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A Few Words from the President

Autumn is here and that means things are winding down here in Molossia. By “things” I mean tourist visits and related outdoor activities, because life never really slows down in our nation. Later this month we’ll be holding the Misfit Regatta and then the Nevada Day Parade - and after that holidays and family activities. And after the holidays, even as winter sweeps over our nation, we will be already preparing for warmer weather and a new tourist season in April. Busy times always, but that is what nations are all about, a grouping of people, families and friends, all busy with their lives and making their way in the world. Molossia may be small but we are no different from any other country, living our lives and trying to make our nation the best place on earth. I think we’ve done that pretty well so far, but there’s always work to be done and the future is ours to build!
The Constable’s Corner  

by Alexis Baugh

Guten Tag! Let me tell you about last month. Well, let me start by saying a lot has been on my mind. The first month of school has already past, and many things have happened. First, there's the fact that it's 6th grade. The first year of middle school I have got to say I like better then elementary school. I guess I like having more classes and different teachers. But with school comes school activities, homework, and, to be honest, drama! Fortunately my school and my classes are so small they don't really have a lot of drama. People told me that I would have a lot more homework, but I haven't had as much as I used to, and it's not as hard as I thought it would be. I am in many different activities at school. I am in basketball, band, and cheer. In basketball my team is undefeated so far! Basketball is by far my favorite activity, then, it's band. I play the trumpet. The trumpet is fun to play and believe me I'm not saying I'm good at it, but I'm pretty good!

Cheers!  
<3 Alexis, The Chief Constable

Carson River Expedition

Not far from Molossia lies the Carson River, a silvery thread of life-giving water winding through our dry desert. But this year is the third in a row that our mountainous region has received less than normal winter snow, and this lack of snow has had a major impact on the watershed that feeds the Carson River. With little snow melt-water to feed it, the river's waters have dwindled to nothing - and the river is in fact dry now. This point was brought home on Sunday, 27 September 2015 XXXVIII when the First Family set out to explore the river. The occasion was a event held at Dayton State Park in the nearby town of Dayton, Nevada. Together with State and Federal agencies, a local group called the River Wranglers assembled to educate the community about the river and related topics. At various booths visitors learned about the Water Cycle, water pollution, animals of the area and flood prevention. This was followed by a trek to the dry riverbed itself, to illustrate the effect the drought has had. Educated and impressed, our adventurers returned to Molossia, hoping that this coming winter will bring back the snows and thus bring back our river.

Lunar Eclipse

On 27 September 2015 XXXVIII a supermoon lunar eclipse occurred over Molossia. This is the first eclipse of this type to appear over this area since 1982 and the last until 2033. On a warm Sunday evening the First Family gathered near the Tower of The Winds to watch the eclipse. The event began at about 6:09 PM MST (5:30 PST), but as the eclipse began cloud cover obscured the moon and threatened to derail the viewing. The clouds continued until well after dark before slowly dispersing around 9:09 MST (8:30 PST). This coincided with the end of the totality phase of the eclipse, as the moon began to re-emerge from the earth's shadow. Thus after a long wait the watchers were rewarded with a wonderful view of the astronomical occasion, making for a great photo opportunity and another landmark scientific event for our nation.
**In Other News...**

**WEED CONTROL PROJECT CONTINUES**

Work proceeds apace in the removal and suppression of weeds at Ray’s Place, a locality over the border in the U.S. Weed control experts have been laboring for a few months to bring the spring and summer crop of unwanted vegetation under control. Senior Landscape Engineer Bryce Cardoza reports great progress thus far, but indicates that there is still much to be done to conquer the undergrowth.

**MOLOSSIANS COMPETE IN LOCAL SPORTS**

Molossian citizens Alexis Baugh and Nathan Harrison have traveled outside our nation to compete on local sports teams affiliated with the schools they attend in the U.S. Alexis competes on the Lady Comstockers basketball team, which as of this printing is currently undefeated, 8-0 and shows no sign of stopping. Nathan competes on the Muckers (American) football team as a nose guard/tailback/halfback and which is currently 3-1 in their league. We salute our athletes and look forward to their continued successes!

**TOURIST SEASON DRAWS TO A CLOSE**

All good things come to an end and this time of year that means tourist season. Molossia’s tourist season lasts from 15 April through 15 October every year. In the intervening months the weather in our high desert nation is too cold, windy and frequently snowy for visitors to enjoy. We also use this time, especially late winter/early spring, to spruce things up around Molossia and complete any new building projects. 15 April is a long way away, so if you want to visit our nation, hurry, tourist season ends on 15 October!
Hey everyone! October has arrived and with it comes two awesome events, Halloween and my birthday! Each year brings something new to your life; new friends, new experiences and new memories. I’m big on creating memories, rather it be that big event you attended or that quiet moment that you shared with someone. When my birthday comes around, I like to take a moment and reflect on all the special memories that I have from the past year. Life gets busy but it’s up to you to take a break and think about how life went for you, what would I like to do differently this time around and what did I do just right. Know that you are at the beginning of a whole new year to start again. Thank you everyone for making an imprint on my life this year!

Thank you and until next time..

Make memories :)

~Adrianne