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"Nice day for a stroll."

Weather: Sunny, warmer, chance of rain. "All of the news you really need." "Noli credere omnia legis"

April Blizzard Shortens Spring

"It's déjà vu all over again." *Yogi Berra*



She's lookin' pretty white and blizzardy south of Cosmos on Highway 4.
Photo by Mark Minnick

By Mark Minnick

This blizzard in April thing is getting kind of familiar. *(Or is it annoying?)* Remember last year? We covered it in the '18 May Gazette. Kind of the same mid-month whammo from Mother Nature that sets us down in our reality chair in the corner. *(See Yogi Berra quote.)* Again this year, we are reminded that it doesn't have to be "Easter Card" nice in April.

The early spring weather offerings from Mother Nature were encouraging. *(Is nature really our mother?)* Most of the remnants of our record February snowfall were all but gone. Kids were starting to ride their bikes, birds were singing territorial songs and spring showers were giving us rainbows (see pic next page). The Men's College Basketball Tournament was keeping us entertained as it always does in the end of March. Us Minnesotans were even more excited because the Men's Final Four was in our very own US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. The weather for the final game on Monday the 8th was mostly sunny, with temps close to 70 degrees. Viewers from all over the nation saw how nice it can be here and they will for sure really like us, yaaay! Spring is here!

Then I got the ominous bad weather warning from my favorite YouTube meteorological prognosticator, Frankie MacDonald, from Nova Scotia. Here's some paraphrased highlights of Frankie's message, shouted from the top of his lungs, to us Minnesotans; *"Get your caps and gloves and boots ready. Have your iPads and your iPhones charged just in case the power goes out. Order your pizza and Chinese food RIGHT NOW!! Buy cases of Pepsi, buy cases of Coke. Don't wait for the last minute. Do it RIGHT NOW!! Don't get in a car accident. Get your furnace ready and turn on your furnace to keep your house warm. Do it RIGHT NOW!!"*

I figured if Frankie says it's gonna be bad, it's gonna be bad. So, I got ready.



Frankie MacDonald
Selfie by Frankie, courtesy wikipedia.org

Déjà vu Blizzard story continued next page

Winter Wonderland

(But it would sure be nice to see some green grass and budding trees.)

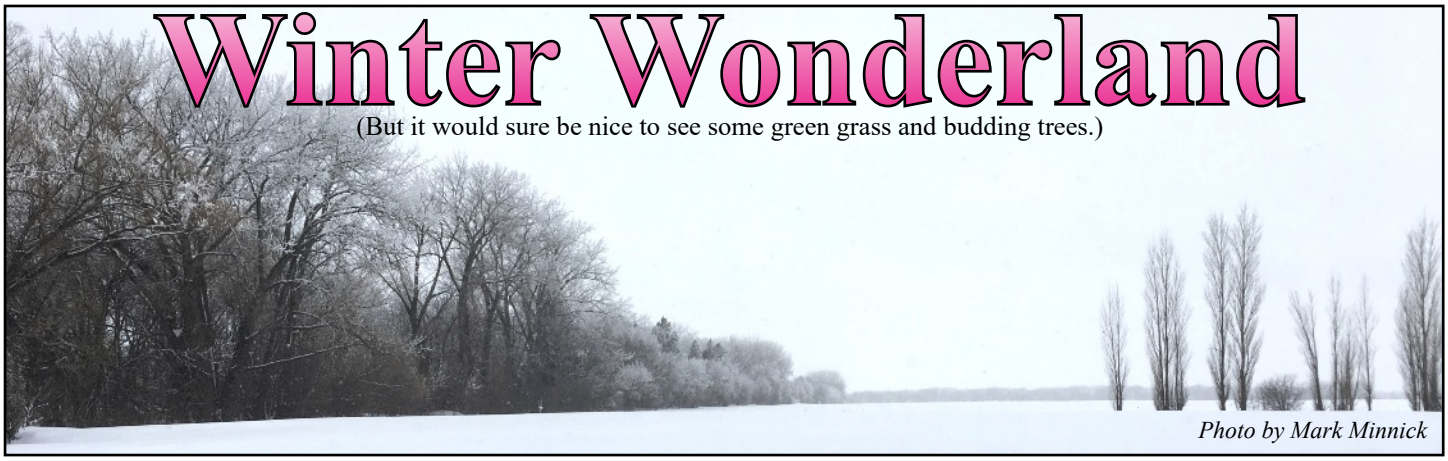


Photo by Mark Minnick



It's Monday the 8th, a nice spring day giving us 70 degrees, some warm drizzle and a rainbow. *Photo by Mark Minnick*

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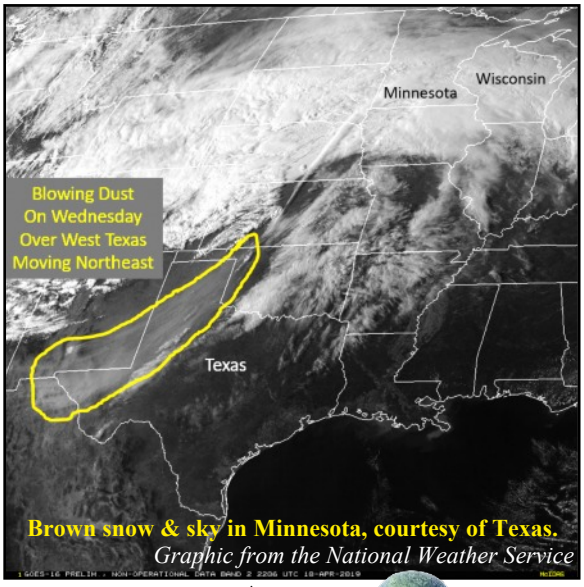
In the meantime, the "Amateur" weather people at the local twin cities television outlets started chirping. They reminded us ad nauseam of the impending doom and gloom, surely apocalyptic in nature. We were supposed to hunker down, protect our first born child and drive sensibly. After seeing all of the camera footage later of all of the cars in the ditch, a lot of us Minnesotans didn't have that last one figured out. But, they made sure that us viewers realized that it was great that this terrible weather didn't show up when all of the nation was in Minneapolis for the big games. Oh no, not that! We'll tough it out after all of the important people have left for sure, we're Minnesotans and we'll show 'em.

Tough it out we did. It started snowing heavily in Cosmos right before noon on Wednesday, the 10th. At the same time, some faithful Gazette readers were setting up their hotdishes, soups and desserts for the monthly potluck at the Cosmos Community Center. Ain't no blizzard gonna stop a hotdish, no sir. After enjoying good food, drink and conversation, the assembled group headed home in 2-3 inches of snow that had already accumulated during the potluck. The white stuff continued to come down pretty steady for the rest of the day, giving us a nice fresh blanket of the white stuff. Ahhh, we were back to school closings, slippery roads and limited visibility. Then the wind came up.

This blizzard wasn't as bad as some, due to the snow being so heavy and wet. The temps didn't cool down either, so the snow that fell didn't blow around as easily. Then, something weird happened Thursday morning with the 40-50 mph winds. The sky turned an eerie reddish orange color. You can see it in the lower right picture. Was this a lost episode of the Twilight Zone? Maybe a tale for The Cosmic Tavern & Lounge?

As it turns out, those howling winds whipped up the dry red dirt and dust in West Texas and transported the stuff right here to Minnesota. It tinted the atmosphere and the blowing snow as it mixed in with the snow and wind. You could see the reddish brown snowdrifts.

Just when we think we've seen it all, we get a dirty blizzard. Next time someone says "It's raining cats and dogs", I may take a look….well….just because.



Brown snow & sky in Minnesota, courtesy of Texas.
Graphic from the National Weather Service



Dale VonLoh movin' the white stuff.
Photo by Mark Minnick





Looking north on Hwy. 4 on Thursday the 11th. Is this what a snowstorm looks like on the Red Planet, Mars? Or maybe in Hell? Neither, it's too warm for Mars and too chilly for Hell….so they tell me.
Photo by Mark Minnick

The "Minnesota Whine" could be heard everywhere as the blizzard moved in. At least it didn't last long. The snow....



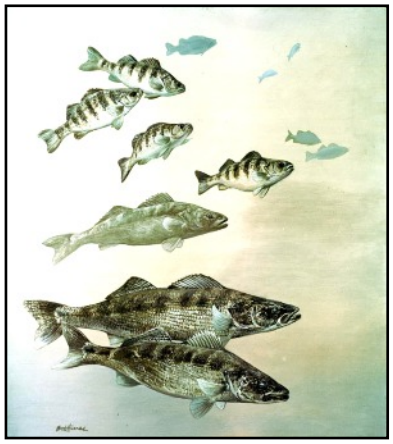
It's the Opener-Then!

By Mark Minnick

What us Minnesota anglers fondly refer to as "The Opener" is nearly here. The time when we can again pursue and possess our favorite for gamefish. Walleyes, northerns, muskies and bass make for a great variety of fish to chase, right here in our own great state. Here are the opening dates for these popular species.

- Walleye, Sauger and Northern Pike 5/11/19
- *Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass 5/11/19 - 5/24/19 (Catch-and-release only)*
- Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass 5/25/19
- Muskellunge 6/1/19

As you may or may not know, there are various possession limits and size restrictions on different species, plus special regulations on various bodies of water. So, be sure and look at a copy of the latest Minnesota DNR Fishing regulations, either online or in the paper booklet, and familiarize yourself with the rules. Don't let the size of the booklet intimidate you, it's not as hard to understand as it looks. Just give it a good read. If you have questions, talk to an experienced angler or stop by or call a local DNR office. Numbers and locations are listed online, **www.dnr.state.mn.us** or in the phone book.



So get out there and have some fun on the water, by yourself or with friends and family. It's a great way to spend some leisure time, whether you catch a fish or not.



Area DNR Fisheries Supervisor, Scott Mackenthun-left and technician Hanna Anema-right, wrap up the ice-out trap netting on Thompson Lake. *Photo by Mark Minnick*

By Mark Minnick

After the ice went out on Thompson Lake, a crew from DNR Fisheries in Hutchinson was out to set trap nets in the lake looking for survivors of the low oxygen levels this past winter. They installed five nets around the lake on April 15th, coming back in the next day to pull said nets and count fish. They had their fingers crossed that very few fish would show up in the nets, indicating a near complete winterkill. That would make it easier for the proposed stocked walleye fry to survive, grow and thrive.

Alas, the winterkill was not as severe as they had hoped. Supervisor Scott Mackenthun told me that the vast majority of fish caught in the nets were black bullheads, in large numbers and numerous year classes. The winterkill just wasn't severe enough to get rid of these low oxygen tolerant fish. A few yellow perch did show up in one set but that was it for gamefish.

Although the conditions will not be optimal for the stocked walleyes fry to survive and grow, the DNR is still going to stock the lake with over *1.1 million* fry this spring and see what happens. We won't know how successful it will be until they drop the nets this fall. Stay tuned.

"The frog does not drink up the pond in which it lives." *Chinese proverb*



Man's First *Real* Image of a Black Hole

Using the Event Horizon Telescope, scientists obtained an image of the black hole at the center of galaxy M87, outlined by emission from hot gas swirling around it under the influence of strong gravity near its event horizon. *Credits: Event Horizon Telescope collaboration et al./nasa.gov*

By Mark Minnick

Novels, movies, television series and science documentaries have all dealt with the subject of black holes. A singularity that is so dense that not even light can escape it's massive gravity. I have memories of reading about all of the Einstein stuff in my early teens. The speed of light, general relativity and the all powerful gravity. Then I was introduced to the idea of theoretical black holes. This is when I got that "Holy Crap!" moment in my mind.

Scientists also think of black holes in terms like that when referring to this astronomical wonder (or monster, depending on your view.) It's not just young minds that get the "Holy Crap!" thoughts.

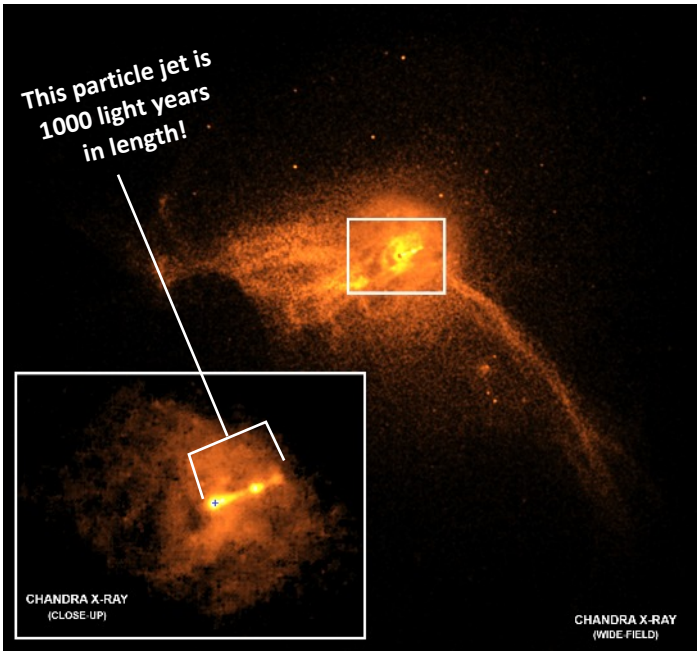
Scientific journal illustrators have given us their educated vision of what they think a black hole looks like. Then there's the movie special effects artists that have thrilled us with the black monstrosity swallowing up everything in said movie, maybe even the hero or heroine. In all of these and other cases, these images have been just theory and conjecture. Mankind has not known what a black hole really looks like, just what we think it looks like. Until now.

These are the first images of the real thing. As it turns out, the scientists, artists and dreamers were pretty darned close to getting it right. This image was produced by an immense amount of work from numerous scientists around the globe. Here are some quick figures. It is ***55 million light-years from Earth*** and is very massive, about ***6.5 billion times the mass of our sun***. It's ***diameter is roughly the same size as Neptune's orbit***, our solar system's outermost planet. Also noted is a dramatic particle jet surging away from the black hole at nearly the speed of light. To top it off, the ***jet is about 1,000 light years long!*** A nagging question scientists have about this jet is why it is moving away from the black hole instead of being sucked in. I really like the quote from one of the scientists on the team, Heino Falcke, (see red inset, above.)

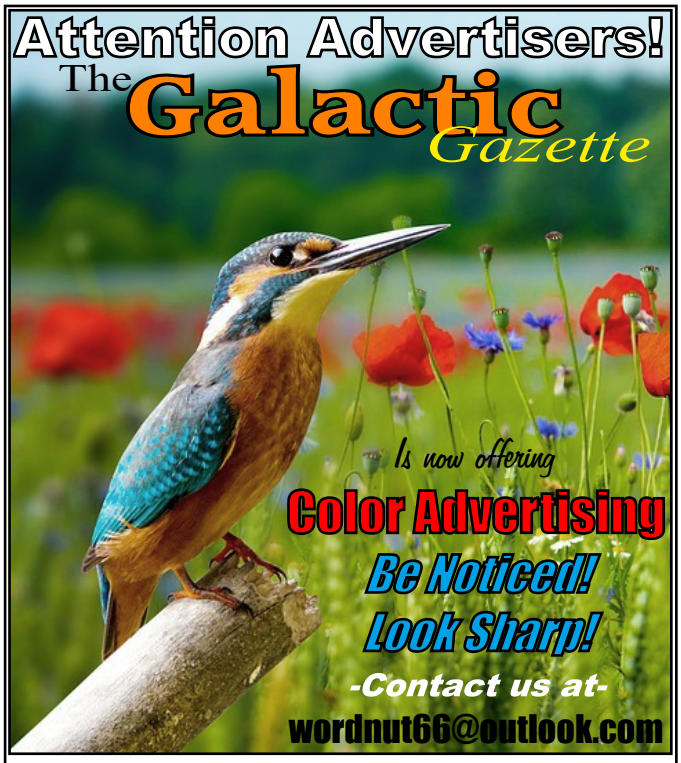
We have learned a lot but we still have a lot to learn about these astronomical curiosities. Thank goodness for people that are smarter than me that can do the tough math. So much space, so little time.

-Definitions and Explanations-

A **"Black Hole"** is an extremely dense object from which no light can escape. Anything that comes within a black hole's **"Event Horizon,"** its point of no return, will be consumed, never to re-emerge, because of the black hole's unimaginably strong gravity. By its very nature, a black hole cannot be seen, but the hot disk of material that encircles it shines bright. Against a bright backdrop, such as this disk, a black hole appears to cast a shadow. *Courtesy of nasa.gov*



Chandra X-ray Observatory close-up of the core of the M87 galaxy. *Credits: NASA/CXC/Villanova University/J. Neilsen*



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Thank You

to everyone who came to have morning coffee, juice and goodies with The Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 13th. Around 75 people attended. Door prizes won for the boys were; Blake Larson and Matthew Barka. For the girls; Paisley Degner and Alyssa Jenkins. Special thanks to the Cosmos 4-H Club for their help with the games, prizes, decorations, the live baby chicks and the lamb.

The morning was enjoyed by all.

The Cosmos Community Club

TIME WARP Whozit?



It's spring sports in 1975. The Cosmos Royals Men's Track & Field Team consisted of seven guys. Whozem?

Only one reader, Tom Benson got a few of last month's bowling men from 1959. Here's his emailed answer;

"Boy this is tough. The first guy on the left looks like a young Mark Reinke. That can't be him though. The next guy I just don't know. The third guy looks like Joe Lux. The fourth guy I think may be a Madsen. The fifth guy sure looks like Matt Matthews. That is all I have." *Tom Benson*

Here they are;



COSMOS FARMERS ELEVATOR competes in the Tuesday night men's league. Team members are, left to right: Don Schauman, Don Erickson, Joe Lux, Otto Madsen and Matt Matthews.—Cosmos News staff photo.

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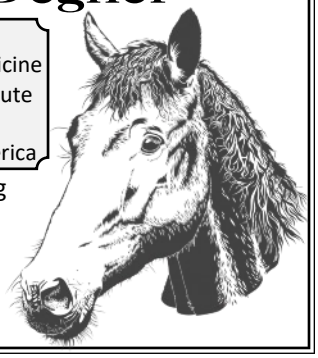
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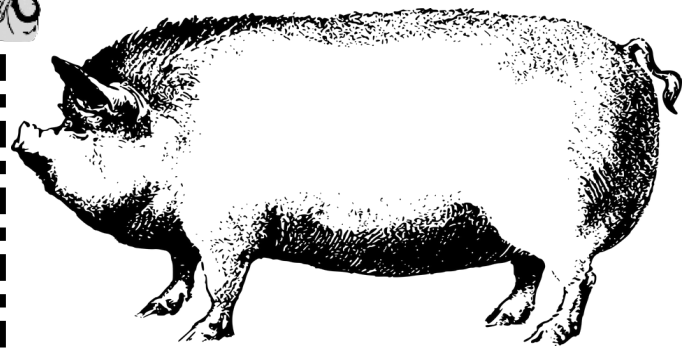
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F 10 Sauerkraut hotdish

M 13 Chicken Alfredo
T 14 Beef stroganoff
W 15 Goulash
T 16 Broasted chicken dinner w/potato salad
F 17 Meatball dinner

M 20 Smothered chicken dinner
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W 22 Ham dinner or commercial
T 23 Spaghetti w/garlic toast
F 24 Sausage & kraut dinner

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TIME WARP



It's Spring time 1975. Time for Graduations, Poppy Day and Summer Rec for the kids.

Becky Thomas and David Eastman named top honor students

COSMOS--Becky Thomas was announced valedictorian and David Eastman salutatorian of the Cosmos class of 1975 at the awards program on Tuesday afternoon this week at the school. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thomas of rural Lake Lillian and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Eastman of Cosmos.

Other honor students are Thomas DeLeeuw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald DeLeeuw of Corvuso; Brenda Garberich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Garberich; Nancy Lietzau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delano Lietzau; Marlene Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Peterson; Valerie Ryti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ryti; Lu Ann Schiro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schiro; Lorchelle Schmeling, daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Schmeling; Amy Tharp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tharp; Steven Ulrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ulrich and Harold Weseloh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weseloh.


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TOM DELEEUW


STEVEN ULRICH


MARLENE PETERSON


NANCY LIETZAU

Cosmos Poppy Day is Saturday

COSMOS--Saturday, May 17 will be 1975 Poppy Day in Cosmos, according to Mrs. John Reins, Poppy Chairman for American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 126 and Mrs. William Sathre, Co-Chairman.

Members of Unit 126 will be at various points throughout the community on that day to offer to the public the paper replicas of the bright red wildflowers which have come to memorialize the sacrifice of so many American families in periods of war.

All contributions given in return for a poppy are used by the American Legion Auxiliary on the local level for rehabilitation and aid of veterans and their families. In 1974, Unit 126 realized $72.00 from Poppy Day. These funds were used to help veterans and their families in this community.

Poppies to be offered on Poppy Day were made at the Veterans Hospital at Minneapolis. American Legion Auxiliary volunteers not only aid veterans through Poppy Day, but also donate time and energy by bolunteer work at Veterans Administration and other hospitals and promote an extensive Field Service program to aid veterans in their homes.



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SHINING A POWERFUL LIGHT ON THE LOCAL SCENE

VOLUME 21 NUMBER 9 THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1975

Three candidates on ballot for two Board positions

Cosmos School District residents will be deciding a three way race for two positions as directors on the Board of Education.

The terms of Loren Pearson and Myron "Micky" Reinke expire at the end of June this year. Pearson chose not to refile while Reinke has along with Earl Raske and Robert Tharp.

The District's polls will be open at the school cafeteria from 6 - 9 p.m. for district residents to cast their votes.

Following is a little information on each candidate and a filing statement if one was submitted to this newspaper.


ROBERT THARP

Robert Tharp is a resident of East Lake Lillian Township for the past 1½ years where he and his family moved from New London, Minnesota.

Robert is the postmaster at Lake Lillian. The family are members of the Cosmos Methodist Church where Robert serves on the church building committee. He is also a member of the Lake Lillian American Legion and Chamber of Commerce.

Robert, better known as Bob, and wife Darlene, have three children who attend Cosmos school.

A candidacy statement from Robert is as follow: Our children must run the world in the future. It is of the utmost importance that they be prepared to live in and to contribute to our society. This can only be done if they have a well rounded education."


MYRON REINKE

An incumbent, Myron "Micky" Reinke has served 1½ years on the Board of Education. He was appointed for ½ year and elected one year to fullfill the unexpired term of Herman Raske.

The Reinkes farm south and east of Corvuso. Myron and Roberta have four children, one is a preschooler, the others are in the 4th, 7th, and 10th grades.


EARL RASKE

Earl Raske, is a businessman of Cosmos owning and operating both Raske Building Systems, Inc. and Raske Real Estate. He is also a resident of the community for the past 37 years.

He is past commander of the

Baccalaureate & graduation next week

COSMOS--Baccalaureate Services will be held at Cosmos School on Tuesday evening, May 20, at 8:00 p.m. for the members of the 1975 graduating class.

Father James Barry from St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Lake Lillian will be the speaker.

A class of 35 seniors will graduate on Thursday, May 22 at 8:00 p.m. in commencement exercises at the Cosmos High School.

The Senior speeches will be given this year by Valedictorian Becky Thomas, and Salutatorian David Eastman.

DAVID HESSER ALTERNATE:

Leland Schiro named Cosmos Boys Stater for '75

COSMOS--Leland Schiro was chosen Monday evening by the Cosmos Legion to be the Cosmos delegate to Boy's State this summer.

Leland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schiro of rural Cosmos. He has one brother and two sisters. The Schiro's live 2 1/4 miles southeast of Cosmos on a farm and Leland is a right hand man on the farm with his dad.

Leland is a member of Peace Lutheran Church.

Leland desires to go on to school after graduation.


LELAND SCHIRO


DAVID HESSER

David Hesser, alternate to Boy's State June 8 through 14 and to be held on the Campus of St. John's University, Collegeville, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hesser of Cosmos. Dave has two brothers. He is a member of Peace Lutheran Church.

David is active in sports at school. This is his third year in golf, has been in football since seventh grade and also plays basketball. David made the perfect honor roll for this year.

He is employed part-time in his father's hardware store, Hesser Hardware.

Scholars to Boys State must be Juniors in High School and they are signally honored in view of the outstanding qualifications set forth as requirements in selecting them.

Objectives of the program include teaching boys who attend actual learning experience in how city, county and state governments function, so as to arouse in them an enduring interest in governmental affairs, develop better civic behavior, obtain for the young men a higher appreciation of and wholehearted allegiance to the democratic way of life

A first for Cosmos - summer recreation

COSMOS--This summer Cosmos will have its own recreation program. To get an approximation on how many people plan on participating in the program we are asking that you fill out a registration form and return it to the high school. All school age children will be able to register at the school. This program has no age limit, so we want everyone interested to register. (Registration is not mandatory or play some games with two or more different towns. The pre-school will include children from ages 4-8. These children will be able to participate in various activities, from picnics, tumbling, creativity, games, etc.

Swimming lessons will also be available this year. This year the lessons will be offered at Kandiyohi Lake on Monday - Wednesday - Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 and enjoy yourselves. (Cut out the swimming and recreation schedules and post them in your house).

REGISTRATION FOR COSMOS SUMMER RECREATION

Name_____ Age _____

Check the activities you want to participate in:

little league baseball (ages 7-13) _____

girls softball _____ volleyball _____

Cal Stoll speaker for "C" Club banquet

This Saturday evening, May 17, is a special event for "C" Club members and their parents at the annual "C" Club Awards Banquet.

Approximately fifty Cosmos High School Athletes will receive athletic awards at this banquet. This includes both the girls and boys.

Some of the top awards to be given are: "Most Valuable" athlete in each sport and a special award to the "Outstanding Sports Booster".

If you haven't purchased your ticket, you have until noon Thursday, May 15, at the high school office to do so. The banquet begins at 7:30 p.m.



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Speech, Speech!

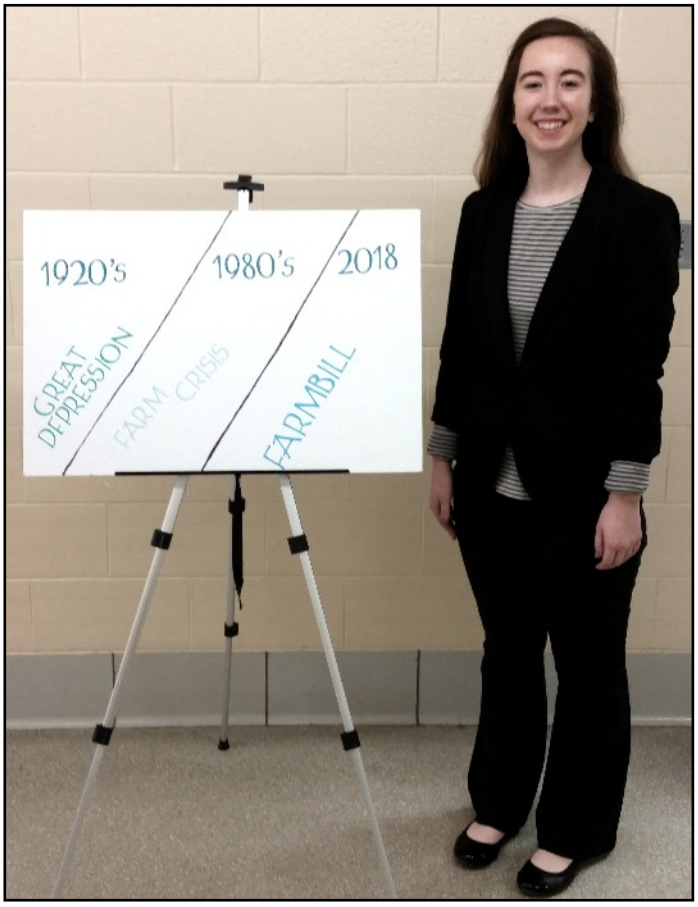
By Valerie Carlson

The ACGC Speech team attended meets hosted by: Maple Lake, DC, Melrose, our first ever West Central Conference at Melrose and subsections at Annandale.

Team members include: Seniors, Madelyn Singsank (Creative), Daniel Williamson (Informative), Junior, Savannah Stafford (Informative) and Freshman, Mikayla Trumbo. Savannah earned 6th place at the Maple Lake and Conference meets, Mikayla earned 7th place at Conference. Savannah advanced to the Section 5A speech meet at EVW on April 6, 2019 with her speech titled "Mental Health of Farmers". The team is coached by Valerie Carlson.

Valerie Carlson, RN, PHN, LSN
ACGC Licensed School Nurse
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Speech Coach

Go Falcons!



Savannah Stafford at Section 5A Speech meet
Photo by Valerie Carlson



ACGC March Students of the Month

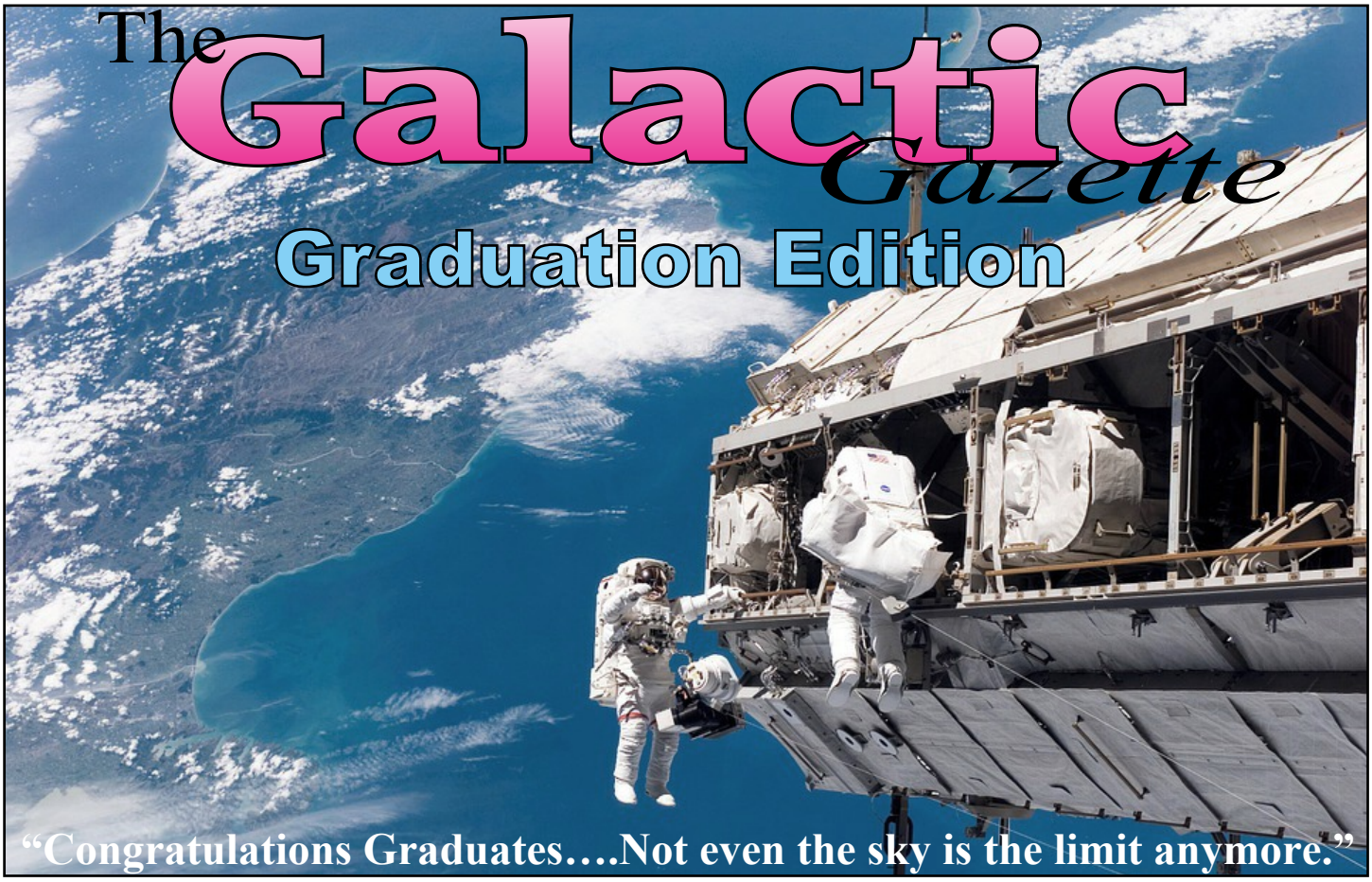
List & photo by Quincy McNeil, *Dean of Students*

Front Row: Ivy McClain, Ruby Klinger, Kyla Bierwerth, Braden Barker
2nd Row: Vincent Lee, Hannah Keller, Hunter Dahline, Dalton Gilberts
3rd Row: Amber Youngblom, Masson Hiltner, Destiny Behm, Joanie Lund, Hailey Carr
Back Row: Ryan Peterson, Steven Lawver, Jenna Zaeska
Not Pictured: Corey Peterson and Shayna Hobson

Go Falcons!

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"Congratulations Graduates….Not even the sky is the limit anymore."



Corey Peterson

Graduation Open House

Sunday May 26th, 2019

4:00 - 7:00 PM

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Jordyn Mortensen

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1 - 4 PM

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Lindsey Minnick

Graduation Open House

Saturday, June 8th, 2019

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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Dylan Kruse

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Saturday May 25th 2019

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Cosmos Fire Hall

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

Track & Field



By Coach David Blom

The ACGC Track Team competed in two track meets before the April Blizzard hit. We have been spending a lot of time inside practicing because of the wet conditions. There are 49 track and field athletes out for this season. Our goals are to continue to increase these numbers so we are able to compete with schools in our conference. We do have a handful of dual sport athletes this Spring, which helps all our spring sports be much more competitive.

Athletes to watch this year and so far are our top point scorers are Cael Blom, Zach Hinther, Ethan Lilleberg, Ethan Behrends and Landon Blom. For the ladies we have Jeana Denton, Daniela Parker, Sarah Essendrup and Shantel Galvan.

Coming in as a first year head coach for track, my goal is to be changing the culture and the attitude towards competing. We stressed getting stronger from day one. A lot of the athletes have never really lifted weights before. Practice have been tougher both mentally and physically this year. We are hoping everyday they leave practice they feel like no one works harder than them this season. We feel if we continue to spend time in the weight room and get stronger then good things will happen. The stronger we get the faster we will be!

Assistant Coaches are Kelley Heimerman, Tracy Rogers, Misty Langseth and Terry Miller

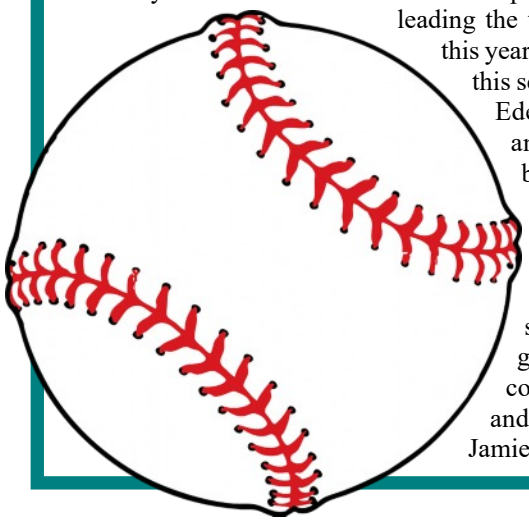
Softball

By Coach Brad Nelson

The ACGC softball team looks to build off a solid 2018 season that saw the Falcons win 11 games and finish second in the West Central Conference.

Seniors Lindsey Minnick, Pailey Wilner, Brittney Schultz, and Jordyn Mortensen return as starters along with junior Rachel Wilner. They look to lead a group of first year varsity starters including senior Jade Bierwerth and juniors Nicole Whitcomb, Shayna Hobson, and Brooke Schroeder.

The Falcons are lead by their offense with a solid core of hitters in addition to their pitching. Minnick returns in the circle this year after a ten win campaign last year and is leading the team to a good start this year. The Falcons are 2-1 this season with wins over Eden Valley-Watkins and Minnewaska before the snow put the season on pause.



This season has 21 girls participating on the varsity and JV squads under the guidance of head coach Brad Nelson II and assistant coach Jamie Tanner.

Golf



An interview with-
Jeremy Boeyink, Golf Coach
By LeAnn Melberg

How many athletes are participating in your sport?

I have 11 boys in golf this season in grades 7-12. It's great to see the boys' numbers stay steady, but would really like to see some girls try the sport of golf.

Who are the assistant coaches?

Tyler Bualau is our Jr. High coach. He brings great knowledge of the game of golf to our team with years of experience playing the game.

What are your team's strengths?

We have many guys returning from last year, including a state participant in Brennen Arndt.

What athletes to watch for and leadership roles by athletes?

Brennen Arndt has the most experience and is a great leader for this team, helping other golfers with their swings.

How has the season been going so far?

The season has started slow, with our lovely winter weather lingering. We have gotten outside a little bit this year, but have spent most of our time hitting into our nets that we purchased last year because of our lingering winter. We have been able to purchase more indoor equipment because of the money raised from our boosters at ACGC. Thanks Boosters!

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 2019

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Martin at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2019.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Tom McCarthy, Jody Fruetel, Emily Schmeling and Angelica Hopp.
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville, Tyler Anderson, Jason Danielson, Sheriff Brian Cruze and Josh Halvorson

Adopt Agenda – A motion by McCarthy, seconded by Schmeling, to adopt the Agenda. Motion carried
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by McCarthy, seconded by Fruetel, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. March 14, 2019 City Council Minutes
b. LMCIT - Non-waive Tort Liability Limits
c. Cosmos Fire Relief Gambling Permit – July 21, 2019
d. SpaceFest Gambling Permit – July 20-21, 2019
e. Approval of Part I plan, MN Dept. of Health, Wellhead Protection Plan
f. 2019 Meeker County Assessment Contract
g. MMS Environmental Monthly Report

Visitors Presentations

Meeker County Sheriff Brian Cruze presented the 2018 Cosmos/Meeker County Sheriff's report with 428 calls in Cosmos, a majority from the Cosmos Learning Center. Assault and burglary incidents are down with property damage incidents up in 2018.
Josh Halvorson, Bolton-Menk was present to discuss the Pavement Management Plan that is being worked on for the City of Cosmos.

April 16, 2019 Bills List - A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hopp, to approve the April 16, 2019 Bills list with check numbers from 13631-13684 for $46,710.25. Motion carried**.**
Summer Help - Parks - A motion by Schmeling, seconded by Hopp, to authorize the summer pay rate for Dylan Studemann at $11.00. Motion carried**.**
Summer Help – Concession Stand - A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hopp, to authorize the summer concession stand pay rate for Isabel Huck at $11.00. Motion carried**.**
Mosquito Spraying Contract - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Schmeling, to approve a 3 year mosquito spraying contract with Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management Inc. for 15 weekly treatments annually at a cost of $5,625/year with a maximum 3% inflation adjustment. Motion carried**.**
Lift Station Pump Inspection – The city reviewed a request for the lift station pumps to be inspected in conjunction with other cities. Since the quote came in, one pump had to be repaired due to a failed gasket. The council asked if the other pump could be inspected when that pump gets repaired. No action taken.
Department Heads – Tyler Anderson discussed meetings with the Mayor and Councilmember McCarthy regarding building a 9'x12' office and a 5'x9' restroom inside the new shop rather than an outside addition. The storage area would be similar in size as the current setup as a partition where there is a desk could be removed allowing better access for the vehicles. Plans will be developed and the project bid out.
Tyler Anderson then discussed MN Rural Water's proposal for smoke testing the community to find areas of inflow and infiltration (I&I).
Councilmember Schmeling – discussed the water line break at Mugshots and the need to tighten up the on-call procedures and availability of contact information for the community for a quicker response.
Mayor Martin – was working on community organizations adopting the rain gardens along Hwy 4. He has two groups committed at this time and hopes to get a third commitment, leaving the 4th garden to be maintained by the city.
Utility/Street Operations – Councilmembers discussed having the streets sprayed for weeds and discussed the need for the water main valves to be annually maintained.
Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Hopp, seconded by McCarthy to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

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John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

NOTICE TO:
CITY OF COSMOS RESIDENTS
2019 SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Cosmos City Wide Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday May 11, 2019. City residents are encouraged to set items out at the curb on Friday evening for early Saturday morning pick up. Trucks will begin curbside service at 7:30AM.

Appliances, tires, and mattresses / box springs need to have prepaid stickers attached in order to be picked up. Stickers can be purchased at City Hall until May 9th, no later than 3PM. Prices are as follows:

Appliances -- $15 each, Televisions -- $30 each,
Computer Monitors -- $20 each,
Mattresses / Box Springs -- $20 per piece
Tires: Car -- $5 each, Truck -- $17 each,
Tractor Tire -- $45 each. Add $15 per rim

The following items are considered an appliance: stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, dish washer, freezer, furnace, water heater, water softener, dehumidifier, air conditioner, microwave oven.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ACCEPTED: household trash, demolition materials, yard waste, household hazardous wastes or liquids, used oil, used oil filters, car batteries, fluorescent light bulbs.

Clean Up Day is a service available to
COSMOS CITY RESIDENTS ONLY!
Contact City Hall (877-7345) or
West Central Sanitation @
800-246-7630) for further information

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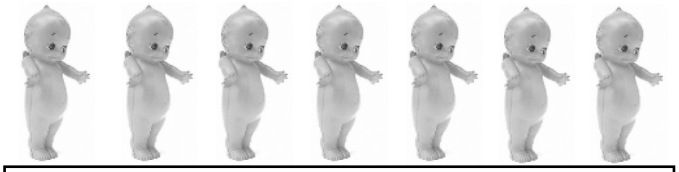
Please remember the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces and our veterans, both alive and deceased. America owes them an immense debt of gratitude along with an every day simple "Thank you".



We had one astute reader identify all of the "Bowling Ladies" shown in the March Whozit? Section. Wow!

Kitty Wothe Schlueter got them all right. She sent Delores a letter with the correct info, Delores told me about it, but I forgot to acknowledge her in the April issue. Some KewPies are definitely in order.





Department of
Corrections



Forgetting a reader that names all seven of the Whozits, well….that's a big transgression right there. It's probably time for some atonement. Twenty five "Our Father's" and fifteen "Hail Mary's" should bring us back into good standing.

We'll dig out the beads, drop those those kneelers down and get on that right away.



Spring Has Sprung



By Local Chicken

It's been pretty nice outside so far this spring. The temps are better, the snow is gone and the sun is out.. The hens are in the chicken yard, scratching around looking for something to eat. Plus, they're catching up with all of the other hens on what has been happening around the neighborhood.

We were thinking about heading out to the beach on Thompson Lake like we did last year. (See pic above) Catch a few rays, hang with the buds, see if the surf's up. Maybe do a little fishing off of the pier, not sure if I want to drag bait and tackle with though, we'll see.

I'll find out what the clucks want to do. Probably just hang out with a cold one and chicken watch. I'll have to remind them to bring sunscreen and the Costa Del Mar's.



By the way, if you see the Lil Weasel, kick him for me. He's a pest and a miscreant. Don't need him screwing up a good day with his antics. *And no, the old hen isn't back yet.*

See ya at the beach, and don't forget your Costa's….

Memorial Day Service



May 27th 2019

11:00 AM

at the Cosmos City Park

Potluck Lunch to Follow

In case of rain, it will be at
the Cosmos Community Center

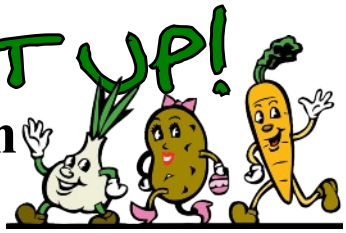
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CHEF IT UP!

Honey Chicken Breast



By Grace Kamrath

Seems like eons ago when Duane and I lived in Lacrescent, Minnesota (the apple capitol of Minnesota). With only the experience of home cooking, I took the job of being one of two cooks at Apple on Main Tea Room in LaCrescent. Of course we had at least one sort of apple dessert each day and used apples in many other dishes. We also had soups, salads and an entree each day. This chicken dish is one of those entrees.

HONEY CHICKEN BREAST

- 1/2 c. flour
- 1 t. salt
- 4 chicken breasts
- 1/4 c. melted butter (optional)
- 1/4 c. honey
- 1/4 c. lemon juice
- 1 T. soy sauce



Mix flour and salt and coat chicken pieces with mixture. Brown chicken in oil. Put chicken in pan and cover with melted butter.

Mix honey, lemon juice and soy sauce and put over chicken. Bake at 350 for approximately 30 minutes. Basting frequently really enhances the flavor. This is especially good with rice pilaf. You can pour some of the honey mixture over the rice if desired.

Having a place to go is home.
Having someone to love is family.
Sharing good times with those who care is friendship.
Having it all is a blessing.

CHEF IT UP!



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

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

Parmesan Cheese



Partial and full wheels of Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese for sale in Modena, Italy.
Image courtesy Sputnikcccp at wikipedia.org

By Mark Minnick

I first saw this stuff when I was a young adult, hanging out at a pizza place for the first time with a bunch of buddies. There it was, sitting in a squat little glass container with holes on the top. Somebody commented that this pale yellow powder was cheese that you sprinkled on your pizza. They said you could put some on your spaghetti too, if you were daring enough.

This just added to the mystique of the evening as we were all in a place that makes ***real*** pizza. Quite exotic I thought. The pizzas were even made and served round, of all things, just like you saw on some TV shows. *(I grew up thinking pizzas were the shape of a cookie sheet with the dough pushed around on it into an uneven mess.)* I was mostly used to meat, potatoes and a vegetable - that's it. Throw in a good hotdish here and there, with a valiant attempt made at that rectangular homemade pizza once in a while, what more do you want? *(Not complaining, just chuckling - I had plenty to eat.)*

Countless questions continued to swirl through my sheltered west-central Minnesota mind that night. WTH, cheese in a shaker? Is this what it's like to live in Italy? What if you didn't like it? My palate was cautious but a little excited at the same time. This stuff was on the table to use on food, just like salt & pepper. Wow!

Fast forward what seems like a thousand years, I still like the stuff. But, I think I've found something better. The real thing. What, you say? This stuff starts out as a wheel of cheese? Yea, I never thought about it much either. But then I splurged and bought the real block of cheese and grated some on homemade soup.

Holy Cow, Mamma Mia, Goodness Sakes or Criminy; what ever expletive you want to use, this stuff is GOOD! The cheese grated off the block has so much more taste and character than the powdered stuff. If you grate some onto piping hot food, it will even melt in or soften a little bit. Meats, veggies, hotdishes, soups, salads, sandwiches, I've tried it on all of these and it can't be beat. (I haven't tried it on potato salad….yet.)

Full disclosure, I have not sampled the authentic Parmesan-Reggiano cheese from Italy. So far, I have just tried some Parmesan cheese produced in Wisconsin. (Cheese from Wisconsin? Whoda thought?) Still, very, very tasty. I plan on sampling some of the genuine Italian stuff when I run across a store that carries it.

Here's an overview from wikipedia.org;

Parmigiano-Reggiano *is an Italian hard, granular cheese. The name "Parmesan" is often used generically for the same cheese made outside the traditional areas of production in Italy, although this is prohibited in trading in the European Economic Area under European law.*

It is named after the producing areas, which comprise the provinces of Parma, Reggio Emilia, Bologna (only the area to the west of the river Reno), Modena (all in Emilia-Romagna), and Mantua (in Lombardy, but only the area to the south of the river Po), Italy. Under Italian law, only cheese produced in these provinces may be labelled "Parmigiano-Reggiano", and European law classifies the name, as well as the translation "Parmesan", as a protected designation of origin.

Parmigiano-Reggiano *is commonly grated over pasta dishes, stirred into soups and risottos, and eaten on its own. It is often shaved or grated over other dishes like salads. Slivers and chunks of the hardest parts of the crust are sometimes simmered in soup. They can also be roasted and eaten as a snack.*

American generic parmesan cheese

Generic parmesan cheese is a family of hard grating cheeses made from cow's milk and inspired by the original Italian cheese. They are generally pale yellow in color, and usually used grated on dishes like spaghetti, Caesar salad, and pizza. American generic parmesan is frequently sold already grated.

I am not disparaging any brand or form of the parm cheese in the shaker can. I have eaten lots of it and probably will eat some again. What I noticed was that after the cheese ingredients, the next biggest ingredient is powdered cellulose. Up to 4% is allowed by law. The cellulose keeps the commercially grated cheese from sticking together, so you can shake or sprinkle it. It's safe and won't hurt you but, cellulose powder is basically sawdust folks, plain and simple. It's not cheese. That's what made me try the 'real' stuff and I'm glad



A grater and the good stuff, from Wisconsin.
Photo by Mark Minnick

I did. An 8 oz. wedge from Wisconsin, (see pic) is 6 -7 bucks, 4 -5 on sale. The 8 oz. shaker is 3 - 4 bucks. The block stuff is a little more money, but tastes waaay better to me, well worth the money. Get yourself a grater and give it a shot, I think you'll enjoy it.

Back to the pizza place a long, long time ago. I also noticed another squat little glass container with holes on the top. There appeared to be little red flakes of something in there. Someone said it was crushed cayenne peppers to put on your pizza or spaghetti. I wondered if those Italians were completely out of their minds, putting crap like that on food. Hmm….sounds like the beginning of another story….spicy even.

"Turn That Crap Down!"
Musical musings, recollections and discoveries worth writing & talking about.

WOODEN SHJIPS



L to R; Dusty Jermier, Omar Ahsanuddin, Ripley Johnson and Nash Whalen *Photo courtesy official Facebook site*

By Mark Minnick



I find a lot of cool stuff on planet YouTube, as I plunk away at the keyboard readying the Gazette for another printing. Listening to various artists, old and new from different music genres is really easy to do there with just the tap of a few keys.

As I was finishing up the "Blizzard in April" story, I stopped off at Planet YouTube, as I needed some fresh tunage to pipe through the headphones.

Wanting some casual listening and not full out party anthems, I dug around in the Electronica genre and saw a group name that made me smile, "Black Elephant". They were described as playing 'psychedelic' or 'stoner' rock. Hmmm. The album, "Cosmic Blues" was kinda retro and neat, reminding me of Black Sabbath and Robin Trower. Good stuff but, a little bit too heavy for my taste at the moment. I needed something a little more laid back and casual.

Glancing down the side of the screen, I saw another group from this same genre with kind of a goofy name; "Wooden Shjips". Chuckling to myself, I thought, "What the heck is this, a bunch of progressive hippies that can't spell?" As I researched the group, I found that the word "Shjips" is pronounced "Ships". (Sure makes it easier on the tongue.) The band has been around for over ten years and is from Portland and San Francisco. (Again, where have I been? Plus, they probably *are* hippies.)

So, I picked their newest album, "V.". I threw on the headphones and went back to work. At about forty-five seconds into the first track "Eclipse", I smiled and thought "This is cool and it's gonna be hard to get any work done" as I proceeded to intently listen to the whole works. Really cool….

It seemed that I had literally gone down the 1960's psychedelic rabbit hole this time. Casual vocals, no screaming. Heavy and fuzzy bass, a chord organ and lots of reverb. Visions of floating in space and time. I fully expected to see Grace Slick come wandering into the scene. All of this on just strong coffee, nothing else. Holy crap, this was some pretty neat stuff.

I'm going to check out their older albums when I get a chance, but for now, I'm diggin' this. By the way, if you listen/watch the album on YouTube, the album cover is the "video" per say and stays up as a graphic for the whole forty two minutes. But, it ever so slooooowly changes color over that time. If you don't look at it for five or ten minutes and go back and take a look, it has changed to a different hue. At first I thought, "Hey, wait a minute, a Hamm's or two shouldn't cause that". I finally figured out what was going on. (Whew!)

I may have to see if they make Key bibs in bell bottoms. Don't need sandals, I have Crocs. Then dig up some tie-dye shirts and some rose colored glasses. I'll be all set….man.

Give 'em a listen, all you *really* need is a pair of ears and an uninhibited brain. Some big speakers wouldn't hurt either.



Image courtesy woodenshjips.com/media

Wooden Shjips 2018 album "V." Track list

1. Eclipse
2. In The Fall
3. Red Line
4. Already Gone
5. Staring At The Sun
6. Golden Flower
7. Ride On

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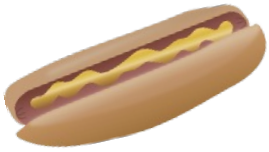
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Cosmos Ambulance Members

Front Row Left to Right: Renee Hopp, Jadi Hopp, Emily Schmeling (Ambulance Captain), Jon Fruetel (Fire Chief), Yvette Martin, Sarah Miller
Back Row Left to Right: Dan Self, Nate Van Hatten, Kevin Stern, Alex Schmeling, Chris Langness, Megan Degner, Ashley Degner
Not Pictured: Ben Bohlin and Adam Lietzau

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Wednesday, May 22nd

5:00-6:30 pm at Cosmos Fire Hall



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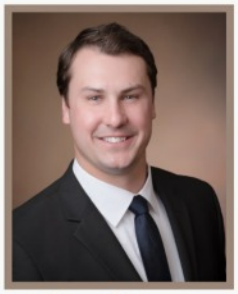
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