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"Summer Sunrise "

Weather: "Far Out" man. "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"

Socially Distanced Council Meeting





Pics and commentary by Mark Minnick

It was a scene that is becoming all too familiar, not just in Cosmos but in the United States. The Cosmos City Council met at the city center "Socially distanced". This May 14th regular meeting was attended by the mayor, full council, city manager, city maintenance person and a few spectators. No one was wearing a mask, including this reporter, but no one was coughing or sickly sounding either.

Tables and chairs were set up strategically around the room with plenty of space in between. Everyone moved about to find a spot to sit, six feet or more away from anyone else, admitting that it wasn't exactly "Rocket science" to figure it out. No tape measures needed. Everyone bantered, gawked and joked a little bit, commenting and adjusting to the new normal.

As Mayor Martin called the meeting to order, things settled down pretty quickly. It wasn't long before it seemed like just a normal meeting to this reporter. The agenda got covered, presentations were given, questions were raised, issues were addressed and votes were taken.

In other words, business was taken care of, even if everyone was distanced six feet apart. Which maybe isn't so bad anyway, especially if someone splashed on a little too much Aqua Velva. Just sayin'.

"You can tell what was the best year of your father's life, because they seem to freeze that clothing style and ride it out." *Jerry Seinfeld*

Failure to Launch

2020 Space Festival Canceled

By Mark Minnick

The Covid 19 virus has claimed another victim, The 2020 Cosmos Space Festival. After a long meeting of talking, expressing opinions and mulling options, the Space Festival committee decided to cancel all of the normal activities, with a couple of exceptions. Dependent on safety guidelines and conditions later in the summer, the committee may look at sponsoring a bean bag and softball tournament.

While the committee lamented the cancellation, they agreed that there are just too many unknowns to deal with when trying to plan a town celebration of this magnitude. If there's a chance that a softball tournament or a bean bag throw down could be held later on, maybe some solace can be had in that Cosmos is giving the virus a metaphorical "Sharp stick in the eye". Stay tuned, and keep your stick sharpened.





If You Could Only Smell 'Em

Comment ands pic by Mark Minnick

It's that time of year in late May, when the lilacs show off their short lived beautiful colors and fragrance. Wouldn't it be nice to smell them on the page? Mmmm…

The Gazette may have to look into getting scratch & sniff capabilities for our popular publication. But then again, if we did, some would probably complain about the fish pictures. The postal department might have something to say about it also. We'll get back to you on the smells…



Local Chicken Chillin' on Neptune

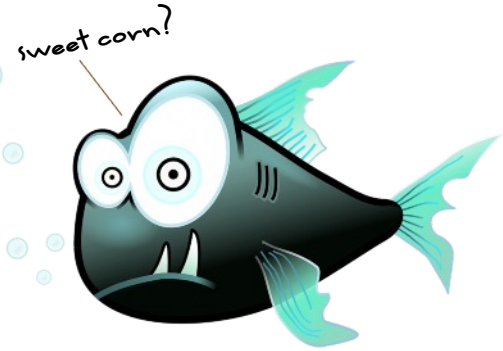
Plenty of Gambling & Fishing Every Day

By Mark Minnick

The Local Chicken, who wishes to remain anonymous, sent me a short text a little while ago. He mentioned that he was having a great time on Neptune seeing the sights and and doing some gambling with the old hen.

He even hired an alien fishing guide to take him out for the Neptune fishing opener. (He missed our Minnesota opener, ya know.) They caught a limit of some weird looking fish, whose name was hard to pronounce. He mentioned that it roughly translates to "Pretty Boy Blue Bullhead". He remarked that these fish fought really hard, making for a good time. Local and the Old Hen had a nice meal of those Neptunian fish, saying they tasted kinda like sweet corn.

He didn't say when he would return to Earth, cause he was having too much fun on the big blue planet. As turkey season was just beginning, he also wanted to try to bag one of the elusive Neptunian Purple Turkeys. He told me that you can call them in by playing EDM music from the hunting blind. Another bullhead fishing trip wouldn't be out of the question either, he quipped. Quite the sportschicken you are Local, quite the sportschicken. BTW, he mentioned that the purple turkeys are supposed to taste like Spam. Mmmm…



"Dad taught me everything I know. Unfortunately, he didn't teach me everything he knows." *Al Unser*

Veteran's Memorial Coming Along Nicely





Photos and commentary by Curt Meyer

Construction of the Veterans Memorial began in mid May. Plans were to start earlier but as we all know with the Covid-19 epidemic everything changed. Mike Walters and his crew are working hard to get the base completed. Pavers are ordered and should arrive in the fall. Pavers will be engraved after they have arrived. Plans are to dedicate the Memorial at a later date.

Please order your pavers as soon as possible so we can keep progressing. Extra forms are available at Cosmos City Hall, Mug Shots and Cosmos Post Office. Forms can also be found on the internet, type in Cosmos sons and daughters or Cosmos Royals Alumni page.

We have had very good response so far, thanks to everyone that has ordered. Once again we ask you to place your orders as soon as possible.



New Playground Equipment in City Park Ready to Go!



Here we go.



Coming along nicely.



Almost there.

But hold on there Buckaroos…

By Mark Minnick

Spring is done and it seems, so is the new playground "complex" in the City of Cosmos' mid town park. All shiny, sparkly and new, surrounded by mounds of nice soft wood chips. No falling down and getting gravel rash here, no sirree Bob.

But wait a minute kids, hold on to your juice box and don't get too wound up. You'll have to start backing off on that sugar intake and contain that excitement for awhile. The state Covid 19 safety recommendations insist on no playground use. Zero, zilch, nada. They don't want you spreading that virus around to other kids and getting sick yourselves. I know, it sucks. Darned rules.

So, for the time being, you can only drive by on your bike and drool. It looks soooo fun! As soon as the state's regulations are lifted, the city will open up the area. In the meantime, pump up the tires and lube the chain on that bike; You'll get there quicker when it opens. Zoom, Zoom!



Looking good Eunice.

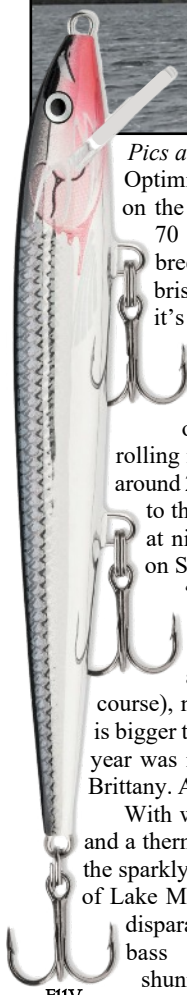
"Having children is like living in a frat house — nobody sleeps, everything's broken, and there's a lot of throwing up." *Ray Romano*

Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!



Beautiful & scenic Thompson Lake was empty on the opener, except for a pair of geese.



F11V
Rapala
Original Floating
"Vampire"
Actual Size

Pics and story by Mark Minnick

Optimism. It's always worked for me on the fishing opener. Whether it be 70 degrees, sunshine and a light breeze or 45 degrees, clouds and brisk wind with a few rain drops; it's all good in my book. Let's go here. It's the opener.

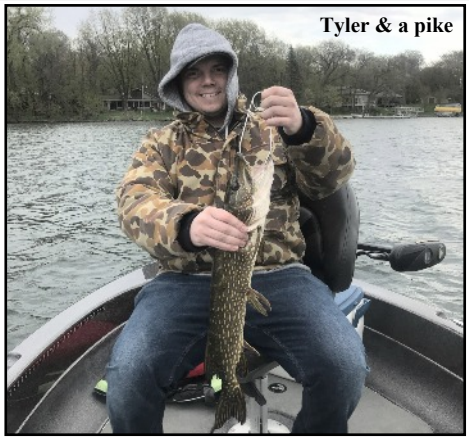
This years event wasn't shaping up to be as stellar as other years, as a cold front rolling in was going to drop the temps around 20 degrees. From the 60's down to the 40's during the day, freezing at night. Cloudy, windy and chilly on Saturday. "Just great" I thought, "That'll shut the fish down".

But, so be it, we're still going; it's the opener. We are anglers (socially distanced, of course), not whiners. Besides, our brain is bigger than any ole' fish. The 'we' this year was myself, son Tyler and his GF, Brittany. A lot of brains in one boat. *Sigh.*

With warm clothes, snacks, Hamm's and a thermos of hot coffee, we launched the sparkly boat into the 52 degree waters of Lake Minnie Belle. Known somewhat disparagingly for it's large pike and bass population, it is generally shunned by the local walleye guys on the opener. Which is why I like to go there; it doesn't get to be such a $#@t show on the water or the landing. *Note: As an aside to the walleye guys; the recent DNR net surveys show good numbers of nice sized 'eyes in this system. A few astute anglers will whisper the same thing. But that's OK, just keep on staying away. What does the DNR know….*

Anyway, the plan of attack was to lazily troll stick baits at 1 to 2 mph over the tops of the upcoming vegetation in anywhere from 6 to 15 feet of water. Done with the spawn, the walleyes and pike are generally cruising these areas, looking for an 'easy meal'. We just had to try and fool 'em into thinking that our lures were that 'easy meal'. Not wanting to bring all of my tackle with, I *only* had about 150 different hard baits to choose from. Plus, I had about 50 spinner baits, 100 or so soft plastics and 4 spare rods. A guy's gotta cover all the bases, yeppir….

Troll, troll, troll we did. Sipping on hot coffee, we all remarked how nice it was to be on the water again and that it really wasn't too bad weather wise. None of us had experienced any action yet, so I reeled in and switched from the Rapala F11 "Vampire" to my tried and true 7" F18 Rapala, in silver and black. "Go big or go home", I figured. Besides, Trophy fish dig 'em, including walleyes.



Tyler & a pike

I didn't go another 100 yards and "KAPOW". Something smacked the lure and smacked it hard. As I started reeling on the heavy action trolling rod & reel set-up, the fight felt like that of a decent sized specimen. Hmmm, I thought, either a fat old marble eyes or a bruiser pike. No monster, but a nice specimen, none the less. Way too big to eat. Get the camera ready.

As I enjoyed the battle to the boat with my finned adversary, the trophy was finally getting close enough for a look. Staying down the whole time, she hadn't showed herself a bit. On the last lift of the rod and the expert scoop of the net by #1 son, the sight of the fish made me chuckle. It was a 22" pike, a nice eater, but surely smaller that than size of the fight. More on that later.

Around 2:00 PM we quit, as the fish also demonstrated proper social distancing and didn't gather in groups-the bite was slow. But it gave us plenty of time to enjoy the hard salami, pepperoni, cheese, and crackers with a cold Hamm's to wash it down. Fishing really makes you thirsty and burns lots of calories, ya know.

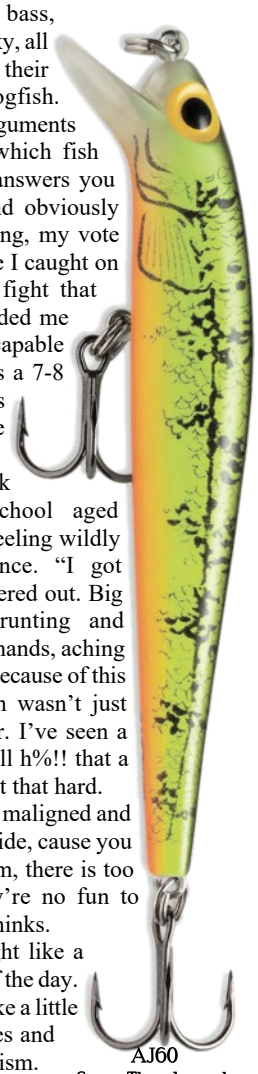


Brittany & a pike

There were two more small fish we kept to eat and some slot fish that we had to release, a couple of 26's, a 27 and 28". Even with Tyler using his "Secret Weapon", it was a pretty slow day of catching, but a great opener anyway.

Monday rolled around and things were pretty much back to normal. I sipped on coffee while reading the morning papers. The always needy cat Samantha was there too, requesting that her be head scratched. Besides the news, I replayed the events of the few hours of fishing in my head.

I remembered the fun I had fighting a little 22" pike to the net. I've fished, caught and landed many fish over the years. Large walleyes, carp, bass, pike, rock bass, crappie, sunfish and musky, all different but enjoyable in their own ways. Even a dogfish. There are always the arguments between anglers as to which fish fights the hardest. The answers you hear are all different and obviously subjective. Right or wrong, my vote goes to the little pike like I caught on opener. They don't all fight that hard but, this one reminded me what pike this size are capable of. I truly thought it was a 7-8 lb. class fish, but boy was I fooled; and it made me smile.



AJ60
Storm Thunderstick
"Naturalistic Perch"
Actual Size
"The Secret Weapon"

It brought back memories of grade school aged youngsters in the boat, reeling wildly in wide eyed exuberance. "I got another one!" being hollered out. Big smiles and lots of grunting and groaning. The cramping hands, aching arms and high fives. All because of this diminutive fish. The fun wasn't just limited to the kids either. I've seen a few adults surprised as all h%!! that a fish that small could fight that hard.

These little guys are maligned and hated pretty much statewide, cause you supposedly can't eat them, there is too many of them and they're no fun to catch. Bad attitude, me thinks.

This little guy fought like a trophy, like the big fish of the day. It kinda makes you feel like a little kid reeling one in, giggles and all. Just plain fun. Optimism.

If you can't have a good time doing that, well maybe you should go to a baseball game or something. Oh wait….

"Dad, you taught me all those instructional things that can be easily found on YouTube videos." *Anonymous Millennial*

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
May 14, 2020

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Martin at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2020.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Tom McCarthy, Angelica Hopp, Emily Van Hatten and Jody Fruetel.
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville, David Medina and Josh Halvorson
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Van Hatten, to adopt the Agenda. Motion carried
Recess City Council Meeting for Public Hearing on Improvements – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Van Hatten, to recess the City Council meeting for the hearing on Public Improvements at 5:05 p.m. Motion carried
City Engineer Josh Halvorson, Bolton-Menk Engineering was present to review the economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project and potential funding sources.
There were several residents in attendance: Kathy Jackson, Linda Hopp, and Mark Minnick. No written comments were received. No public comments were made during the hearing.
Reconvene Regular City Council Meeting – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Van Hatten, to close the Public Hearing on Improvements and reconvene the regular city county meeting at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Hopp, seconded by McCarthy, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. March 12, 2020 City Council Minutes
b. Overtime Balances
c. Notice for Public Hearing- Wellhead Protection Plan – 5:30 p.m. Aug 13, 2020
d. Meeker County Sheriff's Dept. March-April Report
e. April 2020 Bank Reconciliation
f. April 2020 YTD Revenue Expenditure Report

VISITORS PRESENTATIONS

City Auditor – Sarah Oberloh, Oberloh & Oberloh CPA was present to review the 2019 City Audit. The City finished 2019 above budget and in good financial condition.
Motion to Approve the 2019 City of Cosmos Audit - A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hopp, to approve the 2019 City of Cosmos Audit. Motion carried.
Utility Shut Offs – Mike Ikay, owner of the trailer court was concerned regarding shutting off utilities in a timely manner. The City was not shutting off utilities during the Covid-19 crisis and would review the shut off policy at a future meeting.
Mugshots Bar and Grill. – Brent Minor was present to discuss a soft opening for his customers at Mugshots. He assured the City Council that he would be cautious with customers, food service and overall operations. No action taken by the City Council.
Josh Halvorson, Bolton-Menk – Mr. Halvorson presented a more in-depth review of the potential infrastructure improvements for 2021. He answered general questions from the City Council and residents.
Resolution 2020_05 Ordering of Improvements and Preparation of Plans – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to approve Resolution 2020_05 Ordering of Improvements and Preparation of Plans for the 2021 Infrastructure and Utility Improvements. Motion carried.
May 14, 2020 Bills List - A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Van Hatten, to approve the May 14, 2020 Bills list with check numbers from 14235-14325 for $152,219.67. Motion carried**.**

Department Heads – City staff reviewed getting quotes for seal coating for the balance of the city streets that are not in Phase I of the 2021 infrastructure improvements.
David Medina presented quotes for parking striping for main street at $800 and for the city hall parking lot at $300.
Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

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Cheeseburger-5.75
California Burger-7
Mushroom & Swiss-7
Bacon Cheeseburger-7.50
Frisk-O Burger-8
Jail Break Burger-8
Patty Wagon(melt)-7.50
German Burger(w/Sauerkraut & Swiss)-7

Sandwiches

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Grilled Cheese-4
Grilled Chicken-7
Chicken Strip Melt-7.50
Fish-7.50
Prime Rib Melt-8.50
Philly Cheese Steak-10

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Cosmos Lions Celebrate (?) Milestone





Lions members waiting patiently for the pizza to show up.
L to R; Harry Weseloh, Dale Von Loh, Sue Martin, Joyce Karrigan, Smudge Schmeling, Gary Martin, Mike Welter and Butch Schmeling.



It's lonely out there, on the front lines of trash pickup.



Just about done.

Commentary and pics by Mark Minnick

The state highway 7 road ditches one mile to the east and west of Cosmos are clean of debris again. The ever present Cosmos Lions were at it again in May, removing the scattered refuse on both sides. This was the 30 year anniversary of the Cosmos club doing so.

The members that still have functioning legs, walked the four familiar miles, picking up all of the stuff they could see. Members with junk legs drove pickups around to carry the pickin's and give rides.

As the evening of cleanup ended, the group ended up with about 10-12 bags of crap. A few wooden timbers and busted up truck tire flaps added to the variety of junk. At least there were no poopy diapers this year.

After the cleanup, the crew met down at the city ballpark to use the picnic tables sitting outside. This enabled proper social distancing while enjoying a slice or two of fresh pizza from Casey's.

Another spring ditch walk is done and of course there is the one coming up in the fall. That's 8 miles total, per year, times 30 years; equaling 240 miles. *(It would be the same jaunt as walking from Cosmos all the way to Blackduck, MN. Whew…)*

I wonder if there's a Lion that's walked every mile? Ask a Lion you know or better yet, join up. The Lions can use you and not just in the road ditch. By the way, don't throw stuff out the car window. It's stupid.

"It is a wise child that knows his own father." *Homer Simpson*

TIDBITS



By Rick Nordin

Greetings! Hope you had an enjoyable Memorial Day Weekend and staying well. As I write this article, the state has allowed non-essential businesses to start opening at 50% capacity (which I assume is people in the store) and the hospitality businesses are currently scheduled to start to reopen June 1. There is also news of possible vaccines available by 2021. A big "Thank you" to all those who are working on the front lines of this pandemic.

I am sometimes pleasantly surprised by memories that are triggered from a song, a taste, a smell, a touch… all powerful triggers. The other day Patty and I were by a Wendy's Restaurant at lunch time. Since we are both fans of the Frosty chocolate shake, we ordered lunch and a Frosty. I think it literally has been a couple years since I have had one.

The first bite was a bit of scolding for not having one sooner. It was soooo good. The second bite triggered a flood of memories about the first time I had a malt cup while watching a Twins game at the Met Stadium, July 4th, 1969. The next hour of driving my thoughts were consumed by memories of that day.

As a young lad, I loved playing the game of baseball and looked forward to every opportunity to play. In the spring, elementary school recess consisted of playing 500 or pick up softball. In the summer it was organized "little league" baseball.

Living on a dairy farm, getting away to attend any social event father than 20 miles from home was a "big deal". The anticipation of attending this Twins game (my first major league game) is what dreams are made of for a young ball player. Plus, the Twins were a very good team in '69.

I remember it was a warm Minnesota July day. I don't know how Mom did it, but we had great seats along the 3rd base line close enough to hear the home plate umpire. It was the biggest crowd of people I had ever seen in one place and we saw my baseball heroes in "real life". Jim Perry was on the mound and the stars of Harmon Killebrew, Tony Oliva, Rod Carew and Cesar Tovar, with Billy Martin leaning on the rail as manager.

I am grateful Mom liked ice cream because we all got to experience a Met Stadium "malt cup". If you had the privilege of having one, you know what I am talking about! Can life get any better for an eleven year old?

I don't remember a lot of details of the game stats other than the Twins won and Harmon had a home run. I was curious about the stats so a search on the internet showed the Twins won 10-4 and both Killebrew and Carew had home runs. What a day!

*As a footnote, my Mother was a devoted Twins fan. She listened to every game she could, even the years when they weren't so good. I remember asking her one time, "How can you listen to all these games when they never win?" Her answer was precious: "Because they are "my Twins". Have a great June.

Metropolitan Stadium
Bloomington, MN





View of Metropolitan Stadium Field
from the third base side, summer of 1965

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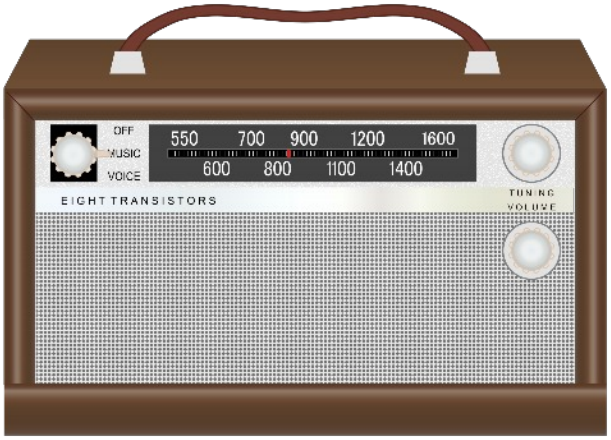


Always tuned to 'CCO ya know…The Twins' station.

"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant, I could hardly stand to have the old man around.
But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." *Mark Twain*

Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!



Local Bags Turkey

By Mark Minnick

There is one less tom turkey courting the hens and fending off other suitors in our area woods. Cosmos resident Nate Van Hatten, managed to get a grizzled old trophy bird in close enough for a good shot. *(Surprisingly, all of this happened without his "Most of the Time, Bestest Huntin' Buddy" and spouse, Emily. More on that later.)*

He gave me a quick lowdown on the bird and the early May hunt. "The beard was 10 inches long. The spur was inch and a quarter long; yes, only one spur. The weight was 23 ½ lbs. The bird was shot at 8:15 in the morning. I spent an hour and a half on my call trying to get that bird to come in. Location wise we can go ahead and say it was shot out west...."



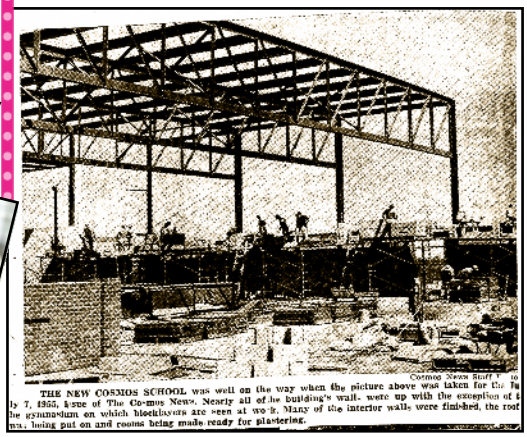
Hmmm, must be a super secret turkey hunting spot. West of Thorp? West of Gluek? West of Montevideo? Hoo boy, now we're running out of state.

I asked his "Most of the Time, Bestest Hunting Buddy", Emily where he was hunting when he bagged the bird. With a slight scowl and a shake of the head she replied, "I don't know either."

I didn't pursue the matter, but I wondered just how enjoyable that family meal of wild turkey was going to be. None of my business really, just sayin'.



Last months Whatzit was the Cosmos School Gymnasium. So, we have to award a couple of KewPies this month;
Cosmos School Gym 1956-2020 RIP
Via Email, Mark Dallmann
It's the school gym.
Janet Schiro



THE NEW COSMOS SCHOOL was well on the way when the picture above was taken for Co... Ju... ly 7, 1955, issue of The Cosmos News. Nearly all of the building's wall... were up with the exception of t... the gymnasium on which blockla...ers are seen at wo...k. Many of the interior walls were fini...hed, the roof was being put on and rooms being made ready for plastering.

Look Ma, the Corn's Up!



Pic and comment by Mark Minnick

The first week in May shows the first corn poking through the dirt in the local fields. It may not be a glamour shot but, it still makes one smile. *(and just never mind the grass.)*



No Germs Allowed!

Rest assured that the Galactic Gazette is a high class, germ free publication. We don't mess around. We used to.

Minnesota DNR Roundtable 2020

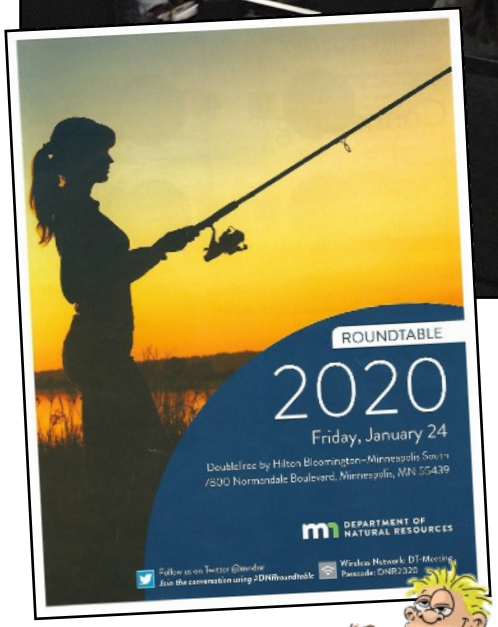
Nature and the Great Outdoors

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



The Grand Ballroom is full for the 2020 DNR Roundtable. Commissioner Susan Strommen (inset right) is at the podium.
Photo by Mark Minnick

DNR photo



By Mark Minnick

Big Trip for a Country Bumpkin

On an unseasonably warm and gray January afternoon, I pointed the truck east, towards Minnesota's tallest buildings. Jamming to some face melting guitar riffs from my newest Black Keys CD, I rolled seamlessly from highway 7 onto 494 south. I had left Cosmos early enough to beat the dreaded metro afternoon 'rush hour' that us folks from the hinterlands loathe. So, why does an country hick like me want to head to the area that contains too much traffic and the state's tallest buildings? On a Thursday afternoon, no less? Free Hamm's? Nope, not that.

I had received an invitation to the 2020 MN DNR Roundtable, that's why. Only around 150 (educated guess) outdoor enthusiasts from around the state, get invited by the DNR to this gathering every year. I see it as a privilege to go and participate. This annual roundtable brings together management level DNR personnel with anglers, hunters, hikers and outdoor folks of all ages from across the state to explore and discuss outdoor issues affecting all of us.

Various subjects are covered during the one day event, with questions and input from invitees all part of the conversation. You get to interact with the folks that actually do the field work and resulting studies, then proceed to set policy for our outdoor resources. A real neat setup I think.

Zooming south and then east on 494, I was doing pretty good on the big four-lane beltway as I quickly approached by desired exit to the Bloomington Hilton. Parking the truck in the handicapped spot, I grabbed my bag and hobbled into the lobby of the Bloomington Hilton. After I was done with the painless check-in, I grabbed the elevator and proceeded to by room on the 18th floor.

As I turned on the tube, unpacked my bag and settled in, I took a quick glance out the window. Wow, nice view (above, next page) - I better get a picture. As I'm snapping the shutter, a totally country bumpkin thought rolled out of my gray matter. "I'm almost higher than the Cosmos water tower. Uff da." I slapped my forehead with the palm of my hand to remind myself of the 'ruralness' of that thought. Uff da again.

Anyway, I got back in the elevator and headed down to the hotel lounge for a couple of Bud's and a personal pizza. Both hit the spot as I watched a little basketball and chatted with the bartender. Then it was back up to the room to hit the hay and get ready for Friday's big roundtable. I made sure to refrain from anymore rural thoughts, even if a little tiny pizza was $22 and a Bud was $8. Uff da again.

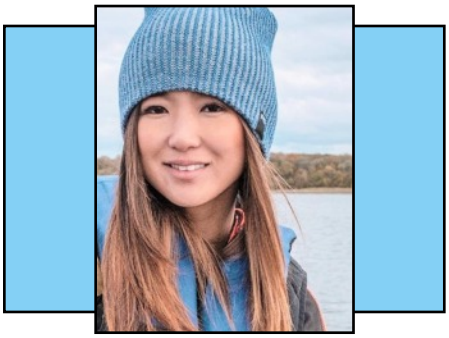
Let's See What This is All About

As I sipped on a cup of coffee that I brewed right in the room, I slowly but surely got my brain's synapses warmed up for the big day ahead. "At least I didn't oversleep" I thought, as I rode the elevator to go down for day's events. With a fresh attitude and an empty coffee cup, I hobbled out of the elevator and proceeded to the big table to authenticate my online pre-registration. With a fancy name tag, event program and more coffee, I and a couple hundred other folks, filed into the grand ballroom. We sat around big round tables for the next two hours, taking in the presentations and talks from DNR and invited guests.

It was an enjoyable and informative morning listening to all eight of the speakers. I would run out of room here by listing all of them and what they talked about. The highlights for me were; Commissioner Sarah Strommen, a taped greeting from Governor Walz and millennial outdoor blogger Jenny Anderson.

I was familiar with Ms. Anderson as I had already seen her Facebook page and website. She has quite the following with millennials as she partakes in the numerous outdoor activities that Minnesota has to offer in all seasons. She encourages other gals and guys to get out there and do it, no matter what their experience level.

Her talk to the crowd was enjoyable and upbeat, ending with a selfie with the seated crowd in the background. By gosh, she had that image posted the next day on her Facebook page. She sure looks to be a pretty good young ambassador for our Minnesota outdoor activities.



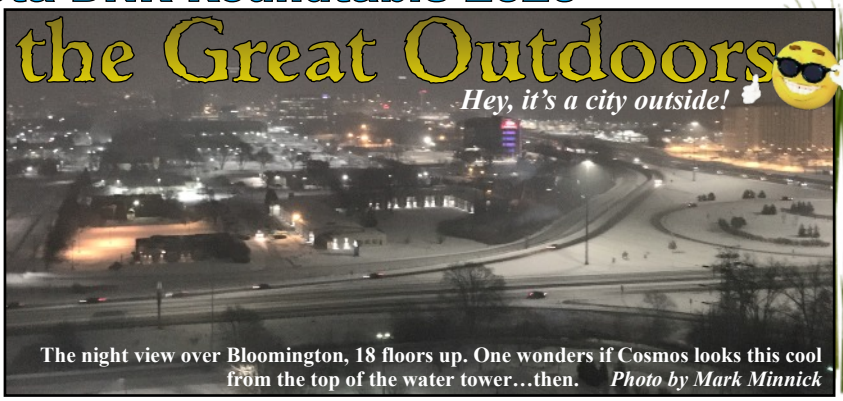
Jenny Anderson *DNR photo*

You can find and follow her on Instagram, Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter and her own website. Whew! Just type in 'Jenny Anderson Girl of 10,000 lakes' in your favorite search engine and go from there. *Continued next pg.*

Minnesota DNR Roundtable 2020



"Big 'Bulls' under a log."



The night view over Bloomington, 18 floors up. One wonders if Cosmos looks this cool from the top of the water tower…then. *Photo by Mark Minnick*

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Submarine Sandwich, Dead Ahead!

We broke for a quick 45 minute lunch with a great sub sandwich, cookies, bars and a soft drink. Then everyone scurried off to the next seminar of their choosing. You had to pick one out of five seminars to go to in the first hour. It was the same for the next two 1 hour sessions.

So, after the afternoon was done, you got to listen and learn in three 1 hour sessions which was great. What sucked was that you missed out on 12 other sessions. I really would have liked to attend the sessions on pheasant, duck, deer and wolf management darn it.

Oh well, I guess you can only do so much in a half a day, but I think it's such a waste to not be able to gain some knowledge from the other presentations.

Now for Some Afternoon Learning

I guess I would have to say that I enjoyed Loren Miller's explanation of the use of modern genetics in fisheries management today. The days of willy-nilly stocking any ol' fish here and there are long gone. Genetic stocks are tracked and factored in when moving or stocking fish. That was totally fascinating, and I think well worth the state's investment.

In other sessions, we talked about hot topics happening in fisheries. I'll highlight three.

First was walleye limits, with the possibility of dropping to four from the current six in most waters. The feeling I got was that most anglers in attendance were in favor of that reduced number, with very few grumblers. I personally would like to see it reduced to three but, oh well.

Second was two line fishing in the open water season. There seemed to be a consensus with the anglers at this gathering that it would be too hard on the resource and that you don't *need* two lines to fish, period. Except in the winter, but that's OK, I guess. I see it as similar to folks that think you don't need hot sauce on you food. Sigh. Very Minnesotan, indeed. Even though I would like to see it changed, I'm not losing sleep over sticking with one line. At least I'm allowed to use hot sauce. So far.

Then there is the Quality Bluegill Initiative. For a while now, anglers across the state have been asking the DNR what it would take to bring back the numbers of big bluegills, "Like the good ol' days." As I have talked to some of these folks about the lack of big 'gills, most realize this is a people problem. But, some folks don't get it, thinking that big predators, i.e.- pike & muskies, are eating all of 'their' fish. Sigh.

My opinion (along with others, including biology types) is that the problem is the result of a combination of things; The elimination of submergent and emergent vegetation in a lake, shoreline habitat degradation, and over harvest of the big fish by anglers. Thus, our present panfish situation; All small fish with the rare big one.



So, the DNR is already looking at bodies of water across the state that have historically and consistently produced big 'gills. Public meetings will then be scheduled in the areas where these lakes are located. Then the DNR will come to the public with their recommendations for a specific lake with probable smaller bag limits and possible habitat protections or suggestions for enhancements. After considerable public input, special regulations will be crafted and implemented, specific to each lake.

There are a few lakes in the state right now that have special regs meant to boost panfish sizes. In most cases, these regs have helped.

Reducing the limit on certain lakes is just one of the tools that may be implemented, so stay tuned. The DNR is hoping that they can get around 100 lakes across the state to participate in this panfish project.

At 4:45 we all moved back into the main ballroom and participated in a quick Q&A session with DNR Commissioners, then listened to closing remarks by Deputy Commissioner Barb Naramore.

'Min/Tex/Mex' Friday Dinner

Then it was on to a nice dinner reception in the the main court. The hungry crowd was greeted with a couple of build-your-own taco/nacho bars and build 'em they did! There was a short wait time to get up to the taco 'bar' but that gave us slower folks a chance to go to the other bar to grab a cocktail or beer first.

I really had to chuckle when I got up to make my 'south of the border' meal. The variety of things to put on it were just great. Chopped onions, tomatoes, green bell peppers and picante sauce. Pickles & olives. Tortilla chips, soft tortillas and hard shell tacos. Hot taco hamburger, cheeses and fresh guacamole. But alas, I couldn't find ANY chopped hot peppers or hot sauce. Zip, zilch, nada. Lots of lettuce though - bland, tasteless lettuce. I just laughed to myself as this surely was the definition of a 'Minnyssoda' taco bar. I still ate two plates full anyway, hot sauce or not.

Saving the Best Stuff for Last

With the sun gone down and bellies full, some participants headed for home. Some decided to stay *(25% as a guess?)* for one last session that ran from 7:00-9:00. This one involved just a simple sit down Q&A with folks in the DNR trying to answer any questions that any of us had.

Well known Grand Rapids fishing guide Tommy Neustrom, moderated the two hour session. He kept the conversation rolling and brought up good points while keeping the discussions civil and on subject. All of us in the room continued with ideas or thoughts talked about earlier in the day and brought up a lot of 'what ifs'. A good back and forth.

The interaction between state officials and the outdoors people was great. I think <u>everybody</u> learned a great deal this day. I'm hoping that I'll receive an invitation for next years event as this one was a great time and a good deal for everyone involved. I've gotta remember to bring a bottle of hot sauce, though.



Evening MC, Tommy Neustrom leans against the wall as DNR genetics guru Loren Miller engages the crowd. *Photo by Mark Minnick*

Chef it up!

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



By Grace Kamrath

As some of you know, I am a "cheesehead", a "packer", a "badger", a "gosling"(school mascot), a "kraut" etc. In other words I am from Wisconsin!!!!

This is dairy month in Wisconsin and in my days it was a big thing. We had cheese factories every few miles and lots of hills where the Holstein cattle roamed and ate all day. So we had butter which my family used. My dad drove a gas delivery truck "gasman" and he said the farmers supported him so he would support them. At that time soybeans were not a part of the crops in my part of southeast Wisconsin.

Anyway, we had ice cream too. So this month I thought some toppings for ice cream sundaes would be good. My cousins from Stevens Point, Wisconsin came up with these recipes when we visited them a few years back.

COCONUT MACE SAUCE

- 1/3 c. butter
- 1 c. shredded coconut
- 1/2 c. light brown sugar packed
- 2 T. corn syrup
- 1/4 t. mace
- dash salt
- 3/4 c, evaporated milk
- 1/2 t. vanilla

Melt butter, add coconut and saute until brown. Lift out coconut and set aside. To the butter add sugar, corn syrup, mace and salt. Cook
over low heat, until mixture boils vigorously. Stir in milk (slowly) and simmer about 1 1/2 minutes. Remove from heat and add vanilla and coconut. Serve
warm or cold on ice cream,. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

CHOCOLATE FUDGE SAUCE

- ¾ cup sugar
- ¾ cup cocoa
- ½ cup cream
- 3 tbsp. butter
- 1 tsp. Vanilla
- pinch salt

Stir together sugar and cocoa in a small saucepan. Stir in cream and butter. Bring to a boil stirring constantly over medium heat. Boil 30 seconds. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla and a pinch of salt. Serve immediately or cool and refrigerate. Reheat over low heat before serving. Makes 1 cup.

"We wondered why when a child laughed, he belonged to Daddy, and when he had a sagging diaper that smelled like a landfill, He wants his mother."

Erma Bombeck



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Poet's Corner

Lounging around by the hotel pool on Neptune, Local Chicken felt inspired to write some poetry, so he did. He wants to remind folks, "Hey, if a chicken can do it….let's go here."

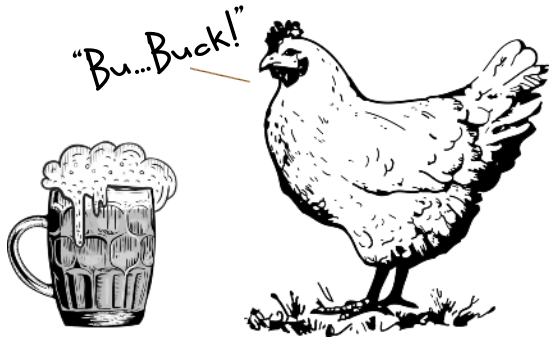
There was a young chick from Nantucket,

who liked to drink beer by the bucket.

When asked, "Why not drink wine?"

She clucked, "Because a cold brew is so fine"-

"and I surely can't get quite enough of it."



Time Warp Whozit?



Girls Softball

Early summer in 1971, these gals posed for a picture with their new uniforms. Three team members are missing from picture. Can you name any of the gals on this 1971 team?

Whozit?

SCIENCE, TECH AND JUST PLAIN COOL STUFF



This illustration shows NASA's OSIRIS-REx spacecraft descending towards asteroid Bennu to collect a sample of the asteroid's surface.
Credits: NASA/Goddard/University of Arizona

NASA's OSIRIS-REx Ready for Touchdown on Asteroid Bennu

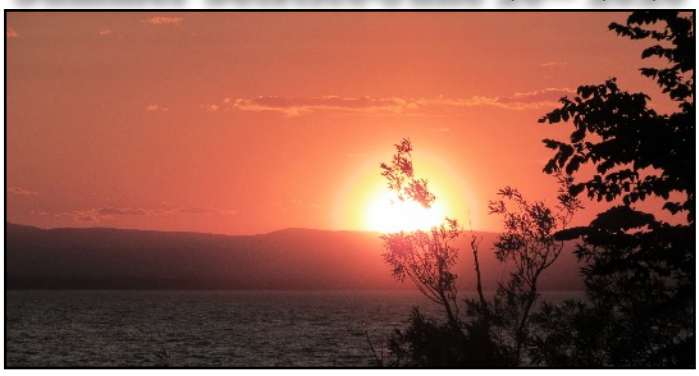
Courtesy nasa.org

NASA's first asteroid sample return mission is officially prepared for its long-awaited touchdown on near Earth asteroid Bennu's surface. The Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification and Security – Regolith Explorer (OSIRIS-REx) mission has targeted Oct. 20 for its first sample collection attempt.

"The OSIRIS-REx mission has been demonstrating the very essence of exploration by persevering through unexpected challenges," said Thomas Zurbuchen, NASA's associate administrator for science. "That spirit has led them to the cusp of the prize we all are waiting for – securing a sample of an asteroid to bring home to Earth, and I'm very excited to follow them through the home stretch."

From discovering Bennu's surprisingly rugged and active surface, to entering the closest-ever orbit around a planetary body, OSIRIS-REx has overcome several challenges since arriving at the asteroid in December 2018. Last month, the mission brought the spacecraft 213 ft (65 m) from the asteroid's surface during its first sample collection rehearsal — successfully completing a practice run of the activities leading up to the sampling event.

Summer Solstice-June 20th 2020



By Mark Minnick

Sunrise on the morning of June 20th will signal the beginning of the longest day we will have in the northern hemisphere this year, in other words the First Day of Summer or The Summer Solstice. Because of the earth's 23.5 degree tilted axis, the sun will be directly overhead at the Tropic of Cancer. In Cosmos, that gives us a little over 15 ½ hours of the sun being up.

Hot days, warm nights and great weather. Just what everyone longs for in the dead of winter. Get out there and enjoy it. You know what's next.

Hi Cutie....oh yuck....never mind.

By Grace Kamrath

A snake went to see an optometrist because his eyesight was failing. "It's actually affecting my life. I can't hunt anymore because I can't see," he said.

The doctor fitted the snake for glasses and the snake immediately noticed an improvement in his eyesight. A week late, the doctor called the snake to check how the glasses were holding up.

"They're fine," the snake answered. "But now I'm being treated for depression." "Depression?" the doctor asked. "Yeah, my eyesight cleared up and it made me realize I've been dating a garden hose all this time."



The United States of America

Flag Day



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How to Display the American Flag

Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days.



The U.S. flag stands for our nation and the shared history, pride, principles, and commitment of its people.

When we properly display this powerful symbol, we signal our respect for everything it represents.

- The flag shouldn't be flown in inclement weather unless it's an all-weather flag.
- Flags displayed at night should be properly illuminated.
- In a time of national mourning, hang the flag at half-mast.

The flag can be flown every day, but it is often flown to show patriotism on these observances;

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

The American Flag and Its Flying Rules

When displaying the flag;

- From your porch, place the union (blue section) at the peak of the staff.
- Against a wall or on a window, place the union (blue section) at the top left corner.
- On your vehicle, clamp the staff to the right front fender.
- With another flag, place the U.S. flag to your left when crossed.
- The flag should not touch anything below it or rest on the ground.

Flying the American Flag at Half-Staff;

The United States flag flies at half-staff (or half-mast) when the nation or a state is in mourning. The president, through a presidential proclamation, a state governor, or the mayor of the District of Columbia can order flags to fly at half-staff. Most often, this is done to mark the death of a government official, military member, or first responder; in honor of Memorial Day or other national day of remembrance; or following a national tragedy.

Storing the Flag

Keep your flag completely dry and folded properly — into a triangle, with the union (blue section) visible — before storing it in a well-ventilated area. According to U.S. Flag Code, a worn out American flag should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

The Pledge of Allegiance

The Flag of the United States of America is a symbol of freedom and liberty to which Americans pledge their allegiance. Standing at attention and facing the flag with their right hand over the heart, they recite:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The Flag Design

The 13 alternating red and white stripes represent the 13 original colonies. The 50 white stars on a blue field represent the 50 states. The colors on the flag represent;

- Red: valor and bravery
- White: purity and innocence
- Blue: vigilance, perseverance, and justice

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-Attention-

Cosmos High School

Alumni-Football Players-Fans

Local literary project needs your help and input regarding

The first. . .

CHS Football Season-1956



Cosmos News Staff Photo

FRONT VIEW of the new Cosmos school, looking west, shows the bus port, center, with its canopy to protect the children from the weather as they arrive at the main entrance to the school. At the left is the elementary wing. Towering above the rest is the auditorium.

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I am looking into doing a special project that chronicles the inaugural Cosmos High School Football season.

My plan is use the archives of Dick Higgen's old Cosmos News as the primary source of information. I want to use the front page of each issue, whether it says anything about the football team or not. As long as there is something about the football team in an issue, I'll use the front page, sometimes more.

I'll chronologically move through the season, week by week with the paper's publication. *(August thru October? Just have to see.)* I feel this will help set the tone or mood of autumn, the new school and football season in 1956. I may also add more inside pages that catch my eye, whether editorial, advertising or other sports to add some substance.

In addition to the news articles, I would like to obtain personal accounts, recollections or stories from players, alumni, *(guys or gals)* or anyone that has memories from this era in Cosmos' history. Pictures and electronically typed stories would be greatly appreciated. Interviews may be in order for some situations too. *(I may need someone to help with some typing if the response is good. I'll have to see. Also, be aware that information that I acquire from outside sources may or may not be used in the final publication. No guarantees.)*

I also plan on highlighting "*The* Football"- the pigskin with the first year's won/loss record painted on it, that is currently on display in the Cosmos City Center cabinet.

This completed book will ***not*** be included in the monthly Gazette. It will be published as a stand alone work, for purchase by anyone. I also may need underwriting or sponsorship help with this project. If there are interested parties that feel this is a worthy undertaking, please feel free to inquire. Contributors would certainly be acknowledged in the book.

If there are any profits after publishing, they will go to support the Galactic Gazette. The completion date and sale price are yet to be determined. *(Gotta start somewhere tho.)* Feel free to talk to me about this project with any thoughts or ideas.

Email: **wordnut66@outlook.com**

Phone: **320.220.1081** **9 am-5 pm**

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TIME WARP



It's the beginning of summer in 1971. Eunice would love to listen to that new fangled synthesizer that the kids are making music with. Electric music-Ha!

...DAY, JUNE 10, 1971

...in our ... kinds and mean... believe in liberty ... lice for all men, we ... use only means reflecting liberty and justice. And these concepts -- of liberty and of justice -- cannot be achieved separately, because they are one. Their essential unity has been expressed by Abraham Lincoln: "My faith in the proposition that each man should do precisely as he pleases with all which is exclusively his own lies at the foundation of the sense of justice there is in me." So-called social justice is achieved by doing as one (the planner or the recipient) pleases with what belongs to another. The doctrine of social justice, therefore, agrees with that of communism in kind if not in degree: both, one knowingly and openly and the other unwittingly and tacitly, accept the principle that the end justifies the means. Though this is an unpleasant conclusion, it cannot be logically avoided.



PUTNEY SYNTHESIZER Above is shown the Putney synthesizer, keyboard and oscilloscope. The synthesizer is the main instrument in the project. Any Cosmos student grades 7 through 12 interested in working this machine is urged to call the school to be included in a group. Enrollment for this summer will be limited so phone immediately. Pictured left to right are three students in the project, Karen Pearson, Peggy Thomas and Allen DeLeeuw.

AT THE SPACE FESTIVAL....

Turtles will thunder into home stretch

COSMOS--Kids, do you have a pet turtle? If not, now is the time to begin looking around for one. A good turtle could win fame and prizes for you at the Third Annual Cosmos-Space Festival, July 20-21.

One of the featured events at this year's Space Festival will be turtle races staged on one of the afternoons. It will be part of a day of fun for the youngsters.

In a turtle race, two circles are drawn on the ground, one inside the other. The turtles are placed within the smaller circle, then at a signal are set free. The first one to cross the line of the outer circle is declared the winner.

These races can really be exciting, and are always a lot of fun. A race between these traditionally slow quadrupeds can often become just as exciting as contests between the fleetest footed horses or other animals.

TICKETS for carnival rides, at greatly reduced prices will soon go on sale in places of business in Cosmos. Watch for them, an save a pile of money!



Rev. Ron Koch accepts call to Menahga parish

WILLMAR--The Rev. Ron Koch, associate pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church will be leaving his post as of July 11. The Rev. Mr. Koch will become pastor of The First English Lutheran Church and Bethany Lutheran Church in Menahga, Minn. on August 1.

Pastor Koch, who has served Calvary since 1968, has been active in youth and education work in the parish. He served as chairman of the District Youth Committee of the Southwestern Minnesota District of American Lutheran Church.

He, his wife and three children will be moving Menahga after July. Rev. Koch is a former Cosmos man, and graduated from the Cosmos High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koch. Mrs. Koch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lietzau.

Contest winners named in PHT

COSMOS--Spike Minnick of Minnick's 66 in Cosmos announced this week that four Cosmos-Lake Lillian Pitch, Hit and Throw contestants competed in Fargo, North Dakota on Saturday, June 5.

They are the winners of the contest held at Cosmos on Thursday, May 27. The boys are Nick Peterson, age 9, Jon Sagness, age 10, Todd Flann, age 11 and Kyle Nordine, age 12.

Highway group hears report of work underway

Reports on improvements being made to Highway 7, predictions of what's in the foreseeable future for highways in West Central Minnesota and opinions of financing highway work were heard by Highway 7 association members Wednesday night.

Meeting at the Norseman Cafe at St. Bonifacius, association members heard F. C. "Fritz" Marshall, assistant commissioner of highways, Norm Osterby, District 8 engineer, and Ben Lichtenegger, District 8 assistant engineer, tell of the highway work underway and in the planning stages.

State Sen. V. E. Jensen of Montevideo, State Sen. Earl Renneke of Gaylord and State Rep. John Bernhagen of Hutchinson gave opinions on legislation to finance highway work.

Ray Luppegaard, state highway commissioner who was completing his second day in his new position, spoke briefly.

Marshall, main spokesman for Highway department officials, said the work being done now on Highway 7 will make it a nine-ton highway when completed.

Weak spots in the roadway (in Carver county) are being torn out and rebuilt, shoulders are

Highway, turn to 10

Ed Shukle to speak to Commercial Club

COSMOS--E. J. Shukle, first director of Crow River Vocational Education, will be featured speaker at the Thursday evening supper meeting of the Cosmos Commercial Club.

He will explain the goals and methods of the new cooperative venture between schools in this area, which seeks to provide vocational education for local students.

Schools taking part in the venture are: Brownton, Buffalo Lake, Cosmos, Hutchinson, Lester Prairie, Norwood, Silver Lake and Stewart.

Ed Shukle has served as a teacher, principal, superintendent, in several Minnesota schools and was also a part time instructor at the University of North Dakota.

For the past few years he has served as the vocational program director of the Vocational Education Center of Polk and Red Lake Counties with offices in Red Lake Falls. He has also been serving as the program coordinator and acting executive director of the Northwest Minnesota Educational Research and Development Council, an agency serving approximately 40 schools and colleges in Northwestern Minnesota.

All businessmen and their wives, as well as any other persons interested in a better community, are invited to attend.

The meeting will begin with supper served at 7 p.m., June 10, in the Milky Way Room of the Sportsman's Inn.

Important business will also be discussed.



ED SHUKLE



PROUDLY LOOKING over one of their recent plantings are two members of the Cosmos Senior Citizens, Harry Swanson and Vern Soltau, who have been responsible for a large part of the planting and upkeep of the flower beds in the downtown area of Cosmos. Plantings were completed the latter part of last week.



AERIAL view above shows work in Carver county which has closed Highway 7 from Hutchinson east to Highway 41 at Excelsior. The picture shows the Hollywood Auto Parts, right, on the south side of the highway and construction equipment lined along the north side. Some hills and weak spots in the highway are being ut out and rebuilt to increase the route's load capacity ne tons. More cuts in the highway will be done in the St. Bo. cius area soon. The detour between Hutchinson and Excelsior will remain in effect until Oct. 22, although the final completion ate for the project is not until July 1972. Shoulders along the entire project area are being widened, resurfacing is being done and turning lanes are being installed.

--Photo by Hutchinson Leader

Leo Ainslie heads new LP gas firm

COSMOS--Leo Ainslie, formerly of Riverton, Wyoming, this week assumed the position of head of a new service to be offered the Cosmos area.

He will head the LP gas division of Polar Chemical and Gas Co., which will be established here, shortly.

In this position, he will work with Robert L. Miller, local manager of the Polar C&G.

Within the next 60 days the firm expects to have an LP gas tank in operation in this community. In the meantime, service for LP gas units now in operation in this community will be offered.

Mr. Ainslie has had six years' experience in the LP gas service field.

He and his wife, Elaine, and children moved into the Cosmos community last week. They are now living in the farm home formerly occupied by the Lloyd Beasley family, four and one half miles north of Cosmos, just off highway 4. The Beasleys have moved to the former Berger Nelson farm.

The three children of the Ainslie family are: Connie Sue 8, Debbie 6, and Jim 2.



LEO AINSLIE

Men's Discussion Group planned; first meeting, Wed.

COSMOS--Rev. Gary Danielson, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of Lake Lillian, will speak at a special men's meeting in Cosmos next Wednesday evening, June 16.

The event will be a first get-together for men of the community interested in meeting once or twice a month--across denominational lines--to discuss religion, current concerns, the Bible, Jesus Christ, and their own relationships with each other and with God.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 16, in the fellowship room of the Cosmos United Methodist Church.

In addition to the talk by Rev. Danielson, there will be eyeball-to-eyeball discussion of topics of interest. Refreshments will be served.

All men--teenaged boys, too--are urged to come out and enjoy an interesting evening.

United Methodists get full-time pastor

ST. PETER--Bishop Paul Washurn announced on Wednesday of this week the assignment of a new pastor to serve the Cosmos and Lake Lillian United Methodist Churches.

The announcement came as a part of the annual reading of assignments made near the conclusion of the Annual Conference of Minnesota United Methodists at Gustavus Adolphus College.

New pastor of the local churches will be Rev. Harold Brueland, a native of Bingham Lake, Minn. He will preach his first sermon in the local churches on Sunday, June 27.

Rev. Brueland, who is unmarried, comes to this community from a pastorate at Onamia, Minn., where his duties also included service to the Indians on the reservation.

He is a graduate of Morningside College in Iowa, and Harvard School of Theology. He is an ordained pastor and has previously served churches at Lamberton and Sanborn.

The Cosmos and Lake Lillian United Methodist Churches have been without the services of a full-time pastor since November of 1969. In the interim their pulpits have been filled by Robert Schwanke, a former EUB pastor, now teaching at Hutchinson High School.



REV. HAROLD BRUELAND



DONATION FOR PARK A check for $500 was presented Monday night by the Beach Thompson American Legion Post to Meeker County for the purchase of picnic tables for the new Thompson Lake County Park. In the picture above, Vice-Commander Al Barnes, right, is presenting the check to County Commissioner Allen Frederiksen.

Julius Bomstad applies for carrier permit

ST. PAUL--A Lake Lillian man is among three who will appear before the Public Service Commission on June 18.

He is Julius Bomstad, who has requested a carrier permit which will allow him to transport oats, corn, soybeans, wheat and barley from Cosmos, Lake Lillian and Gluek, Minn., to Savage, St. Paul and Minneapolis, with a backhaul of feed in bags or bulk for Flann Feed Service, Lake Lillian, Minn., and fertilizer bulk to Lake Lillian Farmers Elevator.

The hearing on these three matters will be at the Meeker County Court House, Litchfield, on Friday, June 18, at 9:30 a.m., at which time and place all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

The commission has further ordered that if any applicant, for good reason, is unable to have effective testimony or witnesses available for the hearing, and desires a continuation of the hearing, that such request for a continued hearing must be made not less than five days before the date of the hearing.



Saturday was this group of Cosmos High School students and faculty, OFF TO MEXICO The tour is an extension of Spanish classes in Cosmos High which will give students the opportunity of actually using the language in everyday situations and seeing something of Spanish culture and customs. The group flew from Metropolitan Airport in the Twin Cities to Mexico City, which will be their headquarters for 11 days. Left to right are: Kim Swigart, Dave Fett, Doug Fett, Wendy Haugenson, Deb Esping, Janet Macik, Miss Kratzke, Connie Mortenson, Pam Johnson, Miss Zwiebohmer, Jan Grussendorf, MissSkjong. Wendy Johnson, Mr. Turner and Miss Kolle.

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Mike Kingery, *ACGC Baseball Coach*

We were the 9th rated team in the state in the Class AA preseason poll. One of our players was ranked as one of the top 10 ten players in the state. We were looking forward to a very successful year and everyone was greatly disappointed in the season being canceled.

My seniors are as follows:

Dawson Miller - Dawson missed several games last year with an injury. We were looking for big things from Dawson this year as he is a very athletic 6'4" player who is going to continue his athletic career playing basketball at St. Scholastica College in Duluth. For his career Dawson hit .239 with a .244 average last season.

Jose Posada - Jose was looking to be our 3rd basemen this season. He is hoping to continue playing baseball at Ridgewater College next season. Last season Jose was hitless in 12 at bats but we were confident that he was going to be much improved this season. He also pitched in one game last season.

Brady Kruse - Brady hit .241 last season as he was 7-29. He hit .500 with runners in scoring position an was earning more playing time at the end of the season. Our team played much better at the end of the season and Brady was one of the main reasons for that happening.

Shelby Shoen - Shelby was our leadoff hitter last year for most of the season. He ended up hitting .138 with his on base percentage being .250. He was our 2nd baseman. We will miss Shelby's leadership.

Josh Kinzler - Josh would have been starting for ACGC for a 4th year this season. He is a very versatile player having played shortstop, 2nd base, centerfield, catcher and pitcher during his career. Last year he was our leading hitter and accomplished an amazing feat as he went through the whole high school and Legion seasons without striking out once. His final average last season was .403 and his career batting average was .313. Last season Josh was 19 for 20 in stolen bases and for his career he had 29 steals in 31 attempts. He had 52 hits and scored 33 runs in his career. As a pitcher he was 5-7 with a .287 era during his 3 years at ACGC. He threw the 2nd most innings on our pitching staff last year.

Dawson Tebben - Dawson was coming out for baseball for the first time since junior high so we don't have any statistics on his career.

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2020 ACGC Softball

The season that wasn't.

By LeAnn Melberg

Ending your high school sport seasons are always hard for Seniors. Having it end so abruptly, before it barely began is even harder. So much has been taken away from these Seniors.

With the help of Softball Coach Brad Nelson I wanted to recognize these Senior Girls. For some it's their only sport they play.

Thank you girls for your commitment to ACGC Athletics. We sure did miss watching you play this season after the wonderful season you had last year.

ACGC Senior Softball Players

Rachel Wilner
SS/C

She has been a starter since a sophomore. Rachel has been a consistent power hitter in the middle of the lineup while covering a lot of ground in the infield. Over her Falcon career, she had a batting average of .421 and slugged .602. Rachel had 56 hits with 15 of them going for extra bases including three homers and nine doubles. She drove in 38 runs over her career while also stealing 23 bases. Rachel would have continued to be a leader for the Falcons this year excelling in all aspects of the game.

Shayna Hobson
P/1B

Last year, Shayna spent most of her time at first base while also pitching in the circle. This year, she was going to see a lot of time inside the circle. Last year, she picked up one win for ACGC. In the batter's box, Shayna hit .358 with a trio of doubles driving in 10 runs.

Nicole Whitcomb
CF

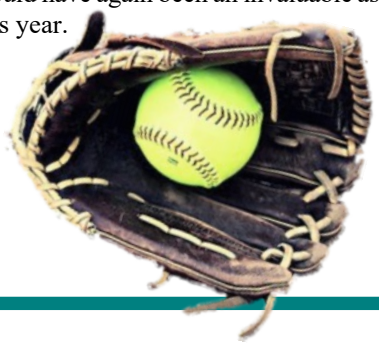
Nicole excelled in her first year starting for the Falcons last year. She covered a lot of ground in center field erasing base hits for many opposing hitters. In the leadoff spot, Nicole hit .352 with an on base percentage of .462. She stole six bases while clubbing three doubles for the Falcons on the year. There is no doubt Nicole would have built on last year's success.

Noelle Dilley
IF

After losing the prior two years to injury, Noelle was beyond excited to return to the diamond this year. She would have been a valuable member of the lineup while patrolling the infield for ACGC. Noelle would have been a great leader for the team this year.

Hattie Kragenbring
Student Manager

Hattie has been a student manager since she was a sophomore. Her knowledge of the game grew with every pitch allowing the coaches to focus on coaching while she took care of the book and other important items in the dugout. Hattie could anticipate the questions from the coaches and have the data ready for them to make informed decisions. Her knowledge, anticipation, and expertise would have again been an invaluable asset this year.



Brooke Schroeder
IF

Brooke spent last year patrolling the right side of the infield at second base. She improved in her range and skill in the infield over the course of the season. At the plate, Brooke drove in four runs and drew nine walks on the season last year. She would have continued to improve this year for ACGC.

Alyssa Wartman
OF

Alyssa saw limited time at the varsity level last year, but she definitely contributed to ACGC's second place finish in the West Central Conference. She crossed home in two of her five plate appearances while making some big catches in the outfield in a win last year at Melrose. Alyssa's bat would surely have been a big plus in the ACGC lineup this year.

Joanie Lund
OF

Joanie was set to get her first varsity action this year. Beginning softball only two years ago, no member of the Falcons has improved more than Joanie the last two years. She was a valued member of ACGC the last two years and would definitely have continued to be a positively influential member of the softball team this year that everyone looked up to with her wit and wisdom.

Peyton Larson-Burr
OF

Peyton was a new member to ACGC High School this year and was looking to be a contributing member of the Falcons in the outfield. Peyton's bat would also have been a great asset in the Falcon lineup this year.

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Department of D'oh!

"We screwed up!"

*Last month in the May issue, we forgot to mention Mother's Day and all of the trappings that go with it. Doh! Sorry mom's, there weren't any Sunday restaurant visits this year but, we know you got through it. Hopefully the family cooked for you at home.
*The March issue was labeled as the January issue. Doh!



"Me and my dad used to play tag. He'd drive."
Rodney Dangerfield



-The Galactic Gazette Presents-

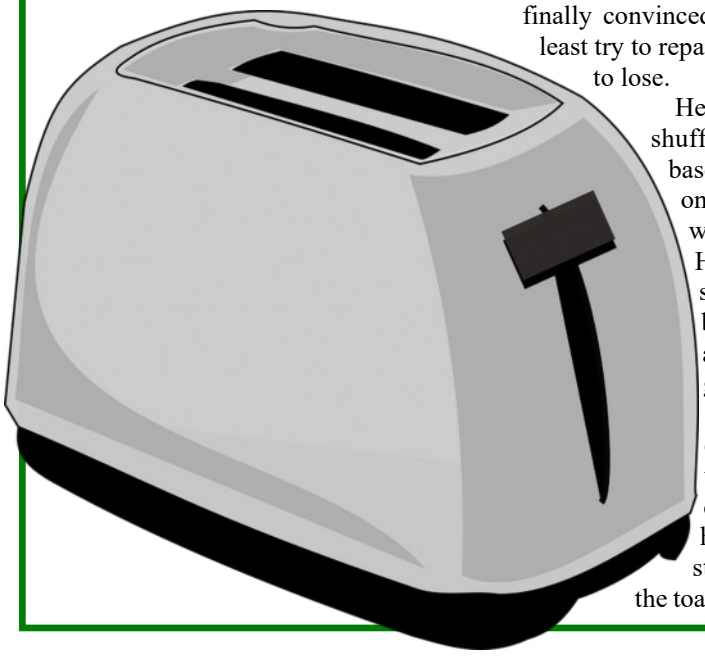
Tales from the COSMIC Tavern & Lounge



The "Stay at Home Minnesota" order seems to be taking it toll on some of the everyday folks. All cooped up, with no sports to watch, no socializing and no nights out. Thank goodness there are virtual places that Galactic Gazette faithful can go to relax and chill out, with friends and family alike. The Cosmic Tavern and Lounge fits the bill nicely, bringing virtual relief to virus weary souls. Fabulous cocktails and cold beer to quench the thirst. Rustic pizza and hot wings to eat and savor. Handsome guys and gorgeous gals all talking and laughing. Every bit virtual, of course, but a good place to take off that edge, mellow the mood and bring out a smile. Sounds like the folks in today's story could use a little time in the virtual lounge, if you get my point…

.By Mark Minnick

This couple had been exemplary citizens by staying home during the Covid 19 pandemic. Both of them had been laid off from their jobs. They didn't hoard supplies or food. They didn't spend any more money than they had to. They didn't make any unnecessary trips. They quit socializing with their friends, except by phone. They even adopted a shelter pet. They were surviving the pandemic as best they could.



But all of the togetherness was starting to take it's toll on their relationship. Boredom was setting in and they seemed tired or each other's company. Agreeing on anything was tough, be it meals, TV shows or tomorrow's weather forecast.

One day the old toaster went on the fritz. An argument ensued; should they fix it or should they go out and buy a new one? Round and round they went, but he finally convinced her that he should at least try to repair it as they had nothing to lose.

He grabbed the toaster and shuffled down to the basement workshop, intent on repairing the old relic while saving a few bucks. He was also glad to have something useful to do, besides washing clothes and taking out the garbage.

The wife shouted down the steps to him that she would have dinner ready in about an hour. As he was just starting to disassemble the toaster, he shouted back up the stairs, "Sounds good". He grabbed a swallow of coffee and continued the repair.

He was grateful that the dinner would be done before "The Bachelorette" was on and he wouldn't have to wallow through that insufferable show while eating the evening meal, thank goodness.

The toaster was coming apart nicely as he heard his wife clanking around in the kitchen. She was getting the chicken in the oven, then peeling the potatoes to boil and mash. Opening a can of green beans and cream of mushroom soup would be next.

As he was checking circuits in the toaster with his multi-meter, he noticed it had gotten quiet upstairs. Thinking nothing of it, he kept working on his fun little project. Then he heard his wife let out a large 'grunt'- followed by more silence.

Suddenly, she shouts down the stairs, "Hey, do you feel a sharp, stabbing pain in your gut?" He wrinkled his face a little bit, quizzically looked up the stairs while replying, "Heck no - I'm fine!"

More silence followed. He heard her grunt again, followed by more shouting down the stairs, "How 'bout now?"

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