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"Looking to the Future."
Graduation Edition 2021

Weather: No man, I'm Dave, man. "All of the news you really need. Probably more." "Noli credere omnia legis"

City of Cosmos



Commentary and pics by Mark Minnick

The Open House/Public Hearing concerning the 2021 Street & Utility Improvement project was well attended by Cosmos residents on April 13th. If you take into account the State of Minnesota standards for social distancing, the City Center was 'full'- meaning about forty some people attended.

Josh Halverson, the city engineer was there to describe to the constituents the overall plan for reconstruction, some estimated costs and how the project would be paid for.

As he talked, people asked good questions. The price of the levy per foot of street; why so high. Did all of the curb and gutter really needed to be replaced? Is all of the sewer pipe failing and if so why? Is this a fair way to apply the costs to the citizenry?

These and more questions were brought up with Mr. Halvorson, City Administrator John Douville, and Mayor Tom McCarthy doing their best to answer any and all concerns.

The city will now proceed to assess all the affected properties.

Remaining council meetings concerning this project;

- **5-13-21:** Council – Resolution declaring costs to be Assessed and Adopting Assessments.
  Resolution Approve Plans & Specs and Authorize Bidding.
- **6-10-21:** Council – Address Assessment Appeals.
  Resolution Accepting Bids & Award Contract.





A Gray Day Ain't Stoppin' the Bunny!

or the kids!

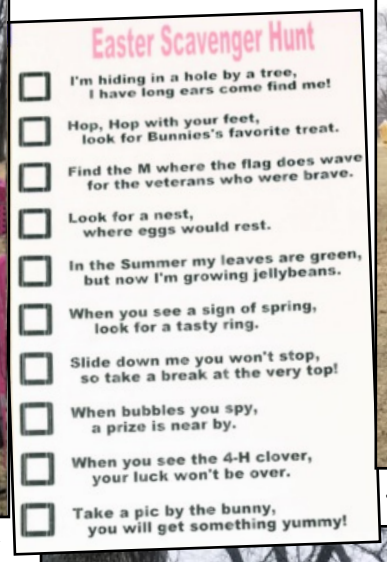


Pictures and commentary by Dee Smith

The Cosmos Community Club and the Cosmos Comets 4-H Club hosted an Easter scavenger hunt on Sat, March 27 in the park. The Easter Bunny hopped in on the fun to pose for photo ops with the kids, 6 ft apart of course!! There were about 30 participants who came out on the breezy,rainy day with umbrellas and raincoats ready to have some fun. Kids searched high and low for treats hiding in the park and then could stop by for a treat bag and picture in front of the Easter bunny!



Back; Theresa Nelson, Bethany and Aaron
Front; Hannah and Matthew Barka



Easter Scavenger Hunt

- I'm hiding in a hole by a tree, I have long ears come find me!
- Hop, Hop with your feet, look for Bunnies's favorite treat.
- Find the M where the flag does wave for the veterans who were brave.
- Look for a nest, where eggs would rest.
- In the Summer my leaves are green, but now I'm growing jellybeans.
- When you see a sign of spring, look for a tasty ring.
- Slide down me you won't stop, so take a break at the very top!
- When bubbles you spy, a prize is near by.
- When you see the 4-H clover, your luck won't be over.
- Take a pic by the bunny, you will get something yummy!



Jeremy, Ashley, Brinley and Bentley Boeyink from Atwater





Look high, look low, look here, look there, look everywhere!



Aaron, Hannah and Matthew Barka with the Easter Bunny

Cosmos Learning Center



Editors note: *Jason got this article to me just after I had started printing the April Gazette. So if it seems dated, it kind of is, but I still think his info and insight is still worth publishing, even if a little late. The Gazette appreciates his contributions to the newsletter.*

By Jason Northrup
Dean of Students, ELC-Cosmos

Heading in the right direction

Well, after an extended period of time dealing with distance learning, hybrid classes and trail in person runs, the Educational Learning Center- Cosmos officially has all of its students in the building full time.

It seems like forever that we have had are kids in the building and looking back, it basically has been a year since we had them all in the building. Schools everywhere are struggling to catch back up now that their kids are back more consistently.

We are not immune to the wrath of the COVID here, we have had to shut down certain programs from time to time due to exposure but overall, we are really heading in the right direction. We were pretty bummed this year because we couldn't do our annual holiday event with our kids and their parents. The big events that we have gotten used to putting on have been put on hold due to space requirements.

As restrictions loosen up, we strive to get some of our larger events going again, especially our end of the year carnival. Our fingers are crossed to regain more feelings of normalcy.

We are in the midst of state testing right now and moving into our final quarter of the school year. It is absolutely mind-blowing that we are basically 75% done with our school year.

The new building has really helped us in keeping students and staff safe during this time and we are exceedingly lucky that everything was done prior to the pandemic…I can't even begin to fathom how things would have gone if we were still under construction.

All in all, we are moving forward and getting to make progress with our kids in the building. I think we can all hold our heads up high and continue to press forward, there is light at the end of the tunnel (and it's not a train)!

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From the members of the....

The Cosmos Lions

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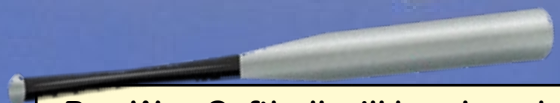
The Concession Stand will be open this season at the Cosmos Softball park for Pee Wee's and Adult Co-Ed games. Be sure and stop by!





Pee Wee Softball will be played on Monday nights, beginning the 2nd week in June, starting at 6:30. For more info call Brenda Mortensen at 320-583-0292



MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
April 5, 2021

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:00 p.m. on Monday April 5, 2021.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Katie Hansen and Jody Fruetel. Councilmember Emily Van Hatten arrived at 5:10 p.m.
COUNCIL ABSENT: Angelica Hopp
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville and David Medina
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen to adopt the Agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Hansen, seconded by Fruetel, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. March 18, 2021 City Council Minutes
b. Overtime Balances
c. MMS – Parameter Report
d. Meeker County Sheriff – Feb 2021 Report
e. Public Hearing – April 13, 2021 5:00 p.m. – Agricultural to Industrial
f. Public Hearing – April 13, 2021 5:30 p.m. – Public Improvement Hearing
g. Open House – April 13, 2021 6:00 p.m. – 2021 St. Project Review

April 5, 2021 Bills List - A motion by Hansen, seconded by Fruetel, to approve the April 5, 2021 Bills list with check numbers from 14817-14851 for $27,333.65. Motion carried**.**

2021 Street Project Financing – Administrator Douville reviewed the financial report provided by Shannon Sweeny of David Drown & Assoc. for the 2021 Street Project. The total project will cost $8,867,100. This is Phase I of a two phase project. The city will receive $3,062,000 in federal and state grants, leaving $5,805,100 to be financed by low interest federal funding (1.375%) and bonds (2.5%).

There is projected to be $1,500,000 in special assessments to properties adjacent to the road construction, water utility rates will need to increase slightly, and wastewater rates will have a larger increase needed to support the new debt. A new storm water fund will need to be created to pay off related debt. It is expected an average of $15.61 per customer per month will need to be collected for the storm water system.

The city is in good financial condition and has reserves set aside that will help absorb some of the projects financial impact.

The City Council reviewed the Letter of Conditions presented by the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development for the City of Cosmos Infrastructure Replacement Project Phase I, CFDA #10.760 providing for a loan of $4,547,000, Grant of $863,000, PFA loan of $1,599,000 and other Grants of $600,000 (MN DEED).

USDA RD 1940-01 – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hansen, to approve RD1940-01, a request for obligation of funds from Rural Development of $4,547,000 loan and grants of $863,000. Motion carried**.**

USDA RD 1942-46 – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Van Hatten, to approve RD1942-46, the Letter of Conditions as provided by USDA RD. Motion carried**.**

Public Works – David Medina, Public Works Supervisor, discussed communication equipment issues with the water plant and the tower. It is currently working but he has a company coming in to redo electrical connections and provide a quote for updating the telecommunications equipment.
Health and Safety Hazard - Councilmember Fruetel discussed property located on Milkyway that has become a health and safety hazard. She directed Administrator Douville to send out the appropriate notices to have the property properly secured.
SpaceFest – Councilmember and SpaceFest Coordinator Van Hatten discussed the 2021 SpaceFest planning. Current direction is to have a full SpaceFest program this summer. The SpaceFest committee has voted to donate $1,000 towards the ballpark fencing adding to funds received from the Cosmos Lions, American Legion, Cosmos Industries, Community Club, Home State Bank, Pace Recycling and Falcon Industries. Van Hatten direction Medina to fill in areas of the ballfields where the new fence has been installed.
Snow Plow Damage – the Council directed Medina to order and replace two timbers that were broken up during snow clearing operations at 110 Capricorn St.
Ballpark Fencing – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, for the city to provide needed fencing material to complete overhead fencing at the ballpark with volunteers to install. Motion carried**.**

Ambulance Report – Ambulance Captain Van Hatten discussed a potential new EMT prospect for the Corp. but added that they had also lost a current member.

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 13, 2021. The agenda will be posted in the city office window, post office and bank vestibule by Tuesday afternoon. Any change in meeting dates or times will be displayed on the digital sign.
Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to adjourn at 5:46 p.m. Motion carried.

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

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
April 13, 2021

A special meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:00 p.m. on Monday April 13, 2021.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Katie Hansen, Jody Fruetel. Emily Van Hatten and Angelica Hopp.
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp to adopt the Agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. USDA RD Grant Agreement
b. MN RUS 1790 Guide 34
c. RD 3550-28 Authorize Agreement for Preauthorized Payments
d. SF 3881
e. VA/ERP Certification

Public Hearing – Zoning Change/Conditional Use - A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hopp to recess the special council meeting and open the public hearing for a zoning change and conditional use request at 5:10 p.m. Motion carried**.**

Chuck Lietzau was present to discuss his interest in constructing an 80' X 125' on 3.25 acres of property on PID #21-0063003 west of S. Mercury St. He is requesting the land, currently zoned agricultural be rezoned to M-1 Manufacturing along with a conditional use permit for the portion of his business that does tanning hides.

Mr. Lietzau discussed that a majority of his customers are Native Americans with 70% of his business coming from Minnesota. He has not made a final determination of the site for his building as it could be located on his homesteaded property in Kandiyohi county.

There were multiple residents voicing their support of the business and construction of a new building. There was no opposition orally or in writing to the rezoning or conditional use request.

Close Public Hearing – Zoning Change/Conditional Use - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel to close the public hearing and reconvene the special council meeting at 5:31 p.m. Motion carried**.**

Rezone to Manufacturing M-1/Conditional Use Permit - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel to rezone the new parcel PID To M-1 Manufacturing and provide a 10-year conditional use permit for tanning hides with a 3 ton weight restrictions due to residential road access to the property. The motion is contingent on Mr. Lietzau moving forward with construction of the building. Motion carried**.**

Public Hearing – Street/Utility Improvement - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel to recess the special council meeting and open the public hearing for the 2021 Street/Utility Improvement hearing at 5:32 p.m. Motion carried**.**

City engineer, Joshua Halvorson, Bolton-Menk Engineering, presented the 2021 street and utility reconstruction project for the north side of Cosmos. Mr. Halvorson gave a general overview of the streets projected to be reconstructed, estimated costs of the project and where the sources of funding for the project was coming from.

The estimated project costs were $8,867,100, with federal loans of $5,805,100 and grants of $3,062,00 The city will pay off the loans with revenue from assessments of the affected properties, increase in water and sewer rates, creating a new storm water utility fund and an increase in the property tax levy.

Over 35 residents were present to ask questions, share concerns about their potential assessment cost, question if there were better ways to calculate the assessments, if there were ways to continue to maintain the current utilities without doing the whole section, etc.

Engineer Halvorson noted the age of over 50 years of the infrastructure and that federal grants and financing are tied to doing a complete project for the area.

Several letters were presented to the council concerning the cost to businesses and rental property.

Close Public Hearing – Street/Utility Hearing - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hansen to close the public hearing at 6:43 p.m. Motion carried**.**

Reconvene Council Meeting - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Fruetel, to reconvene the city council meeting at 6:43 p.m. Motion carried**.**

Resolution 21_08 Calling for Assessment Hearing - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Fruetel, to Call for an Assessment Hearing for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13, 2021. Motion carried**.**

Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Fruetel, to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Motion carried.
Open House – the City hosted an open house for residents to ask city officials and the engineers specific questions about their property.

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

May Daily Lunch Specials

M 3 Smothered chicken dinner w/baked potato
T 4 Roast beef dinner or commercial
W 5 Scalloped potatoes & ham
T 6 BBQ Chicken dinner
F 7 French dip w/potato salad

M 10 Fish w/fries & coleslaw
T 11 Tator tot hotdish
W 12 Broasted chicken dinner
T 13 Potato hotdish
F 14 Meatball dinner

M 17 Baked chicken dinner
T 18 Sauerkraut hotdish
W 19 Salisbury steak dinner
T 20 Chicken broccoli casserole
F 21 BLT w/potato salad

M 24 Pork chop dinner
T 25 Enchiladas w/Spanish rice
W 26 Roast beef, potatos & carrots
T 27 Broasted chicken dinner
F 28 Shrimp w/coleslaw

M 31 Closed

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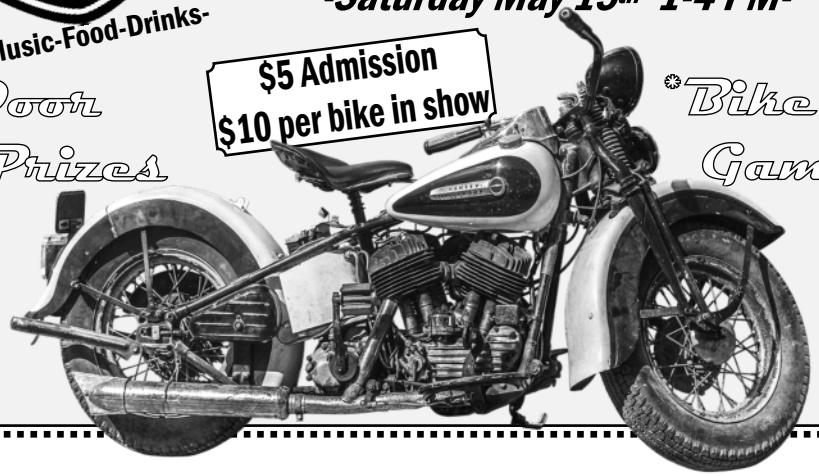

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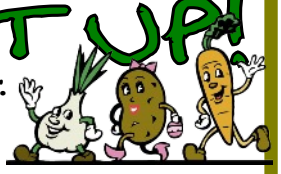


Fresh Berry & Almond Tarts

By Grace Kamrath

Greetings fellow Cosmosmopolitians,

How many made the Lemon Angel Pie for Easter or another time? Mine turned out really for Easter dinner and was almost as popular as the Banana Cream Pie.

Still in the dessert mode with something easy for May or any time really. If you make your own pie crust or buy the refrigerated type, makes no difference. This is a recipe I found it in the Taste of Home magazine, so we know it has got to be good.

FRESH BERRY AND ALMOND TARTS



- 1 pkg. refrigerated pie crust
- 1 pkg. 8 oz. cream cheese (softened)
- 1/4 c. powdered sugar
- 1/4 t. almond extract
- 2 c. fresh blueberries
- 2 c. fresh raspberries
- 1/4 c. sliced almonds (toasted)

Unroll pastry sheet on floured surface. Roll out to 1/8 in. thickness. Cut with 3 in. cookie cutter to make eight circles. Transfer to un-greased cookie sheet and prick holes in pastries with fork. Bake 8 to 10 minutes in preheated 400 degree oven. Cool completely on wire rack.

In small mixing bowl mix cream cheese, sugar and almond extract until well blended. Spread over cooled pastries. Top with berries, pressing lightly to adhere. Sprinkle with almonds and if desired with powdered sugar. Refrigerated leftovers. You may use Nutella in place of the cream cheese mixture if chocolate is preferred. To toast the almonds, spread in a dry nonstick skillet and heat them over low heat until lightly browned stirring occasionally. Keep an eye on them, they will brown quickly.

These are pretty little desserts and will disappear quickly.

As May is Mothers Day, I thought I would tell a bit about my mom especially since most of you had never met her. When I started school, she started back to work at a factory. First it was a shoe factory and then Hevi Duty which made industrial furnaces in Watertown, Wi. (near Milwaukee).

She prided herself as never being late for work. Saturday was an extremely busy day. It was the day for cleaning house, doing the week's laundry and baking. Fortunately my grandmother lived next door so when my mom mixed up her 12 loaves of bread dough, my grandmother shaped the loaves and baked them occasionally.

One of the most memorable events took place in my eighth grade year with our field day at school. While most of my friends' moms were stay at home (and work) moms, they were able to attend all the holiday events at school. My mom took off work to come to school to watch me in all the races, etc. I shall always remember what seemed like a small thing to most people, was a very big thing to me.

TIDBITS



By Rick Nordin

Greetings! Spring is here. Covid shots are being distributed to anyone over 16 who wishes to get one. Hopefully, this vaccination will help the "world" move forward from this unprecedented period. I consider myself a moderate, look at the bright side, kind of guy.

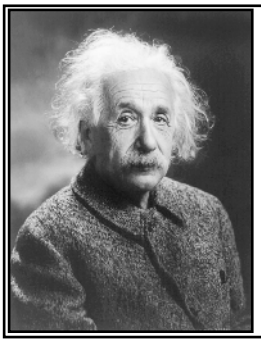
However, I am concerned with the continuing "erosion of respect" for one another. Whether we believe in the same ideas or not, respect should be a basic courtesy. I would go on to suggest respect goes hand in hand with the Golden Rule. I believe respect should be taught in the home, and not left up to the school. If a child has not been taught the basics of respect by the time the child gets to school, the teacher spends considerable time controlling the classroom behaviors instead of teaching.

What do you feel when you watch people in a conversation talk at the same time? The presidential debates have become a joke. Even during the primaries, candidates cannot provide each other enough respect to let the other finish answering a question. I realize this is nothing new. It has been going on for a few decades and has sunk into every aspect of our lives.

However, I believe we can do better. Being respectful is a decision. It is not a feeling. In closing, I heard this statement the other day: a person's response to a situation is driven by either a point of view of forgiveness or by being a victim and wanting revenge. Wow! Let that sink in for a bit. Thank you for letting me vent a little.

Please watch for motorcycles on the road! Have a great Memorial Day weekend.





"If you can't explain it to a six year old, you don't understand it yourself."

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Curly asks, ***(while obviously the ice can't answer)***

"You're new in the neighborhood, aren't you?"

"Are you married or happy?"

"Is it as warm in the summer as it is in the country? Or visa versa?"

"Oooh...pardon me, say...did you have a pink tie on? No...well here's your lip. Nyuk, Nyuk."

Happy Mothers Day

Sunday May 9th

From The Galactic Gazette

SCIENCE, TECH AND JUST PLAIN COOL STUFF

~Family Portrait~



NASA's Perseverance Mars rover took a selfie with the Ingenuity helicopter, seen here about 13 feet (3.9 meters) from the rover. This image was taken by the WATSON camera on the rover's robotic arm on April 6, 2021, the 46th Martian day, or sol, of the mission.

Credits: NASA/JPL-Caltech/MSSS

TIME WARP Whozit?

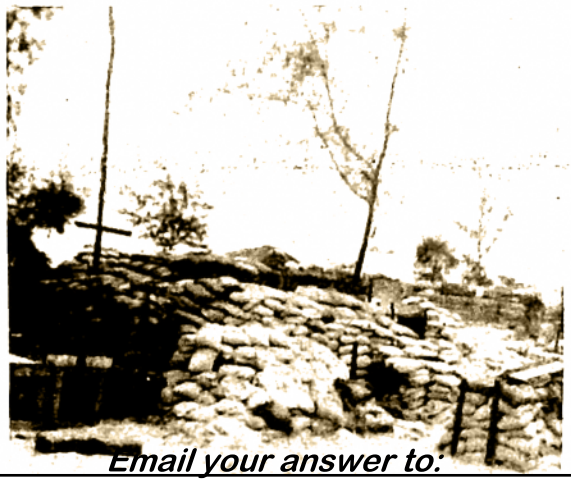


On duty in Vietnam

The caption says it all. It's May 1969, and a local mom received some pictures from her son, stationed in Vietnam. She proceeded to take a few of the pics and some pertinent info down to the Cosmos News office for publication in the weekly paper. And yes, this vet is still alive & kickin'!

So, **Whozit?**

In the picture below is a bunker complex in Vietnam. Tremendous piles of sand bags everywhere protect men and equipment from bombs, rockets, and other attacks.



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So, "Younger" Cosmos, Let's care for the common good!!

1. Urge 100% be vaccinated
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3. Practice social distancing - 6 ft
4. Encourage friends to do the same



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Cosmos COVID 19

Update #3

Great News; Majority of Cosmos seniors (age 65+) are Vaccinated!!

Still a race against next surge!!



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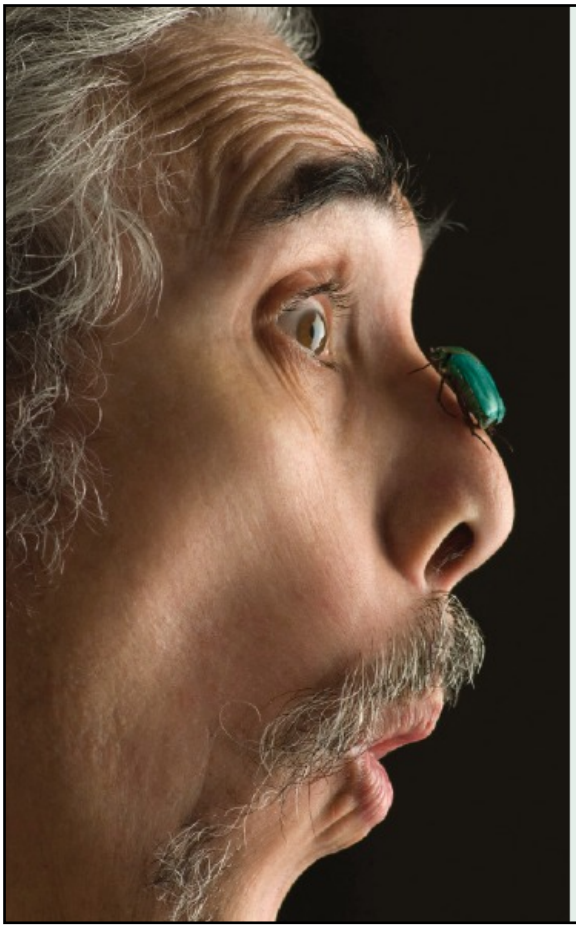

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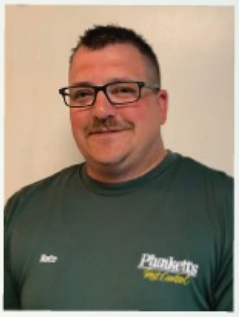

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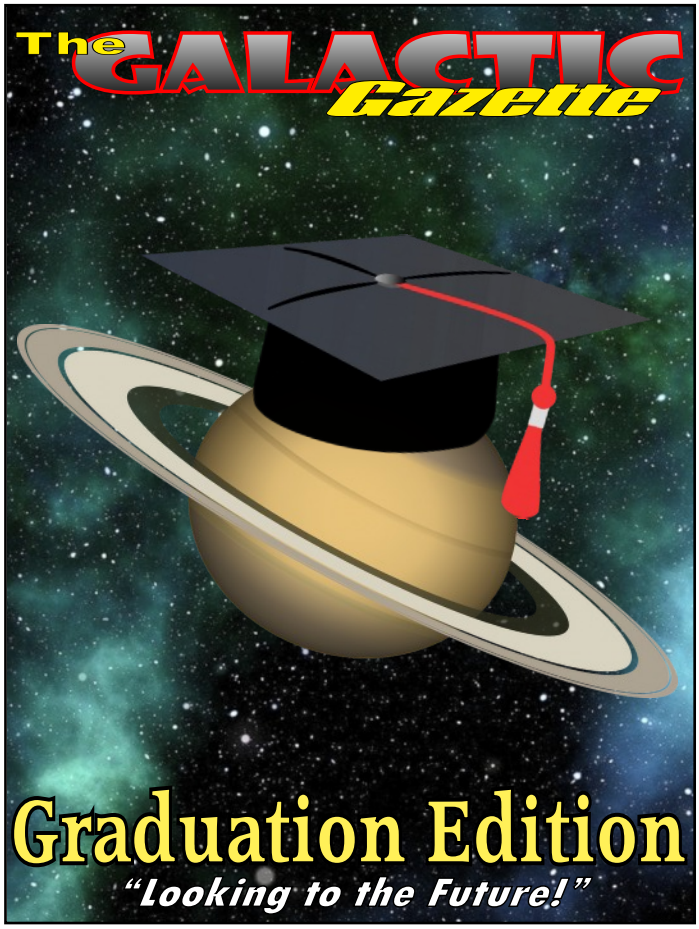



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Graduation Open House
Sunday, May 30, 2021
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Cosmos Community Center



Braeden Pickle

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Noah Renne

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Allison & Amber Youngblom

ACGC H.S. Graduation Open House

Saturday June 5 2021

1-4 PM

First Lutheran of Cosmos 54986 145th St.



Meghan McClain

Open House Graduation Party

May 29, 2021

Noon-3:00 PM

10010 90th Ave. SE, Lake Lillian,



Logan Hoekstra

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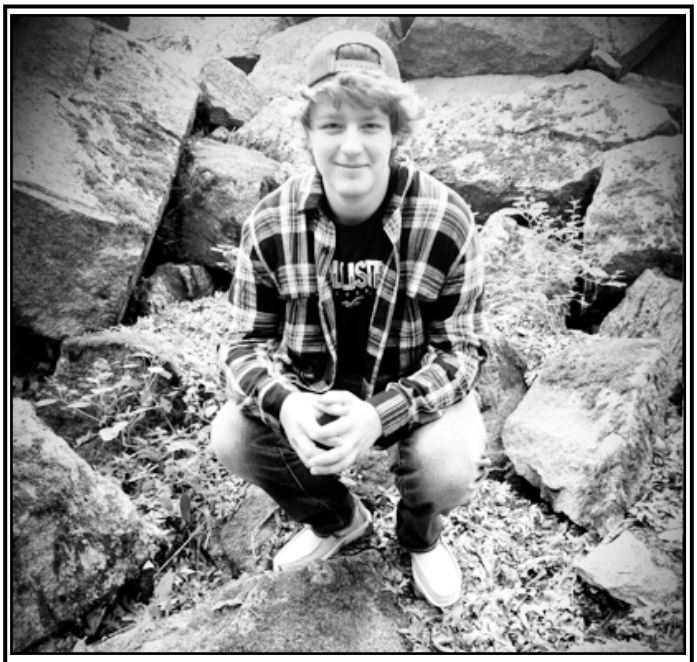
My house, 54405 243rd St, Grove City



Brandon Jenkins

Graduation Open House

Saturday, June 5th, 2021

2 - 5 PM

14748 CSAH 10, Cosmos

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

"Escape the Vape" Campaign



L to R; Breeynn Meyer, Hope Evenson, and Peyton Powers



Aaron Matteson

Info & pics submitted by
Mark Stier
Dean of Students
ACGC Jr/Sr High School
3-31-21

Our 6th grade REACH class created a campaign to put out some information on vaping and its dangers to our health. The campaign was called ESCAPE THE VAPE, and included daily quizzes that students could take after reading the information on vaping. Prizes were awarded to students who got all the answers right, and also to students who made Tik Tok videos and/or posters. ACGC junior and senior high students participated throughout the month of March.

Hello ACGC Families and Student-Athletes,

With spring events underway, I wanted to provide you with a brief update about participant and spectator COVID-related guidelines for spring sports. Below is the guidance that the MN Dept. of Health (MDH) has given the MN State High School League (MSHSL) and member schools for outdoor events:

1) All softball and baseball participants must wear a mask/face covering at all times.
2) All individual activities (golf and track and field), participants do not have to wear a mask/face covering if they can stay at least 6 feet away from others. If that 6-foot distance cannot be met, then a mask/face covering is required. Running events need to wear a mask.
3) All 7th and 8th grade football players have to wear a mask/face covering at all times except for when they are playing in the game.
4) All spectators at all outdoor events must wear a mask/face covering.
5) Spectators must be separated by at least 6 feet between households/spectator groups.
6) We will not have a spectator limit per participant spring at our home events. The total capacity allowed at an outdoor event is much higher than it was for indoor events, so each participant can have an unlimited number of spectators. There may be some away events that have spectator limits. If there are spectator limits, I will communicate those limits with everyone involved.

Please understand that these guidelines are not set by the ACGC School District. If these guidelines change throughout the season, I will communicate those changes.

Sincerely,
Marj Maurer
ACGC Activities Director

Students of the Month

ACGC Falcon Flyover

-March-

Seniors	Darrin Williamson,	Hunter Kelley	8th Grade	Eric Fester	Joe Gratz
Junior	Bethany Oswood			Mason Johnson	Leona Torkelson
Sophomore	Caleb Ruter			Madison Bengtson	Tyler Mahn
Freshmen	Alayna Schultz,	Jevon Williams	7th Grade	HarleyAnn Passa	Dylan Serbus
			6th Grade	Alyssa Jenkins	Evan Behrends
			5th grade	Avri Olson	

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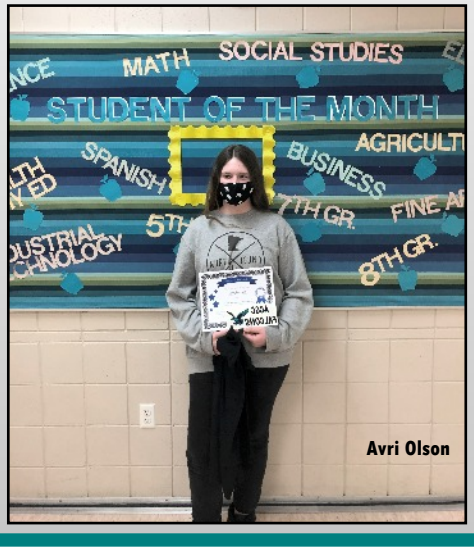
Go Falcons!



Avri Olson



HarleyAnn Passa

Baseball

By Mike Kingery
ACGC Varsity Baseball Coach

The ACGC Falcons Baseball Team has several starters and letter winners returning from the 2019 season. At the end of our successful 2019 playoff run we had 6 underclassman either starting or playing significant time. Those players are now Seniors and Juniors. The Falcons are 3-0 on the young season having defeated 3 very good teams.

Our first game was against a very good Minnewaska team with us winning 6-2. Our 2nd game went into extra innings when we prevailed over the defending 3AA section champion Paynesville Bulldogs. The last coaches poll had them rated #1 in the state for AA. The 3rd game was against one of the top rated teams in A the BOLD Warriors with the Falcons winning 14-7.

Our team is led by Division 1 college recruit Josh Kingery. So far this year Josh has pitched 14 innings and struck out 32 hitters while walking only one. Juniors Jack Peterson and Jaxon Behm and Zach Bagley round off what we hope will be a very successful pitching staff.

Our starters right now have been the following:

Seniors
Malcolm Ludwig outfield
Zach Schultz 1st base
Hayden Straumann outfield
Josh Kingery pitcher/shortstop

Juniors
Jack Peterson shortsop/pitcher
Jaxon Behm 3rd base/pitcher
Zach Bagley 1st base/pitcher
Masson Hiltner outfield
Logan Straumann catcher



Sophomores
Keegan Kessler-Gross 2nd base
Terrell Renne Designated hitter
Sam Rouser 1st base

We hope to get production also from Senior Hunter Bjur and Junior Connor Barker. As a team we have pitched very well and hit well also. We are looking to shore up our defense.

The Varsity plays their home games at Kingery Field in Atwater while the Junior Varsity plays at the high school in Grove City.

Pics by LeAnn Melberg

ACGC Falcon Baseball 2021



Track & Field



Landon Blom placed 1st in the 100 and 300 men's hurdles, 2nd in he 200 meter yard dash and 3rd in long jump at the Falcon's 1st meet at BBE. *Pic by LeAnn Melberg*

By David Blom
ACGC Varsity Track Coach

The 2021 ACGC track season officially had their first track meet on April 13th at BBE. We are more than excited to get back to competing and feeling like things are getting back to normal. This season is going to be different than other seasons in the past. With the restrictions the MSHSL has put in place because of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Our track meets will have less teams competing with less dates to compete. This also has affected our Jr High program as we don't have any jr high meets giving our 7th and 8th grade kids the opportunity to compete at the varsity meets. I think we face the same problem that most of the teams and sports are facing this year with numbers. We officially have 29 kids 7-12th grade out for the track team.

The boys team is pretty Junior heavy this year. Those Juniors that are competing are Landon Blom, Wyatt Kaiser, Alex Kokenge, Brady Lyons, Eric Melberg, Connor Peterson, Mason Studemann. The girls side has only 2 girl athletes 10-12. They are looking at rebuilding with our bigger 7th grade class to continue to get this great opportunity to compete with these older ladies.

Top places at the BBE track meet were Landon Blom with 1st in the 110 &300 m hurdles and 2nd in the 200 meters. Mason Studemann placed 2nd in the 1600 & 3200 meters. Jevon Williams placed 1st in the 800 m. Casey Struthers placed 1st in the 400 meters. Haley Johnson placed 2nd in the 200 & 400 meters.



Mason Studemann placed 2nd in the 1600 and the 3200. *Pic by LeAnn Melberg*

Softball

By Brad Nelson II
ACGC Varsity Softball Coach

The 2021 ACGC Softball team may have very little experience, but they will have plenty of room to grow. Coming into the season, the entire roster has a grand total of 29 at-bats of experience mostly due to the absence of a 2020 season.

Sophomore Haley Wilner and junior Abbie Kragenbring are the only two that have varsity experience. They also look to share the pitching workload. Hailey Burroughs, Karla Schultz, and Kari Schultz are seniors looking to make an impact this year on the diamond.



Other sophomores that are looking to contribute to the varsity roster are Ally Giese, Taylor Hoekstra, and Kady Martin. Freshmen Macy Elton, Giselle Grahn, and Mikaili Johnson along with eighth grader Kendall Miller look to have a significant influence for the Falcons and round out the varsity roster for the beginning of the season.

It will be a fun season to watch Falcon Softball continually improve throughout the season.

Super Mileage Team



This is our SUPER MILEAGE TEAM. They work together as a team with guidance from Ben Sovacool. Their objective is to create a vehicle that can get super gas mileage. They are from left to right: Nellie Laidlaw, Mr. Sovacool, Cole Morse, Camden Stein, Noah Renne, Trent Summerlet, Anders Grimsgard and Hunter Kelley.

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Go Falcons!

SCIENCE, TECH AND JUST PLAIN COOL STUFF

-MILESTONES IN HUMAN HISTORY-



First flight of the Wright Flyer, December 17, 1903, Orville piloting, Wilbur running at wingtip. *Photo & info courtesy wikipedia.org*



NASA's Ingenuity Mars Helicopter captured this shot as it hovered over the Martian surface on April 19, 2021, during the first instance of powered, controlled flight on another planet. It used its navigation camera, which autonomously tracks the ground during flight. *Credits: NASA/JPL-Caltech*

By Mark Minnick

Helicopters. I loved them when I was five years old watching "The Whirlybirds" reruns on TV. (I still do love 'em.) That's what I wanted to be when I grew up, (Ha!) a helicopter pilot just like P.T. Moore. A favorite character of number one son Tyler was Harold the 'hototopter' from Thomas the Tank Engine fame. Kind of like trains, kids like helicopters. This kid of 63 still likes both.

The first powered flight on another planet by a helicopter, no less. Cool. A historic event for sure, but the first picture of the flight sent back to Earth, is just kind of well, meh. I know, I know, I shouldn't complain considering the logistics. The pic was of the shadow of Ingenuity on the Martian surface, in black and white no less. Really, really neat but meh. (Spoiled rotten, aren't we?)

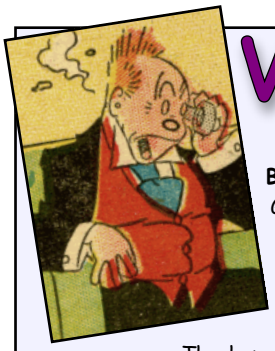
Since that first flight, more images have been sent back, both from Ingenuity and Perseverance. Below is a still capture from video of the flight taken by Perseverance. These initial flights have been just simple and basic; go up ten feet, hover and come back down. More complex stuff is coming, it's just that the engineers are doing everything slow and methodical. More complex flights are due to happen in the coming months. Maybe boring now but still pretty cool in the long run, me thinks. Now I'm dreamin' that I could be like P.T. And Chuck, cruisin' around in the old Bell 47 on Mars…so cool! I can hear the theme music playing now…



"The Whirlybirds" TV series
Center left, P.T. and Chuck, right

"Harold the Helicopter" from the Thomas the Tank Engine series.

NASA's Mars Perseverance rover acquired this image using its left Mastcam-Z camera. Mastcam-Z is a pair of cameras located high on the rover's mast. This is one still frame from a sequence captured by the camera while taking video. *Credits: NASA/JPL-Caltech/ASU/MSSS*



Vintage Comics...& Then Some

"Bringing Up Father"

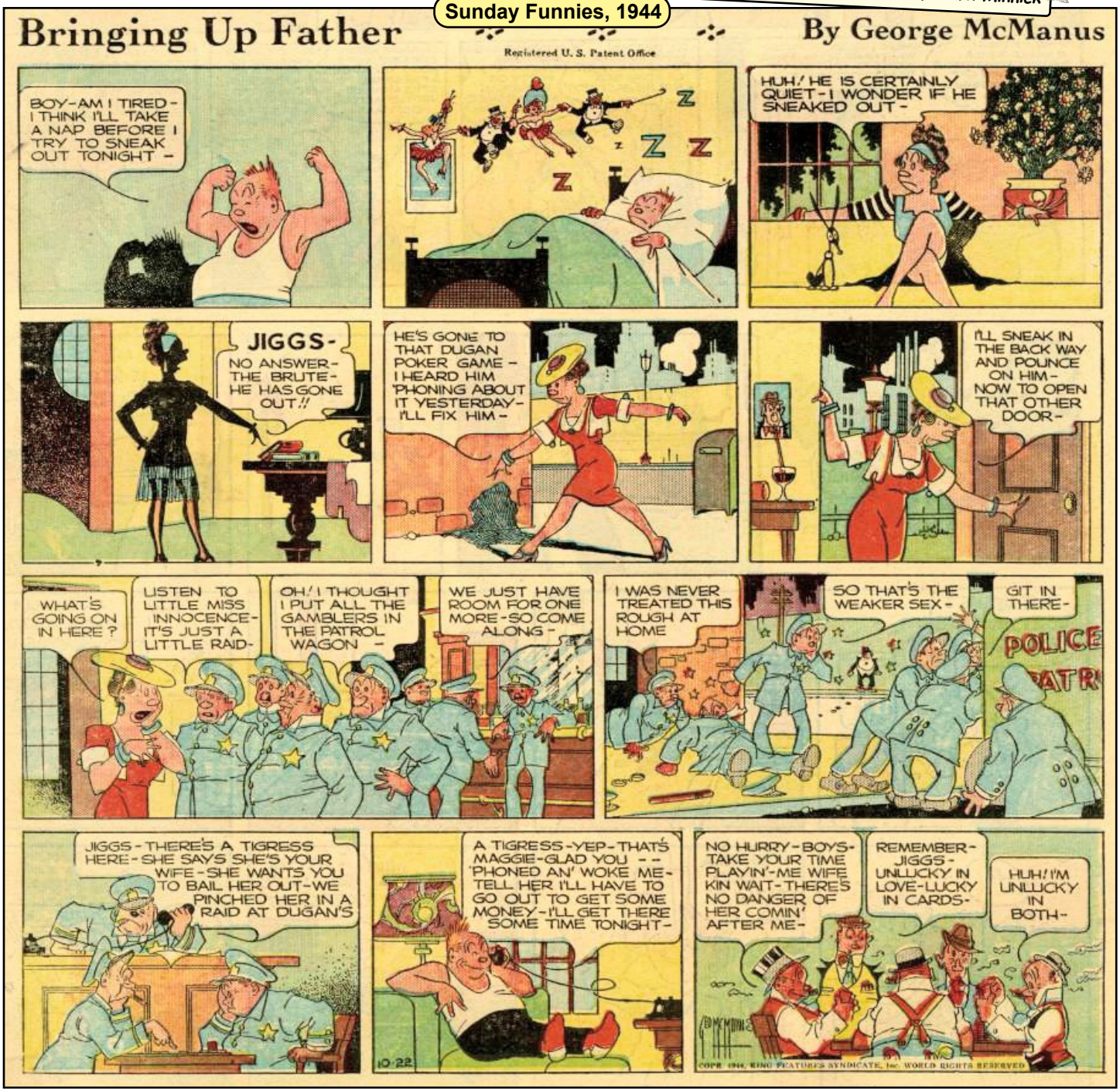
Bringing Up Father was created by cartoonist George McManus (1884-1954). Distributed by King Features Syndicate, it ran for 87 years, from January 12, 1913, to May 28, 2000.

Many readers, called the strip "Jiggs and Maggie" after its two main characters. The humor centers on an immigrant Irishman named Jiggs, a former hod carrier who came into wealth in the United States by winning a million dollars in a sweepstakes. Now nouveau-riche, he still longs to revert to his working class habits and lifestyle. Constant attempts to sneak out with his old pals, eat corned beef and cabbage ("Jiggs dinner") and hang out at the local tavern were often thwarted by his social-climbing (and rolling-pin wielding) wife, Maggie, their lovely young daughter, Nora and infrequently their lazy son Ethelbert later known as Sonny.

Between 1935 and 1954, McManus' assistant Zeke Zekley made a major contribution to the strip in both writing and art. When McManus died in 1954, the strip continued with other artists, including Bill Kavanagh and Frank Fletcher. It was expected that Zekley would take over the strip, but instead it was Vernon Greene. The strip's popularity faded, and Bringing Up Father limped along until its 87-year run came to a close on May 28, 2000. *Courtesy wikipedia.org*

I thought this strip looked pretty funny and it was quite long lived. Give it a look. ***Editor, Mark Minnick***

Sunday Funnies, 1944

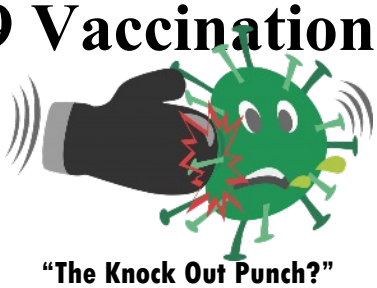




These shot recipients were hanging out in the waiting area for the required 30 minutes. *Photo by Local Chicken*

Local Chicken Gets COVID 19 Vaccination





"The Knock Out Punch?"

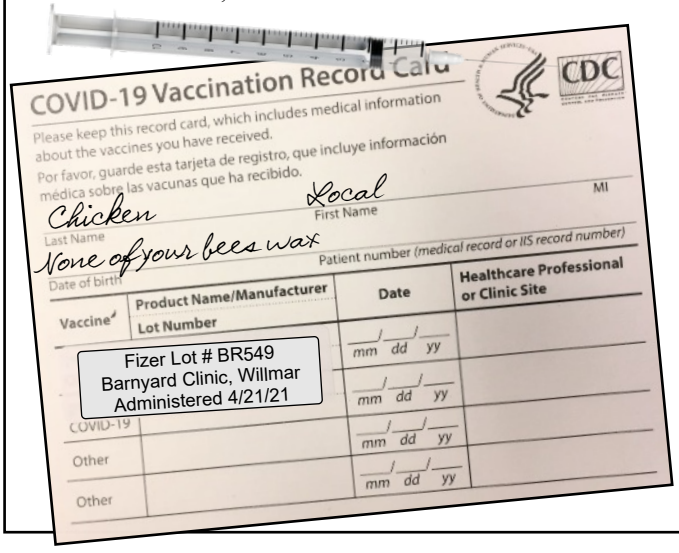
By Local Chicken

Last month, I went to town and got my first COVID 19 shot. Everything went well as I walked in at my pre-set appointment time. I was promptly worked through the efficient system just like that.

What took the longest was the 30 minute wait after you get the shot. It's just a safety precaution for the rare instance that someone has a bad reaction to the vaccine. Or lays and egg. You just never know.

Anyway, I'm tellin' ya, It's easy and there's no excuse for you not to get vaccinated. It was just a little prick, *(not to be confused with the 'Lil Weasel)* and I didn't feel a thing. I even got a Tootsie Roll afterwards, which was nice. (I'd rather had some cracked corn or a grasshopper but, wadda ya do. I didn't want to whine.

For proof that I got my shot, *(hey some people think I'm chicken)* I included my vaccination card, below. Read it and believe. Remember, if a chicken can do it…


COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card

CDC

Please keep this record card, which includes medical information about the vaccines you have received.

Por favor, guarde esta tarjeta de registro, que incluye información médica sobre las vacunas que ha recibido.

Last Name: Chicken

First Name: Local

MI

Date of birth: None of your bees wax

Patient number (medical record or IIS record number)

Vaccine	Product Name/Manufacturer Lot Number	Date	Healthcare Professional or Clinic Site
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Other		mm dd yy	
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Hoo boy, this is gonna cost us some KewPies this month! Here's the readers that emailed us the correct answers. Pretty darned smart bunch of bananas…

Hi !! == Time Warp " Whozit?" === Front= Becky Welch , Michelle Severtson
Back = Eric Wilner, Marlo Macik, Brian Luthen
from, **Gladys Macik**
P.S. Marlo = looked at "Gazette" He was impressed . that we had such a nice paper here in town'

Hi Mark! My answer is; Eric Wilner, Marlo Macik, Brian Luthens, Becky Welch and Michele Severtson.
Anita Jo Bjur

Eric Wilner, Marlo Macik, Brian Luthens, Becky Welch, Michele Severtson **Kelly Inselmann**



Eric Wilner, Renee Welch, Marlo Macik, Michelle Severtson, and Brian Luthens.



"I tell ya, I knew my morning wasn't going right. When I put on my shirt the button fell off, when I picked up my briefcase, the handle fell off. I tell ya, I was afraid to go to the bathroom."

Rodney Dangerfield



-Interesting note about the 2021 Minnesota Fishing Opener-

From the Minnesota DNR; Fishing seasons open for walleye, bass, northern pike and lake trout on Saturday, May 15. This year's date is the *latest* possible opener under Minnesota statute, which sets the fishing opener as the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. ***Editors note:*** *No interference with Mom's Day this year-Great! We don't have to listen to all of the "Why is the Opener always on Mother's Day?" whining. Besides, I know plenty of mothers that fish and love the opener almost as much as their first born. Fresh shiners rate a close third.*

Best New Lure for '21?



"Old School" **Storm "Thin Fin"**

By Mark Minnick

Beginning when I was a kid, looking for that latest, greatest and newest lure was always part of the angling fun. (and still is.) Especially around the opener when you finally get to fish for 'real' fish. What hot new lure is going to put the fish in the boat? Reading "Sports Afield" and "Outdoor Life' magazines all winter & spring had you all primed and prepped to try the latest and the greatest offerings. Then ride your bike down to Hesser's Hardware to see if they have any of the new stuff hanging on the pegboard in the tackle section. Oooh look…a Thin Fin in a new color, one you don't have, of course. A guy might have to pick one of those up. That new Johnson Century reel looks pretty cool too. Oh man, so many ways to spend that birthday money! Now, fast forward sixty years….

I noticed these lures, *right*, while cruising the internets. Interesting looking I thought. I hunted up and watched numerous YouTube videos with testimonials as to how great they looked in the water and how well they caught fish. No gals in bikinis promoting them either, which tells me the product might actually work. I also found out they've been around for a couple of years already. Sigh, so much for 'new'. Anyway, I located them on Amazon for $19.95 for three, read the always favorable reviews and finally succumbed to the hype, clicking "Add to Cart". At least I didn't have to ride my bike to the store. Now I'll have to wait patiently to try them on the opener. Might have to dig out an old Thin Fin to troll around too. Can't hurt, right?



"New" **Truscend Jointed Lures**

High-risk oak wilt season is now: Do not prune oaks!

Mn DNR press release April 8, 2021

April marks the beginning of the high-risk season for oak wilt, so the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds people not to prune oaks from April through July. This is the best way Minnesotans can prevent the spread of the deadly oak wilt disease.

Oak wilt is a nonnative, invasive fungal disease that kills all species of oak in Minnesota. It spreads two ways: above ground by sap-feeding beetles and below ground through connected roots. By avoiding pruning or cutting oaks in spring and early summer, people prevent fungus spread by sap beetles carrying spores from infected trees to fresh cuts.

"Once oak wilt gets stared, controlling the disease is expensive," said Rachael Dube, DNR northwest region forest health specialist. "The good news is, by following pruning guidelines, people can prevent or reduce the spread of oak wilt in their yards, woods, and communities." Dube encourages residents to limit pruning to November through February when there is no risk of oak wilt transmission.

One of the DNR's goals is to halt the overall northward expansion of oak wilt in Minnesota, which in recent years has reached the northern portions of Morrison and Pine counties. In addition to following pruning guidelines, Dube cautions campers, cabin owners and visitors, and hunters not to move firewood. Moving oak firewood can spread oak wilt over long distances. Use locally sourced firewood or firewood with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) certified seal (link is external) to prevent moving oak wilt.

For more details on oak wilt prevention and how best to deal with infected trees and wood, see the DNR's oak wilt management web page. Go to; www.dnr.state.mn.us



Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!



ATV Season Is Here!

There are 54 state and grant-in-aid trails for you to ride, thanks to club volunteers and the DNR—or you can find some great riding in Minnesota state forests! Check it out!



A Message from DNR Conservation Officers

Despite manufacturer's warnings and restrictive laws, children continue to sustain severe injuries operating all-terrain vehicles. We believe that most ATV owners do not fully understand the uniqueness of ATV design and the potential risk of injury to children.

Read the ATV safety section in the regulations booklet, and talk to your children about the dangers and risks associated with riding an ATV. Taking these steps could prevent serious injury or death.

Safe Riding Tips

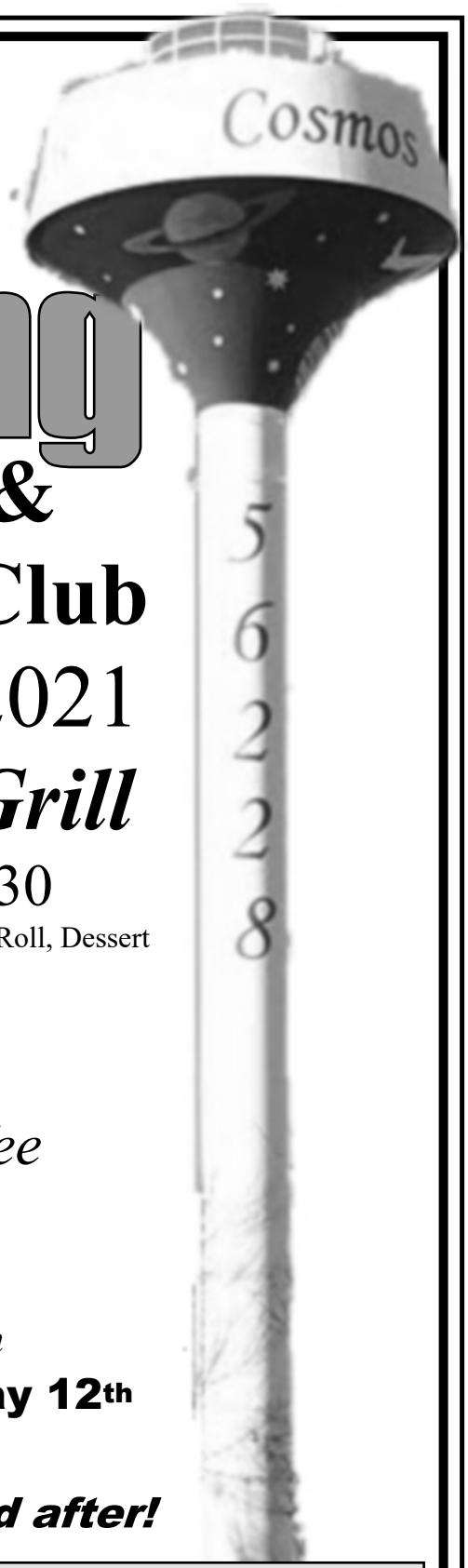
- Read the owner's manual and know your vehicle.
- Check your vehicle before you ride.
- Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders.
- Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing.
- Lend your vehicle to skilled riders only.
- Always supervise young or inexperienced riders.
- Never carry a passenger on vehicles intended for one person.
- Ride straight-no alcohol or drugs.
- Let trail conditions determine safe speeds.
- Stay to the right on trails.
- Stay away from open water, thin ice and wetlands.
- Know the weather forecast.
- Use your headlight and make sure your taillight is working.
- Maintain safe distances when riding with others.
- Reduce your speed when riding at night.
- Always yield to other motor vehicles and trail users.
- Young or beginning riders should take an all-terrain vehicle or off-highway motorcycle safety training course offered by the DNR



Images and commentary on this page courtesy MnDNR



Annual Meeting



Cosmos Industries & Cosmos Community Club

Wednesday, May 19th 2021

At Mug Shots Bar & Grill

Social Hour at 6:00 Meal at 6:30

Menu: Broasted Chicken, Ham, Baked Potato, Carrots, Salad, Dinner Roll, Dessert

-If you are interested in joining-

Cosmos Industries

$50.00 *one time membership fee*

Cosmos Community Club

$15.00 *per person per year*

**Non-Members may buy a meal if they wish*

***Please RSVP to Mug Shots by May 12th**

320-877-7525

Reservations WILL NOT be accepted after!

-Evening speaker will be-

Don Hopp

Owner/Operator of PECE Recycling of Cosmos

NOTICE TO:

-CITY OF COSMOS RESIDENTS-

2021 CLEAN UP DAY

Cosmos City Wide Clean-Up Day is scheduled for

Saturday May 22nd 2021

City residents are encouraged to set items out at the curb on Friday evening for early Saturday morning pick up.
Trucks will begin curbside service at 7:30 AM
Appliances, tires, and mattresses / box springs need to have prepaid stickers attached in order to be picked up.
Stickers can be purchased at City Hall until May 21st , no later than 3 PM.
Prices are as follows:

- **Appliances-$15 each**
- **Televisions-$30 each,**
- **Computer Monitors-$20 each**
- **Mattresses/Box Springs- $20 per piece**

Tires:

- **Car-$10 each**
- **Truck-$25 each**
- **Tractor-$50 each**
- ***Add $15 per rim***

The following items are considered an appliance:
stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, dish washer, freezer, furnace, water heater, water softener, dehumidifier, air conditioner, microwave oven.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ACCEPTED:

Household trash, demolition materials, yard waste, household hazardous wastes or liquids, used oil, used oil filters, car batteries, fluorescent light bulbs.

-Clean Up Day is a service available to-

COSMOS CITY RESIDENTS ONLY!

Contact City Hall (877-7345) or
West Central Sanitation (800-246-7630)
for further information

The Galactic Gazette

May 1961

TIME WARP



Eunice wanted to go back to 1961 and partake in the Legion Club's Memorial Day Ceremony. Then she thought we could stay and watch the high school graduates walk down the aisle.

Commercial demands teachers reside here

COSMOS Commercial club took a very definite stand on the hiring of teachers for the local schools, at their regular monthly meeting, last Thursday.

Meeting at noon at Vic's Cafe, the club unanimously approved a resolution demanding that the school hire only teachers who will reside within the school district.

At the present time, six teachers employed by the Cosmos school live outside of the district. Members of the commercial club maintained that such a situation is a detriment to the community. They stated that the district would be money ahead even if it paid teachers more and they resided in the community.

IN ANOTHER action, Thursday, the club approved a resolution opposing any expansion of the Meeker County Memorial hospital, or any new construction aimed at building a nursing home for the aged using public funds.

The secretary was instructed to write to Herbert Putzier, county commissioner from this district, informing him of this action.

THE 'CLUB also decided to ask the band to play a few public concerts in the park this summer.

Deadline near for feed grain program signup

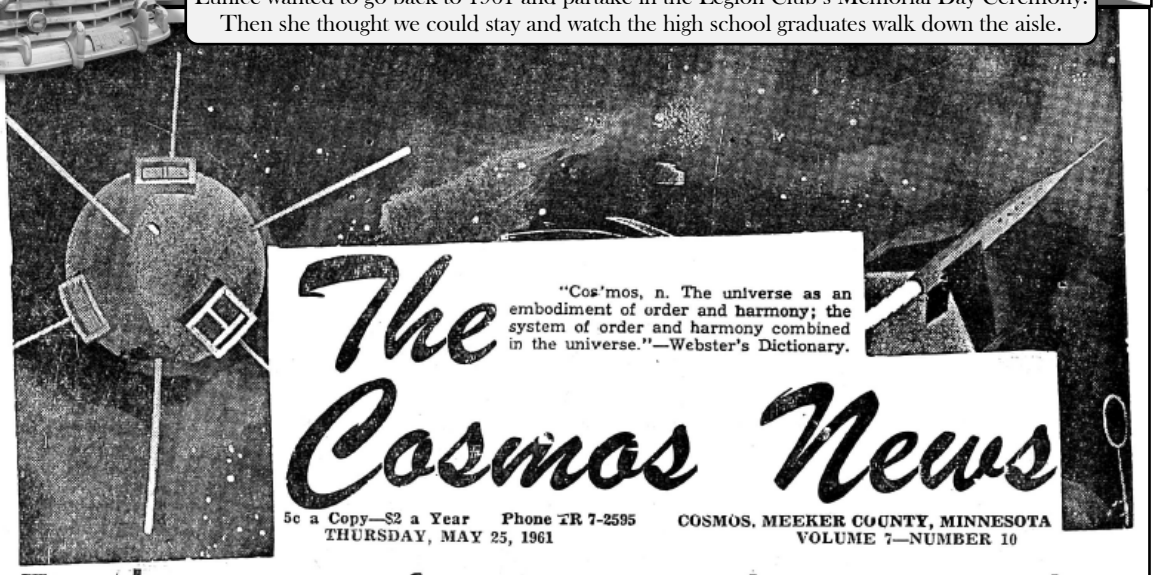
CORN AND grain sorghum growers have until June 1 to sign up under the 1961 feed grain program.

The program provides special payments to growers of the two crops who divert acres this year from the production of corn or grain sorghum to a soil conserving use. Up to half the total payment to be earned on a farm may be made in advance if the farmer requests it.

In Meeker county, the average county rates are $31.20 per acre for reducing corn acreage a minimum of 20 percent below the farm base acreage. Higher rates will apply for reducing corn and grain sorghum acreage from 20 to 40 percent below the base. Rates on a farm may be higher or lower than the county rates, depending on the farm's productivity in relation to the county average.

While the program is voluntary, corn and grain sorghum producers will not be eligible for price support on any of their 1961 feed grain crops unless they cooperate in the feed grain program.

As of May 11, 630 farmers had indicated their intention to participate, agreeing to divert 14,997 acres. Total advance pay-



The Cosmos News

"Cos'mos, n. The universe as an embodiment of order and harmony; the system of order and harmony combined in the universe."—Webster's Dictionary.

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Final events for seniors begin Sunday

EARLY COPY

Memorial Day slows schedule

Memorial Day will break right into the middle of the Cosmos News' production time, Tuesday, making earlier deadlines necessary.

In order that this paper may be printed on time next week, the publishers request that everyone attempt to get copy for that issue in one day earlier than usual.

FINAL events of thier high school careers will begin next Sunday evening, for 19 seniors of Cosmos high school with the annual Baccalaureate service.

Sermon for the service will be delivered by Rev. Delton Krueger, pastor of Cosmos Methodist church, in the high school auditorium at 8 p.m., May 28.

The program will open with the processional played by Janet Zrust, Scripture reading by Pastor Krueger, mixed chorus singing "We Adore Thee," sermon by Pastor Krueger, mixed chorus singing "If With All Your Hearts," benediction by Pastor Krueger, and the recessional by Janet Zrust.

COMMENCEMENT for the senior class of 1961 will be held in the school auditorium on Thursday evening, June 1. The Rev. John B. Oman, D. D., pastor of Wesley Methodist church in Minneapolis and also chairman of the court chaplaincy committee of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.



REV. KRUEGER

MEMBERS of the class of 1961 are Joy Anderson, Kenneth Bipes, Terry Dahlquist, Janet Esping, Bernice Faber, Keith Grimm, Sharon Jensen, Judy Johnson, Gary Lietzau, Larry Lietzau, Robert Loveland, David Lux, Gregory Olson, Ronald Peterson, Gordon Reinke, Meryljean Remmel, Dale Schlender, Marlys Stockland and Miriam Swanson.

Stores to close for Memorial Day

MOST stores in Cosmos will be closed all day, Tuesday, May 30, Memorial Day.

Exceptions will be some restaurants, filling stations and other firms serving the traveling public.

Glenn Bathen sells interest in Farmers Produce

THE PARTNERSHIP of Bathen and Pearce, which has operated the Farmers Produce in Cosmos for the past four years, has been dissolved.

Glenn Bathen has sold his interest in the business to Paul Pearce, who will be sole proprietor.

Glenn Bathen will be moving to Howard Lake, Minn., where he has purchased and will operate a sausage and meat route.

Memorial services planned for park

SERVICES in honor of this nation's war dead will again be conducted in the Cosmos village park on Memorial Day, Tuesday, May 30.

The memorial services, sponsored by the Beack-Thompson post of the American Legion, will be conducted in the Cosmos village park, in front of the flag pole erected recently by the American Legion. The program is scheduled to get under way at 9:30 a. m.

The observance will feature a ceremony in which the old 48-starflags will be burned and the new 50-star flags dedicated in memory of Albert Anderson.

Following the services, free coffee and doughnuts will be served by the Legion and auxiliary.

This is the third annual community-wide Memorial Day service to be held in Cosmos.

IF ALL the milk produced in the United States during one year were poured together, it would form a river 40 feet wide, 3 feet deep and 3,000 miles long.



Saturday to be Poppy Day here

THE AMERICAN Legion Auxiliary has announced that Saturday, May 27, will be observed as Poppy Day in Cosmos.

Volunteers will be on the street all day, Saturday, offering the veteran-made, red crepe paper poppies to the public. All funds received from Poppy Day go directly to disabled veterans or their families.

The poppies offer every citizen a chance to personally honor the war dead while helping the living.

Firemen called out Sunday evening

COSMOS firemen answered a call to the Lloyd Housman home in north Cosmos, Sunday evening.

Fuel oil had apparently leaked from the space heater to the floor and had ignited when the stove was lit.

Damage was limited to smoke and some heat damage.

Fire department

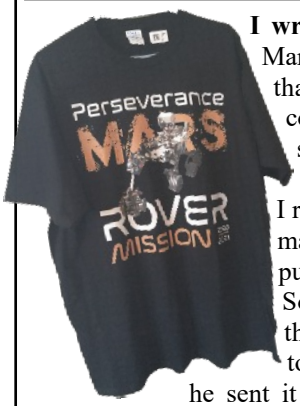


Thoughts & Observations



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

I've been wanting to write this column since I've been editor of this fine publication. Typical excuse, I just didn't get around to it. *Sigh.* A place to talk about quick and quirky little things I notice and thoughts I have. Cool stuff I run across during the course of the day. Sometimes serious, sometimes humorous. Just write a paragraph or two. Maybe even just a sentence. We'll see how it goes. Wish me luck, and as usual, don't be afraid to comment or call me out; wordnut66@outlook.com.



I wrote about Perseverance landing on Mars in the March '21 issue. I mentioned that during the landing, I was in text contact with a Gazette subscriber/rocket scientist from California, Jim Hartung.

A couple of days after the landing, I received an anonymous package in the mail. While opening it up, I smiled as I pulled out a Perseverance t-shirt. Somebody made a nice gesture, I thought, cool. A few days later, I talked to Jim on the phone and confirmed that he sent it to me. So now I'm going to show everyone the neat shirt *(see left)* and thank him again in print; Thank you Jim!

I was a little disappointed that there weren't a lot of new and exciting pics from the Perseverance lander in March. I know, it takes awhile to get everything tested and rolling. I included the article on the novels written about Mars just to tide us over. Hopefully by the time this issue goes to print, I have some new cool images from the Red Planet to grace our pages. ***C'mon NASA, fly that copter! Take some pics! Let's go here!***



Number one son Tyler and GF Britt were out to visit on the weekend of my birthday, March 21st. The boy was thoughtful enough to get me some archival music CD's that I had my eye on for some time; A trio of **Def Leppard** albums that I consider to be their greatest works. They are…. **High 'n' Dry**, **Pyromania** and **Hysteria**. All three are the updated versions with re-mastered tracks. On top of that, he threw in a 12 pack of Hauenstein long necks and a card. When you are 63, birthdays don't get much better than that, thanks bud.



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

94.1 KKLN, "The Loon" FM radio station out of Willmar, played a Queen tune that I hadn't heard in years called **"39"**. Playing a Queen number this obscure is result of their twice monthly "Loon Library Remodel". Here's a recap…

The station's DJ's and listeners discover new rock music and dig up some old forgotten stuff too. The discoveries get played on the show and the listeners vote, yea or nay, whether or not to add them to the station's everyday playlist. (See the Dec.'20 issue-"The last DJ is just about 41 miles from Roscoe".)

I am a big fan of Queen's albums **"A Day at the Races"** and **"A Night at the Opera"**, which this tune is from. I would define "**39**" as a sing-a-long ballad or folk tune, a kind of unexpected offering from these British rockers. Composed and sung by lead guitarist Brian May, the songs lyrics are a little funky, which I always liked. Here's an excerpt;

"Write your letters in the sand,
For the day I take your hand,
In the land that our grandchildren knew…"

A cool tune little tune about spaceships and time travel. So, instead of trying to paraphrase the article about the song I found on Wikipedia, here's an excerpt from that source.

The song "39" relates the tale of a group of space explorers who embark on what is, from their perspective, a year-long voyage. Upon their return, however, they realize that a hundred years have passed, because of the time dilation effect in Einstein's special theory of relativity, and the loved ones they left behind are now all dead or aged.

May sings lead vocal on the studio recording of the song, one of his few lead vocals on Queen recordings.

May had been working on his thesis in astrophysics, but eventually abandoned his studies to pursue his career with Queen. In 2006, he resumed his studies and eventually completed his thesis, titled "A Survey of Radial Velocities in the Zodiacal Dust Cloud", and received his PhD in 2008.

Since Queen had named their albums A Night at the Opera and A Day at the Races after two of the Marx Brothers' most popular films, surviving brother Groucho Marx invited Queen to visit him at his Los Angeles home in March 1977 (five months before he died). The band thanked him, and performed "'39" a cappella.

The song is the 39th album track released by the band when counting each album track from the debut album onwards.

The song was a live favorite throughout the 1970's, often being used as a sing-a-long in concerts.



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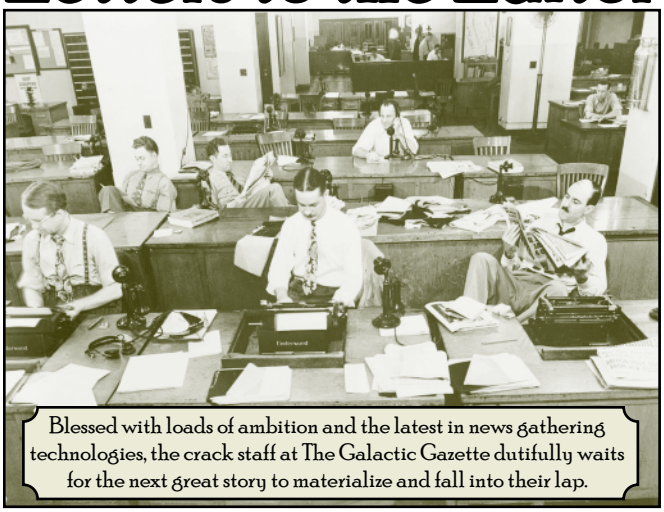
See you next month, same Bat time, same Bat channel!

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".

Letters to the Editor



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

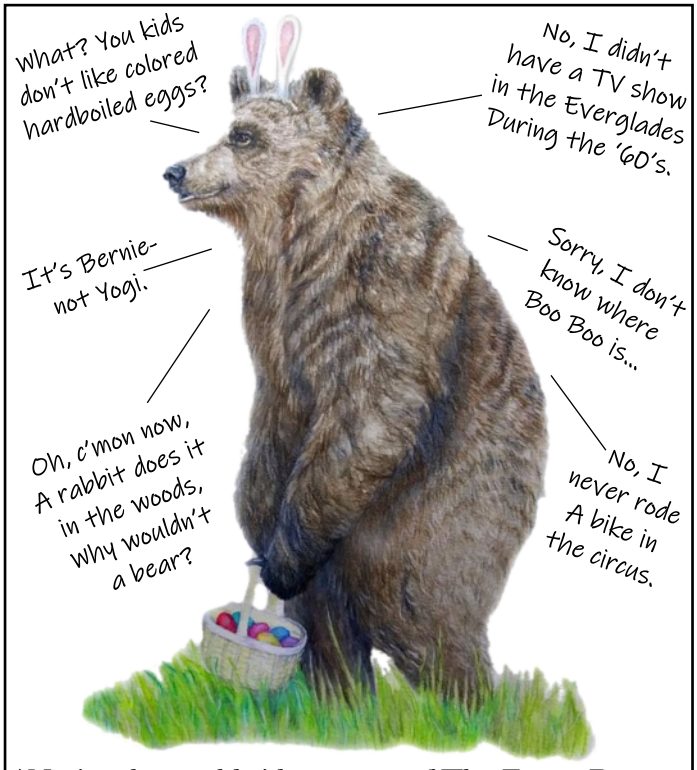
Mark,

You and your staff are amazing!! The work you do for the Gazette paper is very informative, helpful and entertaining! All the color and layout design is so professional. The recipes that have been in the Gazette are now family favorites. We are all so very blessed to have this paper in this community!!

Sincerely, Colleen Neuhaus

from the Editor;

Thank you for the kind words and the donation. I love it when people read, whether it's the Gazette or some other lesser periodicals. But remember, don't believe everything you read...unless it's in the Gazette. It's "All of the news you really need. Probably more."



*Noting the worldwide success of The Easter Bunny, a bear named Bernie tried imitating the popular rabbit this spring. Alas, it appears that society is not quite ready for concept of "The Easter Bear".

"Success depends upon previous preparation, and without such preparation there is sure to be failure." *Confucius*



Memorial Day
May 31st 2021

Remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Due to the Covid Pandemic and the uncertainty of having public meetings, Post 126 will not have a public Memorial Day Service. We plan to dedicate the Veterans Memorial later this summer. Any updates will be posted in the Galactic Gazette and on the Cosmos website. Next meeting is May 10, 7 PM at Mug Shots. All are welcome.

By Curt Meyer, Legion Spokesman

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