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Weather: ...brings May flowers. "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"

Solar Eclipse Disappoints, Again (sigh...)

Commentary & worthless pic by Mark Minnick

Filed under "Here we go again", the April Partial Eclipse was a ho hum event here in Cosmos. Clouds obscured the view of this rare solar event again. *Sigh.*

2017, 2023 and now 2024. It seems us "Cosmos-ites" can't catch a break, center of the universe or not. I did capture a pic (below) of where the sun should've been located behind the thick clouds at 2:00 PM sharp. It was noticeably darker, but not any more so than if the clouds would've been thicker.



The darned clouds got me to thinking about those comic book ads from the 60's and 70's hawking X-Ray Glasses. Would they work for cloudy eclipse viewing? I never bought a pair, so I have no way of knowing. Sure would've been neat to try though. Maybe you can still get 'em on the internets?

Sure glad I didn't plan an eclipse party. Woulda been a little anti-climatic, me thinks. I wonder if it'll be cloudy in 2099 when Cosmos will be right in the path of a total eclipse? Regardless, I'm not planning a party, it'll probably be cloudy anyway. Besides, I'll be really old or really dead.





But not so fast depressed eclipse Buckaroos! One of our Gazette readers was gracious enough to give us a first hand account of the eclipse in all of it's glorious totality! Great images and a first person article to boot! **Check it out on pgs 12-13.**

Meeker County SKYWARN Training



Brennan Dettmann shows a weather radar map on the screen, pointing to storm rotation and the infamous "Hook echo" that the TV weather folks always reference.

Pics and commentary by Mark Minnick

A Meeker County Skywarn Training Seminar was held at the Cosmos City Center, Thursday evening April 4th.

Brennan Dettmann from the National Weather Service Twin Cities/Chanhassen office was the spokesman. About 30 first responders and EMT's from Grove City, Litchfield, Hutchinson and Cosmos attended this very informative seminar. Plus 5 or so regular folks from Cosmos.

Brennan presented numerous pics and videos to the crowd, while talking about different kinds of severe weather conditions. Heavy rain & flooding, hail, straight line winds, derechos and tornados, to name just a few. He went on to explain how the Chanhassen office observes and responds to various weather scenarios in Minnesota, 24/7.

Everyone was made aware of how invaluable the information from trained observers is. It gives the NWS 'up close and personal' accounts of what is going on on the ground.

He mentioned an app that he uses on his own phone called **Radarscope**. Check it out in your favorite app store if you are interested. I personally enjoy the NWS Twin Cities website, **www.weather.gov/mpx/** Check it out too.

I really enjoyed the evening with Brennan and all of great people that are small town, emergency volunteers. I learned a lot of info…and the cookies were good.

One final thought; I heard this saying once and it always makes me smile;

"I don't care if it rains, hails, sleets or freezes, cuz I know I'm safe in the arms of Jesus." ***Author unknown.***

Which is great, but I figure I better understand this bad weather stuff myself. Responsibility, yup.

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CeCe Opens Some Eyes



Cynthia (CeCe) Terlouw-Kvistad

Pic and commentary by Mark Minnick

On a chilly April 20th, I wheeled up to the WELCA Crow River Conference Spring Gathering at Peace Lutheran Church. But it wasn't for the fabulous breakfast, *(there's the elevator thing)* the cool quilts or the singing of hymns. Nope.

No, I was there to listen to **Cynthia (CeCe) Terlouw-Kvistad** talk about the **Terebinth Refuge** in St. Cloud. She is the executive director of this healing place for women that have been sexually exploited and trafficked.

I was not familiar with her or her wonderful facility, but I am now. What a place and what a lady! I was very impressed, especially after I spent about an hour interviewing her after the event. It was a very, very informative conversation.

CeCe confirmed to me many of the horrible things I already knew about, and some new ones that I didn't know about. Absolutely nightmarish stuff. It's absolutely terrible what these girls and women have to endure. I don't think the old "Hell on Earth" term even begins to describe the situation. My blood is boiling just writing about this, so I'll stop before my head explodes.

Here's an excerpt from the Terebinth Refuge website that gives you a short description of the organization.

Our Mission

Terebinth Refuge is a Christ-centered shelter and safe home that brings hope, healing services, and freedom to sexually exploited and trafficked women.

Healing Care

As a shelter for hope and healing, Terebinth Refuge provides safe housing, longer-term transitional housing, and a variety of on-site services to help women attain their individual goals towards recovery and independence.

Core Values

- Christ-centered
- Holistic approach
- Survivor leadership
- Individual respect & dignity
- Trauma-informed
- Culturally informed
- Responsible stewardship
- Community partnerships

Philosophy

Terebinth Refuge is rooted in Christ-centered values as an organization. We provide a nurturing and accepting environment in which women can heal, rebuild their lives, and grow in their faith, if they choose. However, we do not require participation in faith-based programs as a condition of shelter or services. We value the uniqueness of each woman in her cultural, ethnic, and religious identity, and provide each woman with individual opportunities for self-advocacy and personal growth.

Here is their website if you wish to take a look for yourself; **www.terebinthrefuge.org**.

One final note; The organization publishes Annual Financial Reports and lists major donors. From what I can tell, the majority of their funds come from private businesses, churches and non-government agencies. Pretty cool, me thinks.

One last **"Thank You CeCe"** for all that your organization does.





Eliana Kruse

Graduation Open House
Saturday, June 1, 2024
4:00 - 8:00 PM
At the Kruse residence



Brody Vliem

Graduation Open House
Saturday, May 25, 2024
1:00 - 4:00 PM
At the Cosmos Community Center


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MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 2024

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2024.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Mark Minnick, Emily Van Hatten, Angelica Hopp and Jody Fruetel viz cell phone.
ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Nikki Brazzi, Deputy City Clerk Brigitte Douglas and City Administrator John Douville
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Fruetel, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

1) **April 11, 2024 City Council Minutes.**
2) **Past Due Utility Bills**

VISITORS PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDANCE

Public Hearing 5:45 p.m. Public Safety Ordinance – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Van Hatten, to recess the regular city council meeting and Open the Public Hearing to discuss the proposed Health and Safety Ordinance update. Motion carried**.**

City Administrator Douville reviewed the minor changes of the Health and Safety Ordinance, allowing the City Council to designate health and safety personnel for code enforcement.

There were no written or verbal comments presented from the public.

A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the regular city council meeting.. Motion carried**.**

A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to approve the changes to the Health and Safety Ordinance for the City of Cosmos. Motion carried**.**

April 11, 2024 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to approve the April 11, 2024 bills list with check numbers from 16730-16780 for $31,013.28. Motion carried**.**

City Plow Truck – the plow on the city truck has broken. It will cost $12,190 to replace and will take approximately 16 weeks to arrive. Mayor McCarthy was going to have several machinist take a look at the equipment to see if they can be fabricated and repaired. No action was taken.

Seasonal Help – a motion by Hopp, seconded by Minnick, to increase last year's seasonal help wages by $1.00 per hour for the park concessions and parks maintenance. Motion carried**.**

Spring Clean-Up – Spring Clean up is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th 2024 from 8 to 11 a.m. With drop off items brought to the public works at that time. No early dumping is allowed. **Payment for large items will be at the site, no tags will be presold this year.**
Ambulance Staffing – Ambulance Director Van Hatten noted that Cordell Ludwig will be joining the ambulance corps and already has his emergency responder certification.
Orvalle Dalk Family - the family has stated they would like to purchase/install a memorial table at the ballpark. A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Minnick, to approve the donation.
Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9, 2024. The agenda will be posted in the city office window, post office and bank vestibule by Tuesday afternoon. Any change in meeting dates or times will be displayed on the digital sign.
Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.
_____- DRAFT-_____
John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

Notice
City of Cosmos
2023 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)
Report

The City of Cosmos Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) will not be mailed to Cosmos residents or published. It is available at the Cosmos City Office or can be mailed to a resident upon request. Please call 320-877-7345 or email cosmoscity@mchsi.com to request a copy of the 2023 CCR regarding the water quality of the City's water system.

John Douville, City Administrator
April 23, 2024

SUMMARY OF AMENDED CHAPTER 72: REMOVAL OF VEHICLES AND CHAPTER 93 PUBLIC NUISANCE OF THE COSMOS MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CODE ADOPTED BY THE COSMOS CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 11, 2024.

Amendments were made to Ordinance Chapter 72 Vehicle Removal and Ordinance Chapter 93 Public Nuisance within the City of Cosmos.

The full copy of the ordinance can be viewed or obtained by contacting Cosmos City Hall, PO Box 614, 220 Milky Way S., Cosmos, MN 56228, via phone call (320) 877-7345 or electronically by sending an email to cosmoscity@machsi.com

Adopted by the Cosmos City Council on the 11th day of April 11, 2024.

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John A. Douville, City Clerk

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May 19-25, 2024

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Info courtesy emsweek.org

May 19-25 marks the 50th anniversary of National EMS Week. It's a time to show our gratitude toward EMTs and paramedics who provide lifesaving care across the nation every day. EMS Week is also a time to educate the public about EMS, and the essential service we provide to communities.



Front (L -R): **Renee Hopp** (EMT)**, Emily Van Hatten** (EMT), **Ambulance Captain, Jon Fruetel** (EMT) **Fire Chief, Dan Self** (EMR) **Assistant Fire Chief.**
Back (L-R): **Ashley Degner** (EMT)**, Alex Schmeling** (EMT) **Ambulance Training Officer, Adam Lietzau** (EMT)**, Marc Rothstein** (EMT)**, Cordel Ludwig (EMR)**
Not Pictured: **Andrew Pearson** (EMR)

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TIDBITS



By Rick Nordin

Greetings! Happy May Day. Thank you to all who reached out with best wishes with my hip replacement. I am happy to report "all is going well."

As I write this, we are currently getting spring rain and it is forecasted to last for a couple of days. Yeah! The farmers will soon be in the fields. Please, when you see a farm implement or oversize piece of equipment on the road, please slow down and give them room.

Last week as I was headed west on Highway 7, there was an oversized load heading toward me and the cars behind him were swerving into my lane to go by the implement, so I had to move to the shoulder. I see this happen every year. When following, the oncoming traffic always has the right of way.

The Lake Lillian C&C will once again be sponsoring a music night in the park **6:30-8:00 June 5th, July 3rd,** and **July 31st**. June 5th and July 31st will be in the city park and July 3rd will be at Kandi Park East.

July 31st will be the kickoff for the Lake Lillian Days. Please mark your calendar as plans are in place for **Lake Lillian Days 2024 - July 31** to **August 4th**. Calendar of events will be coming soon.

Even though we had the warmest winter on record, I still look forward to Spring when the grass turns green, the leaves pop on the trees and color abounds as flowers spread their glory toward the sun…a time of renewal. The spring allergies, not so much. So, if you see me on the street, it is not that I am sad to see you, it is just my eyes are in a constant state of gloss. Have a great May!

Senior Club Meeting

May 29th

Cosmos City Center

Lunch at 11:00 AM*

**Supplied by 'Meals on Wheels'*

Meeting will follow. Nickle Bingo afterwards.

Anyone over 55 is invited to join the Senior Club.

Dues are only $10.00 a year.

Come & Join Us!

CHEF IT UP!

"Food and spices….together. What a concept!"

Don't forget to teach a kid how to cook.





Crabby Crab Salad

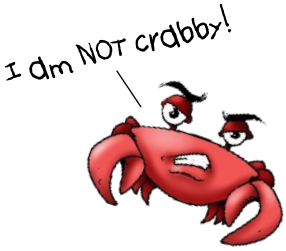
By Grace Kamrath

Greetings to Cosmos residents and all who have a connection to Cosmos. Isn't it great to look out the window and see almost green grass? I am so excited as my daffodils are blooming and the tulips not far behind.

Which brings us the time of year when celebrations are happening and we might need a new recipe. I don't recall ever having real crab meat but the imitation is so good, why fight it!

REALLY GOOD CRAB SALAD

- 12 oz. crab meat (imitation works just fine)
- 10 oz. frozen peas
- 1 c. celery chopped
- 1 small onion chopped
- 3/4 c. mayo
- 1 T. lemon juice
- 1/4 t. curry
- 1 t. soy sauce
- 1/4 t. garlic powder
- 3 oz. chow mein noodles
- 1/2 c. slivered almonds (I like to toast them a bit)



Mix crab meat, peas, celery and onion. Mix mayo, lemon juice, curry, soy sauce and garlic powder. Combine the two mixtures and stir to mix. Chill. Just before servings add the chow mein noodles and almonds. Will serve eight people. Enjoy!



Remember when you could reverse the charges on a phone call?

True story; While Duane and I were living in Iowa, he needed to go to the hospital about 50 miles from our home. We left our four children home (Dean 11, Drew 9, Gail 6, Gwen 4) at the time. I needed to speak to them, so reversing the charges (before cell phones) but I told the operator, just ask them to pay for the phone call. So for sure, the little one answered and to question about paying for the phone call, she said "But I don't have any money". I said "Gwen, just say yes".

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Danielson Hustlers 4-H Club Report

The Danielson Hustlers 4-H meeting was held on April 14, 2024 at the Grove City Community Center. Morgan Sage gave a demonstration talk on how to make May Day baskets. The club made May Day baskets for our community members and/or former 4-H'ers. We will be posting pictures on our 4-H Facebook page to where we will be handing the baskets at. Roll call was "what is your favorite part of Spring?"

Correspondence
The club signed a thank you card for the Cosmos Lions Club for the donation that was given to the club for our club donating volunteer time to help with their community pork chop feed.

Old business:
- T-Shirt update.
- We are still waiting to hear back from the Litchfield Satellites on helping them with the their Community Pride project.
- New club flags were ordered and much needed.
- Reminder the club voted on changing next month's meeting to May 19.

New Business:
- We are still looking for a parade committee. VaLoris Anderson and Kim Richardson may take on this. Anyone else may join. We need to know dates, times, locations, and who will be willing to help with the float set up or any vehicle, that maybe pulling a trailer for the parade as well.
- The Cosmos Lions invited the club to help with road ditch clean up. It was for April 15th and families were unable to, since it was such short notice. The club said that we would be willing to volunteer with anything else that would be available in the upcoming future.
- We need to starting thinking of the June club tour and ideas.
- We had a project talk by Chloe Richardson on jewelry making. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. After the meeting the club enjoyed refreshments. Our next meeting is May 19th, at 2:30 pm at the Grove City Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauran Arndt
Danielson Hustlers Reporter

Science, Tech and Just Plain Cool Stuff



Pic by Roy Snyder

Total Eclipse '24



The Gazette readers can consider themselves very lucky this month! Fellow Gazette reader **Patty (Lux) Francis** sent us some great pics and wrote a story about her experience with the total solar eclipse! I enjoyed it, I hope you do too! ***Thank you Patty!*** *Mark Minnick, Editor*

Pics and commentary by Patty (Lux) Francis

I got to be almost at the eclipse centerline in Sydney, Ohio! *(See map next page)* I was apprehensive about the eclipse. There was a lot of negative and weirdo theories going around.

My son **Logan** and his girlfriend **Jenna** came to our house to view it too. A drive of 45 minutes added 45 seconds of totality! Jenna knew lots of tidbits and facts and was listening to NASA live on her phone.

We got to view Bailey's beads at one point. It became more exciting as totality got closer, getting darker, casting shadows and cooling off. Traffic became very sparse. It felt like we were the only people on earth.

Then woops, hollars and fireworks from unseen people around the neighborhood! We howled some too! Jenna and I took the photos. It took two of us to get this shot through binoculars. I was surprised at how exciting it all was!

My husband **Mark** really enjoyed it as well and he's a pretty low key guy! Cool glasses too! I'm thanking God I got to see this amazing eclipse!



Jenna and Patty using binoculars, eclipse glasses and a cell phone to get the pic at the left.



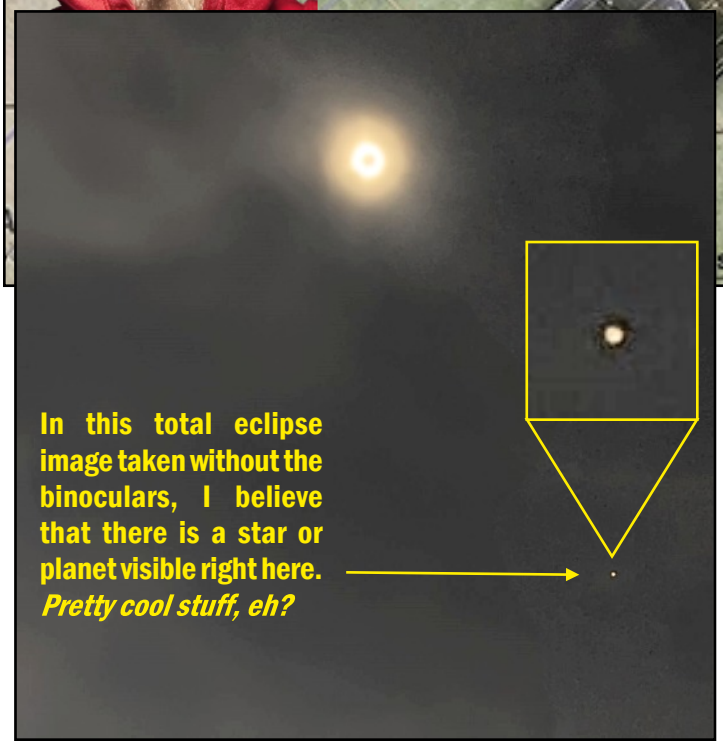
Patty and hubby Mark. Quite the sporty couple.

Total Eclipse '24



I thought it pertinent to include a map of the eclipse path to add a geographical perspective for the reader. Now you can tell where Sydney, Ohio in relation to little ol' Cosmos. It also gives me more room for a couple more pics. :)

Mark Minnick, Editor



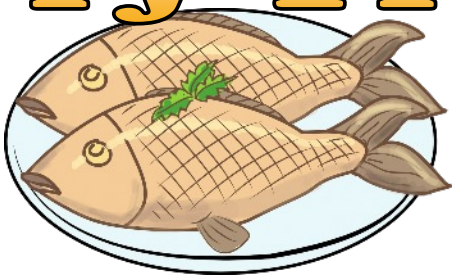
In this total eclipse image taken without the binoculars, I believe that there is a star or planet visible right here. ***Pretty cool stuff, eh?***

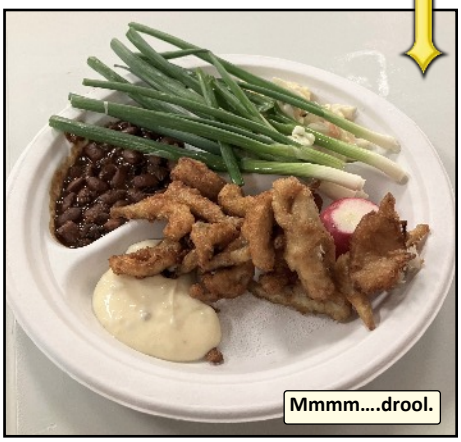


The other two lucky eclipse observers; Patty & Mark's son **Logan** and his best girl **Jenna**.

Fish Fry Friday


Pastor Ben greets hungry souls searching for fish, tater salad, and beans. What a guy.




Mmmm....drool.

Commentary and pics
by recovering Catholic, Mark Minnick

It seems that Friday Fish Frys have become a staple in Minnesota, be it city or country. Those darned, rabble-rousing Catholics have long had the custom of eating fish instead of 'meat' (beef, pork, chicken, lamb) on Fridays during Lent.

Here's an explanation from U.S. Catholic magazine; *"The practice of eating fish is related to the day we typically abstain from meat: Friday. This is the day that Christ died, so abstaining from the shedding (and consuming) of blood seems appropriate. Friday, the sixth day, was also the day that God created animals, so abstaining from meat is a symbolic "stay of execution" for cows, pigs, and sheep—just as the cross saves us from eternal death."* Note: I guess fish doesn't have blood in it? Who knew?

Anyway…from what I remember years back, Catholic parishes started hosting Friday fish frys as parish get-togethers and as fundraisers during Lent. As these community events became more and more popular, the followers of Martin Luther took notice. They started attending these fish frys and I'm guessing they realized, "Hey, this Fish Fry Friday stuff is pretty tasty and fun. But, enough history, now on to the 'meat' of the story, you becha then.

Wife Deb saw an ad online for one such event on April 5th at **Saint Paul's Lutheran Church** in Eden Valley. So us two old 'Lutterans' decided to head out of the house for a Friday road trip. Deb even drove faster than 50 mph. ;) Halfway there, we stopped for a much needed break at the **Manannah Hilltop Tavern** for a couple of barley pops and some local wisdom.

Feeling much wiser and refreshed after the quick layover, we proceeded north on the final leg of our arduous journey. Pulling into the church parking lot at about 3:00


No lines for us, *and what a spread!*

PM, we hit the lull midway between the noon and dinner rush. It was surely impeccable timing and trip planning on my wife's part. ;)

Stomachs growling, we strolled in, paid up and proceeded to fill our plates with the fabulous spread laid out by the Saint Paul's parishioners. The baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw and tartar sauce were all homemade. There was a pile of green onions and radishes the size of golf balls, none woody either. Then the main course; The fish, smelt and cod, fried up with the perfect batter.

I had to push myself away from the table after a plate and a half. (I don't know how much Deb ate.) Uff da! It was "Good stuff Maynard" for sure. There was even some locals from the Cosmos/Corvuso area that showed up for the grub. Judy & Randy Schiro, Pam & Mike Walter, Pat & Harry Weseloh and Randy Hoff were a few that I'm aware of.

Waddling out the door to head home, we made sure to stop by the HUGE spread of homemade donuts. Deb said I could only take six home. She must think I'm Homer Simpson or something.

All in all, it was a great experience. We're already planning for next year. Hey, at least I didn't have to deal with an elevator at Saint Paul's.

Thank goodness, cuz I forgot the beads.





Nature and the Great Outdoors

Building Houses & Kitchens

Hey, it's nice outside!

Pics and commentary by Mark Minnick



Hold it in the right spot, dad.



It's a **Greenlee** family affair. L-R: Dad **Kyle**, daughter **Braxlee** and grandpa **Dick**. *Mom's probably goofing off somewhere…*



Lotsa houses, feeders, kids, parents, grandparents and lotsa fun.

It was a full house at the Lake Lillian Community Center on Saturday April 6th. Why you ask? The LL Sportsman's Club was giving away wood duck houses and bird feeders. But some assembly was required.

Despite that fact, I didn't hear one complaint, just the whirr of power drills, kids laughing and people chatting. 20 wood duck houses and 20 bird feeders were assembled over the course of the morning. Nobody had to go home with an empty stomach either as the club served grilled hot dogs, chips and lemonade. Good stuff, Maynard.

All in all, a pretty neat day. The wood ducks and song birds probably agree, *but I would have to ask 'em to be sure.* :)



Who knew a 14 month old little girl could be so talented? **Hadley Whitcomb** likes the bird feeder she just got done puttin' together with mom, **Mariah**.

Unexpected Backyard Wildlife

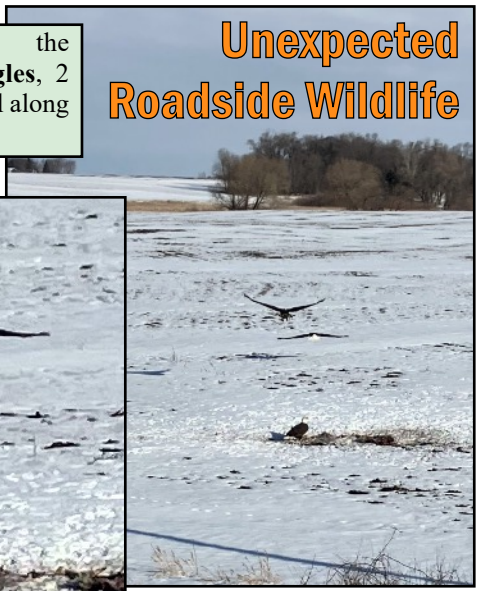




Four turkeys strolling thru the neighborhood and **three bald eagles**, 2 adults and 1 juvenile, eating road kill along Highway 7. Pretty cool, me thinks.



Unexpected Roadside Wildlife







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Cosmos City Center

Wednesday, May 22nd Noon-6 PM

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1. Go online to **redcrossblood.org.** **2.** Find our blood drive by typing in the zip code (56228) for Cosmos. **3.** Create an account if you don't already have one.
4. Choose a time to donate blood.

You can also schedule a time to donate by phoning the American Red Cross at

1-800-733-2767

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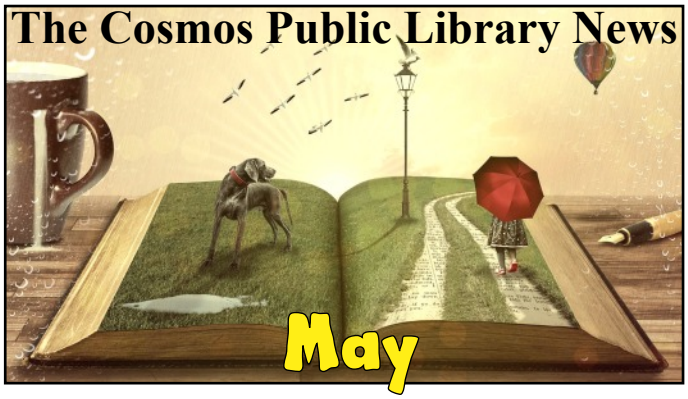
The Cosmos Public Library News



by Beth Cronk, Meeker County Library

Planning is underway for this year's summer reading program: ***Read, Renew, Repeat*!** We'll be having some fun with this theme that ties into conservation, recycling, and ecosystems.

The summer reading program begins on Monday, June 3, and will run until the end of August. Beginning June 3, kids and teens can sign up for the free, self-paced program that encourages them to read on their own time and do other activities that are healthy for them, such as getting exercise and going outside.

When they complete a game sheet or a reading log, they can bring it back to the library for a small prize. Kids can complete the reading sheets over and over all summer. It's a great idea for kids to keep reading all summer so that they keep up their reading skills for school in the fall. Kids can sign up for the program any time, all summer long.

The Cosmos Library has some special events happening this summer that families will want to put on their calendars:

In May, kids ages ages 5-18 are invited to build with Legos in the library at Cosmos Creation Club on Monday the 20th from 2-3 p.m. No need to sign up or bring anything. Children ages 5-7 will need to have a caregiver at least 12 years old attend the program with them.

Friday, June 14, 2:00 p.m.: CLIMB Theatre presents "Country Mouse & City Mouse: Adventures in the Suburbs," a short interactive play for children. Free; no need to sign up in advance.

Thursday, June 20, 3:00 p.m.: Upcycle art class for kids. Free to attend but space is limited; sign up by calling the library at 320-440-1012 or stopping in.

Friday, July 5, 2:00 p.m.: DNR Naturalist children's program about birds. Free; no need to sign up.

Friday, July 12, 2:00 p.m.: Science Museum of Minnesota dinosaur program. Free; no need to sign up.

Friday, July 19, 5:00-8:00 p.m.: Space Fest mini golf in the community room. Free; no need to sign up.

Watch for more events as the summer gets closer by visiting the library, the library's website at ***www.cosmos.lib.mn.us****, or the library's Facebook page.*

Pioneerland libraries will be closed on Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day.

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

TIME WARP Whozit?



These good lookin' gals were crowned the 1965 Champions of the Wednesday Night Women's League at Vic's Lanes in Cosmos. Can you identify any of them?

Whozdem?

Email your answer to:
wordnut66@outlook.com

Assisted Living Building Owners Meet With Local Residents



Pic and commentary by Mark Minnick

A good crowd of folks assembled at the Cosmos City Center in the evening of April 22nd. Was it the cookies, lemonade and coffee? Nope, it was a town hall "Meet & Greet" with **Sam** and **Nasra Salah**, owners of the shuttered assisted living building in Cosmos. They wanted to talk to the locals about their hopes and dreams for the facility. They also listened to everyone and answered any and all questions.

As of right now, they are hoping for a bonding measure to pass this legislative session. That would get them the grant for 6.8 million dollars to rehabilitate the facility.

Nasra stated that if the bonding measure doesn't go through, it's on to plan B. If you wish to opine on this matter, be sure and contact your state representative or senator. Stay tuned… :)

The Gazette forgot to get a KewPie to another reader from the March issue;
Whozit picture, Grace Radtke Kamrath, March Gazette. ***Twyla Lietzau***

Now that we have that omission addressed, on to the April 1982 CHS Softball team. Only one reader got 'em all right. KewPie to her…
Via phone call; "Hi Mark, I know all of them cuz I was on the team."
(I didn't make her name off all of them. ***Annie (Wilner) Miller***
She certainly knew all of the players from the '82 team, including herself.)





COSMOS GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM - Front row - Sue Wilner, Joan Wilner, Tammy Jenkins, Anna Wilner, Nancy Minnick, Norma Schlueter. Back row - Coach Dan Van Overbeke, Jennifer Dege, Kris Peterson, Darla Schaefer, Pat Minnick, Kim Pearson, Juanita Park and Mary Jo Lietzau.

Handy Hints



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

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

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

Editor Mark's additional note:

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

By Janice Blum

Static

Use a fabric softener sheet for a quick solution to hair static. Gently rub the sheet over the hair and through the brush and static disappears. Repeat if necessary. It works great also for clinging clothes. Just rub lightly on the clothes and the cling disappears. It's easy to take a sheet anywhere, and while traveling makes your suit-case smell fresh.

Moving Boxes

If you are moving, pack one box and mark it SPECIAL. Fill the box with things you will need immediately; such as bedding, light bulbs, a change of clothes and other in dispensables. Move it yourself, so it doesn't get misplaced.

Oven Cleaning

Take racks out, spray with oven cleaner. Put racks in a plastic garbage bag, and tie it shut, and leave it over night. In the morning wash them off in warm water. This also can be done with the reflector plates under the burners.

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Tom Rennecke is Boys' State delegate, Cosmos

COSMOS — Tom Rennecke has been named 1965 Cosmos delegate to Legion Boys' State by the Beack-Thompson American Legion post.

Tom, who is a junior at Cosmos high school, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Rennecke.

Designated as Boys' State alternate was Jerrel Sharpe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sharpe. Jerrel also is a junior at Cosmos high school.

The 17th annual American Legion Boys' State will be held on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota, June 14-20, according to Earl Raske, local Boys' State chairman.

Scholars to Boys State must be juniors in high school. They are signally honored in view of the outstanding qualifications set forth as requirements in selecting them. They are named through cooperation of the Post, high school faculty, and leading citizens in each participating community.

Boy's State is a recognized short course of the University. Objectives of the program include teaching boys who attend, actual learning experience in how local and state governments function, so as to arouse in them an enduring interest in government affairs; develop better civic behavior; obtain for the young men a higher appreciation of and wholehearted allegiance to the democratic way of life. It is in no way a military training camp. Programs will be considered without reference to any existing political party, and will be free from political propaganda. It is not a recreational outing.

Legion Boys State was first held in Minnesota in 1949, with 169 boys attending. It has been an annual event since with more than 5400 boys having been sponsored. In 1964, there were 395 on Campus.



TOM RENNECKE



RANDY GRUSSENDORF

Weather REPORTS

SEVERAL bright, sunny days gave local area farmers a chance to work in their fields during the past week. In some cases, small grain seeding was well underway before a rain, Wednesday morning, brought it to a halt.

	Hi	Lo
Wednesday, April 28	60	35
Thursday, April 29	82	47
Friday, April 30	71	46
Saturday, May 1	77	51
Sunday, May 2	80	46
Monda,y May 3	65	44
Tuesday, May 4	66	49

Band and 3 soloists get "A" rating in state music contest

COSMOS—The Cosmos high school band realized an outstanding achievement when it received an "A" rating in the Minnesota State Music Contest, last Saturday.

Each of the three judges awarded an "A" rating to the Cosmos band, at the contest, held at Morris.

One of the judges commented: "This is really a challenge for a class V band, and you've done quite well, congratulations."

Another judge said, "Very good. I enjoyed listening to your group. Even without uniforms, your band presents a nice appearance, but I also hope you can get uniforms."

THREE individual members of the band were rated at the top. as well, in the solos division at the University of Minnesota, Morris, on Friday.

They were Galen Grimm, who received an "A" rating with his trumpet solo; Peggy Lundstrom, who got an "A" on her bass clarinet solo; and Mary Ann Wilner, whose tympani solo earned her an "A" rating.



MARY ANN WILNER



GALEN GRIMM



R. Grussendorf on Dean's High Honor List

MANKATO—Academic Dean Melvin Scarlett today released the names of 65 Mankato State college students who complied straight "A" averages for the winter quarter in qualifying for the Dean's High Honor list.

Among them is Randy Grussendorf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grussendorf of Cosmos.

Dr. Scarlett's office also complied a listing of 301 students who qualified for the Dean's Honor list by earning grade point of 3.5 or better. A 4.0 average corresponds to straight "A" work. Mankato State college's Dean's lists are complied for the fall, winter and spring quarters.

In commenting on the high quality of work done by these students, Dr. Scarlett stated: "While grades are only one measure of student success, the achievement of high grades indicates the combination of ability with the desire to excel. This combination is in evidence among today's leaders in society, and gives great promise for the future success of the young people on our Honor list. On behalf of the faculty and administration I congratulate these students for their academic record during the winter quarter, 1965."

Music concert at Cosmos, Fri.

COSMOS—The Cosmos High School music department will present its annual spring concert this Friday night, May 7, at 8:30 p.m.

Admission will be free to the annual affair, which will take place in the high school auditorium.

In a "pop concert atmosphere," pie, coffee, cake and ice cream will be served during the concert by the band mothers.

Proceeds from the sale of the refreshments will be used toward purchase of the band's new blazers.

Today is last day to file for school board

COSMOS—Today, Thursday, May 6, is the last day for filing in order to have your name on the annual school election ballot, as a candidate.

Prospective candidates should file their names with Marvin Hackbarth, district clerk.

At press time, Wednesday, there still were no filings for any of the three positions open in the annual election.

The terms of Arnold Adams and Marvin Hackbarth expire on July 1, and must be filled at the May election. The unexpired term of Earl Koeberl, who resigned, must also be



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SATURDAY, May 11th

8 – 11 am

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Tires: Car -- $10 each, Truck -- $20 each,
Tractor Tire -- $65 each, Add $15 per rim

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

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ACCEPTED: household trash, demolition materials, yard waste, household hazardous wastes or liquids, used oil, used oil filters, car batteries, and fluorescent light bulbs.

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In South Africa?

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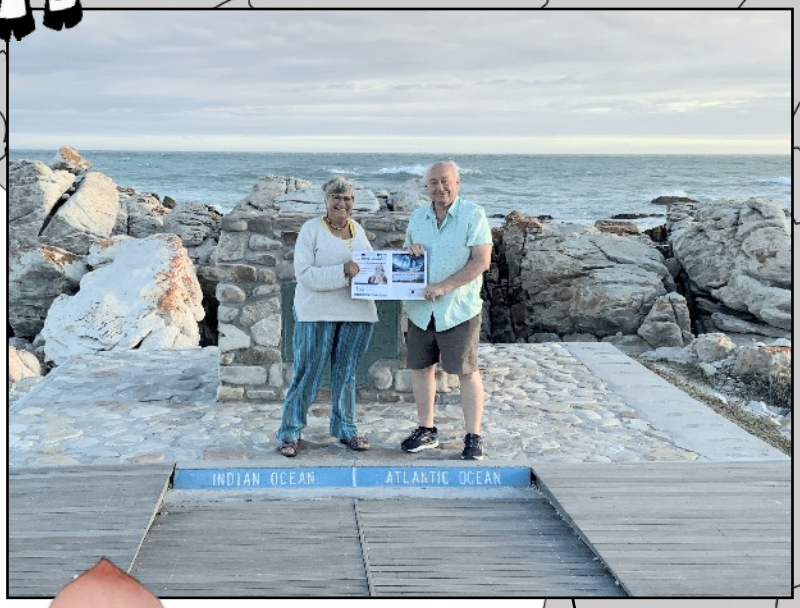



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Remembrance Poppies - A Quick History

In 1915, following the Second Battle of Ypres, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a physician with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, wrote the poem, **"In Flanders Fields"** *(see right)*. Its opening lines refer to the fields of poppies that grew among the soldiers' graves in Flanders. *(Flanders Fields is a common English name of the World War I battlefields in Belgium and France.)*

In 1918, inspired by the poem, YWCA worker Moina Michael attended a YWCA Overseas War Secretaries' conference wearing a silk poppy pinned to her coat and distributed over two dozen more to others present. In 1920, the National American Legion adopted it as its official symbol of remembrance.

In the United States, the Veterans of Foreign Wars conducted the first nationwide distribution of remembrance poppies before Memorial Day in 1922. Today, the American Legion Auxiliary distributes crepe paper poppies in exchange for donations around Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Courtesy wikipedia.org

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow,
In Flanders fields.

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