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Total Solar Eclipse in USA
April 8 2024

Weather: Where'd the Sun go? "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"



2017 Official Galactic Gazette Eclipse Gazers

Eastern US to See Total Solar Eclipse April 8th

77% Partial Eclipse in Cosmos

By Mark Minnick

Another total solar eclipse? (**TSE**) What the heck? I'm gonna quote good ol' Slim Pickens playin Taggart from the movie Blazing Saddles. ***"Just what in the Wide, Wide World of Sports is a goin' on here?"***

Well, it seems that the USA is lucky enough to witness another TSE coming up on April 8th, seven months after the last one on October 14th, 2023.

Kinda neat, me thinks, only better for us **Cosmosnauts** this time. We will be seeing ***77% of the sun*** being covered by the moon. **(Using certified viewing equipment of course!)** Not a TSE, but still pretty cool, me thinks.

Here are the eclipse times for Cosmos:

- **Partial Begins: 12:48 PM**
- **Maximum Coverage: 2:00 PM**
- **Partial Ends: 3:12 PM**

Then there's the weather. Certainly the eclipse viewing won't be as dramatic if you can't see it - Like if it's obscured by cloud cover.

Last October there were a few short instances of clear blue sky despite the cloudiness. I actually observed the partial eclipse through my trusty **2017 Official Galactic Gazette Gazers**. *(See Nov '23 issue)*

All the way back in 2017, The Gazette sponsored an eclipse party at the city center. We live streamed the TSE on my laptop, plus watched live TV coverage. A good crowd showed up, including Rep. Dean Urdahl and Local Chicken. Most everybody brought along their **Official Galactic Gazette Eclipse Gazers** that day to witness the partial eclipse. But alas, no glasses were needed; It rained. Bummer.

Well, now it's 2024 and our luck here in Cosmos has to get better, right? Dig out those old glasses that you surely saved from 2017 and take a look at this darned eclipse thing.

When I was on the **Time and Date** website looking up information for this article, I noticed that they had a section that predicted what the weather would be anywhere in the US during eclipse time.

So here it is, the 'official' eclipse weather forecast, courtesy of **timeanddate.com**, for April 8th 2024 in Cosmos:

Weather on the day (Apr 8)
Sprinkles. Overcast.
59 / 45 °F
*In the past, this day was cloudy 50% of the time (since 2000).





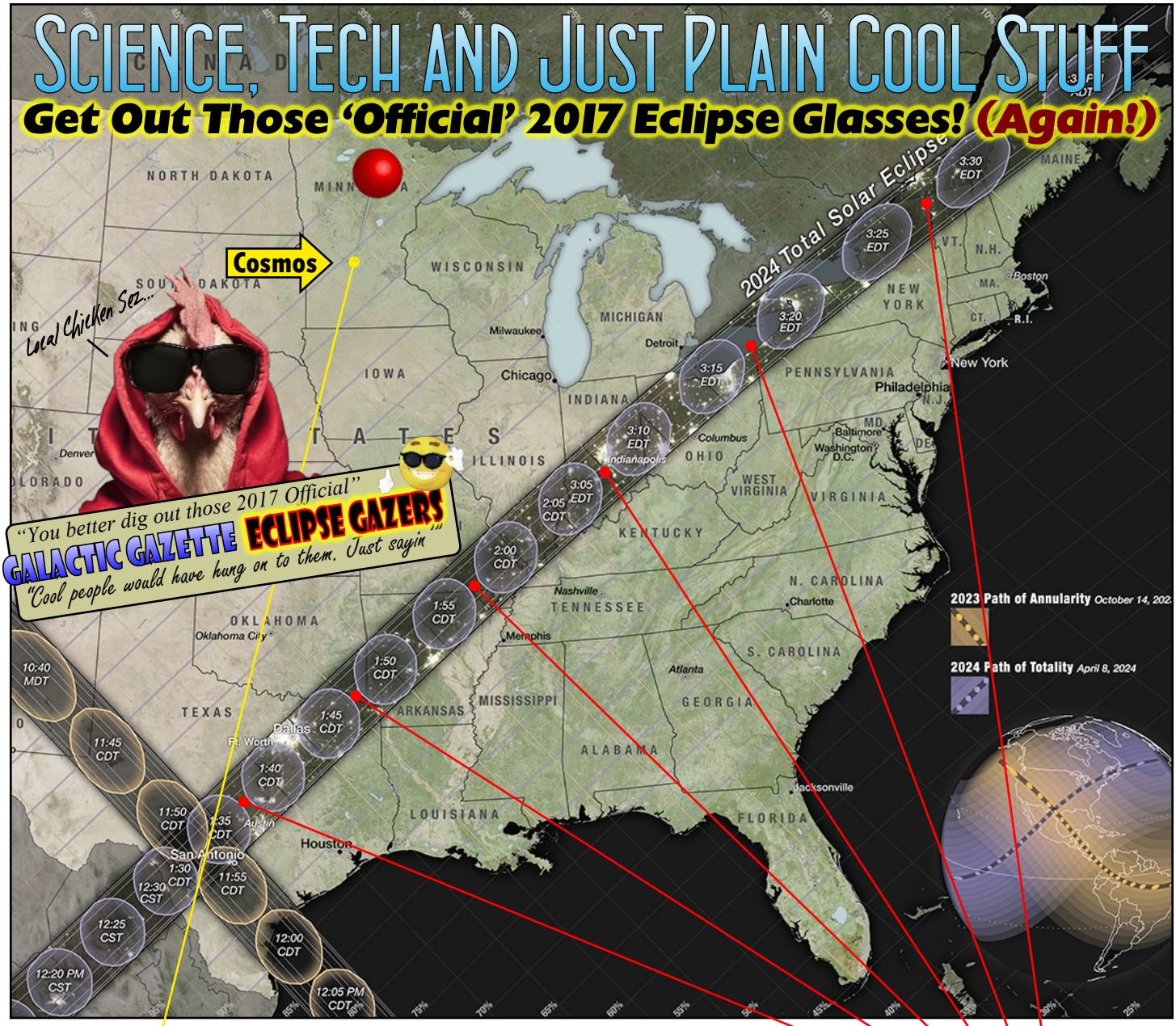
50/50 chance of rain. Figures. Oh well, I'm still gonna have my **2017 Official Galactic Gazette Eclipse Gazers** at the ready. If it's clear out, I'll get to see the solar event and have a Hamm's. If it's cloudy, I guess I'll look at a light bulb and have a Hamm's. Maybe two, or three…

By the way, clouds or not, hang on to them **Galactic Gazette Eclipse Gazers.** Cosmos is going to be right in the direct path of a **Total Solar Eclipse** (Woo Hoo!) in **2099 at 10:44 AM**. Neat huh?

Me and Local Chicken can't wait…

Science, Tech and Just Plain Cool Stuff

Get Out Those 'Official' 2017 Eclipse Glasses! (Again!)



Cosmos Partial Solar Eclipse Obscuration *(coverage)* 77%

Graphic courtesy of The Galactic Gazette



This is an approximate representation as to what you would see in Cosmos at 2:00 PM.

USING CERTIFIED VIEWING EQUIPMENT, OF COURSE!!!

Take a look at the above map to get an idea as to what the heck is going on. For more complete information, go to **timeanddate.com** It's a great website, with interactive videos and info up the wazoo.

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And wear protective glasses!

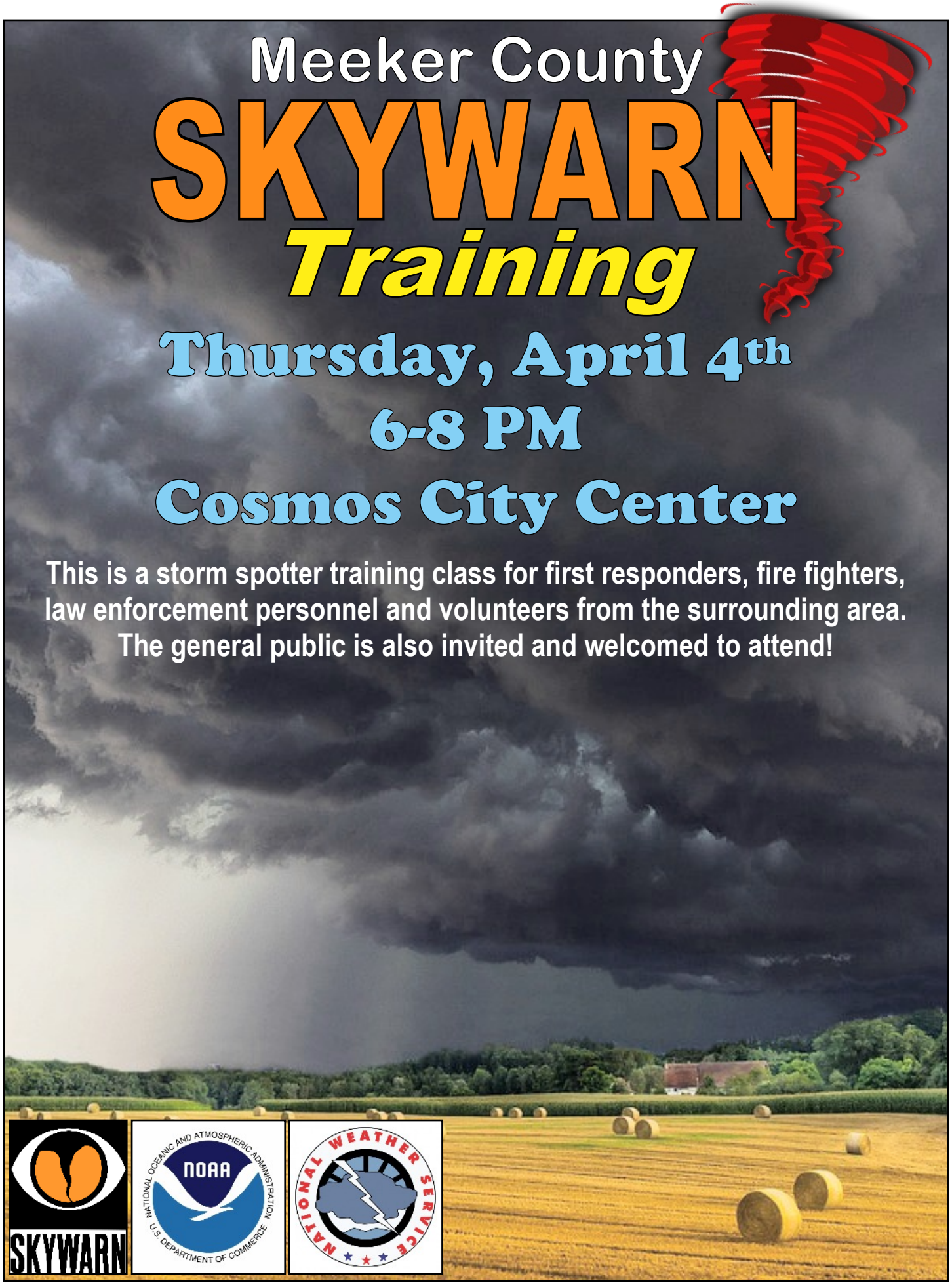
Conceptual Image of the total Eclipse crossing the US.

Graphic courtesy of The Galactic Gazette



This is an approximate representation as to what you would see in the center of the total eclipse path.

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Meeker County
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Training
Thursday, April 4th
6-8 PM
Cosmos City Center
This is a storm spotter training class for first responders, fire fighters, law enforcement personnel and volunteers from the surrounding area. The general public is also invited and welcomed to attend!
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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.)

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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
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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!

I was going through a box of my mothers and I found this stack of **"Handy Hints"** she had clipped and saved. As I read through some of them, I thought they should be shared.

I asked Mark if he would like to put them in the Gazette. He said "Of course" but only if I would type them up and e-mail them to him. *(That was not in my plan.)*

So here they are. If these hints don't work, PLEASE don't shoot the messenger. I hope you enjoy them. ***Janice Blum***

Editor Mark's additional note:

Try at your own risk Buckaroos. :) Just sayin…



Handy Hints

By Janice Blum

GLUE BUSTER

If your glue container is continually glued shut when you want to use it, rub a small amount of petroleum jelly around the rim before closing the container. This will prevent the glue from hardening so the top won't stick to the container.

FRESH TOMATOES

If you raise more tomatoes than you want to can or eat, try freezing them. Slice the tomato and lay single slices on wax paper – freeze them – then put them in freezer bags. As you want slices, take out as many as you want for sandwiches. They taste just like fresh tomatoes on a hot hamburger or any hot sandwich.

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MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
March 12, 2024

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday March 12, 2024.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Mark Minnick, Emily Van Hatten, Angelica Hopp and Jody Fruetel via cell phone.
ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Nikki Brazzi, Deputy City Clerk Brigitte Douglas and City Administrator John Douville
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Van Hatten, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Minnick, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

1) **February 8, 2024 City Council Minutes.**
2) **Res 24_01 Authorizing Highway 212 Regional Safety Group**

VISITORS PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDANCE

Senior Meals - Mayor McCarthy opened the discussion with updating the audience that the Senior Meals program was moving back to the City Center. Grants had been written stating the City Center as the location. The senior meals program will have the same access to the center as they have always had.

Bolton & Menk, Josh Halvorson – was present to update the progress of Phase II of the Street and Utility Reconstruction project. Surveying continues in the city with hopes of designing and bidding the project this fall, with the majority of the work done in 2025 and final lift completion in 2026. He has been working with Dave Woelful and Nikki Brazzi regarding the rodent control at the wastewater ponds. They feel they have a plan in place to remove the problem.

March 12, 2024 Bills List - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to approve the March 12, 2024 bills list with check numbers from 16682-16728 for $65,164.73. Motion carried**.**

Ambulance/Fire Township Rates – A motion by Van Hatten Hopp, seconded by Hopp, to approve the 2024 Ambulance/Fire Township rates of $170 per section for ambulance and $230 per section for Fire coverage. Motion carried**.**

Health and Safety Ordinance – A motion by Van Hatten Hopp, seconded by Minnick, to the scheduling and publishing a public hearing to update the Health and Safety Ordinance for the City of Cosmos. The public hearing will be held at 5:45, Thursday, April 11, 2024 at the City Center. Motion carried**.**
Deputy City Clerk - a motion by Minnick, seconded by Van Hatten, to approve a $1/hr. increase for Deputy City Clerk Brigitte Douglas after passing her 6-month evaluation. Motion carried**.**

350 Gas Ford Pickup w/V Plow – a motion by Minnick, seconded by Hopp, to purchase on state bid a 350 gas Ford pickup with V-Plow for a total cost with trade in of $47,280. Motion carried**.**
*It was noted that the city has received $44,500 in MN Cities street aid in 2023 and 2024 with those funds eligible to go towards the pickup purchase.

United Way – Cosmos Childcare Center – City of Cosmos – a motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Minnick, to deny the request of the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the financing of the child/senior care center. Motion carried**.**

Spring Clean-Up – Spring Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th, 2024, from 8 to 11 a.m. With drop off items brought to the public works at that time. No early dumping is allowed. Large items will need tags as they have in the past. Tags may be obtained at the city haul during normal business hours.

Ambulance Billing Services – Administrator Douville reported that Expert T Billing was still behind in processing ambulance service payments. They have also been difficult to get a hold of and will be looking at possible other billing services to do the work for the Cosmos Ambulance.
Fire Chief Fruetel stated there would be Sky-Warn training at the city center on April 4th with the public invited to attend. The annual Firemen's dance with be at the Dive on April 12th.
Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11, 2024. 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 Minnick, seconded by Van Hatten, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried.
_____- DRAFT-_____
John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

City Of Cosmos

Board of Appeal and Equalization Hearing

Important information regarding Assessment and classification of property this may affect your 2025 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 12th day of April 2024 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
February 22, 2024

Public Hearing Notice

City of Cosmos Ordinance Update

Cosmos City Center
220 Milkyway South, Cosmos, MN
5:45 p.m. Thursday, April 11, 2024

ORDINANCE 2024-1 AMENDMENT
UPDATING PUBLIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COSMOS

$ 93.19 Duties of City Officers. The Police Department or Sheriff, if the city has at the time no Police Department, **or city designee**, shall enforce the provisions relating to nuisances. Any Peace officer, **or city designee**, shall have the power to inspect private premises and take all reasonable precautions to prevent the commission and maintenance of public nuisances.

$ 93.20 ABATEMENT
(B) Procedure. Whenever a police officer **or city designee** determines that a public nuisance is being maintained or exists on the premises in the city, the officer **or city designee** shall notify in writing the owner of record…

$ 72.09 REMOVAL OF VEHICLES.
The Chief of Police **or city designee** may, under the provisions hereof, cause automobiles parked illegally in violation of these sections to be towed to a position of safe keeping and the owner or owners of the automobiles, prior to having the same returned to them, shall pay the reasonable towing charge as may be charged therefore….

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Gator,

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Love, Mary

Senior Club Meeting

April 24th
Cosmos City Center
Lunch at 11:00 AM*
**Supplied by 'Meals on Wheels'*
Meeting will follow. Nickle Bingo afterwards.
Anyone over 55 is invited to join the Senior Club.
Dues are only $10.00 a year.
Note: Meals have to be ordered 2 weeks in advance.

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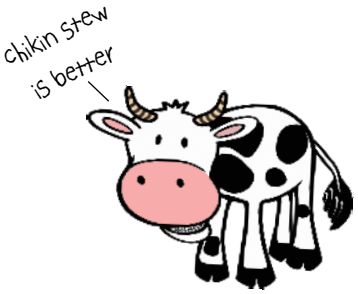
Beef Stew

By Grace Kamrath

Happy Spring to all! I was thinking this might be a time to start the salad recipes. But maybe one more time for soup. This is the soup/stew we served at the last of soup/sandwiches suppers at the midweek Lenten services this year. It's a good one as all one needs is to purchase the stew meat, cut up all the vegetables (bite size) add the few other ingredients , put it in the oven and forget it for the next five hours. Perfect for when you want to go outdoors and rake :). (I love to rake.)

BEEF STEW

- 2 lbs. stew meat
- 1 med. onion
- 2 stalks celery
- 6 carrots
- 6 potatoes
- 4 T. Tapioca
- 1 1/2 T. sugar
- 1 1/2 salt
- 1 1/2 c. V-8 juice



Put all raw ingredients in roasting pan, set temp to 350, set the timer for five hours put the pan in the oven and find something fun to do. I figure it should feed eight people. Unless of course you raked the whole lawn at record speed.

An older farmer checked with a lawyer about filing a lawsuit.
"Do you have grounds for the suit?"
"Yep, 40 acres," said the farmer.
"No," the lawyer answered. "Do you have a case?"
"Actually, I have a John Deere." Replied the farmer.
Somewhat frustrated, the lawyer asked, "Do you have a grudge?"
"Sure I do," said the farmer. "It's where I keep the John Deere."



Thoughts & Observations



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

As you can see, my column this month is pretty small. Not enough room - and that's just fine. I did want to make light of this handwritten letter I received from reader **Bill Reinke**, waaay down in Bells, Tennessee;

Mark,
I just received my first edition of the Gazette - Read every word - Uff da - Used in 'Elevator Man' - Again in 'Toenails' - Uff da - Received a Christmas card from Donna E. With the word Uff da. Would you let your readers know what Uff da means?
Bill Reinke

Bill's request made me smile, so I gave him a call and we yakked for about 20 mins. Later, when doing research for the Solar Eclipse article, I realized ol' Bill's house is just about in the path of Eclipse totality! **Wowsers!** Anyway Bill, here's a Wikipedia definition of Uff da. Hope it helps!

Uff da

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Uff da, *(pronounced ʊfdə. Sometimes also spelled oof-da, oofda, oofala, oof-dah, oofdah, huffda, uff-da, uffda, uff-dah, ufda, ufdah, or uf daa)* is an American Scandinavian exclamation or interjection used to express dismay, typically upon hearing bad news. Of Norwegian origin, the phrase was brought by Scandinavian Americans to the Upper Midwest, New England, and Pacific Northwest regions of the United States during the 19th century, where its meaning was broadened to express also surprise, astonishment, exhaustion, or relief.

Danish and Norwegian usage

In Danish and Norwegian language, uf (Danish and older Norwegian spelling) or uff (current Norwegian spelling) is a mild and polite vernacular interjection used when something is unpleasant, uncomfortable, hurtful, annoying, sad, or irritating.

The word is an onomatopoeia *(A type of word, or the process of creating a word, that phonetically imitates, resembles, or suggests the sound that it describes.)* corresponding to English oof, Dutch oef and German uff. Other similar interjections exist in Danish, e.g. uhu or føj, and Norwegian, e.g. huff.

Uff da may be used in Norwegian as a response when hearing something lamentable (but not too serious), and can be translated as "Oh, I'm sorry to hear that". Da is derived from Old Norse þá meaning 'then' in this context (similar to e.g. the response "ok, then"); both da and English then (from Old English þanne, þænne, þonne) are derived from Proto-Germanic *þan ('at that (time), then').

The Swedish exclamations ojdå and usch då are similar in meaning, with Swedish då corresponding to Norwegian da. Uff is a Swedish word with the same meaning as the Norwegian word, it is documented in writing from 1770.

North American usage

Uff da is a marker of Scandinavian heritage, predominantly heard in the upper Midwest, which has a significant population with Scandinavian roots. It also is used throughout the Pacific Northwest, particularly in the Washington cities of Ballard and Stanwood. Its variety of meanings let it substitute for common obscenities. Within Scandinavian-American culture, uff da frequently translates to "I am overwhelmed", somewhat similar to the Yiddish phrase oy vey.

It has also been applied to places and events, such as:

Uff-Da Airport, located in Stoughton, Wisconsin.
Uffda Fest!, an annual event held in Spring Grove, Minnesota.
Uff Da Days, an annual event held in Ostrander, Minnesota.
Uffda Day Fall Festival, an annual event held in Rutland, ND.
The Uff-Da Shoppe, located in Stanwood, Washington.
Uff Da! Sign Store, located in Wausau, Wisconsin.

TIDBITS



Greetings! The warm winter of 2023-2024 is one for the history books for our area. If you remember last year we had " a lot" of snow still on the ground and more coming. I hope you enjoy this story.

Reprint from March 2007

THE CAB RIDE: Twenty years ago, I drove a cab for a living. When I arrived at 2:30 a.m., the building was dark except for a single light in a ground floor window. Under these circumstances, many drivers would just honk once or twice, wait a minute, and then drive away, but I had seen too many impoverished people who depended on taxis as their only means of transportation.

Unless a situation smelled of danger, I always went to the door. This passenger might be someone who needs my assistance, I reasoned to myself. So I walked to the door and knocked. "Just a minute", answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor.

After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 80's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940's movie.

By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware.

"Would you carry my bag out to the car?" she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness. "It's nothing", I told her. "I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother treated". "Oh, you're such a good boy", she said.

When we got in the cab, she gave me an address, and then asked, "Could you drive through downtown?" "It's not the shortest way," I answered quickly. "Oh, I don't mind," she said. "I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice". I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. "I don't have any family left," she continued. "The doctor says I don't have very long." I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. "What route would you like me to take?" I asked. For the next two hours, we drove through the city.

She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, "I'm tired. Let's go now" We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up.

They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her. I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair. "How much do I owe you?" she asked, reaching into her purse. "Nothing," I said. "You have to make a living," she answered. "There are other passengers," I responded.

Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. "You gave an old woman a little moment of joy," she said. "Thank you." I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life.

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away?



On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life. We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware-beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one.

PEOPLE MAY NOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID, OR WHAT YOU SAID, BUT THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.

TIDBITS



Happy April! It appears we may have some winter by the time this Newsletter is published. The area is currently in a possible significant snow zone forecast March 21-26. The moisture will be much appreciated.

All my life I have enjoyed the outdoors, playing sports, water skiing, snow skiing, motorcycling, camping etc. Six years ago I went on a unique spring fishing excursion for musky in NW Iowa with my son and his friend.

The guide brought us to a place where the main river had a back waters creek area in a town park and musky come in from the main river to spawn. There had been a March storm which dumped a fair amount of snow in the area, so the backwaters were higher. It was a sunny day in the 50's but the water we "were in" was 33 degrees.

We were fishing in waders walking up and down the water line in knee to waist deep water and casting in the open areas around the trees. Even with being layered up in warm clothes under the waders, it was tough to fend off the cold. In the first few minutes of casting, I saw a swirl on the surface and had a strike. The strike got the adrenaline pumping and now I would see if I could keep the fish in the open water area while getting it to shore. After several minutes of back and forth, the fish decided it was time to swim back to the river and the fish got off the line. What a rush.

However, not another strike for the next few hours. Even with taking an occasional break from wading in the water, from the waist down I was slowly getting numb from the frigid water. Then, a surface swirl and bang! I had another fish on.

This time determined to pull it in, I started following the water line as the fish was trying to get back to the river. This put me into an area I had not yet walked. Walking in water above my waist, my right foot got caught in a tree branch and I was determined not to go down in the frigid water.

Holding the rod tight I was bouncing on my left leg trying to get free and while trying to remain upright, the line broke and I felt a shot of pain in my right groin area, enough to end my fishing for the day.

As we drove back to Sioux Falls and my body warmed, the pain intensified, and I self-diagnosed a groin pull. After a month the pain subsided but would come back occasionally through the ongoing years. Last summer it became more of an issue and I finally succumbed to obtaining a professional opinion in November.

X-rays showed signs of a possible stress fracture in the hip ball and spurs developing around the ball. (Not a self-diagnosed groin injury.) After therapy and a shot in the hip to relieve the pain, hip replacement was suggested as an option. If I can get this cold to subside and I pass the pre surgery physical on March 22nd, I am scheduled for a total hip replacement March 25th. From what I am told, I should be able to fish again. Have a great April!

Happenings at the Cosmos Community Center



Pic and commentary by Joyce Karrigan

The Monday Card Club celebrated St. Patrick's Day and Easter. Some of these ladies also enjoy Senior Dining. If you would like to join us, please contact Joyce Karrigan or Gladys Macik.



GATOR'S LAST RIDE JUNE 24, 2023

Mark 'Gator' Dallmann passed away unexpectedly on March 24, 2023. As Gator was an avid motorcycle enthusiast, his fellow riders decided to hold a commemorative ride around the area in his honor. Here's a few pictorial highlights of that day.



It all began at **Mug Shots Bar & Grill-Cosmos,** with stops at **The Handlebar Bar & Grill-Atwater, The American Legion Club-Paynesville, Apol's Harley-Davidson-Raymond, The Horseshoe Bar-Lake Lillian,** finally ending up back at **Mug Shots** in Cosmos.

Pics and info courtesy
Duane "Spitty" Martin

Heading to Paynesville on the **"Tri-County Road".**



All were gathered at **Mug Shot's Bar & Grill** in **Cosmos** preparing to "Hit the Road". Gator's '**66 Chevy Impala** was driven on the run by his brother **Brad 'Huey' Dallmann.**



When you're leaving **Cosmos** on a big excursion, you gotta get a pic of the bikes with the famous water tower in the background, right?



Pastor Mindy was on hand to send everyone off with a few prayers and of course, the "**Blessing of the Bikes**".



Getting ready to go, *above left, is* **Mary** - Gator's wife, and her highly trained "**Seeing eye person**" - **Jo Rusch.** ;)



Mentioning that she really didn't feel like driving that day, **Mary** hitched a ride with **Doug Lietzau.** But she did give him driving tips and directions as to where he was supposed to go. Yup.



The **Alligator kickstand** on the bike, *right*. Would you expect any less?





Duane "Spitty" Martin piloted Gator's "Alligator Green (?)" bike on the run. *He did leave his camper at home though.*



Apol's Harley Davidson in Raymond



The Handlebar in Atwater

Don't miss the....

Cosmos Lions

Pork Chop Dinner

"Always Good!"

Friday

April 12th 2024

5:30-7:30 PM



Menu

Grilled Pork Chops*

Potato Salad

Beans, *(Green and Baked)*

Bread

Beverage

**Extra chop available*

The Lions will be serving at

"The Dive" *in Cosmos*

-The Cosmos Fire Department Dance follows-

Proceeds support community projects

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

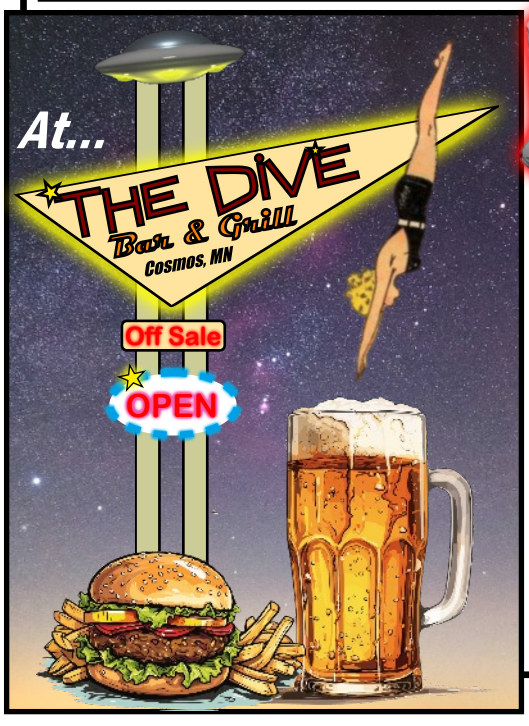
Cosmos Fire Department & Ambulance Squad Dance

-Music by-

The South 40 Band



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



Friday Night

April 12

-8:00 PM 'till Midnight-

Don't Miss It!

Following the Lions Pork Chop Supper

$5.00 Admission at the Door

Morning Brunch

Sun Apr 28th

9:30-?

- Ham
- Egg Bake
- French Toast Bake

Juice-Water-Coffee & Coffee Cake Bars

Sponsored by Cosmos Legion Auxiliary

At The Dive, Cosmos

The Cosmos Public Library News



by Beth Cronk, Meeker County Library

The Cosmos Public Library gets new books, DVDs, and CDs all the time. Stop in to check out or request these novels for adults that are brand-new to the Cosmos collection:

- **The Atlas Maneuver** by Steve Berry (large-print edition)
- **Death of a Spy** by M.C. Beaton (large-print edition)
- **A Fire So Wild** by Sarah Ruiz-Grossman
- **The Guest** by B.A. Paris
- **The Other Valley** by Scott Alexander Howard
- **Redwood Court** by DeLana Dameron
- **The Reformatory** by Tananarive Due (large-print edition)
- **Still See You Everywhere** by Lisa Gardner
- **The Summer Book Club** by Susan Mallery
- **The Teacher** by Freida McFadden
- **Three-Inch Teeth** by C.J. Box
- **Weyward** by Emilia Hart (large-print edition)



The Cosmos Library's hours are; Mondays 10-5, Tuesdays 2-5, Thursdays 2-6, Fridays 2-5, and Saturdays 10-1.

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The Lake Lillian Sportsman's Club
The Galactic Gazette - Cosmos

Thank You!

The ACGC Falcon Flyover

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

FFA News

*Reported by **Laura Anderson**, ACGC FFA member*
*Pics and info from **LeAnn Melberg***

February was a very busy month for the ACGC FFA chapter. Members went to the **SMSU Ag Bowl** on Feb. 2nd. It was a great way to try new contests and meet new people! We had a group of members go to **"The World's Toughest Rodeo" in Williamsburg, Iowa** on Feb. 4th, and they had a great time.



L-R: Luke Lorensen, Joe Barka, Mr.Frenchick, Vincent Lee, Owen Garvick, Ellionna Litzau, Harley Ann Passa, Vanessa Lee, Ivy McClain, and Taylor Fox



L-R: Elizabeth Thyen, Vanessa Lee, and Harley Ann Passa teaching the 4 th graders about ear tagging.

We hosted the Region 5 CDE Contest on Feb. 12th; Laura Anderson placed 6th in creed speaking. **National FFA Week** was Feb. 19-23. Throughout the week FFA members read to the preschoolers and talked about FFA. They also talked about ear tagging and decorated ear tags with the 4th graders.

At the high school they talked about dairy production and made ice cream with the 5th graders. On Friday for teacher appreciation we made breakfast for the staff at ACGC. Our next monthly meeting is March 6th.

"South Pacific" opens Friday for two showings



CABLE AND LIAT in "South Pacific, portrayed by Wendy Johnson and Paul Lietzau.

COSMOS--At 8:00 p.m., Friday, April 16, in the Cosmos High School Auditorium, the curtain will open on a tropical paradise in the South Pacific during during World War II. The play will be presented on Saturday, April 17 at 8:00 p.m. also and is sponsored by the Junior Class of Cosmos High School. It will also be presented to the elementary students and the Cosmos Healthcare residents on Thursday afternoon at 12:30. Tickets are available from any junior, play cast or crew member, and several downtown businesses.

The play features Nellie Forbush (Kim Pearson) who falls in love with Emile de-Becque (Merl Zimmerman), a French planter on the island where Nellie is stationed as a nurse. Also featured are Luther Billis (Nate Blum), whose dancing ability could be comparable to Fred Astaire, and Bloody Mary (Sandy Lietzau) whose bartering and trading ability probably is equal to that of Calvin Griffith's. For an evening of fine, inexpensive entertainment, join us at South Pacific this Friday and Saturday.



THE CAST of "South Pacific."

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SHINING A POWERFUL LIGHT ON THE LOCAL SCENE

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GIRL AND BOY STATERS: Alternate Brad Carlson, Girl Stater Debbie Ainslie, Alternate Patricia Kaddatz. Not present when the picture was taken was Boy Stater, Merl Zimmerman.

Girls Stater is Debbie Ainslie

COSMOS--Debbie Ainslie, daughter of Mrs. Elaine Ainslie of Cosmos was chosen on Monday evening by the Cosmos Legion Auxiliary to attend the 36th annual Girl State to be held in June. Named alternate was Patricia Kaddatz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kaddatz of rural Cosmos.

Girl State is a practical application of Americanism and good citizenship. Girls who attend have the opportunity to live together as self governing citizens, to learn duties, privileges, and responsibilities of American citizenship. They learn the governmental processes by living in mythical cities, counties and states -- being elected as representatives of these governmental divisions.

Other candidates for Girl State were Jennifer Johnson and Norma Schlueter.

Activities Debbie participates in are chorus and softball.

Patricia participates in Student Senate, junior class vice-president, National Honor Society, volleyball, basketball, softball, annual staff, declam, library club, class play, band, chorus, pep band and District Ensemble.

Merl Zimmerman is Boy Stater

COSMOS--At the Cosmos Legion meeting held Monday evening, Merl Zimmerman was chosen to represent the Cosmos Legion Post at the 1982 Boy's State. Merl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Koch. Named alternate was Brad Carlson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Carlson of Cosmos.

The Legion Boy's State will be held at the Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter June 13 - 19th.

To qualify for Boy's State a student must be a junior in high school and of good academic standing. Boys attending will learn how city, county and state governments function.

Activities which Merl participates in are: Student Senate, Junior Class President, National Honor Society, football, basketball, golf, drama, declam, class play, band, chorus, pep band, ensemble, instrumental solos, vocal solo.

Activities which Brad participates in are: Student Senate, eighth grade secretary-treasurer, junior class treasurer, football, basketball, golf, declam.

Other boys who were candidates were Timm Dege and Roger Johnson.

Gardening class cancelled

COSMOS--The Vegetable Gardening Class scheduled for Thursday, April 15th has been cancelled due to lack of interest. Remember to sign up for the Landscaping class on April 22 at 7 p.m. There will be a free shrub given as a door prize. The class on Care and Upkeep for Your Yard, scheduled for April 25th at 7 p.m. will be helpful also. The instructor of these classes is a graduate from the U of M. in horticulture with lots of practical experience.



Firearms safety class Thursday

COSMOS--The Firearms Safety Class begins Thursday,

Friday is final sign up day for zoo trip

COSMOS--Remember to sign up by Friday, April 16th for the trip to the Minnesota Zoo. The bus will leave Cosmos school at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, May 1 and should be back about 6:00 p.m. You may choose between going to the zoo and shopping, or just going shopping at the Burnsville Mall. But be sure to let us know so we can have the zoo tickets for you. Register and pay at the elementary office. If you have any questions, call Lois Pace 877-7794.

Peace LCW meets April 21

COSMOS--The Peace Lutheran Church L.C.W. Auxiliary will be meeting on Wednesday evening, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

This meeting will be "Guest Night". Everyone is encouraged to bring a guest.

Speaking will be Hildegard Qamme from Willmar, who is a humorist. Lunch will be served following the meeting and free baby-sitting will also be available.

Please note this meeting has been changed from April 14th.

Confirmation at Peace Sunday

COSMOS--At the 10:15 a.m. worship service Sunday, April 18, at Peace Lutheran Church ten young people who have been instructed in the faith for the past two years will confirm their faith.

They are Shari Adams, Margo Anderson, Gayle Arndt, Melissa Carlson, Sherlyn Jackson, Jamie Olson, Natalie Peterson, Tammy Sathre, Jeffrey Ulrich and Jason Wright. Confirmation Day is always a great day in a congregation and it is particularly important day for the young people being confirmed.

Two candidates enter School election

COSMOS--Two have filed for the positions open on the Cosmos Board of Education. Incumbent Sonja Fruetel has re-filed. She has served one three year term on the board.

Also filing was Merle Olsen. Olsen is manager of Polar Chemical and Gas in Cosmos and has four children attending the Cosmos school.

The last day to file for a school board position is Tuesday, April 27th at 4:00 p.m. You can file by picking up blank filing forms from the superintendents office or from the clerk of the board, Don Hartung.

This year the terms of Robert Tharp and Sonja Fruetel expire.

It's Family Night at First Lutheran Sunday

COSMOS--The L.C.W. of First Lutheran Church, rural Cosmos invites the public to attend their Family Night Program and Fellowship on Sunday evening, April 18 at 8:00 p.m. at the church.

The program will be given by the Don Nelson family of rural Litchfield. The Nelsons spent a year living in England and Mrs. Nelson will speak on Women's point of view and experiences of living in England and Mr. Nelson will talk on Agriculture in England and show a few slides.

Their daughter, Susan, will favor the group with a flute solo. Don and Sonja Nelson with their children, Susan, David and Steven will sing a couple hymns.

Hostess for the evening are Muriel Nelson, Norma Peterson, Carolyn Anderson, Hilda Hopp, Phyllis Grussendorf, Mavis Danielson. Directors are Louise Loveland and Phyllis Grussendorf.

This will be an interesting program for the whole family and we hope to see you there.

Methodist women birthday party

COSMOS--The Cosmos United Methodist Women of Cosmos will be having their annual "Birthday Party" at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 14th at their church.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Barry Evans, director of the Crisis Intervention Receiving Center in Willmar. Evans will be explaining services provided by the Crisis Intervention Receiving Center.

The Crisis Intervention Receiving Center is a program of West Central Community Services Center. It provides

BIRTHDAY PARTY
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Curt Piepenburgs honored as outstanding farm family

LITCHFIELD--Curt and Mona Piepenburg were honored as an outstanding farm family from Meeker County in ceremonies at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul on National Ag Day, March 18.

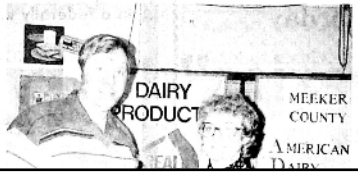
The Piepenburg's were one of 47 families from as many counties to be honored by the University's College of Agriculture. All of the families are full-time in farming, making significant contributions to agricultural production and involved in the agricultural and civic organizations in their respective communities.

This is the fourth year the awards ceremonies have taken place. The families were selected by local agricultural leaders under the leadership of the county Extension Service Directors. The State's agribusiness help defray the costs of the annual awards banquet.

Ten year old Kim is a member of the Minnebelle Skippers 4-H Club and she is planning to show a calf and a junior yearling at the 1982 Meeker County Fair. Next year, Jenni will be able to join 4-H and she is planning to show dairy animals too.

Corn, soybeans, alfalfa and oats are the main crops in their farming enterprise.

Curt and Mona are very active in a variety of community organizations such as Meeker County ADA, CB Club, PTA, extension activities and church. Since they are active dairy producers, they are very interested in promoting the dairy industry. Curt is presently serving as president of the Meeker County ADA and Mona is serving as chairman of the Meeker County Dairy Princess Contest.





Marilyn Macik received "Ag-Office" award

WILLMAR--"Ag Day," the state and national recognition of agriculture's contributions to society, was observed at the annual WAVTI Awards Banquet recently.

Over 450 parents and friends of Willmar Vo-Tech Agriculture students attended the recognition program.

A highlight of the Awards Banquet was the naming of these Outstanding Student winners were:

Ag Office -- Marilyn Macik, Hector.

Ag Business -- Randy Latzig, Howard Lake.

Ag Production -- Larry Brendon, Sedan.

Marilyn Macik is employed part-time at the Lake Lillian Farmer's Elevator.

A new award was announced this year, recognizing families who have made outstandin-

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MR. AND MRS. GAYLORD Stockland and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Seashore were Easter dinner and afternoon guests at the Wayne Stockland home in Courtland.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD Fredin and family of Kirkland, Ill. were Saturday dinner and supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Fredin.

MR. AND MRS. VERN Fredin were Easter Sunday supper guests at the Vernon Rickert home in Brownton and the Fredins were evening guests at the Bob Ahlers home in Gibbon.

MR. AND MRS. FLOYD Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schiro and family and Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Zumberg and family were Easter dinner guests at the Martha Zumberg home in Hutchinson.

MR. AND MRS. ALLEN Frederiksen with other family members were Easter dinner guests at the Allan Gavle home in Bloomington.

MR. AND MRS. LARRY Ackerman, Todd and Tammy of Litchfield, Clarence Geier Jr. and Angela of Paynesville were Easter dinner guests at the Clarence Geier Sr. home. Tammy Ackerman and Angela Geier were Sunday over night guests with their grandparents.

MR. AND MRS. CLARence Boelter, Bonnie Benson and Mrs. Sophie Homan were Easter dinner guests at the Dallas Johnson home in Eden Prairie.

EASTER DINNER AND supper guests at the Ed Dobratz home were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Dobratz, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Runke, Arnold Kelbing and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Radtke and family.

MRS. CLARA NELSON ACcompanied Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nelson and family and with Wesley Nelson and Marilyn Osborne of Montevideo attended Easter services in Milbank, S. D. and were Easter dinner and supper guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Keith Johnson in Milbank.

MRS. FLORENCE HANSON spent Easter weekend with her daughter and family, the Kenneth Pflieghar at New Brighton.

MRS. MURIEL JACOBSON returned home last Monday after spending three months in California visiting her son and family and her sister. Prior to coming to Cosmos Muriel spent time with her daughter and son near Minneapolis.

MR. AND MRS. MARTIN Jacobson and Mrs. Muriel Jacobson were Easter dinner guests at the Jerry Coulter home in Hector.

MR. AND MRS. ROGER Seashore, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seashore, Mrs. Emma Stockland, Debbie and Kim Kutzke were Palm Sunday dinner guests at the Gaylord Stockland home.

KRISTINE ANDERSON OF Lake Lillian spent from Thursday until Saturday at the Ethel and Gary Anderson home.

MRS. CLARENCE BOELTER, Mrs. Arnold Dallmann, Mrs. Donald Kaping and Danyell, Mrs. Raynard Johnson and Jason, Mrs. Elmer Wendorf, Mrs. John Winkler, Mrs. Edwin Boelter and Mrs. Emma Bakken were birthday luncheon guests at the Mrs. Erwin Rusch home on Tuesday.

EASTER DINNER AND supper guests at the Mamie Kaddatz and Maryetta Minnick home were Mrs. Ruth Butcher of Bird Island, Sandy Dressler of Willmar, Mr. and Mrs. James Walter of Milaca, Tim Mortensen of Bemidji, Vickie Wurscher of Willmar and Mr. and Mrs. Rod Kolle of Cosmos. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peterson and family of Eden Prairie were afternoon guests.

FLYING TO SOUTH DAKOTA and enjoying an Easter weekend in Souix Falls were Mr. and Mrs. Brad Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lietzau, Sherri Lietzau, Bob Morris and Kate Mahagen.

EASTER DINNER AND supper guests at the Ted Wothe home were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Schlueter and family of rural Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Wothe and girls of Hutchinson, Ethel and Gary Anderson of Cosmos.

MRS. MURIEL JACOBSON was a Saturday night dinner guest at the Ted Wothe home.

MR. AND MRS. LESTER Erickson joined other family members and were Easter dinner and supper guests at the Wencil Wertish home in Olivia.

MR. AND MRS. VICTOR Wolfel and family of St. Paul and Lila Knoth of Olivia were Friday evening visitors at the Lester Erickson home.

MRS. DELBERT STURGES, Christine and Connie, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bipes were Saturday visitors at the August Fischer home.

MR. AND MRS. AUGUST Fischer were Easter dinner guests at the Gerald Hanson home in Grove City.

MR. AND MRS. LEONARD Farenbaugh and family, Shirley Anderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Inselmann, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Park, Betty Inselmann and family visited Sally Inselmann on Monday evening.

MR. AND MRS. HERB Maag arrived home a week ago Monday evening after spending four and a half months in their winter home in Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. Maag with other family members were Easter dinner guests at the home of Melva Lacher in Owatonna.

MR. AND MRS. MELVIN Raske and Monte had Easter dinner with her mother, Mrs. Agnes Maas.

MR. AND MRS. LARRY Raske and Sarah entertained for supper on Easter Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Don Silkee and Peter and Mr. and Mrs. Don Peterson.

MR. AND MRS. LARRY Raske and Sarah, Mrs. Dorothy Raske, Mr. and Mrs. Dorin Adams, Mrs. Agnes Adams, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson and family and Albert Quist were Easter dinner guests of Mrs. Tillie Raduz, rural Litchfield.

MR. AND MRS. HOWARD Voight, Excelsior, Sally Inselmann, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Inselmann, Lester Prairie, Freida Inselmann, Atwater, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Willet and Paul, Darwin, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Steberg and Jennifer, White Bear, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Ahlbrecht and family were Easter dinner and supper at the Otto Ahlbrecht, rural Hector.

MR. AND MRS. ALVIN Mude of Springfield were Friday guests at the Orville Wog home. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Wog and Nancy Kosel of Sanborn joined the family for supper. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Krebs of Sleepy Eye and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Rosenau of Springfield were evening callers. The occasion was to help Mrs. Wog celebrate her birthday.

MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL Malvin and Darin of Darwin were Saturday afternoon callers at the Orville Wog home. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Samson and family were supper guests at the Wog home.

MR. AND MRS. ORVILLE Wog with other family members were Easter Sunday dinner guests at the Wilbert Rosenau home, rural Olivia.

MR. AND MRS. DARREL Ketcham returned home last week after spending two and one half months in Corpus Christi, Texas, visiting their sons, Paul and Mark. Easter dinner and afternoon guests at the Ketcham home were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Louisiana and family of Prior Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ludington and family of Bloomington.

MR. AND MRS. ROYAL Bonnik and Perry of Ellendale, S. D., were Easter Sunday afternoon and supper guests at the Wm. Radtke home. Evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Willard Radtke and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Radtke and family.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD Schiro and Laurel and Mrs. Eldred Anderson were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Marion Schiro home.

MR. AND MRS. LOREN Pearson were Easter Sunday evening birthday luncheon guests at the Allan Schmidt home for Bonnie's birthday.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN Thor and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Johnson and Annette were Easter dinner guests at the Walter Thor home. Mr. and Mrs. Earle Benson and Carol joined the family for the afternoon.

EASTER SIX O'CLOCK dinner guests at the Wesley Youngblom home were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Youngblom and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Geier Jr. and Angela and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sciesiek.

MR. AND MRS. DEAN Anderson and family of Clear Lake, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. Dale Anderson and family were Easter morning guests at the Cora Anderson home. Mrs. Cora Anderson and Mrs. Paula Nielsen were afternoon guests at the Dale Anderson home.

MR. AND MRS. ARNOLD Thornton and boys of Roseville and Mrs. Bernice Dorn of Hutchinson were Easter dinner guests at the Glen Bemis Sr. home. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bemis Jr. and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jon Burks and family were afternoon guests.

ENJOYING EASTER DINNER with Merrill Meyer at his home were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fleagle and family of Coon Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Meyer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Delano Lietzau and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mages and son, Gary Berghuis, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lietzau and family.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT Loveland entertained for Easter dinner and in honor of their daughter, Cindy's seventh birthday. Guests to make the day special were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Loveland and Mrs. Hazel Jarcho. Mrs. Robert Schmidt and girls were evening callers.

MR. AND MRS. ALLAN Schmidt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmidt and girls and Gary Schmidt joined other family members for Easter dinner and supper at the Franklin Schmidt home, rural Darwin.

MR. AND MRS. REUBEN Martin and Janenne, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin, Mr. and Mrs. James Sladek and family were Easter dinner guests at the Randy Schiro home.

MR. AND MRS. EUGENE Wehking and family entertained for Easter dinner, Orville Dahlk Jr. and David, Orville Dahlk Sr., Arlis Rettig and Josh, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wehking and family, Pat Burk, Terry Burk, Jim Langmaack, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wehking and family and Mr. and Mrs. Al Barnes and Mike. During the afternoon the family received a telephone call from Nicoli Dahlk in California. Evening guests at the Wehking home were Mr. and Mrs. June Haley.

EASTER SUPPER GUESTS at the Reuben Martin home were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Schiro and Andrea, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Sladek and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Martin and family and Janenne Martin.

MRS. EMMA MORTENSON entertained at a five o'clock supper on Good Friday in honor of her son, Wallace's birthday. Guests at Mrs. Mortenson's home were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Mortenson of Excelsior, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Olson, Mrs. Alma Anderson, Oscar Larson, Mrs. Cora Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Peterson.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH Anderson and family of rural Lake Lillian, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kosek and boys of Brooklyn Center and Martha Beckstrand of Hutchinson were Easter brunch guests at the Helmuth Wegner home, rural Howard Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Curt Meyer and family joined the family for supper.

MR. AND MRS. ERDMAN Mauhs entertained their family, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Mauhs and children and Van and Kevin Mauhs for Easter dinner.

MR. AND MRS. CLARence Lietzau enjoyed having their children and families home for Easter dinner and the afternoon. Guests were Rev. and Mrs. Ron Koch and family of Willmar, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lietzau and family of Prior Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lietzau and family of Rosemount, Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Lietzau and family and a friend from Hutchinson and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Lietzau of Cosmos.

MONDAY, MR. AND MRS. Orville Wog visited at the Carl Karg home, rural Hutchinson. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Mude of Springfield are spending a few days at the Wog home.

KENNETH LIND FROM Good rich, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Johnson and family, Becky Bain were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Bertha Koch and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swanson.

CARDS OF THANKS

I wish to thank those who visited me and sent cards, the Sr. Citizens and Womens Prayer Group for remembering me while I was in the hospital.

Thanks to Dr. Schnell and Nolan and the nurses on the third floor for their wonderful care.

Thanks to Pastor Hodak for his visit.

God Bless you all.

Wesley Grussendorf (cT6p)

I wish to thank everyone who helped me during my illness, the ambulance crew, Dr. Olson, the nurses, the therapist, Pastor Rode, the many friends who sent cards and food and who called on me.

Thanks everyone.

Helga Knobel (cT6p)

HOSPITAL NEWS

WESLEY GRUSSENDORF entered Meeker County Memorial Hospital, Litchfield a week ago Sunday and was a surgical patient. He returned home on Easter Monday.

MRS. EDNA KOCH entered Meeker County Memorial Hospital, Litchfield, a week ago Monday.

Thorpe News

MR. AND MRS. AMBROSE Bomstad, Mrs. Virgil Zins and Bambi were Thursday afternoon visitors at the Howard Tinnes home in Willmar.

VALORIE BOMSTAD OF Pennock, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Bomstad, Mr. and Mrs. Don Mahlow, Darin, Chad and Leah, were Easter guests at the Virgil Zins home.

MR. AND MRS. DENNIS Riedel, Dean and Jack of Hutchinson were Easter Sunday afternoon visitors at the Richard Riedel home.

RHONDA, JIM AND Gerald Anderson spent Easter weekend from the U of Minnesota with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Anderson. Duane accompanied them back and attended the U on Monday with Jim and Gerald. Duane returned home on Monday night.

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Mark Nelson assigned to Sheppard AFB

Airman Mark L. Nelson, son of Clifford M. Nelson of 1412 N. Highway 71, Willmar, and Bonita J. Foster of Cosmos, has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the aircraft maintenance field.

Lisa Tharp achieves honor list

LAKE LILLIAN--Lisa Kay Tharp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tharp of Lake Lillian, who is a sophomore at Mankato State University, was on the "honor list" for the winter quarter.

There were 973 students who earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the Honor list.

To qualify for academic honors, undergraduate students must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours for a grade.

Open house April 23 at DAC

LITCHFIELD--The Meeker County Developmental Achievement Center cordially invites you to an Open House at their new facility located at 428 East Tenth Street, Litchfield, MN., Friday, April 23, 1982 from 1 to 9 p.m.

Meet the new director, staff, and participants and become acquainted with our program.

The participants will be in session until 3 p.m.

A slide presentation of the DAC activities and tours of the facility will be available.

Calendar of events at Cosmos Legion Club

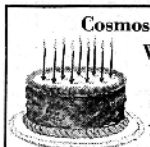
Wednesday, April 14 ..... Steak-Ribs-Shrimp $5.50 - 6:00-10:00
Friday, April 16 ..... Fish-Chicken-Ribs $4.00 - 5:30-9:00 Smorgasbord Style - All you can eat Cosmos Firemen's Benefit Dance Music by "Country Gold"
Saturday, April 17 ..... Cosmos Firemen's Benefit Dance Music by "Red Ravens"
Monday, April 19 ..... Lions Meeting
Wednesday, April 21 ..... Steak-Ribs-Shrimp $5.50 - 6:00-10:00 Music by "Midnight Special"
Friday, April 23 ..... Fish-Chicken-Ribs $4.00 - 5:30-9:00 Smorgasbord Style - All you can eat
Saturday, April 24 ..... Wedding Dance Amy Sokolosky and Scott Kalkbrenner Music by "Bill Gallagher"
Wednesday, April 28 ..... Steak-Ribs-Shrimp $5.50 - 6:00-10:00
Friday, April 30 ..... 30th Anniversary Dance Joyce and Gilbert Radloff Music by "Moonlighters"
Saturday, May 1 ..... Wedding Dance Becky Melsha and Dave Simonson Music by "Summer's Eve"

For Reservations for Wedding and Anniversary Dances, Call 877-7525 after 4 p.m.
Catering Available
Steak, Shrimp, Ribs every Wednesday Night: 6-10 p.m.

Fish-Chicken-Ribs Every 2nd & 4th Friday Night: Adults-$4.00; Age 9 & Under-$2.50; Pre-school-$1.75

NOTICE: Dance Time Change -- 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday & Saturday Nights

Cosmos United Methodist Women's Birthday Party



Wednesday, April 14
7 P.M. - at the Church
Meal - Speaker - Prizes
Come and celebrate your birthday with us!
Free will offering

Town and Country Foods
SATHRE'S In Cosmos
USDA Authorized Food Stamp Store. Right to limit Quantities.
STORE HOURS: Monday thru Sat. 7:30-8:00, Sunday 9-3. Phone 877-7311
Register for 20-free 6 packs
Mello Yellow & 10 Mello Yellow hats!

Wilson Boneless BEEF CHUCK ROAST 1.69 lb.
Boneless Arm Cut $1.79 lb.

16 oz. non-returnable Coke & Mellow Yellow 6/$1.99

Soft & Pretty Toilet Tissue 1.03 4 rolls

Chicken of the Sea TUNA 93¢ 6 1/2 oz.

Wilson Savory BONELESS HAM $1.69 lb.

West Pac PEAS & CARROTS 16 oz. 69¢

Land O' Lakes American Cheese 2 lbs. $3.99

Washington Red Delicious APPLES $1.09 3 lbs.

Fresh GROUND BEEF $1.19 lb.
Reg. Lean lb. $1.49

Flav-R-Pac Strawberries 10 oz. 69¢

Land O' Lakes Midget Horn Colby $2.49 1 lb.

Idaho French's RUSSET POTATOES 10 lbs. 1.69

LaChoy Beef or Chicken CHOW-MEIN 14 oz. $1.19

Richter White Vinegar 39¢ quart

Fresh CELERY Stalk 49¢

Wilson Corn King Sliced Bologna 12 oz. 99¢

Festal - Green Beans French Cut or Pantry Cut 15½ oz. 2/79¢

Speas Apple Cider Gallon $2.99

SEED POTATOES Are Now In! Also Onion Sets

Hormel 3½ oz. Sliced Pepperoni 93¢

Nabisco Wheatsworths 11 oz. $1.09

LaChoy Bean Sprouts 14 oz. 49¢

Beef Quarters lb. Cut, Wrapped, Frozen
Front $1.25
Side $1.35
Hind $1.45

Generic Maple Syrup 24 oz. 79¢

Brown or Powdered Powdered Sugar 2 lbs. 89¢

Blue Tag Certified NORLAND NORGOLD ANOKA KENNEBEC PONTIAC OHIO

Old Home - English Muffin Dozen 69¢

PRICES EFFECTIVE APRIL 14-17, 1982

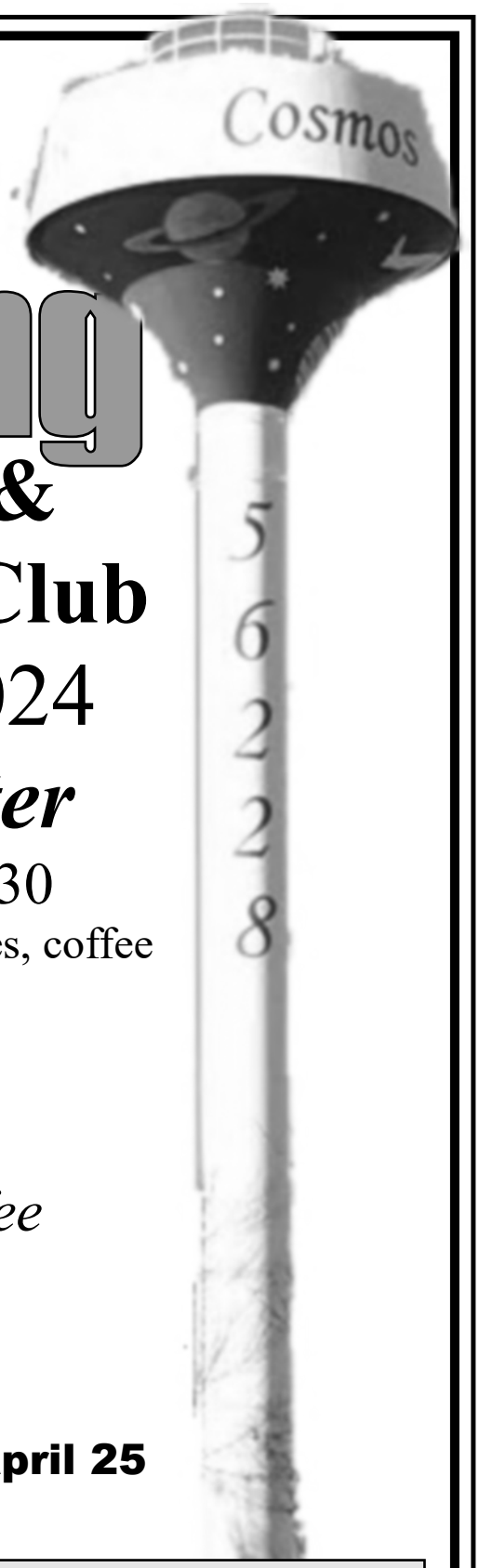
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Sathre's Town & Country Foods-Coupon Exp. April 17

Folger's Coffee 3 lbs. 6.99
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20 cents off Axion 1.59 25 oz.
Sathre's Town & Country Foods-Coupon Exp. April 17

Wisk Gallon $6.99
Sathre's Town & Country Foods-Coupon Exp. April 17

Annual Meeting



Cosmos Industries & Cosmos Community Club

Tuesday, April 30th 2024

At Cosmos City Center

Social Hour at 6:00 Meal at 6:30

Menu: Casey's pizza, bread sticks, bars, cookies, coffee

Bring your own beverage

-If you are interested in joining-

Cosmos Industries

$50.00 *one time membership fee*

Cosmos Community Club

$15.00 *per person per year*

**Free will meal donation for non-members*

***Please RSVP to Deb Minnick by April 25**

320-220-7072

-Evening speaker will be from-

The Cosmos Learning Center

Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!



A HITCHCOCK MOVIE?

Pic and commentary by Mark Minnick

It seems that the early warm weather has also brought in red-winged blackbirds and purple grackles early this spring. Usually the red-wings are are down in cattails and the grackles scattered around town in various conifers. Not this year, it seems.

Wife Deb has always spent plenty of time, effort and money feeding birds year round. So our yard has become a pretty popular place for our feathered friends. Even more so when we get some late spring snow cover.

The tall trees in our yard became staging areas for massive flocks of grackles and red-wings, waiting for their group's turn to hit the feeder areas. Just as I learned in biology class, there sure seems to be a pecking order between individual birds and flocks.

The whole lot of them were loud and obnoxious, filling the neighborhood with the sound of their arguing and squawking. They were letting everyone know, "I'm here, I'm hungry and I'm gonna kick some avian butt if I don't get to eat!

It was kind of spooky, similar to the Hitchcock classic "The Birds". On the upside, at least they didn't mistake Deb for Tippi Hedren…or they're smart enough to know that she's the one with the grub. Either way, don't mess with her.



Spring 1982

TIME WARP Whozit?

The CHS Softball team is ready to "Put the bat on the ball" in the spring of '82. Can you name any one of these players or the coach? Whozdem?

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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".

THANK YOU!

to all who helped out with... **"Gator's Last Ride"**

In no particular order:

- **Nate Blum**
- **Doug Lietzau**
- **Pastor Mindy**
- **Duane Martin**
- **Tom McCarthy**
- **Megan Lietzau**
- **Don & Kim Bemis**
- **Cosmos Fire Dept**
- **Atwater Fire Dept**
- **Blomkest Fire Dept**
- **Kandiyohi Fire Dept**
- **Grove City Fire Dept**
- **Lake Lillian Fire Dept**
- **Horseshoe Bar, Lake Lillian**
- **Handlebar Bar & Grill, Atwater**
- **Apol's Harley-Davidson, Raymond**
- **American Legion Club, Paynesville**
- **Mug Shots, Cosmos - Brent, Marvella & staff**



Last but not least,
all that attended and helped out in anyway!

GRACE RADTKE

Grace Radtke and Duane Kamrath are engaged

WATERTOWN, WIS. — Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Radtke announce the engagement of their daughter, Grace Pauline, to Duane Kamrath, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Kamrath of Cosmos, Minnesota.

Mr. Kamrath is a junior student at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, and Miss Radtke is a student at the Milwaukee College of Beauty Culture.

A summer wedding is being planned by the couple.



The Gazette is rewarding only one KewPie this month.
(Duane must not read the Gazette...)
Anyway, here's the winner.



That's Grace Kamrath,
I could tell by her eyes. ***Sandy Meyer***

Hey....wait a minute!

"Virus Free"
-Since 2019-
No germs allowed!
You bet!



April Showers

Next meeting is
Tuesday
April 9th
7 PM

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