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"Happy New Year!"

Image courtesy nasa.gov

Weather: She's a little brisk outside. "All of the news you really need." "Noli credere omnia legis"

Santa and His Helpers Draw a Crowd



Mickey and Minnie mingling and posing for pics.

Good Stuff, That Christmas Magic

Article and photos By Mark Minnick

The crew on the "Santa Truck" entertained the local folks, young and old, on the evening of December 14th. Everyone had gathered at Mug Shots Bar & Grill in Cosmos, to wait for the old guy to show up and he didn't disappoint. The entourage of elves, reindeer and cartoon animals entertained the crowd with high fives, how do you do's and having pictures taken with their fans. From the lit up and decorated truck/trailer, Christmas music played, holiday characters danced and little folk's eyes and smiles were pretty big.

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As nice as the weather was, Santa was getting a little chilly. He went inside to sit down with his admirers and ask them what they wanted for Christmas. The lines were long to sit on the old guy's lap, but everyone was well behaved and waited patiently to give him their requests. I'm guessing everyone knew darned well it didn't look good if you were naughty while waiting in line to ask for toys.

No complaints were heard afterward, so everyone must have been able to describe to Santa what they would like under the tree or in their stocking. There were lots of giggles, smiles and thank you's coming from the packed house of Christmas revelers, young and old. It sure looked like another successful outing for the old bearded guy and his helpers. Funny how he does that, year after year.



"Look mom, this is more lights than dad put up!"



Photo by Mark Minnick

Brooklyn and Logan Nelson from Grove City, hangin' with Santa.

First Christmas



Photo by Gramma Schmeling

By Mark Minnick

One of the youngest kids that rolled into Mug Shots to see Santa, was one month old Walter Lorvern Schmeling. He didn't care much for the hot dogs or having his cheeks squeezed by every darned old lady that saw him. He did like all of the lights and decorations - Almost as much as he likes mom and dad.

I heard from a very reliable source (Santa), that he was really articulate in his gift requests. Pretty good for a little dude that hasn't been around that long. The jolly old guy pulled out Walter's list and showed it to me; Wow! Here's a copy;

Dear Santa,

As you know, I've only been around for about a month and haven't had an opportunity to be naughty yet. Thus, lot's of presents are in order because I have been nothing but good (and cute). I think I'm gonna like this Christmas stuff. BTW, what's coal? So, here are just a few things I figure I need....

1. Three Rapala #9 Shad Raps, in Firetiger, Holographic Shiner and Perch colors.
2. A signed Joe Mauer catcher's mitt and mask.
3. BB Gun with a scope & lots of BB's.
4. A red go-cart, with at least a ten horse motor, a five gallon can of gas and a matching helmet.
5. If you've got room in the sleigh, throw in a 120 youth snowmobile, preferably in yellow.

That's it....Thank's a bunch and say Hi to Rudolph.

Your newest fan, Walter

Atta boy Walt, you're a smart kid. You've got a bright future (and lots of fun) ahead of you. By the way, if Santa doesn't bring you everything you want, hit up Gramma.

City Seeks New Council Member

By Rick Gieser

I struggled with how to frame this piece. As I write, I'm still not sure how to pose it. What do you say when people you admire and trust are in conflict? When you understand to some degree all sides of the turmoil?

It has not been fun to watch this story unfold. Out of respect of the wishes of all parties concerned, the specific incidents will remain untold.

What began as a difference in opinion over the purchase of a tractor has ultimately led to the censorship and retirement of Councilman Terry Anderson. The resolution of censure was issued and approved by the City council at a meeting held Tuesday, December 11. On Thursday, December 13, he resigned from the Cosmos City Council.

Terry has served as a council person for 22 years. He was visible and approached by many around the city often times mistakenly taken for a paid city employee. He was a great asset during many city projects, big and small, serving as liaison between construction crews, city staff, and other city officials.

The difference of opinion in regards to equipment purchases and the decisions that followed became one reason why Jeremy Anderson, the city's maintenance supervisor and Terry's son, elected to alter his career path and take a position with a new employer. If there is currently any good news coming from this it would be that Jeremy is happy and doing well.

The city's search for his replacement has not gone smoothly. The hiring of Chuck Molitor, from Lake Lillian, has bought them some time. Mr. Molitor is also filling a void left in Lake Lillian as the result of the death of their maintenance supervisor, Wayne Sulflow. Using a list of potential candidates for the Lake Lillian vacancy has not been fruitful for either city and has delayed Chuck's desire for retirement.

The current hire in Cosmos, Tyler Anderson, will be learning on the job just like Jeremy did. We should expect some ups and downs. He seems like a good kid. He has some experience but there is much to know.

The turmoil of the past year resulted in a close Mayoral race that gave a seven vote election victory for new Mayor Gary Martin who will be dealing with a council who's most experienced member will now be Jodi Fruetel.

The process of filling Terry Anderson's seat has started.

There are several projects in the works for Cosmos at this time. These are exciting times in Cosmos…rock on.



Legion Family News
December Bloodmobile

By Cheryl Schauman

The blood mobile was in town on December 4th. Our goal was 27 and we had 24 regular donors and 4 power red donors bringing our total to 32! Three people deferred and 2 incomplete.

The Cosmos American Legion Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who came to donate the gift of life this holiday season. Regrettably the Red Cross was very short staffed that day and we had many people who left as the wait was too long.

We apologize for that and invite you to please come back again next time, hopefully this won't happen again in the future. The Red Cross workers who were there did their very best and we thank them for all their hard work. Happy New Year!!!!

UCAP Tax Program Readies for Another High-Impact Year

By Michelle Jensen,
United Community Action Partnership

It's time to pull together all the year-end tax documents, and enter a bunch of numbers in hopes of getting a refund. For low to moderate income families, who can't afford hefty fees, United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) is again offering free tax preparation clinics in the communities of Hutchinson, Jackson, Marshall, Redwood Falls, Willmar and Windom. But it takes a lot of people with big hearts to make it happen. "Our tax clinics are volunteer driven," said Michelle Jensen, UCAP's Family Services Manager. "They can't happen without the help of people in our communities."

UCAP offers tax clinics in partnership with the United Way of Southwest MN, United Way of West Central Minnesota, the MN Department of Revenue, the Internal Revenue Service, the IJ Burich Family Foundation and other community partners to ensure that tax payers receive their full tax credits and refunds. People don't need tax knowledge to volunteer.

"We provide training so that anyone can become an IRS certified tax preparer," Jensen said. "But we also need volunteers to greet people and help make sure they are prepared for their appointment."

Training for the volunteer tax site positions are scheduled to take place in several locations throughout the month of January. Anyone who is interested in learning more can contact Michelle Jensen.

Tax clinics have been growing over the last several years, and that trend is expected to continue this year. Jensen hopes that enough people will step forward this year to keep up with the demand. "A few hours of someone's time can, literally, put thousands of dollars back into the households that need it most."

If you are interested in learning more about the program or would like to sign up to volunteer, please contact Michelle Jensen at 507-847-2632 ext. 3102 or taxstaff@unitedcapmn.org.

United Community Action Partnership is a non-profit organization that strives to help low and moderate income families improve their lives and move out of poverty. EOE/AA/ADA
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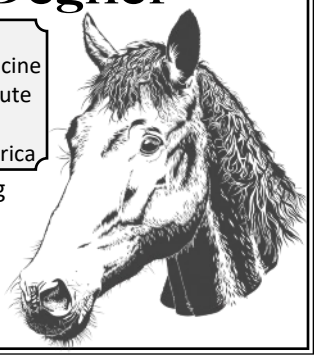
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-Cosmos Community Center-

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For more information contact:
Gloria Anderson *320.877.7460 Leave Msg.*
Sandy Meyer *320.877.7734 Leave Msg.*



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Cosmos

Community Center

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Sign up fee: $35.00
$23.00 per month 1st Person
$15.00 per month 2nd person
$10.00 per month 3rd person



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Call to schedule times to review items.

-City Items Available for Bids-

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Cosmos for the following items. Bids must be received by 4: 00 p.m. February 5, 2019. A check/cashiers check of 5% will need to be included. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

ITEM

1988 International 330 HP Tanker Truck (Fire)

Minimum Bid

N/A

WANTED

-New Members-

Any senior over age 55 is welcome to join the

Cosmos Senior Citizens Club

- Dues are **$5.00** per year
- Meetings are held at Cedar Crest of Cosmos, the last Monday of the month, starting at 10:00 AM
- **Nickel Bingo** is played from 10:00-11:00
- Meeting at 11:00
- Dinner at 12:00 noon
- Dinner cost is $5.00 per meal

Please call 877-9100 for reservations by the last Friday AM before the meeting. If you have any questions, Call Linda Hopp - 320-321-0358
Our next meeting is January 28th, 2019

January Daily Lunch Specials

T 1 Closed
W 2 Ham dinner
T 3 Prime rib melt w/hash browns
F 4 Pizza hotdish w/toast

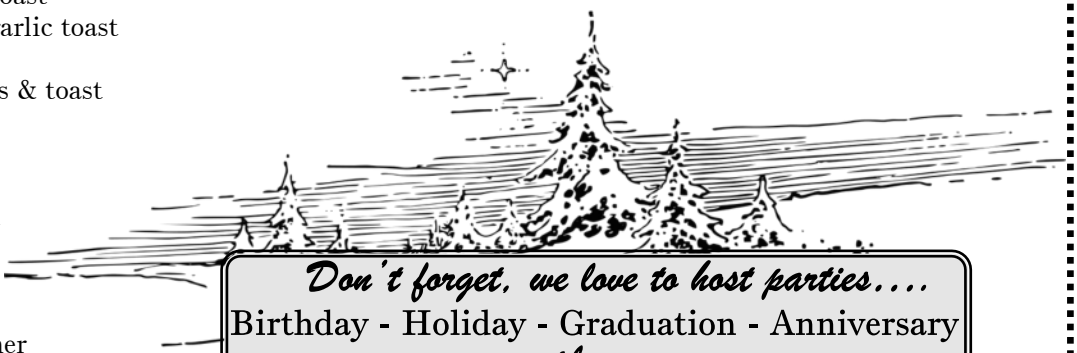
M 7 Grilled ham & cheese w/soup
T 8 Pork dinner
W 9 Philly w/fries
T 10 Tator Tot hotdish w/toast
F 11 Chicken spaghetti w/garlic toast

M 14 Shrimp w/hash browns & toast
T 15 Meatloaf dinner
W 16 Turkey melt w/soup
T 17 Pizza buffet
F 18 Lasagna w/garlic toast

M 21 Grilled cheese w/ chili
T 22 Roast beef dinner
W 23 Broasted chicken dinner
T 24 Scalloped potatoes & ham w/toast
F 25 Prime rib melt w/fries

M 28 Fish sandwich w/soup
T 29 Salisbury steak dinner
W 30 Sauerkraut hotdish w/toast
T 31 Tuna noodle hotdish w/toast

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Birthday - Holiday - Graduation - Anniversary
plus
*Wedding or Baby Showers
*Groom's Suppers
*Wedding Dances and Gatherings
*Family and Class Reunions
Give us a call or stop in & talk to Marvella

Thank You

From Emily Schmeling

As I come to the end of my term, I would like to thank the citizens of Cosmos for allowing me the privilege to have served as your Mayor for the past two years. I have learned so much about our community and the unique qualities that continue to make me proud to call Cosmos my home. This opportunity also allowed me to learn more about myself, the type of person I want to be and how I want to continue to grow as a leader. Through an experience at work, I was fortunate to attend a workshop called, "Our Best Begins with Me". Through this experience, we focused on many different concepts that helped us understand how to be better employees for those that we serve, colleagues for those that we work with, and people for those that we love most. There were two concepts that stood out to me. One was to assume positive intent and ask questions, rather than be quick to judge. The second was to be curious and open to change. I have found these concepts to be helpful in both my personal as well as professional life and it has allowed me to be open to new ideas and opportunities.

During my two years as Mayor, the council was faced with both expected as well as some unexpected challenges. Many of these challenges were a result of changes in daily operations, staffing, and planning for the future. When change occurs, often there are two different perspectives that need to be considered by those implementing the change. I heard many conversations about the changes taking place, most of which were very positive. I can assure you, no matter what the challenge or situation presented to the council, the future and best interest of this community was always at heart. While I understand change may be difficult for some, it is important that we keep up with the world we live in by proactively looking for new ways that we can be more cost effective and efficient with the resources available to us. As we know, things are very different than they were 50, 30, and even 20 years ago. As a small town we must continue to invest in our city in order to sustain growth and community liveliness.

I leave my term as your Mayor with two requests. My first request is this, as you continue to look at the future of our city, please assume positive intent, ask questions rather than be quick to judge, and be curious and open to change. I would encourage more people to attend the city council meetings to hear the discussions first hand and ensure that the facts you are hearing are accurate, in addition to the reasoning behind why the decisions were made. My second request is that you thank those who are serving on our city council. They spend time away from family and things they enjoy in order to serve our community. . . the community that we all want to see continue to grow and prosper for the future.

Thank you again.
May you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Emily Schmeling

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2018

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Emily Schmeling at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2018
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Terry Anderson, Tom McCarthy, Jody Fruetel and Angelica Hopp.
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville, Tyler Anderson, Josh Halvorson, City Engineer, Becky Howell, Sheriff's Department and Mayor Elect Martin.
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hopp, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Fruetel, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. November 13, 2018 City Council Minutes
b. 2019 Safe Assure Safety Training Contract 2019 $1,576.02
c. Nov. 2018 YTD Revenues/Expenditures
d. Nov. 2018 Bank Reconciliation
e. MMS Monthly Report
f. Mediacom – rate adjustments

VISITORS PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDANCE

Owen Schlueter was present to discuss snow buildup at the end of sidewalks where they meet the road. It was discussed that this is the resident's responsibility to clear their sidewalks all the way to the curb.
City Engineer - Josh Halvorson, Bolton-Menk, was present to discuss potential grants for a commercial road upgrade. He was directed to work with city staff regarding potential street projects.
Meeker County Sheriff's Report – Sergeant Becky Howell presented October and November call reports. There were 25 and 18 calls for October and November respectively.
Chuck Dvorak was present to verify that he was legally placing snow on his commercial property from the streets.
November 13, 2018 Bills List - A motion by Hopp , seconded by McCarthy, to approve the December 11, 2018 Bills list with check numbers from 13446-13489 for a total of $167,421.43 Motion carried

Meeker County Housing Task Force - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Schmeling, to appoint Councilmember Jody Fruetel to the Meeker County Housing Task Force. Motion carried.
Resolution 18_10 2019 Employee Compensation - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Fruetel, to approve Resolution 18_10 2019 Employee Compensation. Motion carried**.**
Winter Snow Removal - A motion by McCarthy, seconded by Fruetel, to hire Nate Van Hatten at $17.00/hr. going to $20/hr. with commercial driver's license, for part time snow removal for the City of Cosmos. Ayes: Anderson, McCarthy, Hopp, Fruetel. Nayes: None. Abstain: Schmeling. Motion carried**.**
Resolution 18_11 Meeker County Tax Forfeited Properties - A motion by Anderson, seconded by Hopp, to approve Resolution 18_11 Meeker County Tax Forfeited Property. Motion carried**.**
Sale of Used Tanker Truck – A motion by Anderson, seconded by McCarthy, to approve the sale of the used fire department tanker truck. Motion carried**.**
ADA Handicap Door Access Bids, City Hall – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Schmeling, to approve the most qualified bid of $9,991.91 from E2 Electrical to provide handicap access doors to the west city hall entrance, the library and west community room entrance. Motion carried**.**
Resolution 18_12 Close Fund 302 2011A Debt Service – A motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hopp, to approve Resolution 18_12 Closing Fund 302 2011A Debt Service. Motion carried**.**
ACGC/CLC School Board/Building Update – Nels Onstad, Scott Stafford and Bailey Rettmann were present to discuss the Cosmos Learning Center building plans. They reviewed the preliminary plans with the city council hoping to have construction plans ready for a late winter bid.
Dismissal Proceedings Fire Department - A motion by McCarthy, seconded by Schmeling, to begin the process of dismissing a member of the Cosmos Fire Department. Motion carried**.**
Other Business
Resolution 18_13 A Resolution Censuring City Councilmember Terry Anderson – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Schmeling, to approve Resolution 18_13 A Resolution Censuring City Councilmember Terry Anderson. Motion carried**.**
Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Hopp, seconded by McCarthy to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried.

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John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
December 18, 2018

A special meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Emily Schmeling at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2018
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Tom McCarthy, Angelica Hopp and Jody Fruetel
COUNCIL ABSENT: Terry Anderson
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville and Mayor Elect Gary Martin
The special meeting was posted to address the issue of Councilmember Terry Anderson's resignation.
Resignation from City Council - A motion by Hopp, seconded by McCarthy, to accept the resignation of Councilmember Terry Anderson. Motion carried.
Resolution 18_14 - A motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hopp, approving Resolution 18_14 Authorizing Bank Signatures for 2019. Motion carried.
Advertise for Open Council Position - A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hopp, to advertise for the open City Council position. Interested applicants should provide a letter of interest to the City Council by the February City Council meeting. Motion carried.
ADJOURN - A motion by Fruetel, seconded by McCarthy, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

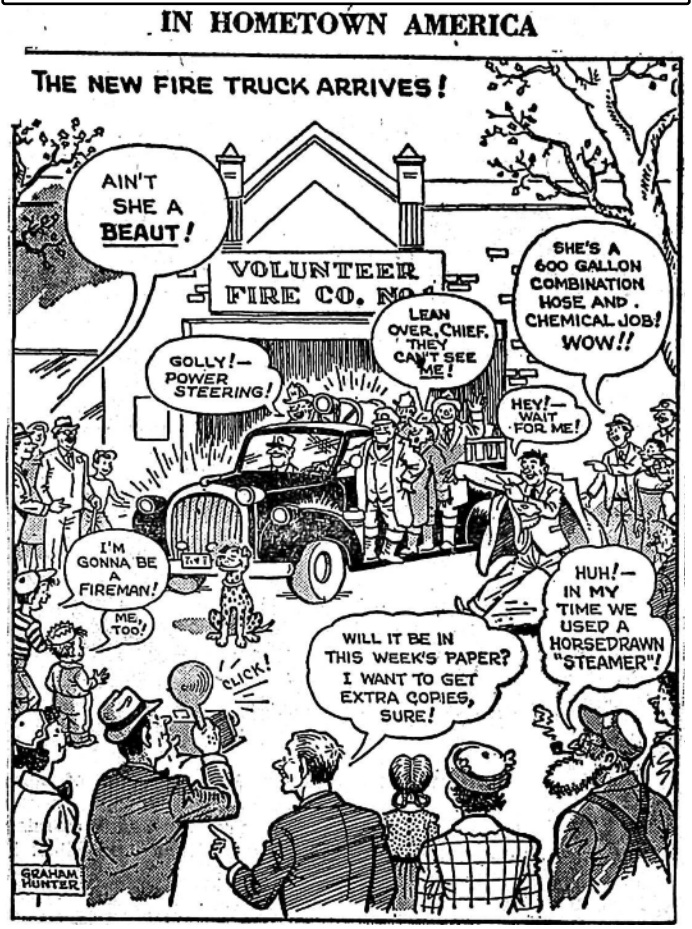
NOTICE

Vacant City Council Position
City of Cosmos

The City of Cosmos has a vacant council position. The City will be taking names of interested individuals that may want to fill out the council term ending 12/31/20.

*Any individual interested in the council position must be 18 years old and live within the legal limits of the City of Cosmos.
*Applications will be taken until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 7th, 2019 for consideration at the Thursday, February 7th City Council meeting.
*Your application should include your name, address, a little about yourself and why you would like to fill out this 2-year council term.

***Cartoon from a 1957 issue of The Cosmos News**





ACGC November Students of the Month

List & photo by Quincy McNeil, *Dean of Students*
Left to Right:
Front Row: Seth Carlson, Haley Johnson, Allyson Giese, Colby Renne
2nd Row: Jaxon Drange-Leyendecker, Mackenzie Powers
3rd Row: Morgan Tritabaugh, Terri Evenson, Mia Eisenbacher, Jeana Denton
Back Row: Brayden Hedtke, Ellie Hu, Hailey Messenbrink, Jaden Hackbarth, McKenna Friauf, Grace Kaehlar, Jose Posada
Not Pictured: Noelle Dilley

Go Falcons!

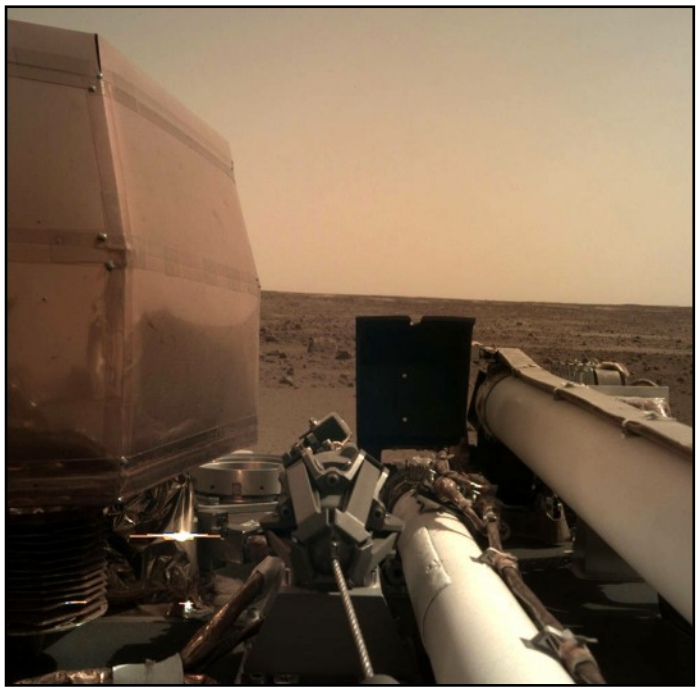
Ahhh….Winter.



"Uphill both ways, the snow gets deeper the farther you go and the temperature is always falling - and this is all before lunch."



InSight Lander sends it's first images from the Red Planet



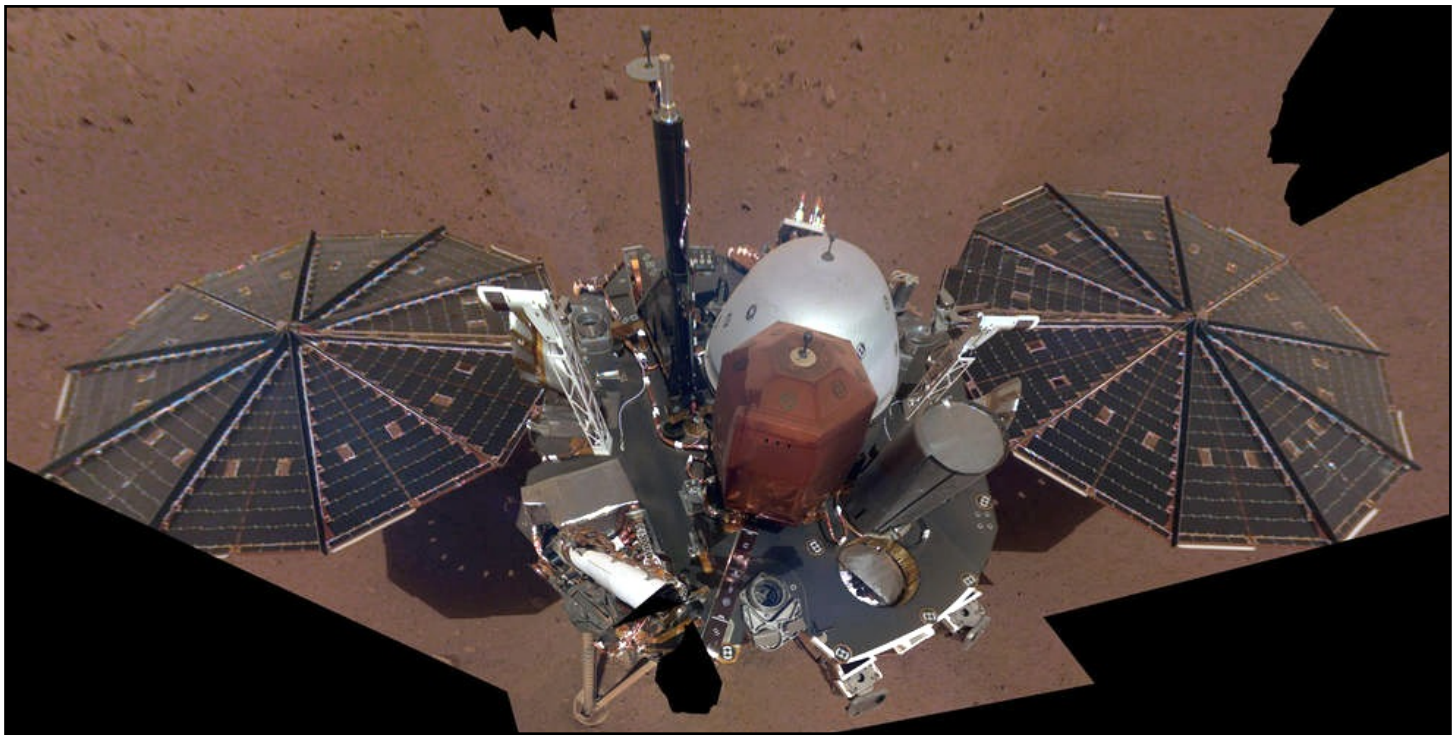
The Instrument Deployment Camera (IDC), located on the robotic arm of NASA's InSight lander, took this picture of the Martian surface on Nov. 26, 2018, the same day the spacecraft touched down on the Red Planet.

The camera's transparent dust cover is still on in this image, to prevent particulates kicked up during landing from settling on the camera's lens. This image was relayed from InSight to Earth via NASA's Odyssey spacecraft, currently orbiting Mars.

Credits: NASA/JPL-Caltech

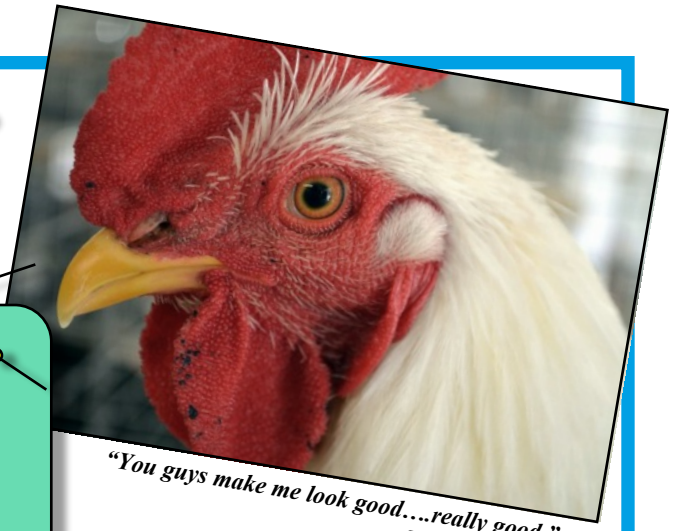
This is NASA InSight's first selfie on Mars. It displays the lander's solar panels and deck. On top of the deck are its science instruments, weather sensor booms and UHF antenna. The selfie was taken on Dec. 6, 2018 (Sol 10).

Credits: NASA/JPL-Caltech



-The Galactic Gazette Presents-

Tales from the COSMIC Tavern & Lounge



"You guys make me look good….really good."
Local Chicken

It's Been Two Years

By Mark Minnick

Rich and I took on this task of producing the Galactic Gazette a little over two years ago. The overused cliché, "Time flies when you're having fun" kind of applies here. A couple of printings ago, we both remarked how it didn't seem like we had been doing this for two years. Yet, sometimes it seems like drudgery, with writer's block, software glitches, printer problems and the like. An enjoyable experience, but not always. Folks wiser than me would say, "That's life kid, have at it". So, we're "Havin' at it."

Let's Give It a Shot….

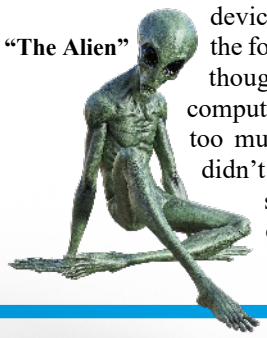
I looked back at the first issue we put out in December 2016 and I thought wow! - What a difference! We had eight whole pages with two graphics, four pictures and only three ads. There were nine articles or columns for the readers to peruse. All of this in living black and white.

Breaking in a new laptop, learning new software, writing articles and arranging everything in a newsletter format in two weeks time was a daunting task to say the least. Then there's printing night. I had all of this information and positivity, we're gonna make a newsletter and it's gonna be cool!

Ha! We had not a clue as to what to do. Getting the info out of the laptop and into the printer, we looked at the printer control screen and asked "Now what?". No instructions, no mentoring, no KewPie doll, no nothing, we were a little flustered.

Rich pushed buttons and changed screens numerous times. As with any device such as this, he figured out the proper sequence of commands, told it what he wanted it to do and it did it. He triumphed over a mere machine and had it spitting out page after page of newsletter, all fancy schmancy.

Now we had to fold and collate four hundred and some issues. No problem we thought, we have a modern device to do that. We were then reminded that the folding machine was a "machine" too. Even though it is totally mechanical, with no computer running the show, it didn't seem to care too much for us. Some pages folded ok, some didn't. Twisted, wrinkled and scrunched, many sheets beyond saving ended up in the circular file.



"The Alien"

Rich finally tamed and broke the "Bucking bronco" folder. We had our crisp, fancy and folded newsletter ready to deliver. Get 'em to the Post Office, pay for postage and off we go to the four hundred plus local readers, with ten going out to subscribers. Now wait for feedback from the readers. We were a little nervous.



"Knowledge Man"

Here We Go….

Positive. That one word describes the comments and thoughts that we received from the readership over the course of the next month. As time went on, we gained more advertisers, donors and readers. Everyone liked it.

We evolved on the fly every month, making corrections, implementing improvements and adding content. In the March '17 issue, two correspondents joined the Gazette staff.

A rodent named "Retro Rocket Rasputin", a local prognosticating groundhog, was interviewed about seeing his own shadow on Feb. 2nd. He mentioned that he didn't like leaving his nice warm burrow and didn't give a rip about the more famous Punxsutawney dude. So much for him.

The other reporter, "Local Chicken", commented on his ancestors being nearly wiped out by a meteor strike 70 million years ago and that mass extinction events are no fun. He decided to stay on writing regularly, saying "You guys look like you could use some creative help". *That means he doesn't think we're very smart.* Much as we try find out his name, he still wishes to remain anonymous.

In our fourth issue, April '17, we decided to dabble in color, with four colored pages out of twenty the result. Again, the advertisers, donors and readership liked the addition. Guest writers showed up on the pages more and more, contributing articles and experiences. Things were looking up.



"Gordy the Guinea"

Where'd the time go Eunice?



"The Nun"

We're Movin' Now….

A lot has changed in these last two years. We've tried to make sure that each issue has a minimum of eight color pages, while improving the print quality on the black & white and the color. We have nurtured a nice advertiser and donor base, keeping us in the black. This allowed us to acquire a new printer setup in December, with this issue being the first printed and folded on it. The old printer contract came to an end, and maintenance issues dictated new equipment. Nothing lasts forever, it was time for an upgrade.

Gazette stories and articles have been different and varied. Music concerts, South African adventures, raging blizzards, fishing trips and a total solar eclipse to name just a few. We even got to meet and interview a famous Twin Cities TV personality, Bel Jensen. It has been interesting to say the least.

Then there's the regular columns we strive to get in every issue. Chef It Up, The Cosmic Tavern & Lounge, Nature and the Great Outdoors, Science, Tech and Just Plain Cool Stuff and Turn That Crap Down are what we work with monthly. Once and awhile, we throw in a little culture with The Poet's Corner.

The popular Time Warp section looks back at the old "Cosmos News" newspaper archives, highlighting events, articles and advertisements from 30, 40 and 50 years prior. The Whozit section presents old local photos of people or places for the readers to identify. They win the coveted and metaphoric KewPie doll if they know Whozit! *(bad grammar there.)*

We've had some folks contribute articles and content, with some very nice submissions from all. Here's a couple of the regulars. First is LeAnn Melberg, a liaison from the ACGC Boosters. She writes articles, shoots pics and rounds up articles and pics from coaches and school personnel. Second is Curt Meyer, keeping the reader updated with news and happenings with the Cosmos Legion Club. He writes articles and takes or rounds up pictures. Thanks for the contributions guys, readers have complimented the coverage on both subject matters.

The Gazette's business clerk and counter of shekels, Delores Arndt, keeps track of the subscriber's accounts and mailings, makes sure the bills are paid and the books are up to date. (and she puts up with Bob at the same time.) This publication (or Bob) would not survive without her effort and work.



"Old Hen"

I don't dare forget our "other" correspondents, lest I get reprimanded (or pecked). There's the pro shopper and party animal, "Old Hen", the Avian Justice Warrior, "Gordy the Guinea" and the chicken coop terror, "Lil Weasel". Then there's the wise and thoughtful "Knowledge Man", "The Nun" from the Dept. of Corrections, "Eunice" the co-pilot of the Time Machine, and finally, the ever present and *Nothing to see here folks,* "Alien". It's a weird group of characters, but they're good to work with, so far. What the heck, normal is no fun. No complaints from the readers either. Yet.



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Weather: Cold "All of the news you really need." "Noli credere omnia legis"

"It's Open!"

Cosmos City Center Glows During Open House
By Rich Gieser

On a chilly and snowy Saturday evening, we gathered to celebrate the new municipal building with an open house and flag raising ceremony. It is a very nice structure of concrete, steel and asphalt. Inside is housed a community center, a library, a fitness center and city offices. The presenters were quick to point out, almost in a before and after comparison, how much more the current structure is a result of low construction bids. It is warm, has a comfortable color scheme, and is dotted with technology.

The community center is carpeted, and has an area which could be used as a dance floor, and a "kitchen" area that includes a refrigerator and counter space with sink and wall outlets. There is a large screen television on one wall, a sound system, programmable thermostats and LED lighting.

The library is full of books, computers, warmth, lighting

January 2017 Front Page

The Gazette is still distributed free of charge to a little over four hundred local post office box holders. The number of subscriptions has increased to seventy, satisfying our out-of-town readers. Things are looking up.

Where Do We Go From Here?

As we move ahead with the Gazette, we hope to stick with our current writing standards and maybe even improve a little. We can always use input from the readers and we welcome that interaction. Even better if you can write articles or tell stories. New ideas keep things fresh. C'mon, let's go here.

Here's a quick overview of what it takes to keep this periodical up and running. Our operating costs are supported by selling advertising and accepting donations, that's it. It's very cool and gratifying that people and businesses want to advertise with us, or make a donation to help the cause. Thank you, the Gazette wouldn't exist without you. Readers, please notice and take the time to thank the advertisers, and be grateful for the unnamed cash donors.

Postage and paper prices are going up. We had to invest in a new printer. Just as in a household or a business, it takes money to operate. That's not to say that we are complaining, again; "That's life kid, have at it".

Please remember us when you receive your Gazette. We make no money delivering the Gazette to the locals free of charge, or to each subscriber at $25.00 a year. (Yes, we had to raise the subscription price.) The Gazette needs your continued support, not just with readership but with dollars. So if you like it….how about you throw us a bone? If you don't like it, you probably won't be reading this article, and that's OK too.



"Eunice"

You really don't want to miss an issue of "All of the news you really need" do ya? (Besides, Local Chicken is pullin' for another raise….sigh. I gotta talk to his agent….)

Anyway, we at the Gazette still plan on "Havin' at it." Thank you everyone and Happy New Year.

The ACGC
Falcon Flyover
Events, Activities & Happenings in the Atwater/Cosmos/Grove City School District



An incredible job to all the ACGC musicians. The musicality was wonderful! A special thank you to Mr. Najjar and Mr. Canavan. "In the Bleak Midwinter" performed by the Symphonic Band was incredible and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" performed by the Varsity Choir was beautiful! And a hand bell choir, too, so fun! A job well done!! ***Photo and commentary by LeAnn Melberg***

ACGC Wrestling Notes & News

12-18-18

By Coach Mike Amsden

ACGC is ranked as the #4 Class A team in the latest Guillotine Rankings. Individually Ranked: Cole Holien (106) ranked 9th, Kelvin Ponce (113) ranked #5, Ramzee Molinaro (126) ranked #5, Jake Mortensen (138) ranked 8th, and Tanner Berghuis (220) ranked #4 in class A wrestling.

ACGC currently holds a 9-0 dual meet record and will look to claim it's 10th conference title and 12th section title as the season goes on. Team Captains: Skye Powers, Tanner Berghuis, Ramzee Molinaro, Kelvin Ponce. Career Milestones: Tanner Berghuis and Skye Powers are closing in on 100 wins! Logan Sherwood (182) recently earned West Central Conference performer of the week. Top Individual Varsity Records: Cole Holien (106) 7-2, Brady Holien (113) 9-0, Kelvin Ponce (120) 9-0, Ramzee Molinaro (126) 8-1, Hayden Straumann (132) 8-1, Taylor Fester (170) 8-1, Tanner Berghuis (Hwt) 9-0.

The JV Wrestlers are off to a good start as well competing at several area tournaments and compiling 63 individual wins with 42 loses. Top JV records: Jevon Williams 6-0, Parker Peterson 8-1, Jayden Kragenbring 10-2, Mason Studemann 10-0 and Jaxon Behm 7-0. Look for the 9th Grade League Team to make a return trip to the state tournament and improve on last years 2nd place finish.

ACGC Wrestling History: The team has been to the state tournament 11 times. State champions in 2007. The team has a dual meet record of 431-116 (72%). 9 individual state champions. 136 individual state entrants.

ACGC will continue it's 2018-19 season with a 38 team individual tournament in Redwood Falls, an Individual tournament at BBE, along with 23 dual meets left. Home Matches Remaining: Dec 28th and Jan 11th. Post Season: Team Sections: Feb 15th @ Howard Lake High School. Individual Sections: Feb 23rd @ Kimball High school. State Tournament: Feb 28th @ Xcell Energy Center.

Dance Team Rocks



Photo by Kristi Lilleberg

By LeAnn Melberg

The Varsity Dance Team danced amazing at Hutchinson this Saturday, December 2nd, taking 2nd in both Kick & Jazz, and falling only one ranking point behind PACT Charter in Kick! The JV team placed 4th out of 8 schools, beating three AA schools! Way to go FALCONS!!

Varsity Kick
1-PACT Charter, 2-ACGC, 3-NLS, 4-Holdingford, 5-Litchfield

Varsity Jazz
1-PACT Charter, 2-ACGC, 3-Holdingford, 4-NLS, 5-GFW

JV
1st place- Hutchinson AA
2nd place- Delano AA
3rd place- Marshall AA
4th place- ACGC A
5th place- Willmar AA
6th place- Albany AA
7th place- Litchfield A
8th place- Belle Plaine AA



Photo (left) and commentary by LeAnn Melberg

Congratulations to the Falcon Dance Team for bringing home first place medals on Friday, Dec. 14th at their home Invitational.

Varsity Kick
1-ACGC, 5
2-Minnewaska, 9
3-BBE-Paynesville, 10
4-MACCRAY, 17
5-Sauk Centre, 20
6-Concordia Academy, 23

Varsity Jazz
1-Minnewaska, 8
2-BBE-Paynesville, 9.5
3-MACCRAY, 10.5
4-Concordia Academy, 16
5-ACGC, 16

ACGC Hoops

Girls Basketball News

By Coach Misty Langseth, 12-18-18

The Falcon girls basketball team has started the season with a 2-6 record. The team has been involved in several close games with wins over Lester Prairie Holy Trinity and Montevideo while dropping tight contests with Lakeview and Melrose. Seniors Lindsey Minnick, Pailey Wilner, Brittney Schultz and Alexis Schmidt lead a small but hard working group of girls. The team will honor parents on January 10th with their annual parents night and seniors will be recognized February 12.



Jeanna Denton heading in for two.
Photo by Jason Denton



Lindsay Minnick goes up for a bunny.
Photo by Jason Denton

Boys Basketball News

By Terry Miller, 12-17-18

The 2018-19 Boy's Basketball season has begun and the Falcons record currently stands at 3-3. The teams three wins have come against CMCS, Morris Area and MACCRAY, while the losses have come against Osakis, Paynesville and Benson. The boys have been in the gym working hard all fall, and hope that their efforts translate into another successful season. We have 63 boys out in grades 7-12.

After graduating a strong senior class, the team is currently working on finding the right mix of players to give us the best opportunity at success. The team will again play an up-tempo style of game with the early results showing that we have several players that can score. Defense on the other hand, is an area we are working to improve on. Height and depth are areas of concern in a conference loaded with talent and height.

The ACGC Boy's Basketball team is a great bunch of young men that work very hard and play a style of basketball that is fun to watch. We invite all to come watch an enjoyable night of basketball and support a great bunch of student athletes

Terry Miller
ACGC Boy's Basketball
PE/Health

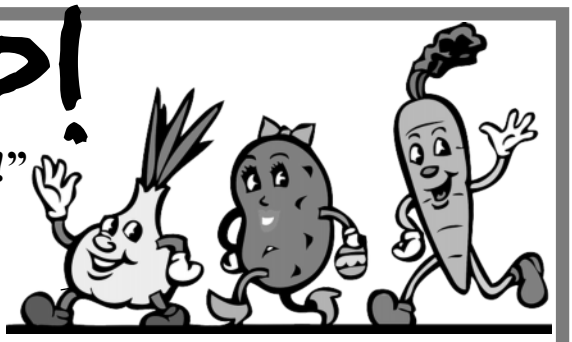


Shelby Shoen and Brayden Hedtke playing defense for the Falcons.
Photo by Jason Denton

CHEF IT UP!

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

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



Sausage….in Soup?!?!

By Mark Minnick

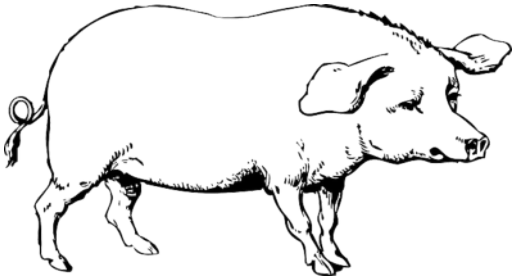
No recipe from me this month, just my thoughts on the suitability of sausage as a meat ingredient in soups and stews. If you already know that sausage is great used this way, then you're wondering where I've been, under a rock? Could be….

Soups and stews are a staple for us Minnesotans, especially in the winter. We're lucky enough to have a variety of commercially produced options, readily available at most supermarkets. There's canned, both condensed and ready to eat, dry mixes and deli versions. All are relatively cheap and taste pretty good, considering that you don't have to do much. Even though I still eat the canned stuff on occasion, I like a homemade version better. It might take a little longer, but I like the finished product.

Recently, I had a hankering for some good, meaty, homemade soup. Don't get me wrong, I like vegetable soup, but I like it better with some meat in it. I didn't feel like messing with the beef, chicken or pork that I had in the freezer. Thawing, cutting up and browning a chunk of meat takes awhile. I was kind of in a hurry but, I wanted something homemade and ready to eat in about 20 to 30 minutes. Then it dawned on me - Sausage to the rescue! I've used various forms of sausage in numerous soups over the years, but sometimes I just plain forget to use it, duh.

I've used bratwurst, kielbasa, ring bologna and course ground hot dogs, all with great success. I can usually thaw out a few dogs or a ring bologna in a couple of minutes or less, while I'm peeling and chopping the veggies. I cut the sausage into bite sized chunks and brown them in a little oil in the soup pot. With pre-cooked sausage you don't *have* to brown it. With raw, uncooked brats, you can slit the skin and peel it off of the meat and fry chunks of just the meat. Leftover sausages that have been grilled are great too, you don't have to brown them and they've got that campfire taste.

I didn't grow up enjoying sausage in soups and stews, but I have certainly learned how. The Cajuns, Italians and East Europeans have been using the stuff in their soups for years, I just don't know what took me so long. I don't recall seeing or hearing about sausage being used as soup meat around this area either, but maybe I'm missing something. Let me know if I'm wrong and shoot me an email. Now go make some sausage soup.



Did somebody say "Sausage"?

Meatball Stew

By Grace Kamrath

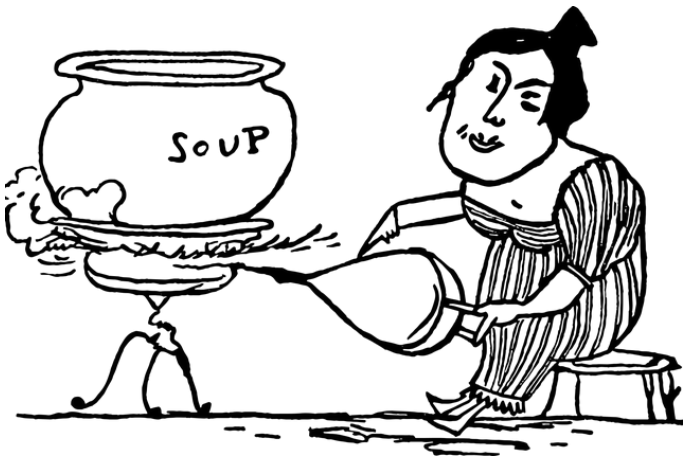
For whatever reason our garden over the years has yielded miniature vegetables, mainly potatoes and onions (carrots sometimes). When I discovered this recipe some years ago, I thought, perfect for our produce. I have found that when using whole potatoes they will not fall apart during cooking. The recipe calls for canned vegetables and they work just fine.

Meatball Stew

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 egg slightly beaten
- 1 cup small bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 t. salt
- 2 T. shortening
- 1 can (10 3/4 oz.) tomato soup
- 1 can beef broth
- 1/4 t. thyme, crushed
- 1 can (1 lb.) sliced carrots, drained
- 1 can (1 lb.) white potatoes, drained
- 1 can (8 oz.) small whole white onions,drained

*Mix beef, egg, bread, onion, and salt; shape into 14 meatballs.
*Brown in shortening in pan, pour off fat.
*Add remaining ingredients.
*Cook over low heat 20 minutes, stir now and then.
*Top with chopped parsley.
*Makes 6 servings.

"No woman will live long enough to try ALL her recipes."
Grace Kamrath



Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon. *Doug Larson*

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TIME WARP

It's the beginning of a new year in 1989. Eunice says there is a lot going on. Take a look.



Meeker County's new 5th District Commissioner Roney Kutzke (shown in foreground) was seated for the first official county board meeting of 1989. Kutzke succeeds retired longtime commissioner Jerome Waters. Shown to Kutzke's right are 4th District Commissioner George Rice; 3rd District Commissioner Robert Arens; new county board Vice-Chairman John Miller (who is the 2nd District Commissioner) and 1st District Commissioner Dale Smolnisky, who was elected chairman of the Meeker County Board on Tuesday.

Kutzke assums duties as 5th District Commissioner for Meeker County

Meeker County's new Fifth District Commissioner Roney Kutzke assumed the duties of his office at the first county board meeting of the year, held Tuesday of this week at the Meeker County Courthouse in Litchfield.

Kutzke rendered his official signature, was fingerprinted, and went through all the rest of the formalities associated with his new role. He earned the right to succeed retiring longtime commissioner Jerome Waters after defeating his opponent, Charles Anderson, Jr., in the November general election.

Kutzke was assigned to the Extension Service Committee and the Weed Control Committee at Tuesday's session. In other important organizational business, the county board elected First District Comm. Dale Smolnisky as chairman, Second District Comm. John Miller as vice-chairman, and Third District Comm. Robert Arens as reading clerk.

In other action, the commissioners appointed Don Tourges to the position of Cosmos district foreman for the Meeker County Highway Department, and Doug Haagenson as foreman for the Grove City district. They will succeed Ray Ulrich and Verroll Smith, respectively, who are retiring from their duties with the department.

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SHINING A POWERFUL LIGHT ON THE LOCAL SCENE

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January through June;

1988 . . . the year in review

A review of activities and happening in the year of 1988 is being done for the Cosmos Sun and the Lake Lillian Crier. Main points of interest have been collected and are being reported. The following are listed from January through June, with the balance to be reported next week. We do hope you enjoy reading these.

January

Featured in the first issue of the new year, 1988, was the "Diary of Randy and Judy Schiro" which was also featured in the Farm and Ranch Magazine. The article told about their change, going from "pails to pigs" on the farm in Minnesota.

The North Central Cable System from Hector was happy to inform Cosmos residence that the distribution cable wire for Cosmos Cable TV had been set for January 18. Much work has already been completed.

Byron and Dorie Higgin, former Cosmos residents were both injured in a car-semi truck accident east of Litchfield.

Neal Prokosch was elected to head the Lake Lillian C & C for 1988 in Lake Lillian and Carol Lang was elected to head the Cosmos Community Club in Cosmos.

With the T.V. Busters program back in tact at the Cosmos Elementary School, some over 100 students signed up to participate. This program shows students they can survive without spending 3 hours each night in front of the T.V. and they have time for school homework, games and conversation with family, plus other things of interest.

Jerone Waters was elected to head the Meeker County Board.

Christopher Glen Bemis, son of Debbie and Steve Bemis, was the first baby of the year born at the Glencoe Hospital.

Pamela Acero, 17, from Peru, was welcomed at the Lorallen Schmeling home to spend two months as an Exchange Student.

Wyman Nystrom was appointed as a new council member following Tom Smith's resignation due to leaving the area.

The B.I.-L.L. School board discussed the pairing classes with Olivia and Danube.

Aldora Martin became the new site manager at the Cosmos Nutrition Center.

XU Raogen, Chinese educator, spent two days with students at the Cosmos School.

February 1988

The Bird Island-Lake Lillian students tied for second place in the District One Act Play Competition held at Glencoe. Cast members from Lake Lillian were Erin Flann and Mark Hedin; crew members were Michelle Hopman and Sheila Turk.

The murder trial for 30 year old Daniel Wersal was set to begin on February 22 with jury selection.

A pleas was put out for volunteers needed in Lake Lillian to begin the EMT Course as more personnel is needed to keep the service.

Jarrod Blackwell was the District Spelling Bee winner at Cosmos, with Krista Hartung, named second place winner.

The Lake Lillian City council discussed the municipal liquor store situation in depth, as the business has been losing money. This was to be discussed with residents at the next council meeting.

Jenny Thomas, placed first in the Detroit Lakes Elk's Hoop Shoot. Leslie Hackbarth also participated and placed third.

The Cosmos School Board began explor-

school board meeting.

The Bird Island-Lake Lillian School Board agreed to pair with the Olivia District in a cooperative football program for 1988-89 and 1989-1990 school year.

Two former Cosmos students, Dean Martin and Jim Rosenau, were selected as candidates for the Sno Daze at the Hutchinson Technical Institute.

MARCH 1988

Following 27 years in business in Cosmos, Libby Degner, owner of Libby's Beauty Salon and Sun Tanning, wa sold to Kim and Doug Mortenson. Both employees Marilyn Krosch and Mona Wright will continue as employees.

Daniel Ivan Wersal was sentenced to 22 years and 5 months in district court in Litchfield. This resulted from the shooting death near Cosmos.

After spending 2 1/2 hours discussing the pairing of classes the B.I.-L.L. school board considers pairing with Danube and Olivia. A public meeting will be held before final decision is made for public input.

Finishing the season of basketball, the Cosmos girls placed third in District 16A tournament play.

The Lake Lillian City council discussed the possibility of building a City Center. The idea was tabled at the present, but will be discussed more at a later meeting.

The Lake Lillian C & C Club set the date and time for their annual "Fun Night". Games and a bake sale was to be held. Also a bike raffle was planning to be held.

The Cosmos school officials met with the A-GC Joint Board of Education to look at the possibility of sharing academics.

A public school meeting was set to give out information and have public input about the possible sharing classes with A-GC.

Ross Newberg, son of Curt Newberg, was awarded a plaque by the Meeker County Sheriff's Department for being such a brave young man by calling 911 when his mother had been killed.

As the Lake Lillian Elevator held their annual meeting the board, manager and help learned they had done a "good job" at the elevator, stated LPA Grienes as he gave the year end financial report to patrons.

The BI-LL and Olivia schools entered a pairing agreement with no time line set for pairing to begin.

April- 1988

Some 200 area Cosmos school district residents attended an informational meeting and listened to facts presented and options weighed as to tuitioning juniors and seniors out for 2 hours per day. 70% favored tuitioning students out.

The Cosmos Board of Education approved at their regular meeting to take belt-tightening steps and placed 6 tenured teachers on unrequested leave, two nontenured instructors were terminated and resignation of longtime secondary social studies teacher Jim Schoener was accepted.

Over 100 persons attended the public meeting at the BI-LL School and favored pairing of BI-LL school with Olivia district in the near future.

Tom Flemming was named as Cosmos representative to attend Boys State, with Tod Gelle as alternate.

Pastor David Steffenson of Grace Lutheran Church in Lake Lillian announced to

May - 1988

"Brigadoon" a whimsical musical fantasy was selected to be presented at the B.I.-L.L. school. The play will include about 48 students.

Nancy Pearson was named Girl Stater by the Cosmos Legion Auxiliary with Greta Smith as alternate.

Brian Krohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Krohn, was killed in a one vehicle accident near Luxemburg.

Lisa Reinke was named Valedictorian and Wendy Adams was named Salutatorian of the Class of 1988 at Cosmos.

Phyllis Portinga and Arlene Wieger were the lucky winners of the 2 bicycles given away by the Lake Lillian C & C at their Bicycle Raffle.

Incumbent Chuck Raske and newcomer Brian Black were placed on the Cosmos School Board by district voters.

Cosmos Royals Lady Softball team placed second in conference play.

Dennis Murphy was hired to fill the position of Police of Chief for Lake Lillian.

Incumbent Kathy Helder and newcomer Neal G. Prokosch, of Lake Lillian, were elected to serve on the Bird Island-Lake Lillian Board of Education.

The Cosmos Lady Royals softball team advanced to Region Play at Hutchinson.

June - 1988

Following 39 years of teaching, Jim Schoener's career came to a close. He was honored at the Cosmos Graduation Exercises.

35 B.I.-L.L. students received diplomas on June 3 and 18 Cosmos Seniors graduated on Sunday, June 5th.

The Cosmos Rod and Gun Club received a check in the amount of $250 from the Cosmos American Legion Club for improvements at the Cosmos Wildlife PFark.

The Cosmos Lady Royals won their way to the state Softball Tournament to be played in St. Cloud.

Rick and Pat Nordin, members of the "Sateren Choir," alumni of Augsburg College, were making plans to tour Norway with the choir.

Wendy Adams was selected for the area-wide Hengstler-Ranweiler Award, a first for any Cosmos student.

Lois and Wyman Nystrom enjoyed their open house serving coffee and goodies to area residents in celebrating 5 ye business in Cosmos.

Four Cosmos girls stoftball players were named to the All Region team. They were Wendy Adams, Becky Welch, Cari Kahmeyer and Renee Welch.

Area thermometers soared high and hit a record high of 104°.

About 250 bicycle riders stopped in Cosmos. They were with the Klobuchar's Bicycle Group.

Notice to Lake Lillian residents

To report your news items and events they can either be put in the Crier Box at the Lake Lillian Red Owl Store or call Donna Mae Scott at 664-4427. For pictures to be

Snowmobile sinks in open waters of Lake Lillian

Rick Goldschmidt, rural Lake Lillian escaped injuries last Tuesday when the snowmobile he was riding sank in open water on Lake Lillian Lake.

Goldschmidt was able to swim to the edge of the ice, where he was pulled to safety by a companion who had been driving another snowmobile. He was wet and cold when he was pulled from the lake.

The mishap occurred at about 1:30 p.m. when he failed to see the open water as he was traveling across the lake. The snowmobile sank in about 5 to 8 feet of water and had not been recovered by Tuesday evening.

Kandiyohi County Water Safety Officer Michael Roe said the area of open water was about 60 yards by 200 yards and was naturally caused, possibly by springs.

Roe added that the lake does not have an aeration system, which creates open water areas usually marked with warning signs. He said some other lakes also have natural open water areas, including Big Kandi Lake, and warned that these areas are not marked and anyone traveling across the ice should do so with caution.



Sandy Skjong, new secretary at the Cosmos City Office is seated with City Clerk, Lorlane Schmeling, as she is beginning to learn the new duties at City Hall. Sandy will be at the office Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Lorlane will be at the office on Monday and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The office is closed on Wednesdays.

Lake Lillian C & C meets Monday

The Lake Lillian Civic and Commerce will meet on Monday, Jan. 9 for an 11:30 dinner at Dee's Cafe with the meeting following at the Firehall. This is an important meeting. All members are urged to attend.

Blood Pressure Clinic

The Lake Lillian Ambulance Service will sponsor their monthly Blood Pressure Clinic at the Lake Lillian Fire Hall on Saturday, January 7 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. EMT's in charge will be Dennis Murphy, Flo Pruin, Donna Scott, and Dirk Siems. All area residents are welcome.

Lake Lillian Ambulance meeting Tuesday

The January Lake Lillian Ambulance meeting will be held Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 sharp at First Lutheran Church. This will be a Continuing Ed Training meeting by the Willmar Tech. Training agenda for the evening will be Emergency Care for the Elderly, Management of Hip Fractures, and CPR review. Mary Fischer and Dirk Siems are in charge of lunch.

Cosmos Community Calendar

Thursday, January 5--4:30 p.m., Junior High Boys Basketball team hosts Silver Lake at a home game.

Thursday, January 5--6:30 p.m., Cosmos Royals Boys Basketball team plays at home against Raymond.

Thursday, January 5--7:00 p.m., Cosmos Royals Wrestling Team travels to Melrose for a match.

Friday, January 6--6:30 p.m., Cosmos Lady Royals Basketball team travels to Winsted for a game.

Tuesday, January 10--4:30 p.m., Cosmos Junior High Boys Basketball team travels to Brownton for a game.

Tuesday, January 10--6:30 p.m., Cosmos Lady Royals Basketball team plays at Stewart.

Tuesday, January 10--6:30 p.m., Cosmos Boys Basketball team entertains Maplewood Academy at the home courts.



Vi Flann, Lake Lillian City Librarian for 13 years was honored at a Retirement Coffee Party last Thursday afternoon. Many stopped in to have coffee and donuts with Vi and to wish her

TIME WARP



THE "COSMOS SCHOOL BUS"

"I discovered this interesting "Letter to the Editor" sent to The Cosmos News editor, Dick Higgin in January 1958. The reader, Elmore Edmunds, enjoyed the picture that Dick published in a December 1957 issue. (Featured in the Time Warp section last month.)

Mr. Edmunds proceeded to write about his recollections from his time spent in the Cosmos area as a child. I thought it was some pretty neat stuff. Take a look.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor

The picture of the Cosmos school bus in your Dec. 5th issue really brought back memories of years ago to me.

It so happens that the kid on the small sled is me. This school bus is really a wonderful memory.

My parents, Sam Edmunds, came to Cosmos in April, 1915. At that time the town was not any where near as big as it is now, as a matter of fact the picture shows most of the town. The buttermakers house, my home, was sort of the center of town, the creamery stood about 100 feet south of this house, Chas. Larsons store, next north of this house. Then as I remember, was the bank north of the store, then the blacksmith shop. This made up the whole town at that time.

My dad ran the creamery from 1915 to 1927. These were years of great expansion in Cosmos, with the Luce Line railroad coming through town about 1919.

Chas. Larson was the old timer in Cosmos at that time. I remember his helper, Castner Oman. He always had a big time with us kids in town.

The bank was run at that time by Dick Niemsinger. He stayed at our house and was a great friend. Later Jack Jurabeck became cashier of the bank. I will never forget the kolatchies that Mrs. Jerabeck used to make. All the kids used to hang around when we would smell the odor of baking. After Jerabeck. Harry Swanson took over the bank job.

Another place that was great for the kids was the home of the blacksmith, Henry Klawitter. He would also pinch-hit as the barber in town. Many a hair cut I got in his kitchen. And Mrs. Klawitter sure was a good cook. I will never forget the good coffee cake and dill pickles she used to give us kids and what a thrill it was to peek into the door of the blacksmith shop and watch Henry shoeing a balky horse. He sure had the know-how required to do that job.

Soon after we came to Cosmos, many new businesses started up. I remember Emil Hackbarth's garage as one of the first. Then Ed Mattson's store, Grussendorf's Confectionary, Ed Lindwall's Shoe Shop, Winter's Dance Hall. Another I will never forget was Ed Degonda's Produce. He had no love for kids, maybe for a good reason, we were a mean lot.

Then Voita's Implement store and Jack Lietzau's barber shop came in there some where. Harold Martin's tailor shop, Johnson Bros. garage, and Ed Maags Oil Co.

Then there was another grocery store run by Ed Koenig and his wife. Seems to me there was still another grocery store run by a man by the name of Schram. There was Flemming and Schiro's Harness and Shoe shop and Alvin Abrahamson ran a produce for a long time. Mr. Nelson ran a oil company north of the tracks, the lumber yards were Stearns and one other. I remember very well, Mr. Hoppenstead who built and ran the elevator for quite a while.

One man I will never forget in Cosmos was Emil Hendricks, a deaf and dumb mute, he did not like kids too well. Seems most of them would tease him, but for some reason he and I were very good friends. He taught me a simple sign language and to this day I still remember this sign language.

Another, was Louis Otto, sort of a dwarf, but he was a great man with kids. I can remember well when he would play some sort of a stringed instrument and sing songs, all the kids would get a thrill.

Of course since 1927 when we left Cosmos, your town has really branched out and today you folks in Cosmos should really be proud of your town.

Elmore Edmunds
Bird Island, Minn.

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To The Editor

I would like to renew the Cosmos News for another year. Having received it for the last eight months its like getting a letter from my home town friends.

I spent all my school days in and around Cosmos, which I will never forget. I am now living in Minneapolis. I'm wishing the Cosmos News, friends and relatives a Happy New Year.

Yours truly,
Arthur L. Klemp and family

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Sponsored By Cosmos Lions Club

Sunday, January 8th

At The Cosmos Legion

Serving From 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

MENU: Pancakes, Sausages, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Juice & Milk

PRICES: Adults $3.00
12 & Under $1.75; Pre-School Free

Proceeds to be used for LCIF Leader Dog, Diabetes, Sight & Hearing Projects.

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Local Chicken January No-Show



By Little Weasel

Yea, that over blown rooster is being lazy this month, so I got asked to write his column. The 'turkey' is just hanging out in the coop, not doing much. Little does he know that I burrowed in under his coop. I made a nice nest and am in the process of adding amenities. Energy efficient LED lighting, a smokin' sound system with tower speakers and an 85 inch Ultra-HD, 4K, Smart TV to start things out. Then I added a modular couch and three recliners, a wet bar and a fridge, fully stocked with Buffalo wings, avocado dip and nachos.

I shot a text to the Old Hen, asking for Local's Wi-Fi, Netflix and cable passwords. Hey, the old cluck gave 'em to me! She doesn't care, she's too busy winding down after partying on Neptune for the New Year's hoopla.

Now my buds can come over and watch the football playoffs, play online video games and watch movies on Netflix. All of this for free, courtesy of that idiot bird. If we run out of wings, well…..they're right up stairs, heh, heh.

Life is good, I'll be in touch.

Successful Night With Santa

By Jan Lux

The members of Cosmos Community Club had a great time and enjoyed the Holiday Express evening. We certainly hope that the attendees, both adults and little ones did too. Santa handed out over 100 goodie bags to smiling kids. Great job Santa!

The Cosmos Comets 4-H Club as always did a fantastic job helping out. Also, the beautiful job of decorating the Santa Bags was done by the ACGC Art class. They were beautiful again.

Merry Christmas and Have a happy and healthy New Year.



You Just Can't Beat It:
Pot Luck

By Mark Minnick

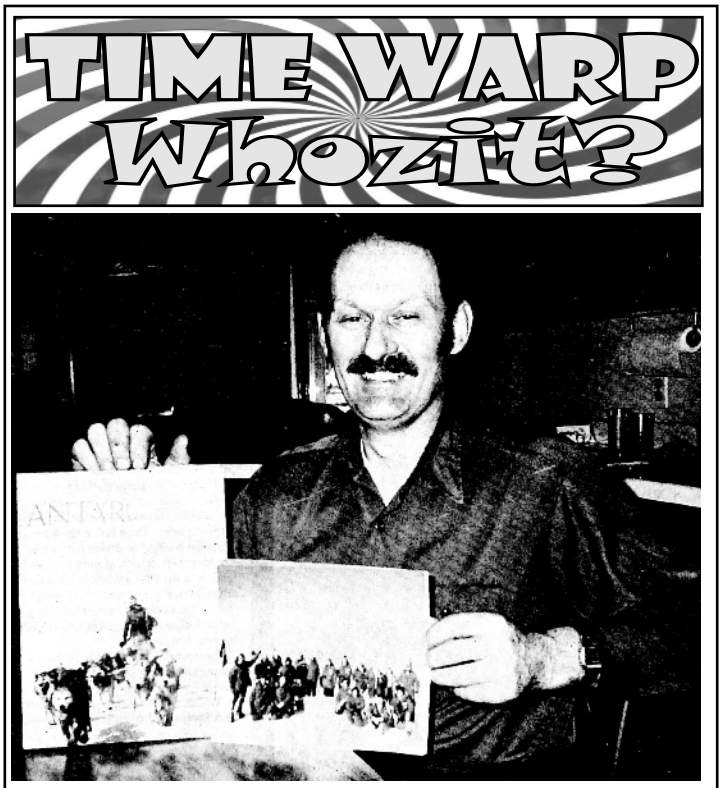
The characters at the Galactic Gazette figure it's about time for us local folks to get together for a Pot Luck Lunch. A sure fire way to get caught up on current events, swap recipes, solve the world's problems and talk smart - all at the same time. Plus, you get to sample someone else's culinary skills and resulting good eats.

The first one is planned for Wednesday, January 16th, starting at 11:30 in the Cosmos Community Center. We plan on having the coffee going, but everything else is up to you. Bring what you need to enjoy your meal, just as you would for a picnic. If you've got a friend or two that wants to come, that's fine.

The work involved should be minimal, just set up (and take down) of tables and chairs, getting all of the food lined up for serving, and cleanup with some vacuuming afterwards.

If we get a good response from the participants, we'll see if people want to keep doing this once a month. Look for the "Pot Luck" ad elsewhere in the Gazette for more info and phone numbers.

Go ahead, start thinkin' about what your going to cook, bake or bring. We look forward to seeing you and your food at the Community Center.



This local gent spent some time working in the Southern Hemisphere in 1988. Whozit?

Last month's First State Bank Cashier was Harry Swanson of Cosmos.
No one identified him, so the KewPie doll bin will be untouched this month.

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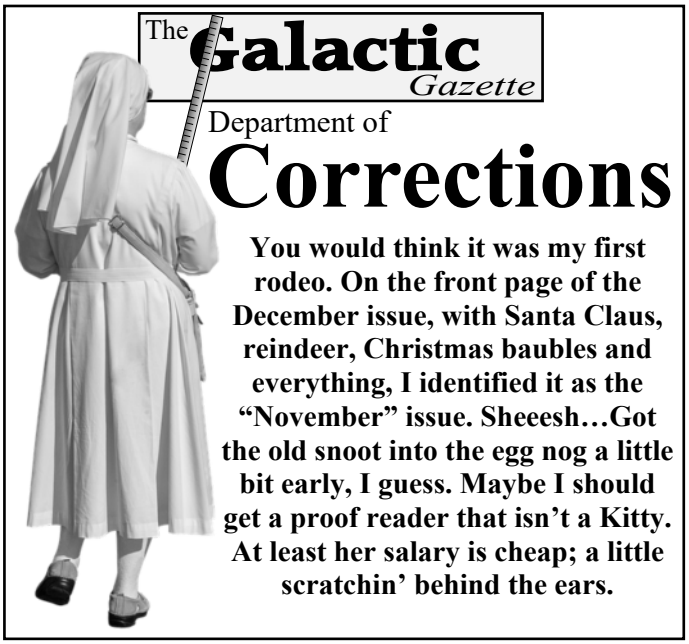
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Your brain will thank you.





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Corrections

You would think it was my first rodeo. On the front page of the December issue, with Santa Claus, reindeer, Christmas baubles and everything, I identified it as the "November" issue. Sheeesh…Got the old snoot into the egg nog a little bit early, I guess. Maybe I should get a proof reader that isn't a Kitty. At least her salary is cheap; a little scratchin' behind the ears.



Don't forget the....

POT LUCK Lunch

At the
-Cosmos Community Center-
Wednesday, January 16th
11:30 AM till ?

For more information contact:
Gloria Anderson *320.877.7460 Leave Msg.*
Sandy Meyer *320.877.7734 Leave Msg.*

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"Hold it right there guys. Don't be bringing in any of that spicy food to the Galactic Gazette Pot Luck. No talkin' smart either.

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".

Nature and the Great Outdoors
Hey, it's nice outside!

Thompson Lake a Little Short on the Oxygen

By Mark Minnick

This winter, Thompson Lake may see some folks driving ATV's or snowmobiles around on it's surface, having a good time. If it doesn't snow, then ice skating could be good. It doesn't look good for ice fishing though, as the DNR officials out of Hutchinson Fisheries discovered that the lake winterkilled in mid December.

To refresh everyone's memory, here's the explanation of "Winterkill" from the Minnesota DNR website;

**Winterkill is a term used to describe the loss of fish in winter because oxygen was lacking in a water body. Submerged vegetation and algae create oxygen through the process of photosynthesis. During the winter, oxygen production is often reduced because ice and snow on the lake limit the amount of sunlight reaching vegetation.*

In small, shallow lakes the available oxygen can quickly be used up by live plants that consume oxygen in the evening, fish, and by bacteria that feed on dead and decaying vegetation. When the oxygen level declines, less tolerant fish species, and fish in poor condition overall, can begin to suffocate.

Winterkill happening in a shallow, southern Minnesota lake is nothing new. Various shallow lakes and ponds experience this phenomenon with some regularity over the years. Most of the time it happens towards the end of a long winter, as the last of the vegetation or algae die off from the lack of sunlight. But, being able to predict what lakes will winterkill during a particular winter season is pretty tough.

This years early winterkill on Thompson Lake is unusual. It has been documented on other lakes in Minnesota over the years but an early ice-up kill is relatively rare. I talked to Scott Mackenthun, Fisheries Manager in Hutchinson, about what happened. First off, he wanted to make sure that I understood that there are not definitive causes that can be pointed to when this happens. Biologists still debate the why's and how's of winterkills, whenever they happen. Remember the last time Thompson winterkilled? It was about 5 years ago, with the Lion's run aerator operating as it should and a good third of the lake being open water. Whammo, it still killed. Needless to say, it's an inexact science.

As far as this year's winterkill, here's Scott's thoughts on what happened. Along with the staff biologists, He figures that when the lake froze over, the remaining large quantity of submerged vegetation quickly died off, consuming the dissolved oxygen in the water as it decomposed. As this is a shallow lake, there isn't the large volume of water to hold more dissolved oxygen. Plus, the dead vegetation is not adding any oxygen through photosynthesis. The large population of fish present obviously need and use oxygen too, thus there wasn't enough to go around. So you end up with the fish dying in the shallow anoxic environment.

DNR technicians came out and checked the lake conditions in early December after being alerted to dead fish being spotted. They noted dead perch, northern pike, carp and bluegills frozen into the ice. As they checked for for dissolved oxygen at numerous places around the lake, they found readings from .08 to .13 parts per million (ppm). For comparison, the low oxygen tolerant species, pike, perch and bullhead, generally don't survive under 5.0 ppm. So it's no surprise that the fish went belly up with less than 1.0 ppm. dissolved oxygen.

*All is not lost though. Here are four points to ponder.

1. Winterkill is nothing new. It's a natural event in shallow lakes. There may still be some fish to catch as winterkills rarely get all of the fish. Good or bad, it's the way it is.
2. Hopefully the large biomass/numbers of black bullheads and carp will be knocked down significantly. They will not be eliminated, but less mouths to feed is more forage for game fish, for awhile at least.
3. The annual DNR stocking of walleye fry this coming spring stands a better chance of surviving and growing into catchable fish. The fry won't have the massive numbers of carp and bullheads gobbling them up.
4. The locals should have some pretty good walleye fishing again in three to four years.

Yes, we may have lost a nice population of fish, but on a shallow lake such as this, that's the way it goes. It's been happening since before man even lived here. I can certainly remember recent years of great fishing and good times, but I'm old enough to remember years of absolutely nothing but summer bullheads. I'll go with the recent years, the fish will be back.



Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!



Thompson Lake view from the County Park. ***Photo by Mark Minnick***

Hoarfrost Beauty



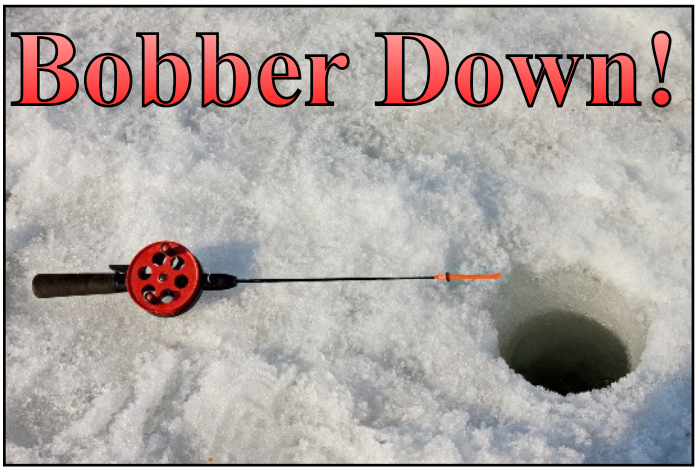
Photos and commentary by Rich Gieser

Every once in awhile Mother Nature throws us a curveball. As winter tried to get cold in early December you may have had a few mornings where you struggled to see through the hazy fog that developed through the night and lingered to mid morning.

There was one morning where the foggy and heavy air was refreezing on the windshield. If you were lucky, you may have been able to slow down long enough to realize the beauty that hid behind the haze…



Bobber Down!



Fish photo and commentary by Rich Gieser

I managed to sneak away for a day with my younger son and we went out to Big Kandi Lake to find truth in the rumor of huge perch. We were very pleased with the results…ten jumbo perch all measuring twelve inches. Biggest perch I have ever caught…well, ok one was a little smaller…



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Thompson Lake
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1st Place Trophies
Awarded In 3 Age Classes

-7 & under
-8 thru 15
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Raffle: 4pm at Mug Shots Bar

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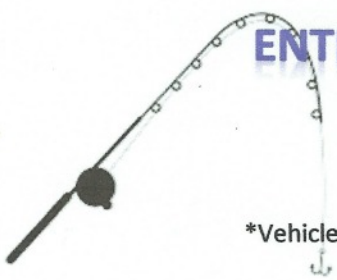
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