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The Galactic Gazette

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The view at the beach is just swell.

Weather: Lazy, hazy, crazy. "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"

Cosmos Space Festival 2020



Batter at home plate with the water tower in the background. A tourney classic.



Cold beer and raffle tickets here!



Patrons showing up for the live music at Mug Shots.

Pictures (except where noted otherwise) and commentary by Mark Minnick

The 2020 Cosmos Space Festival was again a successful, albeit Covid 19 abbreviated, celebration this year. July 17th - 20th saw a few activities for the locals to participate in and enjoy.

Friday afternoon and evening brought us the start of the mixed doubles softball tournament at the city softball park. The Cosmos Fire & Ambulance Department were there, proudly showing off their new horse/beer trailer. Chief Herb insisted that their newest acquisition will excel at keeping the kegs cold, fresh and lively. They also promoted and sold raffle tickets, to raise funds for other department needs. Later on in the evening, there was live music at Mug Shots Bar and Grill. Patrons enjoyed the tunes, cooled off in the air conditioning and spent time catching up with old friends over a few cold ones while socially distancing, of course.



It finally cooled down outside.

Saturday ushered in atypical Space Festival weather; ninety some degrees, sopping wet humidity and little breeze. *(Yea well, it's Space Fest, what else is new?)* Despite the weather conditions, the softball players showed up and soldered on with their mixed doubles tourney. The Corvuso Meats food truck made the long, arduous journey from Corvuso, to provide the crowd with nourishing meats and other good things. The firemen were back too, with their icy cold 'horse trailer' brew and raffle tickets.

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Cosmos Space Festival 2020



The Space Festival Softball Tournament provided some welcomed relief for the 'stick and ball' deprived folks.

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Mug Shots sponsored a Car Show in their parking lot, from noon till 2:00. Twenty six vehicles entered the display and contest, with spectator judging based simply on which entry they liked the best. A favorite, in other words, plain and simple. The car folks and spectators ended up hanging out for a good portion of the afternoon after the judging was over. Conversation and smiles were everywhere.

Sunday dawned with only a slight relief from the sauna like weather. It didn't slow down the guys and gals playing softball though. They finished up their tournament later in the afternoon, with Walt's of Willmar being the victors. The ever present Fire & Ambulance squad again served malted refreshments for the thirsty and drew for the winners of their popular raffle.



Swing batter!

It was a very abbreviated Cosmos Space Festival. I thought it was still fun, even if there wasn't a parade. *(Parades are overrated anyway-unless you're a chicken.)* If folks didn't smile and have some fun this weekend, I feel bad for 'em. A big "Thank-you" goes out to the committee, regardless.

Mug Shots Car Show Winner



The Car Show Winner was this '66 Chevy Impala SS. It's owned by Steve Rasmusson, who came all the way from Rochester, MN. Zoom, zoom!
Pic by Brent Miner



As the spectators watch the softball game, the Cosmos Fire & Ambulance Squad members enthusiastically pour beers from their new beer/horse trailer. (Or horse/beer-which is it? Who's on first…?) The crowd was impressed….with the trailer I mean.
Pic by Mark Minnick

Cosmos Space Festival 2020



Griffin Martin and Grandpa Dale enjoying ball games and secrets at Space Fest.

Photo & commentary by Joyce Karrigan



Cosmos Space Festival 2020
-Mixed Doubles Softball Champs-



Front Row L-R: **AJ Frederiksen, Anthony Whaylen, Matt Evans, Christian Kurth, Luke Battes**

Back Row L-R: **Kaylie Brazil, Ronni Mulllenbach, Kallie Wycoff, Tessa Ewert, Kim Garding**

"You just don't see that everyday"

Car Show Entrant

Harley-Davidson custom "Servi-car"

pic by Brent Miner



Mug Shots Car Show 2020



Panoramic view of the entrants.

"If you don't do wild things while you're young, you'll have nothing to smile about when you're old." *Unknown*



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CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
July 6, 2020

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Martin at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Tom McCarthy, Angelica Hopp, Emily Van Hatten and Jody Fruetel.

ALSO PRESENT: John Douville and David Medina

Adopt Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hopp to adopt the Agenda. Motion carried

Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by McCarthy, seconded by Van Hatten, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. June 11, 2020 City Council Minutes
b. Overtime Balances
c. Temporary Liquor License – Cosmos Lions Sep 5-7, 2020
d. 2020 Election – City Council Filing Dates - July 28 – Aug 11th.

VISITORS PRESENTATIONS

Paul Johnson – Candidate for Meeker County Commissioner was present to review his campaign for the commissioner position.

John Smith – Candidate for Meeker County Commissioner was present to review his campaign for the commissioner position.

Meeker County Sheriff's Office – Deputy Schafer was present to review June's activity.

July 6, 2020 Bills List - A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Van Hatten, to approve the July 6, 2020 Bills list with check numbers from 14364-14399 for $150,420.64. Motion carried**.**

Recess City Council Meeting for Public Hearing on Mosquito Abatement – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Fruetel, to recess the City Council meeting and open the public hearing on Mosquito Abatement at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried

With thirty to forty people present, several audience members presented their opinion on whether to discontinue mosquito spraying or not. Lee Danielson, who originally presented the petition to discontinue mosquito spraying, was opposed to the city continuing to spray. All other members who spoke were in favor of the continued spraying of mosquitos. Some residents provided background on the chemical used to spraying mosquitos and felt it was a safe way to abate the nuisance.

By statute, once a petition is presented, the City Council can immediately abate mosquito spraying or put the question on the November General Election.

Close Public Hearing – A motion by McCarthy, seconded by Van Hatten, to close the Public Hearing on mosquito abatement at 6:27 p.m. Motion carried

Reconvene Regular City Council Meeting – A motion by Hopp, seconded by McCarthy, to reconvene the regular city council meeting 6:27 p.m. Motion carried

Councilmember Hopp thanked the residents for participating and their respective comments.

Mosquito Abatement on Ballot – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Fruetel, to place the mosquito abatement question on the November ballot. Motion carried

Council Meeting Date Changes - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to change the August and November council meetings to August 6th and November 9th at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried**.**

Department Heads – Public Works David Medina discussed the upcoming seal coating project.

Administrator Douville requested general feedback to begin drafting 2021 budget. New picnic tables, a capital plan for the ballpark and a future brush site were discussed.

Councilmember Van Hatten discussed a Spacefest softball tournament for July 18-19th. Mugshots would have an indoor band on Friday, possible bean bag tournament.

Motion to Adjourn - A motion by McCarthy, seconded by Van Hatten, to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

- DRAFT-_____

John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

NOTICE TO:
-CITY OF COSMOS RESIDENTS-
2020 CLEAN UP DAY

Cosmos City Wide Clean-Up Day is scheduled for

Saturday August 8, 2020

City residents are encouraged to set items out at the curb on Friday evening for early Saturday morning pick up. Trucks will begin curbside service at 7:30AM.

Appliances, tires, and mattresses / box springs need to have prepaid stickers attached in order to be picked up. Stickers can be purchased at City Hall until August 6th, no later than 3 PM. Prices are as follows:

Appliances -- $15 each, Televisions -- $30 each,
Computer Monitors -- $20 each,
Mattresses / Box Springs -- $20 per piece
Tires: Car -- $5 each, Truck -- $17 each,
Tractor Tire -- $45 each. Add $15 per rim

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

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

-Clean Up Day is a service available to-

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800-246-7630) for further information

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M 3 Salisbury steak dinner
T 4 Broasted chicken dinner
W 5 Scalloped potatoes & ham w/toast
T 6 Meatloaf dinner
F 7 Zucchini hotdish

M 10 Pork chop dinner
T 11 French dip w/potato salad
W 12 Shrimp w/coleslaw
T 13 Beef commercial or dinner
F 14 Baked chicken dinner

M 17 Tacos w/tots
T 18 Chicken Alfredo w/garlic toast
W 19 Frisco burger w/coleslaw
T 20 Sausage & kraut dinner
F 21 Broasted chicken dinner

M 24 Fish sandwich w/potato salad
T 25 Meatball dinner
W 26 Chicken & rice w/coleslaw
T 27 BBQ chicken dinner
F 28 Beef stroganoff

M 31 Lasagna w/garlic toast

Mug Shots Bar & Grill

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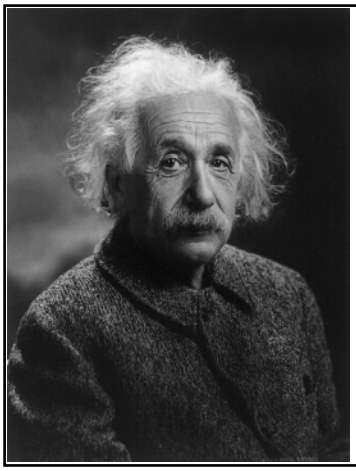
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Albert Einstein

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Don't miss an issue- you'll regret it!

Pretty smart guy, that Nat King Cole.

The Galactic Gazette



Department of

D'oh!

"We screwed up!"

*Last month in the July issue, I pictured neighbor Brandon Nelson holding a fish he caught and I called him Brian. *(Brandon, not the fish.)* D'oh!

"So often times it happens that we live our lives in chains, and we never even know we have the key." *The Eagles*

2020 Meeker County Mail Ballot Procedures

Voting in these locations will be entirely by mail ballot for both the Primary and General Elections.

Cedar Mills City & Township **Darwin Township** **Harvey Township**
Cosmos City & Township **Ellsworth Township** **Kingston City**
Danielson Township **Forest City Township**

- **Ballots will automatically be mailed to all registered voters in these mail ballot precincts.**
- **You may verify your registration status on line at www.mnvotes.org**
- **The ballots will not be forwarded to a temporary address.**
- **If you are not a registered voter, no ballot will automatically be mailed.**

Eligible voters not pre-registered by July 21st at 5 p.m. may request an absentee ballot application by one of the following methods:

- On line at www.mnvotes.org
- By phone: 320-693-5212
- By mail or in person: **Meeker County Auditor's Office, 325 N Sibley Ave., Litchfield MN 55355**

All ballots may be returned to the Meeker County Auditor's Office:

- By mail Prepaid postage return envelope is included when ballots are mailed
- Delivered in person by voter
- Delivered by designated agent Limited to three returned ballots and subject to I.D. verification

- Unfortunately, we are not allowed to accept ballots left in "drop boxes".
- Ballots hand delivered must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted.
- Ballots returned via the United Postal Service must be postmarked on or before August 11th, 2020, and received no later than Thursday August 13, 2020.

Normal business hours for the Meeker County Auditor's Office are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Extended hours for mail ballot voting, in-person drop off, voter assist terminal or absentee voting for non-registered voters:

Statewide Primary Election: Saturday, August 8, 2020 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monday, August 10, 2020 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Voters with disabilities or other special needs may access a voter assist terminal to mark their ballot. If you wish to vote in person, you may bring your ballot to the Auditor's Office. Officials are available at this location to assist with questions. The return envelope must be completed as directed and signed by the voter. For the Primary Election, a witness is not required for registered voters.

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Come & Go

Baby Shower



Parents to be

Emily & Nate Van Hatten

Sunday August 30th

1 - 3 PM

Cosmos Community Center

They are registered at Target.





'Texas' Tuck from Oakdale

-Woodbury Obedience Class of 2020-

Graduated - Sunday July 19th

"Finally able to sit for more than 10 seconds."

A dearly loved puppy, that can still be a pain in the @$$ twerp.

**Additional education and training will certainly be needed.*

Don't forget the Lion's Labor Day

"Big Green" Raffle

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We'll Vote on It in November

Pics and article by Mark Minnick

The City of Cosmos monthly council meeting on July 6th was better attended than most. Cosmos homeowner and resident Lee Danielson had submitted a petition to the city, asking that they discontinue the city wide spraying of mosquitos. Danielson had obtained more than one hundred signatures in opposition to the spraying.

By the city statutes, the council addressed the issue with a special hearing, whereas constituents could speak to the issue and voice their opinions. Numerous folks did get up in front of the assembly and say their piece. Everyone was for the continuation of mosquito spraying, with the only dissenting voice being that of Danielson.

The hearing was closed and the council reconvened the regular meeting. There wasn't any further discussion of the mosquito spraying issue. Council member Hopp made the motion to put the issue to a vote for city residents on the November ballot. The motion carried, so now the voters can decide.

Editors epilogue: Mosquito issues or not, it was refreshing to see so many folks attend a city council meeting. I think it would be great if these folks and more would show up every month, just as a matter of civic duty and support to the council. This is the way representative government and the rule of law is supposed to work. If you have a disagreement, you follow the rules to have your opinion heard and addressed. A petition is one way to do that. Civility works.

You don't have to have a complaint to show up at a meeting. Be aware of what's going on in your own city government. Across the country, we are seeing cities being torn apart, because of policies that constituents were unaware of or ignored. Paying attention is a good and smart thing.

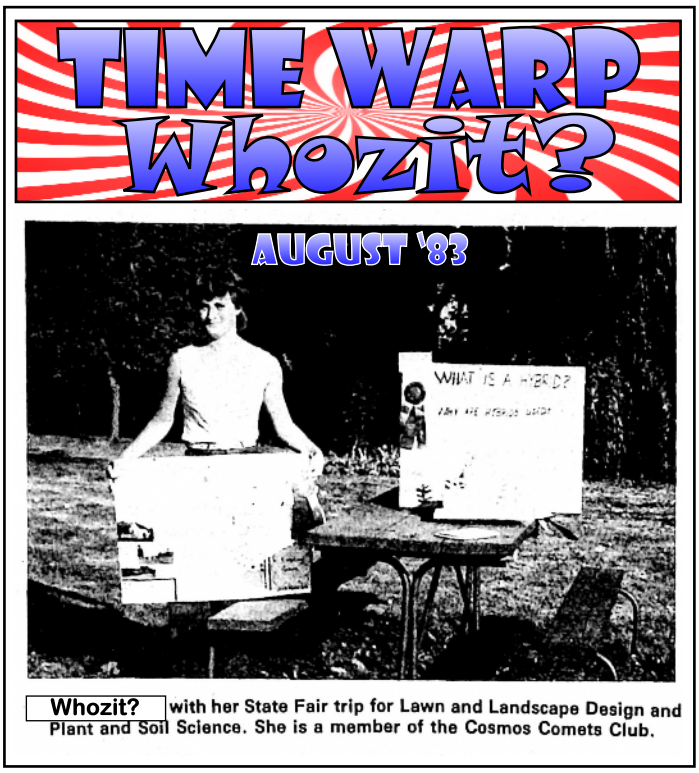
I would surely think that any of our council members would welcome support and input when it comes to city matters. Ask questions, make suggestions, offer to help and study the problem at hand. If you have plenty of knowledge on an issue, offer up that knowledge. Better yet, roll up your sleeves and help. You don't have to be a council member to do that.



Council and people social distancing, front….



….to back.



Whozit? with her State Fair trip for Lawn and Landscape Design and Plant and Soil Science. She is a member of the Cosmos Comets Club.

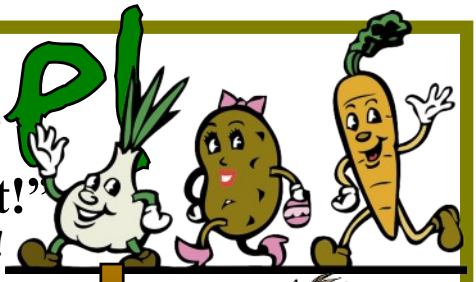


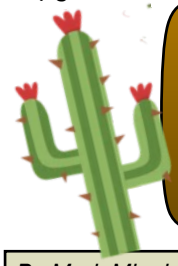
"Your mood should not dictate your manners." *Unknown*

Chef it Up!

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

Remember; Take the time to teach a kid how to cook!





Cowboy Caviar



By Mark Minnick

August, one of my favorite months of the year. The weather is nice, the fishing is good and everything is as green as green can be. The birds are quiet, crickets are chirping and the nights are starting to cool a bit. Does it get any better?

Then there is the fresh produce. Grocery stores, gardens and farmer's markets are brimming with fresh veggies. Taters, carrots, beans, tomatoes, cabbage and on and on. There's also the weird stuff that Minnesotans are scared to buy 'cuz…well…it's different. Tasty herbs, fiesty peppers and what's a 'bok' or a 'choy' anyway? Regardless, I like all of it.

This is the time of year when I get excited about concocting fresh salad combinations and marrying grilled meat selections with the best produce of the year. 'What's for dinner?' takes on a whole new meaning.

This version of Cowboy Caviar is one of those 'salads' that I really enjoy, by itself or as a side dish. My choice of tasty and crunchy veggies balanced with varying types of home cooked beans. Really, a meal in itself. Tough to beat and the belly gets full quickly. Good stuff Maynard.

Note; this dish is nothing more than the Mexican favorite, Pico De Gallo *(translation; raw salsa. Good stuff in it's own right)*- Tomatoes, onions, hot peppers, salt, cilantro and lime juice. Add beans, some spices and additional veggies and you've got my Cowboy 'Caviar'. Kudos to whoever thought up the name.



Cowboy Caviar

Ingredients;

- 1 Lb dried beans (Choice or mix and match; black, red, kidney, great northern, black eyed peas and lentils are beans I have tried-different textures and tastes, all good.)
- 2 fresh tomatoes, chopped small
- 2 cobs fresh corn, kernels cut off of the ear
- 2 Lg carrots, peeled and chopped small
- 1/4 to 1/2 green pepper, chopped small
- 2-3 Serrano peppers, dried or fresh, finely chopped. *(May sub favorite hot pepper, i.e.- Jalapeno, Cayenne, etc.)*
- 1 Med onion, chopped small
- 1 Lg rib celery, chopped small
- 1/4 C finely chopped celery leaves (sub any chopped greens that you enjoy, cabbage, parsley, cilantro, spinach, kale, Napa cabbage, etc.)
- Chicken bouillon, 4-6 tsp
- 1 Tsp McCormick Original All Purpose Salt Free seasoning *(or similar substitute.)*
- 1/2 Tsp coarse/fresh ground black pepper
- Big pinch Cumin (to taste)
- 1 Tbsp Kosher/pickling salt
- 1 Tbsp sugar (optional)
- 1/4 C fresh lemon or lime juice or white vinegar

Directions;

Quick soak beans according to instructions on bag. (Lentils don't need to soak, just cook, drain and rinse.) Drain and rinse beans. Put back in pot, add enough water to about an inch over the beans. Bring to boil, reduce to a simmer immediately. Add chicken bouillon to cooking water to taste, approximately 1 tsp per cup of water. Gently simmer beans while periodically testing for desired doneness and texture.

When beans are done, drain bouillon water and rinse beans. (You may wish to save cooking water for soup stock to use at a later date-freeze it!) Cool beans, in fridge is best, before adding other ingredients.

In large bowl, 14-16 cup, add all ingredients, stirring and mixing as you go. If after mixing, you want to add more of an ingredient, go ahead and do it. Example; "I'd like another cob of corn, more cabbage or another rib of celery."

Let sit in fridge for at least an hour, mix up with spoon and taste. Add more vinegar, salt, or spices to your taste.

Remember: the vinegar and salt work to kill the bacteria on the raw stuff, so don't be afraid to add more of either. If it seems too tart right away, give it some time. The mix will mellow and get sweeter the longer it sits, overnight works well. If still too tart, add some sugar.

If it could use some more "pop" add some more vinegar/salt/spices to the mix. Use your best judgement. Makes about 10 cups. Enjoy it and impress your friends!

Now wait just a minute there Pilgrim…



So, you think you're going to make this without the hot peppers? C'mon, that kind of defeats the purpose of the dish. A southwest Tex-Mex dish is supposed to have some zip. Besides, the heat of the peppers really mellows after sitting overnight, as all of the wonderful flavors meld together. Good stuff Maynard.

It would be like having strawberry shortcake without strawberries or whipped cream - OK…meh…but not great.

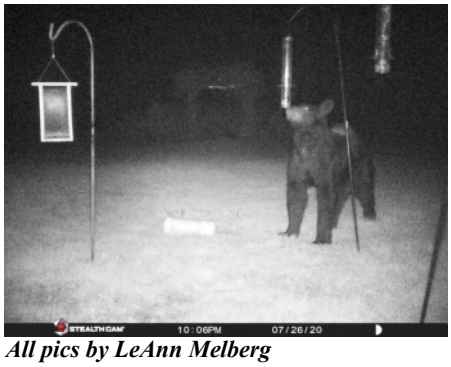
"Life isn't fair. A fair's a place where you eat corn dogs and ride the ferris wheel." *Jennifer Brown*

Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!

Question: Does a bear poop in the woods?

Answer: Not when you can go on a nicely manicured lawn.
Plus, there's no thorny underbrush and the skeeters aren't so bad.





All pics by LeAnn Melberg

Story by Mark Minnick

What do you think of when you think of Black Bears? Does this conjure up visions of cool, crystal clear lakes, deep northern woods and the fragrance of aromatic pine? Well, how 'bout the 'hinterlands' of Renville county, with it's fields of corn, soybeans and beets? Not probable bear-wise, you say? Read on…

Cracker jack reporter for the Gazette's "Falcon Flyover" section, LeAnn Melberg, inadvertently became the Outdoors reporter this month. She emailed me pics of some odd backyard goings on in northern Renville county. Nothing to do with cheap beer, either.

Out and about in the yard one morning, she noticed that the birdseed container wasn't next to the garage where it was supposed to be. She looked around and noticed it near the grove on the edge of the farmstead. As she walked over to inspect the container, she wondered how it got over there. Coming up on the container, she noticed that most of the seed was gone and there were holes and tears in the plastic sides. Now her thoughts turned to *what* was messing with the seed; Dog, coyote, local jokester, elephant….alien? She figured that a properly positioned game camera was in order.

The pictures above don't lie; it was a good ol' Black bear, looking for a little midnight snack. The Outdoors section featured a similar story in the June '18 issue with a sighting down by Brownton in May of that year. This sighting is probably pretty similar, situation wise.

As the young bears mature, they are shooed out of their born-in woodland territories by established adults, forced to go look for a new living area (and something to eat).

With all of the wooded areas full of resident bears, the youngsters head south to the prairie, (or what used to be prairie) looking for new territory. They find plenty of food, with agricultural crops and human food waste being readily available. This gets them in trouble with people though. There are no woods here either, until you get to the Minnesota River bottomlands. In-between it's corn, soybeans and sugar beets. Not a lot of cover.

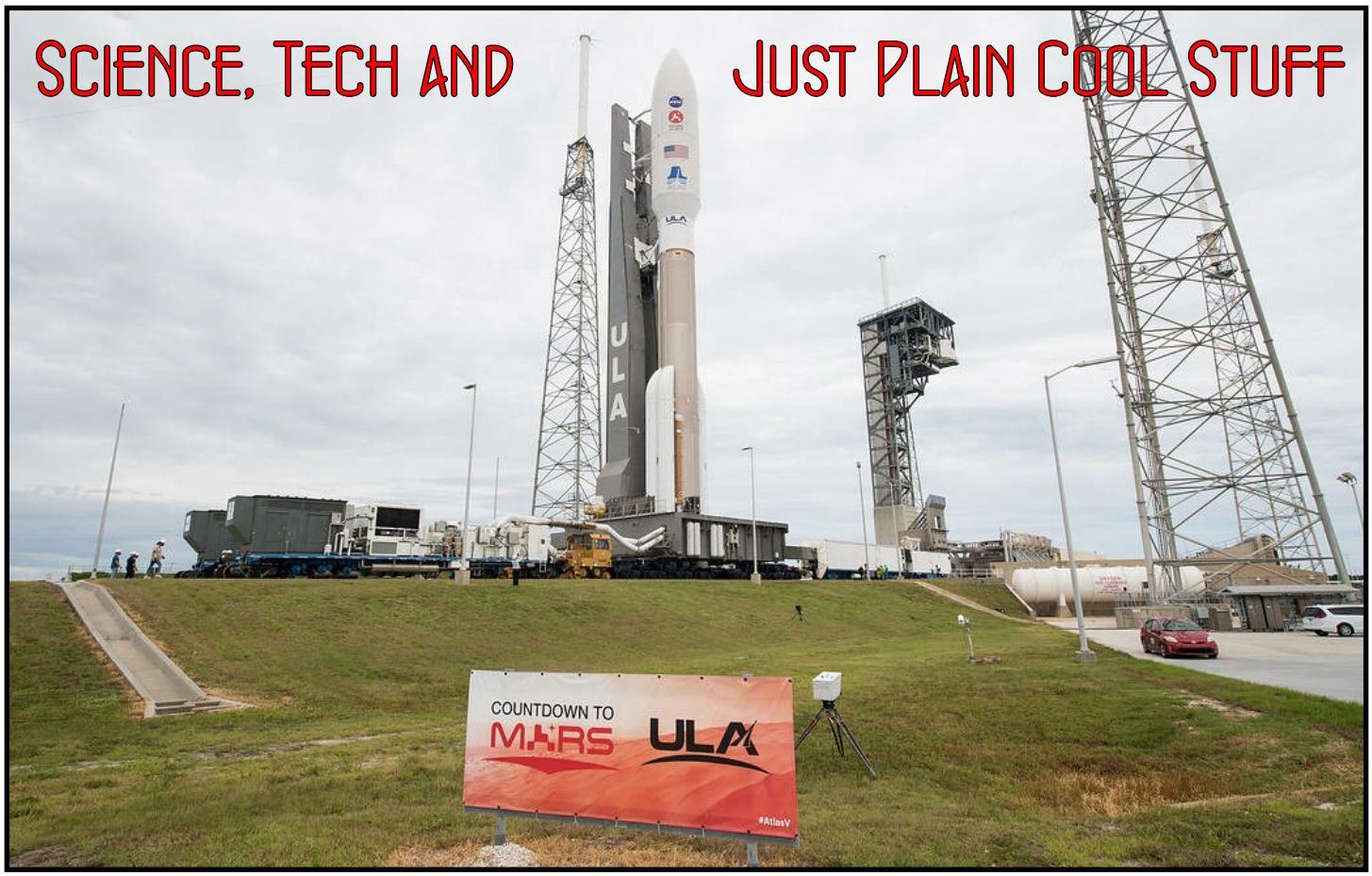
I wonder if a small population would be able to survive and reproduce in and near the Minnesota River woodlands? Would people even allow it? Food for thought….

In the meantime, pay attention when you're filling the bird feeders. And you thrifty Minnesotan's probably shouldn't be using any bacon grease for sunscreen. Just sayin….



The bruin pulled the container from the back of the garage to the edge of the grove, about 75 feet. *Notice the saliva and drool on the container.

"Don't tell your problems to everyone. 80% don't care and the other 20% are glad you have them.." *Anonymous*



A United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket with NASA's Mars 2020 Perseverance rover onboard is seen as it is rolled out of the Vertical Integration Facility to the launch pad at Space Launch Complex 41, Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida. The Perseverance rover is part of NASA's Mars Exploration Program, a long-term effort of robotic exploration of the Red Planet. Launch is scheduled for Thursday, July 30.

Image Credit: NASA/Joel Kowsky

Mars or BUST!

By Mark Minnick

As of this writing, the Mars 2020 mission is sitting on the launch pad in Cape Canaveral, Florida. Everything is a go for the planned July 30th launch. *(The date changed, as last month I reported that liftoff would be on July 22nd.)*

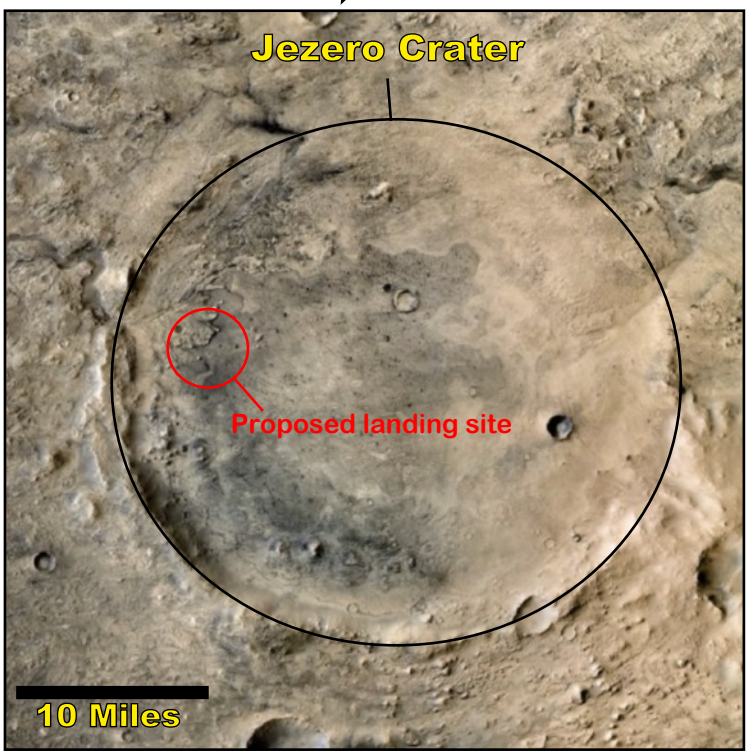
The Mars rover Perseverance, is scheduled to lift off atop a United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket Thursday during a two-hour window that opens at 7:50 a.m. EDT.

If everything goes well, Perseverance will touch down on the Martian surface on February 18th 2021. Just in case you wanted to know, when everything is timed out correctly, it is *only* a seven month trip to the Red Planet. (Here we go with that math that's outta my league and makes my head hurt.)

Then the little spacecraft is supposed to land in an area a little larger than the size of Cosmos. (Our town Cosmos, not the universe thingy.) This will all be done autonomously with some groundbreaking artificial intelligence within the onboard computer program.

Kinda like throwing a spool of thread at a needle that's one hundred miles away, then watching it thread that needle and radioing back to Earth asking what to do next. "Look for aliens and other neat stuff!" we say, as it trundles across the planet surface, going where we instruct it to go.

This sure looks to be the next cool adventure on the Red Planet. Stay tuned Buckaroos, it should be an interesting ride.



Crater image courtesy nasa.gov, added information graphics by The Galactic Gazette

"The universe seems neither benign nor hostile, merely indifferent." *Carl Sagan*



-The Galactic Gazette Presents-

Tales from the COSMIC Tavern & Lounge

D@+# Weather and a UB Moline

Pics and article by Mark Minnick

In the beginning of July, we were all commenting on how nice the summer had been and how nice the crops looked. Planting went early and swiftly. There was enough rain and plenty of sunshine. A week after the 4th of July, the tassels popped on the corn, as the stuff was way over my head. The beans were pushing three feet high and beets were going great guns too. Things were looking up.

Lest we forget, there is that other thing that goes with summer - Thunderstorms. Sometimes they just leave much needed rains. Other times, the dreaded tornado or two. Sometimes it's the icy version of rain - hail.

That was the case on Saturday afternoon


Corn, Brookfield Twp.

and evening of July 11th. In the 'local' area, hail destroyed crops to varying degrees from south of Lake Lillian to Osceola and Brookfield townships. (Surely there was more if you wanted to go looking for damage.)

Wife Deb and I went on an excursion to survey some of the damage. We started in the Brookfield area and worked our way west. I could have taken many more pictures but a pummeled field is a pummeled field. They kind of all look the same. I noticed that the bean fields smelled like freshly harvested peas. Stands to reason, they're both legumes. The shredded corn fields smelled like freshly chopped silage, only this stuff wasn't going in the silo.

Even for a city kid, there was a feeling of sadness and helplessness as you couldn't do a darned thing about the situation.


Soybeans, Brookfield Twp.

When we were in the Osceola area, I was reminded of one of Cosmos' farmer personalities that will never be duplicated; Oliver Ellsworth "Ole" Grimm. Ole farmed his home place just northwest of Cosmos, with the original building site now being owned and lived on by Yvette and Duane Martin.

Not afraid of work, but not ready to spend a lot of cash on machinery upgrades, Ole was partial the the Minneapolis Moline line of power. It worked plenty good enough last year, so it'll work plenty good enough this year seemed to be his motto. If something did break you could expect to hear "hoooo….ya might know!!!" followed by a string of swear words.

I don't remember all of the models of Moline tractors Ole had, but I remember it was


Sweet Corn, Oscelola Twp.

quite a few. He would generally leave the piece of field machinery attached to the tractor so, whatever task he had to complete at the time, he'd just jumped on a certain combo, all hooked up and ready to go.

It did seem that he was the most proud of his biggest tractor, the "UB". He would tell stories about it, reminding us always that you really didn't need anymore tractor than that. "Hoooo…Ya D@+# right!" followed by laughter.

Ole thought he was one of the early 'big' farmers in the seventies. Beside the home farm place, he also had to tend to farm property he inherited *(I believe)* down in Osceola township, southwest of Cosmos. Between the home place and Osceola he was back and forth; planting, cultivating, harvesting and plowing with the big fleet of Molines and associated machinery.


Sugar Beets, Osceola Twp.

I remember him on very cool spring day, pulling a piece of equipment hooked up to the UB, going down to Osceola to work the ground before planting. He wore a faded hooded sweatshirt in addition to his normal work jacket. The hood drawstring was cinched up tight, barely exposing his face. I think he even had a lunch box and coffee thermos perched on the running boards. Everything was set for the big 8-9 mile expedition. "I'm headed down to Osceola, the other farm ya know." Surely, a big trip it was for this self made farmer.

As depressing as it is seeing the destruction that nature can do to places like Osceola Township, it helps to remember someone like Ole. Salty old farmer stories, forty horse tractors and four row cultivators can make for some pretty good medicine, if you let it.

TIDBITS



By Rick Nordin

Greetings! Hope this finds you well. It is difficult to see the destruction of the beautiful crops caused by a hail storm 7/11/20. It appears the hail started by Pennock, let up a bit and started again north of Lake Lillian and continued SE with about a 2-3 mile wide swath toward Stewart. The hail also caused damage to structures and cars. Hopefully those who sustained damage are insured to help recoup the loss.

Covid 19 continues to be in the news on a daily basis. What is fall going to look like for our rural schools? What about fall sports? What about football??? No doubt the last five months of Covid 19 has created an environment of stress.

Our usual response to "how are you doing" is answered "we're doing good" but actually our stomach may be sore from stress, we may have a tension headache, and we look for answers that are not being provided in the timeframe we prefer! How does a parent feel when a child is presented with disappointment of no school, distanced from friends, sports cancelled and family life greatly interrupted? How do we support them? Could we somehow have been better prepared? What does the future hold? What can we draw on to help us deal better with so much unknown?

After reflecting on this for a couple days, I believe a couple important ingredients are; faith there are good days ahead and keeping life in perspective. We are all on the journey of life. We do the best we can on a daily basis The dictionary has this definition for faith: belief in, devotion to, or trust in somebody or something, especially without logical proof. We don't know how the day is going to end.

But with faith in a loving God, faith in ourselves, faith in our friends, faith in good judgment, faith that life is good even though bad things happen, we make it through another day. Looking at the big picture, hopefully this is "just" a surprise chapter in our lives which we will learn from and we will move on and be better because of "it". So, maybe we really are doing "good".

LOL: Two antennas met on a roof fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent……"Doc, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home." "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome." "Is it common?" Well, "It's Not Unusual." …..I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any…….What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh…….Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (Oh, man, this is so bad, it's good).... A super-calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis. Have a great August!!

Thoughts from the windowsill of life.



Tippecanoe, left and Francine, right, ponder life choices.

"When Rome burned, the emperor's cats still expected to be fed on time." *Seanan McGuire*

CHEF IT UP!

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



Taco Salad

By Grace Kamrath

This would seem to be another good month for a salad. I chose TACO SALAD because it is easy and really good. The ingredients are simple and probably in your pantry already. It would be a great salad for a potluck. However, those being on hold for the time being. This would be a good salad for just a few people or even just one. The kidney beans could be frozen or used for another hotdish or chili. Wouldn't fresh tomatoes from the garden taste great in the salad!
Western Dressing is a must.

TACO SALAD

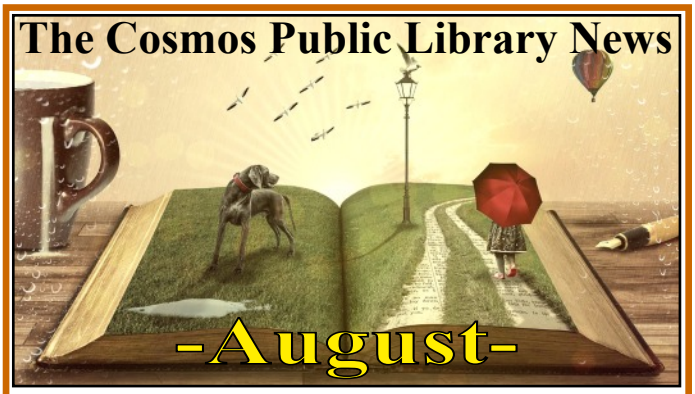
- 1/2 head lettuce sliced thin
- 4 green onions sliced thin
- 2 tomatoes cut in small pieces
- 1/2 can kidney beans
- 1/2 to 3/4 lb. browned hamburger or ground turkey

Directions; add 1/2 package taco seasoning following the directions on the package
Crush 3 or 4 handfuls of chips tortilla chips or fritos. (not potato chips or flavored chips)
Just before serving pour about 1/2 c. Western Dressing over and mix lightly.
This should serve 3 or 4 people .

Sometime ago our young grandson was visiting our home when he opened our family Bible. He was intrigued as he flipped through the old pages. Suddenly something fell out of the Bible. He picked it up and looked it over.



What he found was a leaf that had been pressed between the pages for a long time. "Grandma, look what I found", he said excitedly "What have you got there?", I asked. "I think it's Adam's underwear", he answered.



By Beth Cronk
Meeker County Librarian
Pioneerland Library System

Computer Appointments for Essential Business Available at Cosmos Public Library

While the library remains otherwise closed to the public, the Cosmos Library is now offering limited access to computers by appointment only on Mondays and Saturdays. Call the library at (320)440-1012 to schedule.
•Appointments are necessary. **No walk-ins** will be allowed.
•You must be age **17 or older** to schedule an appointment. Anyone under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a parent or an adult guardian.
•A maximum of **2 people per appointment** will be allowed in to use one computer.
•Appointment time is limited to a **maximum of 1 hour** per day per patron.
•**Please wear a mask** to protect yourself and library staff. Library staff will be wearing masks. Please do not come to the library if you are ill.
•Please stay 6 feet from staff and other library patrons.
•No other area of the library will be open. Appointments are limited to computers only.
•Staff must maintain physical distancing at all times which will limit the level of computer help available. Patrons should have sufficient knowledge to complete their computer tasks with minimal assistance.
•Please limit computer usage to essential business.
Remember, if you have your own device you are able to use our wifi 24/7 within range of the building.
Questions? Call (320)440-1012.

"If you try to control everything, and then worry about the things you can't control, you are setting yourself up for a lifetime of frustration and misery." *Anonymous*

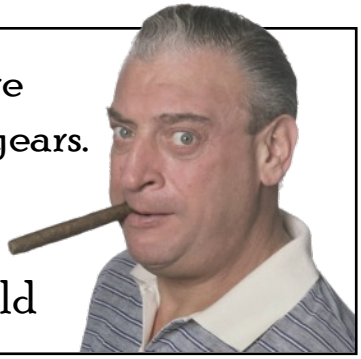


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"My wife and I were happy for twenty years. Then we met."

Rodney Dangerfield



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DJ music will be provided by **Oasis Entertainment** *Starting at 7:00*

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TIME WARP



Eunice thought is was quite the interesting melding of genres, with pioneer days enthusiasts attending a festival celebrating man's landing on the Moon. Who would have thought?

Holly Thomas and Steve Anderson are reigning Cosmos Royalty

The 15th annual Cosmos Space Festival ended on Sunday evening following two full days of activities with the final prize drawing.

This year the Space Festival gave away one Pork Pack and two 30 lbs. Buffalo Meat as the grand prizes both nights. Saturday night the name of Nancy Johnson of Cosmos, was drawn for the Pork Pack and receiving the Buffalo Packs were Dorin Carrigan, Cosmos, and Dan Duehlmeier of rural Litchfield. Winners on Sunday evening were Warren Youngblom, Litchfield, Pork Pack and Lanna Gilberts, Litchfield and Edna Scully each receiving Buffalo Packs.

Winning the $50 Savings Bond given by the First State Bank of Cosmos was Harold Weiland from Atwater.

The Cosmos Rod and Gun Club held a drawing and winners were Sue Rauch, rural Hutchinson, a camera; binoculars, Mark Linder, Atwater; $15, Carl Ryti, Cosmos and $10, Debbie Braghton from New Mexico.

Winner of the quilt raffled off by the Cosmos Senior Citizens and made by them was Ronald Rosenau from Cosmos. And winning the quilt made by the Peace Lutheran Church LCW was Dave Sams from Windom.

The Golf Tournament was held again this year for both boys and girls at the Cosmos School Golf Course on Saturday. Winners were -

Girls Championship - Natalie Peterson, curling iron.

Boys Championship - Dean Martin, first, fish knife; second, Jay Lietzau, chain set, and third, Cory Peterson, a gift certificate.

Boys Presidental - First, Tom Fruetel, Gun Cleaning Kit; second, Jim Niles, Gift Certificate; third, Todd Kruse, Sling shot, fourth, Dan Gelle, Gift Certificate.

First Flight - First, Jon Fruetel, Sling shot; second, Doug Martin, Gift Certificate; third, Bob Fank, Gift Certificate; fourth, Jerry Olsen, Flashlight; fifth, Mike Dalby, Gift Certificate.

Second Flight - First, Marlo Macik, Gift Certificate; second, Ward Youngblom, Gift Certificate; third, Steve Sharpe, Duck Cap; fourth, Danny Meyer, Pocket Knife.

Third Flight - First, Chris Langness, Gift Certificate, second, Gabe Thomas, Radio.

Saturday evening a Fry Pan Toss, Egg Toss, Tomahawk Throw and Money Hunt was enjoyed by the participants and spectators. Many of the Rendezvous people on hand participated and everyone enjoyed the displays they had on hand to view. About 36 tipies or wall tents were set up in the City Park for the two day celebration. Many enjoyed the Buffalo Burger and sweet corn supper served in the City Park.

On Sunday a very good turnout was at the Community Worship Service to hear the "Joyful Sound" from Long Prairie and many attended the Cosmos Firemen's Breakfast.

The parade lead by the Cosmos Legion Color Guard and the Cosmos High School Marching Band directed by Steve Pasche was enjoyed by many viewers. About 40 units were in the parade. Following the parade everyone gathered in the City Park for the Kiddie Parade winners to be announced.

Crowned as "Little Miss Universe" was Holly Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Thomas, rural Cosmos and crowned as "Man-In-The-Moon" was Steve Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Anderson of Cosmos. They will represent Cosmos in the area parades until next years Space Festival and

SPACE FESTIVAL
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A BIG PART OF THE COSMOS SPACE FESTIVAL for 1983 was the Buckskinners Rendezvous promoted by Lietzau Taxidermy. By Saturday morning there were 37 "lodges" set up in the Cosmos Park for the buckskinner families.

These families are of all walks of life and came from South Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Indiana and several from Minnesota.

On Saturday evening the Buckskinners and their families participated in fry pan throwing contest, flint and steel fire starting contest and a tomahawk throwing contest. All of these created a lot of interest from the Festival goers.

Also a part of the rendezvous was the open house at Lietzau Taxidermy and this was well attended by both the buckskinners and Space Festival goers.



MAN-IN-THE-MOON, Steve Anderson and "Miss Little Universe", Holly Thomas.

Corvuso Daze raining success

Despite a few showers on Wednesday, July 27th, Marie Adams was crowned Queen of Corvuso. Marie reigned over the second Annual Corvuso Daze Parade. Approximately 15 families displayed their wares and dealt in priceless antiques. Some exhibitors were from as far away as Cameron, WI. and Anoka, MN. There was a surprise visit by Constable Roscoe P. Coltrain. He proceeded to issue numerous citations to the following people for gross misdemeanors:

Eilert Flemming - Impersonating the Cosmos Mayor.

Sabin Peterson - Eating without a permit.

J. R. Richards - Absence of building.

Neil Schlueter - Exposing his Ambassadors.

Art Stueber - Indecent appearance.

Dan Olson - Public nuisance.

Marie Adams - Fooling with Mother Nature.

Jim Schaefer - Non functioning head.

South Meeker Roadrunners 4-H Club - Windfall profits.

Tammy and Dolly - No wide load signs.

Cindy Wendorff - Profanity.

All violators appeared before the Honorable Judge, J. R. Richards, the Butcher, for their just desserts.

Winners of the Don DeLeeuw Vigorena prizes were: Gladys Macik, Hector, Airpot; Deb Mortensen, Litchfield, 50# dog food; Robby Mortensen, Litchfield - 2# butter, Deloris Arndt, Cosmos, 2 # butter, Elaine Simon, Willmar, $5.00 certificate from Conklin Products and Rory Karg, Cosmos, $5.00 certificate from Conklin Products.

Winners of the Corvuso ate; Lena Hoff, Litchfield, $5.00 Getty Certificate.

Music was furnished by Ray Hagen and his Band of Renown from Hutchinson.

Lunch furnished by Corvuso Processings "No Sidewalk Cafe".



MARTHA LUND last years Queen of Corvuso Daze waves to parade viewers. Seated behind her is Marie Adams the new queen crowned. Driver was Art Adams.

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SHINING A POWERFUL LIGHT ON THE LOCAL SCENE

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Meeker County Fair opens Monday

By the time you read this, it will be about one week before the 1983 Meeker County Fair opens for its four day exposition. The fair opens Monday, August 8, and runs through, Thursday, August 11. We hope everyone is planning to exhibit and participate in the 1983 Meeker County Fair.

4-H members should be well along in preparing their exhibits for the fair. Let's fill up the barn with exhibits as a full building attracts more visitors than one that has empty spaces. We encourage the 4-H and FFA members to make an effort to fill the livestock pens again this year. We hope everyone else will plan to exhibit their grain, flowers, sewing vegetables, crafts, etc. in the 4-H exhibit building or in the other exhibit buildings.

Again this year there will be demonstrations and project talks by 4-H members and other people showing how to prepare tasty foods or how to do a variety of other projects.

The pork, egg, and dairy producers will once again be serving samples of their products and having contests to promote their products. We encourage you to visit these interesting demonstrations, sit down, listen, relax, and learn some new ideas.

This year, as in the past, special days for children and senior citizens are planned. Please watch for times and dates in the premium book. The admission price will remain the same as 1982.

If you have some questions about various aspects of the fair, here are some names Horticulture Building.

For your commercial exhibitscall 693-8703. Generally this area fills up fast, so call early if you want commercial booth space.

Livestock superintendents are Frank Marshall - 857-2785, and Orville Dollerschell - 693-6526. If you have other questions or comments, please call Steve Dille, Chairman of the board at 275-2974 or Mrs. John Holm - 275-2801.

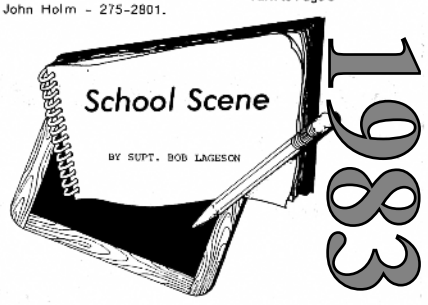
Cosmos High football opens practice Aug. 15

The Cosmos "Royal Desire" Football team opens practice on August 15, with a 7:00 a.m. meeting in the High School Cafeteria. All players are expected to report at this time. Each year a new slogan is picked, one which the coaches believe emphasizes a theme needed to enable the team to become a winner. Slogans of the past have been- 1980-81 "Royal Pride", 1981-82 "Royal Magic", 1982-83, " "Royal Crush", and this season, 1983-84 is "Royal Desire".

season.

Parent permission slips and physical forms can be picked up in the School Main Office. Players please have these completed before our 7:00 a.m. August 15 practice. A late bus will again be offered for all those students desiring one this season.

A scrimmage will be held on August 27 and is scheduled at the Cosmos Football Field, so that we can experience game-like situations and exhibit to the loyal fans a little glimpse



On July 19, 1983 the Board of Education accepted a bid from K & L Insulation of Fargo, North Dakota to remove and replace ceilings in some areas of the high school. These ceilings contain asbestos and could be a health threat to the students and staff. The ceilings are being removed down to the plaster and replaced with a non-asbestos textured material.

Cosmos News

Mr. and Mrs. Al Barnes of Hutchinson and Mr. and Mrs. June Haley and Bobbi Jo Beilke were Saturday evening visitors at the Eugene Wehking home.

Mrs. June Stevenson and son Graham Paul of Grove City were Sunday evening visitors at the Lloyd Housman home and also enjoyed the Space Festival Activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Johnson and girls and Keith Johnson were among friends from this area that attended the Joan Schlueter-Gary Schmidt wedding in Litchfield on Saturday. Keith was a groomsman.

Mrs. Delano Lietzau LeeAnn and Tom, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Olsen and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Degner were guests at a hog roast, honoring George Brunet on his birthday at the George Brunet home at Maple Grove on Saturday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Raske, Travis and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Raske were Sunday afternoon and luncheon guests at the Agnes Maas home on Sunday afternoon.

Ethel Sparks of Minneapolis was a weekend guest at the Emma Mortenson home and took in the Space Festival Activites. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Mortenson of Excelsior were Sunday afternoon visitors.

Mrs. Shirley Wilcox of Las Vegas arrived on Thursday, July 14 to visit her mother Mrs. Faye Arnold and other relatives and friends. On Wednesday July 27, Mrs. Wilcox and Mrs. Arnold left for Waukegan, Ill. and were joined by Shirley's daughter, Mrs. Todd Shaffer, (Leslie Wilcox) at Milwaukee, Wisc. They attended the graduation exercises for Todd Shaffer from Great Lake Training Center in Waukegan. Mrs. Wilcox left for her home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hopkins of Woonsocket, S. D. and Mrs. Philip Benson and Cheryl of rural Litchfield were Sunday visitors at the Walter Thor home and took in the Space Festival Activities.

Mrs. Mayone Odenyo of New York and Mr. and Mrs. George Dahlk of Rosendale were Sunday afternoon and supper guests at the Eugene Wehking home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fox of Rapid City, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. Ted Fox of Hector, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Loveland and Troy, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Loveland and Earl Liby were Monday afternoon and supper guests at the Robert Loveland home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Norskog of Hector were Sunday evening visitors at the Jack Loveland home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Uecker of Buffalo were weekend guests at the Dick Loveland home.

Radtke, was guest of honor at a birthday party Monday night. Enjoying birthday cake with him at his home were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Radtke, Mrs. Edna Dobratz and Bernette, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Dobratz, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Runke and Linda Radtke.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Inselmann and family and Leona Olson were Wednesday evening supper guests at the Sally Inselmann home. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Farenbaugh and girls called on Sally.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Farenbaugh, Merry and Gladys were Satauday evening visitors at the Sally Inselmann home. On Sunday, the Farenbaughs and family were dinner and supper guests of Sally at her home.

Mrs. Virgil Zins and Bambi and Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Bomstad were Wednesday afternoon visitors at the Howard Tennes home in Willmar.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Bomstad were Saturday evening supper guests at the Virgil Zins home.

Stan and Jennie Liden from Minneapolis were Saturday guests at the Darwin and Eunice Opitz home and took in the Space Festival Activities. Dorene and Darla Samson from Blaine were Sunday guests with Darwin and Eunice. Also Duane Opitz from New Hope was with them from Saturday until Monday.

Greg and Debbie Braughton and children from LaCruces, New Mexico arrived on Saturday to spend a week with her parents, Darwin and Eunice Opitz and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Koehler and family attended a Koester family reunion on Sunday at Lake Marion Park. The relatives enjoyed dinner and supper together.

Mr. and Mrs. Ilert Anderson attended the the funeral for Sheldon Iverson, 73, at Parkers Prairie on Monday. Sheldon was the father to Roger Iverson, the Anderson's son-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Townsend and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tharp were Monday evening guests at the Dale Anderson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ortloff and family of Buffalo, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Dean Anderson and family of Clear Lake, S. D., Mrs. Muriel Budziszewski and children of St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Anderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson and family enjoyed a family supper at their mother's home, Cora Anderson, last Tuesday night. This was in honor of the Ortloffs before their returning to New York on Friday morning, after spending two weeks in the Cosmos area.

Mr. and Mrs. Glarence Geier Jr., Angela and Erica of Paynesville, were Saturday and Sunday guests at the Glarence Geier Sr. home and took in Space Festival Days. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ackerman and family of Litchfield joined the family for Sunday and the activities.

born to Paul Pedersons

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pederson (Martha Sharpe) of Brainerd announce the birth of a daughter, Maureen Audrey, born Friday, July 29. The little Miss weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sharpe of Cosmos and Mr. and Mrs. Ove Pederson of Glenwood.

A week ago Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Schiro spent from Sunday through Thursday enjoying the sights and places of interest going through the Black Hills and Yellowstone Park. Enroute they visited Mr. and Mrs. Glen Horky at Marshall.

Tracy Louisiana and friend Kim Jenson of Prior Lake have been spending several days with Tracy's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Ketcham.

Thursday morning visitors at the Marion Schiro home were Mrs. Dennis Ortloff and Kristen of New York and Mrs. Cora Anderson.

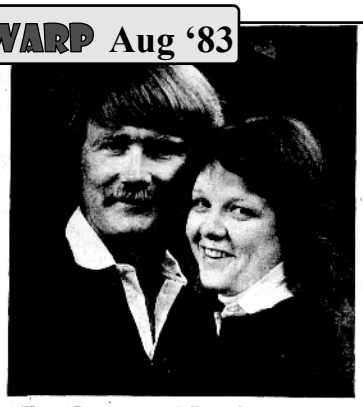
Sally Knapp of Minneapolis accompanied Ethel Sparks and was a weekend guest at the Edward Olson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Frederiksen attended the wedding on Saturday at Monticello of June Scipior and Don Frederiksen at Trinity Lutheran Church and the reception at Riverwood.

Mrs. Bernice Dorn and Mrs. Viola Bemis spent last week at Lake Melissa near Detroit Lakes with their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Whisler.

Mrs. Ruth Bahr of Hutchinson spent Sunday in Cosmos and enjoyed the Pancake Breakfast and Space Activities with her sister, Violet Schiro.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Remmel accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Howard McBroom of Kandiyohi and enjoyed four days vacationing at Grand Rapids last week.



Kim Gregor and Randy Arndt plan August wedding

Clyde and Muriel Gregor of Hutchinson, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Kay, to Randy Elmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Arndt, also of Hutchinson.

An August 27th wedding is planned.

"Thanks!"

The Cosmos Space Festival Committee and the Cosmos Lions Club would like to thank all the many organizations, businesses and individuals who made the Space Festival an enormous success. Listed below are the parade entrants and their sponsors. A big thank you on behalf of all of us.

Entrant	Sponsor
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Motorized Bath Tub	Meeker County Fair
Cosmos H.S. Royalty	Sharpe Accounting and Gary's Repair
Ambassador Meats Car	Stan's Discount Foods
Corvuso Daze Queen	Bud Adams and Sons
Hector Royalty	Stamer Seeds
"48" Coop Tractor	Kiecker Gravel Hauling
"29" J.D. Tractor	Lux Spray Service
4-H Float	Danielson Hustlers
4-H Float	South Meeker Road Runners
Kitchen Band	Cosmos Women's Club
Hutch Water Carnival Jr. Royalty	Swanke Motors
4-H Float	Cosmos Comets
Glenn Larson Arabians	Rockite Silo Company
Summit Lake Ranch Horses by George Hoepner	First State Bank of Cosmos
Behm's Lazy Willow Ranch Horses	Holmquist Lumber and Palm Ins. Agency
Loren Yungk Horses	Cherrywood Apartments & Ketcham's Garage
Nelson's Rosedane Belgians	Lietzau's Taxidermy
Mule Drawn Wagon	Petersen's Service Center
Gerald Fank's Ponies	Polar Chemical and Gas
Cosmos Library Float	Arnold Blum Construction
Girl's Stater	Cosmos Legion Auxiliary
Boy's Stater	Cosmos Legion Post 126 & Sons of the American Legion
Grove City Royalty	Grove City Women's J.C.'s
REACT	Litchfield REACT
Dixon ZTR's	Long's Union "76"
"53 J.D. Tractor	Cosmos Elevator
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Meeker County Dairy Princesses	Meeker County ADA
Lake Lillian Royalty	Cosmos Sun
Fire Trucks	Buffalo Lake Fire Dept

Cosmos Farmers Elevator Co

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Thanks. . .

Together with my staff, we want to express our thanks to each of you who helped make our open house during the Space Festival weekend so successful. It was great to have you visit our taxidermy and showroom.

Charles Lietzau

Buffalo Meat. . .

We have it!

Yes, we have a supply of many of the buffalo meat items for sale. Stop in and see us.

Lietzau Taxidermy

Thank You

to all who participated in the Water Ball Fight and to all who supported the Fire Department during the Cosmos Space Festival.

Cosmos Fire Department

Winners of the 2 Fire Extinguishers given away were: David Fank, Olivia and Pauline Johnson, Lake Lillian.

Piano Lessons

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Boni Mortenson

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Come in and check our Price Shocker Specials. Price Shockers are promotional allowance given by manufacturers and we are passing it on to you.

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Natural Swiss ... $1.99
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Cream Cheese ... 39¢
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Strawberry ... $1.29
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Limit One. Limit One Coupon Sathre's Star Market. Good thru Aug. 6, 1983

Yellow & Black Generic Sugar 10 Lb. $3.09

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Total Cereal 12 Oz.

Pillsbury Flour 10 Lb.

a Peach of a Sale!

California Peaches 59¢ Lb. $6.99 17-Lb. Lug

Tomatoes ... Per 89¢
Broccoli ... Bunch 99¢
Lettuce ... Lb. 59¢
Nectarines ... Lb. 69¢

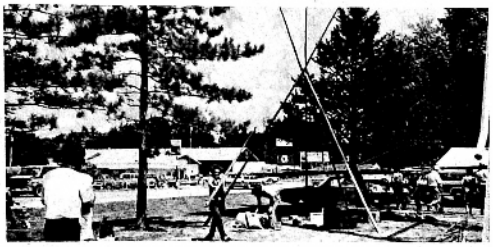
Ice Cold Watermelon 15¢ Lb.

Fresh Blueberries $1.29 Pt.

Fresh Calif Jumbo Cantaloupe 79¢

Bing Cherries 69¢ Lb.

Space Festival Rendezvous Scenes



DISMANTLING TIME...this family is preparing to leave and are taking down their lodge.



SUE ANDERSON tried her skill at the Fry Pan Throwing Contest.



FAMILIES VISITING at the lodge sites. Note the wood trunks and cabinets displayed for sale.



THE LADIES Tomahawk Throwing Contest.



FLINT AND STEEL FIRE Starting Contest was won by the second man from the left.



THE MENS HAWK Throwing Contest. This fellow takes aim.



THE COIN HUNT in the straw for the youngsters.



THIS YOUNG HAWK THROWER split the card and won the throw.



SPREADING THE COINS in the straw. Note the dress of these two buckskinners. Many styles of dress were seen during the rendezvous.



LIETZAU TAXIDERMY display room for buckskinners.



BUSY AT HIS FORGE, this buckskinner spent time making items to sell or bargain with.



THIS YOUNG BUCKSKINNER takes aim in the Hawk Throw.

Space Festival Winners



PETS - Mike DeLeeuw first place.



COSTUMES - Lee Boll, Jason Flemming and Michael Macik.



FLOATS - Travis and Jennifer Thomas and Tanna Gilberts and Karen Hopp.



TRIKES AND BIKES - Robert DeLeeuw, first and Ann Schmelling, second.



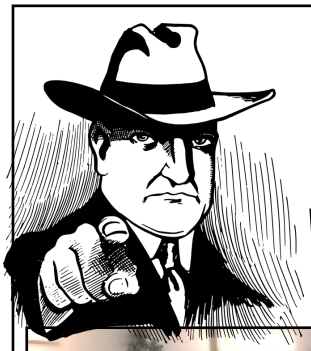
SATURDAY NIGHT Grand Prize winners, presented by Pastor Rode to Nancy Johnson, Dorin Carrigan and Dan Duehlmeier.



SUNDAY NIGHT Eilert Flemming presented Grand Prize to Tanna Gilberts and Warren Youngblom. Not present was Edna Scully.



GOLF TOURNAMENT winners.



NO KEWPIE FOR YOU BUCKAROOS!







Last month's Whozit? was Mel Maas from Cosmos. Eunice was surprised that nobody recognized him by his chiseled physique, even under the throw. Even though he was confidently sporting the looks of a rugged self made man with his Covid hair, she thinks he's way more stunning after the trim. She thinks he's 'on it' and doesn't have to answer to anyone. We've included before and after pictures so you can decide for yourself.

Lake Lillian Area Gets Hard Water Treatment Too



Pics and commentary by Rich Gieser

Mother Nature throws another curve ball causing damage in the Lake Lillian area. A storm passed through on Saturday, July 11 damaging fields of corn and beans in its path. High winds and hail shredded leaves and pounded plants leaving one to wonder…what next?





"The best advice I've ever received is: 'No one else knows what they're doing either." *Ricky Gervais*

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TIME WARP Extra!

Take a look! *Reduced* mortgage rates for first time buyers! Present day folks have very cheap rates now compared to 1983. Who says all of the "Good ol' days" were "Good"?

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Cosmos American Legion

Members, Auxiliary & Sons

Membership Sign-Up

August 24th

at Mug Shots

5:00-7:00 PM

***Covid 19 rules will be in effect**

***Menu to be determined**



Commentary by Jim Lies

l was a member of Eden Valley Legion for 15 years. I joined Cosmos Legion 40 years ago. At that time we had well over 100 members. We had a couple WWI vets, many WWII, Korean and Vietnam vets. Now we only have 3 WWII vets left, not as many Korean and Vietnam vets. We also have some younger members. If you were in the service during a war or during peace time you are eligible to join. Our membership is now at 68. Please join us on membership night or contact me anytime. Thank you and please join.

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