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Happy New Year!
and watch out for those beautiful solar storms.

Weather: Dave is finally here. It's over. "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"

SANTA DOES IT AGAIN

By Mark Minnick

There must not have been too many naughty kids *or adults* that came to see Santa at Mug Shots on December 9th. I say that because everyone I saw that evening was happy as all heck, whether young or old. You wouldn't have that attitude if you were on that naughty list, right? There was plenty of laughter, reverie and bags of candy to go around. Hopefully everyone gets by for awhile till Santa comes again next year. Take it easy on those candy canes, a lick here and a lick there. Plus, you better start being nice, immediately if not sooner.



Hanna Barka has a big smile on her face. Santa must have said he had everything she wanted back at his workshop.



Jordan Bjur looks pretty happy himself. Looks like this 'asking Santa for cool stuff' is working out pretty good.

WALLY COMES TO TOWN FOR SANTA

His 5th Year!

Pic and article by Mark Minnick

Walter Schmeling showed up for the second best night of the year *(Christmas Eve is the best night)* at Mug Shots in Cosmos-**Santa Night!** This was his fifth year in a row that he has made the long, arduous journey from the vast, untamed wilderness between Cosmos and Corvuso.

Apparently he was tired of the full camo jacket and ear lapper cap he wore last year. He went with a more 'minimalist' style this year, "T-shirt sheik" some would call it. *(I might have to look into that. Always the trendsetter, this guy.)*

It also seems that he's training to be a food critic. Just look at his savvy choice of pop, *with a straw of course*, a candy cane and a Christmas cookie or two. It looks like this kid knows his stuff.

Seeing how this dude is on top of things, my guess is he asked Santa for world peace, nuclear fusion and a Super Bowl win for the Vikings. *(Vikes SB win is probably the toughest one.)* Always thinking of others this kid…You go Wally!



Walter *"Wally"* Schmeling

COSMOS COMETS= SANTA'S "ELVES"



Left to Right, Dee Smith, Jetta Lapotz, Zoey Long, The Big Guy, Tristan Housman, Elexis Klapotz and Alyssa Jenkins.

By Mark Minnick

As they do every year, The Cosmos Comets 4H Club did a great job becoming Santa's elves. *(None of them look a day over 483 years old, btw.)* The jolly old guy couldn't do it without them. *He told me that, no kiddin'!*

MORE SANTA FUN!





Sitting around and hangin' out after visiting with Santa.



By the time this reporter got outside, Santa's fire truck had already 'disappeared'. I guess it's like his reindeer; just because you can't see them doesn't mean they don't exist. Santa's here and that's the main thing.



Santa is thanking one of the veteran Santa Day helpers or 'elves' - Delores Arndt.
She has been a Cosmos Community Club member for many years. *Probably since Jesus was a little kid.* Thank you Delores!



Winter Wonderland

Embrace It



The Cosmos Lions

"We Serve"

Remember, we are always looking for new gals or guys to become members & join us.
Feel free to talk to any Lions member or email; cosmoslions@mac.com

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
December 8, 2022

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday December 8, 2022.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Katie Hansen and Angelica Hopp.
COUNCIL ABSENT: Jody Fruetel.
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville, Josh Halvorson and David Medina
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Hansen, seconded by Van Hatten, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. November 3, 2022 City Council Minutes
b. Meeker County Sheriff – Nov 2022 Report

Visitors Presentations, Petitions and Correspondence

City Engineer – Josh Halvorson, Bolton-Menk was present to discuss the pay request No. 10 of $173,361.79 and update the Council on the project. **A motion** by Hopp, seconded by Hansen, to approve payment No. 10 for $173,361.79 to Hjerpe Construction. Motion carried**.**
PER Update No. 1 – Josh Halvorson updated the City Council on Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) that needed Phase II of the construction project (S. half of Cosmos) cost updates. The Phase II project is expected to increase to just of $9,000,000 with a 14% inflation rate with construction scheduled in 2024.
A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to approve the updated PER budget to $9,000,000. Motion carried**.**
December 8, 2022 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hansen, to approve the December 8, 2022 bills list with check numbers from 15865-15942 for $355,761.86. Motion carried**.**
Truth in Taxation Hearing – A motion by Hansen, seconded by Hopp, to recess the regular scheduled city council meeting and open the Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. There was no one present, and no written comments were received for the hearing.
Administrator Douville reviewed the 2023 General Fund budget of $543,121 and the 2023 proposed property tax levy of $287,263
A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular city council meeting at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried.
Resolution 22_07 2023 General Fund Budget and 2023 Property Tax Levy - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to approve Resolution 22_07 Approving the General Fund Budget of E543,121 And the 2023 Property Tax Levy of $287,263. Motion carried.
Resolution 22_08 2023 Employee Benefits and Wages - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hansen, to approve Resolution 22_08 2023 Employee Benefits and Wages. Motion carried.
Deputy City Clerk Interviews – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, for the Personnel Committee to interview the two candidates for the Deputy City Clerk position. The committee is authorized to hire their recommendation at $17/hr. for a 24 hr. week. Motion carried.
Resolution 22_09 Tax Forfeited Property - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Hansen, to approve Resolution 22_09 to purchase the tax forfeited property, PID # 21-0344010 for $1 from Meeker County. Motion carried.
Tabled November 3, 2022 Council Meeting - Property Tax Split – Tyson Throughbred, 230 Mercury St., was present to request a consolidation of 3 lots on his property to two lots. **A motion** by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp to authorize combining the three lots into two lots pending satisfaction of zoning and easement requirements. Motion carried.
Highway 4 Landscaping – Administrator Douville reported on a zoom meeting with MNDoT officials to discuss the difficulty in maintaining the current landscape along Hwy 4. They have been out to review the project and have talked to locals in that regard. Preliminary plans are being prepared by MNDoT for late February city review with an effort to ease maintenance but maintain its natural storm water filter system.
Department Heads – Public Works operator David Medina stated the equipment is all ready for winter.
Ambulance Captain Van Hatten stated they were in the process of their 2 year state inspection
Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Thursday, January 12, 2023. 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 Hansen, to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried.
_____- DRAFT-_____
John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

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January Daily Lunch Specials

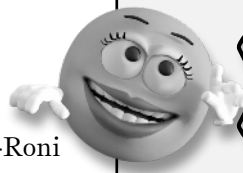
M 2 Open at 4:00 PM
T 3 Crispy chicken sandwich w/soup
W 4 Salisbury steak dinner
T 5 Fantail shrimp w/American fries
F 6 Sausage & kraut dinner

M 9 Open at 4:00 PM
T 10 Grilled cheese w/chili
W 11 Spaghetti w/garlic toast
T 12 Broasted chicken dinner
F 13 Turkey-bacon club w/tots
S 14 Closing at 3:00 PM for employee Christmas party

M 16 Open at 4:00 PM
T 17 Grilled ham & cheese w/ soup
W 18 Meatloaf dinner or commercial
T 19 Pork chop w/American fries
F 20 Turkey dinner or commercial

M 23 Open at 4:00 PM
T 24 Chili cheese dog w/fries
W 25 Grilled chicken breast w/ Rice-A-Roni
T 26 Broasted chicken dinner
F 27 Roast beef dinner or commercial

M 30 Open at 4:00 PM
T 31 French dip w/soup



Saturdays

3 PM 'Bargo'

5 PM Meat Raffle





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The GALACTIC Tattoo

"Vintage Comics...& Then Some"

Courtesy comicbookplus.com

"**Out Our Way**" first saw the light of day as a single-panel cartoon March 20, 1922. Created by J.R. Williams it depicted American rural and small town life. Although these may be cartoons, the themes are indicative of what life was like 100 years ago. Here's a couple that I hope you enjoy. *-Mark, Editor-*

OUT OUR WAY BY WILLIAMS



OUT OUR WAY By Williams



Chef it Up!

"Food and spices….together. What a concept!"
Don't forget to teach a kid how to cook.



Confetti Spaghetti

By Grace Kamrath

It's January already!! Hope your 12 days of Christmas will continue for a few more days. But, maybe it's time to celebrate the new year with a really neat hot dish. Maybe not so out of the ordinary but the name is. Perhaps you used some confetti on New Years Eve? A very Happy New Year to all!

CONFETTI SPAGHETTI

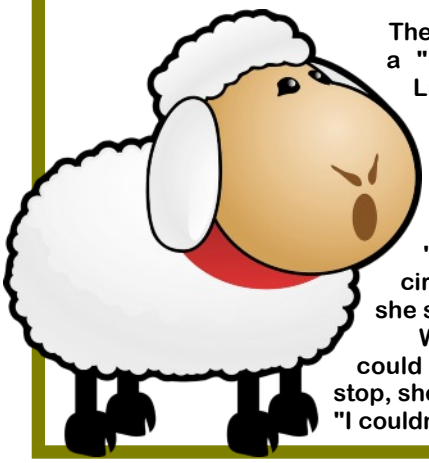
- 12 oz. spaghetti *(Sometimes the thin spaghetti works good if you are in a hurry. But here I think I would use the regular strength spaghetti)*
- 1 1/2 lb. hamburger
- 1 med. green pepper ,chopped
- 1 med. onion, chopped
- 14 1/2 oz. diced tomatoes, un-drained
- 8 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 T. brown sugar
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. chili pepper
- 1/2 t. pepper
- 1/4 t. garlic powder
- 1/8 t. cayenne pepper
- 3/4 c. shredded cheddar cheese



Cook spaghetti to package directions.
In a skillet, cook hamburger, green pepper and onions.
Drain off juice.
Stir in tomatoes, tomato sauce, brown sugar, salt, chili powder, pepper, garlic powder and cayenne powder. Drain spaghetti and add to hamburger mixture.
Put into a greased 9 x 13 pan.
Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 min.
Uncover and sprinkle with cheese and bake for five minutes more.

That's it. Should serve 9 to 12 people.

At our family gathering our daughter, Gail related this happening at her school in Livermore, California.



The Preschool was having a "Nursery Rhyme Day". Little Anne was asked to play the part of Mary's little lamb. But when she got home, she told her mom she'd never take that role again. "Mary led me around in circles until I was dizzy," she sighed.

When I suggested she could have asked Mary to stop, she immediately objected. "I couldn't, lambs don't talk."

The Cosmos Public Library



by Beth Cronk, Meeker County Librarian

Adults, challenge yourselves to read this winter, and earn prizes for doing it! The Adult Winter Reading program will begin at the Cosmos Public Library on January 3 and run through March 15.

To sign up, stop at the library any time between those dates. You'll get a reading log to record and rate the books you read, and you'll get a book bag for signing up, while supplies last.

Any adult can sign up, even without a library card. You can read any books you want: library books or your own copies; fiction or nonfiction; print, audiobook, or ebook.

You can start counting the books you read after you sign up. Once you've read and rated three books, bring your reading log back to the library to claim a prize. If you read three more, you can bring it back in to claim an additional prize. The program can be completed only once.

Prize choices include book lights, mugs, alligator clips, water bottles, ice scrapers, and large candy bars.

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

**The library will be closed on Monday, January 2, in observance of New Year's Day, and on Monday, January 16, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.*



Woids of Wisdom

"If at first you don't succeed,
keep on succin' till you do succeed."
Curly Howard

Cosmos Ready Clinic

-Moving Ahead in 2023-



Granddaughter Greta all ready to go to the Ready Clinic, i.e.-school!

Pics and article by Joyce Karrigan

The Cosmos Ready Clinic is part of the South West West Central service cooperative, SWWC, which is dedicated to providing unparalleled education and administrative services, innovative solutions and uncompromising support to the members and communities that they serve. The Ready Clinic offers early intervention by using ABA therapy, which is Applied Behavior Analysis.

The clinic serves children up to six years old diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder or a related condition. Research data suggests that early intervention ABA therapy can maximize a child's chance to reduce or eliminate behavior that interferes with learning. Children have a greater chance to catch up to same age peers and increase quality of life at home, school and in the community with ABA therapy.

Each child is given a barrier assessment test, which means that they assess what interferes with the child to keep them from being in the classroom on their own. The staff designed the program specifically for each child and this includes a comprehensive program of language, social skills, activities of daily living, and other skills that will help transition the child to be ready, a.k.a. the reason it is called Ready Clinic, to be in main stream education.

Each child is assessed on their goals every six months. Each child works with a behavioral therapist for certain goals and the teacher is different depending on which teacher excels on each of the goals for that child.



Activity center.



Reading material & motor skills items.
(Toys?)

They also include parent coaching, which is involving the whole family in the skills and goals of the child to make this an all-around education, both in school and at home.

All the activities each day are situated to be working on the child's skills in a way that promotes learning in a fun and an adaptive way, such as using picture boards if a child is nonverbal.

The Ready Clinic benefits our community with their services because they are typically not available in Outstate Minnesota, so this has been a huge asset to have this available in our community. The needs for the services that all three Ready Clinics are providing have a waiting list. They are located in Cosmos, Montevideo, and Pipestone.



The daily schedule.

The Ready Clinic is working on constantly expanding, so they are able to serve more children. The staff I interviewed said there is such a need for these kind of services that they are hoping to continue to grow.

One of the reasons I am so interested in the Ready Clinic is that both of my twin granddaughters attend the Ready Clinic. I have personally seen the progress the girls have made in all of their skills and their education since attending just this year.



Granddaughter Ganessa

TIDBITS



By Rick Nordin

Editor's note; I really enjoyed Rick' submission this month. I even called him up to tell him as much. He told me he penned this piece back in 2010 and that it's a work of fiction that is based in fact. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Mark Minnick

Greetings and Happy New Year.

The minutes slowly clicked away as the hour hand was approaching 5 AM. Steve wished it was not Monday. He lay still with his eyes shut and his mind wide open. There were a handful of days left in the year and so much had happened over the past 12 months, it did not seem possible a new year was on the doorstep.

Absorbing his thoughts were activities which needed to be accomplished as he ambled through his morning routine. All of a sudden, he was forced to wake up from his Monday morning fog as he realized he had just backed into his son's girlfriend's car. A profane word did not do justice to the frustration he felt at the moment. "Are you kidding me?"

Across the world, its 5 PM and 6 young army rangers are flying toward a 3-day mission in the rugged terrain of Afghanistan. It's the third day of their second deployment to this region. The captain was expecting his 2nd child. The drop zone was well hidden, and they expected a routine morning but as they approached, the hills lit up with unfriendly fire. The second drop zone was tricky as the ledge was small, the winds were dicey, and this zone added another day to the trip.

Steve was morose as he considered how his insurance rates were going to go up. There was still Christmas shopping to be done and a snowstorm was being forecast for Christmas Eve and day.

The captain knew the importance of their mission, but his thoughts kept going to his wife who could deliver any day. The drop was successful, but the soldiers were faced with traversing a terrain that would challenge the best of mountain climbers without the 100# packs and full gear. Hopefully they would make it around the ridge to the shaded side before the temperature reached 102.

Steve's phone rang with a disgruntled client. Not a good start to the day. What else could go wrong?

As the six soldiers rounded the ridge, there was an area big enough to rest. The captain knew he had the best men in his platoon on patrol with him, but today he was restless and had a hard time focusing. It was two days before Christmas and his wife was about to deliver. He knew he had to focus to keep his men safe.

Steve sat in his car, about to head to the office, when he burst out, "What am I doing?" Steve put his car in the park and bowed his head.

The captain was aware of the men's silence. He knew their thoughts were of home and family and he needed to help them focus. Their lives depended on it. The captain was a man of few words, but his men knew he was a man of great faith and had given him the nickname Rock. The captain gathered his men and requested they take a knee and grab hands.

Steve sat in his car and a tear trickled down his cheek as he asked God to forgive him for his pettiness that morning. He asked to be filled with the Spirit of Christmas love so he could pass on the Spirit of Love to all he met that day.

The captain prayed for their safety, he prayed for the soldier's families, he prayed for the well being of his wife, and he gave thanks for all of God's blessings. Seven men, a world apart, giving thanks.

May the Spirit of Christmas be with you throughout the New Year. *(TDBT, January 2010)*

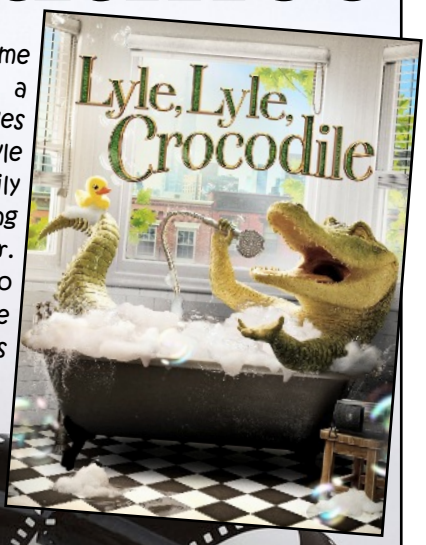


Sunday Movie Matinee

Jan 8th 3:00 PM

Peace Lutheran Church Cosmos

*Based on the book of the same name, the story is about a Crocodile named Lyle who lives in a house in New York City. Lyle likes helping the Primm family with everyday chores and playing with the neighborhood kids. Mr. Grumps and his cat, Loretta, do not like crocodiles, and Lyle tries to prove that he is not as bad as others might first think.





-Free-

Hot Chocolate
Pop - Popcorn

By Mark Minnick

Peace Lutheran Church is doing something new. They are kicking the new year off with a family movie matinee! When I talked to Pastor Sarah Jones about it, she said that ALL are welcome to come on up to the church basement on **Sunday, January 8th** at **3 PM** to watch **Lyle, Lyle Crocodile**. Bring your favorite pillow or sleeping bag if you wish. They want you to be comfy and have some fun. They will also be featuring…A hot chocolate bar, cold pop and popcorn! So, come on over and bring a friend - it's all **free**.

TIME WARP Whozit?



It's winter sports time 1965 at Cosmos High. The wrestlers and basketball players were pretty darned lucky to have this squad cheering them on. The gals are sure looking sporty in their official cheerleading sweaters and white 'tennis' shoes.

Can you name any one of these cheerleaders?

Whozit?

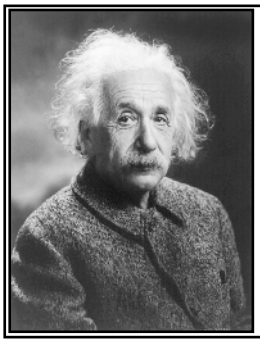
Email your answer to:

wordnut66@outlook.com



I asked my old man if I could go ice-skating on the lake. He told me, "Wait 'til it gets warmer".

Rodney Dangerfield



"Coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous."

Albert Einstein

-Ponderings-

*Got up this morning and ran around the block five times. Then I got tired. So, I picked up the block and put it back in the toy box.

*Once you lick the frosting off a cupcake, it becomes a muffin...and muffins are healthy...You're welcome.



Science, Tech and Just Plain Cool Stuff



Artwork courtesy Roy Snyder

Orion , Earth & the Moon





On Monday, Nov. 28, 2022, NASA's Orion spacecraft reached its maximum distance from Earth during the Artemis I mission—268,563 miles away from our home planet, farther than any spacecraft designed to send humans to space and back has gone before. In this image, Orion captures a unique view of Earth and the Moon, seen from a camera mounted on one of the spacecraft's solar arrays.

Image credit: nasa.gov

NASA sent this nice little 'robot' **Orion** to the moon in November 2022. *(See the December issue for info about the launch.)* Now it's back on Earth, safe and sound. It will be returned to Kennedy Space Center so technicians can retrieve valuable scientific data that was gathered during the flight.

See article on next page. ***Editor, Mark Minnick***

Headin' Home



Right; **On flight day 20 of the Artemis I mission, Dec. 5, 2022, Orion captured the Moon on the day of return powered flyby, the final major engine maneuver of the flight test.** ***Image credit nasa.gov***

SPLASHDOWN!



NASA's Orion spacecraft for the Artemis I mission splashed down in the Pacific Ocean after a 25.5 day mission to the Moon.

Image courtesy nasa.gov

From nasa.gov Dec 11, 2022

NASA's Orion spacecraft splashed down in the Pacific Ocean, west of Baja California, at 9:40 a.m. PST Sunday after a record-breaking mission, traveling more than 1.4 million miles on a path around the Moon and returning safely to Earth, completing the Artemis I flight test.

Splashdown is the final milestone of the Artemis I mission that began with a successful liftoff of NASA's Space Launch System (SLS) rocket Nov. 16, from Launch Pad 39B at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Over the course of 25.5 days, NASA tested Orion in the harsh environment of deep space before flying astronauts on Artemis II.

"The splashdown of the Orion spacecraft – which occurred 50 years to the day of the Apollo 17 Moon landing – is the crowning achievement of Artemis I. From the launch of the world's most powerful rocket to the exceptional journey around the Moon and back to Earth, this flight test is a major step forward in the Artemis Generation of lunar exploration," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson. "It wouldn't be possible without the incredible NASA team. For years, thousands of individuals have poured themselves into this mission, which is inspiring the world to work together to reach untouched cosmic shores. Today is a huge win for NASA, the United States, our international partners, and all of humanity."

During the mission, Orion performed two lunar flybys, coming within 80 miles of the lunar surface. At its farthest distance during the mission, Orion traveled nearly 270,000 miles from our home planet, more than 1,000 times farther than where the International Space Station orbits Earth, to intentionally stress systems before flying crew.

"With Orion safely returned to Earth we can begin to see our next mission on the horizon which will fly crew to the Moon for the first time as a part of the next era of exploration," said Jim Free, NASA associate administrator for the Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate. "This begins our path to a regular cadence of missions and a sustained human presence at the Moon for scientific discovery and to prepare for human missions to Mars."

Prior to entering the Earth's atmosphere, the crew module separated from its service module, which is the propulsive powerhouse provided by ESA (European Space Agency). During re-entry, Orion endured temperatures about half as hot as the surface of the Sun at about 5,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Within about 20 minutes, Orion slowed from nearly 25,000 mph to about 20 mph for its parachute-assisted splashdown.

During the flight test, Orion stayed in space longer than any spacecraft designed for astronauts has done without docking to a space station. While in a distant lunar orbit, Orion surpassed the record for distance traveled by a spacecraft designed to carry humans, previously set during Apollo 13.

"Orion has returned from the Moon and is safely back on planet Earth," said Mike Sarafin, Artemis I mission manager. "With splashdown we have successfully operated Orion in the deep space environment, where it exceeded our expectations, and demonstrated that Orion can withstand the extreme conditions of returning through Earth's atmosphere from lunar velocities."

Recovery teams are now working to secure Orion for the journey home. NASA leads the interagency landing and recovery team on the USS Portland, which consists of personnel and assets from the U.S. Department of Defense, including Navy amphibious specialists, Space Force weather specialists, and Air Force specialists, as well as engineers and technicians from NASA Kennedy, the agency's Johnson Space Center in Houston, and Lockheed Martin Space Operations.

In the coming days, Orion will return to shore where technicians will offload the spacecraft and transfer it by truck back to Kennedy. Once at Kennedy, teams will open the hatch and unload several payloads, including Commander Moonikin Campos, the space biology experiments, Snoopy, and the official flight kit. Next, the capsule and its heat shield will undergo testing and analysis over the course of several months



On Dec. 11, Orion was recovered by NASA's Landing and Recovery team, U.S. Navy and Department of Defense partners aboard the USS Portland.

Credit: NASA/James M. Blair

The ACGC Falcon Flyover

Events, Activities & Happenings in the Atwater/Cosmos/Grove City School District

DANCE

Pics and commentary by **Tori Dengerud-ACGC Head Dance Coach**



Left to right; **Back row: Coach Tori Dengerud, Kaylee Keppers, Gabi Shea, Kendell Berger, Rylie Nelson, Shelby Lange, Lily Matteson, Josie Starkovich, Laura Anderson, Sophie Oyen, Coach Sloan Hedtke**
Front row: Haley Johnson, Jada Rosenquist, Macy Elton, Ally Giese, Jayden Olson, Brinley Grimsgard

The Falcon Dance Team traveled to Minnewaska for their first competition of the season on 12/2/22. FDT placed 2nd in Varsity Kick, behind Montevideo, but ahead of Moorhead, Minnewaska, NL-S, and Sauk Centre. Although the Falcon Dance Team placed 2nd, they scored the most total points. JV Kick placed second behind Minnewaska. Varsity Jazz placed 5th behind Minnewaska, Montevideo, Moorhead, NL-S, but ahead of BBE and Sauk Centre.



Back row: Coach Tori Dengerud, Gabi Shea, Shelby Lange, Kaylee Keppers, Kendell Berger, Rylie Nelson, Josie Starkovich, Lily Matteson, Laura Anderson, Coach Sloan Hedtke
Front row: Haley Johnson, Brinley Grimsgard, Macy Elton, Ally Giese, Jayden Olson, Jada Rosenquist

Congratulations to the Falcon Dance Team for placing 2nd out of 7 teams in varsity kick, 4th out of 5 teams in JV kick, and 6th out of 9 teams in varsity jazz at the Melrose Competition on 12/17/22.

Thoughts from the ~~windowsill~~ warm dryer of life.





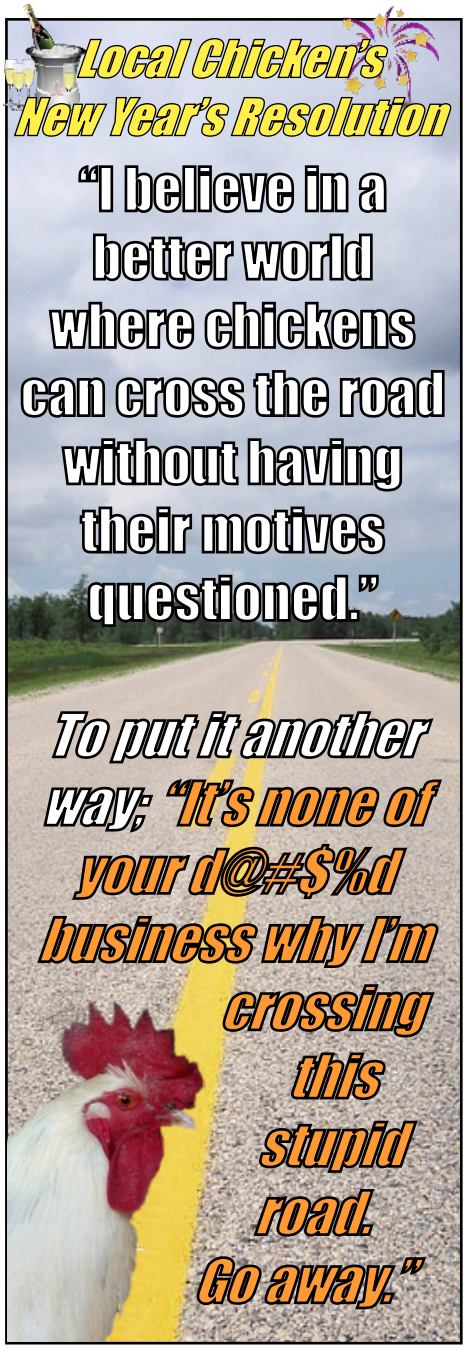
By Mark Minnick

It was a day, just like any other day at the 'kitty house'. There were chores to do and naps to take. As far as the chores, the dryer buzzed that it was done with the load of towels.

Wife Deb grabbed out an armload to fold and put away. Ever the opportunist, ol' **Ralphie** spied a couple of small ones in the drum that fell back in. So he promptly snuggling onto the warmed up terry cloth and proceeded to doze off.

That's when I took notice and snapped a pic. I then remembered that he chased a cat toy around in the washer drum back a few years ago. So I took the time to look up the shot I had of him in there. Here it is, *left*, from the March 2019 issue.

That's a lot of time between the wash and dry cycle…just kidding, he's fine, as always. Couldn't hurt lil' Ralphie. Although I came close once when he sent a beef roast filled crock pot crashing to the floor. It's kinda funny how fast he can run when he hears me bark. But that's a whole 'nother story…grrrr!



Whoda Thunk It?

Pics and article by the Gazette's Corvuso correspondent, Ben Hansen

I recently retired but picked up a side gig to keep busy. I do rural deliveries for UPS on the north side of Buffalo Lake and Hector during the holiday season.

I see a fair amount of wildlife, and tame life, on my route of dusty roads and eager online shoppers awaiting their packages. Ducks, dogs, rosters, goats, kittens and as of late-turkeys!

I've seen a raft of wild turkeys destroy a once beautiful patio arrangement of dried hydrangeas and tall grasses and then chase my vehicle off the property that they seemed to have claimed.

But this one wildlife sighting was so incredibly wild I had to pull over and snap a photo as I knew no one would believe me if I told them.

A turkey riding a bicycle!! I was awestruck! I have to believe he was high tailing it out of here so he would not become someone's table center piece, with its cavity filled with dressing....or is it stuffing?

The far out things one sees in Cosmos, MN-It truly is out of the world!





Hey, it's nice outside!

Of Snow, Suet & Seeds

By Mark Minnick

Wife Deb got some pics of some of her feathered friends jockeying for something to eat at the feeders *(or under in the case of the junco)* after a fresh snow. Goes to show that you don't have to go out of town to see some wildlife.


Chickadee


Bluejay


Junco


Cardinal

Sparrow

-In Memoriam-

Willard "Bob" Arndt

August 9, 1933 – November 18, 2022

Willard (Bob) Arndt was born on August 9, 1933 in Cosmos Township to John & Lena (Bahr) Arndt. He was baptized on September 3rd at Trinity Lutheran Church, Brookfield Twp. He received his education through 8th grade in District #53 in Cosmos Twp. He was confirmed on May 4, 1947 at Trinity Church, Brookfield Twp. He received his GED in 1967. On August 21, 1954, he was united in marriage to Delores Turck by A. Wallace Carlson at First Lutheran Church of Cosmos. They were married for 68+ years.

Bob had a life-long passion for working with the soil and being outside. They farmed south of Cosmos from 1954–1957. In January, he was drafted into the army. He served at Fort Belvoir, VA until 1958 when he received an honorable discharge.

They rented a farm south of Cosmos until 1965. That same year, he went to work for Arnel Erickson Construction of Hutchinson, MN. He worked for two years and then went to work at 3M in Hutchinson, but the call of country and dirt work lured him back to Erickson Construction and he worked there until 1992.

He had total knee surgery and retired. In 1998, he went back to construction for AT & T Construction. That company was sold to Dave Ludtke of Hutchinson. He worked for Dave until 2010. He retired from construction and started his own business in Cosmos of lawn mowing and snow blowing until 2015. He and Delores mowed the Peace Lutheran Cemetery for 34 years.

He finally retired in 2015, after his stroke. He was a member of the Cosmos Legion for 56 years, Cosmos Fire Department for 20 years and a member of the Cosmos Lions. He served on the Peace Lutheran Church Council, was a Sunday School superintendent and was on the cemetery board for many years. In January 1964, they adopted their son, Gregory and in May 1967, they adopted their daughter Gayle.

Bob is survived by his wife Delores; son, Greg; daughter, Gayle, and friend Matt; five grandchildren, Alyssa (Nick), Brennen, Chase, Josh (Jen), and Matthew (Jesse); great grandchildren, Kayson, Kinslea, Barrett, Lauren, Jamie, baby Arndt on the way, Lexi, Lacy, Matt Jr.; and great great grandson Zander; many nieces and nephews; sisters-in-law Jean Campbell, Diane (Jack) Kuechle and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents John & Lena; his siblings, Frieda (& Lloyd) Hoff, Elmer (& Ruth) Arndt, Alvin (& Violet) Arndt, Florence (& Ervin) Retzlaff, Delores (& Roger) Sayles; granddaughter Sydney C. Arndt; nieces Darlene & Lynette; nephews Bruce & Jonathon; parents-in-law Alfred & Vera Turck; brother-in-law Dean Campbell.





Thank You

Our family would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to us during our loss of our beloved Bob Arndt. Whether it was a memorial fund, flowers, hugs, or keeping us in your prayers, please know we are grateful.

Special thanks to Pastor Sarah, Chuck, Dale, Laurel, Butch, Matt, the PLCW who served the lunch and the Cosmos Post 126 Honor Guard.

The outpouring of love and support for all of us and a testament to just how many lives Bob touched.

With sincere thanks,

Delores

Greg and family

Gayle and family

TIME WARP

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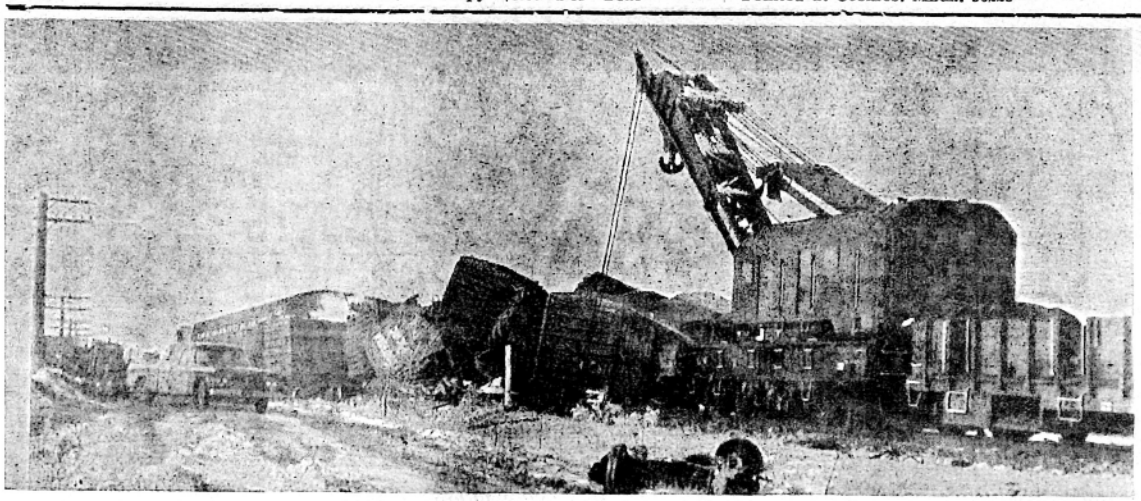

CLEANING UP the mess made by the wreck of 32 cars of the Great Northern Railway was a big job even for a huge crane such as the one starting work in the picture above. Note that smoke still rises from some of the cars in the middle.—Photo courtesy of Atwater Herald.

Service restored on GN New Years after wreck

GROVE CITY—Traffic on the Great Northern railroad between Litchfield and Grove City was resumed about noon on New Year's Day, following one of the worst train wrecks ever to occur in this area.

Three of the 32 wrecked cars were picked up right away, but company officials estimate it will be about three weeks before everything is cleaned up.

Oil-soaked lumber and apples in five box cars and refrigerator cars burned defiantly, Wednesday night and Thursday, Dec. 30 and 31, after a pileup of 32 cars about 10:15 p.m., Wednesday night.

The 32 cars on number 828 freight train included refrigerators, some box cars, some flat beds, and some tankers loaded with fuel oil and sulphur. They were tossed and crushed like some giant had kicked them down a stair case. Several were piled in a heap, while others laid on their sides and tops like disabled beetles. Officials laid the cause of the fire to warming stoves in the apple cars which burst into flames after the derailment.

Early guesses by railroaders summoned to unscramble the heap indicated that the wreck was probably caused by a coupling which broke and dropped in the track, systemically derailing each car until they were bodily lifted into the air. Estimated speed of the train is 40 miles an hour. The pigpile was in the middle of the 85-car train, and the shock wave had subsided before it hit the caboose. The conductor, Carl Herman, and rear brakeman, E. D. Fokken, both of Willmar, were uninjured. There were no injuries reported at all. The engineer was Leonard Adams of Willmar.

The Litchfield fire department was called, and stayed with the blaze through the morning. Also present was the Litchfield Civil Defense Emergency unit.

There has been no estimate of damage made by the Great Northern, but a rough idea of the loss can be arrived at by estimating the cost of one car, filling it with freight, and multiplying it 32 times. Also destroyed was railroad track equalling the distance between six telegraph poles.

Sen. Holmquist is assigned committees

ST. PAUL—Senator Stanley W. Holmquist of the Sixteenth Legislative District will again serve as chairman of the General Legislation Committee of the State Senate. This committee will deal with important legislation pertaining to Sunday closing, all legislation pertaining to licensing, and any legislation of a general nature.

Senator Holmquist will also serve on the important Committee on Education, the Committees on Taxes and Tax Laws, Labor, Towns and Counties and Military Affairs.

He is also a member of the powerful Rules Committee which scrutinizes all legislation.

Band Parents to choose uniforms

COSMOS—Materials for the new band uniforms will be chosen when the Cosmos Band Parents Club holds its next meeting, next Tuesday, Jan. 12, 8 p.m. in the school lunchroom.

Sen. Holmquist to address Employers Assn., meeting

ST. PAUL—Senator Stanley W. Holmquist, Grove City, will be a featured speaker at the 56th Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Employers' Association, to be held January 13th in St. Paul.

Chairman of the Senate General Legislation Committee, Holmquist will discuss the serious condition of the Minnesota Unemployment Compensation Fund. One of the pressing problems facing the 1965 Legislature, Senator Holmquist noted, is how to erase the annual deficit in the fund, which has declined from a 1953



Village Council re-organizes; names officials

COSMOS—The Cosmos village council re-organized itself at its first meeting of 1965, Monday night.

New on the council at this meeting was Mrs. Bernard Arnold, newly-elected village clerk, who took over her duties on Jan. 1.

Items of re-organization consisted of:

★ **Electing** James Dvorak as acting mayor to serve in the absence of Mayor Vern Soltau.

★ **Appointing** Martin Kutzke fire chief and Dorin Anderson, assistant fire chief.

★ **Designating** First State Bank of Cosmos depository for funds of the village.

★ **Designating** The Cosmos News official newspaper for publishing of legal notices.

★ **Appointing** Dr. David Allison as village health officer, and Vern Haagenson and Fred Hesser as members of the health committee.

★ **Retaining** Cedric Williams, Jr., as village attorney.

★ **Appointing** the following duties amongst themselves: Mayor Vern Soltau, head of police and fire departments; Walter Reinke in charge of streets and sidewalks; James Dvorak in charge of weed control and Harold Hesser in charge of the water department.

324 children born to Meeker County residents in '64

LTCHFIELD — Three hundred twenty-four children were born to Meeker county residents during 1964, according to a summary of vital statistics released by Hardy Silverberg, clerk of district court, this week.

Two hundred twenty-three of these children were born in Meeker county, while 101 were born outside of the county.

In addition 73 children were born to non-resident mothers in Meeker county.

During 1964 only 249 county residents died, 185 in the county, 64 elsewhere. Thirty-six non-residents died in Meeker county.

The clerk's records also show:

★ 105 marriage licenses applied for.

★ 210 court actions filed.

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MR. and MRS. H. L. Swanson took Bertha Koch back to St. Paul a week ago Sunday and then visited at the Edgar Koch home in Coon Rapids until Wednesday.

MR. and MRS. J. B. Kalitowski and Mrs. Emma Mortenson were Sunday evening dinner guests at the Harry Larson home.

MR. and MRS. WALLACE Mortenson of Excelsior were Saturday dinner guests at the A. W. Jordin home and also visited Mrs. Emma Mortenson.

MR. and MRS. ALBERT Flemming took Steven back to Morris on Sunday.

NEW YEAR'S EVE guests at the Delano Lietzau home were Pastor Smrcka, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Holmgren, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Flemming, Harold Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lietzau, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lietzau, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Olsen and the Charles Lietzau family.

MR. and MRS. BERNELL Buck and Todd spent several days last week at the Ardell Reins home in Hopkins, and also at the Norman Hedtke home in Excelsior.

MR. and MRS. DAVID ANderson and Chad were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Myron Reinke home.

MR. and MRS. LOWELL Benson and Julie and Herman Buck were New Year's Day guests at the H. O. Flemming home in Annandale.

MR. and MRS. DEAN ANderson of Hector were guests at the David Anderson home on New Year's night.

MR. and MRS. EARL Blackwell and family visited Earl's mother in Hector on Saturday evening.

HARRIET and FLORINE Berlin of the Twin Cities were weekend guests at the Earl Blackwell home and visited their father at the nursing home.

MRS. ARTHUR EHLERS and children of St. Paul were Saturday and Sunday guests at the H. J. Koch home while Arthur went to Iowa to visit an aunt who is ill. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Higgin and family were Sunday guests.

MR. and MRS. REUBEN Boeder and Terry were New Year's overnight guests at the Ernie Gassman home in Minneapolis.

MR. and MRS. KENNETH Orthman and children of Sutherland, Ia. spent the New Years weekend at the Clair Bryant home. Guests on Sunday were the Robert Tharp family of New London and the Lee Bryant family of Willmar and the Bryant children of Rosendale.

MRS. GERALD OLSEN visited an aunt, Mrs. Lena Birr, a patient at the Renville Hospital at Olivia on New Year's Day.

MR. and MRS. VIRGIL Nelson of Litchfield were New Year's Eve supper guests at the Adolph Erickson home.

MR. and MRS. Verne Fredin and Julie and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Buchs were Sunday evening visitors at the Andy Nussbaum home in Hutchinson. They also called on Mrs. Donald Fredin and new baby boy at the Hutchinson hospital.

MR. and MRS. VERNE Fredin and Julie and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Buchs spent Sunday in the Twin Cities. Verne, Julie and Henry attended the Gamble convention while the women visited at the Archie Heath home in Robbinsdale.

MR. and MRS. Wm. GEIER of Olivia, Mrs. Laura Geier and Herbert Schiro were Saturday overnight guests at the Mrs. Ella Runke home in Hutchinson.

MR. and MRS. DONALD Beckstrand and children of Litchfield, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ackerman of Minneapolis, Mrs. Laura Geier, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Halverson and Lynette, Mrs. Glarence Geier and Glarence Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Koch were New Year's Day guests at the Vernon Swigart home.

NEW YEAR'S DAY guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Eggert and family for the 13th birthday of their son, Myron, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jacobus of Madelia, Mrs. Herman Eggert of Cosmos and Mr. and Mrs. James Paul and family of Silver Lake.

MR. and MRS. RAY DAVIS took Craig Davis to his home at Lewisville on Saturday.

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Pork & Beans 25c
With Molasses 14-oz.

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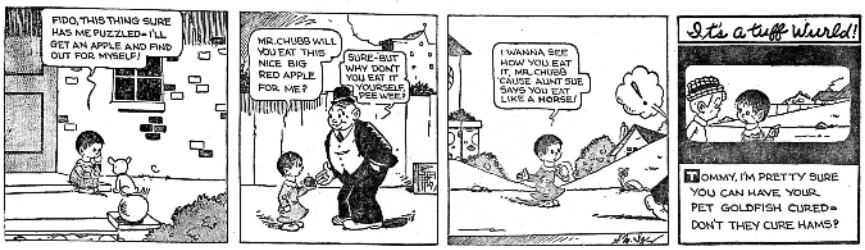

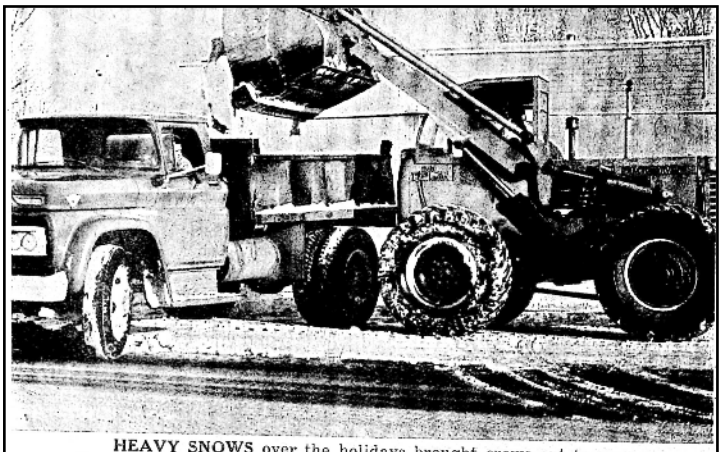

HEAVY SNOWS over the holidays brought crews out to remove the thick blanket from Main street. In the photo above, Clayton Halverson is loading snow into a dump truck driven by Harvey Picha.—Cosmos News staff photo.



GETTING AROUND in these days of deep snow is an easy matter for this Sno Traveler, owned by Harold Katzenmeyer, who uses it not only for sport, but for traveling around town when there is plenty of snow around. In the photo above, Mike Turner is giving the machine a trial spin. The Sno Traveler has a track under it, almost the size of the entire body, and a set of skis in front, enabling it to travel almost anywhere at a good speed. In summer, the skis can be removed and a pair of wheels substituted.—Cosmos News staff photo.



LEONARD MEYER, left, receives his prize pig from J. M. Lietzau, right, as M. F. Ophaug looked on.—Cosmos News staff photo.

LEONARD MEYER WINS DUROC GILT

COSMOS — Leonard Meyer was awarded a registered Duroc gilt at the J. M. Lietzau Lumber & Hardware Co. on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The gilt was one of 12 awarded nationwide by Century Engineering Corp. of Cedar Rapids, Ia., in connection with Lindsay Bros. Co. of Minneapolis.

The gilt, which is bred to farrow in March, is registered as "Lady Flip-Top," named after the portable heater the contest publicized. She came from the Meadowbrook Stock Farm of Central City, Ia. The farm, well-known among Duroc breeders, has accumulated numerous awards in sectional as well as state contests.

The presentation of the gilt was made by J. M. Lietzau at a ceremony, last Wednesday afternoon. M. F. Ophaug, merchandising manager of Lindsay Bros. Co., represented that company and the Century Engineering Co. in the presentation.

Mr. Meyer had been the winner of the local drawing at Lietzau Lumber and Hardware last December. His name was then submitted for the national drawing.

Check these TOP FOOD VALUES

WEEK-END SALE—JAN. 28th to 30th

SCHWEIGERTS FAMILY PACK
WIENERS ..... 4-lb. pkg. $1.79

GOLDEN TREAT
BACON ..... 1-lb. pkg. 49c

SCHWEIGERTS
BRAUNSCHWEIGER ..... lb. 39c

CRUSHED—TIDBITS—CHUNK NO. 211 TIN
DOLE PINEAPPLE ..... 5 for $1.00

THREE DIAMOND 11 OZ. 4 FOR
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GOLDEN TREAT
CHEESE ..... 2 lbs. 69c

FRANCO AMERICAN WITH GROUND BEEF
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Thoughts & Observations



By Mark Minnick,
"Insect Loving Idiot" Editor of **The Galactic Gazette**. Email at **wordnut66@outlook.com**

I hope all of the readers enjoyed the Christmas Holiday. I'm always reminded every year as to the various ways that folks choose to celebrate (or not) this holiday. I have my own likes and preferences but I also think there is no 'right or wrong' way to celebrate the birth of this special little guy. Seems to me he was trying to make peace and enlightenment cool, long before us modern folk tried to claim the idea as "Some new thing". So, after all those thousands of years, Merry Christmas everyone!



As far as enjoying the holiday, I tried my best, but…there was, it seemed, a **Grinch** in the area. *(This is quickly turning into a long and boring old geezer story. So, you've been warned. Continue reading at the risk of dozing off.)*

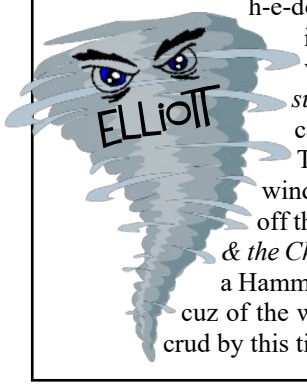


Wife Deb and I both came down with what seemed to be your run-of-mill rhinovirus. Nothing unheard of, it's winter and kind of normal, right? Sniffles, runny nose and a little coughing. No big deal. We thought we were getting over it while we were making preparations for Christmas weekend. Or so we thought…

Next came the bomb cyclone un-officially (?) named winter storm **"Elliott".** *(I'm so old I remember when we just called them a $#@!% blizzard)*. Anyway, it started snowing on Wednesday night the 21st, getting worse by Thursday. So guess what - the 22nd was to be the sacred high holiday of **Liver & Onions** at Mug Shots. I would miss the rare treat prepared by the priestess of said delicacy, Becky. I was majorly bummed. What next?



By Friday the 23rd, the blizzard, bomb cyclone or whatever the h-e-double hockey sticks you call it, **Elliott** intensified. I don't know what was worse; The storm itself *(a doozy for sure)* or the media exhibiting a severe case of self induced, **blizzard anxiety**. TV weather folks standing outside in the wind *and* snow! Oh no, not that! I just shut off the TV, turned up the tunes *(Perry Como & the Chipmunks Christmas music)* and cracked a Hamm's. **Tyler** & **Britt** decided to stay home cuz of the weather. Deb was in bed with the virus crud by this time too. We didn't go anywhere.



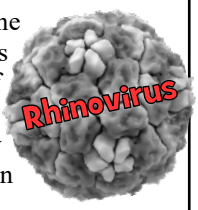
As Christmas Eve Saturday rolled around, I called all of my relatives that we were gonna meet with and said, "Uh uh". With the continued blowing snow and Deb still being sick, we just laid low. At least there was a **Vikings** game to watch, right? I figured they'd probably lose anyway, but you can always hope.



All by myself, I needed to rustle something up for a Christmas Eve/Vikings game meal. Sauerkraut and brats popped into my head. I knew I had brats, then looked in the cupboard for kraut. **Nein!** So, I did the next best thing; I made homemade dumplings *(sinkers)* and essig kraut. *(Cooked cabbage with vinegar added.)* I roasted up the brats and laid them on to top of the essig kraut and dumplings. Man, oh man, one of the best holiday meals I've ever had! *(No offense, mom!)* And by gosh, the **Vikes** pulled one out again, **27-23**. Well that helps, but on the downside, I was starting to feel icky…again.



Now it's Christmas Day and I felt like the overused term '**death warmed over**'. Deb was still in bed too. Either this was some kind of super bug or I simply picked up different one. Regardless, it made for a pretty rotten Sunday and Monday. A shot of blackberry didn't even help. *(Didn't hurt, but it didn't help.)*





Do you know what my biggest take-away was from this whole Christmas experience? This was just like the original Dr. Suess book "**How the Grinch Stole Christmas**" which I read many times as a kid. *(I still like the book, btw.)* No matter what the weather, how many presents are there or who shows up, Christmas still comes. Yup. Can't beat that with a stick. *(See below)*

Sick or not, I was still happy about Christmas, just like **Cindy Lou Who**. *(Hey, I didn't get a stick and a lump of coal, either. Yee Haw!)*



***As an unexpected bonus** I was elated, *surprised but elated*, about the Vikings win. *(There is a God.)* It'll interesting to see how they do against Green Bay on the frozen tundra of Lambeau, where manly men play! Woot, Woot!



"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

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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".



Man we saved on the KewPies big time this month. I really thought more readers would get this one. Oh well. Here's our only winner;
The guy in the wheelchair is Walter Mortenson. I'm not sure of the other three. ***Shirley Anderson***



A SOCIAL CALL was made at the Cosmos Nursing Home on Monday following the Bicentennial program, by Adolph Kvam and Lt. Governor Rudy Perpich. Kvam and Perpich pause to visit with Emil Hackbarth (left) and Walter Mortenson.

Thank You

Thank you to the wonderful people of Cosmos and the surrounding communities for the kindness and love we received during a very difficult time in our lives. To Pastor Sarah, Peace Lutheran staff, Peace Lutheran Church Women, American Legion Auxiliary Honor Guard and Hantge Funeral Home, we thank you. For the many cards and memorials in Phyllis' name, we thank you. To the many friends that shared hugs and cherished moments with us about a unique and classy lady, we thank you. Our love and our thanks we share with you. *The family of Phyllis Matthews.*



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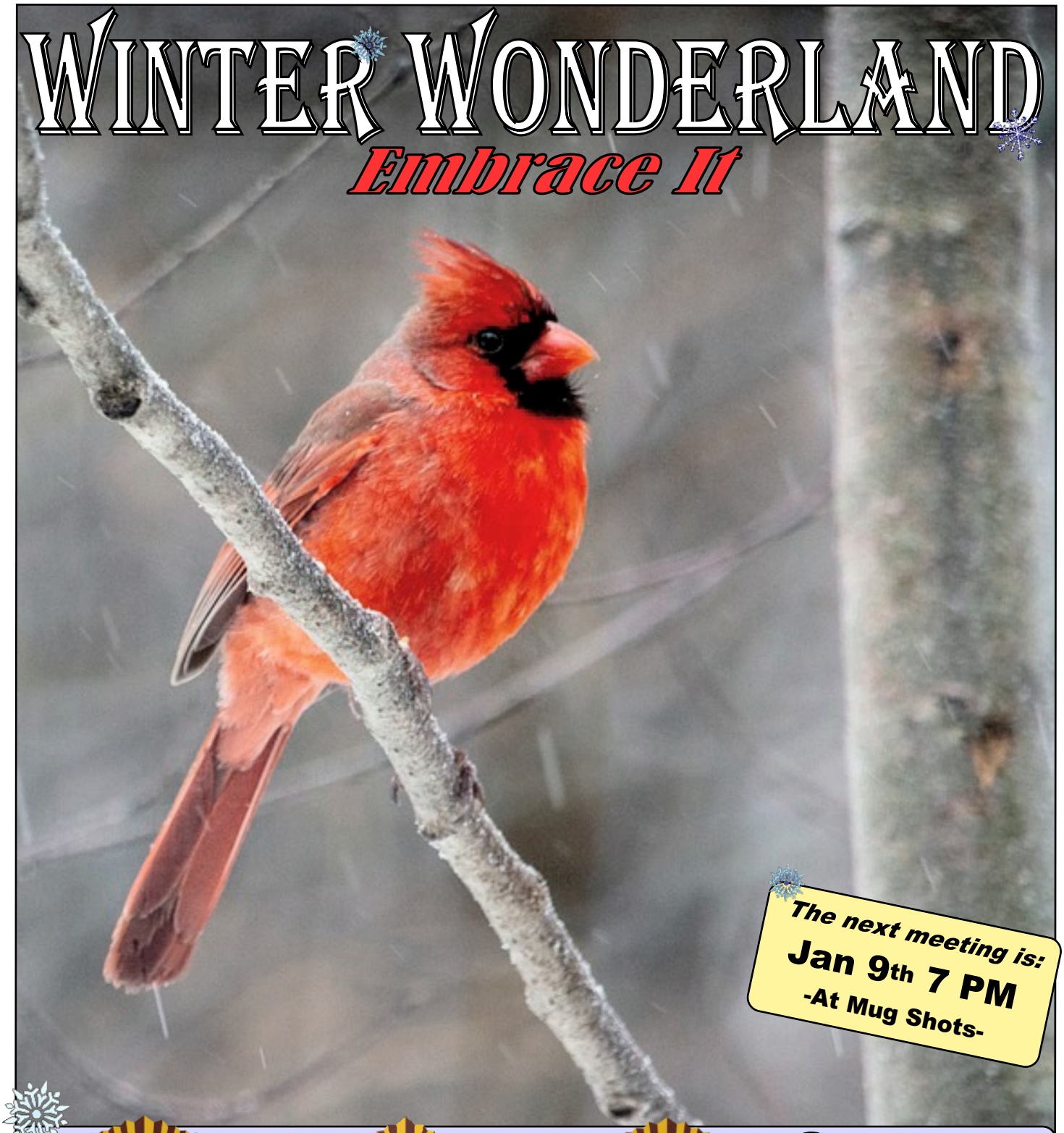

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