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The ol' Bunny delivers...*everywhere.*

Weather: Raining pretty eggs. **"All the news you really need. Probably more."** **"Noli credere omnia legis"**

Fireman Award New Chili Cook-Off Champs

Pics and commentary Mark Minnick

The Cosmos Fireman can be proud of hosting another successful Chili Cook-Off. The March 21st annual event at The Dive proved to be a real crowd pleaser again this year. About sixty hungry folks showed up to support the firemen *and fill their bellies.* That's a win-win, right?

Eight contestants entered their secret recipes for those in attendance to sample and judge. Three skillful 'chefs' went home with trophies and of course, bragging rights for another year. Personally, there wasn't an entry I tasted that I didn't like, plus I had a great time. Thank you firemen for hosting this community event.



Servin' up the good stuff!

Adam Lietzau, Renee Hopp and Cole Lux



The Winners

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Cole Lux 1st

Jim 'Diesel' DeLeeuw 2nd

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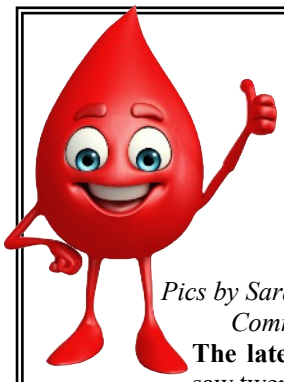


The Lions will be serving this tasty feast at

"The Dive" in Cosmos

-The Cosmos Fire Department Dance follows-

**Pork chop dinner proceeds support community projects.*



Cosmos Blood Drive Sees Two New Donors

Pics by Sara Henschke
Commentary by Mark Minnick

The latest Red Cross Blood Drive in Cosmos saw twenty folks give blood on March 4th. Hosted as always by the **Cosmos American Legion Auxiliary**, the day was made notable by what I consider "A rare event" as far as blood drives go. What was rare about it, you ask?

Well, two sisters donated blood that day. I know, that in itself is probably not really rare. But the fact that these two sisters were also first time donors, on the same day, in the same building. Who can match that! Pretty 'based' if you ask me.



Kylie & MaKayla: Blood sisters?

The pair were **Kylee** and **MaKayla Henschke**, 16 & 18 respectively, from Cosmos. What a neat pair of good lookin' siblings! Credit is certainly due to parents **Sara** and **Adam Henschke**, for properly raising these two smart and unselfish kids. Kudos to mom & dad.

Sometimes I think we all forget that there is always a need for blood. We're either too busy or working or whatever. I myself didn't donate until I was just about 20 years old. I guess just ignorance or laziness on my part, I'll admit it. But, I did donate in my later years on a semi-regular basis.

Now, forty plus years later, because of all of my major operations, I have ***really*** needed blood. Eight units for the last operation, I believe. Many, many more units in the previous seven procedures. I received a bunch of the red stuff.

Presently, I can donate blood if I wish. But, I don't have a right femur, per se. Well I do, but it's made outta titanium and doesn't have any marrow. So it isn't makin' any red blood cells. Missing one of the two biggest marrow filled bones in my body limits my red cell replacement. After this last surgery, it took me a good six months to finally get my red cell count up enough so I didn't faint when I got up, much less walked.

Thusly, it isn't wise for me to give blood cause it takes so long for my body to replace what I donated. It sucks but, oh well. In closing, I really, really appreciate all the folks that do donate. You're the best.

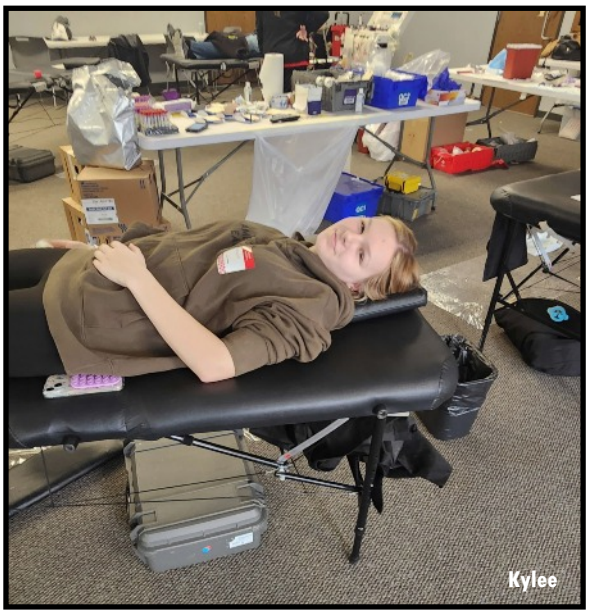
American Red Cross

Btw, if I were mom & dad, I wouldn't let those girls date until they are at least 24½…and home by 9:30. Just sayin'… ;)

You Go Girls-Thank You!



MaKayla



Kylee

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
March 3, 2026

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor Emily Van Hatten at 5:34pm on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Jeremy Anderson, Mark Minnick and Daniel Cairl.
ABSENT: Mayor Dale Martin
ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Brigitte Douglas and Public Works Supervisor Nikki Brazzi.
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Cairl to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Cairl, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.
1) February 12, 2026 City Council Minutes.

Sheriff's Office – A Representative from the Sheriff's Office was available to present the council with their monthly report. 26 records, a mixture of 2 traffic stops and 24 other calls. Council Member Cairl questioned pet related calls, like pets running at large, or pets not licensed with the city. He would like to see tickets for either offense. The representative explained that any ticketing related to pets are at the discretion of the responding officer.

January 8, 2026 Bills List - A motion by Minnick, seconded by Anderson, to approve the February 12, 2026 bills list, with check numbers 1101e -1108e and 117795-117817 in the amount of $39,823.69. Motion carried**.**

City Engineer – Joshua Halvorson, Bolton-Menk, updated on the construction project. We are still waiting to finish the loan closing.

Land Use/Ordinances Update – Joshua Havorson, Bolton-Menk updated on the Land Use/Ordinances. Several closed workshop meetings are planned between now and September, with a public hearing scheduled for August and the council adopting the ordinances in September.

Township Meeting Update – Ambulance Captain Van Hatten explain that aside from their annual section rate contract fees the Townships are willing to pay half of the shortfall between income and expenses, as well as half of the cost of the estimate for replacing two smaller doors with one large door at the fire hall. The townships also suggested to present a five year annual section rate increase schedule at the next meeting, using either a dollar or percentage amount. Council Member Anderson would like to see more than one estimate, so the matter is tabled until next month.

Picnic Tables – Mayor Martin would like to see 10 more picnic tables ordered and ready for use by this summer. A motion by Minnick, seconded by Cairl to order 10 more tables. Motion carried. The Space Festival Committee donated $3000.00 for 2 picnic tables, one of tables is in memory of Maddison Schlueter. Name Plates for donated tables are still being researched.

People Service Operation and Maintenance Report – Council Member Anderson, representing PeopleService, presented the council with his monthly report. Shocking the media has been successful in breaking down clogs and it has been suggested to do so a second time. Frequent monitoring, chemical adjustments, water sample taking and testing is continuously done as needed and required.

Special Assessment Litigation – With the city attorney not handling litigation and tax matters any more he recommends David Anderson at Kennedy-Graven. A motion to hire David Anderson and Kennedy-Graven to assist with the civil summons by Cairl, seconded by Minnick. Motion carried.

Department Heads –
Public Works Supervisor Nikki Brazzi informed the council that Well 4 needs to be pulled and necessary maintenance done, a float at the lift stations needs replacing and he is working on amending previous DMR's reports to show accurate discharge/influent usage.

Other Business –
Kathy Jackson would like to donate a piano to the city to be kept permanently in the community room. The council would like more time to consider all aspects of this matter. Clerk/Treasurer Brigitte Douglas reminded and informed the council of her upcoming Clerk Institute week in early May and vacation in the later part of May. Deputy Clerk Katie Hansen will cover some of the office hours during Brigitte's absence and a temporary schedule will be established and posted.

Public Works Supervisor Nikki Brazzi will also be absent for a week's vacation in May with business handled by Public Works staff Danielle Martin and Council Member Anderson.

Next Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday April 9, 2026. The agenda will be posted in the city office window, post office and bank vestibule by Tuesday afternoon. Any change in the meeting dates or times will be displayed on our digital sign.

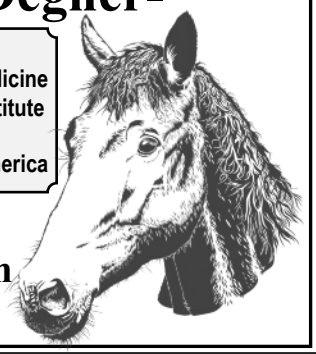
Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Minnick, seconded by Cairl to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:37pm. Motion carried.

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Brigitte Douglas, Clerk/Treasurer

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Family of Brian Burgess



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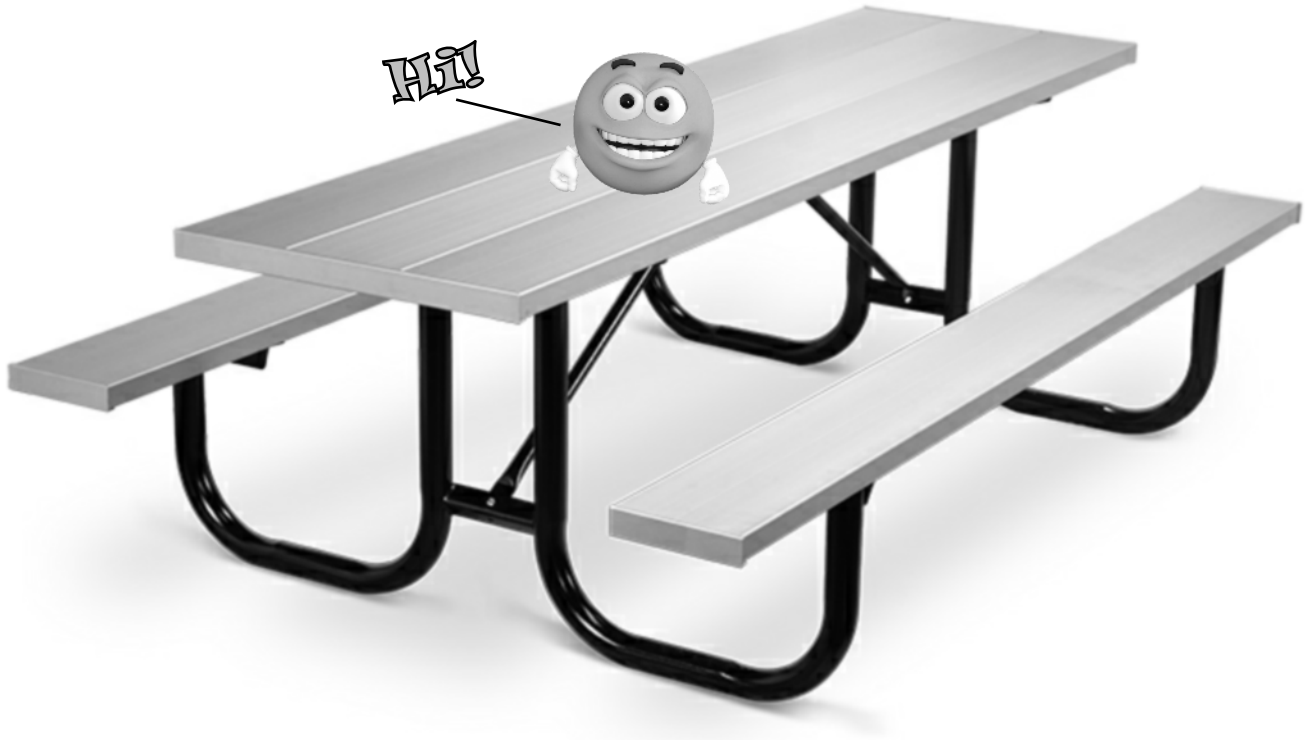
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March 29 | 9:30 am **Palm Sunday** Service
10:30 am Breakfast
April 2 | 6 pm **Maundy Thursday** Service
April 3 | 6 pm **Good Friday** Service
April 5 | Easter
6:30 am Sunrise Service
7:30 am Easter Fellowship
9:30 am Worship

Peace Lutheran Church | Cosmos, MN

New Picnic Tables This Summer



By Mark Minnick

When you visit Cosmos City Parks this summer, you may be greeted by some new picnic tables. The city has been aware of their aging 'fleet' of tables, some of them over over 30 years old. Knowing that things like this can only be put off so long, the council decided last year that they better start replacing them, a few at a time as monies permit.

So the word went out in the area that the old 'fleet' was being retired out of necessity and replaced with new. The response from private donors, businesses and local non-profit organizations has been really been great! They are stepping up and contributing nicely to the cause.

Each table runs just about $1600. The first ten tables have been paid for with donations from these groups, with ten more tables on the way. The city is hoping that the next ten can be covered by donations also.

Anyone is welcome to make a donation of any size, big or small. The donation will go into a fund earmarked specifically for the tables. The money does not go into the general city coffers.

If you or anyone you know wishes to donate, you can drop off the funds at city hall or or by mail:

City Of Cosmos
PO Box 614
Cosmos MN 56228

**As an aside, don't be afraid to contact your any of your city council members for more info.*

The old tables are definitely due for replacement and I think this is a great way to do that; Donations for a good, public cause without spending tax dollars.

Btw, if you are greeted by a new table this summer, be sure and say 'Hi' for me. ;)



Don & Sandy are celebrating
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Join us on May 2nd, 2026
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Pump the sump water outside to the storm sewer where it belongs.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
The City of Cosmos

From the folks at The Galactic Gazette

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TABLE TIME

Ladies Luncheon

at Peace Lutheran Church of Cosmos

Saturday, May 9, 2026

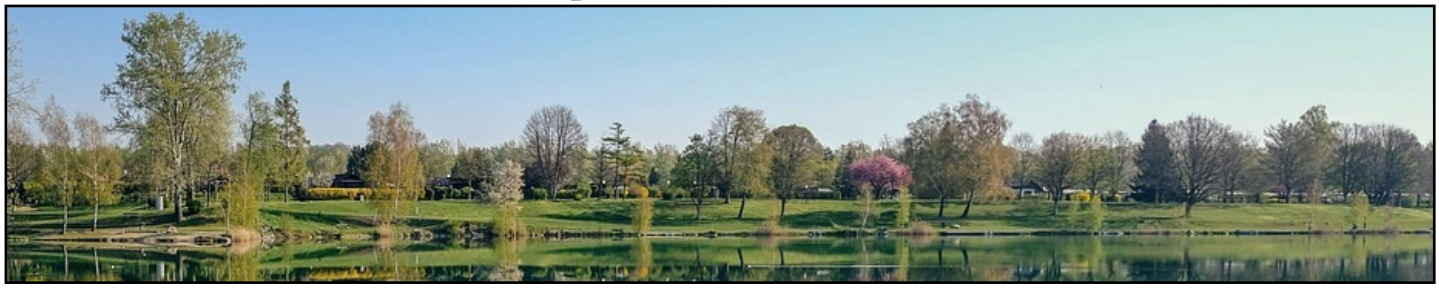
Table Viewing at 10:45 am
Salad Luncheon at 11:30 am
Program by Ellen Radel.



Ellen will share the history of *Little Golden Books* and show us her collection.

Contact the church office after April 23rd to reserve your spot at a table.
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Blackout Winner



Pic and commentary by Mark Minnick

Pat Straumann was the big winner for the final Bargo Blackout of the year. Don't spend it all in one place Pat!

Thank You!



Thanks a bunch for supporting the Cosmos Fire Dept Chili Cookoff. We hope you got your fill of chili and had a great time.

Hope to see you at the our Annual Dance & Lion's Pork Chop Dinner on April 10th.



Well boys & girls, we have a KewPie winner this month. This Gazette subscriber has a problem some months as her Gazettes go to newsletter purgatory. So, we send her more. So far she is caught up and we're glad because she identified the spiffy fishermen in the March Whozit entry.

Hi Mark- I'm going to take a chance on Whozit. I think Bernard Arnold and Henry Klawitter. Don't know any of the other items! *Donna Hanson*

As far as the bonus questions; #2 first - I think the signage on the window says,"The Stockade Sporting Goods". Now #1 - Hmmm, stockade in Forest City? Town was bigger then and had a sporting goods store so named 'cause of the proximity to the river? Just guesses on my part. As far as #3? Who rowed? Not sure, can't see blisters on either guy's hands. **;)**

-From the book-

"The History of Cosmos"



Fishing was very good for Bernard Arnold and Henry Klawitter in 1948. Bernard, catching a 16½ lb. Northern.

SCIENCE, TECH & JUST PLAIN COOL STUFF

ARE WE FINALLY GONNA LAUNCH?

March 24th:

NASA Teams Continue Artemis II Preparations at Launch Pad



All images & articles by nasa.gov

The Sun rises behind NASA's Artemis II SLS (Space Launch System) rocket and Orion spacecraft at Launch Complex 39B at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida on Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

March 25, 2026

Teams at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida continue preparing the SLS (Space Launch System) rocket and Orion spacecraft for its crewed launch as early as Wednesday, April 1. After rolling to Launch Pad 39B on top the mobile launcher on March 20, teams began securing the rocket, spacecraft and launch platform to the pad infrastructure to ensure there is power supply and communications with the rocket and ground teams. The emergency egress baskets were connected to the mobile launcher, and the crew access arm was extended to support access into the White Room – the location where personnel can access Orion.

In the days leading up to launch, technicians will conduct pad-specific engineering tests for ordnance connectivity on the flight termination system, radio frequency testing for the core stage and Orion spacecraft and complete final closeouts of the rocket and spacecraft before getting into launch countdown.

The four members of the Artemis II crew – NASA astronauts Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch, and CSA (Canadian Space Agency) astronaut Jeremy Hansen – began their quarantine period on March 18, to ensure they stay healthy leading up to launch. While avoiding close contact with anyone not quarantining alongside them, they are continuing some training activities at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, reviewing procedures and plans for the approximately 10-day mission.

The crew will fly to Florida on Friday, March 27, and spend the remainder of their quarantine at NASA Kennedy. Details on their arrival and other mission events and milestones will be available shortly.

JUST WHAT IN THE HECK IS A GOIN' ON HERE?

IS THE THIRD GAZETTE ARTICLE ON THE LAUNCH OF ARTEMIS II THE CHARM? FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T BEEN FOLLOWING ALONG, THIS IS THE THIRD MONTH I HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THIS HISTORIC FLIGHT OF MAN'S RETURN TO THE MOON. BUT ALAS, ARTEMIS IS STILL ON THE GROUND. TECHNICAL PROBLEMS HAVE DELAYED THE FLIGHT, MUCH TO THE CHAGRIN OF FANS AND NASA FOLKS. OH WELL, WADDA YA DO? BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY, RIGHT? BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, ARTEMIS AND CREW MAY ALREADY BE IN SPACE WITH THE EARLY LAUNCH WINDOW OF APRIL 1 – 6. HOPEFULLY I CAN WRITE ABOUT A SUCCESSFUL MISSION IN THE NEXT GAZETTE – "THE MAGAZINE THAT KEEPS YOU INFORMED ON ALL THINGS ROCKET RELATED". *STAY TUNED, BUCKAROOS*...MARK MINNICK, EDITOR

March 20th:

Artemis Arrives at Launch Pad 39B



NASA's SLS rocket and Orion spacecraft, secured to the mobile launcher, arrive at the Launch Pad 39B.

March 20, 2025

At 11:21 a.m. EDT on Friday, March 20, NASA's Artemis II SLS (Space Launch System) rocket and Orion spacecraft arrived at Launch Pad 39B after an 11-hour journey from the Vehicle Assembly Building at the agency's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

NASA's crawler-transporter 2 began its 4-mile trek with the integrated SLS and Orion stacked on top of the mobile launcher at 12:20 a.m. EDT. Moving at a maximum speed of just 0.82 mph, the crawler carried the 322-foot-tall Moon rocket and spacecraft slowly and steadily toward the pad.

Now that the rocket is at Pad 39B, NASA teams are gearing up for the final stretch of pre-launch preparations ahead of launch as soon as Wednesday, April 1. The early April launch window includes opportunities through Monday, April 6.

Turn That Crap Down!

Thoughts & opinions about music. Volume be ...darned.

I finally decided it was time to bring this column back. Don't remember the last time I wrote about music. Most months it seems that I run out of time to write…or I'm just slackin'. Anyway, most readers know that I like tunage from many genres, but that I'm a rocker first and foremost. Remember to do your part & introduce a kid to some good music, regardless of genre. So, follow along, try to keep up and let me know what you think. :)





Look Up

2025 album by Ringo Starr

By Mark Minnick

First time I fired up this album was January 2025. I stumbled upon it during one of my many excursions on the internets. Some pretty good stuff after I gave it a few listens. I was impressed.

After some reflection on what I heard, I gathered my thoughts a bit. Thusly, I came up with three main takeaways:

1. **"Hey, this is country music, man. Holy cow!"**
2. **"Ol' Ringo always was and still is, one talented artist".** ***(Even if he couldn't afford a decent haircut in the 60's.)***
3. **"This is more than just Country music. There is some Western in there, some Americana and definitely some Pop/Rock flavor."**

Upon a deeper dive into the production of the album, the first name I noticed was that of **T Bone Burnett.** This dude has been around for a loong time as a American record producer, guitarist, singer, and songwriter.

Born in 1948, the man is well known for influencing roots, rock, and folk music during his lifetime. Along with his 13 Grammy's and Oscar's, he has produced many a varied artist, the likes of **Elvis Costello, Robert Plant** and **Alison Krauss** to name just a few.

In my short tenure as an audiophile, *(little reckless with that term?)* I've learned that any song or album is only as good as the producer. T Bone's applied production talent really shows in this new album from Ringo. A good pairing me thinks.

Next thing I noticed was the well known artists that collaborated on the various tracks; **Billy Strings, Molly Tuttle, Lucius, Larkin Poe** and **Allison Kraus**. Musical giants in their own right, they make the album rich and complete, imho.

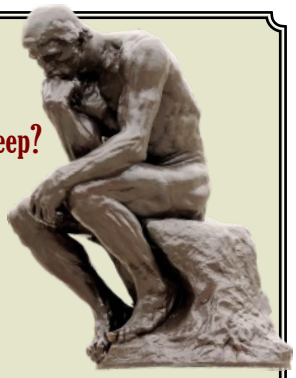
I really learned to appreciate this 'country' album when I was on my **"Minneapolis Vacation"** *(See Feb '26 issue)* for six weeks. I had LOTS of time to listen and share more than once for sure. One afternoon I decided to drag my sound system down the PT room to play some afternoon tunes for the head therapist, **Jess**.

I played a little of this and a little of that and then pulled up **"Rosetta"** for her. By gosh, she liked it so much, she proceeded to add Ringo's album to her playlist. Not that it means anything but wth, she's a smart professional, right? ;)

Finally, I'll include a fourth takeaway from the album. **4. There ain't a stinky track in the bunch.** ***I can listen to the whole album without skipping a song.***

***OLT:** Ringo just released a single **"It's Been Too Long"** from his new album **"Long Long Road" set to drop on April 24**. The single is great, hoping the rest of the tracks are just as good, if not better. I'll let you know…or let me know!

-Ponderings-



Why fall in love, when you can fall asleep?

Why don't they call vets dogtors?

I'm sorry, did I roll my eyes too loud?

I'm in grape shape. No, that's not a typo, I'm, round.

The zoo is a really safe place to be flatulent.

Is it going to be hot or cold out today? It's Minnesota, so yes.

I love working out! Today I did abs…olutely nothing.

Anything unrelated to elephants is irrelephant.

A good woman stays by her man's side during the bad times
to tell him that none of it would have happened,
if he had just listened to her.

An apple a day keeps anyone away if you throw it hard enough.

Mr. Rogers did not adequately prepare me for
the people in my neighborhood.

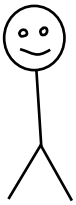
I dusted once. It came back. I'm not falling for that again.

Sometimes you just have to sit back, relax
and let the train wreck itself.

And last but not least…

This is Bob.

Bob has no arms.



"Knock, knock."
"Who is it?"
Well, it isn't Bob.

Graduation Announcements



It's That Time Again!

The Galactic Gazette will be publishing high school graduation announcements and color photos in the May Issue.

The cost is as follows:

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- What: School graduation, open house, etc.
- When: Weekday, date, year and time.
- Where: Location for reception or celebration.

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Congratulations Graduates!





"Who's responsible for this
unwarranted attack on my person?"

"That woman is as cold as a nudist on an iceberg."

"Now cut that out, boy, or I'll spank you
where your feathers are the thinnest."

"I keep pitchin' 'em, and you keep missin' 'em."

"That dog's like taxes.
He just doesn't know when to stop."

"What's it all about, boy, elucidate!"

"Boy, I say, boy, pay close attention to me boy,
'cause you're a burrito short
of a combination plate."

"Stop, I say stop it, boy, you're doin' a lot of choppin',
but no chips are flyin."

"It's sure, I say it's sure quiet around here. You could
hear a caterpillar sneakin' across
a moss bed in tennis shoes."

"That dog's as subtle as a hand grenade
in a barrel of oatmeal."



By Beth Cronk, Meeker County Librarian

Spring is here! As you get out of the house more, stop at the library for some social time, some seeds or, as always, some books or DVDs.

Pokémon Trading Card Game time has started again for the spring. Stop at the library to play Pokémon on Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:30 until the end of May. There's no need to sign up, and it's free! This program is for kids and teens ages 7 to 18. Children younger than age 8 must have an adult or teen caregiver with them, and parents and grandparents are always welcome to stay. New players are encouraged to attend and learn how to use Pokémon cards to play the game. The library has all of the cards needed, but kids can bring their own cards if they wish. This spring there will be some small prizes! Experienced and new players are invited to play in a friendly learning environment.

Need tax forms? The library has the basic federal 1040 and 1040-SR forms and instructions plus schedule 1-A in print available to pick up. If you need state forms or instructions or different federal forms printed, you can do that with the library computers, or library staff can print them for you, if you know what you need. Staff cannot give any tax advice. Forms printed from the library's computers cost ten cents per page if they're in black and white.

The seed library is available again! This is a good time of year to start seeds indoors for plants that have growing seasons that are too long for a Minnesota summer. No library card is needed, and this free resource is open to all ages. You may take four small envelopes of seeds per week. These aren't full size seed packets, just enough to try growing something new.

Craft Circle continues on the fourth Saturday of the month: April 25, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Drop in with your craft project to have some social time while you work. No messy crafts such as paint and dye, please, in order to protect the library's carpet. No craft of your own? The library has adult coloring sheets and colored pencils. Open to adults and teens age 16 and up. No need to sign up.

April's Take-Home Tuesday craft for kids will be a spring bookmark kit. It will be available starting on April 14th, while supplies last. One per child, please. As always, these are free.

Cosmos Public Library now has an Instagram account! Follow it to get updates on library activities.

National Library Week will be April 19th to 25th this year.

The theme is "Find Your Joy." Perhaps you can find some joy in new novels at the library, including these:

- **"Evelyn in Transit"** by David Guterson
- **"A Gift Before Dying"** by Malcolm Kempt
- **"The Heir of Whitestone"** by Catherine Coulter
- **"Save Me, Stranger"** by Erika Krouse.



Cosmos Library is located in city hall. The phone number is 320-440-1012, and the website is www.cosmos.lib.mn.us. Library hours; Mondays 10-5, Tuesdays 2-5, Thursdays 2-6, Fridays 2-5, and Saturdays 10-1.



By Janice Blum

PAINTING CLEAN-UP

Seems like no matter how careful you are while painting you always end up speckled with paint in your hair or on your skin. Simply apply regular hand lotion to the areas and remove with a rag or paper towel. It works great and is sure easier on the skin than solvents. Smells better too.

TOO SALTY?

When food cooked in water has been inadvertently over-salted, boil a few pieces of raw potato in the pot for several minutes and most of the excess salt will be absorbed by the potatoes.

REPAIR SNAGGED SWEATERS

Run a fine thread through the snag loop. Thread both ends of thread through a needle and put needle through material at base of loop or snag. Pull through to back of garment. Looks just like new.

CONVERSATION - There is only one rule for being a good talker - learn to listen.



Emergency Active Shooter Training

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Another Accident at Corner Highways 4-7

County On Wood Standard

MEEKER county will go on the "wood standard", at least so far as nickels are concerned, beginning April 13.

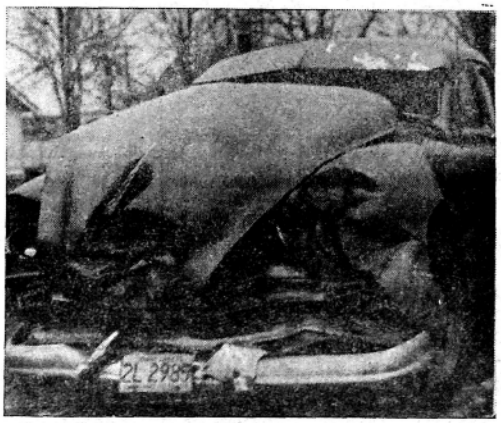
On that date, Centennial souvenir wooden nickels will make their appearance. They will be distributed to merchants throughout the county and through arrangements with all banks in the county will be legal tender at all cooperating stores or can be redeemed for face value at any bank for a specified length of time, according to Stan Ross, chairman of the Centennial novelties committee.

The nickels will be of wood and will have a Centennial motif including the official seal engraved on them.

The first issue will be 10,000 of the souvenir nickels and they will be redeemable from April 13 through the 27th. To distinguish them from later issues, the first issue of wooden coins will be red in color and subsequent issues, other colors.

Merchants after purchasing the wooden nickels from the committee may give them out in change. The coins may be spent or redeemed for face value at any Meeker county bank at any time up to the date of expiration, April 27 in the case of the first issue. After the expiration date has passed the coins may be kept as souvenirs but will not be redeemable.

IN ADDITION to Chairman Ross, the committee included: Howard Buska, Litchfield; M. E. Finken, Eden Valley; Clarence Klein, Watkins; Marvin Anderson, Grove City; Herb Tulien, Darwin; Rodney Nelson, Dassel, and Eilert Flemming, Cosmos.



THE ELMER RETZLAFF CAR
Cosmos News Staff Photo

$459,722 Allotted Meeker County Roads

A RECORD high of $459,722 in current funds will become available this year to Meeker county for local road purposes. This unprecedented sum will result from 1956 all-time peak allotments to counties of $16,604,000 in state aid gas tax funds and $5,750,000 in federal aid secondary funds, totalling $22,354,000, plus the revenues anticipated from the 1954 county road and bridge levies collectable in 1956.

The total of all current funds for county road purposes through out the state during the year ahead has hit the $45,517,000 mark, as compared to the previous record of $42,695,000 in 1955.

The total of county road and bridge funds available became known this week with the announcement by the State Board of Allotment of the county allocations for state aid and county aid road work from gas tax funds, and compilation by the State Au-

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Car From Wyoming Runs Red Light

THE INTERSECTION of state highways 4 and 7 in Cosmos was the scene of another severe accident on Thursday afternoon of last week, March 29.

There were different cars involved, driven by different people than took part in any previous accidents at that corner, but the cause of the mishap was the same old reason — somebody drove through the red light and stop sign.

When Homer Scott, Jr., Sheridan, Wyo., heading west on highway 7, drove through the stop light at the intersection, his car was struck broadside by a car driven by Elmer Retzlaff, Cosmos, headed north on highway 4.

NOBODY was injured in the collision, but both cars were greatly damaged. The accident occurred at about 12:30 p.m.

The right side of the Scott car, a 1955 Ford, was caved in and it is estimated that damage will run to about $350.

The front end of the Retzlaff car, a 1949 Kaiser, was buckled. The car was judged a total loss.

SCOTT was fined in justice court by Justice of the Peace Martin Kutzke.

CENTENNIAL SOUVENIRS TO BE SOLD

CENTENNIAL souvenirs and articles of apparel will be sold by the revenue committee to raise funds for staging the celebration.

These include men's hats, ladies' sunbonnets, ties, souvenir plates, and gummed labels with the official Centennal seal. It is hoped there will be no competition from merchants in the sale of these items, the committee said.

The official seal for use on novelties other than the above will be available to merchants on a royalty basis.



OFFICIAL SEAL

TREASURE HUNT FOR CHILDREN IS ANNOUNCED

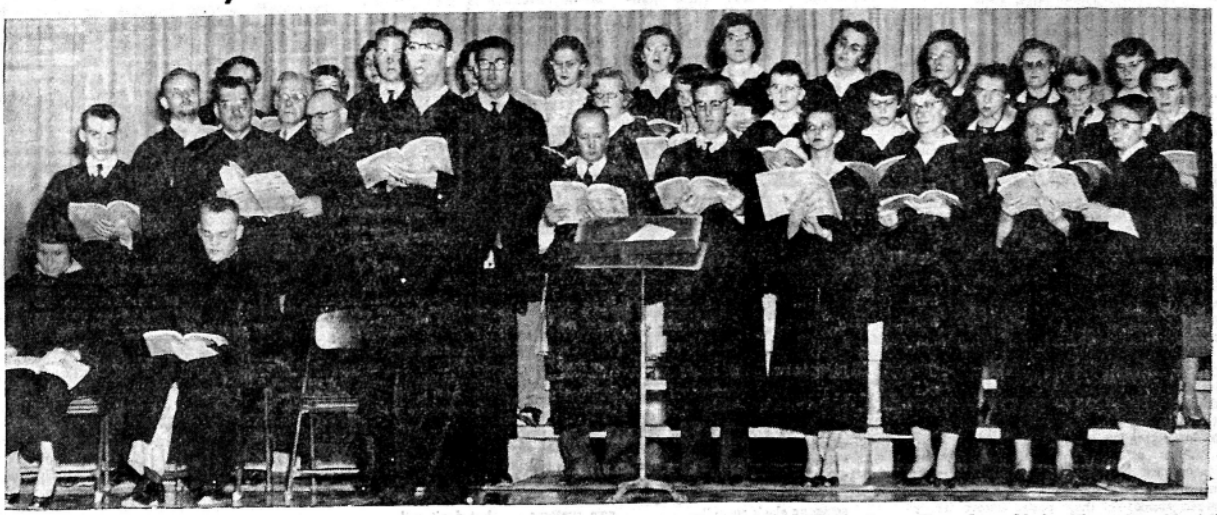
A CHILDREN'S "Treasure Hunt" for articles of historical interest to be held in connection with the Meeker County Centennial observance will be held next week.

Boys and girls in the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades are eligible to participate in the contest which will be judged on a basis of room performance, according to Miss Harriette Anderson, Meeker superintendent of schools, and Miss Hazle Walters Litchfield elementary schools principal, of the committee in charge. The contest will begin Monday, April 9, and closes on Friday April 13.

Suggested articles for the "Treasure Hunt" include: old Bibles, newspapers, letters, deeds, school diplomas, early coins, stamps, paper money, old fashioned clothing such as shawls, shoes, hats, old mili-

TREASURE HUNT
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Community Chorus Makes First Public Appearance



THE NEW Cosmos Community Chorus made its first public appearance, Sunday night, when it presented "The Seven Last Words of Christ" to a large and appreciative audience at the Cosmos high school auditorium.

In the picture above, J Marshall Newton, director of the chorus, is singing one of his baritone solos. Seated at the left are Mrs. Thomas R. Walker, Grove City, soprano soloist; and John Miller, Atwater, tenor soloist.

Members of the chorus are, left to right: Front row, Orlon Minks, William Holmquist, Elmer Holmquist, Allen Frederickson (hidden behind Mr. Newton), Ole Grimm, Glenn Nelson, Mrs. Dale Olson, Mary Jensen, Mrs. Edwin Thomas, Roger Newton.

Second row: Richard Higgin, Albert Higgin, Leroy Olson, Lee Bryant, Deanna Youngblom, Marlene Marquardt, Barbara Defries, Sharon Mackenzie, Bertha Koch, Mrs. Claire Bryant, Mrs. Mabel Carrigan.

Back row: Mrs. Herman Klemp, Marlys Klemp, Mrs. Marshall Olson, Karen Wilner, Norma Anderson, Marie Olson, Mrs. Glenn Nelson, Mrs. Marshall Newton, Mrs. H. L. Swanson Mrs. Richard Defries, Janis Jensen.

—Cosmos News Staff Photo.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1956

Autos Collide At Intersection, Highways 4 & 7

A SOUTH DAKOTA woman is in Litchfield Memorial hospital as the result of another automobile accident at the junction of highways 4 and 7 Tuesday morning.

A 1954 Chrysler, driven by Bowen E. Sylvester, ran through a red light at that intersection and crashed into a Chevrolet pick-up driven by Joe Lux of Cosmos. The Chrysler was travelling west on highway no. 7, the Chevrolet was going north on highway no. 4.

The front end of the Sylvester car struck the right rear wheel of the pick-up.

Mr. Sylvester's mother, riding with him, suffered a fractured knee and ribs. She was given first aid at Dr. Thompson's office, then taken to the hospital at Litchfield.

Bowen Sylvester was not injured. Neither was Joe Lux. Mr. Lux's two boys, David and Paul, who were riding with him in the pickup, were severely shaken up, however.

About $150 damage was done to the Lux pickup. Damage to the Sylvester car was estimated at about $400.

The accident occurred at about 8.40 a.m.

EDITORIALS

Corner Needs 4-Way Stop

By RICHARD HIGGIN



WE KNEW THAT sooner or later it would happen again — and it did. Last Thursday another accident occurred at the junction of state highways 4 and 7. You can read the details on page one of this issue of the Cosmos News.

Fortunately, this time nobody was injured. The last accident at that corner a few months ago resulted in injuries to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Boeder. They are just now getting back to normal after that ordeal.

If something isn't done to relieve the hazard at that corner, first thing we know, somebody is going to get killed there. It could very well be you or me.

You and I know that traffic on highway 7 must come to a complete stop at that intersection. Apparently, however, strangers just travelling through don't seem to know it. Despite stop signs and blinking red lights, many of them keep sailing right through the intersection.

Something must be done about this situation — and soon, before somebody gets killed.

It seems to me that the only remedy for the situation is for the state highway department to make that corner a four-way stop. With traffic required to stop no matter which way it comes from, it seems logical to assume that even if one driver makes a mistake, the other will be stopped or will be able to get out of the way.

Storm Rips Roof Off Store

—Cosmos News Staff Photo.



AT THE LEFT is the way the bread truck looked, last week, after the roof of Lietzau Lumber & Hardware building landed on top of it during the Tuesday noon storm. At right, workers are beginning to remove the tin from the truck.

DEBRIS littered the sidewalk and street after the Tuesday noon storm of last week. The above picture, taken in front of the Lietzau Lumber and Hardware building, shows part of the building's tin roof piled on top of a bread truck which had been parked at the curb.

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Personalities IN THE NEWS

AT COSMOS

BOY DRINKS KEROSENE

By MRS. ALFRED OLSEN
TR. 7-5543

Little David Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Peterson, was a Hutchinson hospital patient from Wednesday through Thursday as the result of drinking kerosene.

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EASTER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Maag entertained Mr. and Mrs. Carl Erdman, of Minneapolis; Mrs. Carl Ulrich and Violet, of Litchfield; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maag, of Renville; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maag and Michele, of Willmar; Reuben and Carol Maag of Eagle Bend; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Maag and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hesser at their home on Easter Sunday.

Signe Carlson and Mrs. Henry Erickson were Sunday visitors at the C. J. Larson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Milan Vorbeck and Bradley were Sunday visitors at the Floyd Jacobson home.

Earl and Aldys Weispfennig entertained Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schultz and Vicki for Easter Sunday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zrust, John and Charleen were Sunday guests at the Fred Zrust home in Hutchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Esping and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Mrs. Nellie Baker home in Hutchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hedtke and Phillip, of New Germany, were Sunday guests at the Herbert Buck home.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Anderson and family, rural Litchfield, were Sunday visitors at the J. G. Beckstrand home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hartford, Susan and Leonard, of Watertown, S. D., were Easter Sunday guests at the Warnie Lietzau home.

Mrs. Edith Strong, of Atwater; Mrs. Donald Grussendorf and Cynthia were Sunday supper guests at the Edwin Thomas home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Klemp and family, of rural Bird Island, and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hagemeister and family, of Hector, were Easter Sunday guests at the Fred Hagemeister home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson, Dallas and Diane, of Bird Island, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Boelter, Dennis and Bonnie Lou were Easter Sunday dinner guests at the Walter Homan home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Borgman and family, of Hector; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pahlman and Pearl Tessmer, of Hutchinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Laffen and girls were Sunday dinner and supper guests at the Herman Krueger home.

Mrs. Emma Lietzau Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lietzau, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Lietzau, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lietzau, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Eastman, and Mr. and Mrs. Delano Lietzau and Donald were dinner and supper guests at the Levi Lietzau home on Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schwarze and family, of Brownton; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Schwarze and family, of Glencoe; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schwarze and family, of Hutchinson; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Raske, Mr. and Mrs. C. Theodore Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Johnson were entertained at the Henry Raske home for dinner on Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Meyer entertained Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Koch and boys, of Hopkins; Fern Meyer, of Minneapolis; Muriel Anderson,, of St. Paul; Mrs. Mary Meyer, Ervin and Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meyer and Norma, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Anderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thomas and family, M. and Mrs. H. J. Koch, Sherrill and Ronald, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Olsen and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Olsen for dinner and supper on Easter Sunday.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Homan attended the funeral of Mrs. Henry Thode at Lake Lillian on Thusday afternon.

BETTY KEEHN IN HOSPITAL

Betty, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Keehn, became a patient at the Hutchinson hospital on Thursday. She had been ill with the flu and running a very high temperature, which resulted in hemmorhages. Her mother is staying at the hospital with her.

Mrs. Keehn's sister, Mrs. Floyd Tews of Sleepy Eye, drove out on Saturday and took the new baby home with her for a week, as the other Keehn children and Mrs. Mathilda Keehn are also ill with the flu.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Lloyd Housman entertained a group of neighbors and friends on Wednesday afternoon, at a birthday luncheon.

GUESTS FROM MORGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kranz, of Morgan, were Friday visitors at the Norman Keehn home.

BOY BORN TO MR. AND MRS. LORRIE WERNER

Mr. and Mrs. Lorrie Werner, of Minneapolis, became the parents of a baby boy, weighing 7½ pounds, on Monday morning, April 2. Mrs. Werner is the former Mildred Hackbath, a daughte of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hackbarth.

FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thomas, Allan and Loren, of Huron, S.D., were visitors at the Edwin Thomas home from Friday through Sunday.

VISIT IN IOWA

Mr and Mrs. Charlie Albrecht spent from Saturday through Monday in Iowa visiting at the Virgil Beckstrand home at Svea City, and at the Walter Albrecht home in Le Mars.

FROM MINNEAPOLIS

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Phelps and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Phelps, of Minneapolis, were Good Friday visitors at the C. J. Larson home.

Patricia and Michelle Phelps, who had spent a week here, returned home with them.

SATURDAY VISITORS

Mrs. Laura Lundberg, of Minneapolis, and Clarence Carlson, of St. Paul, were Saturday visitors at the C. J. Larson home.

HOME FOR EASTER VACATION

Sherrell Koch and Gerald Hesser spent their Easter vacation, from Thursday through Monday, with their parents. They resumed their studies at Gustavus Adolphus college on Tuesday morning.

VISITS GRANDPARENTS

Judy Podratz spent the latter half of the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Opitz, at Winthrop.

VISITS BROTHER

Harold Oelschlager, of Wartburg Theological Seminary at Dubuque, Iowa, spent the weekend at the home of his brother, the A. L. Oelschlagers. He also delivered the sermons at Trinity Lutheran church at Brookfield, and Peace Lutheran, in Cosmos, on Easter Sunday.

FROM MINNEAPOLIS

Mrs. Esther Azbell, of Minneapolis,, was a guest at the Walter Reinke home from Friday through Sunday.

On Saturday evening, Mrs. Azbell and Sharon, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reinke were supper guests at the Harlow Reinke home in Hutchinson.

VISIT AT STEWART

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schultz and Vicki, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Weispfennig and Marlene, Earl and Aldys Weispfennig were Good Friday dinner and supper guests at the Herbert Schultz home in Stewart.

GOOD FRIDAY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Sayles and Wallace, of Perry, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Sayles and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ermand Schultz and family, and Leo Schultz were dinner and supper guests at the Levi Lietzau home on Good Friday.

GUESTS FROM GLENCOE

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lietzau, of Glencoe, spent from Thursday though Sunday with their daughter, the Ervin Hukriedes.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beneke, of Biscay, were also their guests.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Duane Hukriede returned to his school duties in Faribault on Monday, after spending his Easter vacation at home.

GUESTS FROM ST. PAUL

Mr. and Mrs. Dorin Carrigan and family, of St. Paul, spent the weekend at the Mrs. Mabel Carrigan home.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Carrigan and boys, of Lake Lillian, were her guests.

VISIT AT KLOSSNER

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Thomas and Linda visited with Mrs. Sophia Kottke at Klossner on Wednesday.

GUESTS FROM HUTCHINSON

M. and Mrs. Wm. Krueger, of Hutchinson, were Friday evening visitors at the Herman Krueger home.

MONDAY GUESTS

Mrs. Christ Nielsen, Mrs. C. Theodore Johnson, Mrs. Wm. Holmquist, Mrs. Herman Krueger and Mrs. Emmanuel Jensen and girls were Monday afternoon guests at the Adolph Erickson home, where they watched the religious film "Matinee Theater" on television and later enjoyed coffee together.

LEGION TO MEET, MONDAY NIGHT

The American Legion and auxiliary will meet at the club rooms on Monday, April 9, at 8 p.m.

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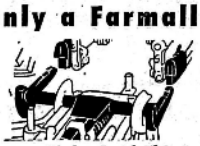
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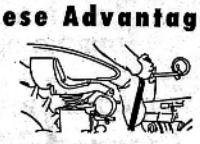
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Thoughts & Observations

By Mark Minnick
"Insect Loving Idiot" Editor of **The Galactic Gazette**



I had a great time at the Cosmos Fireman's Chili Cook-Off. Eight 'Chili chefs' entered their version of the **Tex-Mex** treat for everyone to taste, enjoy and vote for their fav. I tried all eight and liked every one. But to be honest, I was a bit disappointed, as the entries were more of a **Minnezoda-Luttern** version of the dish. Good eats, but no zip, zing or zoom. Not a complaint, just an observation.

Maybe there a shortage in the grocery stores of **Jalapeno's**, **Serrano's** or **Ancho's**? Maybe I better stock up. Anyway, I may have to enter next year to just to provide a little pizzazz to the event…what I call **"Exciting the taste buds"** or **"Warming up the palate."** Good stuff Maynard. Anyway, I'll see.

Btw, congrats to the winners; **Cole Lux, 1st place, 'Diesel' DeLeeuw, 2nd and Jesse Weseman, 3rd**. Also a big "Thank you" to the firemen who put on a great community event like this. It's a lot of work for all of those involved. Be sure and thank the firemen when you see them.



"April showers bring May flowers."; or ***water in your basement***. Gotta get that hose pulled outside the house and ready to get rid of some basement water. On the upside, it's extra water for the grass and it brings up the ol' night crawlers in that spot. Maybe change it to, *"April showers bring free bait."* Plus, free bait means free meat. Gosh I'm smart.



Speaking of the Chili cook-off, I enjoyed "Spinning the hot wax" *(boy, that really dates me)* during and after the event. Anyway, I didn't play anything too wild. Just some country, some classic rock and a few requests. No one requested any old-time though. Guess that genre is dying out, along with the listeners - dang.

I had wonderful volunteers help me with my sound setup. Mom **Sarah Roun** with kids **Aden** & **Abigail,** helped load and unload equipment, do set up & take down and a bunch of other stuff that was much easier with legs that work. The brother/sister team of Aden & Abigail did great as apprentice **"Roadies"**. They've got a bright future ahead of them, setting up for rock stars.

Duane Miller was on hand also. He drove the **"Tour Bus",** helped with logistics and gave moral support.

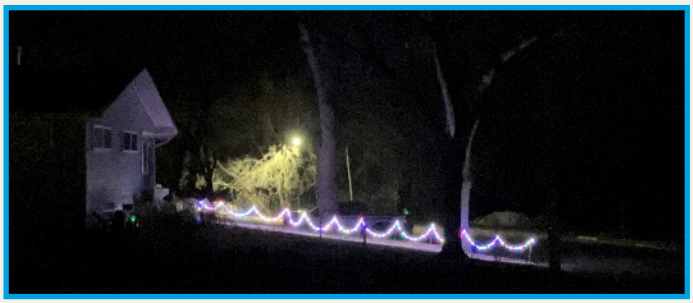
All BS aside, a heartfelt thanks to all of you!



****FYI; I streamed the tunes (not vinyl - i.e. Hot Wax) and I'm pushing 70 trips around the sun. This old geezer isn't afraid of using the internets.***

…and btw, when is Matlock on?

I like Christmas lights. Even though that season is past, I still enjoy my neighbor **Angelica Hopp's** lights. I'm going to refer them as **Easter** lights for now. I hope they're still up for the **4th of July**, **Space Fest**, **NFL Football Season** and **Thanksgiving;** then were back to **Christmas**. Just leave 'em up, I say.



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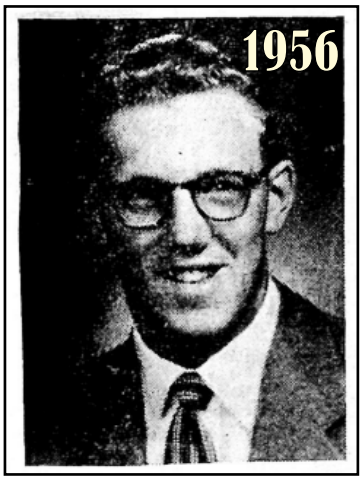
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