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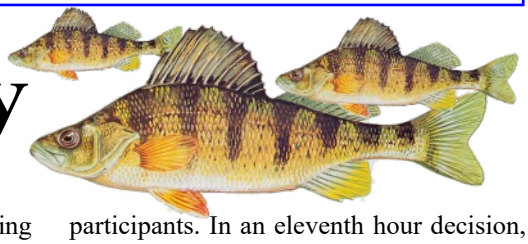
"Winter is winding down, things are looking up."

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

Cosmos Space Festival

Ice Fishing Tourney

Who needs a lake?



Article and photos by Mark Minnick

Ahhh, ice fishing contests. You roll onto the frozen lake in the crisp sunshine, with azure blue skies and a biting northwest wind. As you open the vehicle door and step out, it is duly noted that the heater (and the furnace in you home) is working quite well. It seems so silly to go stand outside on a windswept lake in February. Regardless, you shuffle over to the registration area, exchange niceties with the hosts and pay your entry fees for your fishing party. Your fingers start to numb filling out the tickets, but you eventually get done writing and head back to try and find that perfect fishing hotspot.



A big crowd showed up to fish, visit and hang out on the warm concrete. (Pretend ice.)

Positioning the auger on the ice, you drill thru two and a half feet of the stuff too many times. You can never have enough holes, right? Then shovel lots of snow and slush out of the way and set up the fish house. Now you can finally set up and light the heater, wishing that it warmed things up immediately if not sooner. You proceed to get all of the fishing lines untangled and rigged up, each one with the "Secret weapon" presentation that's gonna catch that trophy fish. Thank goodness you have four containers of wax worms in your oversized jacket pockets. Don't forget that pail of 15 dozen minnows you knew you needed to compete properly. (If you caught a fish with every fourth minnow in that pail, your pickup box *or fish house* would be full of fish.) Finally, you grab a comfy five gallon pail to sit on and settle in for the next few hours, jigging or watching a bobber, hoping a fish likes the look of your (and your kids') presentation. Pretty fun stuff on a cold winter day, eh?

This endearing scenario didn't play out for this year's Thompson Lake Tournament. Large amounts of snow on the lake and the resulting slush, made it hard to navigate and get around on the ice, for both the hosts and participants. In an eleventh hour decision, the Space Festival committee decided to hold the tourney at Mug Shots to eliminate any bad experiences on the water. Word of mouth, social media and the city sign were used to announce the change of venue for the contest. "Leave your minnows at home" was the unofficial mantra for the day.

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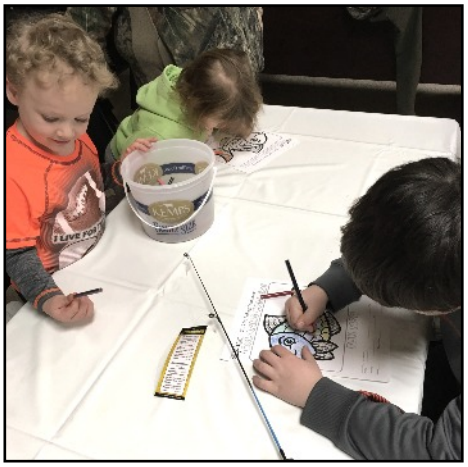
"Easy….easy. Don't horse 'em kid." Griffin Martin expertly reels in what would end up being a trophy winning fish.

Fishing Contest Fun



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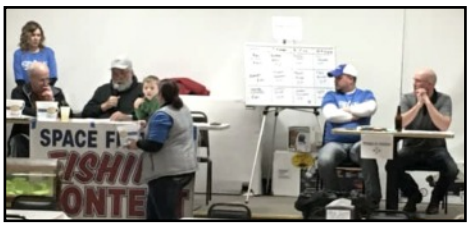
It seemed that the message got through to the participants as there was a great turnout at Mug Shots for the indoor version of the Cosmos Space Festival Ice Fishing Tournament. (I didn't see anyone show up with wax worms or minnows either.) The



"I really need a sea green instead of a chartreuse, and stay in the lines, dude."

folks still paid their entry fee to "clothespin fish" for a laminated paper fish with the weight written on it, on the other side of a partition. (Vertical ice?) Various piscatorial catches, large or small were made by kids and adults alike. A few even caught a boot.

The Space Fest committee still served (and ran out of) their famous chili, while serving up a bunch of hot dogs too. A coloring contest kept a lot of the kids and a few adults occupied. (Probably more fun than skimming ice out



The Fishing Contest Command Center is abuzz with activity and the officials keep everything rolling along and under control.

of a hole.) Who knew that the area has so many anglers that are artists?

There was some good natured bragging between some of the anglers as to who had the biggest "fish". Throughout the contest, contestants young and old got to experience five seconds of fame as their name was called to come up front and receive a valuable door prize. I don't think anyone went home empty handed. The tournament ended at 2:00 PM with veteran commentator Huey Dallmann blowing the official ending horn. Winning anglers with the heaviest "fish" were announced to the crowd and awarded a nice trophy along with bragging rights till next year's competition. Congratulations were given, hands were shaken and pictures were taken.

As the afternoon wore on, grandmas, grandpas, moms and dads realized that some of the younger anglers had enough fun and were in need of a nap. So, the crowd thinned somewhat, but many still hung around for the big raffle drawing at 4:00 PM. With folks cheering and congratulating the winners as they were announced, all of the prizes were awarded.



It seemed the heavily anticipated raffle was over as quickly as it started.

A few more folks slowly trickled out to head home. As they say, all good things must come to an end, and this local event was a good thing. Everyone that I talked to had a great time,with no regrets about having to ice fish per say, inside where it's warm and on the concrete. (By the way, no augers were harmed drilling holes during this contest.)

The Gazette would like to thank all of the people and volunteers that helped put on this event, including the prize and monetary donors. This much fun would not be possible without all of them. If you didn't make it to the fishing contest that's too bad, because you missed a great community event.





Outdoorsman in training Walt Schmeling convinced Jenna Bohlin to hustle him up to grab the rod and reel door prize that he won. Before next year, he said he's gonna learn how to walk and wear some boots.



Contest Winners

This is what fishing prowess looks like. Though they may look worn out and tired, these expert anglers braved the winter elements, put their fishing skills to work and ended up winning a well deserved first place in their respective age classes: 7 yrs. and under, 8 to 15 yrs. and 16 yrs. and above. The categories for entering fish were: Gamefish, Panfish and Roughfish.

L-R back row: **Deb Kahle, Tyler Minnick, Jordan Schlueter, Missi Alexander, Brooklyn Martin**

L-R front row: **Braleigh Nelson, Caitlyn Kruse, Wyatt Kruse, Griffin Martin**

Congratulations is in order for these winners and all of the contest participants. Your support, participation and sense of humor helps make events like this great.

Local Chicken Sees Shadow

Will Old Hen Be Absent For 6 More Weeks?



By Local Chicken

Our local weather prognosticating groundhog, Retro Rocket Rasputin, refused to come out of his cozy burrow in Thorpe for Groundhog Day on Feb. 2nd. If you remember, in the last issue, he told everyone that he wasn't too keen on the idea. So I had to do the shadow thing, whoop de do. At least someone around here is responsible.

Well, guess what, the sun was out folks. Contrary to what you may have heard, seeing my shadow did *not* guarantee a Ram's victory in the big game. I've always been buds with quarterback Brady anyway and gave him some valuable last minute pointers. The Pats came out on top of a defensive masterpiece and I was happy to help. In case you weren't aware, I've also advised him on hens, and that's also turned out pretty good.

As far as my old hen, it doesn't look like she'll be back for another 6 weeks. Did seeing my shadow cause her to stay away or is she just havin' too much fun? I don't know. She sent me a selfie when they stopped to get some fuel and munchies on Titan. Don't know if she'll be back before St. Patties day or not. We'll see.



Here's a selfie of the Old Hen posing with one of her alien buddies, while getting gas at a busy convenience store on Saturn's moon, Titan.



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Please join us to surprise



Gene Kruse

for his 70th Birthday Party
Friday, March 15, 2019, 5:00 pm
Cedar Mills Gun Club
Hosted by Philip and Trisha, Paul and Joey

12th Annual

TABLE TIME

at Peace Lutheran Church of Cosmos

Saturday, April 13th
Table Viewing at 10:45 am
Salad Luncheon at 11:30 am
Program to Follow



Anyone from the community is invited to be a hostess for a table. Please call the church office at 320-877-7500

Watch for more information.

Tickets will be available after March 31st.

March Daily Lunch Specials

F 1 Meatloaf dinner or commercial

M 4 Philly sandwich w/American fries
T 5 Pork chop dinner
W 6 Grilled cheese w/soup (Ash Wed.)
T 7 Turkey melt w/fries
F 8 Fish sandwich w/tots

M 11 Shrimp Alfredo w/garlic toast
T 12 BBQ's w/ chips & beans
W 13 Hamburger hotdish w/toast
T 14 Beef commercial or dinner
F 15 Shrimp w/soup

M 18 Prime rib melt w/tots
T 19 Spaghetti w/ garlic toast
W 20 Broasted chicken dinner
T 21 Grilled cheese w/chili
F 22 Fish sandwich w/soup

M 25 Grilled cheese w/chili
T 26 Chicken chow mein
W 27 Scalloped potatoes & ham
T 28 Salisbury steak dinner
F 29 Shrimp w/tots

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Cosmos

Don't miss the
MEAT RAFFLE

-Every Saturday afternoon-
4:00-6:00 PM

And a reminder that. . . .
Senior Dances are back in April!
1:30-4:00 PM
Second Tuesday of the month.

"Stop by and say Hi."

It's That Time!



At 2 AM Sunday, March 10th, turn your clocks AHEAD one hour.



Open House
Bridal Shower
For
Taylor Kruse
Bride-to-be of Austin Bernstein
April 6th
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Faith Lutheran Church
Hutchinson
Please bring your favorite recipe to share

City Council Notes & Thoughts

By Rich Gieser

Welcome Back

After a short debate period, which was mostly silent, the council proceeded with a silent vote. By a 3-1 margin Emily Schmeling was seated on the Cosmos City Council. Her opponent had to work.

Dean's List

Dean Urdahl will be submitting a request on behalf of Cosmos. If approved, the park committee will receive $110,000 in matching grant funds in 2020. Representative Urdahl's bill will "help the City of Cosmos to replace, repair, and update with accessible features two parks to celebrate the arts, culture, and history of Minnesota."

Who's that

That's Alec Nowak. Rumor has it his family has been here a year already. He has shown interest in joining the fire department. It was noted that he and his wife are new members of the Lion's Club. If you see them at Mug Shots, buy 'em a beer!

Winter Wonderland

It wouldn't be winter if weather wasn't a problem. With the real possibility of record February snowfall, the issues have piled up. Add a social media blizzard to the mix and spring can't get here fast enough. The council agreed that the snow pile in front of UniHydro should be removed by city staff. Other complaints included streets getting plowed improperly or not at all. Tyler was directed to contact county officials and discuss these problems. The council hopes all citizens will respect the law as well as their neighbors when making parking decisions.

A meandering discussion about future snow policy and possible improvements in city services led the council to consider a suggestion to have city staffers clear snow on the sidewalks along Milky Way. It was decided unanimously to launch a plan to clear all main street sidewalks on a temporary basis. Tyler and Nate will be assessing the feasibility of this as policy by measuring the amount of time it takes to perform this task. Property owners are asked to keep the sidewalk safe for pedestrians by de-icing.

Other notes…

Larry Jackson bought the old fire truck for $6700. Tyler will be attending classes to attain a class D water license beginning in March.

The meeting agenda had been exhausted. Angelica had a few thoughts on city beautification and possible rebranding. Gary spoke of safety. No one's thoughts were discarded. The old and the young on equal terms, at the same table. It was a profound hour that is rare in these days of division.

Read.

Your brain will thank you.

TIME WARP Whozit?

These ladies were crowned the Monday Night League Champs at the Lake Lillian Lanes in the spring of 1971. Can you name any or all of them?

Whozit?



COSMOS NEWS Champions of the Monday Night Bowling League at Lake Lillian Lanes this year again was the team sponsored by The Cosmos News. Left to right, team members are:

Whozit? Whozit? Whozit? Whozit? Whozit? Whozit? Whozit?

Last month's adventurous (and maybe a little crazy) snowmobilers were, L to R, Vernon (Sy) Swigart, Lloyd Mortenson, Steve Spreiter - all from Cosmos and Dave Spreiter from Hector. Nobody identified any one of these guys, so we hang on to a KewPie or two for another month.



MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
February 7, 2019

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Martin at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2019.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Tom McCarthy, Jody Fruetel and Angelica Hopp.
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville, Tyler Anderson and Emily Schmeling
The City Council reviewed two applications for the vacant city council position. Emily Schmeling and Wade Haley put in applications. Mr. Haley was not able to attend due to work commitments. The Council reviewed the two applicants and recommended Emily Schmeling to be appointed to fill out the vacant council position.
Vacant Council Position – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hopp, to bring the council position to a vote. Motion carried.
Appoint Councilmember – A motion by Hopp, seconded by McCarthy, to appoint Emily Schmeling to the vacant City Council Position. Motion carried.
Emily Schmeling was sworn in as the City Councilmember
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Hopp, seconded by McCarthy, to adopt the Agenda. Motion carried
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hopp, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. January 10, 2018 City Council Minutes
b. Fire/Township Annual Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Tue Feb. 19, 2019
c. MN Pay Equity Report
d. MN Heritage Fund Appropriation Bill - $110,000 Cosmos Parks Grant
e. MMS Environmental Monthly Report

February 7, 2019 Bills List - A motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hopp, to approve the February 7, 2019 Bills list with check numbers from 13508-13580 for $87,896.35. Motion carried**.**
Snow Clearing - A motion by McCarthy, seconded by Schmeling, to authorize MNDOT and the City to clear snow off of Hwy 4 one block North of Hwy 7 in addition to the snow being cleared on Hwy 4 South of Hwy 7. In addition the city will clear snow from the sidewalks along Hwy 4 from the North to the South edge of town on a trial basis. Motion carried**.**
Sale of Used Fire Truck - A motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hopp, to approve the high bid of $6,700 out of four bids from Larry Jackson for the used fire tanker truck. Motion carried**.**
Fire Department – Fire Chief Fruetel stated they have a new firefighter that will be working with the fire department and will begin training next year if it works out.
Ambulance – Ambulance Director Schmeling reported two new EMT students have passed their skills test and are continuing their training. The department lost one member due to family commitments and will have 17 on the Corps when everyone completes their training
Signage/Decorations – Councilmember Hopp discussed the need for new community signage at the city's entrance. She also discussed getting lighted Christmas decorations for main street. The new poles were not designed for lighted ornaments but City members thought it was worth considering.
Stop Signs – Mayor Martin discussed the issue of drivers going through the stop signs and the visibility of some signs due to trees, etc. Some trees may need to be trimmed or moved this summer. The Sheriff's department has been stopping people going through the intersections improperly.
Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Hopp, seconded by McCarthy to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

_____- DRAFT-_____
John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

First Gazette Potluck Draws Big Crowd



By Mark Minnick

The inaugural Galactic Gazette Pot Luck Luncheon was a great success on a wintry day in February. A good number of local folks showed up along with more food than we could all eat.

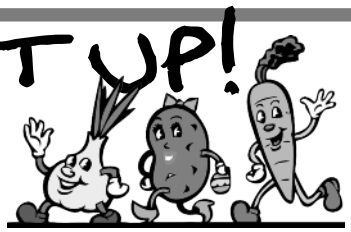
Casseroles, soup, bars, bread, cookies and cake was enjoyed by all of the folks. If you didn't get to sample some, that's a YOU problem as there was plenty of good grub. Plus, the conversations going on weren't too bad either.

Everyone seemed to have a good time, so see if you can make the next one, March 13th, starting at 11:30 in the city center. Remember, you just can't beat Pot Luck. Even with a stick.



The Taco Soup must have been pretty good. *Or was it chili?*

CHEF IT UP!



Pistachio Cake

By Grace Kamrath

When my husband was in the ministry, we often were invited to parishners' home for a meal. It was at such a time, we were served Pistachio cake for the first time. The cake was on a pedestal cake plate on the counter under the 'under cupboard light'. I had never seen under the cupboard lighting before but it made this delicious cake just beautiful. The cake is rather sweet with all the pudding but flavor is unbeatable. Of course it should be refrigerated to keep the frosting fresh.

PISTACHIO CAKE

- White cake mix (without pudding)
- Small instant pistachio pudding mix
- 1 c. oil
- 1 c. club soda
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 c. chopped pistachios

Combine all ingredients and beat for four minutes. Put in greased and floured fluted tube pan.

Bake at 350 for 45 minutes. Cool in pan for 15 minutes. Remove from pan and cool to room temperature.

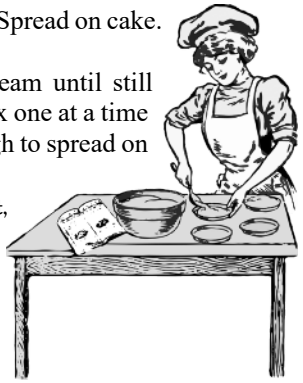
FROSTING

- 2 envelopes whipped topping mix
- 1 1/2 c. cold milk
- 3 instant pistachio pudding mix

Combine milk and mix until soft peaks form. Add pudding mix(s) and beat until fluffy. Spread on cake.

OR

Use 2 c. whipping cream. Beat cream until still slightly runny. Add the pistachio mix one at a time and continue beating until stiff enough to spread on cake.



"Assume anyone you meet is decent, thoughtful, and worthy of your time. You'll be right about most people, and the rest deserve a chance to rise to your expectations." *Grace Kamrath*

News Flash!

Local Chicken Falls Off Roof

Shadow at fault?

"Now…. for the rest….of the story"



By Mark Minnick

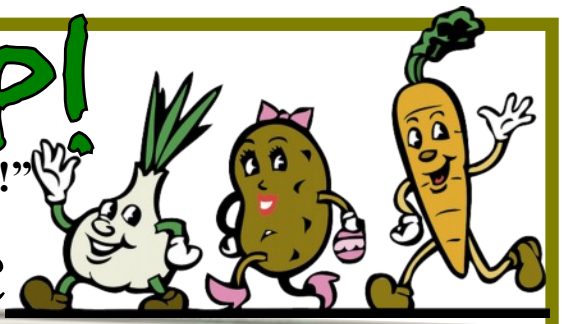
The Local Chicken, who wishes to remain anonymous, slid off of the roof of his chicken coop in late February. He was trying to shovel off the huge amount of snow that accumulated since Groundhog Day. (Chicken Day?) Luckily, Local fell into a big pile of the white stuff that he had already pushed to the ground. Contrary to what some would say, chickens can't fly.

There were no known broken bones, just hurt feelings. "I should've known better than to get out there and do that lazy groundhog's job. I saw my shadow and now I've got six more weeks of shoveling the white stuff. Yee haw. Next year, I think I'll just stay in, eat popcorn and watch Netflix. If I don't see my shadow, it won't snow anymore, right?" Well, you go right ahead and try that Local, go right ahead. We all wish you luck. As he finished brushing himself off, he added, "Don't bring up that Old Hen, either." I didn't.

CHEF IT UP!

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

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



Diablo and a Doc

By Mark Minnick

Cold winter months, sitting in a warm recliner and flipping through umpteen channels on the tube, looking for something to watch. Network, cable and streaming, the choices seem overwhelming. Football is over, baseball hasn't started yet, NASCAR is rolling, but you don't feel like watching a race either.

Then one of those classic movies pop up that make you grin and giggle. You've seen it what seems like a million times, and yet you still have to watch at least some of it when you come across it incidentally. And it's waaaay better than "Titanic".

For me, Smokey and the Bandit is one of those flicks. A low budget, action/comedy film directed by a stuntman, it wasn't expected to be more than a summer flash-in-the-pan comedy. As it turned out, it became the second highest grossing film in 1977, behind the first Star Wars movie. This is the flick that single handedly elevated the popularity of black Pontiac Trans-Ams, CB radios, country music and over the road trucking.

The characters are hard to forget. Burt Reynolds as Bo Darville ("Bandit"), Sally Field as Carrie ("Frog"), Jerry Reed as Cledus Snow ("Snowman"), Mike Henry as Junior Justice, Pat McCormick as Big Enos Burdette, Paul Williams as Little Enos Burdette and of course, Jackie Gleason as Sheriff Buford T. Justice ("Smokey").

By now, you're probably asking, what the heck does this goofy movie have to do with a food column? Believe it or not, fans of the movie have dissected the portion where Sheriff Justice stops to use the restroom and to get something to eat at the local "Choke & puke", CB slang for a restaurant.

In one of the classic scenes from the movie, the sheriff storms in and hollers at the waitress, "Lemme have a Diablo sammich, a Dr. Pepper and make it fast, I'm in a @#$ *&%# hurry!" This is happening while the Bandit is standing at the same counter, ready to leave with two cheeseburgers he picked up for Fred, the Snowman's basset hound. The Bandit proceeds to play dumb and quiz the Sheriff as to who he's chasing and why. The classic banter between the two is the stuff of legend that makes for great cult comedy movies such as this.



Back to the Diablo sandwich. Fans have questioned, "Just what was in one of these things?" One school of thought was that it was a spicy version of a Sloppy Joe. Add a packet of taco seasoning mix, a can of diced tomatoes, a can of corn, a diced onion and a splash of catsup to loose fried hamburger and there's your "Diablo Sandwich". Sounds good and tasty to me, but hold on.

Some die hard fans really dug in and investigated what the Sheriff appeared to be eating in the movie. *These folks apparently have way too much time on their hands.* Under close observation, (slow motion, frame by frame) it looked more like pulled meat, i.e. pork, which is very popular in this part of the country. Loose fried ground beef that us northerners use in Sloppy Joes, not so much.



Image courtesy wikipedia.org

Slow cooked/smoked pork served on a bun was very common (and still is). Mopped with a sweet tomato based BBQ sauce and topped with spicy Mexi-Pep hot sauce (which is still available, BTW) to taste. Now you have the authentic "Diablo Sandwich". Of course, an ice cold Dr. Pepper (still available) rounds out the combo, and we're back on the road lookin' for that law breakin' "Bandit".

If you make up some of these famous sandwiches, be sure and smile and giggle when you're biting into one, but don't talk and spit pieces onto a bystanders face. They might not see the humor in it like you do.

"What we're dealing with here is a complete lack of respect for the law." *Sheriff Buford T. Justice*



From Deep Freeze to Banana Belt

By Mark Minnick

The last week in January brought us some cold temps we haven't seen for quite awhile. Minus thirties were common in the local area. I saw the official temp of -30°F listed for Cosmos on Wednesday morning of the 30th, when I looked online. There was very little wind at 7 to 10 mph., but that still resulted in nasty windchills, in the -40° to -50° range.

Schools were closed locally and around the state Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The U.S. Postal Service suspended service on Wednesday the 30th and some businesses closed as well. Even the Twin Cities metro with it's 'heat island' experienced the same low temps as outstate. The rush hour traffic was light with few slowdowns as many stayed home with 'no school' kids or didn't trust their cars to handle the cold going to work. Xcel Energy requested that their natural gas customers drop their thermostats to 63 degrees to lower the demands on the gas supply.

It seemed the Twin Cities news media concentrated on nothing but the cold snap. If an alien from outer space would have landed on the steps of the State Capitol, pulled out a ray gun and threatened someone, that story would have been a short blurb, probably after the sports, followed up with "It's cold out!".

The words dangerous, life threatening, record setting and wind-chill seemed to be used in every sentence uttered by the talking heads. The viewers were reminded what to do and how to think, lest they not know how to act when it's really cold outside. The stations loved to report on big wind chill numbers, the bigger the scarier. They interview a gal complaining that her car wouldn't start, another that got their car towed because they didn't know there was a snow emergency, and then finishing the segment with a bundled up dude blowing the evil white snow.

Don't forget the always popular interview of the old guys sitting in the coffee shop, shaking dice and lamenting how it used to be colder long ago. They proceed to remind the viewer of the struggles of the "Good ole days" in weather like this. Chopper mittens, outdoor toilets, getting dressed by the cook stove and having to haul the milk (uphill both ways) to the creamery with horses. The interview usually ends with one of the guys saying, "Yaaa, sheess colt out 'derr, you betcha."

The week ended with quite the change. The old saying, 'If you don't like the weather in Minnesota, hang around for a couple of days" rang pretty true. On the Sunday of the big football game February 3rd, it was unseasonably warm, with temps in the low 40's. Snow was melting, drizzle was falling and water was trickling down the streets.

We experienced a 75 degree temp swing in less than a week. From a winter ale with a bump of blackberry to a Corona with a twist of lime. From Long Johns to Bermuda shorts. Quite the swing, whether it be temp, taste or fashion. Ahhhh Minnesota….



As you can see in this screen shot from a Florida TV station, life threatening cold weather is perceived differently, depending on where you live.

Update: *As the month of February wore on, the weather seemed to settle in to more normal conditions. Colder weather, but not brutally so, much more snow and some wind to blow it around. We actually got to the point where we broke the old records for the amount of snowfall received in February. Lots of plowing, roof raking and driveway shoveling going on. Snow haters don't like the more normal conditions, ice anglers complain that it's harder to get around on the ice, but I do hear and see some winter enthusiasts on snowmobiles finally making use of the white stuff. Good for them, it's been pretty tough sleddin' this season.*

"We need the tonic of wildness...At the same time that we are earnest to explore and learn all things, we require that all things be mysterious and unexplorable, that land and sea be indefinitely wild, unsurveyed and unfathomed by us because unfathomable. We can never have enough of nature."

Henry David Thoreau

Science, Tech and Just Plain Cool Stuff



The Spring Equinox

Stonehenge Monument, England

By Mark Minnick

Ahhh, the celebration that is the Vernal or Spring Equinox. Wannabe druids dancing and chanting around a bunch of old stones in England. Folks trying to balance eggs on end. Waiting for those first tulips to poke thru the dirt. Sitting in the cafe, drinking coffee and wondering if winter is really over. Getting excited about a seed catalog. An enterprising and entertaining bunch, us humans.

Everyone is so optimistic, with winter hopefully behind us, days getting warmer and things starting to grow. With the sun being directly over the earth's equator, we have equal length days and nights in both hemispheres. In our northern hemisphere, our daylight hours will slowly increase until the first day of Summer, on June 21st.



This years March full Moon is particularly special because it is full on the same day as the spring equinox. The last time this happened was in 1981. This full Moon is also a supermoon, meaning it will be bigger and brighter than normal in the sky as it is closer to the Earth. According to the Farmer's Almanac, there are other regional or alternative names for the March full Moon. One is the "Full Worm Moon" referring to the spring thaw and earthworms pushing their way up to the soil surface. Then there's the "Full Sap Moon" noting the time of the year when the sugar maple sap starts to flow. I think we should have the "Crappy month Moon" because of my loathing of the icky and worthless March weather.

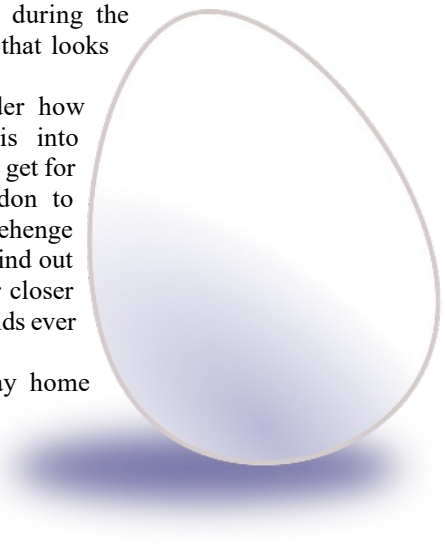
So what does the Stonehenge Monument have to with the Spring Equinox? The site and its monoliths have been extensively studied in the last 200 years, resulting in many books and scientific papers. It was thought by some to be an seasonal and astronomical marker, also with some ancient religious significance. Certain stones would supposedly line up with the rising sun on the vernal or autumnal equinoxes and the summer and winter solstices. People surmised that we had very wise old ancestors that could build something way more complex than anyone thought possible. Another theory floated by some investigators was that alien visitors from the stars showed up. They moved the huge blocks around to line up with celestial points using their advanced technology. Anti gravity anyone? Lots of theories and ideas such as these have been proposed and subsequently disproved over the years. *(How do you prove or disprove alien involvement?)*

Scientists know a lot about the site, but a much remains unexplained. They figure that the the site has been in use since 3000 B.C.E. It has seen numerous changes and additions over the years, with different rocks and monoliths being added. Even though some peoples claim that their ancestors were the builders, there is no definitive proof of who dunnit. Human bones have been discovered buried in various spots in the complex, alluding to the probable use as a burial site.

As far as it being an astrological observatory, not so much. One series of stones do line up the mark the sunrise for the winter solstice, but that's about it. Maybe our ancestors weren't as bright as we thought or those alien contractors were having a bad day.

If you watch the right TV channel, you'll see some equinox revelers at the Stonehenge site that day. There will be the "Druid" guys walking around, looking all serious and sullen in their oversized hoodies. Then there's usually some chick in an airy spring dress and flowers in her hair looking gleefully at the camera. She prances around throwing flower petals and singing some goofy song, trying to look like she's one with nature. Finally, the regular folk are shown on camera, taking pictures of family, the stones and the 'others'. According to the Stonehenge Tours website, about 100 people show up for the day's festivities. Could be fun in an offbeat kind of way. Hmmm….

Back here in "God's Country" Minnesota, I'll be tolerating March's slop and cold. Being an ever present optimist, I will try to engage in some fun activities. Maybe enjoy a pint or two of Guinness around St. Patties day. There's that "Full Worm Moon" to take a gander at. Plus, I can try to balance an egg on end during the equinox. Boy, I tell ya, that looks like an exciting list.



It makes me wonder how much a plane ticket is into Heathrow, and what they get for a rental car from London to Wiltshire to see the Stonehenge festivities? I could also find out if Guinness is any better closer to it's home, or if the Druids ever pull back their hoods.

Nahhh, I'll just stay home and save the money for boat gas and minnows. Summer is on it's way. Plus, there is that egg that needs balancing….

"Turn That Crap Down!"



Musical musings, recollections and discoveries worth writing & talking about.

Mongolian Rock N' Roll

Betcha Didn't See This Coming....



Will these gents be the peaceful and new-age "Genghis Khan" conquering the West with their musical style?

By Mark Minnick

While listening to pay tunes at the local watering hole, I asked another patron, "Have you heard of The HU yet? "Oh, I've heard of them" this someone replied, "They play good classic rock". I proceeded to explain the situation, while spelling out the name on a piece of paper. She gave me a puzzled look. I can't blame her, these HU are new kids on the block.

No, this isn't The Who with Roger Daltry and the boys belting out the anthems "Baba O'Riley" or "Won't Get Fooled Again". Nor is it The *Guess* Who with Burton Cummings' unique vocals giving us "No Sugar Tonight" or "American Woman".

(Heck, I don't even know if I'm pronouncing it right. Is it [hoo] with the long 'o' or [ha] with the short 'a'? I've looked on the internets and I can't find a pronunciation.)

Discovering new musical artists and genres on YouTube over the years has always been great fun for me. Listening to groups from all over the world was tough to do when I was 25, but so easy to do now. Marsheaux, The Dead Daisies, OMD and Samantha Fish are just a few discoveries I can think of quickly. These Mongols are quite different rockers though, but in a cool way.

The HU hail from Mongolia, and make use of traditional Mongolian instruments like the jaw harp, the horse head fiddle and Mongolian guitar. Add heavy metal bass and drums, throw in some Mongolian throat singing and presto, you have The HU Band. A sound that is pleasant and unique, while still being hard hitting and almost, dare I say, "Head banging"? Their music has been referred to as "Mongolian Folk Rock" or "Mongol Metal" by some of their many new fans. Their manager calls it "Hunnu Rock".

They haven't been available or known to the world at large 'till this last Autumn and it was hard to find much information on them, except on Facebook. As near as I can tell, they showed up on Facebook and YouTube in mid September. I discovered them about ten weeks ago and have enjoyed them ever since, even if they do sing in their native tongue. (They include subtitles on the videos.) The videography is very nicely done also, more than I expected from an upstart and unknown rookie band.

So far, they have released two music videos on YouTube. The first was "Yuve Yuve Yu" with over 8.6 million views in 4 months and the second, "Wolf Totem" with over 4.4 million views in 2 months. Pretty big numbers for a bunch of new guys from the steppes of Asia. This group isn't the first bringing this type of music to the world audience, but I enjoy them the most, so far. If you check them out on YouTube, the other bands in this genre will show up on the side of the page. Be sure and take a look at them too.

The HU have a full album that they plan on releasing *sometime* in 2019, and by seeing the fan comments on Facebook, it can't be released soon enough. Everyone wants more. Eight million people can't be wrong can they? Give them a look and listen.

I feel kind of privileged (or lucky) that I found out about this group before anyone else that I've talked to. Will this be like being the first person to find out about Elvis in 1955? Will they morph into The Asian Beatles? A Mongolian Metallica? Will teenaged girls scream when they hear throat singing and the three string guitar? Probably not. I just hope that these guys aren't a short lived regional flash in the international pan. I'd like them to stay around. Just maybe, I'll be able to say, "You heard about them here first."

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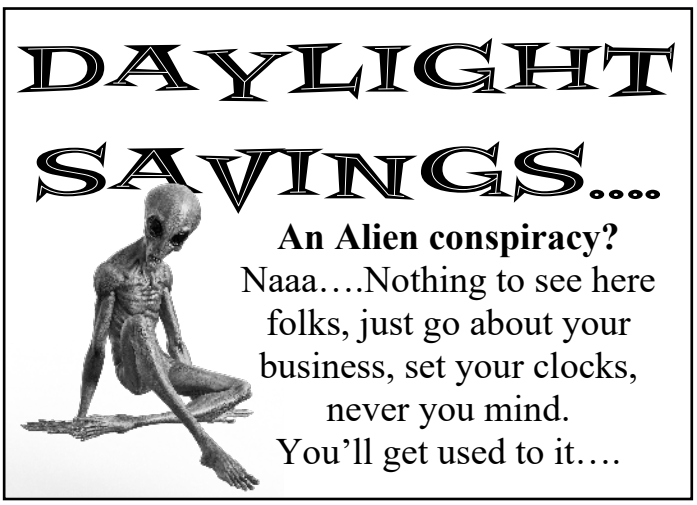
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TIME WARP

We have a Blizzard in March 1971. Eunice asks if that's normal. Eunice, where've you been?

HUNDREDS OF STRANDED TRAVELLERS HOUSED HERE IN SUDDEN BLIZZARD



'SNOWBIRDS' parked on the streets made clearing the snow away a very difficult task.



COMPLETELY BURIED by the Cosmos Nursing Home was the car of one of the employees, Mrs. Melvin Bipes. Here it was just being dug out.

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COSMOS--A sudden blizzard which descended on this area Friday afternoon left hundreds of motorists and school children stranded for a day and a half at homes and business places in the village and in farms along roads, as well.

A snowfall estimated as high as 12 inches, fanned by winds gusting to more than 60 miles an hour, paralyzed this area completely.

Highways were blocked in all directions over a wide area, hundreds of cars and trucks were stranded on area roads, electrical outages were common, and hundreds of school students throughout the area stayed in town as buses were not sent out.

Cedar Mills, Corvuso, Cosmos, Lake Lillian and Blomkest all were overcrowded as hundreds of unexpected guests were housed in homes and places of business.

Something between 150 and 200 motorists were reported to be stranded at Harry's Corner, the junction of highways 7 and 71, a mile west of Blomkest, where two gas stations and two cafes are located.

All sporting events and meetings throughout the area were postponed, as well as even some funerals and a wedding.

Highway officials reported that the storm is without doubt the worst in this area since the St. Patrick's Day storm of 1965.

The snow began falling frantically at about 11:30 a. m. on Friday and by about 1:30 many roads were blocked.

Many rural parents called at the school and brought their children home shortly after the storm started, but many were stranded in town. At 3 p. m. town students were sent home, but rural students were held at the school until 4 in hope that the storm would let up and buses could be sent out safely.

At 4 p. m. the school began delivering rural students to homes in town for lodging. It is estimated that perhaps as many as 150 students were lodged among the 560 residents of Cosmos.

Drivers and passengers of stalled cars and trucks began pouring into the villages and seeking any shelter they could find. Most homes opened their arms and homes to the refugees. The streets of Cosmos were choked with parked and double-parked cars and trucks until only a small, winding, narrow trail was left open for others to get through.

Georgia Bateman of Sportsmen's Inn was perhaps the most harried woman in the village. She and her husband, Doug, were hosts to 115 people Friday night. "We had them in our basement, upstairs in our living quarters, one 80-year-old woman slept in my bed, there were four babies in our back room, and people were sleeping on our counters, coolers, and any place they could stretch out."

Some of the people were able to leave on Saturday, but many stayed on for another day. The Batemans had 25 still there on Saturday night. In fact, the last couple didn't leave until Monday at 4 p. m. They had transmission trouble with their car and had to wait until it was repaired.

The Cosmos firehall was also full of people, and Delano Lietzau reported 34 extra people staying at their apartment building, sleeping on floors and chairs.

The Cosmos nursing home staff had to stay on during the storm. Ten staff members stayed right at the home, although Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jordin were able to get to their home when Harold "Dutch" Katzenmeyer picked them up by snowmobile.

There were no emergencies at the nursing home, nor running out of supplies. However, when the home ran low of bread, Melvin Bipes found six loaves of bread at his home on Sunday which he brought to the home.

Food supplies became critical in many homes, with many more mouths to feed. Residents had to make frequent trips through the drifts to the stores for supplies, until even the stores began running out of some items.

Snowmobiles proved their

Storm, turn to 10

Township elections Tuesday

COSMOS--Voters in Minnesota townships will go to the polls in the annual township elections next Tuesday, Mar. 9.

COSMOS township polls will be at the Fire Hall in Cosmos. Polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon until 5 p. m, with the business meeting to begin at 1:30 p. m.

The incumbents have filed for re-election. They are Marvin Schiro for the post of supervisor; Harris Nelson, treasurer; and Ed Dobratz, constable. No one has filed for the office of justice of peace, which is not filled at present.

DANIELSON township polls will be open from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. at the town hall in Rosendale. The annual meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p. m.

There will also be a special discussion and vote on fire protection with Cosmos, Grove City and Atwater Fire Departments.

August Cordes has filed for the position of supervisor for a three year term. No one has filed for the posts of treasurer and constable.

EAST LAKE LILLIAN Township polls will be at the Lake Lillian School District 344. The business meeting will begin at 1 p. m.

The positions to be filled are for one supervisor for a three-year term and one treasurer for two years. These posts are presently filled by Gordon Johnson and Nick Faber. Neither of the incumbents have filed for re-election.

CEDAR MILLS township voters will cast their ballots at the District 1118 school between the hours of 1 p. m. and 4 p. m. The annual meeting will be held at 1:30.

The jobs to be filled are those of supervisor and treasurer, which are currently held by Werner Reinke and Ed Bach. No one has filed for these posts.

BROOKFIELD township polls will be open at the Brookfield town hall between the hours of 1 p. m. and 5 p. m., with the business meeting beginning at 1:30 p. m.

To be elected are a supervisor for a three-year term, and one treasurer for two years.

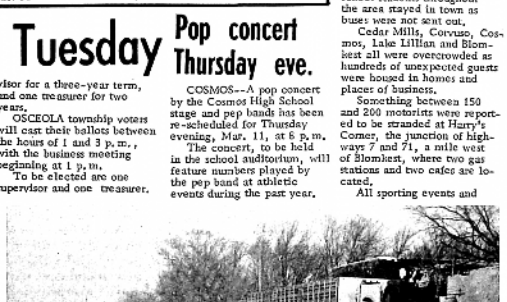
OSCEOLA township voters will cast their ballots between the hours of 1 and 3 p. m., with the business meeting beginning at 1 p. m.

To be elected are one supervisor and one treasurer.

Pop concert Thursday eve.

COSMOS--A pop concert by the Cosmos High School stage and pep bands has been re-scheduled for Thursday evening, Mar. 11, at 8 p. m.

The concert, to be held in the school auditorium, will feature numbers played by the pep band at athletic events during the past year.



MILKY WAY in Cosmos was a packed Snowy Way with barely room for a car to wend its way down the street.



GIRLS' STATE CANDIDATES above, were interviewed at a Girls' State Luncheon at the Cosmos American Legion building on Monday. Members of Beack-Thompson American Legion Auxiliary interviewed the girls preparatory to voting next Monday to decide which girl will be the unit's representative this year. Candidates, left to right, are: Karen Pearson, Cindy Janke, Celeste Koeberl, Deb Olsen, Peggy Thomas, Cindy Schaefer, Wendy Haugenson and Jan Grussendorf.

THE EDUCATION BUSINESS...

New superintendent is native of Buffalo Lake

LAST WEEK the Cosmos News carried a headline announcing the appointment of Lynn Townsend as Cosmos Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 1971.

The brief announcement in no way indicated the amount of time and effort the members of the Cosmos Board of Education put forth in securing the new superintendent. Their job was not made easier by the large number of applicants. (In spite of the bad publicity in the Minneapolis paper, nearly thirty persons applied for or inquired about the vacancy--not too bad for a town that is supposedly on its last legs.) The Board worked diligently in screening the applicants. Many hours were spent in meetings, in interviews, and on the telephone attempting to identify the best possible superintendent for the community.

Mr. Townsend is a Minnesota native, being born and raised in the Buffalo Lake area. His mother, Mrs. E. F. Townsend still lives in that community. Upon completing high school, Mr. Townsend enrolled at Moorhead State College and graduated from that school with a major in mathematics and a minor in social studies. Mr. Townsend was awarded a Master of Arts Degree by the University of Minnesota.



LYNN TOWNSEND

He has also done extensive graduate study beyond his M.A. at the University of Minnesota and in Montana.

Mr. Townsend has spent fifteen years in school administration in Minnesota, Montana, and North Dakota. His career in education was interrupted by World War II for a period of three years. He has also had experience in real estate and home construction and served the city of Billings, Montana, as an administrative officer for eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. Townsend (Bernice) come to Cosmos from Rose Creek, a small community in southeastern Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend are active in community affairs and service clubs. Now that they have their family raised they find more time for leisure time

Supt., turn to 10

ADVENTURERS TRIUMPH

The trio of snowmobile adventurers who had such difficulty with their equipment in this area about three weeks ago have really been making time since they ran out of bad luck.

A report on WCCO-radio on Saturday night stated they were only 40 miles away from their announced destination of Churchill on the Hudson Bay. They had called the station from Ilford, Manitoba.

They said they expected to reach Churchill the next day, then rest for two days before taking a train back home to Minneapolis.

Legion to have Fish fry Saturday

COSMOS--The Beack-Thompson American Legion Post will have a fish fry on Saturday, Mar. 6, 5 p. m. until midnight.

All the fish you can eat will be served.

Commercial Club meets Thursday

COSMOS --The Cosmos Commercial Club will hold its regular meeting on Thursday of this week, March 4.

This will be another luncheon meeting beginning at 12 o'clock noon at the Milky Way Room.

All members and interested persons are urged to attend.

Teacher salary negotiations are recessed temp.

COSMOS--After three meetings, salary negotiations between the Cosmos Education Association and the board of education have temporarily recessed to study the general trend in this area.

According to members of the CEA, the Feb. 22 board met with one member of the CEA salary committee for 15 minutes to offer a salary proposal for 1971-72.

On Feb. 23, on request of the salary committee, the two groups again met to hear a proposal offered by the CEA. After some discussion, during which both sides came to a mutual goal, the board asked if they could recess for a few minutes. Both sides agreed.

Following the break, Dr. Duane Hill, local superintendent, informed the CEA that the board would like to wait for more area settlements and time to think before coming to a final decision.

Railroad Improvement Assn. fights to continue rail service

THE RAILROAD Improvement Association (RRIA) has requested the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) to sell the Minneapolis Industrial Railway (MIR) to the shippers and those with an economic interest in the area rather than abandon the line.

Y. D. Wada, attorney for RRIA, at an ICC hearing in Washington, D. C., demanded that the railroad sell the line to anyone wishing to operate the railroad on the same terms which the Chicago and Northwestern (C&NW) wants to sell its entire railroad to the employees. Mr. Wada said, "If the railroad won't operate the MIR, others will."

Mr. Wada further requested the ICC to make public its study reportedly made that District Court as not in the public interest. Intervenors insisting on continued railway service include McLeod and Meeker Counties and Villages of Winsted, Silver Lake and Cosmos and the Town of Cedar Mills.

Officers of the Railroad Improvement Association include Melvin Kleinhuizen, Prinsburg, president; John Lietfin, Winsted, vice-president; and Robert Miller, Cosmos, secretary and treasurer.





OFFICE EDUCATION GIRLS who participated in the contest are, left to right, above: Pam Johnson, Bonnie Ulrich, Virginia Hacker, Peggy Thomas, Roxann Luthens, Cindy Schaefer, Marilyn Martin, Cindy Janke, Pat Linder, Beth Higgin, Nancy Peterson, Constance Kaddatz, Wendy Johnson, Kim Reinke, Deb Esping, Celeste Koeberl, Debbie Kelbing, Nancy Sladek, Janet Macik, LuAnn Vorlicek.

LOCAL STUDENTS RATE HIGH IN OFFICE EDUCATION TEST

COSMOS--On Feb. 20, 19 Cosmos students, along with the business education teacher, Russell Nordine, attended the Office Education office procedures; Pat Linder, 1st place in public speaking; Celeste Koeberl, 1st place in extemporaneous speaking, adding.

Janet Macik, 2nd place in public speaking; Cindy Schaefer, 2nd place in machine transcription, 3rd place in spelling; Cindy Janke, 4th place in public speaking.

Other students who participated from Cosmos were Nancy Sladek, Bonnie Ulrich,

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Randy Johnson wins Region III Title

RANDY JOHNSON and the Cosmos wrestling coaches beat the weather to Montevideo this week end. They had one goal in mind, and it was fullfilled 100%. Randy, the Royal's 103 pound man, wrestled and won four matches, walking off with the Region III championship and qualifying himself for the 1971 Minnesota State Wrestling tournament.

Randy won four decisions, and as he usually does, quite handily. In four matches, Randy outscored his opponents 32-4!

In his first round, Randy wrestled H. Pellinen of Hutchinson. Pellinen, a very tough opponent, gave Randy a good fight but Randy won 6-3.

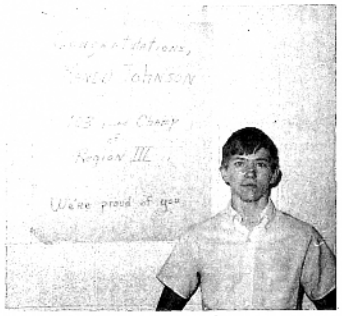
In the second round, he faced Bortch of Fairfax and won 10-0.

In the third round, he went up against Greseke of New Ulm, and gained a 9-0 decision.

The finals pitted Randy and Wabasso's Rohlik. Randy took his usual commanding position and won 7-1.

This victory enables Randy to move on to the State tourney at Williams Arena on the U of M Campus. The tournament will be Thursday through Saturday, March 4-6.

Randy is the very first Cosmos wrestler to go on to the State. Competition in the State is very stiff, but Randy, who has proven himself to be one of the best in the State, should do very well.



RANDY JOHNSON poses beside a sign at Cosmos High congratulating him on his achievement.

Silver Lake squeezes out a narrow victory from Royal cagers

ON TUESDAY night, the Royals journeyed to Silver Lake and were narrowly defeated 55-51. The game made Silver Lake 4-13, and the Royals 5-12.

The game got off to a slow start, each team being cold from the floor. The first half was very even, with the score being 25-22 for Silver Lake after two quarters.

The second half started out a little better for Cosmos, with the Royals pulling within one point a few times.

Doug Fett led this comeback with 10 points in the third quarter and the score was 40-39 for Silver Lake at the end of the quarter.

With 17 seconds left in the game, the Royals got a missed free throw rebound, but lost the ball. Silver Lake started downcourt but lost it on a violation. With 11 seconds remaining, and being down 53-51, the Royals went for one shot. It failed, and a last-second foul was called on Cosmos. Both Silver Lake shots were good, as the game ended 55-51.

Leading the Royals was Mark Stockland who played a good game and scored 14 points. Doug Fett netted 13 points and John Hedlund led Silver Lake with 20 points.

Many of the players, coaches and fans felt the game was poorly officiated. It didn't favor anyone, but it hurt the game's spirit.

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THE "B" team played fairly good, but lost 27-23. Dan Haagenson played a fine game and led with eight points.

Box score:

COSMOS (51)

	fg	ft	tp
Stockland	7	0	14
Mortenson	3	2	8
Bakeman	0	2	2
Fett, Doug	5	3	13
Martin	2	0	4
Fett, Dave	1	0	2
	18	7	51

SILVER LAKE (55)

	fg	ft	tp
Hedlund	10	0	20
Gaalen	3	0	6
Ulrich	3	3	9
Bahe	3	0	6
Martin	4	3	11
	23	9	55

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SILVER LAKE	9	14	17	15	55
COSMOS	7	15	17	12	51

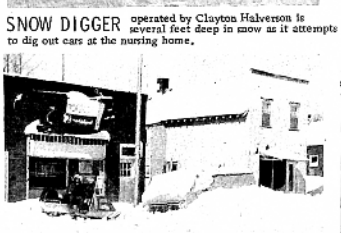




HUGE SNOWDRIFTS on the street near the Henry Koch home in North Cosmos provided a wonderful sliding hill for kids.



SNOW DIGGER operated by Clayton Halverson is several feet deep in snow as it attempts to dig out cars at the nursing home.



SNOWMOBILE was the only way to travel on streets as cars and trucks were completely

Storm, continued

value in transporting people, picking up children from school and bringing supplies to isolated rural homes.

THE FOLLOWING list of people who had unexpected guests is by no means complete, but does help to show how thoroughly the community was filled with stranded people.:

About 19 school children were housed at the Lloyd Mortenson home.

Earl Rashes housed about 13 school children over the week-end.

Eleven school children were housed at the Maynerd Rennecke home over the week-end.

Several children were housed at the William Radtke home over the week-end.

*TERRY KING OF Ottonville and Loes Edwards of Minneapolis, Linda and Larry Maurice of Marshall and Dennis and Pat Bauch of Minneapolis bound for Bristle, S.D. were Friday until Sunday guests at the Marvin Koerschen home.

*TWO COUPLES FROM Mobridge, S.D. were snowbound at the Darrel Ketchum home from Friday until Sunday.

*WARREN BECKEN AND daughter Carol of Montevideo spent from Friday until Sunday at the Richard Higgin home.

*MRS. LARRY ACKERMAN and children of Litchfield were stranded at the Clarence Geier home from Friday until Sunday.

MR. AND MRS. AL CARLson and son of Minneapolis were stranded at the Ted Wothe home from Friday until Sunday morning.

* OTHER PEOPLE WHO housed many stranded people last week end were Eddie Schiros, Paul Petersons, Floyd Murrays, Merrill Meyer, Al Barnes, Milan Retzlaffs, Rueben Martins and in other homes, Rev. Freimarks, Matt Matthews, Steven Spreiters, Delbert Weiderhofts, Gene Hackbarths, and Don Stuhms.

*MANY PEOPLE FROM Cosmos area were stalled in several towns and homes over the week end.

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Chances, keep sugar plant open are remote

Three members of the Minnesota congressional delegation expressed their "extreme disappointment" over a decision to cease processing operations at the American Crystal Sugar Co. plant at Chaska.

At the same time, Senators Walter F. Mondale and Hubert H. Humphrey and Rep. John M. Zwach pledged to continue seeking a new processing outlet for the sugar beets from Central Minnesota.

"We will spare no effort in our continuing attempt to find a new economically feasible market for these producers," they said in a joint statement.

The three members of the Minnesota delegation issued their statement after receiving word that the decision to stop processing operations at the Chaska plant was not reversible. They were informed of the decision in a letter from Cris Dobbins, chairman of the board of the sugar company.

Dobbins cited plant obsolescense, difficulty in meeting pollution standards, and distance from the main source of supply as the main factors in his company's decision.

Supt., continued

activities. Both enjoy playing bridge and in addition, Mr. Townsend is a fisherman and hunter. Mr. Townsend is a pretty fair golfer and has served as golf coach at Rose Creek. He also enjoys bowling. Both attend and are active in the Lutheran Church. Mr. Townsend has been an active booster of the Boy Scouts.

The Townsends are grandparents of four granddaughters. They have a son, Bruce, living in the Twin Cities who has two daughters. He is employed by IBM. A daughter, Sharon Shell, also has two daughters. The Shells reside in San Jose, California. The youngest Townsend, Lon, is presently a student at the University of Minnesota majoring in Data Processing.

Lynn W. Townsend brings a background to the community of Cosmos which will be a great asset to the school system and the community. Mr. Townsend will do an outstanding job for the school district as superintendent. The Cosmos Board of Education deserves the congratulations of every member of the community for seeking out and hiring a person with the qualities of Mr. Townsend.



Face of the future . . .

HERE IS another in the current series of studies of the faces of the younger generation as pictured by the Woltz Studio photographer. In the picture above are Gina, 4, and Matthew, 10 months, children of Mr. and Mrs. Jon K. Peterson of Grove City, Route 1.

Below is Tami, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Jenkins.





INTERSECTION of highways 7 and 4 at the height of the storm.



SNOWDRIFT almost as high as the house by the home of Mrs. Jewell Miller, just north of Cosmos.



DHIA BOARD---Members of the Board of Directors of the Meeker County DHIA organization met Wednesday following the annual DHIA banquet at the VFW Clubrooms. Front, from the left, are Mrs. Al Westrup, Don Rick, Don Pearson, and Robert Skalberg. Back, from the left, Joel Nyquist, George Wittenberg, James Kern, Russ Bjorhus and Donald McCoy. Board members not pictured include Arnold Anderson, Merrill Flemming and Roger Zummach.

Top dairy herds named at annual DHIA banquet

Donald Pearson, Grove City, was re-elected president of the Meeker County Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and three new directors were named as the DHIA held its annual banquet Wednesday.

Donald Rick, Litchfield, was named DHIA vice-president. Robert Skalberg, Dassel, was re-elected secretary and Mrs. Al Westrup, Litchfield, was re-named treasurer.

New directors elected were; James Kern, Watkins; Arnold Anderson, Dassel and Merril Flemming, Cosmos; and Roger Zummach, Hutchinson.

Holdover board members include David Grimsgard, Grove City; George Wittenborg, Litchfield; David Hoff, Hutchinson; Joel Nyquist, Cokato; and Donald McCoy, Paynesville.

The Eugene Nyquist herd of Cokato was cited as the top producing herd in the Meeker County DHIA organization in 1970 with a 658 pound butterfat average.

Other herds topping 500 pounds in butterfat average in order of production were:

Robert Carlson, Darwin; C. A. Renner, Kimball; Roger Lundeen, Dassel; Earl Schwandt, Litchfield; Vernon Harmann, Litchfield; Dominic Dylla, Litchfield; Donald Albright, Paynesville; Marlyn Anderson, South Haven; Orville Dollerschell, Litchfield.

James Kern, Watkins; Allan Schmidt, Cosmos; A. Raymond Anderson, Atwater; Erhard Woetzel, Dassel; Harold Carlson, Lake Lillian; Al Westrup, Litchfield; David Hoff, Hutchinson; Geo. and Walt Wittenberg, Litchfield; Marvin Beckman, Dassel.

David Anderson, Cosmos; Euerle Bros., Litchfield; David O. Johnson, Litchfield; Eugene Hoffman, Litchfield; Hugh Wagner, Watkins; Ronald Fink, Eden Valley; John Thor, Atwater; Arnold W. Anderson, Dassel;

David Grimsgard, Grove City; LeRoy and Arnold Peterson, Dassel; Wayne Hulterstrum, Litchfield; Donald Skalberg, Dassel; Gene Tschumperlin, Watkins; Wallace Nelson, Grove City; Donald McCoy, Paynesville; Everett Carlson, Litchfield; Clem Wimmer, Litchfield and Clifford Hedeen, Eden Valley.

Day of Prayer

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, sponsored by Church Women United, will be observed on Friday, Mar. 5, at 2 o'clock at the Becleville Lutheran Church.

Other churches in this area who have been invited are First Lutheran, Peace Lutheran and United Methodist Churches of Cosmos.

QUICKIE EDITORIAL

Stay Free

Throughout history there have been no ideal ends which were attained with non-ideal, inhumane means just as there has been no free society which was built by slaves. Nothing so well reveals the reality and greatness of the ends as the methods used to attain them.

If the end must be used to condone the means, then there is something in the end itself, in its reality, which is not worthy. That which really blesses the end which justifies the efforts and sacrifices for it, is the means: their constant perfection, humaneness, increasing freedom....

No regime in history which was democratic -- or relatively democratic while it lasted -- was predominantly established on the aspiration for ideal ends, but rather on the small everyday means in sight. Along with this, each such regime achieved, more or less spontaneously, great ends. On the other hand, every despotism tried to justify itself by its ideal aim. Not a single on achieved great ends.....



Extension News

by RUSS BJORHUS
MEEKER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT

SUNFLOWER COMPANY WANTS CONTRACTS:

A very reliable firm from Crookston is interested in 3000 acres of bird seed sunflower contracts. They are currently talking five cents per pound of seed. If you are interested be sure and contact my office.

PHOSPHORUS FERTILIZER VITAL FOR ALFALFA:

A phosphorus deficiency can stunt the growth of alfalfa plants, causing leaves to be quite small and deep green. Before seeding, farmers can best determine their phosphorus needs by having their soil tested.

SOUTHERN CORN BLIGHT:

Studies on overwintering of the fungus showed it was alive in the field in January after repeated freezing. However, the fungus did not survive repeated freezing and wetting, this indicates that spring conditions of repeated freezing, thawing and wetting will reduce the amount of fungus surviving until the next crop is growing.

STRESS INCREASE BLIGHT:

Corn with low nitrogen levels and high plant populations had more infected ears from southern corn leaf blight according to 1970 Missouri research.

This means that farmers should use optimum fertility and avoid excessive plant populations. Also nitrogen should be balanced with potash.

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ACGC 2018-2019 First Semester Honor Roll



Straight "A" Honor Roll

Grade 8
Carson Borchert
Allyson Giese
Brooke Hedtke
Kadence Martin
Claire Slinden
Micah Werner

Grade 9
Anders Grimsgard
Abbie Kragenbring
Violette Kuehl
Jillien Lilleberg
Logan Straumann
Laela Werner

Grade 10
Michelle Hebrink
Ellie Hu
Levi Lilleberg
Kari Schultz
Karla Schultz

Grade 11
Ashlyn Amdahl
Jeana Denton
Mia Eisenbacher
Ellisen Grimsgard
Alexandra Hendrickson
Shayna Hobson
Hattie Kragenbring
Brady Kruse
Shayla Mead
Ethan Melberg
Skylar Meyer
Dawson Miller
John Rasmussen
Hannah VanDerPol
Nicole Whitcomb
Rachel Wilner

Grade 12
Jayden Anderson
Rachel Andrews
Mackenzie Barker
Jade Bierwerth
Teri Evenson
Sean Gilbert
Courtney Hartmann
Brayden Hedtke
Mya Lyrek
Hailey Messenbrink
Lindsey Minnick
Jordyn Mortensen
Ryan Peterson
Sloan Saba
Alexis Schmidt
Brittney Schultz
Elizabeth Sherwood
Dylan Studemann
Jenna Zaeska

"A" Honor Roll

Grade 7
Macy Elton
Rachel Fils-Aime
Mikaili Johnson
Grace Kaehler
Marie Kragenbring
Jonas Morrison
Parker Peterson
Kyler Pickle
Jayda Richter
Gracelynn Rogers
HannahRose Rohe
Alayna Schultz
Hayden Sharp
Abbigale Thomas
Miranda Trumbo
Knolan Wattnem
Jevon Williams

Grade 8
Kylie Anderson
Breven Buer
Kincade Eisenbacher
Sarah Essendrup
Dalton Gilberts
Jacob Gratz
Samuel Gruis
Merary Parker
Jilyanii Sauceda
Hailey Sharp
Haley Wilner

Grade 9
Landon Blom
Brock Denton
Cole Holien
Eric Melberg
Carson Richter

Grade 10
Taylor Fester
Brock Hedtke
Raeanna Kaddatz
Meghan McClain
Hannah Morrison
Logan Sherwood
Hayden Straumann
Luke Trebil

Grade 11
Mykal Barker
Noelle Dilley
Steven Lawver
Ramzee Molinaro
Savannah Stafford
Sonya Vela

Grade 12
Taylor Bolton
Nathan Essendrup
Jayden Friauf
Bailey Krueger
Chase Litzau
Benjemin Lozano
Brady Rogers
Kailey Schlaak
Jordan Schumacher
Michael Trebil
Morgan Tritabaugh
Daniel Williamson
Pailey Wilner

Go Falcons!

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ACGC 2018-2019 First Semester Honor Roll



"B" Honor Roll

Grade 7
Mariah Bormann
Isaac Elton
Brianda Estrada
McKenna Friauf
Andrew Hartmann
Shelby Kavanagh
Hannah Keller
Vincent Lee Tyler
Jaxon Listerud
Avalee Litzau
Claudia Rivas
Maxwell Robnik
Elli Roemeling
Macy Saue
Saliceya Studanski
Taylor Vejtruba
Brody Vliem
Evelyn Waters
Nicole Youngkrantz

Grade 8
Brody Anderson
Haley Barker
Branden Blackwell
Emma Burks
Ashley Crooks
Hunter Dahline
Connor Danielson
Thor Goerish
Matthew Herr-Ramirez
Taylor Hoekstra
Brent Johnson
Keegan Kessler-Gross

Grade 8 continued
Anthony LeTourneau
Devynn Lidbeck
Hannah Lilleberg
Rianna Martinson
Ethan McClain
Emily Newman
Jayden Olson
Ramthun
Colby Renne
Terrell Renne
Samuel Rouser
Trent Summerlet
Peyton Thompson

Grade 9
Jaxon Behm
Ryan Busskohl
Lily Hansen
Brady Holien
Raenah Kaisner
Amber Kelm
Mikiya Kemerling
Alex Kokenge
Noah Kremin
Elizabeth Malvin
Austin McClain
Jasmine Owen
Daniela Parker
Connor Petersen
Erin Roemeling
Madyson Sandstrom
Trey Schmidt
Brady Schultz
Luke Slinden
Riley Smith
Mikayla Trumbo

Grade 10
Jacob Boonstra
Cole Erickson
Wilson Gratz
Madisyn Gronseth
Hunter Kelley
Sonny Kremin
Michael Peterson
Noah Renne
Emily Singsank
Andrew Slinden
Gabriel Tellez
Lilly Wattnem
Allison Youngblom
Amber Youngblom

Grade 11
Kelvin Andrade-Ponce
Ericka Bagley
Cael Blom
Paige Dahl
Conner Dilley
Zackary Hinther
Josh Kinzler
Carma Koschney
Joanie Lund
Gabriela Moll
Brandon Pasche
Diamond Picotte
Jose Posada
Wendy Romero
Brooke Schroeder
Shelby Shoen
Kiearra Williams

Grade 12
Vasti Diaz-Baltazar
Kendra Hendricks
Dawson Inselmann
Walker Kavanagh
Daniel Kuehl
Mykaela Lange
Skye Powers
Riley Schmit
Madelynn Singsank
Petja Vaaraniemi
Ryan Voss



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Dance Team Wins State Berth



Photo and commentary by LeAnn Melberg

The Falcons danced their best all season and placed 3rd in High Kick at the Section 2A tournament.

State Dance Finals



Photo and commentary by LeAnn Melberg

The ACGC Falcon Dance Team made it to State, Saturday, February 16th at the Target Center! This was the 1st time in ACGC School history that team has made it to the State Tournament. This year's routine is a tribute to all active and retired firefighters. We appreciate all that you do in your community. Their Jazz routine earned them 6th out of 13 schools.

Congratulations also to the ACGC Danceline for achieving the 2019 MADT Team Academic Award. These girls are smart and talented!



Ellie Grimsgard

Class A All-State Dance Team

By Kristi Lilleberg

Congratulations to ACGC's Sloan Saba and Ellie Grimsgard for making the All-State Dance Teams. Sloan made the High Kick team and Ellie made the Jazz team. They were nominated by their coach, Kristi Lilleberg and chosen by a panel of judges.

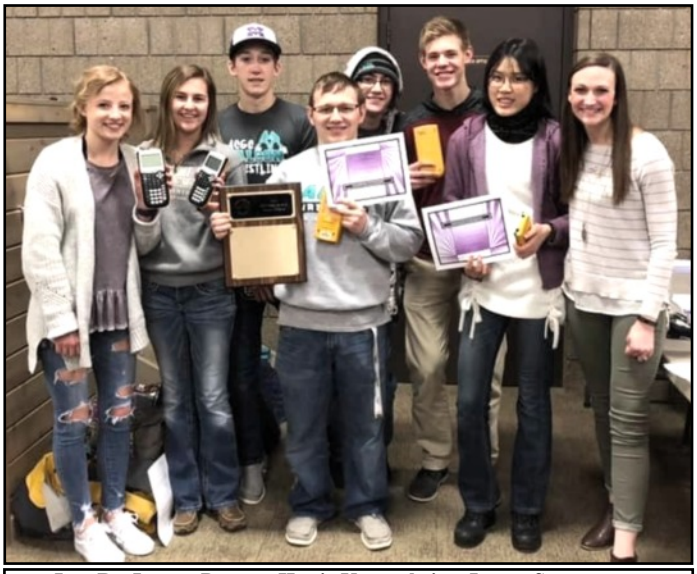
On Saturday, March 16th, these Falcon dancers will be performing with the best Class single A dancers in Minnesota, at Farmington High School; 6:30pm.



Sloan Saba

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Math Team



L to R: Jeanna Denton, Hattie Kragenbring, Logan Straumann, John Rasmussen, Ethan Lilleberg, Dawson Miller, Ellie Hu and Coach Kelly Heimermann

Photo and commentary by LeAnn Melberg

Congratulations to the ACGC Math Team for finishing 2nd in the Prairie Division this year. Ellie Hu and John Rasmussen tied to place 8th as Individuals for the entire Prairie Division.

ACGC Wrestling



Photo and Commentary by LeAnn Melberg

The ACGC Wrestling Team also competed at the State Wrestling Tournament for the 2nd Year in a row. The wrestling team has had an incredible season and were rated 3rd in their class most of the season and going into the State Tournament.



ACGC January Students of the Month

List & photo by Quincy McNeil, *Dean of Students*

Front Row: Nevaeh Mucciacciaro, Elizabeth Nordin, Ava Edberg, Nolan Stegeman
2nd Row: Katie Martin, HannahRose Rohe, Macy Saue
3rd Row: Shayla Mead, Camden Stien, Kylie Anderson, Karla Schultz
Back Row: Rachel Wilner, Ethan Melberg, Lindsey Minnick, Tristan Roufs, Rachel Andrews
Not Pictured: David Rech

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