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Einstein says you can't go faster than the speed of light.
Tell that to the jolly old fat guy that has to deliver eight bazillion presents in one evening.

Weather: Cold, crisp and sparkley "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"

It looks like a...

COVID Christmas in Cosmos



By Mark Minnick

As I write this, we are getting used to our newest COVID 19 restrictions here in Cosmos and the rest of the state.

The bars and restaurants are back to no eating, no drinking and no socializing, just take out sales. Places of worship continue with mask wearing, reduced numbers of people and social distancing. No singing either, it sprays the virus around, even with a mask. Sigh.

You can still go grocery shopping, no changes there. You won't have to live off of those old cans of peas and tuna in the back of the cupboard, thank goodness. As far as I know, you can still get haircuts, so that will save on dog license costs, for sure.

I'm a little surprised that we can still go shopping to the local malls or the big box stores, as long as you wear a mask. Just what the doctor ordered for all of the Black Friday hoopla and the next four weeks of the biggest shopping days of the year. Apparently the virus doesn't live or survive well in those crowded super-sale store environments. Cool.

We've already been through the COVID Thanksgiving Holiday. As per state mandate, most stayed home in their personal family groups. I didn't get close to gramma and make her sick either. We did shove some food in the door and hit the road immediately though.

The holiday was enjoyed by most it seemed, just not in the usual way. There's still left over dressing. Some things don't change.

More than likely, these restrictions will be with us through Christmas. We can shop at the mall to our heart's content, with or without friends and family. We just can't celebrate the Christmas holiday with friends and family.

Hmmm…Maybe we should grab everybody, all the presents, all the food and a pastor or two and go to the mall. Have the whole shebang right there, without super-spreader guilt. Naaaa, probably ain't happening.

Figuring we are going to be restricted again, I plan on following the example of the Who's in Whoville, when the old Grinch stole all of their possessions, belongings and gifts.

Christmas still comes of course and they sing and celebrate. I'm going to celebrate by pulling my mask down and singing "Jingle Bells" good and loud. A mandate isn't going to stop me or my singing. Christmas will still come and I will celebrate what it represents, even if the familiar things are taken away.

"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!" *Dr. Seuss*

CHEF IT UP!

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

Don't forget to teach a kid how to cook.



Seasonal Ramblings…

By Mark Minnick



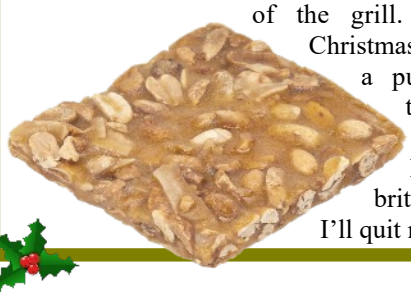
I was scootering down the grocery aisle in early November, doing my normal grocery shopping. The thought of Thanksgiving popped into my head and rolled around for a little bit. A can of cranberry sauce materialized next, so I grabbed a can to take home.

Two days later, I enjoyed of meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy plus some baked squash, with plenty of brown sugar and butter. To top it off, I opened that can of cranberries, ladling a couple of spoonfuls onto my plate. Oh man, did those berries complement the meal. I gotta do this more often I thought, not just on Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Why do we only eat certain things at certain times of the year. I can understand our ancestors with the lack of refrigeration limiting things or things just not being available. But what's the excuse now days? Fresh or frozen meats and produce are available in our local stores basically whenever we want to consume them. I've talked about the turkey conundrum in a past issue, as we consume the bulk of the turkey meat around the Thanksgiving holiday. Why just then, when it's available year 'round?

Anyway, what would be wrong with a big bowl of potato salad for Christmas? With hotdogs and hamburgers. Grilled pork chops or steaks? With modern grills, it's easy to do, even if it's cold out. Obviously you can do all of these in the oven too. A pot roast…oh, man. It seems that we are such creatures of habit that we almost refuse to try something different or novel. That evil "change" word. Or if you're like me, you just plain forget to enjoy things out of season.

Next summer, I gotta remember to open a can of cranberries to go with the steak and baked potato fresh off of the grill. Could make some Christmas cookies too, or bake a pumpkin pie. Grill a turkey in June, mmmm, there we go. How about peanut brittle for the 4th of July. I'll quit now….



"In the old days, it was not called the Holiday Season; the Christians called it 'Christmas' and went to church; the Jews called it 'Hanukkah' and went to synagogue; the atheists went to parties and drank. People passing each other on the street would say 'Merry Christmas!' or 'Happy Hanukkah!' or (to the atheists) 'Look out for the wall!'" *Dave Barry*



I forgot to get Rick's column in the November issue. Here it is, better late than never. *The Editor*

TIDBITS



By Rick Nordin

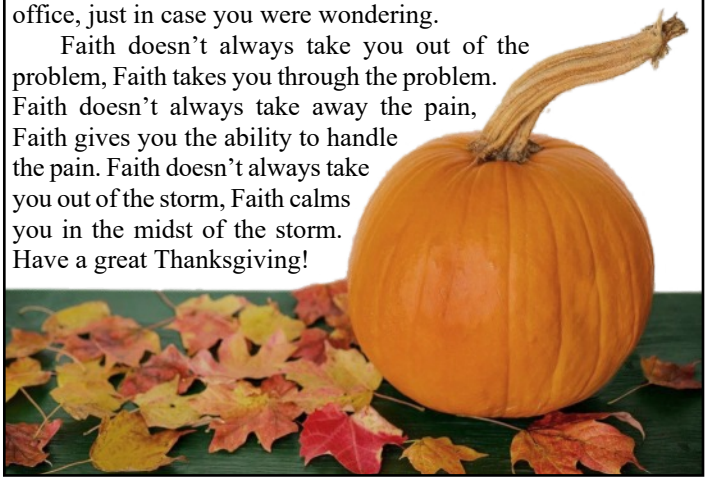
Greetings! Hope this finds you well. Congratulations Minnesota! We observed another October weather record shattered with 6-9" of snow fall October 20th, 2020.

My business in on main street of Lake Lillian and the Main street of Lake Lillian is amid construction of new water lines, sewer, sidewalks and a new main street. Rain is one thing in this type of project, but lots of snow and low temperatures until almost November 1st has this project slowed wayyyyy down. Ugh!

The "completion" of the general election on 11/3 will be a welcomed event. Forgive me but I am going to stand on my soap box a little bit. I am not a fan of most of today's political ads. I keep hoping (that in my lifetime), a presidential, senate, house, or state candidate would not spend their campaign money on demonizing the opponent but would "only" inform the public why they are running and what their actual agenda is going to be. Maybe it is because they do not know what their agenda is going to be.

On a serious note, I respect anyone who takes the time and energy to serve the public in any capacity. This includes all positions of public service in city, county, township, and state. In most cases it is a thankless job as someone always seems to be upset because their personal agenda is not being met. So, if you have served or are actively serving in this capacity, **thank you** for your service. And no, I will not be running for public office, just in case you were wondering.

Faith doesn't always take you out of the problem, Faith takes you through the problem. Faith doesn't always take away the pain, Faith gives you the ability to handle the pain. Faith doesn't always take you out of the storm, Faith calms you in the midst of the storm. Have a great Thanksgiving!



"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone." *Charles M. Schulz*



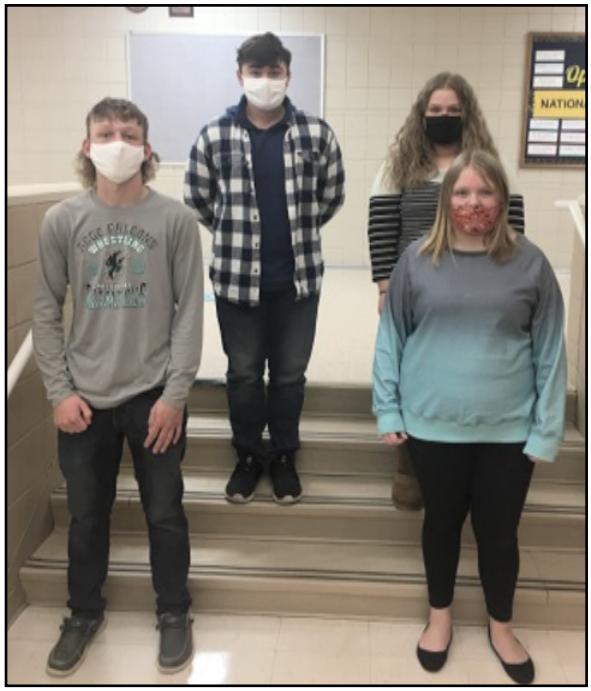
From the members of the....

The Cosmos Lions

"We Serve"

We appreciate the support we always get from the community and look forward to serving the area again this coming year. Remember, we are always looking for new gals or guys to become members & join us. Feel free to talk to any Lions member or email; **cosmoslions@mac.com**

ACGC Students of the Month
-October-



Courtesy of Sarah Reznechek
ACGC School Social Worker

Students pictured from left to right,
Front Row: Mason Studemann, Elizabeth Thyen
Back Row: Takoda Mucciacciaro, Macy Saue



Courtesy of Sarah Reznechek
ACGC School Social Worker

Students pictured from left to right,
Front Row: Allie Simon, Ciara Siegfried, Davian Mucciacciaro, Nadia Behrends
Middle Row: Seth Carlson, Michelle Hebrink
Back Row: Braxton Kragenbring, Nellie Laidlaw, Raenah Kaisner
Not Pictured: Jaciel Cardenas, Erin Roemeling, Caleb Ruter

Winter Solstice



By Mark Minnick

The Winter Solstice for us folks in the northern hemisphere is Monday, December 21st. This will be our shortest day of the year and the first day of winter. The sun will be at it's lowest noon position in the sky for the whole year.

New this year I believe, you can watch the solstice sunrise live from Stonehenge, on YouTube. I may have to check that one out. If you wish to take a look, go to youtube.com and type in 'winter solstice 2020 stonehenge' on Dec. 21st , at 1:25 AM (or a little earlier) our time. Have fun channeling those druids.

"One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly." *Andy Rooney*

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
November 9, 2020

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Martin at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Tom McCarthy, Angelica Hopp, Emily Van Hatten and Jody Fruetel.
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville and David Medina
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hopp to adopt the Agenda. Motion carried
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by McCarthy, seconded by Van Hatton, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. October 8, 2020 City Council Minutes
b. Overtime Balances
c. MMS Report
d. Meeker County Sheriff – Oct 2020 Report
e. Liquor License – Mug Shots
f. Oct 2020 Bank Reconciliation

November 9, 2020 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by McCarthy, to approve the November 9, 2020 Bills list with check numbers from 14558-14611 for $157,229.87. Motion carried**.**
Public Hearing Utility Assessments 2020 Pay 2021 – A motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hopp, to recess the city council meeting and open the Utility Assessment Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried.
There were no residence or property owners in attendance and no written comments were received for the 2020 Pay 2021 Utility Assessment Hearing.
A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to close the public hearing and reconvene the city council meeting at 5:35 p.m.. Motion carried.
Resolution 20_007 2020 Pay 2021 Utility Assessments – A motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hopp, approve Resolution **20_007** Certifying the 2020 Pay 2021 Utility Assessments. Motion carried.
Canvas 2020 Election– A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to approve the election totals for the City of Cosmos municipal election as follows: With 231 voters, the final results were.

Mayor
Tom McCarthy 186
Write In's 23
City Councilmember 4-year term (Vote for Two)
Jody Fruetel 170
Angelica Hopp 151
Write In's 25
City Councilmember 2-year term (Vote for One)
Emily Van Hatten 180
Write In's 17
Motion carried.

Public Works – Dave Medina, public works supervisor, reported that well #4 was up and running again. New street signs have come in and will be put up as time allows.
The ballfield fence has been installed. A few spring items will need to be taken care by city/volunteers but the Council was pleased with the installation. A special thank you to the following businesses and organizations that donated to the new ballfield fence; Cosmos Lions, Community Club, Falcon Industries, Home State Bank and Cosmos Industries.
Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Thursday, December 10th, 2020. The agenda will be posted in the city office window, post office and bank vestibule by Tuesday afternoon. Any change in meeting dates or times will be displayed on the digital sign.
Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. Motion carried.

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* No parking of vehicles or trailers on city streets, highways, alleys and all public parking lots until snow maintenance has been completed.
* No placement of snow from private property shall be put on city streets, alleys or sidewalks.
* Vehicles will be ticketed and/or towed during snow clearing operations. Owner will not be able to retrieve vehicles until towing fees are paid.
* As the City plows the streets this year, your cooperation in keeping them clear of vehicles, trailers, etc., will be a tremendous help in getting the whole community cleared of snow in a timely manner.
* City staff WILL NOT have time to contact owners to have their vehicles moved. The plow will go around your vehicle and the Sheriff's office will be called for ticketing and towing.

First State Agency

We Wish Everyone
a Merry Christmas
and a prosperous New Year!
Thank you!
Rick - Jake - Taryn

Office will be closed December 24th, 25th, 28th

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The Galactic Gazette

"All of the news you really need. Probably more."

"Jingle Bells, Batman smells,
Robin layed an egg,
Batmobile lost a wheel
and Joker got away...."



"We gotta mention this holiday song, it's Eunice's favorite from 4th Grade."

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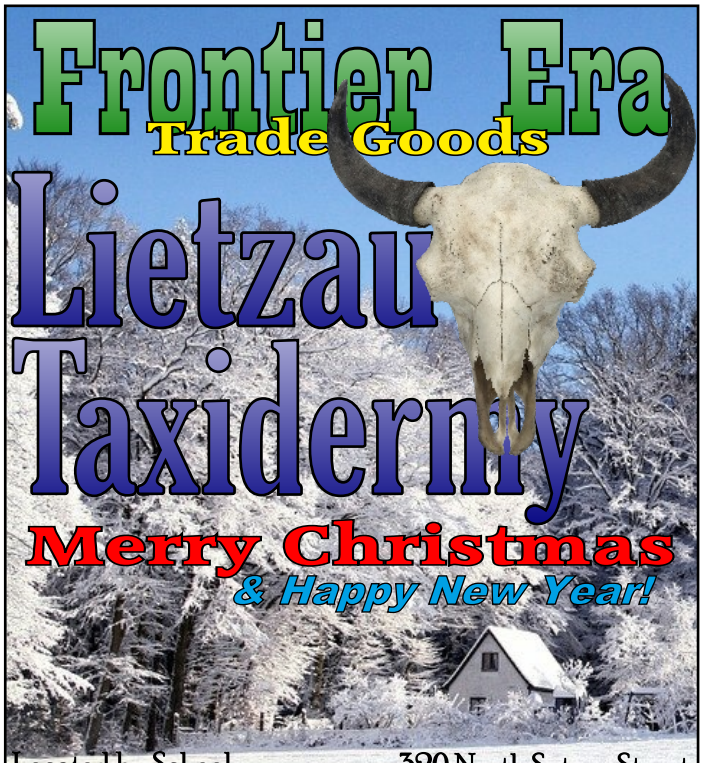

Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year!

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Thoughts from the Windowsill of Life



Samantha & her holiday feast.

TIME WARP Whozit?



It's December 1966, and this little girl is dropping off a letter at the Cosmos Post Office, addressed to the big guy at the North Pole. I wonder what she asked for in 1966? A Barbie doll? A bike? A pony? Stock in 3M? More importantly, Whozit?







"Money's scarce, Times are hard, Here's your flippin' Xmas card" *Phyllis Diller*



FOOTBALL TEAM Above is the 1966 Cosmos Royals football squad as photographed by Brinkman Studio, Hutchinson. Left to right are, front row: Larry Ulrich, Phil Nelson, Leyton Johnson, Craig Johnson, Brad Olsen, Greg Pearce, Mike Lundstrom, Steve Menton, Brad Thomas, Craig Thomas, Jon Bryant, Doug Mortenson and Tom Benson. Back row: Assistant Coach Don Bluhm, Keith Kutzke, Ron Mortenson, Bruce Hoff, Gale Remmel, Lorallen Schmeling, Ron Bjur, Tom Olson, Don Fett, Mark Reinke, Mark Pearson, Dale Thomas, John Frederiksen and Coach Jim Schoener.

Football! Football! Football!
KewPies! KewPies! KewPies!

This month's Whozit gave the readers a lot of people to try and identify. (Good gosh, there's a whole football team! 27 of 'em including student managers and coaches)

We had one very sharp reader who identified ALL of the players and coaches; a member of said team, **Doug Mortenson**, front row, far left, #72.

We'd go broke awarding 27 KewPies, so we hope he'll be a good sport and accept just one for his effort. We've always said that reading the Gazette will make you smart. See….?



Hey….wait a minute!



"What kind of Christmas present would Jesus ask Santa for?" *Salman Rushdie*

CHEF IT UP!

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



Monster Cookies

By Grace Kamrath

Blessings and greetings to all the readers. The first time I made these cookies was for the auction of mother and dad Kamrath's farm equipment in 1979. We had a lunch bar set up in the garage at the farm and our daughters Gail and Gwen helped with preparation and sales. As I recall, mother K. had made barbeque sandwiches, pickles and chips also.

This is a big recipe, but just think you could have cookies in the freezer for a long time or just cut the recipe down in half or even down to a quarter.

MONSTER COOKIES



- 1 # butter
- 2 # brown sugar
- 3 # chunky peanut butter
- 4 c. white sugar
- 1 T. corn syrup
- 1 T. vanilla
- 12 eggs (beaten slightly)
- 8 t. baking soda
- 18 c. oatmeal
- 1 # chocolate chips
- 1 # m and m's

Cream butter, peanuts butter, sugars, vanilla and soda. Add beaten eggs and the rest of the ingredients. You can make these cookies as large as six to a pan or if you prefer smaller cookies, 12 to a pan. Bake at 350 oven and wait until they cool a bit before you bite into one.

**A Communist named Rudolph said, "It looks like a storm is coming." His wife asked him, "How would you know?" "Because, Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear."*



By Local Chicken, *(Who wishes to remain anonymous)*

With all of the extra virus precautions, Santa's afraid he's gonna get behind and not get toys to all of the kids. The Old hen stepped up and said she could help out the jolly old guy this year. With her new rocketship, she could help deliver toys really, really fast. Fast enough to scare Einstein. So, she's been at the North Pole loading toys into the ship, getting ready for the big night.

She wanted to have her alien buddy help too. But he reminded her that COVID gives the aliens monstrous flatulence. That wouldn't be good on the bridge of the ship she thought. She'll drop him off on Neptune before heading out on the big night.

So if you hear the roar of a rocket engine and the smell of burning shingles on Christmas Eve, never fear. It's probably the Old Hen, dropping off presents for the brats next door. Or it's alien flatulence if they didn't get him dropped off before Christmas Eve. Merry Christmas anyway.

"Its easier to feel a little more spiritual with a couple of bucks in your pocket." *Craig Ferguson*

TIDBITS



Greetings! As I write this, we have received news from the MN governor we should stay home for Thanksgiving and stay away from extended family and friends. In a year such as this, we are longing for such time together, so this news is unwelcomed.

We are entering the last month of a year that cannot end soon enough. COVID-19, riots, and radical politics have been at the forefront of the news cycles since the end of February. What a roller coaster ride! Yet, the resiliency of people never ceases to amaze me.

I applaud the health care workers on the front lines; I applaud the teachers who are doing their best to educate; I applaud the police who do not receive the honor and respect they deserve; I applaud all those working feverishly to create a COVID-19 vaccine which will be available to the world's population; I applaud the small businesses who are doing whatever they can to stay afloat. I applaud the parents who are juggling jobs to facilitate at home learning.

My heart goes out to those who have loved ones in the hospital, retirement facility or nursing home and cannot be by their side and then hear the news in a telephone call their loved one has passed. This is really hard stuff!

Yet each day, amazing people have decided (one more day) they are going to make a positive difference in this world. The recent announcement of a Covid-19 vaccine which is 95% effective is going to happen in the new year as a result of extraordinarily committed people working tirelessly.

Amidst the chaos, let us try to look for the wonderful events of life that are happening around us every day, give thanks and look forward to a new year, full of promise. And unto us a Child is born! Have a blessed Christmas season.





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School Kids' Version of "Jingle Bells"-Visualized



"He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree." *Roy L. Smith*

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

Welding Helmets for All

Commentary and pic by LeAnn Melberg

Bobcat of Litchfield, Minnesota recently donated 5 welding helmets valued at $1700.00 to ACGC. This generous donation ensures that all the ACGC welding students will have their own welding helmet and not have to share, which is especially important during this time of Covid 19. ACGC's welding classes have been growing as more and more kids are interested in it.

The largest welding class right now has 15 students, the maximum a class can have right now during Hybrid Learning. Bobcat representatives shared with welding students job opportunities their company has in their new $26 million expansion at it's Litchfield facility.

Bobcat is the 3rd local company (UniHydro and Falcon Industries) to give a sizable donation to help build the future by giving in the present.



From left to right: **Kristie Haefner, Bobcat Human Resources Manager, Noah Renne, Camden Stein, Darrin Williamson, Matt Paulson, Conner Peterson, Austin McClain, Ben Sovacool, Industrial Technology Teacher and Keith McNeil, Bobcat Welder.**

Football Quick Take



#69 Senior Wilson Gratz

Commentary and pics by LeAnn Melberg

The ACGC Football team might not have had a winning season but they did produce some great plays.

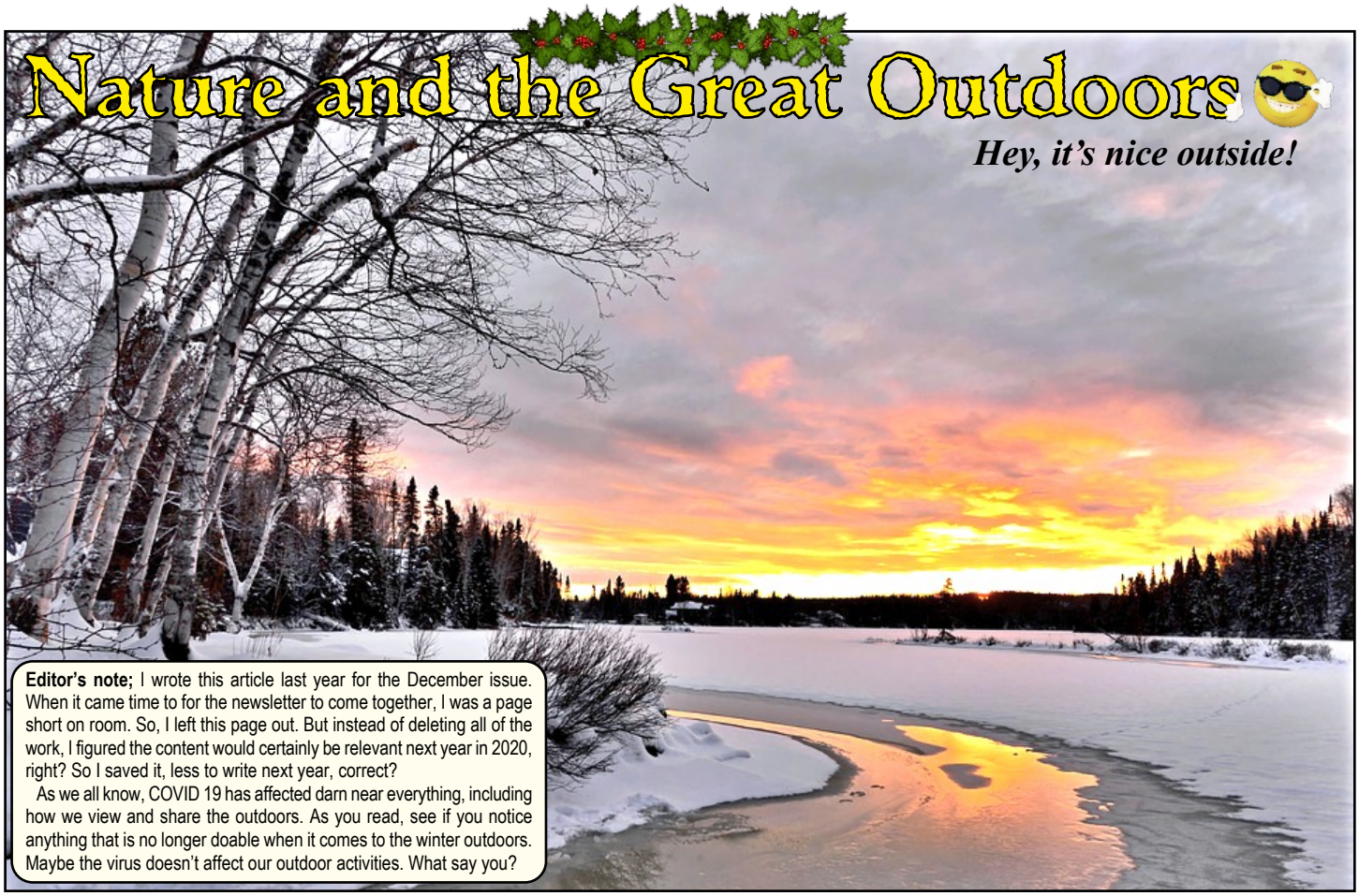
What fans don't see when watching the games via YouTube is the friendship and the positive attitudes these kids have. With not a lot of time to prepare for their 1st game the Falcons came out with only 2 wins but had some very exciting games.

Injuries and turnovers really hurt the Falcons this year, but there's always next year!

Lineman Alec Kokenge and running back Landon Blom will both be seniors next year and are sure to give fans something to look forward to.



#67 Junior Alec Kokenge will be a lineman to keep an eye on next year.



Editor's note; I wrote this article last year for the December issue. When it came time to for the newsletter to come together, I was a page short on room. So, I left this page out. But instead of deleting all of the work, I figured the content would certainly be relevant next year in 2020, right? So I saved it, less to write next year, correct?

As we all know, COVID 19 has affected darn near everything, including how we view and share the outdoors. As you read, see if you notice anything that is no longer doable when it comes to the winter outdoors. Maybe the virus doesn't affect our outdoor activities. What say you?

Waiting, Waiting, Waiting

By Mark Minnick

It's that time of year. The days have become short and the nights are cold and long. The summer and fall activities are winding down or done and yet, it's kind of too early to start the normal winter fun.

If you're a die-hard hunter that can take the cold, you can go after deer with the bow or a smoke pole. Pheasant hunting goes till the end of December too along with Canada geese, but the easier and warmer days are no more. Ducks are done.

You can get after some squirrels or cottontails if you wish which can be fun. I know of very few in the area that do it anymore though.

The ice is a little iffy so far, so the ice fishing fans have to wait a little bit. Most guys put their boats away unless they river fish on open sections as many do over the winter.

There's not enough snow to ride that sled yet, and a person needs more than a couple of inches so worthwhile grooming can take place. So they sit and wait or load 'em up and trailer west to the mountains.

It's just in-between seasons, kind of. Some outdoors folks are hoping for unseasonably warm weather to continue 'cause they are just not a big fan of cold weather. Sometimes we get warm winters like that, with quite a few examples of that warmth in the last decade. Ice fishing outside the shack on nice days with no more than a foot of ice all season.

The other guy wants it to get colder so the lakes freeze up with lots of good, thick ice. Then the winter fishing season can commence safely, being able to drive most anywhere on your favorite lake.

I guess the people feeding birds aren't affected too much, as they fill their feeders whether it's warm or cold out. The birds still hang out, show off and eat the provided seed and suet.

There are the things that make it easier for outdoors folks to enjoy the outdoors, cold or not. The modern clothing that we have today is second to none. It keeps you warm and dry. There is no excuse anymore for a person in good health to not go outside because of the cold temps.

The modern snowmobiles are warm, comfy and pretty trouble free. Riders are able to enjoy a day of riding without wearing themselves out.

The advances in ice fishing are quite nice too. Underwater cameras, advanced portable sonar and GPS systems that are easy to use and quite affordable. Then there are the insulated portable shacks, easy to set up and use, while keeping you warm as toast. There's big permanent shacks with wheels that you tow with the pickup, some as luxurious as a 5 star hotel. Finally there's the ice specific rods, reels and lures all designed for ice fishing. No more two dollar jiggle sticks and sitting on a five gallon bucket. The fish don't stand a chance.

December it seems is a month of waiting. We wait for Christmas, with all of the family, food, presents and reflection on a year of good things that have happened. We wait for snow to ride on, ice to fish on and a good crappie bite when we get the house set up. We wait for the Vikings to finally…well, you know. (sigh)

Some can't stand our weather and can't wait to head out to Texas, Florida or Arizona-someplace warm. And that's OK, if that's what they like to do.

We live in a pretty cool place, where we get to do what we want to do. Even if we have to wait sometimes.

Do they sell crappie minnows in Arizona?

"The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live." *George Carlin*

"Turn That Crap Down!"



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

The Last DJ 41 Miles to Roscoe

Is just about from

This is a story...or maybe better described as a wandering tale, about rock music. It all started with a text message I sent to a local radio DJ, about what kind of music the station does or doesn't play. From there, it kind of morphed into larger "Odyssey" if you will. One that would, arguably of course, make Homer jealous. I pondered whether the story would be better suited for "The Cosmic Tavern and Lounge" column, as it covers a lot of weird territory. As the story is about rock music I decided that the "Turn That Crap Down!" music column would be more appropriate. Believe it or not, Christmas figures in too. I broke this "Odyssey" into four parts, so you know when to take a break with a beer & snack. I recommend a cold Hamm's and a bowl of spicy pork rinds. Or always good smoked meats. ***Warning;*** *If you hate rock music, my sympathies. Remember, don't even tap your foot, it could lead to fun things. Be careful reading & proceed at your own risk.*

Part 1: The Radio Station & The Music Library Remodel

By Mark Minnick

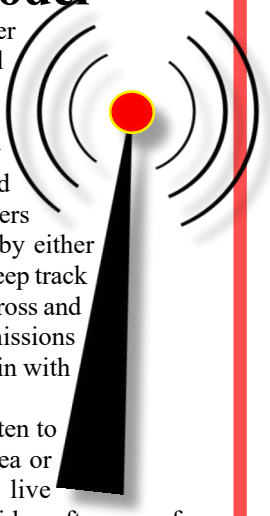
I have not written anything in music column for a while. Been too busy, I guess. (Excuses, excuses.) Even without writing, I still listen to music, new and old, regularly. I do a lot by streaming on the internets (thanks Al Gore, I owe you one). But I also use that good ole' detector of specific frequencies of the electromagnetic spectrum, an FM radio.

Alas, I feel fewer and fewer folks listen to music on the radio anymore. If you do listen, specific genres seem to be forced upon the listener by large corporate entities, playing the same popular tunes over and over and over. If something new does come along, it is because they deem it worthy for you to hear and is probably from an established artist. Corporations and their computer logarithms choose what you hear instead of a disc jockey. That same selected music list gets played over and over, day after day. Even good tunes overplayed all the time get boring to the point of disliking the tune. The days of Wolfman Jack "Rating your record high" are looong gone. Tom Petty's tune, "The last DJ" pretty much says it all.



John Jennings, front and Rob Ryan, back
Photo courtesy John Jennings

But all is not lost, as us lucky listeners here in west central Minnesota have an FM station that bucks the corporate trends. Independent and locally owned, they "Play what they want to play". In my humble opinion, that station, "94.1 The Loon" out of Willmar Minnesota, has the most diverse and varied rock play list of any radio station in Minnesota since it's inception. I've always enjoyed having them on when I am in a radio mood, be it truck, boat or at home. I don't like every single tune, (no one can) but they play a mix of rock music I can listen to and enjoy.



This summer, they took it a step further with the Loon Music Library Remodel project. Station co-owner John Jennings spearheaded a plan to get some fresh, new rock music in their library, along with any older tunes that may have been overlooked or just, plain missed over the years. Listeners are encouraged to submit songs they like, by either text or email. Plus, John and DJ Rob Ryan keep track of worthy tunes they themselves have run across and liked. The duo also screen the musical submissions from the listeners to make sure the tunes fit in with the station's rock music style.

Then they proceed to compile a list of ten to twelve songs for the listeners to vote on, yea or nay, to be added to the Library. This live production is done roughly every other Friday afternoon, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. As of this writing in late November, the show is popular and is still running.

I'm not aware of any radio station that gives the listener a true voice in what gets played on the radio. Pretty cool, me thinks. If Tom Petty were still around, I think he'd smile. The show is great fun for me as some of my submissions have been voted in, plus I have been exposed to excellent artists that I knew nothing about before. I'm smiling too.

On Friday the 13th of November, the Remodel Show started as per usual at 2:00 PM. I settled in to listen to the new tunage and quickly text my votes into the station, with a comment or two piggy-backed into the text when appropriate. There was some nice stuff being played this Friday as I only had one thumbs down vote after eight tunes.

Number nine came along, and it didn't take but fifteen seconds for me to think "Thumbs up". The tune was "41 Miles to Roscoe" by The Midnight Callers, out of New York City. Before the tune was even over, I texted, "Nice. Old Saturday nite bar band feel." with a thumbs up icon. Then it dawned on me that we have our own town of "Roscoe" right up the road. Quickly texting back, I mentioned "Just think, if you are in Willmar, it is about 41 miles to Roscoe! Really!" When the tune was done, John mentioned on-air that, "A listener (me) mentioned the Willmar to Roscoe mileage connection, and I checked it out on the Internet-it's 37 miles!" and chuckled. He also commended me in a return text for the observation. It made for a fun afternoon with good music and a few laughs with another successful show.

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Part 2: The Band & The Album



L-R: Chris Paine (vocals/rhythm guitar), Martin Stubbs (vocals/lead guitar), Julien Budrino (vocals/drums) and Marley Myrianthopoulos (vocals/bass). *Image courtesy themidnightcallers.com*

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Early Saturday morning has me plopped in front of the computer screen with a hot coffee, looking over morning news stories. It finally popped into my head to check out the whole new album put out by The Midnight Callers. Pulling up the album on YouTube, I threw on the headphones and proceeded to listen to all eleven tracks while I searched for any information on this new band that I could find.

They have a website, so I went there first. Based out of New York City, the group consists of four members: Martin Stubbs (vocals/lead guitar), Chris Paine (vocals/rhythm guitar), Marley Myrianthopoulos (vocals/bass) and Julien Budrino (vocals/drums). From the first track to the last, this band's sound reminds me of the type of act you would go to see on a Saturday night with your best girl. Or maybe with a bunch of guys looking to see some girls-Humma humma. As I listened to the album, I imagined what it would be like to be a young buck again, going to a small bar to see and hear The Midnight Callers play.

I envision one of those small joints lit by a neon sign outside, few lights inside and lucky to hold 75-100 people. (The name of the album is "Red Letter Glow" - Coincidence? I think not.) It has a stage that's too small, a big, long mahogany bar and they don't serve umbrella drinks. The friendly bartender pours cold, fresh beer and the music is almost too loud. Almost. Everyone is enjoying the evening, dancin', jiven' & jammin' out to these guys. Folks aren't used to a band this good in a venue this small and out of the way. A real treat to see and hear.

Back to the real world. I am in no way a professional music critic but, I really like these guys. They make this old, fat white dude want to get up in front of my streaming speakers and boogie. (My apologies for that visual.) The Midnight Callers simply play good old rock n' roll. Masterful guitar work, solid drumming and great vocal harmonies. Last but not least, you've got wonderful riffs with some distortion thrown in for good measure.

Close your eyes and you could be in the 50's, 60's or 70's with some of the great rockers from the past. Call it a vintage rock sound with a firm, modern edge…old school with clarity. I sense shades of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Randy Bachman and some Lennon & McCartney…to name a few.

Including "41 Miles to Roscoe", nine out of eleven of the tracks are full-out, in your face rock n' roll. "41 Miles…, Down on Luck, I Need You and River Rise" are my favs. "Return the Favor" and "Do We Need It" - both good tracks btw, are the two of the more 'laid back' offerings. This is one of those albums where I can honestly say "I don't hear a stinker in the bunch". They are fun to listen to and make me smile.

After listening to the album a couple more times over the weekend I emailed the bands publicist on Tuesday the 17th. I let them know that I liked their music, how I discovered it and the "Roscoe" coincidence. I realized that I had the makings of a good story for the Gazette, so I mentioned that too. After hitting send, I felt a little sheepish, thinking that they probably do not get goofy emails quite like this one every day. Oh well, I fish bass, wear Crocs, drink Hamm's and I'm fat. I'm used to people giving me funny looks.

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RED LETTER GLOW



Track List

1. 41 Miles to Roscoe
2. Down on Luck
3. Return the Favor
4. I Need You
5. River Rise
6. State of Me
7. Hipster Girl
8. The Lights are On
9. Not Tonight
10. Do We Need It
11. Use Me

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Part 3: Roscoe, New York & Roscoe, Minnesota



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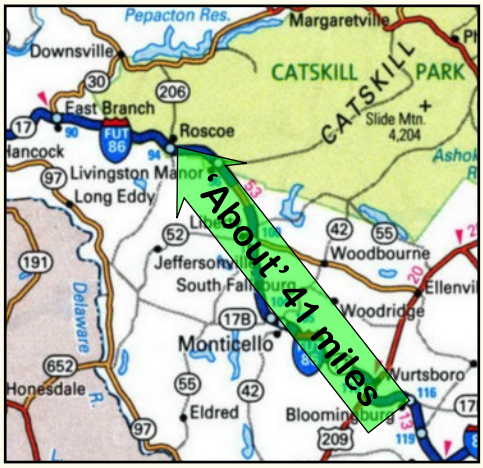


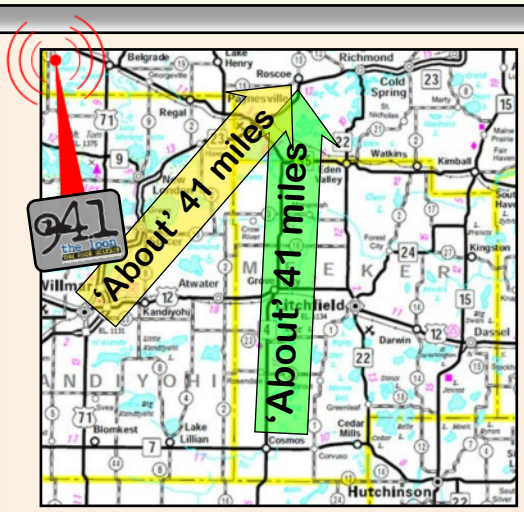
Road map courtesy us-atlas.com

Roscoe, New York

is a small hamlet of five hundred and some people, on the edge of the Catskills in upstate New York. It is about 125 miles northwest of New York City. Mainly known as a quaint and cozy tourist destination with world class trout streams, it looks like an idyllic place to hang out. A craft brewery, The Roscoe Beer Company, also calls this place home. According to the band's Facebook page, they visited the brewery in the end of October.



Photo courtesy destinationsmalltown.com



Road map courtesy Mn. Dept. Of Transportation

Roscoe, Minnesota

is also a small hamlet, surrounded by corn and soybean fields, in south central Minnesota. It is about 90 miles northwest of Minneapolis. With a little over three hundred people, the town has a couple of bars, an auto repair garage and a farmer's elevator. There are no trout streams or craft breweries, but there is a town baseball field. Regardless of what you think, I still say idyllic.

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It wasn't but a few hours and the publicist responded with a quick, "Thanks for your enthusiastic support. Refreshing letter! Please send your article once it is published. We will enjoy that." She also asked if there was anything she could do on her end. I replied that I'm not big on free stuff, but an autographed pic of the band would "Make this old coot's day". She replied that she will see what she can do. Having been my first time corresponding with any bigtime band, I was pumped! She didn't seem to think I was goofy either, and that's always a plus.

Part 4: Final Words

As far as the "41 miles from" part, I'm not sure where or how the band thought up this line. Maybe they were on New York State Highway 86, heading north through Bloomingburg and it dawned on the song writer, "Hey, it's 41 miles to Roscoe". I doubt it but, it's all I can come up with without asking them. Usually, there is a romantic interest involved when naming songs, so I figure somebody misses somebody. Regardless, the title makes me smile.

I and the Loon DJ's, John and Rob, can chuckle every time we hear the tune, knowing, "Yea, it is *about* 41 miles to Roscoe". I'll try not to dance around and boogie embarrassingly, but those guys are on their own.

So, there you have it. A story of music, it's fans and a new rock n' roll band that plays some pretty darned good stuff, The Midnight Callers. The album would make a great Christmas gift for the rocker in your life. Hint, hint. So, go buy one or two and help the band out. 94.1 "The Loon" plays it too, as the tune is now in their music library, so give them a listen. Keep rockin' kids, and Merry Christmas!

One last point to ponder: *This tale isn't nearly as interesting if 94.1 "The Loon" was located in Sioux Falls…Just sayin'.*

Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!



Rural Cosmos resident Lindsay Minnick shows us a nice whitetail buck she harvested on the opening day (Nov. 7) of Minnesota's Firearms Deer Season. The prime specimen was rousted out of a remote area of the exotic hinterlands of southwestern Meeker county. *Photo courtesy Colton Minnick*

Outdoor Observations

Photos and commentary by Mark Minnick

"It's amazing what you see if you just pay attention."

Proof Stumpy Exists!



Scurrying around the yard, the always elusive and wary "Stumpy" is finally caught on camera. The neighborhood squirrel is famous for his half of a tail. Here he is, collecting up and stashing the last of the acorns before Thanksgiving. As you can see, just like Bigfoot, Stumpy is blurry.

What is This White Stuff?



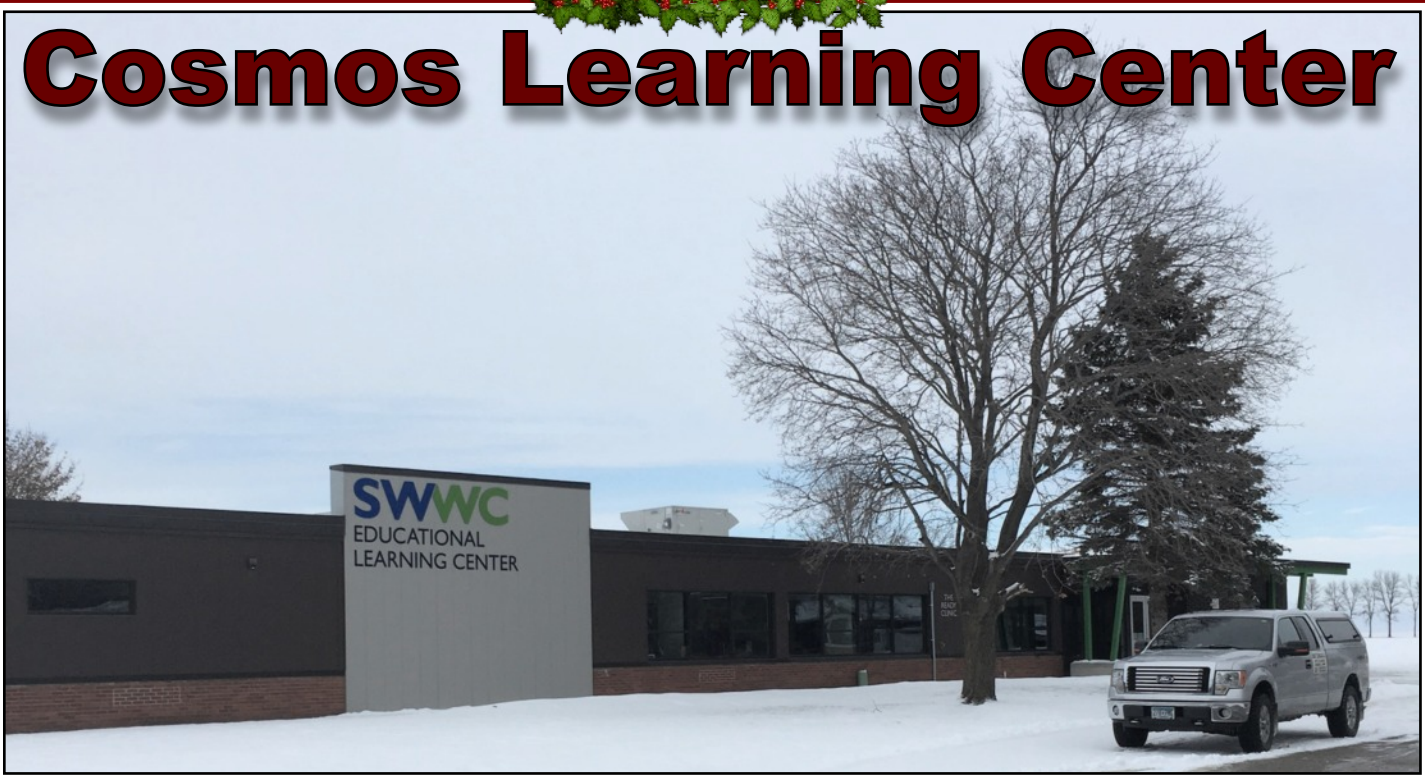
After a late October snow, an American Woodcock looks a little confused as to what it should do next. I would suggest to head south, as the worm picking is gonna get a little tough around here shortly.

Don't Call Him Woody



Finally, a Pileated Woodpecker showed up to chow on some suet. He even sat long enough for me to get a shot of him, pecking away. I always hear them year 'round but they don't come close enough to get a non-telephoto pic 'till the suet goes out in the winter.

Cosmos Learning Center





ELC-Cosmos
Back to it…sort of.

By Jason Northrup
Dean of Students, ELC-Cosmos

I think it is easy to say that 2020 has been a real kick in the pants so far. School districts all around the state and country are struggling to cope with the COVID-19 situation. Many schools tried to start out in the traditional full in person mode but quickly had to step back to hybrid and distance learning.

We started out in full distance and have been working our way up the ladder. We are happy to say that we are finally to the point where we are getting all of our students in the building twice a week. We are basically trying to hold at a 50% capacity within the school and classrooms. This has been a challenge because we continue to grow in student population. It is a bonus that many of our kids retained the skills that we had been working on with them pre-COVID and sustained those during the distance learning period. This has actually given us the pleasure to work with some districts on getting a few of our kids into a transition back into their home school.

We were very concerned about how our kids were going to be when they finally came back into the building and I must say we were pleasantly surprised at the resilience many of them showed during a very stressful, frustrating time. There are lots of restrictions that have been placed on us by the departments of education and health that are making things more difficult.

We have to keep our kids in the classrooms as much as possible and refrain from traveling around the building. This is very tough for our kids because many have sensory issues and really need to expend energy and basically be a kid. We are allowed take them outside to burn off energy but many don't have the proper attire for spending much time outside. If anyone has some gently used/new winter gear (any sizes) they would be willing to donate, we would really appreciate it.

It is frustrating that we have this beautiful new building and we can't even utilize all of it due to the situation we are all in. It is great to have our kids back in the building, even if we only get half of them at a time. We missed their smiles, laughs, tears and even the screams. We are doing our best to cope with the COVID situation that everyone is dealing with.

Our fingers are crossed that we can remain open for the year and that another round of full time distance learning is in the past. Onwards into winter we go!



**If you have any cold weather gear your willing to part with, please call the school (320-877-7074) and arrange a drop-off or we can also pick things up if need be.*

SCIENCE, TECH AND JUST PLAIN COOL STUFF



Image Credit: Sophia Dagnello, NRAO/AUI/NSF

Where Did the Money Go? Blame Black Friday?



By Mark Minnick

Is your credit card balance nearing the credit limit? Do you open your billfold and there's nothing in it but raffle ticket stubs? Maybe you can blame "Black *Hole* Friday"- a place where your money just seemed to just 'disappear' because of the massive 'gravity' associated with Christmas buying. Goodness, the deals were just soooo good!

Anyway, check out the definition of a real Black Hole from the NASA website. It's way more interesting than a Black Friday Sale on flannel pajamas was. It is…c'mon. Maybe a real black hole did get your money…?

What is a Black Hole?

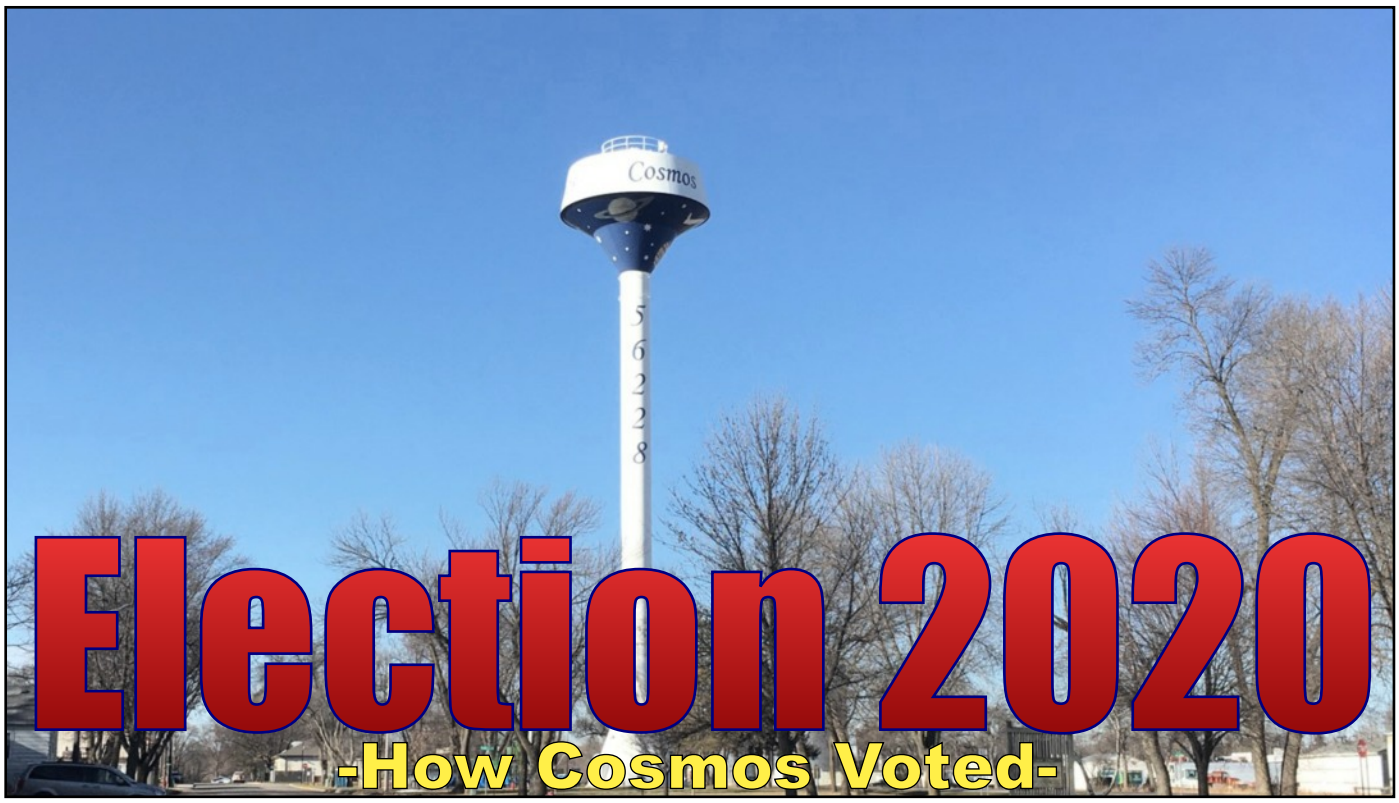
By nasa.gov

A black hole is an astronomical object with a gravitational pull so strong that nothing, not even light, can escape it. A black hole's "surface," called its event horizon, defines the boundary where the velocity needed to escape exceeds the speed of light, which is the speed limit of the cosmos. Matter and radiation fall in, but they can't get out.

Two main classes of black holes have been extensively observed. Stellar-mass black holes with three to dozens of times the Sun's mass are spread throughout our Milky Way galaxy, while supermassive monsters weighing 100,000 to billions of solar masses are found in the centers of most big galaxies, ours included.

This image is an artist's concept of a tidal disruption event that happens when a star passes fatally close to a supermassive black hole, which reacts by launching a relativistic jet.

"The Little Drummer Boy" was playing in the background for what seemed like the third time in a row. I fought off an urge to beat that Little Drummer Boy senseless with his own drumsticks." *Dana Reinhardt*



Election 2020

-How Cosmos Voted-

By Mark Minnick

Here is an edited version of how the registered voters from Cosmos cast their ballots for the major contests in the 2020 election. The information and graphs are courtesy of the Minnesota Secretary of State's website. For complete and official election information, go to www.sos.state.mn.us.

U.S. President & Vice President 4110 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported. **Party**	**Candidate**	**Totals**	**Pct**	**Graph**
Republican	Donald J. Trump and Michael R. Pence	148	64.63%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Joseph R. Biden and Kamala Harris	73	31.88%	
Independence-Alliance	Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente and Darcy Richardson	0	0.00%	
Green Party	Howie Hawkins and Angela Walker	0	0.00%	
Independent	Kanye West and Michelle Tidball	1	0.44%	
Independent	Brock Pierce and Karla Ballard	1	0.44%	
Socialism and Liberation	Gloria La Riva and Leonard Peltier	0	0.00%	
Socialist Workers Party	Alyson Kennedy and Malcolm Jarrett	0	0.00%	
Libertarian Party	Jo Jorgensen and Jeremy "Spike" Cohen	4	1.75%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	2	0.87%	



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Results

U.S. Senator 4110 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported. **Party**	**Candidate**	**Totals**	**Pct**	**Graph**
Legal Marijuana Now	Kevin O'Connor	24	10.67%	
Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis	Oliver Steinberg	5	2.22%	
Republican	Jason Lewis	123	54.67%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Tina Smith	73	32.44%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	

U.S. Representative District 7 1329 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported. **Party**	**Candidate**	**Totals**	**Pct**	**Graph**
Legal Marijuana Now	Slater Johnson	19	8.48%	
Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis	Rae Hart Anderson	5	2.23%	
Republican	Michelle Fischbach	119	53.13%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Collin C Peterson	81	36.16%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	

State Senator District 18 85 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported. **Party**	**Candidate**	**Totals**	**Pct**	**Graph**
Republican	Scott Newman	146	68.22%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Chad R. Tschimperle	67	31.31%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	1	0.47%	

State Representative District 18A 37 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported. **Party**	**Candidate**	**Totals**	**Pct**	**Graph**
Republican	Dean Urdahl	196	97.51%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	5	2.49%	

County Commissioner District 3 9 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported. **Party**	**Candidate**	**Totals**	**Pct**	**Graph**
Nonpartisan	John L. Smith	104	52.26%	
Nonpartisan	Paul M Johnson	95	47.74%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	



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Mayor (Cosmos) 1 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported. Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Thomas McCarthy	186	89.00%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	23	11.00%	

Council Member (Cosmos) (Elect 2) 1 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported. Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Jody Fruetel	170	49.13%	
Nonpartisan	Angelica Hopp	151	43.64%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	25	7.23%	

Council Member (Cosmos) 1 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported. Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Emily C Van Hatten	180	91.37%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	17	8.63%	

CITY QUESTION 1 (Cosmos) 1 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.		Totals	Pct	Graph
	YES	55	24.55%	
	NO	169	75.45%	

CITY QUESTION 1 (Cosmos)
Mosquito Abatement
Shall the City of Cosmos discontinue mosquito abatement? A majority "yes" vote would direct the City of Cosmos to no longer spray for mosquitoes.

School Board Member (ISD #2396) (Elect 3) 22 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Jeff Niedenthal	69	13.66%	
Nonpartisan	Randall Kaisner	84	16.63%	
Nonpartisan	Jeanna L. Lilleberg	88	17.43%	
Nonpartisan	Katherine Cunningham	114	22.57%	
Nonpartisan	Sarah Blom	141	27.92%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	9	1.78%	

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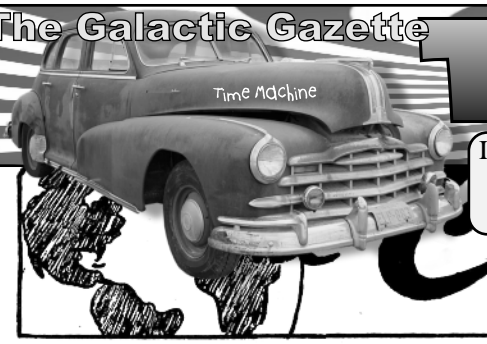

It's the end of 1966 Eunice! The "Cosmos Theme" committee was in the process of renaming the streets to conform with the new "Space Age" identity. I'm sure glad they didn't name a street "Tang" or "Teflon".

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

'66 was year of blast-off

COSMOS--The year 1966 was truly a universal year in Cosmos. This year found Cosmos blasting off into the space age.

The count-down before lift-off began Monday night when a delegation from a self-appointed "Cosmos Theme" committee appeared before the village council requesting that names of the streets in town be changed so they conform with the town's new space age identity.

The idea is to align everything in the town with the space age. A contest was run in Cosmos to get names for the main highways 7 and 4 that run into Cosmos. Winners Julie Fredin and Mrs. Charles Sharpe named Highway 7 Astro Boulevard and Highway 4 Milky Way. Other streets and roads in town were named according to universal names. July 14 the city council approved the plan of changing the names of all the streets and made plans for the purchase of street signs to go along with the idea.

This promotion gave Cosmos publicity all across the nation, as well as several notices in foreign countries.

ON AUGUST 23 Cosmos made one of its first presentations in regard to the new space age theme. Tammy Nordine, five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Nordine, was crowned Little Miss Universe as she stood on the Milky Way. The coronation was the highlight of the Cosmos Corn Festival.

* THE ANNUAL Cosmos Corn Festival was a huge success in 1966. It was a two day affair with the first day, August 23, being Krazy Day in Cosmos. Ten persons each won $5 gift certificates at the drawing. Little Miss Universe, Tammy Nordine, drew the winners. Krazy Day found outlandish costumes and cheaply priced merchandise highlighting the event. On Wednesday, the Cosmos Commercial Club served a free supper of corn, bread, butter, coffee and milk. A band entertained and Gopher State Shows highlighted the event.

* ON JULY 14 a different type of operation was found making its way through this area. This was the gas pipeline that was installed from Litchfield to Granite Falls. It passed within miles of Cosmos. Gas service plans to be attached to this line are being made.

* THE COSMOS NEWS made a big splash on the front page during October when the News announced its plans of changing from letterpress to offset press to print the paper. The News incorporated with editors of the area to establish a central printing plant in Hutchinson. The paper is still set up in Cosmos and all the world is still done in this town except the actual printing of the paper.

* THE MAY 26 News reported the graduation of 32 Cosmos High School seniors. Of this class, the co-valedictorians were Serene Bemis and Louise Stockland. Honor students of the class were Jerrel Sharpe, Faye Domonoske, Karen Lietzau and Susan Benson.

* IN OCTOBER the Cosmos High School held its annual Homecoming activities and Lordell Schmeling was named 1966 queen and Mark Rienke named 1966 king to reign for one year.

* THE HIGH SCHOOL band again was one of the top in the area as they received an A rating in the district contest held in Danube. Following this honor the Cosmos band traveled to Tracy, Minn., where it commenced to win its second straight regional-state band trophy under the direction of Mr. Don Nelson.

* THE COSMOS school sports department picked up another trophy when the local baseball team won the Cro-Hawk conference title with a perfect 6-0 record.

* THE THREE school boards of Cosmos, Lake Lillian and Blomkest considered a possible unification of the three school districts into one district. The possibilities were looked into and experts were on hand to provide information to the school boards. No union has taken place as of yet. The matter is still before the school boards.

* THE COSMOS School put into effect the Public Law 89.10 to upgrade the local school system. The summer program called for summer courses in business machines and metal work. Many new machines were purchased for the project. All funds were provided for by the Federal government.

* THE STATE Department of Education provided the appropriation of $31,166.77 to the Cosmos School system.

* THE FIRST STATE Bank of Cosmos announced assets for the previous year of nearly two million dollars--more than $109,000 ahead of the same period last year.

* MARTIN KUTZKE won the election for councilman in the annual election by defeating incumbent Walter Rienke. Other election winners were Mrs. Jack Porath as village clerk and Jack Porath as justice of the peace.

* AT A BANQUET at the Cosmos school Feb. 26 several FFA'ers received awards for their performances. Reigning at the banquet was the 1966 FFA sweetheart, Gwen Zins.

* THIS YEAR $1746.50 plus $106 for the American Cancer Society was collected by the Cosmos Community Chest to go to Community Chest proceeds.

* THE VILLAGE council converted all lights in Cosmos to mercury vapor lights to coincide with the lights on main street.

* HUNDREDS of dollars worth of prizes was given away by local stores in Cosmos for the Christmas holidays. A drawing on the creamery lawn found many fine gifts awarded to local patrons.

Many individuals earned honors in this area during 1966.

* LORDELL SCHMELING was the 1966 Cosmos School Girls' Stater to attend the convention in the State Fair grounds.

* BRUCE ADAMS was the local delegate to the annual Boys' Stater convention. He was sponsored by the American Legion.

* JAMES Flemming and Keith Ackman were awarded the State Farmer Degrees in the State FFA convention held in St.

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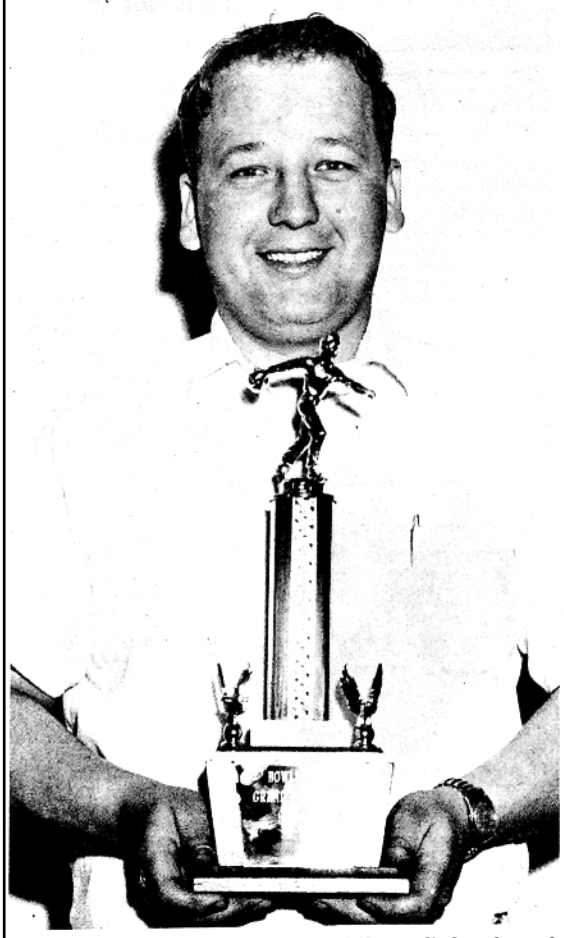

BOWLERAMA CHAMP Don DeLeeuw displays the trophy he won as grand champion on Bowlerama. --Cosmos News staff photo.



LITTLE MISS UNIVERSE Tammy Nordine, leads the parade shortly after receiving the crown. --Cosmos News staff photo.

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Take-Out and Off Sale Hrs. 11:00 AM-7:00 PM

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-Take-Out Menu-

Appetizers

Regular or Spicy Cheese Curds-7
Jalapeno Poppers-7
Mozzarella Sticks-6
Shrimp in Shotgun Sauce-9.50
Brew House Combo-12
(Onion rings, Mozzarella sticks, Shrimp, Mushrooms, Chicken strips, Cream Cheese Jalapeno Poppers & Fries)
Veggie Combo-12
(Cauliflower, Broccoli, Mushrooms, Onion rings, Mozzarella sticks, Fries & Cheddar Cheese Balls)

Fries or Tots-5
Onion Rings-6
Deep Fried Gizzards-6
Snake Bites(steak)-9

Pretzel w/Beer Cheese Dip-6
Wing Ditty's(5pc)-7
Mini Tacos(12pc)-7
Quesadilla,(Beef, Chicken or Cheese)-8

Dinners

*all come with Garlic Toast & choice of Fries or Tots.
Onion Rings, $1 more.

Fantail Shrimp-9
Wing Ditty's-9
Pork Chop (1)-9 (2)-11
Broiled Shrimp(8pc)-13

Chicken Strips-9
Chicken Alfredo(no potato)-9
Grilled Chicken Breast-9
Shrimp Alfredo(no potato)-15

Burgers

*Add Fries or Tots; $1.50 Onion Rings; $2.50

Hamburger-5.75
Cheeseburger-6.25
Bacon Cheeseburger-8
Jail Break Burger-8

California Burger-7.50
Mushroom & Swiss-7.50
Frisk-O Burger-8
Patty Wagon(melt)-7.50

German Burger(w/Sauerkraut & Swiss)-7.50

Sandwiches

*Add Fries or Tots; $1.50 Onion Rings; $2.50

Grilled Cheese-4
BLT-6
Fish-7.50
Chicken Strip Melt-7.50
Grilled Chicken-7
Prime Rib Melt-8.50
Philly Cheese Steak-10

Kids Meals

*All come with fries except Quesadilla

Mac & Cheese-5.50
Grilled Cheese-5.50
Mini Corn Dogs-6

Hamburger-5.50
Chicken Strips-6
Cheese Quesadilla-4.50

Don't forget our

Broasted Chicken To Go!

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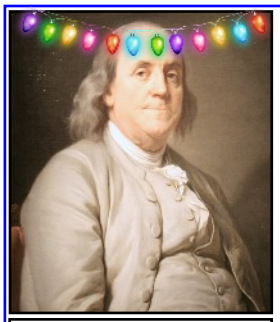


US founding father, writer, printer, editor and flyer of kites, Ben Franklin, i.e. *"Poor Richard"*.

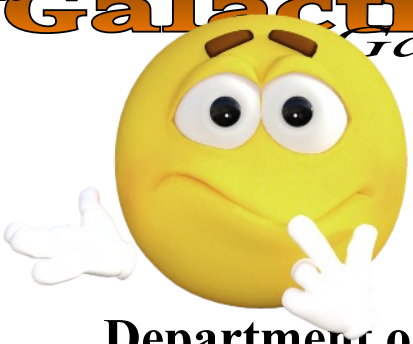
Letters to the EDITOR

The Gazette likes to emulate one of this nations original newspaper guys. So, when you say, "Go fly a kite!" We reply, "OK…is it storming yet?"

**The Gazette sent a few extra issues to Sharon Burgess when she was in recovery from her fall in Fargo. She sent us this thank you…*

Mark,
The Galaxys were a welcome sight! I missed home and Cosmos so much. Reading about home was great therapy! Thanks for everything.

Sharon

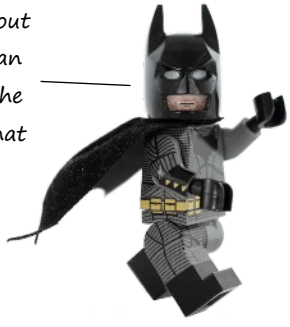


Department of D'oh!

"We screwed up!"

*Last month in the November issue, we forgot to include Rick Nordin's monthly "Tidbits" column. It is in this December issue. Apparently the editor had a senior moment. D'oh! *(Really shouldn't blame oldsters either.)* Or I just plain dozed off.

Hey! I don't want to hear about how I smell or Robin laying an egg or the wheel falling off the Batmobile. I am **Batman!** What are you, a third grader?



"How many observe Christ's birthday! How few, His precepts!" *Benjamin Franklin*

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