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Paris of the future? We shall see.

Weather: Hey, c'mon man. "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"

Council Approves Costs Declared-Adopts Street Assessments



By Mark Minnick

The Cosmos City Council met on April 13 with their regular monthly meeting and a special Street Assessment Public Hearing.

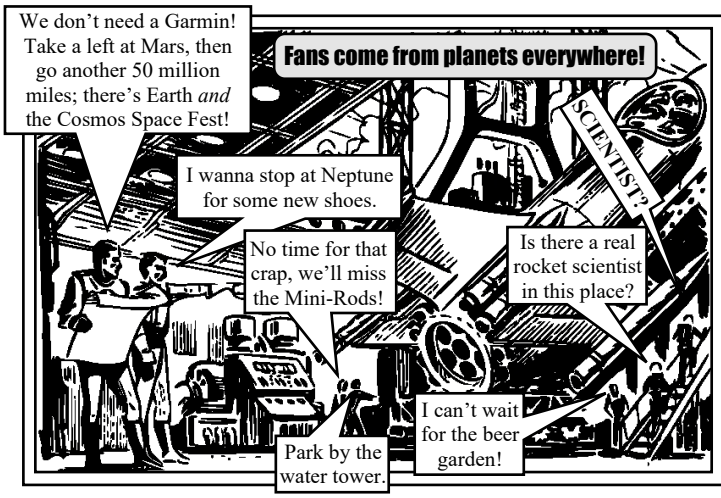
The 20-25 residents in attendance had questions about the assessment amounts being to high in relationship to the valuation of the property. A couple mentioned that their retirement monies would be strained. Others said that they just plain couldn't afford the charges. Every resident had their chance to speak and be heard.

The council expressed their dislike for having to assess this many dollars, but didn't feel that there was any other option. It was also noted that the tax levy had not been raised in the last 6 years.

They thanked everyone for expressing their concerns and for coming to the meeting. The special meeting was then closed and the regular meeting reopened.

The council proceeded to declare the assessment costs and adoption of said costs. It was voted on and approved unanimously.

Here's the remaining council meeting concerning this project;
6-8-21: Council – Address Assessment Appeals. Resolution Accepting Bids & Award Contract.





*More info next issue!

Cosmos Senior Club Ready for Some Fun

So, Look Out!

By Mark Minnick

It looks like the Cosmos Senior Club is ready to break out of the Covid 19 doldrums. Getting out, going places and seeing other folks is tops on their agenda.

I talked to Delores Arndt from the club. She and the club members were truly elated that the Cosmos Lions made such a nice donation to the group.

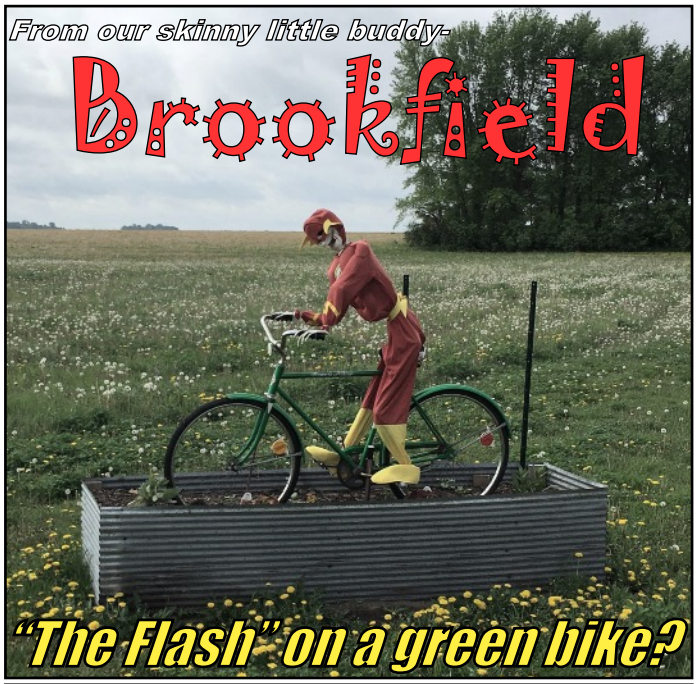
"We always appreciated being able to use the ballpark shack for our fundraiser, but it's just not fun anymore to sell hot dogs in the sweltering heat that we always seem to have during the Space Festival. With an average age of 80 years, we're just too old." She continued, "We didn't know what we were going to do for funds. Now with this donation, we can breathe a little easier and do some fun activities."

I asked her what things the group likes to do when they get together? She mentioned that they like the guided "Fishing for Seniors" trips, as they get to go for a nice boat ride and maybe even catch a fish or two. Spending time exploring the displays and looking around at the McLeod County Museum is another neat thing to do. There are also multiple county Senior Expo's to attend. Then towards the end of the year, they like to spend the Christmas & New Year's seasons at Mug Shots in Cosmos.

No matter where they go or what they do, they like to try different eating establishments, just for a change of pace. Plus, it's nice not to *have* to cook at home once in awhile.

She also mentioned that 'youngsters' that are younger than 80 can participate in any of their activities, they just ask you to pay the yearly membership fee of $10.00. Unless you don't think you can keep up…

Delores again wanted to say "Thank you to the Cosmos Lion's" for their donation to the seniors. The club really appreciates it and will put the money to good use.



Who knows what out little buddy from the south is up to? A peddling superhero? King of the dandelions? Or he's simply fashion challenged? Stay tuned or stop by and say hi. I guess…

Pierre…Is Still There!



By Mark Minnick

I recently went on a local excursion of extreme importance. First, it was off to see the fine folks at Corvuso Meats and wish them well at their Customer Appreciation Days, May 21 & 22. As long as I was there, I figured I'd pick up some much needed Head Cheese and Braunschweiger. *(Add some raw onion, mayo and Cajun seasoning and you've got a couple days of good sandwiches, right there…holy cow.)*

As I am watching my young girlish figure, I declined a couple of their wonderful grilled pork patties and got back on the road to continue my quest. Next stop was Babe's Greenhouse to acquire a dozen pepper plants for the community garden. Gotta keep those spicy food fanatics in Cosmos supplied with their favorite spicy pepper ya know.

(Last year when I went up to the garden to pick a hot pepper or two, and there weren't any. Some other pepper lover beat me to 'em! - Cool! Next year I'll have to get more, I thought. Now it's next year, and I did. Community gardens are sure fun!)

Anyway, heading south out of downtown Corvuso, I was soon out to the suburbs. It had been awhile since I had been this way, out in the corn and soybean hinterlands where you can see for miles.

Then I remembered my second favorite Frenchie, Pierre. Would he still be there? Did a bad storm knock him down? Was someone in dire need of firewood? It's a tough existence out in the wilds of southern Minnesota. As I drove farther, I pulled into a road approach just before the 'T'. I put it in park and rolled down the window. This is serious stuff.

I focused my old eyes to the general territory that Pierre patrols and inhabits. Being a Frenchie, I feared that he may have gotten canceled, like another famous romantic, Pepe LePew. I looked, scanned and finally…there the old boy was. Seemingly fit and fine, good as ever. Whew, I was relieved.

Looks like he's gonna be OK for another year. I like that.

**Btw, my favorite Frenchie is Jacques Pepin, an old TV/YouTube chef that likes to keep it simple and tasty. S'pose I should write a story on him sometime….*

TIDBITS



By Rick Nordin

Greetings! Hope you had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend. Patty and I recently attended an outdoor music event, and it had a huge turnout. It shows people are ready to start socializing. If you are a home buyer, interest rates remain at a historic low. 30-year fixed mortgages are being quoted at 2.75% and 15-year fixed mortgages at 2.15%. This is particularly good time for home and auto buyers.

Because of the worldwide pandemic, we are in the midst of historic changing times. However, as in all changing times, new opportunities develop. Our nation provides opportunities unseen by the rest of the world. Even though we are experiencing uncertain economic times for many sectors, the people of our nation are resilient and create positive results. One of the many new career paths that have developed in recent years as a direct result of layoffs is the "business consultant". Here is a humorous story poking fun of this industry…

A Shepherd was herding his flock in a remote pasture when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced out of the dust cloud towards him. The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, Ray Ban sunglasses and YSL tie, leaned out the window and asked the shepherd, "If I tell you exactly how many sheep you have in your flock, will you give me one?" The shepherd looked at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looked at his peacefully grazing flock and calmly answered, "Sure."

The yuppie parked his car, whipped out his laptop and connected it to a cell phone, then he surfed to a NASA page on the internet where he called up a GPS satellite navigation system, scanned the area, and then opened up a database and an Excel spreadsheet with complex formulas. He sent an e-mail on his Blackberry and, after a few minutes, received a response. Finally, he prints out a 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized printer then turns to the Shepherd and says, "You have exactly 1,586 sheep."

"That is correct; take one of the sheep," says the shepherd, and watches the young man select one of the animals and bundle it into his car. Then the Shepherd says: "If I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my sheep?" "OK, why not." answered the young man.

"Clearly, you are a consultant." says the shepherd. "That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?" "No guessing required," answers the shepherd. "You turned up here although nobody called you. You want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked, and you don't know poop about my business. "Now give me back my dog."

Continue to pray for peace and safety for our nation, the world, and the men and women who are in harm's way protecting and preserving peace. Have a great month of June.



June 20 2021
The Summer Solstice

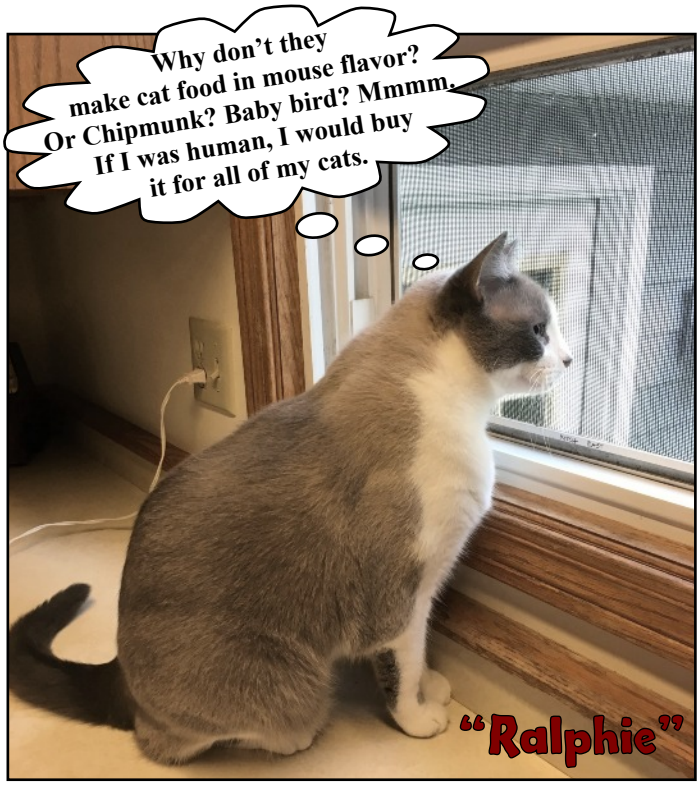
When the sun comes up on the morning of June 20th, it will be the beginning of the longest day of the year. The sun will be at it's highest point in the sky, directly overhead at the Tropic of Cancer. In Minnesota we will receive about 15 ½ hours of sunlight. Enjoy.



TIME WARP Whozit?

Boy, this sure looks like a happy bunch, eager to tell the world about the teachings of Martin Luther. Can you identify anyone in this group of youngsters that got confirmed from Trinity and Peace Lutheran Churches in the spring of 1967?

Whozit?



Thoughts from the Windowsill of Life



WOIDS OF WISDOM

The boys are crossing the Sahara and come to a sign post with markers that point in the direction of several far off cities, including Cairo:

Curly: *I've got an uncle in Cairo.*
Moe: *Oh yea?*
Curly: *He's a chiropractor. Nyuk, Nyuk, Nyuk.*

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2021

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

a. April 5, 2021 City Council Minutes
b. April 13, 2021 Special City Council Minutes
c. Overtime Balances
d. MMS – Parameter Report
e. Meeker County Sheriff – April 2021 Report
f. Engagement Letter – David Drown & Assoc.
g. Engagement Letter – Baird & Co. – Short Term, Interim Financing.
h. Clean Up Day – Saturday, May 22nd.
i.

May 13, 2021 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to approve the May 13, 2021 bills list with check numbers from 14852-14895 for $262,997.97. Motion carried**.**

Concession Stand Manager – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to hire ???? at $15/hr. to manage the ballpark concession stand. Motion carried**.**

Space Festival – Mosquito Spraying – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to approve mosquito spraying the parks prior to SpaceFest for $425, to be reimbursed through donations. Motion carried**.**

June Council Meeting Date – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Fruetel, to move the June Council meeting to 5:00 p.m. June 8, 2021. Motion carried**.**

Public Works – David Medina, Public Works Supervisor, discussed RV's being parked on city streets.
City Administration - Administrator Douville noted that Sarah Miller has completed her 3rd and final year of the MN Municipal Clerk's Institute and will become a MN Certified Municipal Clerk this summer.
Public Hearing – Assessment Hearing – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to recess the city council meeting and open the Assessment Public hearing at 5:21 p.m. Motion carried**.**

There were approximately 30 people in attendance and 3 letters were received by the city office. Most of those in attendance were concerned about the proposed cost of the assessments and the assessment cost in relations to the corresponding property valuation.

The Mayor and City Councilmembers recognized the concerns of the residents but also noted that the roads and utility lines were in need of repair. It was noted along with the assessments to the affected properties, the water, sewer and storm sewer will all have to see increased rates to help cover the project.
It was noted the City has not raised its overall tax levy for the past 6 years.7

Close Hearing– A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to close the Assessment Public Hearing and reconvene the City Council meeting at 6:17 p.m. Motion carried**.**

Res 21_09– Declaring Costs to Be Assessed - A resolution by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to to approve Resolution 21_09 Declaring Costs to Be Assessed and Adopting Assessments. Motion carried**.**

Res 21_11– Issuance and Sale of $1,155,000 GO Bonds - A resolution by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to approve Resolution 21_11 Issuance and Sale of $1,155,000 General Obligation Temporary Utility Revenue Bonds 2021A. Motion carried**.**

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, 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 Hopp, to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. Motion carried.
_____- DRAFT-_____
John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

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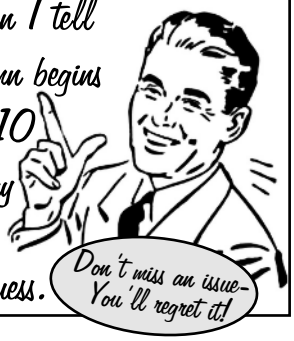
The Galactic Gazette
"Always Action Packed & Fun Filled!"

Summer starts June 20. When I tell folks that the beginning of autumn begins only 3 months later, 9 out of 10 people want to stuff a sock in my mouth. A dirty, stinky one too. Happy Summer anyway...I guess.



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June Daily Lunch Specials

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W 2 French dip w/potato salad
T 3 BBQ chicken dinner
F 4 Meatloaf dinner or commercial

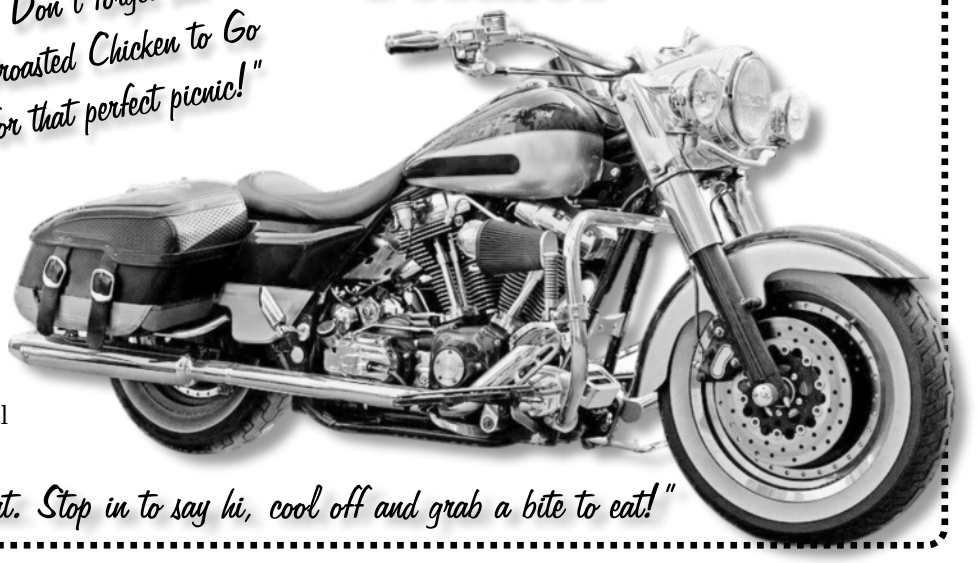
T 8 Tacos & tator tots
W 9 Scalloped potatoes & ham
T 10 Salisbury steak dinner
F 11 Broasted chicken dinner

T 15 Baked chicken dinner
W 16 Shrimp w/coleslaw
T 17 Sausage & kraut dinner
F 18 Sloppy Joe's w/potato salad

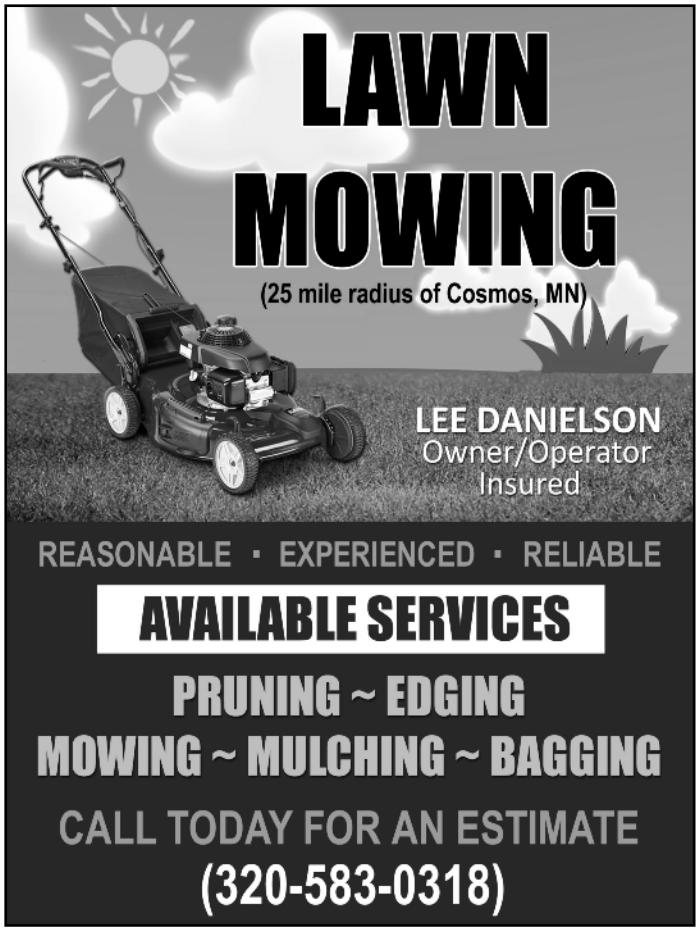
T 22 Pork chop dinner
W 23 Fish sandwich w/coleslaw
T 24 Cowboy burger w/fries
F 25 Broasted chicken dinner

T 29 Roast beef dinner or commercial
W 30 Sauerkraut hotdish

"Summer is here! Don't forget our Broasted Chicken to Go for that perfect picnic!"



"It's hot out there cruisin' the pavement. Stop in to say hi, cool off and grab a bite to eat!"



Notice
City of Cosmos
2020 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

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 2020 CCR regarding the water quality of the City's water system.

John Douville, City Administrator
May 11, 2021



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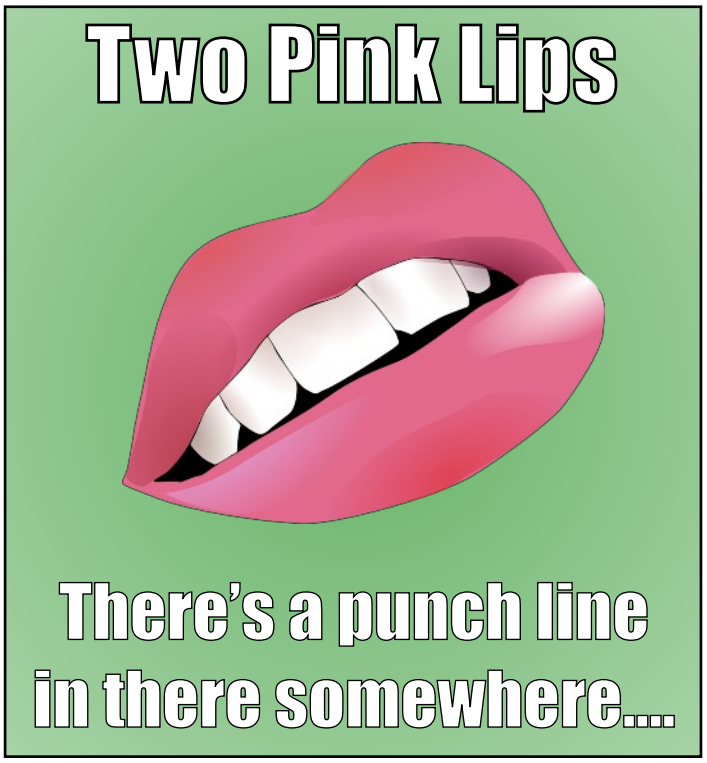
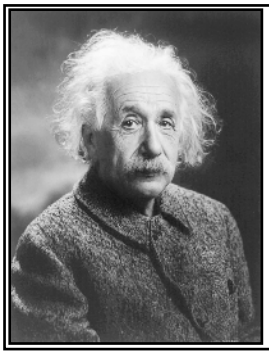








Where'd the dog go? Anybody see a dog? We're missing our dog.

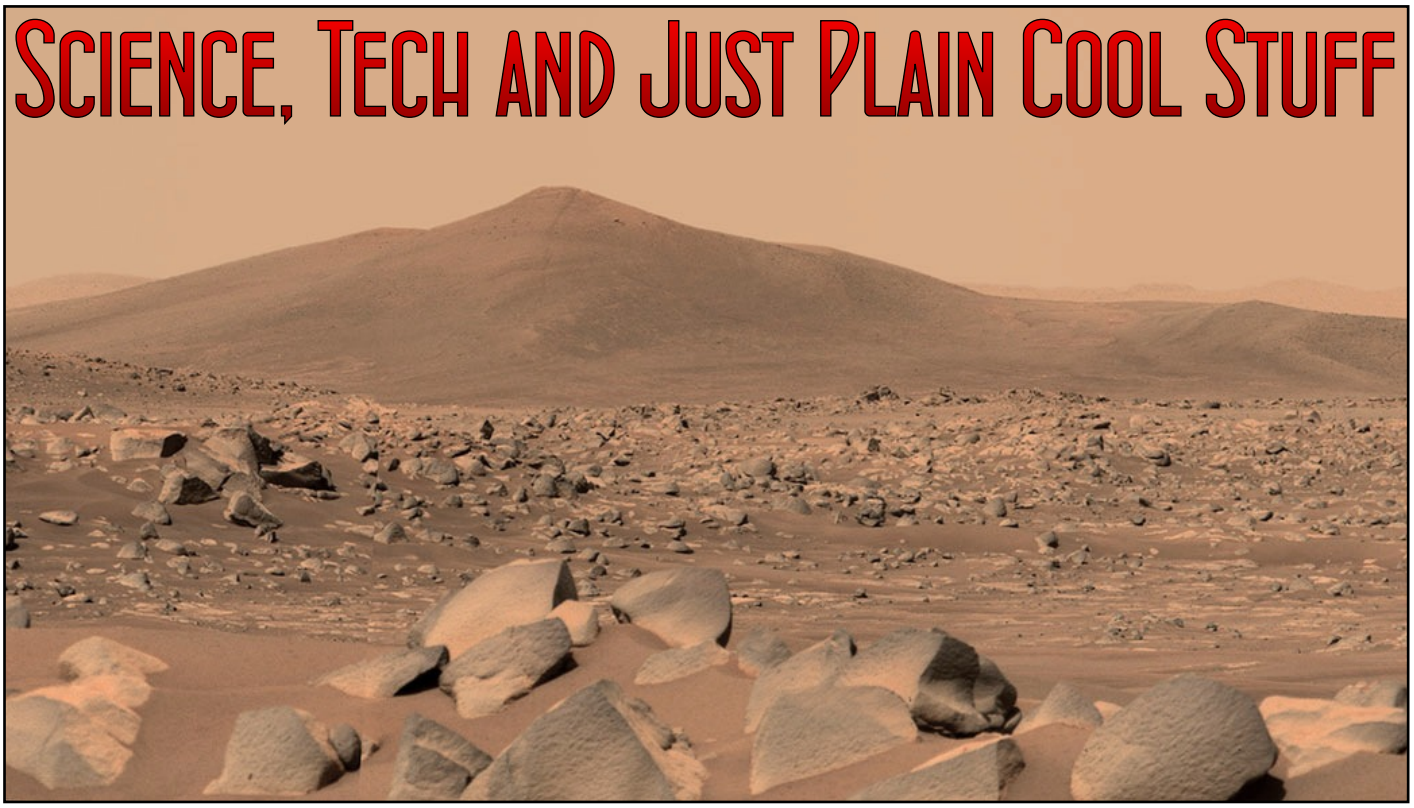


"Life isn't worth living, unless it is lived for someone else."

Albert Einstein



Science, Tech and Just Plain Cool Stuff

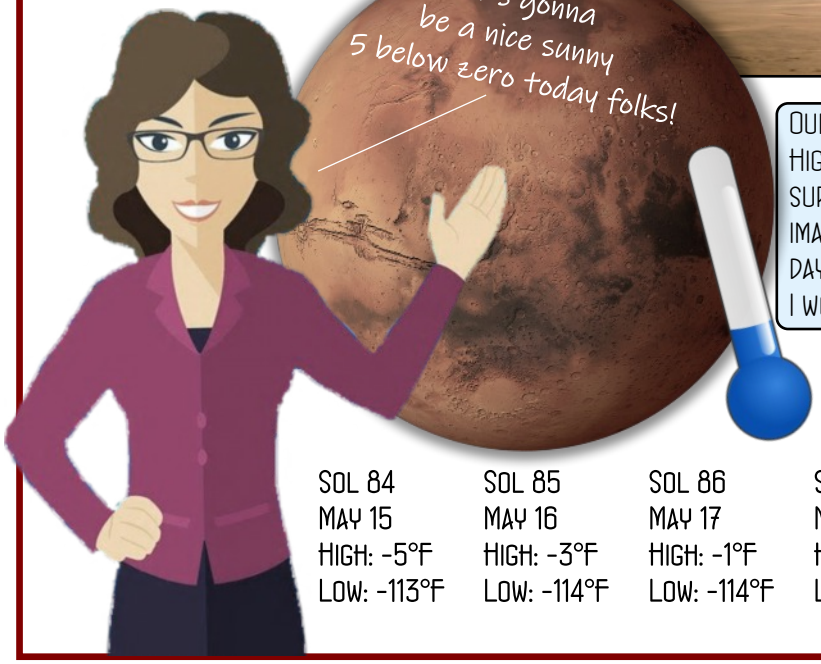


NASA's Perseverance Mars rover used its dual-camera Mastcam-Z imager to capture this image of "Santa Cruz," a hill within Jezero Crater, on April 29, 2021, the 68th Martian day, or sol, of the mission. *Credits: NASA/JPL-Caltech/ASU/MSSS*

The Latest Weather from Jezero Crater

Perseverance is taking regular weather measurements at Jezero Crater, in the Isidis Planitia region of Mars' northern hemisphere. At this location, it's currently mid spring.

Info courtesy nasa.gov



We're Flyin' Again!

By Mark Minnick

As of this writing on the 24th, Ingenuity is due to go up on it's 6th flight sometime this fourth week of May to a new location in the crater. The Gazette wishes the little robot only the best - Go get 'em!



An artist's concept of NASA's Ingenuity Mars Helicopter flying through the Red Planet's skies. *Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech*

Our friendly Mars weather lady gives us the recent high and low temps direct from Jezero Crater on the surface of Mars. It look's hot, dry and sunny in the images. Then you look and realize that the high for the day is a -5 degrees - WOW! And -115 at night - YOWZERS! I wonder if it will warm up this summer? We'll see...

-115°F at night! Brrrrr!!!

Sol 84	Sol 85	Sol 86	Sol 87	Sol 88	Sol 89	Sol 90
May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21
High: -5°F	High: -3°F	High: -1°F	High: -5°F	High: -3°F	High: -4°F	High: -8°F
Low: -113°F	Low: -114°F	Low: -114°F	Low: -115°F	Low: -114°F	Low: -115°F	Low: -115°F

Info courtesy nasa.gov

Summer Fun

It's Time for Some Softball!





Pee Wee's

6-10 yr olds

-Every Monday Evening, 6:30 pm-

Starts June 7th

Pee Wee's

10 yr olds & up

-Every Tuesday Evening, 6:30 pm-

Starts June 8th

Adult Co-ed's

-Every Friday Night,6:30 pm-

Starts June 4th



The concession stand will be open for all games. Be sure to stop on down and enjoy a hotdog, brat, or popcorn plus more.

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"We Serve"

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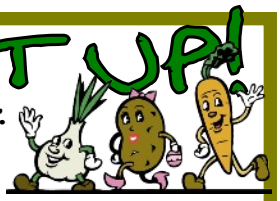
"Food and spices….together. What a concept!"

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



ASPARAGUS QUICHE

By Grace Kamrath

How many of you are eating asparagus already? Isn't it one of the best foods to come in spring? I decided I needed to put a serious recipe in this month and what better way to use some of the delicious asparagus. I have gotten a bit lazy and use ready made pie crusts of late. Not sure is using frozen asparagus would be a good idea for the quiche but for sure the fresh is great. Quiche is great for breakfast or lunch or really anytime.

ASPARAGUS QUICHE

- 1 unbaked pie shell
- 1 pound asparagus, trimmed and cut in 1 inch pieces.
- 6 strips bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 c.half and half
- 1 c. Parmesan cheese, divided (freshly grated is best)
- 1 T. green onions, sliced
- 1/2 t. salt (opt)
- 1/4 t. pepper
- Pinch of ground nutmeg (opt)

Line the pastry shell with a double thickness of foil. Bake at 450 degrees for 5 minutes; remove foil and bake 5 minutes longer. Set aside.

Cook asparagus in small amount of water until crisp-tender, 3 to 4 minutes. Drainwell. Arrange bacon and asparagus in pie shell. In medium mixing bowl, beat eggs. Add cream, 1/2 c. cheese, onions, salt and pepper and nutmeg. Pour into pastry shell. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 c. cheese. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350; bake 20 to 25 minutes longer, till knife inserted in center comes out clean. Makes 6 good size servings.



I was visiting with my daughter on her front porch when we noticed a neighbor was having a rummage sale. There were no other customers there yet so we quickly walked over to see what bargains we could find.

We searched through all the junk scattered around the lawn and driveway and we each found an armload of things we just couldn't be without. My daughter noticed a gentleman leaning against the garage door watching us.

She greeted him and expressed her joy with rummage sales. He didn't seem to think too much of them. So daughter asked "So is this the first rummage sale you've ever had?"

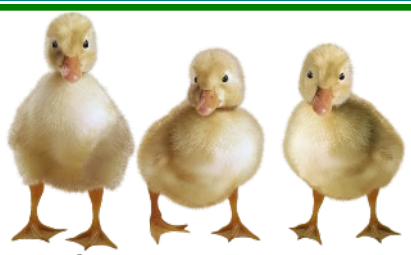
"Lady", he said. "I ain't having anything. I just moved this stuff out of the garage so I could paint." We were so embarrassed! We put everything back on the lawn and driveway and got away quickly.

ACGC
Students of the Month
-April-

From Mark Stier, ACGC Dean of Students

Hello to all. Here is hoping the sun is shining where you are and that next year I can send pictures to go along with the **Students of the Month**.

Seniors	Zach Schultz
	Cole Morse
	Taylor Fester
	Whitney Wolf
Juniors	Mikiya Kemmerling
	Jillien Lilleberg
	Anders Grimsgard
Sophomore	Hailey Sharp
	Colby Renne
	Brooke Hedtke
	Kincade Eisenbacher
	Shayla Olson
Freshman	Nicole Youngkrantz
8th	Kyla Bierwerth
	Owen Garvick
	Darrick Shriver
7th	Jackson Lee
6th	Ray Self
	Hunter Sharp
	Chevy Nordin
	Ruby Wendinger
	Carson Bengtson
5th	Aiden Needham



OK–MY DUCKS ARE IN A ROW. NOW WHAT?



"Life's a short trip. You'll find out."

Rodney Dangerfield





Area Angling Prognostications

By Mark Minnick

Our local DNR Fisheries office has passed along the latest version of their fishing picks for the area. These picks are their best bets for catching a particular species in a particular lake. They used recent surveys, angler reports and good old intuition to come to the conclusions they did. Take a look and give some a try. Good luck!

2021 TOP FISHING PICKS

Courtesy Hutchinson Fisheries

BLACK CRAPPIE

Manuella, Stella, Clear (New Ulm), *Marion,
**Clear (Watkins), **Hanska, ** Ripley, **Swan (Silver Lake), **Erie

BLUEGILL

Minnie-Belle, Clear (Watkins), *Stahls, *Stella, *Washington, **Francis, **Ripley, **Spring, **Union

CHANNEL CATFISH

Big Swan, *Marion, ** Betsy, **Hanska, **Swan (Silver Lake)

FLATHEAD CATFISH

**MN River

LARGEMOUTH and/or SMALLMOUTH BASS

Manuella, Minnie-Belle, Stella, Washington, *Erie, **Francis, **Greenleaf, **Jennie, **Spring

NORTHERN PIKE

Collinwood, Jennie, Manuella, Round, Minnie-Belle *Preston,
**Clear (Watkins), **Greenleaf, **Hoff, **Ripley, **Sleepy Eye, **Spring, **Star

RAINBOW TROUT and/or BROWN TROUT

Little Mud Lake, Ft. Ridgely Creek, Ramsey Creek, Seven Mile Creek, Spring Creek

WALLEYE

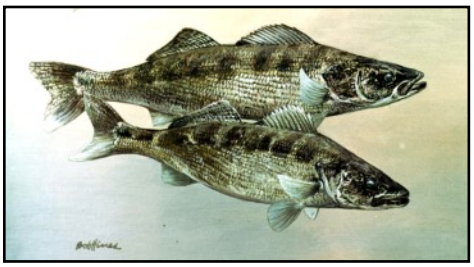
Belle, Collinwood, Marion, Minnie-Belle, Stella, *Allie, *Preston, **Buffalo Creek
*Otter,

YELLOW BULLHEAD

Minnie-Belle

YELLOW PERCH

Collinwood,
*Marion



-Key-

- 2020 DNR Assessments
- *2019 DNR Assessments
- **Recent Fishing Reports
- *Possible Partial

Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's ~~nice~~ outside!



All pictures and commentary by Mark Minnick

Late in the afternoon on Sunday, April 11th, I was driving into Cosmos from the west. I noticed billowing smoke to the east, rising seemingly miles in the air. I figured that a slough was burning, whether purposely or unintentionally. So I proceeded on down highway 7 east to find out where.

The farther I drove, the more I realized that this fire was pretty darned big. A couple of miles before Cedar Mills I noticed burned land to my right (south). The next mile east, I turned right off 7 and headed south. There I came upon personnel that looked to be the folks doing the 'burn' which was pretty much done by now. The identification on the vehicles indicated that these folks were from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service out of the Litchfield office.

I stopped and introduced myself, mentioning that I was an outdoors enthusiast and enjoyed watching these beneficial burns. Jared Culbertson introduced himself as the head of the crew, and filled me in on what had occurred on this wildlife area today. As we continued to converse, I mentioned that it would be great to see a 'burn' complete, from start to finish. He told me I was in luck as the East Rosendale tract north of Cosmos was due to be burned in the next couple of weeks, conditions permitting. I replied "Great, email me when you are going to do it."

A couple weeks later I received his email stating they were planning on Rosendale on April 30th, starting at 10-10:30 in the morning. With camera and notebook, I was there before they started. We quickly exchanged greetings, engaged in a little small talk and I got out of the way. Jared gave the crew instructions for the burn along with his thoughts on wind, humidity and prevailing weather. Then the crew proceeded to do what they do best, burn off the dead grass, undergrowth and invasive plants-while maintaining high safety standards. You can follow their progress on the next page.

Starting in the lower left corner (southwest) two crews work simultaneously. One up to the north flank and the other to the south flank, both eventually moving slowly towards the east. By the time they are starting fires on the east side, those fires march steadily to the west, helped by northeast and by the end, southeast breezes. As the fires met in the middle of the tract, it was over pretty much. Quite the spectacle that I was lucky enough to see.

Article courtesy USFWS Website, Litchfield, MN. District - www.fws.gov

Fire Management

Prescribed Burns

Every year many portions of the Districts' management units are selected for burning. Each unit is bordered by plowed land, developed fire breaks, waterways, or roads that enable the fire to be contained. The burn area is ignited by hand using a drip torch. District fire engines with trained fire fighters are on site to ensure the fire stays controlled. The Wetland District has its own fire engines, pumps, all-terrain vehicles, and other equipment necessary to safely conduct burns and respond to wildfires as needed.

Benefits

Fire removes dry, dead plant matter that has built up over the years. Periodic burning reduces the hazardous fuel build up on our units, opens up space for new plant growth, and provides better cover and food for wildlife. Burning helps restore and maintain many plant habitats. The burn allows nutrients locked up in the dried plants to be returned to the soil to be used by new plants. The increased seed production of native grasses that follow a burn enhances fall seed harvest used for new prairie restorations.

Most experts believe that, before settlement, any single acre of prairie probably burned every four or five years. This burning rotation was due either to fires caused by lightning, or fires set by Native Americans to drive game or improve local pastures to entice game to move in. Healthy prairies seem to thrive on this four or five year cycle. Ideally, wildlife managers would match that burn cycle for a patch of grass and allow it to rest for three or four years between burns. Occasionally, we burn a single unit repeatedly over several years to help control undesirable plants.

When to Burn

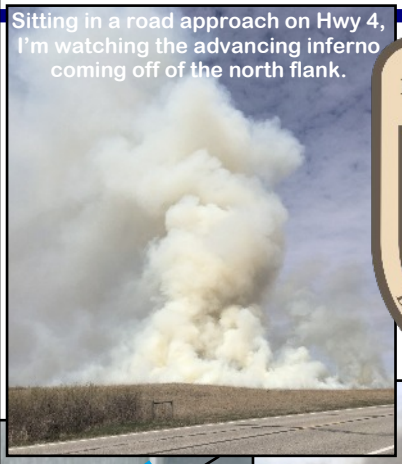
Wildlife management always involves tradeoffs. There is no decision that is best for every species of wildlife. Burn in the spring and you will destroy some nests but have better nesting cover in future years. Burn in the fall and you lose winter cover for some species but you improve the grass the following spring. Don't burn at all and you save money and work in the short term but lose prairie habitats and wildlife, creating a long term expense.



At the northwest corner, the tech begins to work east, up the north flank. Look closely and you can see a cyclone starting to form in the hot updraft.



The cyclone gets a little bit more pronounced in this view.



Sitting in a road approach on Hwy 4, I'm watching the advancing inferno coming off of the north flank.

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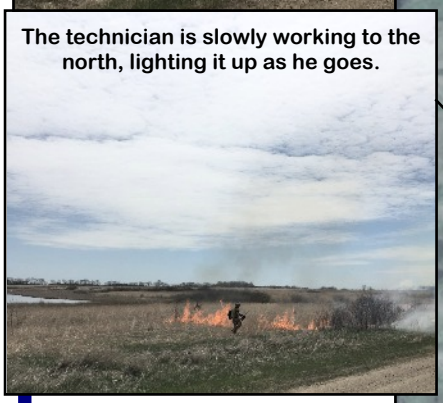
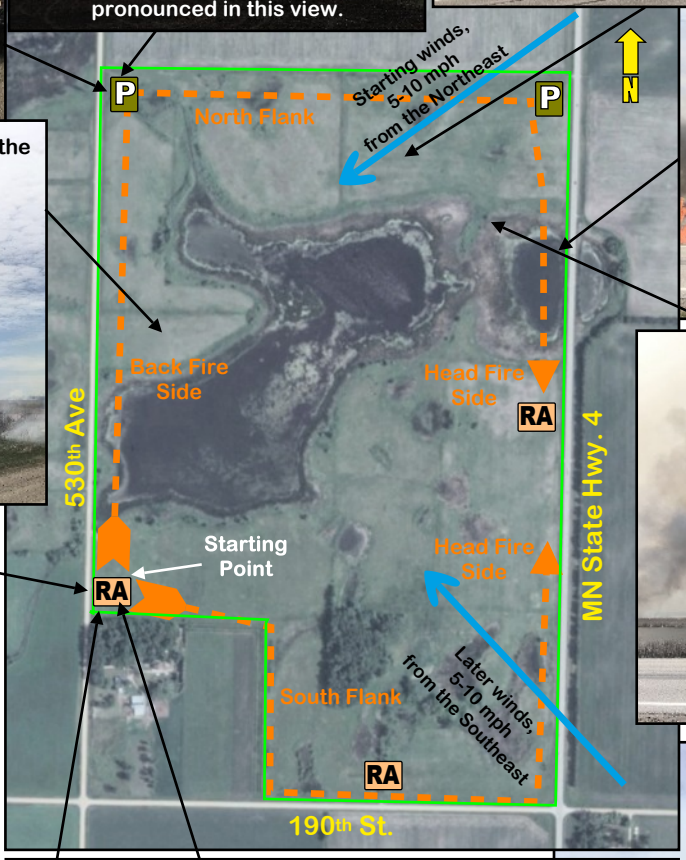
Highway to Hell? Nope, just to Grove City. Pretty darned hot though.



The technician is slowly working to the north, lighting it up as he goes.





Things are starting to peter out as fire meets fire.



Lookin' good so far. The dead grasses are burning nicely, and the fires are advancing slowly into the northeast breeze.

Rosendale Tract, East Half



Jared Culbertson gives the crews last minute instructions and safety reminders as they get ready to go to work. At this time they are burning into a northeast breeze.



KEY

P — Public Parking Area

RA — Road approach with access to tract

General direction the fire crews moved

Tract boundary



A mile down the road on the way home, I pointed the camera back north & took a pic, wanting to catch the dramatic column of smoke blown by the now southeast breeze.

"It's a Great Day for a Prescribed Fire"

Vintage Comics...& Then Some

"KRAZY KAT"



By Mark Minnick
I vaguely remember talk of this cartoon when I was a kid in the 60's. Lately, I rediscovered the comic strip at comicbookplus.com, so I read a bunch and began to enjoy it. Along with the dry humor, there is plenty of slapstick violence used; i.e.- Ignatz the mouse throwing a brick at Krazy Kat's head. I like that. This was before the Three Stooges too. I've included some daily strips from 1942 and a Sunday page from 1918. I hope you enjoy them.

The **Krazy Kat** comic strip debuted in New York Evening Journal October 13, 1913. Created by George Herriman it was published in daily papers until 1944. An interesting fact is that the publisher William Randolph Hearst was a great fan of Krazy Kat, and on occasions insisted that it appeared in his newspapers. Today, the often surreal strip is highly regarded and often quoted as a source of artistic inspiration.

The main characters are:
Krazy Kat - a mentally challenged cat who is head over heels in love with a mouse and misinterprets brick throwing as a sign of endearment.
Ignatz Mouse - the object of the cat's desire who unfortunately hates Krazy Kat, and makes that plain to everyone, bar the cat.
Offissa Pupp - whose sole objective is to lock up Ignatz Mouse in the county jail. ***Synopsis courtesy comicbookplus.com***

Daily Cartoon Strips, 1942

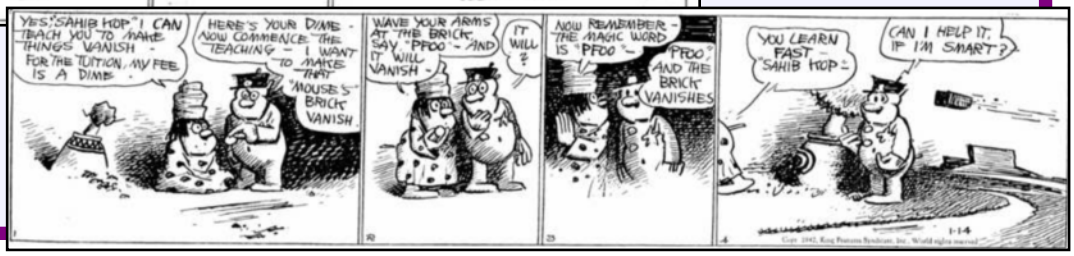












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Vintage Comics...& Then Some

"KRAZY KAT"

Spanish Flu Cartoon

Sunday Edition, 1918

By Mark Minnick

Krazy Kat creator George Harriman was referencing the 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic in this strip published that same year. It would be interesting to know if he got any blowback from applying humor to a health pandemic. It would also be interesting to know if any current cartoonists have incorporated Covid 19 into their comic strips and if there's been any reader backlash?











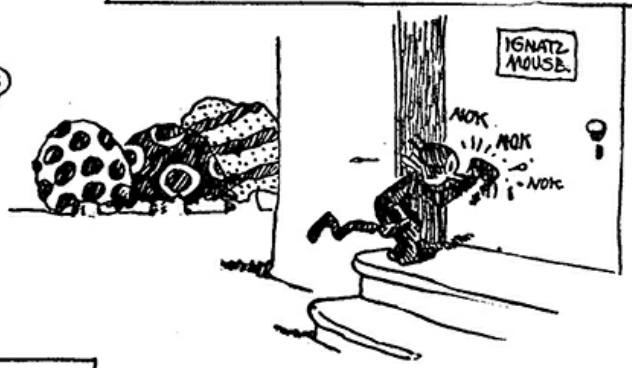





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The ACGC
Falcon Flyover
Events, Activities & Happenings in the Atwater/Cosmos/Grove City School District


Josh Kingery

Baseball

Sign That Kid Up!

Photo and commentary by Lynda Behm

Josh Kingery broke his own single season strikeout record and now has 107 strikeouts on the year with only 3 walks.

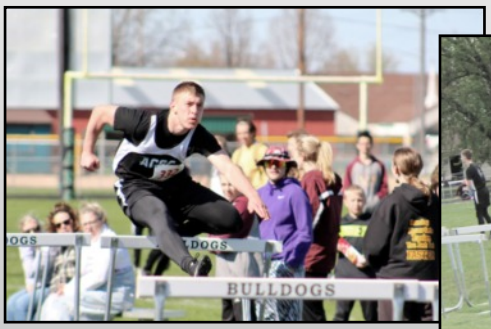
He also just tied the school record for home runs with his 5th home run of the season. He is tied with Josh Wallace and Justin Downes. He also just broke the single season RBI record and he now has 27 rbi breaking the school record of 25 set by Justin Downes in 2002.

He is 4 hits away from tying the hits record and 2 runs scored away from tying the runs scored record which are both held by Brad Hopp.

Track & Field

Picture and commentary LeAnn Melberg

The boy's track team is pretty competitive this track season. Led by Seniors: Braeden Pickle, Luke Trebbel, and Juniors: Landon Blom, Alex Kochan, Mason Studermann, Conner Peterson and Eric Melberg. The boys are getting stronger and faster at each meet and breaking personal records.



Landon Blom


Jevon Williams and Mason Studermann


Braeden Pickle and Luke Trebbel

Senior Athlete of the Year



Hayden Straumann was named the 2020-2021 Senior Athlete of the Year at this year's Evening of Excellence on May 19th. Hayden participates in football, wrestling and baseball.



Hunter Bjur waiting on a pitch.
Pic by LeAnn Melberg



Mrs. Angela Walsh's 6th Grade enjoyed working on a MN History Project outside without having to wear masks.
Pic by LeAnn Melberg



Abby Kragenbring pushes off the rubber.
Pic by LeAnn Melberg

Go Falcons!

ACGC Falcon Flyover

-ACGC 2021 Prom-

"A Mid Summer Night"

Commentary and pics by LeAnn Melberg

ACGC Junior and Seniors along with their guests got to enjoy a wonderful prom night after having it canceled last year because of Covid. The grand march was held at the school and then attendees boarded coach busses to a barn near Cold Spring.

At the barn venue there was plenty to keep them all busy. The attendees were entertained by Eric Shultz's DJ skills, yard games, Las Vegas Casino Entertainment, and plenty of food, pop and water. It worked out great having everything going on at the same time allowing attendees to be spread out.

Attendees were bussed back to the school where names were drawn for prizes.

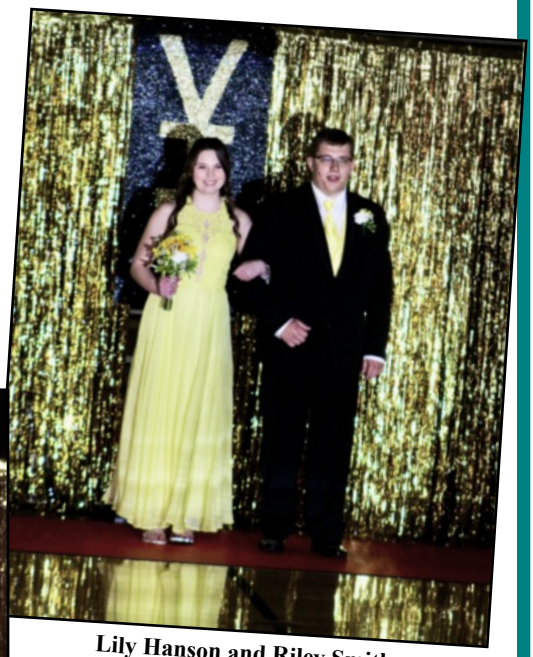
The Post Prom Committee would like to thank the community for all their financial support. We couldn't do it without you.



Laela Werner and Landon Blom



Hunter Bjur and Ciana Molinaro



Lily Hanson and Riley Smith



Brandon Jenkins and Nellie Laidlaw



Eric Melberg and Sarah Esendrop

~Scholarships and Awards~



Louis A. Roberg Scholarship **Taylor Fester, Andrew Slinden**
Norgaard Educational Trust Scholarship **Karla Schultz, Meghan McClain, Hanna Morrison**
Meeker Coop Electric Trust **Karla Schultz, Kari Schultz**
Alumni Scholarship **Wilson Gratz**
Adams Family Scholarship **Taylor Fester, Kari Schultz, Wilson Gratz**
ACGC Faculty Scholarship **Hayden Straumann, Raeanna Kaddatz**
ACGC Boosters Scholarship **Taylor Fester, Michelle Hebrink**
Atwater Area Lions Scholarship **Cole Erickson, Hannah Morrison**
ACGC National Honor Society Scholarship **Meghan McClain**
ACGC Wrestling Club Scholarship **Taylor Fester, Hayden Straumann**
Harvest Bank (AG) Scholarship **Wilson Gratz**
Harvest Bank (Good Student) Scholarship **Madisyn Gronseth**
Beack Thompson/Am Legion **Meghan McClain, Hannah Morrison, Michelle Hebrink, Kari Schultz, Karla Schultz**
Bruce Palm Memorial Scholarship **Michelle Hebrink**
Bushmills Ethanol Scholarship **Wilson Gratz**
BluEarth Renewables Scholarship **Hannah Morrison**
Educ Fund Samsted-Jensen Legion Scholarship **Michelle Hebrink, Meghan McClain**
Atwater American Legion Auxiliary **Michelle Hebrink**
Grove Bank Business Scholarship **Jake Boonstra, Taylor Fester**
Grove City Alumni Scholarship **Taylor Fester**
Grove City Lions Scholarship **Taylor Fester, Karla Schultz**
Harold Bjur Scholarship **Wilson Gratz**
Helen & Ruth Peterson Scholarship **Levi Lilleberg, Hannah Morrison, Meghan McClain, Hayden Straumann**
Home State Bank (Ag) Scholarship **Cole Erickson**
Home State Bank (Top Student) Scholarship **Levi Lilleberg**
Marv Otto Scholarship **Kari Schultz, Brock Hedtke**
Lake Lillian Civic/Commerce **Kari Schultz**
Live United Scholarship **Kari Schultz, Michelle Hebrink**
Shonta Peterson Memorial Scholarship **Raeanna Kaddatz**
Zachary Junkermeier Memorial Scholarship **Cole Erickson**
Nick Lilleberg Memorial Scholarship **Andrew Slinden**
Jennifer (Witte) Norine Memorial Scholarship **Karla Schultz**
The Freedom Award **Michelle Hebrink**
Ag Country Scholarship **Wilson Gratz**
Jennie O Turkey Store Scholarship **Raeanna Kaddatz**
Meeker County Farm Bureau **Taylor Fester, Andrew Slinden Jr.**

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TIME WARP NEWS

Eunice wants to march with the band if she can be Batgirl. You bad guys better watch out!

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TUBA PLAYER Tom Kess not only wears the mask and cape of the "Batty Band", but bears a bat emblem on his tuba as well.

High school band goes "Batty"



"BATTY BAND" is seen in action parading Cosmos' main street, Milky Way, last week, in preparation for its many parade appearances this summer. In addition to the sign being carried by the pair in front, the band sports an all new "Bat Man" outfit featuring long black stockings, white shorts and shirts, black capes, and masks. --Cosmos News Staff Photo.

COSMOS--If you were to say the Cosmos Band has gone completely batty, you might be absolutely right. One look at the band in full parade dress would convince you of this fact.

The band this year for its summertime appearances at the many parades throughout this area has adopted a new uniform on the theme on the "Batman".

Each member of the band sports white shirt and shorts, with long black stockings, a black mask, and a black cape.

The silhouette of a bat (flying rodent) is also painted on the bell of the tuba. Other additions to the band include the new sign carried in front of the band by two boys proclaiming "Cosmos High School Marching Band". In the center of the banner is a crest of the Cosmos Royals. Preceeding the band, also, are a host of majorettes and flag twirlers and a drum major.

As the band marches in the parades, it plays the theme from the popular TV show "Batman".

4-H'ers attend state junior leadership confab

ST. PAUL--Nine Meeker County junior leaders will participate in the 47th State 4-H Junior Leadership Conference, June 20-23, in the 4-H Building on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul.

Junior leaders who will attend are Jeanette Carlson, Acton Buzzers; Jill Sletten, Busy Bees; Suzanne Arndt, Corvuso Go-getters; Hugh Smith, Ellsworth Lakers Lakers; Linda Wylie, Lake Betsy Stepping Stones; Jan Berke, Lfd. Satellites; Mary Ann Barka, Minniebelle Skippers; Gwen Johnson, North Star; Russell Jerabek, Union Grove Uniters.

Theme of the conference is "Pursuit of Excellence--In Stewardship of Self, in Personal Appearance and in Expanded 4-H Programs."

Objectives of the conferences are to help 4-H junior leaders gain inspiration and deepen the committment to pursue meaningful life goals, gain a better understanding of the scope and depth of 4-H and to increase understanding of the educational resources of their University.



CHARLIE THOR, former Cosmos area resident, displays the trophies and ribbons he won at the Inventors' Congress at Redwood Falls, last week end with his tractor power hitch. He won first prize in the agricultural division, runner-up in the popular vote, and grand prize, overall. --Cosmos News staff photo.

2-story school addition discussed

COSMOS--Plans for a proposed addition to the Cosmos High School building were presented to the board of education at its June meeting, last Tuesday night.

Supt. Clayton Hovda showed plans of an addition to the east side of the gymnasium which he had an architect sketch for him.

The plan is for a 42 foot by 105 foot two-story addition built onto the east wall of the school gymnasium, which would include a large band room, a special classroom, and several storage rooms on the second floor. The ground floor would have two classrooms, a 30x34 wrestling room, and several other storage and utility rooms.

It is estimated that the entire cost of the addition would be approximately $123,000.

The band room on the second floor would measure 35 feet by 50 feet, with risers going up toward the east wall. The west wall of the band room would be a sound-proof fold-away wall, which could open during athletic and other contests (in the spot where the large windows at the top of the gym are now) and allow the band to play its numbers directly from the band room.

This room also would be used for chorus and other musical rehearsals, and in an emergency could even be used as an auxiliary classroom.

Mr. Hovda stated that it would solve several problems the school has. It would provide several additional classrooms for the school--two downstairs, one upstairs and would relieve the present band room to be used as a small classroom. It would enable the band to practice at all times and not have to share the gym with the many other activities which often take place there.

In addition, Mr. Hovda suggested that folding bleachers be installed in the gym instead of the permanent ones now there. This would give not only an additional seating capacity of 120, but would provide that during class time the bleachers could be folded up and that two basketball courts running east and west, side by side, could be operated at the same time, providing much additional physical educa-

School, turn to 16



CONFIRMED recently at First Lutheran Church of Cosmos is the class seen above with their pastor. In the front row are Don Frederiksen and Paul Nelson. Left to right in the back row are Michele Menton, Marvin Alberts, Rev. Peterson, Gary Kaping, and Debra Esping. --Photo by Brinkman Studio, Hutchinson.

Don Fetts SPORTS World

I HAVE BEEN AWAY at Boys State for the week and while there, I was virtually cut off from the outside world. Consequently, I heard practically nothing of the happenings in the world of sports.

I did manage to get my hands on a paper one day and one article that impressed me was about the Middle East war. It concerned a trade of POWs proposed by the Israelis, in which they would free 4,500 Arab prisoners in return for only nine Israeli prisoners. My reaction was one of two explanations: Either Arab prisoners are not too highly valued or Calvin Griffith has an influential position in the Israeli government. Sounds like a Twins trade, doesn't it?

WHILE THERE, I was on the newspaper staff and I grew to close friendship with another newspaperman, a boy from Hastings, who played on his high school's junior varsity baseball team. Of course, he followed closely his team's progress all the way to the state championship, which came during Boys State. He talked quite a lot about his team and particularly about their outstanding pitcher, Dan Carey. Carey, in his high school career, has never lost a game and is considered by many the best state prep pitcher in many a year. This year he struck out 234 batters in 96 innings of pitching, which is an average of about 17 per seven inning game! Plus this, he is a fine hitter and in his team's 24 games he hit about .340 with about 11 homeruns. In the State tournament he smashed a couple of 400 foot drives off the fence for doubles. He was drafted by the Mets.

Don Fett pitches no-hit game over Atwater

MONDAY evening the Cosmos Legion team journeyed to Atwater and came home with a fine 1 to 0 victory.

Don Fett pitched a masterful, no hit, no run game, walking but two men and whiffing 14 to gain the shutout win. Atwater's Doug Kingery was almost as effective allowing only one run on 3 hits, while walking just one man and fanning 12.

The lone run of the game came in the fourth inning when Jim Retzlaff and Fett led off with singles, advancing to third and second respectively on an error. Ron Wothe struck out, but Ron Bjur hit a bouncer to the right side of the infield and the attempt to nail Retzlaff at the plate was late. Kingery then shut the door and struck out the side.

Atwater threatened in the sixth when Bruce Schlueter dropped a third strike and allowed the runner to advance to second from which he stole third. Fett, however, was equal to the occasion and struck out the side.

Atwater again threatened in the seventh. The leadoff hitter struck out, but Kingery walked and stole second and third. Fett then struck out Stoffers and induced Elton to ground into the game ending out. This was the first Royal victory this season and the thrid in a series of 1-0 games with Atwater over the past two years. They next entertain Watkins here Thursday and Eden Valley here the following Thursday.

COSMOS	AB	R	H
Fett, Dave, 3b	2	0	0
Thomas, D, rf	3	0	0
Retzlaff, lb	3	1	1
Fett, Don, p	3	0	1
Wothe, lf	3	0	0
Bjur, cf	3	0	0
Schlueter, c	3	0	0
Thomas, C. 2b	3	0	0
Koerschen, ss	2	0	1
TOTALS	25	1	3

ATWATER	AB	R	H
Wallin, c	3	0	0
Norine, ss	3	0	0
Baker, rf	3	0	0
Kingery, p	2	0	0
Stoffers, 3b	3	0	0
Elton, lf	2	0	0
Junkermeier, 1b	2	0	0
Garner, 2b	2	0	0
Johnson, cf.	2	0	0
TOTALS	22	0	0



'FIGHTING OFF' wrecker's shovel is 70-year-old statue on Indianapolis building. Statue "won" and was given new home in the county historical society.

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Question Marks defeat Cosmos

by Bryan Flann

THE QUESTION Marks defeated the Cosmos team 8-4 on Wednesday at the 8:30 p.m. game.

The winning pitcher was Bryan Flann, giving up two hits, striking out four and walking six. The losing pitcher was Melberg, giving up nine hits, striking out one, and walking three.

The two hits by Cosmos were collected by Bjur and Thomas. Bryan Flann, Myron Flann and Randy Manderschied each got two hits for the Question Marks.

QUESTION MARKS	AB	R	H	E
D. Larson	2	1	0	0
B. Flann	4	1	2	0
K. Sharpe	3	1	1	0
M. Flann	3	1	2	0
M. Coil	3	1	0	0
T. Sebring	3	0	1	0
R. Erickson	2	0	0	0
D. Jacobson	3	1	1	0
R. Manderschied	3	1	2	0
H. Flann	0	1	0	0
Total	26	8	9	0

COSMOS	AB	R	H	E
Lundstrom	3	0	0	0
Koerschen	3	0	0	0
Sharpe	3	1	0	0
Rennecke	2	1	0	0
Melberg	1	2	0	0
Bjur	2	0	1	0
Thomas	3	0	1	0
Koerschen	3	0	0	0
Egge	1	0	0	0
Total	21	4	2	0

LEAGUE STANDINGS
7-71 Softball

	W	L
LAKE LILLIAN COMETS	1	0
BLOMKEST	1	0
QUESTION MARKS	1	1
SVEA	0	1
COSMOS	0	1

Cosmos Twins party is Sunday

COSMOS--A Cosmos Twins baseball party will be held on Sunday, June 25.

People from this area will take a bus from Cosmos at 11:15 to attend the Twins-Chicago afternoon game. The bus will load at the First State Bank.

Tickets, which include a reserved ticket and the bus ride, cost $5 each, and may be purchased at the bank or at Paul's Barber Shop.

The affair is sponsored by the Cosmos Lions Club.

30 county 4-H'ers attend District week

MORRIS--Thirty Meeker County 4-H Club members will be attending a District 4-H Club week June 13-15. It will be held at the University of Minnesota, Morris. Ken Carlier, Associate County Agent reports that 300 boys and girls from ten counties will be participating in the District 4-H Club Week.

The purpose of club week is to provide an opportunity for 4-H boys and girls to make new friends, exchange ideas on 4-H club work, attend educational classes and have fun.

The 4-H members who will be attending from Meeker County are:

Jean Struthers, Danny Malinski, Acton Buzzers; Mary Levinski, Stan Katlack, Busy Bees; Ronnie Schlueter, Cedar Mills Jets; Gail Schwandt, Keith Adams, Corvuso Go-getters; David Sharpe, Cosmos Comets; Greg Knutson, Danielson Hustlers; Pat Paul, Ellsworth Lakers; Fred McGuire, Betty Schoolmeesters, Forest City Livewires; Greg Dylla, Harvey; Kris Gates, Kingston Hi-Lites; Joan Wylie, Lake Betsy Steppeing Stones; Terry Nelson, Lamplighters, Connie Markuson, Lfd. Rockets; Kevin Hall, Lfd. Darts; Claude Anderson, Mae Beth Higgins, Minniebelle Skippers; Donald Christofferson, North Star; Jimmy Schmidt, South Koronis; Mary Jane Evenson, Noel Sederstrom, Star Lake; Yvonne Schultz, Townliners; Lou Ann Lahr, Tyrone Beavers; Eben Laidlaw, Union Grove Uniters; Janel Friederichs, Valley Victors.

Junior Counselors will be Carol Paul, Ellsworth Lakers and Kevin Ostlund, Lamplighters.

Chaperones will be Joanne Lofgren, Meeker County 4-H Assistant and Russ Bjorhus, County Agent.

Dassel downs Cosmos Legion

THE DASSEL American Legion baseball team defeated the local legion team by a score of 7 to 3 at Cosmos, Thursday, June 15.

For Cosmos, Ron Bjur took the loss allowing 7 runs on 6 hits while walking 3 and striking out 5. Dassel's Dale Isaacson picked up the win holding the locals to 3 runs on 3 hits, while walking 3 and striking out 10.

Dassel jumped off to an early lead scoring 3 runs in the top of the second. Cosmos countered pushing across one run in the bottom half of the frame. Dassel then scored single runs in the third and fifth innings to take the lead 5 to 1.

In the sixth the Royals made some attempt to get back in the ballgame. Craig Thomas and Bruce Schlueter both walked and scored on a double by Dale Thomas. The threat, however, stopped here and Dassel added two insurance runs in the seventh to wrap it up.

Dale Thomas had two of his team's three hits with a single and double with Jim Retzlaff adding a single. The Dassel e attack was well balanced with only Lenny Pratt gaining two hits.



LOOK OF SYMPATHY crosses face of Dave Armstrong as he watches Northern Illinois U. teammate Joe Zotaza fall in water in 38-degree temperatures during 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Attend annual institute on aging

LITCHFIELD--Mrs. Frank Koch from Eden Valley, Mrs. Harriet Berg from Dassel, Miss Wendy Ryti from Cosmos, and Mrs. Esther O'Brien, Case worker from the Meeker County Welfare Department, attended the 9th Annual Institute on Aging at Gustavus Adolphus College Tuesday, June 6, 1967.

The theme of the Institute was "Leisure for the Aging - Bane or Blessing?"

Mr. Morris Cohen, of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare of Washington, D.C. gave a very informational talk on Senior Centers. The group attended a Workshop on Crafts for the Aged in the afternoon.

Reducing?
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Potatoes such as California Long Whites should be included in the well-balanced reducing diet. Potatoes do have high quality carbohydrates but are only one-thousandth part fat which keeps down the calorie count. In addition, they contain a wide range of nutrients in valuable amounts —vitamins, minerals, some high grade protein. They are familiar, "comforting" to those who must re-educate their appetites. California Long White potatoes are in excellent supply June through September.

FRESH CHIVE STUFFED BAKED POTATOES

8 large California Long White potatoes
1 package (8 oz.) skim milk cottage cheese
¼ cup skim milk
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh chives
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

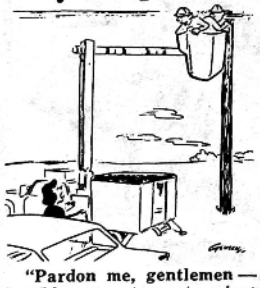
Wash and dry potatoes. Bake in preheated hot oven (425° F.) 1 hour or until tender. Meantime, combine cottage cheese, skim milk and chives in blender or mixing bowl. Beat at high speeds until mixture is of sour cream consistency. Cut slice from top of each potato and reserve. Scoop out centers, being careful not to break skins. Mash until fluffy. Add cottage cheese-chive mixture, salt and black pepper and mix well. Pile into shells. Top with reserved potato slices. Place on baking dish and return to oven until hot. YIELD: 8 servings.

POTATOES A L'ECHIRLETE

6 large California Long White potatoes
1 cup boiling chicken stock
1 clove fresh garlic
1½ teaspoons salt
2 tablespoons chicken fat
⅛ teaspoon ground black pepper
Chopped fresh parsley

Peel potatoes and quarter. Place in saucepan with stock, garlic and salt. Cover and cook 25 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Remove garlic. If all liquid is not absorbed, remove cover and cook potatoes until they are dry. Add fat and black pepper. Cook slowly until potatoes have lightly browned. Garnish with chopped fresh parsley. Serve with roast pork, beef, veal or lamb. YIELD: 8 servings.

My Neighbors



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"Nevada Smith"--Adults.

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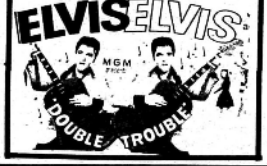

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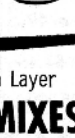

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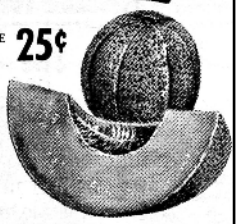

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Thoughts & Observations



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

Under the heading, "Credit where credit is due" - I wanted to take time to recognize **Joyce Karrigan**, long time Cosmos resident. She recently retired from her career with the United States Postal Service. In recent years, Joyce served as postmaster at the Atwater, Grove City and Cosmos post offices. Thank you for your years of service. I bet you'll miss licking stamps though…

The state mask mandates are fading away. So, we are bringing back **The Galactic Gazette Pot Luck Lunch** on June 16th. See ad in this issue. Stop by, even if you don't bring any food. We've always got more than enough. Just don't plan on being hoggish on the mac and cheese or the brownies….ahem.

Whether you agree with the mask mandates or not, now that they are no longer in force, it seems that a couple of common sense health actions stand out:

- If you feel safer wearing a mask, wear one-but don't insist others have to.
- If you don't feel good or feel sick, stay home and get better.
- If you have dropped the mask, smile & wave-it's healthy.

Also under the heading, "Credit where credit is due" I'd like to recognize **Karen Jackson** for her years selling gas, groceries and putting up with cranky customers at the southwest corner of the intersection of Minnesota Highways 4 & 7 in Cosmos. She started with "4 & 7 Corner Mart", then the place changed hands to become "Schmidty's" and finally to "Casey's". Nineteen years total working at the same location. Cool. I'll miss her upbeat presence there. I wonder if she will tire of weeding her flowers?

I received an email from the Gazette subscriber and part-time "Rocket Scientist" **Jim Hartung** - all the way from California! *(The marvels of Al Gore's internets, eh?)*

Jim thanked me - for thanking him - for thanking me - whew…Here it is;

I just read the May issue of the Gazette, which arrived while I was on vacation. It was great, as always. And to my surprise, you mentioned the Mars Rover T-shirt in your "Thoughts and Observations" page! Thank you.
Best, Jim (and Carol) Hartung

I guess I'll finish with (what else) a thank you to Jim & Carol.

I really enjoyed watching the personnel from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service perform the prescribed burn at up on the Rosendale Waterfowl Production area. They were very patient and helpful with me as I asked questions about the whole production. But, we didn't talk too long as they wasted no time in getting the job done. I didn't time them, but I would estimate they spent 2 - 2 ½ hrs on the ground. Everyone knew their assignment and performed with efficiency and professionalism. It looked like they had done this sort of thing quite a few times.

"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

I plan on checking out the area as the spring and summer rolls on, watching the fresh growth, wildflowers and animals respond to the rejuvenated habitat.

On a final note, for those who think prescribed burns hurt more than they help, I disagree. Wildfires have torn across the prairie for thousands of years, before man was even here. It's a part of nature that healthy prairie ecosystems adapted to thousands of years ago. Even in the present day, occasional prairie fires are long term beneficial to wildlife.

I purposely watched for any animals fleeing from the activity and flames. I saw but one hen pheasant fly from a patch of grass that was 100 yards away from any flames. But, I'm not naïve enough to say that no animals are affected as a result of the fires. I just think that the many benefits outweigh the few downsides. Nature is a harsh mistress every day, fires or no fires.

A 'first' happened to me at the Minnesota Fishing Opener on May 15th. I didn't catch any 'real' fish to eat, i.e. walleyes or northerns. I was skunked. A real Charlie Brown failure. Oh the humanity! What we gonna do? It was almost worthy of a Mr. Bill - Ohh Noooo!!!

With my metaphorical tail between my legs and a worsening attitude late in the afternoon, I was ready to throw in the towel. Son Tyler's best GF Britt suggested we go chase some bass to break the monotony and catch something. So we switched to some plastic worms and proceeded to cast the appropriate areas.

Wadda ya know, we had a little action and some fun, catching a few fish. I was lucky enough to nab a an nice 18 inch specimen. Britt sternly insisted it was worthy of a picture in the Gazette. I don't like to self promote but…here it is anyway, as I was told to do.
I think the fish would look bigger if big ole' me wasn't in the background. Sigh.



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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".



Two readers identified the person in our Whozit? column last month. Here's the winners;
The solder in the Whozit is Ralph Inselmann, right?
Delores Arndt
That is my Papa, Ralph Inselmann!
Mickena Inselmann
Looks like we gotta dig out some more KewPies!



On duty in Vietnam

RALPH INSELMANN son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Inselmann, Sr., of Cosmos, dressed in camouflaged uniform squats in the doorway of a Vietnamese building in the photo above. In his right hand he holds his rifle at "ready", a clip of shells ready in his left. 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.

Flag Day

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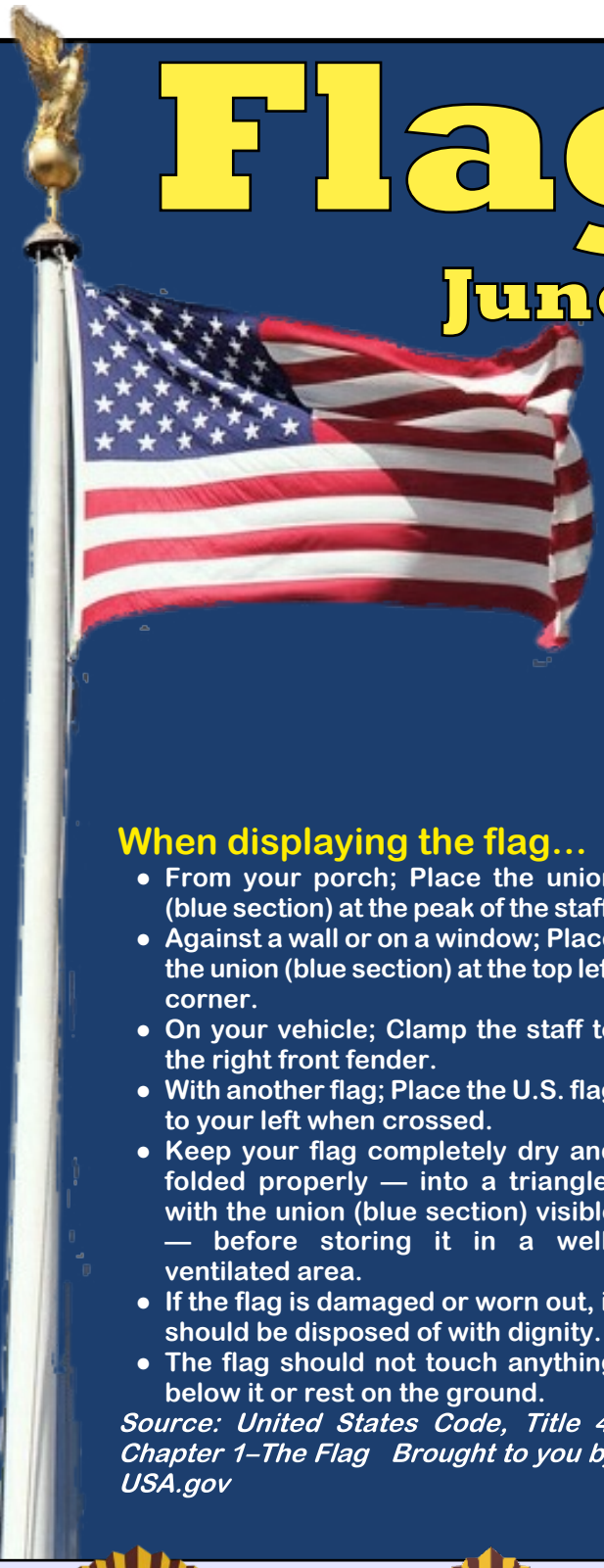

How to display the American Flag

Courtesy of www.usa.gov

The U.S. flag stands for our nation and the shared history, pride, principles, and commitment of its people. When we properly display this powerful symbol, we signal our respect for everything it represents.

A. The flag shouldn't be flown in inclement weather unless it's an all-weather flag.
B. Flags displayed at night should be properly illuminated.
C. In a time of national mourning, hang the flag at half-mast.
D. The flag can be flown every day, but it is often flown to show patriotism on these observances:

- New Year's Day
- Inauguration Day
- Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday
- Lincoln's Birthday
- Washington's Birthday (Presidents Day)
- National Vietnam War Veterans Day
- Easter Sunday
- Armed Forces Day
- Memorial Day
- Flag Day
- Independence Day
- National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
- Labor Day
- Constitution Day
- Columbus Day
- Navy Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

When displaying the flag…

- From your porch; Place the union (blue section) at the peak of the staff.
- Against a wall or on a window; Place the union (blue section) at the top left corner.
- On your vehicle; Clamp the staff to the right front fender.
- With another flag; Place the U.S. flag to your left when crossed.
- Keep your flag completely dry and folded properly — into a triangle, with the union (blue section) visible — before storing it in a well-ventilated area.
- If the flag is damaged or worn out, it should be disposed of with dignity.
- The flag should not touch anything below it or rest on the ground.

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