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The Moon



The Moon presented itself as a special sight on Wednesday night (Jan. 31). Viewed here from a hayfield somewhere in the Tri-County Area of Levy, Dixie and Gilchrist counties, this viewing was enjoyed about 15 minutes after moonrise with an outdoor community cat named Needles, who guarded the photographer from any nighttime creatures that roam the fields between the forests of rural North Central Florida. On Wednesday night, as seen here, there was a super blue moon. A super moon, like the one visible on New Year's Day 2018, is the term used when a full moon is closest to the Earth in its orbit, appearing bigger and brighter than normal. Wednesday night, the moon was full for the second time in a month -- known as a blue moon.

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Dear, Dear, Deer



Some of a small herd of deer that were running from field to forest recently in the Tri-County Area of Levy, Dixie and Gilchrist counties are seen here. These deer are doe.



They were photographed during a sunny day – therefore, yes there was a drop of golden sun. These dear, dear, deer might bring to mind for some a song that was composed by Richard Rodgers with lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II. Julie Andrews sang the Rodgers' and Hammerstein's tune in a movie titled *The Sound of Music*.

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The lyrics teach the solfège syllables by linking them with English homophones (or near-homophones). The start of the song is noted to go like this:

Do-Re-Mi

Let's start at the very beginning
A very good place to start
When you read you begin with A-B-C
When you sing you begin with do-re-mi.

~

Do-re-mi, do-re-mi
The first three notes just happen to be
Do-re-mi, do-re-mi

~

Do-re-mi-fa-so-la-ti
[spoken]
Let's see if I can make it easier.

~

Doe, a deer, a female deer
Ray, a drop of golden sun
Me, a name I call myself
Far, a long, long way to run
Sew, a needle pulling thread
La, a note to follow Sew
Tea, a drink with jam and bread
That will bring us back to Do (oh-oh-oh).

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