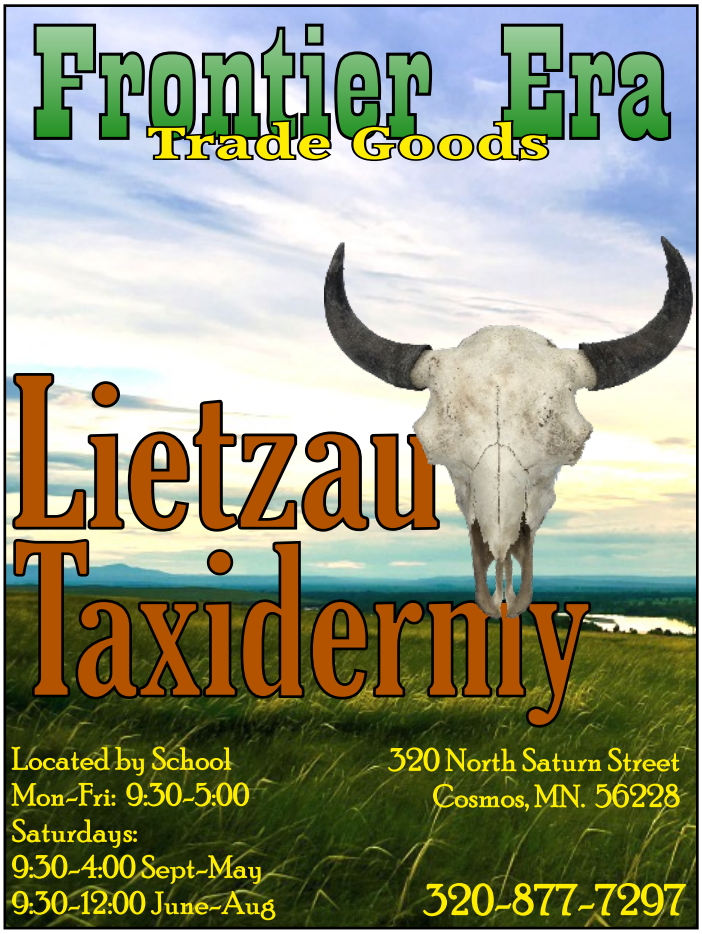


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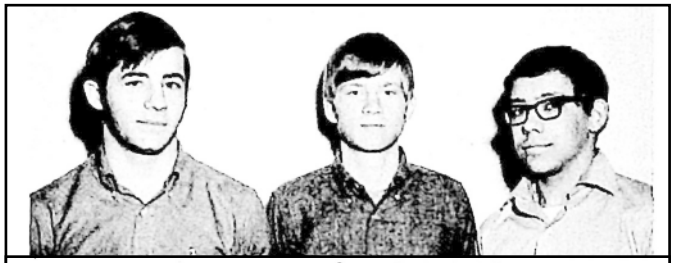






The three young lads are: Mike Lundstrom, Craig Thomas, Dave Fett

From: Mary Frederiksen, Marlene Remmel, and Marilyn Minnick



ALL CONFERENCE player is Craig Thomas, center. With him are the two Cosmos cagers who were given honorable mention. Mike Lundstrom is at the left and Dave Fett is at the right. --Cosmos News staff photo.

A priest, a minister and a rabbit walk into a bar. They settle into the well worn stools as the bartender strolls over and asks them what they would like to drink.

It was a hot spring day outside, so they all agree to have a nice cold Hamm's beer, fresh out of the tap. The bartender returned with three frosty mugs of beer, poured perfectly with a frothy head on each.

He proceeded to make small talk with the group, showing a little undo interest in the 'odd' trio.

He finally got the nerve to talk to the rabbit. "Ya know, I see lot's of different folks in this place, but I've never seen a rabbit hangin' out with a couple of clergymen. What gives?" The rabbit replied, "I'm not sure, but I think I'm here because of Auto-correct."





"I went to see my doctor. 'Doctor, every morning when I get up and look in the mirror... I feel like throwing up. What's wrong with me?' He said, 'I don't know but your eyesight is perfect.'" *Rodney Dangerfield*



Cosmos Races to Get COVID Vaccinations!!

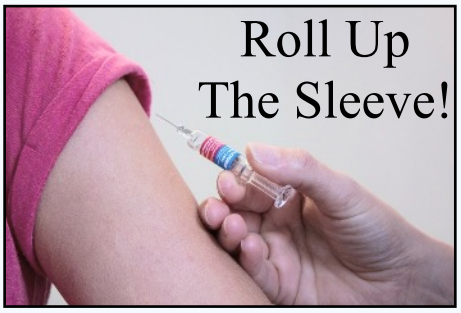
Over 30 Cosmos Seniors have already been vaccinated!

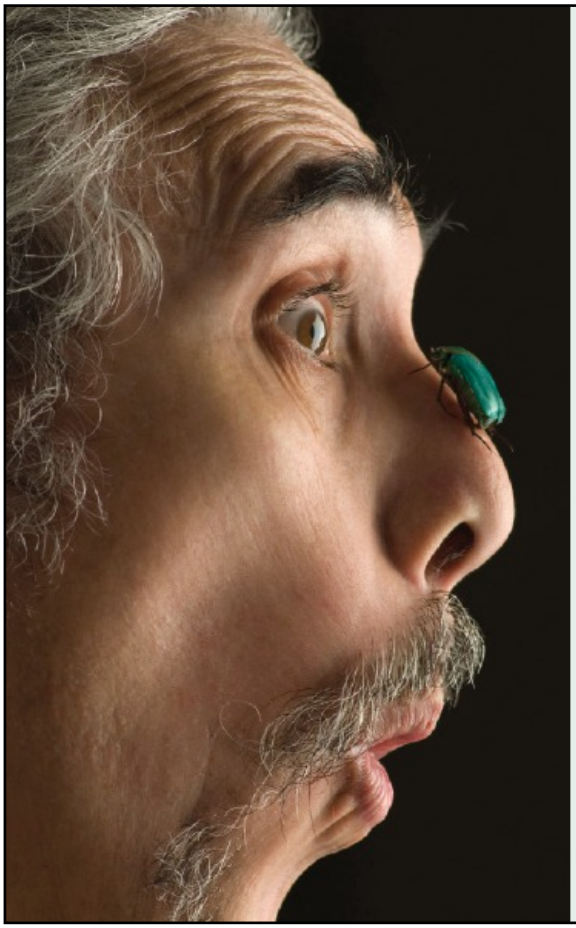
Congratulations to: Gary & Sue Martin, Mel & Karen Maas, Curt Meyer, Shirley Peterson, Nancy Kiecker, Rosie Kiecker, Kenny & Connie Dallmann, Phyliss Jenkins, Harold & Pat Weseloh, Sonja Fruetel, Bob & Delores Arndt, Russ & Kathy Nordine, Joyce Radloff, Duane Kruse, Leo & Gladys Macik, Bernice Retzlaff, Deanna Nelson, Ralph & Betty Inselmann, Floyd & Una Walter, Julie Seifert, Laural & Carol Schiro, Darlene Inselmann, Duane & Grace Kamrath.



C'mon Cosmos, we can do this!

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Written and submitted
by Duane Kamrath



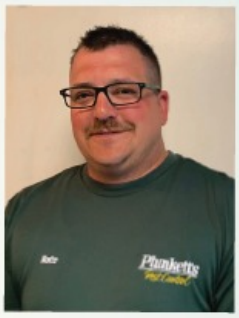


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Come & Join Us for Our 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off

Sample every department's chili and vote for your favorite!

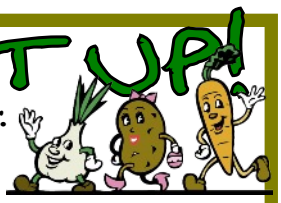
**The Winning Department hosts next year's cook-off.*

-Proceeds go to help fund training equipment and needs-

**Hosted by the Cosmos Fire and Ambulance Departments*

CHEF IT UP!

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



Lemon Angel Pie

By Grace Kamrath

Greetings and Blessed Easter to all. With spring already here and Easter just a few days away, I thought a nice light dessert would be good.

As you may remember , I love desserts and of course I have my favorites but this Lemon Angel Pie is right up there at the top but this pie is so light and delicious that it may become a favorite of yours also.

The ingredients are few (actually only five) and simple and except for the lemon and whipping cream are in your cupboard. I plan to make this pie for dessert for Easter Sunday. What are you making?

LEMON ANGEL PIE

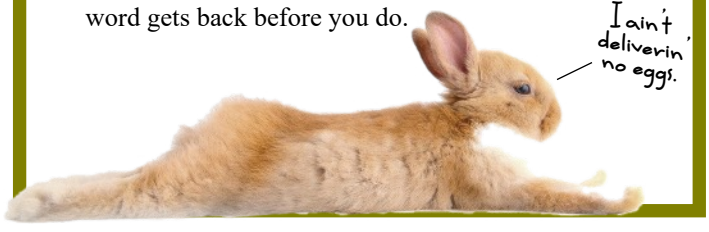
Heat oven to 275 degrees.
For the meringue pie shell:
Butter a 9" pie shell
Beat 2 egg whites and 1/4 t. Cream of Tatar until foamy. Beat in 1/2 c. sugar 1 T. at a time until stiff and glossy.
Spoon into pie pan and press against bottom and sides of pie pan. Bake for 45 minutes, turn off the oven and leave in oven 45 minutes more.
While meringue shell is cooling in oven, begin the lemon filling.



Lemon Filling:
4 egg yolks (slightly beaten)
1/2 c. sugar
1 T. lemon rind
3 T. lemon juice
Combine and cook until thick.
Cool slightly.
Beat 1 c. cream with 1 t. lemon rind until stiff. Now comes the pretty part of the pie. Spoon 1/2 of the whipped cream into the cooled meringue shell, spoon all of the cooled lemon filling on top of the cream and then the rest of the whipped cream on top. All done, except to put in the refrigerator for an hour or so. Prepare to enjoy!!!

You know you are in a small town when:

- You don't use your turn signals because everyone knows where you are going.
- You speak to each dog you pass by name and he wags his tail at you.
- You dial a wrong number and talk for 15 minutes anyway.
- You drive into the ditch five miles out of town and the word gets back before you do.



Graduation Announcements



It's that time again!

The Galactic Gazette will be publishing high school graduation announcements and color photos in the May issue.
(It will be here before we know it.)

The cost is as follows;

Full Page	$100.00
Half Page	$50.00
Quarter page	$25.00

Please E-mail the announcement you wish to publish to;

wordnut66@outlook.com

We like to use this simple 4 line format for your grad.

- **Who:** Graduate's name
- **What:** School Graduation, Graduation Open House, etc.
- **When:** Weekday, date, year & time
- **Where:** Location for reception or celebration

**We can also custom design something for you, with or without a photo, but please talk to us about your idea, the earlier the better.*
**Prepayment can be delivered to Mark or Delores.*

You can also mail it to;

Galactic Gazette
350 Neptune St. North
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***The deadline to make the May issue is April 20th**

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

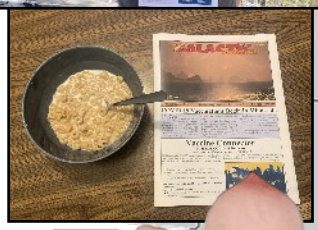
P.S. We will also publish confirmation, pre-school, kindergarten, grade school or college graduation announcements. They will be separate from the high school grads, but honored just the same.

Celebrate their accomplishments!

Where's the Gazette?

This Month?





Zach Hahnen from **Bloomington, MN.** really enjoys his Gazette with a bowl of Cheerios for breakfast. In March, Zach took a business trip out to snowy **Denver, Colorado.** He brought along his darling wife and the Gazette. Smart man. No word on the Cheerios though. No picture of his wife either. Hmmm.





Jackson (left) & human **Joleen Hartung-Durken** (right) enjoying the Gazette in **Inver Grove Heights, MN.** Jackson insists on reading it first. Cats….

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

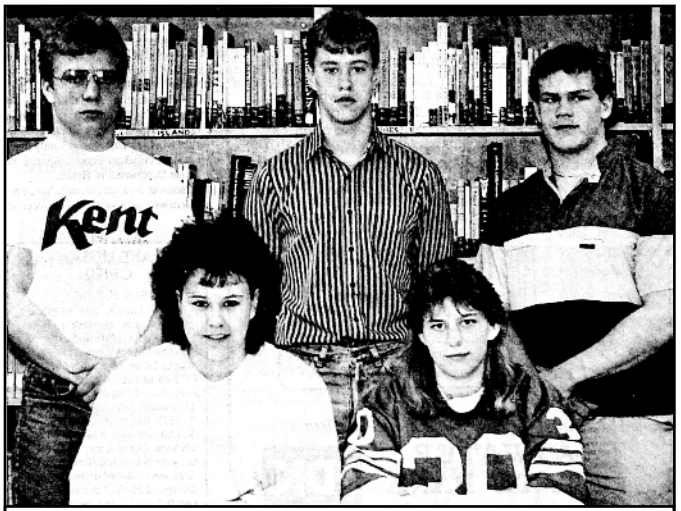
From our skinny little buddy-

Brookfield



Happy Easter

TIME WARP Whozit?



These five youngsters were awarded
Circle-8 All Conference Honors in April of '89
for Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, and Wrestling.

Whozit?

Email your answer to:

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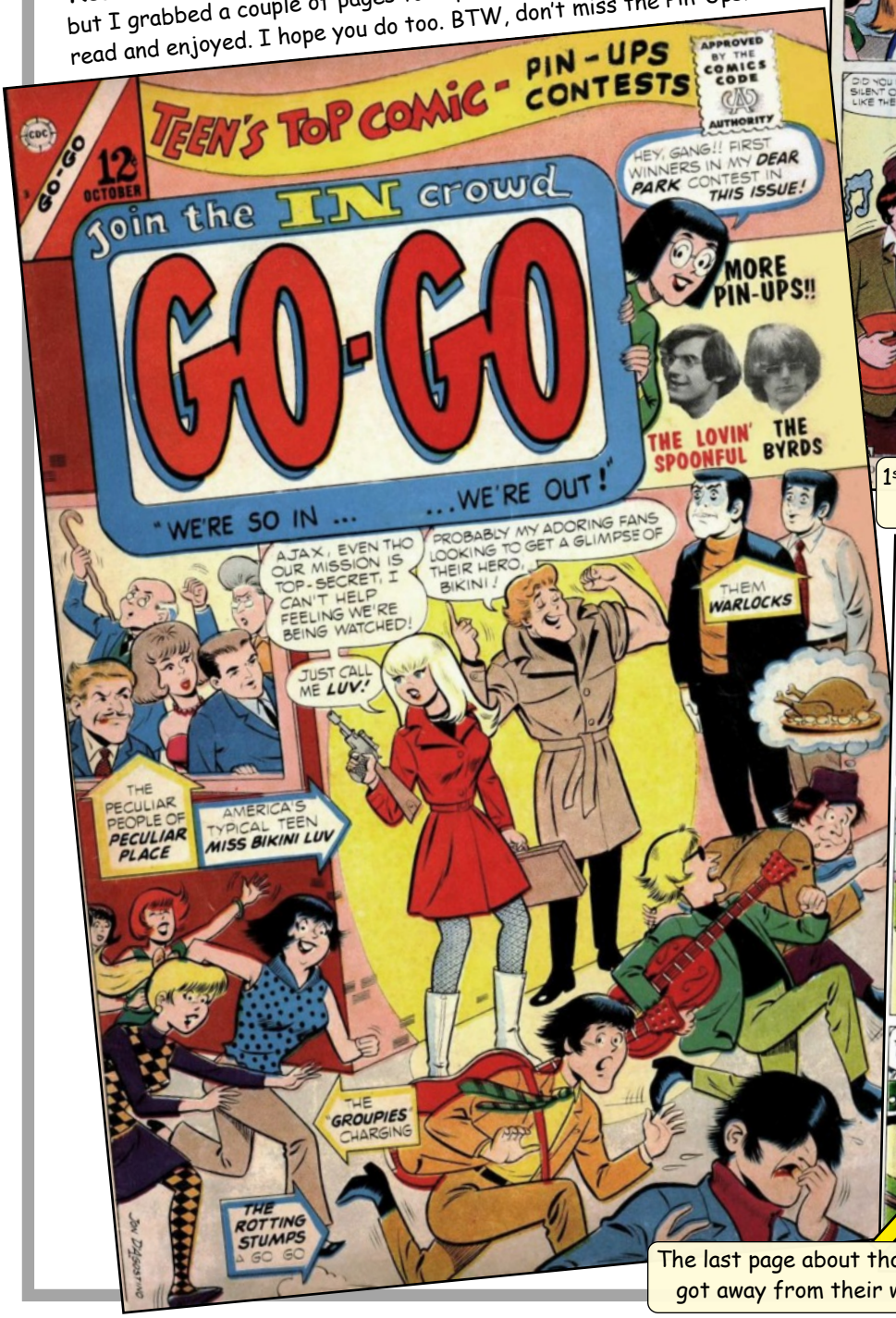
"Turn That Crap Down!"



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

By Mark Minnick

While poking around on the **Comic Book+** website (comicbookplus.com), I saw this bright and catchy comic book cover, below. I had to stop and page through the whole thing. While looking, reading and smiling to myself, I was trying to remember what the world's perception of "Rock N' Roll" was in 1966. From the looks of this comic, it wasn't too positive. "Horrible music made by bands with idiotic names and long hair to boot" was a common thought in 'common sense' establishment America. Oh well, I really enjoyed reading the whole thing and the comic book art work. **'Neat-O'** as us kids used to say.' Alas, I couldn't include the whole book, but I grabbed a couple of pages to hopefully give you a taste of what I read and enjoyed. I hope you do too. BTW, don't miss the Pin-Ups!



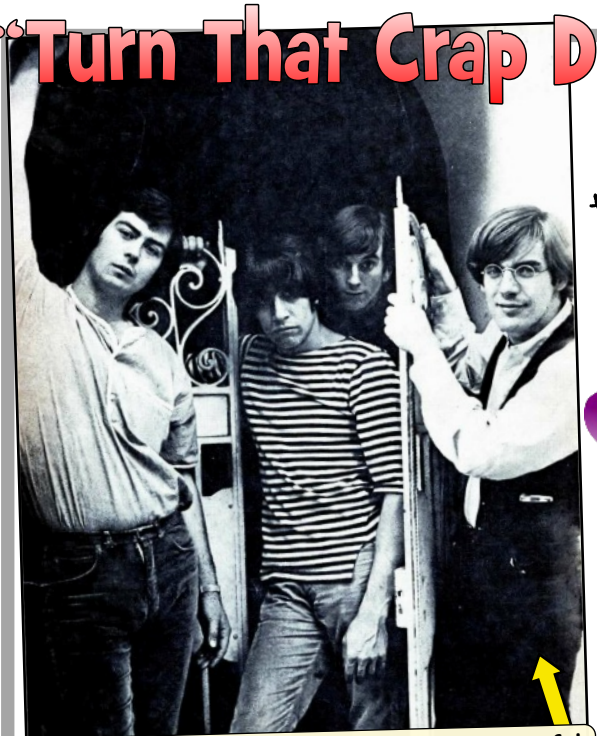


1st page of the story about "The Rotting Stumps". Cool name for a musical group, eh?



The last page about those ol' "Rotting Stumps" longhairs. They got away from their wild "Groupies". Thank goodness, huh?

"Turn That Crap Down!"



This was a full page Pin-Up of the **Lovin' Spoonful**. Cut it out and hang it in your bedroom, man.





The back page of the comic advertises these 10 long playing records with 60 songs for $2.98. What a deal! There's a listing of all of the song titles, can you match the artists to the appropriate tunes?



"Miss Bikini Luv"- No wonder America's young boys love her; She's hip, she's cool and she's taking on the commies.





Here's the Pin-Up of **"The Byrds"**. If you hung this one on the fridge, mom or dad would surely comment, "How can they see with all that hair?"

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

Wrestling

Congratulations!

to Jevon, Brady, Jaxon and Logan.

They will be representing ACGC at The 2021 High School State Tournament March 27th.



Pics by Linda Behm

The ACGC
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Basketball



Boys Basketball by Terry Miller

The ACGC Boys Basketball concluded their season last Thursday with a 57-85 loss to the Morris Area Tigers. Despite facing the top team in the section, the Falcons came ready to play and battled the Tigers basket for basket most of the first half. The Tigers size and depth got the better of the Falcons in the second half leading to the victory. The Falcons did a great job defensively holding one of the area's best players scoreless in the first half, and to 12 points in the game.

The Falsons finished the season 3-14, and 3-11 in the conference. Despite the losing record, the team got better and better each game. It was a great group of young men who worked hard and had a passion for the game. After losing a very talented group of players last season and only bringing back one letterwinner, this group had to overcome not having summer basketball, no open gyms, playing in a new conference, and a condensed regular season to gel as a team.

The team would like to send a big Thank You, and best wishes to this year's graduating seniors:
Braeden Pickle - Levi Lilleberg - Logan Hoekstra - AJ Slinden - Brock Hedtke - Cole Erickson

Press Release received 3.19.21

ACGC conducts strategic planning; district looking for community input via survey.

The Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City School District is in the initial stage of developing a strategic plan. The school board is working with the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) to provide guidance and assist with the planning.

The school board is seeking input from school district residents and staff to help in identifying the school district's strengths and areas for improvement. School district residents and staff can give the school board feedback by completing a survey or attending a community forum scheduled for Tuesday, March 30. The information gathered from the survey and community forum will be analyzed by the MSBA and used to help identify school district strategic priorities.

You can provide input by filling out the online version of the "ACGC Strategic Planning Survey" by going to the ACGC External Survey, and click on the "ACGC Strategic Planning Survey" before 9pm on April 2 to fill it out;

- Or, you can stop by the ACGC office at 27250 State HWY 4, Grove City or any school building to pick up a copy and fill it out. Completed surveys should be returned by 2pm on March 29, to the district office at the above address;
- Or, you can call Alysia Listerud at (320)244-4639 to request a copy to be sent to your home, or request a copy of the survey via email by contacting listeruda@acgcfalcons.org;
- Or, you can attend the community forum scheduled for **March 30**, at **6pm**, in **Grove City (Theatre)**.

The survey will be open until **9pm** on **April 2**.

Your participation is greatly appreciated by the ACGC School Board. If you have any questions about the survey or strategic planning process, please contact MSBA's Gail Gillman at 507-934-2450.

ACGC Falcon Flyover

Winter Sports Collage



With the ball, Ellie Roemeling
Pic by Jason Denton



In the black, Jake Mortenson
Pic by Linda Behm



With the ball, Grace Taylor
Pic by Jason Denton



With the ball, Braeden Pickle
Pic by Jason Denton

ACGC Students of the Month

**Due to COVID restrictions, we do not have group pictures.*

Submitted by
Mark Stier
Dean of Students
ACGC Jr/Sr High School

Go Falcons!

-January-

Seniors- Madisyn Gronseth
Preston Garfin

Juniors- Joe Johnson
Raenah Kaisner
Isabella Keller

Sophomores- Logan Serbus

8th graders- Jordan Koshenina
Jillayna Schroeder
Kaden Argarbright

7th graders- Quinn Eisenbacher
Taylor Lorenson

6th graders- Mercedes Rykhus
Carter Bengston

5th graders- Lucas Clark
Kelsey Blom
Audri Palmer
Mason Crowe
Ava Burgmeier
Gabe Johnson
Carson Goedert
Zach Trumbo
Paityn Drange
-Leyendecker

-February-

Seniors - Lilly Wattnem
Hannah Morrison

Juniors - Samantha Johnson
Connor Petersen

Sophomores - Carson Borchert

Freshmen - Kelson Shoutz
Abby Thomas
HannahRose Rohe

8th Grade - Owen Garvick
Autumn Smith
Mason Overson

7th Grade - Emma Ruter
Brinley Grimsgard

ACGC Dance "Salute to State" 2021

Received March 17, 2021

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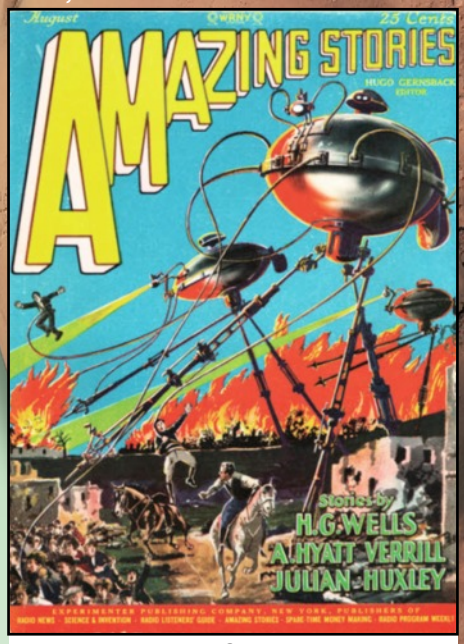


Imagining MARS Extra!

By Mark Minnick

To celebrate the landing of Perseverance on Mars, I thought it appropriate to mention our literary history of fictional experiences and adventures on our favorite planet. Subjects range from Earth being invaded by the Martians, to Mars being invaded by us Earthlings and everything in between. Mankind has been dreaming up and writing stories about the Red Planet for many, many years. Here are three of the most iconic authors who come to mind when I think "Mars". Go ahead and check them out, maybe even give 'em a read. It can't hurt.

Note; I checked and all three titles are available thru our own Pioneerland Public Library system. Check 'em out!



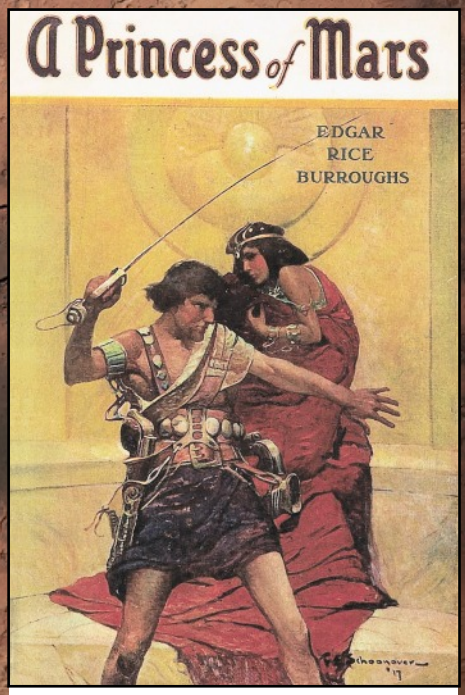
The War of the Worlds

By H. G. Wells

A science fiction novel by English author H. G. Wells, *The War of the Worlds* was first serialized in 1897 by Pearson's Magazine in the UK and by Cosmopolitan magazine in the US. The novel's first appearance in hardcover was in 1898.

Written between 1895 and 1897, it is one of the earliest stories to detail a conflict between mankind and an extra-terrestrial race. The novel is the first-person narrative of both an unnamed protagonist in Surrey and of his younger brother in London as southern England is invaded by Martians. The novel is one of the most commented-on works in the science fiction canon.





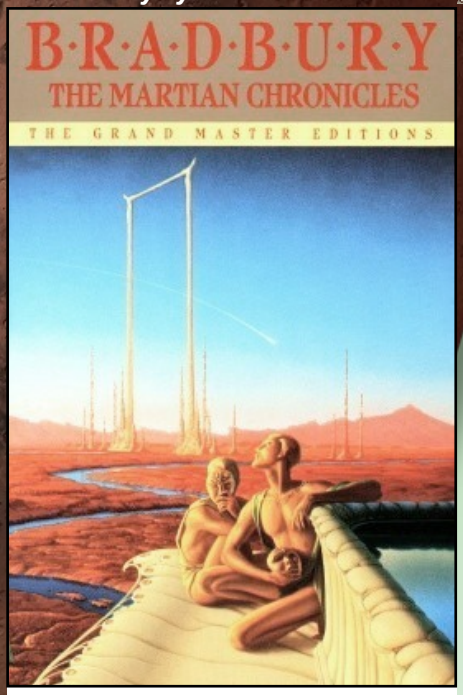
A Princess of Mars

By Edgar Rice Burroughs

John Carter was the lead character in the first novel by Edgar Rice Burroughs, set on a fictionalized version of Mars known as Barsoom.

Written between July and September 28, 1911, the novel was serialized as *Under the Moons of Mars* in the pulp magazine The All-Story from February to July 1912. It later appeared as a complete novel only after the success of Burroughs' *Tarzan* series.

For its October 1917 hardcover publication by A.C. McClurg & Company, the novel was re-titled *A Princess of Mars*. This was the beginning of the 11 book *Barsoom* series, which chronicled the adventures of John Carter on Mars.



The Martian Chronicles

By Ray Bradbury

A science fiction classic, published in 1950, by American writer Ray Bradbury. Through a series of short stories, the book chronicles the settlement of Mars, the home of indigenous Martians, by Americans leaving a troubled Earth that is eventually devastated by nuclear war.

Ray Bradbury referred to *The Martian Chronicles* as "a book of stories pretending to be a novel". He had a diverse set of literary influences that included William Shakespeare, and John Steinbeck, as well as Edgar Rice Burroughs, particularly the *Barsoom* stories.

On Bradbury's award of a Pulitzer Prize Special Citation in 2007, the book was recognized as one of his "masterworks that readers carry with them over a lifetime.

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TIME WARP

"Spring has sprung. There is going to be a city wide clean up day. "Bye, Bye Birdie" is playing at the high school auditorium. The Lions celebrate 25 years. Busy place Eunice, busy place"

Cosmos C... plans for a city-wide clean up effort in May

by Karen Urdahl

The Cosmos City Council turned to thoughts of annual spring cleanup and its vital role in community beautification at last Thursday's regular meeting. While grants for the statewide improvement project called "Celebrate Minnesota 1990" are very difficult to come by, as councilmembers remarked, a very effective and low-cost way to spruce up the community is tending to debris which clutters commercial and private property.

Residents and business owners are urged to help with this citywide beautification project. The forthcoming spring cleanup will be a good opportunity to discard of unwanted items.

This year's cleanup was tentatively set for the first Saturday in May, the 6th. The burn site will be open for disposal of burnable materials. Metal and other nonburnables will be picked up at curbside by Doty Sanitation. Those items should be at the curb by 8:00 a.m. that day.

Councilmembers added that in addition to being unsightly, accumulated debris can attract rodents and is therefore a health hazard. The Council will tour the city within the next month or so to check for compliance with health ordinances.

The Council made preliminary plans of the tree planting which was postponed last year because of the drought. Several types will be planted to protect against massive loss from disease. The project will be carried out sometime this summer under the direction of the maintenance department.

Councilmembers discussed the grass at the ball field, which was submerged until less than a week before the Council meeting because of a tile which was clogged with ice. The city paid to have a plumber open the obstruction. Officials hope that the grass will revive; replacing it with sod could cost from $600-800. The ball field is a very popular spot in town and draws visitors from the surrounding area, the Council added.

In other business, the Council approved the minutes from its special March 20 meeting. Nearly twenty town board representatives were present at the special session to resolve differences with the Council on fire department operations.

After discussion, it was agreed at the special meeting that a "NOW" interest-bearing account would be opened at the First State Bank of Cosmos and titled, "Cosmos Fire Fund Checking." An amendment to provision #5 of the fire department operations policy was made to accomodate the creation of their new account.

The Council had previously agreed on a unanimous vote to transfer about $43,500 from the city's general fund to the city's fire fund vehicle reserve account. The amount represents what would have been half of the 1976 pumper cost, or about $19,300, plus 7 percent interest calculated semiannually over twelve years.

Councilmembers said that, while the amount would perhaps not cover the cost of a new truck as the townships have suggested, it would be equitable in relation to what the townships paid for the pumper in 1976.

The Council and Mayor Marlin Lietzau stated in the unanimously approved motion that "this amount, in addition to the present city council's transfers since 1985 above and beyond their share of fire protection expenses, which brought the fire fund from a negative fund balance of $23,000 to a positive balance, is equitable to the townships' purchase in 1976."

Space Festival Committee to meet

The Cosmos Space Festival Committee will be meeting on Thursday evening, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Cosmos Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend.



The cast of the play "Bye, Bye Birdie" which will be presented at the Cosmos High School Auditorium this Friday and Saturday evening, with curtain time at 8:00 p.m. each night.

"Bye Bye Birdie" performances this weekend in Cosmos

Everything is set for the performances of **Bye, Bye Birdie**, this Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, at 8:00 p.m. in the Cosmos High School Auditorium.

The cast is prepared to do an excellent job of entertaining you, and the Junior Class, who is sponsoring the play, extends an invitation to everyone in the Cosmos area to attend one of the performances.

Tickets are only $2.00 for adults in advance, and $1.50 and $1.00 for high school and elementary students respectively. The Juniors also plan to be serving coffee and bars at each performance to help to raise money for their prom, which is on Saturday, May 6 this year.

Plan to support the Juniors and the play cast who have worked so hard to present a fine quality performance for residents of the Cosmos community. Reserve either Friday or Saturday evening for **Bye, Bye Birdie.**

Softball meeting in Lake Lillian Monday

The Lake Lillian softball meeting will be held on Monday night at 7:30 at the Blue Onion. More teams are needed - contact Alton King.

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SHINING A POWERFUL LIGHT ON THE LOCAL SCENE

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Twenty five years of Lionism in Cosmos celebrated at banquet

"25 Years of Lions History" was presented at the Cosmos Lions Club banquet held Saturday evening, when the gorup celebrated the Cosmos Lions Club anniversary with a banquet held at the Cosmos Legion. Of the 22 charter members, only four were present, Matt Matthews, Harold Minnick Jr., Donovan Bluhm and Paul Peterson. At present the club has a total membership of 28 members, and 4 honorary members.

The Cosmos Lions Club began on April 29, 1964 with a group meeting at Vic's Bowling Alley. Present to meet with the group was Lions Jim Loehr, Andrew Anderson and District Secretary Ernie Dorn. This group decided to hold meeitngs twice a month, on the first and third Monday of each month.

The club's first fund raising activity was to sponsor a Circus in September of 1964. Other fund raising projects have been Light Bulbs, Dances, Auctions, Poker Runs, Lunch Stands for Summer Festivals, Labor Day Softball Tournaments, Dunking Tank, Pinochle Tournaments, Pancake Breakfasts, Fish and Chicken Suppers, Pork Chop Suppers, Garden Tractor Pull, Wheelchair Basketball, Shuck-em Nites, Moon Walk, Fun Run, Mints, and Pull Tabs.

Contributions which the Cosmos Lions Club have made, Lions Eye Bank, Lions Hearing Foundation, Leader Dog, Courage Center, World Affairs, Seminar, Cosmos Music Department, Lions Eye Clinic, Hearing Dog, Diabetes, Drug Awareness, Cosmos School Athletics, Cosmos Community Education, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies, Miss Teen Pageant, Cosmos Public Library, Cosmos City Park, Cosmos Softball Association, Cosmos Rod & Gun Club, Thompson Park, beach and trail, Cosmos Fire Department, Cosmos Ambulance, Cosmos Legion, Meeker County Homes, Meeker County Council for Aging, Cosmos Senior Citizens Building, Food Baskets for Helathcare Center, Southwest State Wheelchair Basketball, Space Festivals, L.C.I.F., and a number of individuals and families.

The major project of the Cosmos Lions Club was the Thompson Lake project to help clean up the area in order to create a public park for the betterment of the community. Currently they are working with the DNR to develop a game fish lake.

The M.C. for the evening was Lion Lorallen Schmeling who introduced the evenings program with Lion Harlan Jenkins, president, giving the Call to Order. The Tail Twisters for the evening were taken care of by the Cedar Mills and Buf-

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Continued from above;

-alo Lake Lions Club taking donations for the Leader Dog Fund.

Guest speaker was Past International Director Gerry Robbins, who came in from Texas. He challenged all Lions members to keep up the good work and to remembe their motto, "We Serve" and also how important self worth is. Also present was District Governor 5M-4, Arvid Luvig who made some very good remarks to the Cosmos Lions Club members.

Two Cosmos members, Donovan Bluhm and Eilert Flemming were presented with Lion of the Year Awards. Lion Don has served the club as secretary for the past 20 years, and Lion Eilert was the club treasurer for 11 of the club's 25 years.

To close the evenings activities, a table drawing was held for the centerpieces on each table and a floral centerpiece was presented to Orville and Leona Wog for their 50th wedding anniversary. Orville played dinner music for the evening and was also a past member of the Cosmos Lions Club before moving to Springfield.



Gerry Robbins, Past International Director, had just been introduced as Guest Speaker at the Cosmos Lions Club banquet, by Lion Lorallen Schmeling.

BI-LL School Board holds monthly meeting

The Bird Island-Lake Lillian School Board meeting was held on Monday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Olivia Public School Library. All board members were present. Board Chairman Robert vanderHagen opened the meeting.

The agenda was adapted with the addition of one item, a letter requesting child care leave for Cindy Gruhlke, minutes of March 20 regular meeting and March 20 Joint School Board meeting were approved.

Approved claims and accounts

General	$57,485.00
Food Service	2,227.50
Transportation	16,008.33
Community Ed.	1,245.27
Capital expenditures	1,836.73
Total	$78,802.83

Approved short term investment.

Superintendents report was given. Mr. Green reported a check for $250 had been received from the Woman's Community Action group toward the musicals expense. Stated that at the present time staffing is not completely accurate.

The Principles report was given. The prom will be held on May 19. Elaine Erickson is the advisor. Prom will start at 5:00 p.m. with picture taking, snacks at 6:00 with the meal served at 6:30.

Recognition night will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at St. Marys. Marie Sanger, teacher of the year, will be the speaker.

Mr. Adams said that the BI-LL students took part in the District 16 music contest in Glencoe.

International choir was enjoyed by all and correspondence is going on between out students and theirs.

Sunday night, April 16, the National Honor Society ceremony was held at the Sheepe Sheddc for both schools with Mr. Cooper as speaker.

Most of the athletic teams are playing with baseball starting Monday.

Board Chairman Robert vanderHagen commended Mr. Hegna for his efforts on putting the visit of the international choir together.

Elementary report was given. Renville Co. spelling bee was held on Saturday.

Kindergarten registration is Wednesday with 46 students in the class. Pre-school screening in completed.

Annual elementary science fair will be held on Thursday and Friday. Student winners will not be sent to Mankato to compete this year instead the 3rd and 4th grades will have group projects in their class rooms. The 5th and 6th grades will have individual projects with ribbons and awards given. On Friday parents and other students will be invited to view the projects. Achievement tests have been taken.

School Board Report was given. Set dated of next L.M.C. for April 25 from 7-9 p.m.

Legislature update: there is some hope that the district will be getting more money. Also Mr. Cooper was going to try to get the election laws modified.

Old Business. Discussed ways to fill school board position vacated by Neal Prokosch. Clerk is to put ads in local papers and on radio to generate interest in the position also the list of families in the district would be gone over to find candidates. Board member requirements are 21 years of age or older and live in district for 30 days. On the committee to coordinate this is Kathy Helder, Bob Flagal and Brian Flann.

New Business. School Board election judges for Renville County are Benedict Rodel, Margaret Amberg, Leo Kubesh with Marge vanderHagen alternate. Kandiyohi County Larry Degnor, Norva Coil, Ione Wittman with Donna Mae Scott as alternate.

The Health and Safety revised contract was adapted.

Heard report on Capital outlay expenditure for 1989-90.

Set May board meeting for Tuesday, May 16 at 8:00 p.m. (after the election).

A request for child care leave for Cindy Gruhlke from August 30, Thursday, February 19 was approved.

Senior Citizens to hold potluck

The Cosmos Seniors Citizens will be having their Potluck Birthday Supper, on Monday evening, April 24 beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the Cosmos Community Center.

Hostesses will be Bert and Ruth Thomas. Birthday to be celebrated will be Irene Murray.

Everyone welcome to attend.

Cosmos Community Ed meeting

The Cosmos Community Education Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.



Contel Representative, Steve Robertson from Hector, is presenting a check in the amount of $500 to the Cosmos Ambulance Captain Randy Koehler. The money will be placed in the Ambulance Fund and will go towards the purchase of a new ambulance later this year.

20-25 students wishing to participate in Jr. High baseball and softball this spring.

Adapted the schedule of coaches which has been appended to the sites schedule. Motion was amended to include reviewing site locations for extra-curricular events in two years. Games and sites are:

Football A team - Bird Island, B team - Olivia, Jr Hi - Bird Island. Volleyball A, B and 9th - Olivia. Cross-country A and B - Olivia. Boys Basketball A, B, 9 and Jr. Hi - Olivia. Girls Basketball A, B, and 9 - Olivia, Jr. Hi - Bird Island. Wrestling A and B - Olivia. Baseball A and B - Bird Island. Softball A and B - Olivia. Track A and B - Olivia. Golf A and B - Olivia.

Appointed boys basketball coaches:

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April Daily Lunch Specials

T 1 Scalloped potatoes & ham
F 2 Shrimp w/tots

M 5 Pulled pork sandwich w/soup
T 6 BBQ chicken dinner
W 7 Meatball dinner
T 8 Frito pie
F 9 Beef stew w/cornbread

M 12 BLT w/soup
T 13 Sauerkraut hotdish w/toast
W 14 Hobo dinner
T 15 Broasted chicken dinner
F 16 Chili dogs w/fries

M 19 Tacos w/jojo's
T 20 Roast beef dinner or commercial
W 21 Baked chicken dinner
T 22 Grilled cheese w/chili
F 23 Ham dinner

M 26 Chili cheeseburger w/ff
T 27 Spaghetti w/garlic toast
W 28 Pork chop dinner
T 29 Beef stroganoff w/toast
F 30 Broasted chicken dinner

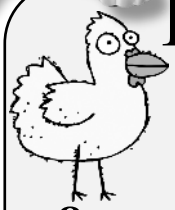
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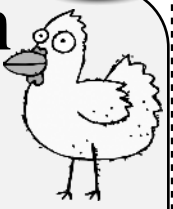


Happy Easter!



Broasted Chicken
To Go!
*After 5:00 PM





8 pc. W/4 Kings Hawaiian Buns $14.00
12 pc W/6 Kings Hawaiian Buns $19.00
16 pc. W/8 Kings Hawaiian Buns $25.00

City of Cosmos
Notice of Public Hearing
Conditional Use Permit
Rezoning Agriculture Land to Commercial
5:10 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, 2021

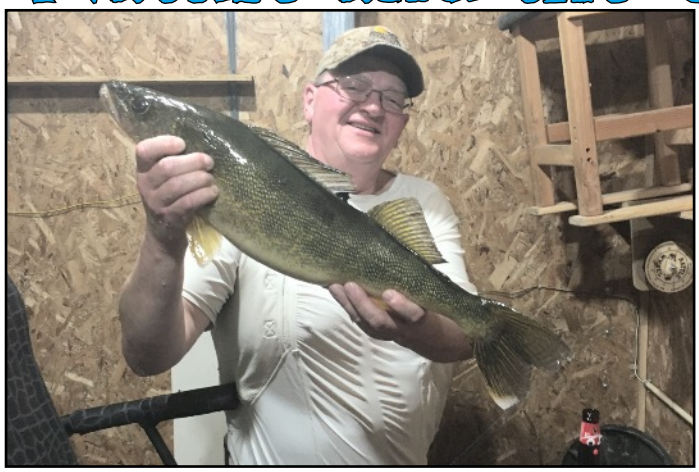
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City Council of the City of Cosmos will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 commencing at 5:10 p.m. in the City Hall, 220 Milkyway, MN to consider a Conditional Use Permit for a Business structure and/or rezoning of Agricultural land to Commercial.

The property, approximately 2 acres of PID # 21-0063003, east of Mercury Street, south of MN Hwy 7. Written comments may also be sent to Cosmos City Office, PO Box 614, Cosmos, MN 56228 or email cosmoscity@mchsi.com.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 2021

John Douville
City Clerk

Nature and the Great Outdoors





Late Ice, Last Hurrah, Fat Fish, Fat Editor

Commentary and pics by Mark Minnick

It's the last weekend in February and Minnesota's walleye fisherman are fishing for the marble-eyed wonder one last time. The season closes on Monday March 1st and will not open again until the sacred "Opener" on May 15th.

My long time fishing buddy and crack salesman at the local John Deere store, Dave Dallmann, suggested that I come out and sit with him in the heated comfort of his fishing shack on Lake Minnie Belle. He reassured me that the 20 inches of ice would hold up under my weight and that of my GMC pickup. A load for sure.

Agreeing with him, I hopped in the Bat-pickup and headed out on the long jaunt (whew) to Minnie Belle. It had been a few years since I had been on the ice, so I figured what the heck, there may even be a Gazette story here but, I wasn't holding my breath. Making real use of the 4 wheel drive was kinda fun too in the thick oatmeal like snow/slush on the lake surface. Zoom, zoom.

As I pulled up to the fish house, I noticed a slow moving vehicle sign on the back of it. (see above, right.) I pondered; does this mean the fish house is slow? Is the fishing slow? Is the fisherman slow? Only farmers allowed inside? Is this a piece of farm equipment and hence a write off? (I don't think he farms anyway but you never know.)

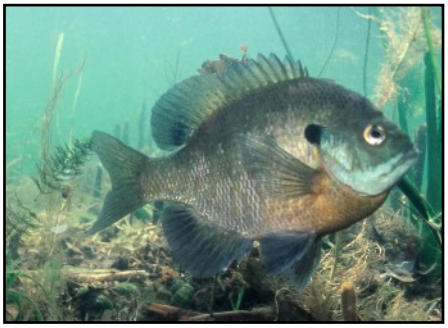
Regardless, I stepped into the ol' brown shack and proceeded to get comfy. As Dave handed me a cold beer, I felt the 85 degree air temp, and peeled down to my t-shirt. (Sorry for that visual.) I admired the chipboard walls, carpeted floor and the like-new fender mount tractor radio, sporting AM-FM, antenna and one speaker. This is great I thought, as we listened to Monsters of Rock on KKLN, sipped some barley pop and chewed on some jalapeno beef jerky.

Then there's the fishing. It was pretty slow as Dave nabbed a couple of cigar sized 'eyes in the three hours I was there. Finally at prime time (sunset), he set the hook on what looked to be a pretty decent fish. After a few runs, Dave got the nice specimen up the hole. It turned out to be a nice, fat 24 incher. Being too big to eat, he removed the hook, I took a picture, and he slid it back down the hole for someone else to catch.

That was enough excitement for me as I warmed up the Bat-pickup, said my thank you's to Dave and headed home. Besides, I was hungry and ganting up. Nothing that a bowl of leftover chili wouldn't cure. A pretty good day, even for a fat, crippled editor in the rusty Bat-pickup.

New Sunfish Regulations *by Mark Minnick*

I'm guessing that the new Sunfish regulations will ruffle the feathers of some that angle for this popular species in Minnesota. I assure you that this is not some ill advised attempt by the DNR to penalize certain anglers. These new regs are the result of ***requests from concerned anglers*** to address what they see as the decline of quality sized bluegills in the state. ***Anglers and officials at the DNR*** want to try reducing (not eliminating) limits on certain lakes to see if that will help improve the average size of bluegills in these lakes. I do know one thing to be a fact: an 8 or 9 inch bluegill cannot become a 10 or 11 inch bluegill if you harvest all of the 8 or 9 inch fish. I also know that trophy 'gills are not made overnight. A 10-11 inch specimen can be 13-15 years old. Let's give it a shot folks.



New panfish regulations are in place on a number of lakes for 2021 so anglers should closely check regulations for new daily limits on specific lakes by:

***Searching for the lake you're fishing in LakeFinder** on the MnDNR website and scrolling down to view any special regulations.

***Finding the lake's listing** in the special regulations section of the **2021 Regulations Booklet**.

Minnesota Sunfish & Bluegill; New Regulations

**Article & images courtesy Minnesota DNR Conservation Volunteer Magazine*

Although sunfish are the focus of these changes, the DNR also reduced daily crappie daily limits on some lakes.

Signs will be posted at water accesses for lakes that have new sunfish and crappie daily limits.

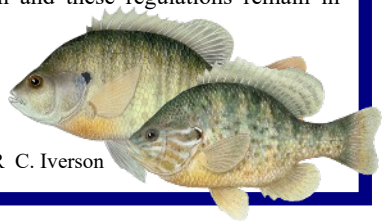
These regulations lower daily limits on specific waters as part of the DNR's initiative to protect and improve panfish sizes. The changes are in response to angler-driven concerns over the declining sizes of sunfish.

The limits will be daily limits as opposed to possession limits, which means anglers can only keep the prescribed number of fish per day from the water but they could return the next day for another limit as long as they don't exceed the statewide inland water possession limit of 20 sunfish or 10 crappie per angler.

New regulations impact only inland waters and include:

- 44 waters that have a new daily limit of five sunfish;
- 31 that have a limit of ten sunfish;
- 17 that have a limit of five for sunfish and five for crappie; and
- Two that have a limit of ten sunfish and five crappies.

In addition to the new waters, there are 57 waters that previously had reduced limits for sunfish and these regulations remain in effect.



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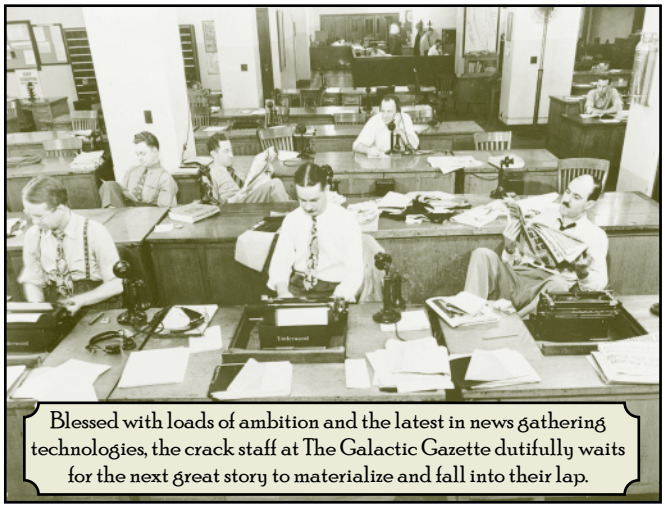
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Please remember the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces and our veterans, both alive and deceased. America owes them an immense debt of gratitude along with an every day simple "Thank you".

Letters to the Editor


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

To the Staff,
For those of us whose parents are no longer in the community, the Gazette is a very good source to keep in touch with what is happening in Cosmos. Good job. ***Jerrel Sharpe***
Burnsville, MN.

I enjoy the Gazette, the news and even the ads, but especially the writing. Good job Mark. ***Sharon Kolle***
Vergas, MN.

Editor's note; Vergas-Home of the "Vergas Burger"
(???-Anyway, it used to be...)

Hi Mark,

I just had to E-mail You and let the Galactic Gazette know about some Wonderful Kids in Town that I met with my grand daughters on March 13th.

I brought my grand daughters to the children's Park on Friday the 12th of March and was very disappointed to see so much litter. I thought if we come back the following day we will bring bags and wear gloves to pick up the litter scattered around.

We did return the following afternoon and all the litter was picked up. A young 10 year old boy told us He and 2 others had used bags and picked up all the litter.

Why do people leave litter in this Nice Park?(Good Question!) I told him I was Very proud of him, And those that helped him!! How Very Mature of him to care when others don't.

When I take walks with my Lab, I bring along a grocery bag, And pick up litter along the Luce Line trail, HWY 1 and HWY. 7.

Animals and Nature don't need litter! It takes Many Many years to break down, Please everyone instead of throwing litter out your vehicle window or leaving it in our parks. Throw it in the trash. I want to leave this earth a Better place for our children and grand Children. **Colleen Neuhaus**,
Corvuso, MN.

Two guys are sitting at a bar, having a couple of cold ones. The first guy says, "Hey, did you know that a single ant can live to be 29 years old?" The other guy ponders a little bit, takes a sip and asks, "How 'bout a married one?"



Happy Easter



-Next Legion meeting-

April 12

(second Monday of the month)

7 P.M. at Mug Shots

Come join us.

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