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Happy Valentines Day!

Weather: Far out, man. "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"

Officials Sworn In

By Mark Minnick

Cosmos' newly elected mayor Tom McCarthy and re-elected council members Emily Van Hatten, Jody Fruetel and Angelica Hopp were finally sworn in before the start of rescheduled regular council meeting on January 21st. As far as I know, all went well.

The previous week, on Thursday January 14th, meteorologists had predicted blizzard conditions by the time the 5:00 meeting was to commence. So, common sense says that the city postpone said evening meeting as to not inconvenience or endanger personnel. Makes sense, right? Right.

As Thursday the 14th unfolded, the weather outside was brooding, looking like the blizzard was going to slam us at any moment. That morning, I went to my dentist appointment in Willmar to get a crown installed, before the blizzard hit. After that, I proceeded to do some grocery shopping whilst in town. Came out of the store, no blizzard yet. Back in Cosmos, I slammed down a late lunch, then went to do some consulting with a Gazette advertiser. No blizzard yet. Needless to say, blizzard or not, I had a busy day.

Finishing up my business meeting, I jump in the truck and scoot down to the city center. It's 4:55 and I'm all parked and ready to partake in the monthly meeting. Then I look around. Hmmm, no other council member's vehicles in sight. Is a mask shortage keeping everyone home? The new mayor's motorcycle isn't there either. (Hey it was dry & nice out, roll with me here, I'm tellin' a story) Something's up, I thought. Duh.

I drove around to the east side of the building and there was another regular council meeting attendee, Kathy Jackson, trying



City Administrator/Clerk John Douville swears in mayor **Tom McCarthy**

the front door. Indicating to me that it was locked, I drove closer to her so we could talk. She said, "I don't know what's going on, it's locked." We chatted for a bit, surmising that the meeting was maybe canceled because of the expected nasty weather.

Then she piped up, "Call Tom, call Tom", meaning the newly elected mayor, Tom McCarthy. I replied that I didn't have his number and that she should call him. Replying that she left her phone at home, she started rattling off Tom's number from memory. After a few starts and stops, I got the numbers entered on my keypad and dialed.

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City Administrator/Clerk John Douville swears in council members **Emily Van Hatten, Jody Fruetel and Angelica Hopp**

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When Tom answered, I introduced myself and nicely explained the situation. He admitted that yes, because of the weather, the meeting had been postponed till next week and that he was sorry that we didn't know the situation. Both Kathy and I just laughed as we both shook it off as not being a big deal. We laughed even more when Tom stated, and I'm paraphrasing, "My first day on the job and I already screwed up." We all three agreed that at it wasn't a big deal and that we can at least laugh at it. Maybe the best part is that the blizzard didn't show up.

So, after the non-meeting, I decided to head down to recently 'restriction loosened' Mug Shots Bar & Grill for a couple of beers and a burger. I had a nice evening socializing and catching up with the other patrons in there, socially distanced properly, of course.

When I got home that evening, I checked my Gazette emails. I found one that had been forwarded to me from council member Fruetel right after noon, telling about the postponed council meeting. It made me smile and laugh, again. A belated 'Thank you' Jody. A big thank you also goes out to Curt Meyer who took the swearing in pics you are seeing.

I didn't make the rescheduled meeting on the 21st, and I don't know if Kathy showed up or not. It looks like everyone got sworn in just fine. (Pictures don't lie, right?) Alas, I had to miss the big inauguration party, with all of the loud music, calorie filled treats, adult beverages and fireworks. Darn it.

I mostly wonder if Mayor Tom has screwed up the second time yet? Naaaa, can't happen.

***Epilogue;** as an alien brain worm induced thought, when I saw the words "**Mayor Tom**" together coupled with "**Cosmos**", I thought of the classic tune "Space Oddity" by David Bowie.

I fear now that every time I see Tom, especially in his capacity as mayor, this modified tune is gonna pop into my head;



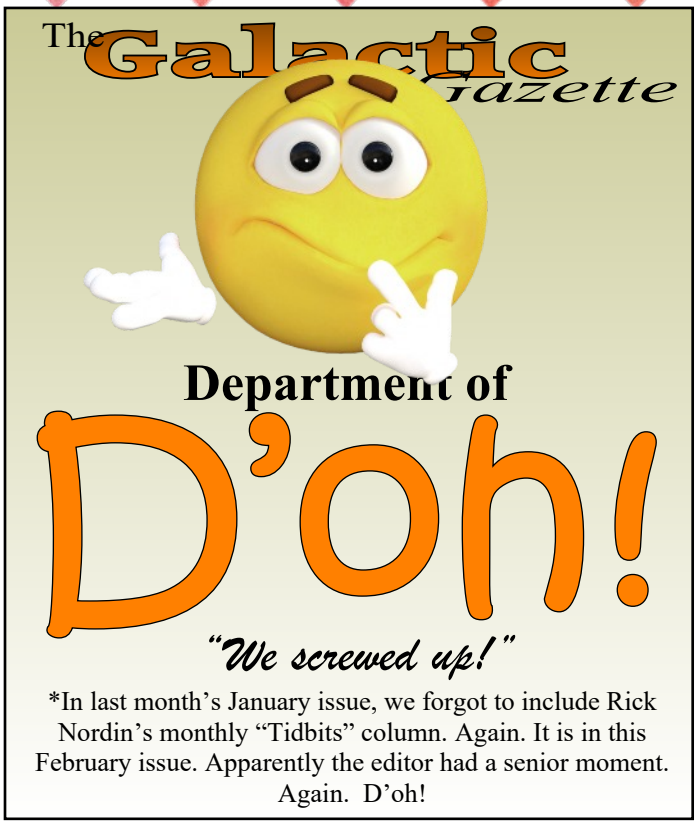
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Ground Control to Mayor Tom
Ground Control to Mayor Tom
Take your protein pills and put your helmet on
Ground Control to Mayor Tom (Ten, nine, eight, seven, six)
Commencing countdown, engines on (Five, four, three, two)
Check ignition and may God's love be with you (Two, one, liftoff)
This is Ground Control to Mayor Tom You've really made the grade
And the Gazette wants to know whose shirts you wear
Now it's time to leave the capsule if you dare…

Darned alien brain worms….



Ballpark Snowman

It looks like some local girls made themselves a snowman to go play in "Center field" like the song says. How about a pitcher next? *Left to right;* Lilly and MaKayla Henschke, Cosmos, Kelsey Ulrich, all the way from Boon Lake and Kylee Henschke, Cosmos.



*In last month's January issue, we forgot to include Rick Nordin's monthly "Tidbits" column. Again. It is in this February issue. Apparently the editor had a senior moment. Again. D'oh!

TIDBITS



Greetings and Happy New Year!

Soon 2020 will be behind us and we look forward to 2021 being a better year for all. Our thoughts go out to all those who lost loved ones in 2020. With the COVID-19 vaccine stated to be available worldwide in 2021, this brings hope our world can start to heal and move forward.

So, what have we learned from 2020? I believe most people would agree there has been an extreme "dark cloud" hanging over our nation this past year which has affected us all. By nature, we are social beings. Being alone and isolated is very tough. My prayer is for strength to rise above it all. Maybe we can start with "one".

Make a sign with the word "One"! "One" act of kindness each day: a compliment, a smile, holding a door, writing a note to a friend, making extra food and sharing, giving one more dollar to someone who is sleeping outside, one more compliment, one more hug, forgiving someone who has hurt you, asking for forgiveness for those we have hurt, one more act of kindness.

What would happen if we adopt the motto for 2021 the song lyric, "always be humble and kind"? Its remarkable what "one" act of kindness may accomplish. What could the world look like if we really do pay the kindness forward in 2021? It starts with "one".

CHEF IT UP!

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



Parmesan Chicken

By Grace Kamrath

As many of you know already, our son, Drew, passed away the end of December. So we have been doing a lot of reflecting of his 50 years with us. Lots of tears and laughter are shared with our family and just Duane and me. Drew had more than his share of limitations from his early life up to his last days. Drew was born legally blind. One of the things he struggled with was gout.

If any of our readers know about gout and the pain that goes with it when you eat the wrong thing, you will understand his love of chicken. Drew loved to eat and chicken was among his favorite food and would enjoy it however it was prepared. Thus the following recipe.



PARMESAN CHICKEN

8 chicken breast halves
1 c. mayonnaise
1/2 c. Parmesan cheese
2 t. oregano
1/8 t. pepper

Put chicken in baking pan. Bake uncovered at a 400 degree oven for 20 minutes. Combine mayonnaise, cheese, oregano and pepper. Spread over chicken. Bake 20 minutes more at 350 degree. This makes 8 servings so of course you can cut it down.

"Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love."

I Corinthians 13:13

Vvroom!Vvroom!

By Local Chicken

A husband and wife were eating an unusually quiet breakfast one morning. The husband was finally reminded that he had forgotten that their wedding anniversary was today.

His wife was extremely angry and let him know, "I fully expect to get that special gift I've been wanting, the one that goes from zero to two hundred in six seconds. It better be sitting in the driveway tomorrow." He looked up at her sheepishly and nodded. After finishing his corn flakes, he quietly slid out the door.

The next morning, he got up early and went to work. The wife woke up later and looked outside. Sure enough, there was a gift wrapped box, sitting in the driveway. "That's kinda small" she thought. Putting on her robe, she ran out on the driveway to pick up the item.

Back in the house, she slowly opened the present to find a nice new digital bathroom scale, batteries installed and ready to go. Sorry to say, that the whereabouts of the husband cannot be verified at this time.



MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
January 21, 2021

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday January 21, 2021.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Angelica Hopp, Emily Van Hatten and Jody Fruetel.
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville, Sarah Miller and David Medina
Mayor McCarthy and Councilmembers Hopp, Van Hatten and Fruetel were sworn into their respective positions prior to the start of the meeting.
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp to adopt the Agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Van Hatton, seconded by Fruetel, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. December 10, 2020 City Council Minutes
b. Overtime Balances
c. MMS Report
d. SafeAssure Safety Contract 2021 - $1,639.69
e. Res 21_01 Fees, schedules, etc.
f. Res 21_02 Citizen Participation Plan/Public Hearing

Engineers Report – Josh Halvorson, Bolton-Menk was present to review the 2021 street and utility projects. Public hearing for the citizen participation plan will be held at the February 11th meeting. Mr. Halvorson discussed the need to video the sewer lines to support funding requests with Rural Development.

Video Sanitary Sewer Lines - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to authorize the videoing of the sanitary sewer line at a cost of $9,813.55. Motion carried**.**

January 21, 2021 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to approve the January 21, 2021 Bills list with check numbers from 14682-14743 for $126,185.56. Motion carried**.**

Public Works – David Medina, Public Works Supervisor, discussed the need to upgrade pumps and valves at the water plant to help reduce the iron and arsenic levels in the water. Currently the city's water supply is under the federal limits but Medina wants to stay ahead of the issue.
Medina discussed the need for our own water testing equipment at an approximate cost of $7,480. MN Rural Water can reimburse the purchase through upcoming grants. The city currently uses MMS Environmental for our water licensing and testing needs.
The parts for the new street signs are in and Medina will begin install them as time permits.
Water Testing Equipment - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to authorize the purchase of water testing equipment upon written confirmation of the MN Rural Water Association grant payback. Motion carried**.**

Annual Township/Fire Meeting – will be held at the Cosmos City Center on Tuesday, February 23rd. City participation will only include Council, staff and Ambulance/Fire department heads to reduce meeting numbers. No meal will be served this year due to Covid precautions.

Cosmos Ambulance – Ambulance Director Van Hatten discussed the need for additional incentives for the volunteer ambulance corps. General discussion was held regarding on call pay and a potential retirement allotment. No finances or specific details were discussed.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Frutel discussed the need to replace 4-6 air bottles. They should be replaced every 5 years and some are overdue.

City Center Storage – discussion was held regarding storage shelving in the city center storage closet. Items that could be stored there are sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, etc. for stranded storm travelers.

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Thursday, February 11, 2021. 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 Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to adjourn at 5:52 p.m. Motion carried.

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

February Daily Lunch Specials

M	1	Liver & onions dinner
T	2	Pork dinner or commercial
W	3	Hobo dinner
T	4	French dip & fries
F	5	Broasted chicken dinner
M	8	Lasagna & garlic toast
T	9	Meatball dinner
W	10	BBQ chicken dinner
T	11	Spaghetti & garlic toast
F	12	Chili dogs & fries
M	15	Shrimp & tots
T	16	Salisbury steak dinner
W	17	Broasted chicken dinner
T	18	Tator tot hotdish
F	19	Scalloped potatoes & ham
M	22	Tacos & tots
T	23	Roast beef commercial
W	24	Pizza hotdish
T	25	Beef stroganoff
F	26	Baked chicken dinner

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Estimated time spent would be approximately 2-3 hrs/month. Don't let the requirements scare you - you won't have to 'write'. Please give me a call!

Let's Go Here!

Mark Minnick
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Email: **wordnut66@outlook.com**

City of Cosmos
-Winter Parking Notice-

* 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.

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Ground Hog Day 2021



"Well…will ya just look at the time? Feb. 2 is almost over, and I haven't even looked for my shadow yet. Maybe next year."

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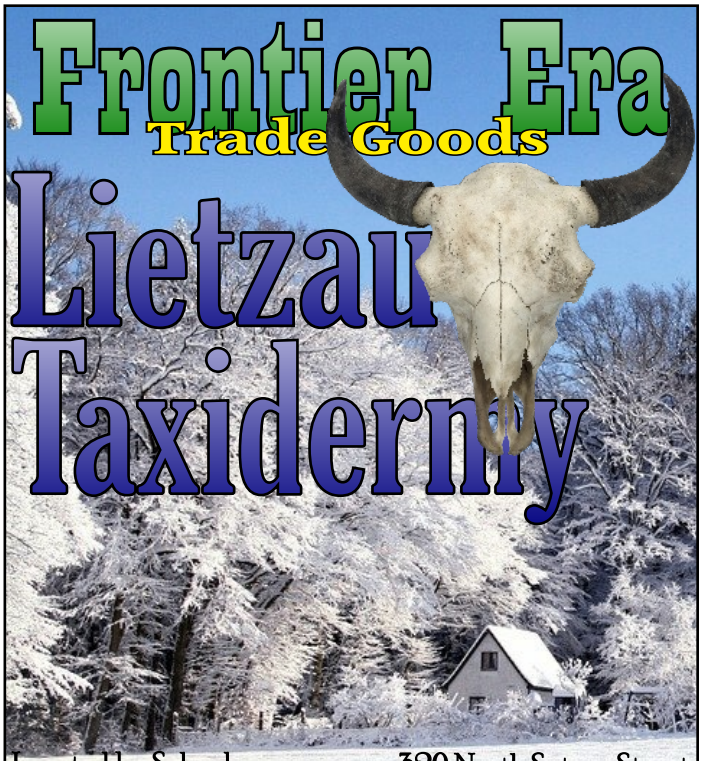
Nine out of ten couples surveyed plan on wearing a Covid 19 mask for Valentines Day. They say that it will keep them from eating too many chocolates and save big time on the ChapStick use. Weight management and cutting down on all that smoochin'-Yay! One out of ten couples will stay home and watch a Hallmark Movie and drink coffee. Either way that's plenty enough romance (uff da) for us Minnesotans. . . you bet.



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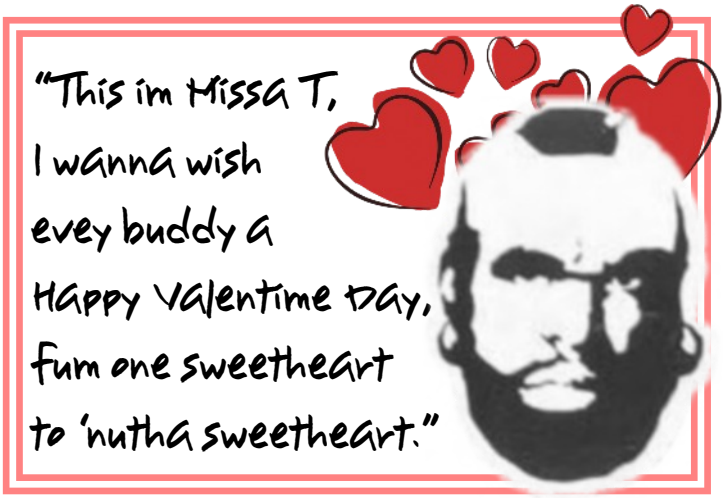


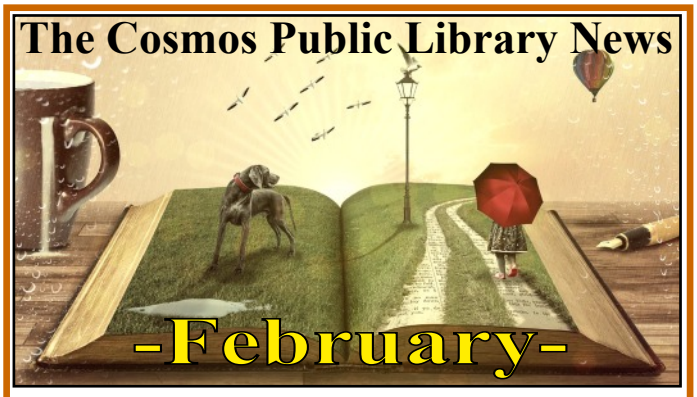
By Local Chicken

Our local predictor of how soon winter will be over is playing hooky again this year. Famous local groundhog, Retrorocket Rasputin has snuck out of his home burrow in the hinterlands of Thorp.

The rodent snuck all the way to an undisclosed warm and friendly tropical location. Sipping umbrella drinks and playing Frisbee, he's really been enjoying the 85 degree days at the beach. Way better he says, than getting woke up to look for what he calls his "stupid shadow" when it's -10 degrees out.

It sure looks like he's having a good time, proving once again that there is a world beyond the vegetable patch in Thorp.





By Beth Cronk
Meeker County Librarian
Pioneerland Library System

Adult Winter Reading Program at Cosmos Library

This year's Adult Winter Reading Program began January 15 at the Cosmos Public Library and runs until March 15. Sign up any time in January or February.

As in previous years, participants read and rate books to earn prizes. Winter can be a good time to have a reading goal, and this year it's true more than ever. Participants get one prize after reading three books, and another after a total of six.

It's possible to participate in this year's program without ever setting foot inside the library if you choose. Everything can be done either inside the library or through curbside service.

To participate in the program, ask to sign up when you call from outside to pick up your things curbside, or sign up when you're in the library for a Library Express appointment. Participants will get a reading log, a bookmark, and a small portable hand sanitizer container with a clip. The hand sanitizer is this year's sign-up incentive instead of the usual tote bag. Bags will be available as a prize choice.

Any type of book can be counted for the program: new or old, library book or your own, fiction or nonfiction, ebook, audiobook, or print. Write down your books on the reading log and rate them.

When you have read three and again when you have read three more, you can turn in your reading log inside the library at your Library Express time and get your prizes immediately, or you can put your reading log in the book drop. Before dropping the sheet into the book drop, be sure to write down your prize choice. Library staff will be in contact if that prize is no longer available. Prizes can be delivered curbside, and if you turn in your sheet after three books, your reading log will be returned to you so that you can finish the program.

Prizes this year include a mug, a tote bag, a memo book, a large candy bar, and an insulated bottle cover.

Visit **cosmos.lib.mn.us** for the latest updates.

"If you let your head get too big, it'll break your neck." *Elvis Presley*

TIME WARP Whozit?



Whozit?

It's mid February 1979, and the Cosmos Wrestling team has just won the Circle 8 Conference Championship. Looking over this bunch, I can for see a colonel, a few farmers, a dentist, a machinist, a cop, a college big wheel, a former Rears and Sawbuck associate and a crocodile.
Can you identify any of this motley crew?
And no, they didn't form a hair band…

Whozit?

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Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
A big birthday wish,
To a girl born in '42.
Happy Birthday, Mom!
on Feb 13th Love, Shirley



"I came from a real tough neighborhood. I put my hand in some cement and felt another hand."

Rodney Dangerfield

UCAP Receives Funding for Meeker County Homeownership Program

Press release,
Willmar, Mn. January, 2021

United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) announces it has received $849,644 from Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

The dollars received are in the form of loans and grants designated for use in the Meeker County Homeownership Program and will help fund the construction of five single-family homes for purchase by qualified buyers. The Meeker County Economic Development Authority (EDA) is partnering with UCAP to provide a portion of the construction financing at 0% interest, which will help reduce costs for this project.

Four split entry homes for larger families and one slab-on-grade home designed for aging homeowners will be built. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2021 and continue into 2022. UCAP will be requesting bid proposals from local contractors and realtors in the upcoming months.

The homes will be listed for pre-sale as soon as construction commences. These five single-family houses will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis to buyers earning less than $105,600 annually. The buyers will also be required to complete one of two Homebuyer Education courses: Homestretch or Framework. UCAP believes in the importance of educating buyers on homeownership and maintenance requirements to ensure the buyers are set up for success.

United Community Action Partnership has been developing affordable housing options for Southwest Minnesota since 2017. This is the first project that UCAP will be completing in Meeker County.

United Community Action Partnership brings together area resources to effectively and efficiently address the growing needs of our local communities in southwest Minnesota. UCAP has a rich history of helping people, changing lives, and working to eliminate poverty in the lives of people in Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Redwood and Renville counties.

More information about UCAP and its programs may be found by visiting UnitedCapMN.org or by calling 507-537-1416.

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Vintage Comics...& Then Some

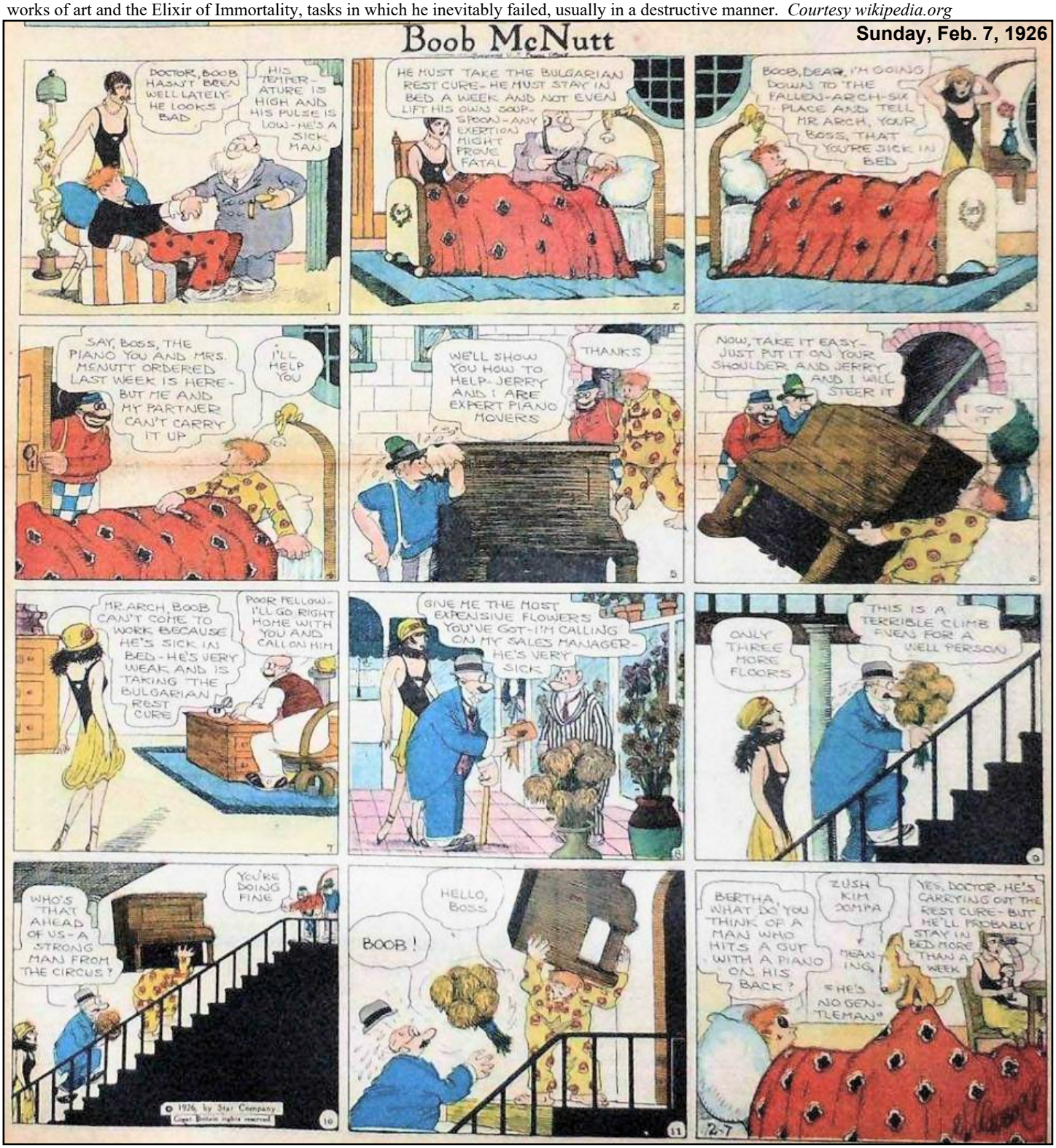
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Boob McNutt was a comic strip by Rube Goldberg which ran from June 9, 1918 to September 23, 1934. Boob McNutt was a clumsy, buffoonish fellow who was quite friendly and attempted to be helpful in his incompetent way. He was entrusted with tasks like caring for priceless works of art and the Elixir of Immortality, tasks in which he inevitably failed, usually in a destructive manner. *Courtesy wikipedia.org*



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GULP POW YIM — MEANING, "I LOVE YOU!"

Boob McNutt

Sunday, May 16, 1926

BOOB, DELIVER THAT CAR TO THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL PRUNE COMPANY- HE JUST BOUGHT IT

SURE, BOSS

SAY, WHERE ARE ALL THE COPS RUNNING TO?

FOUR CONVICTS JUST BROKE OUT OF JAIL AND THEY'RE CHASING 'EM

I'LL GO AROUND THIS WAY AND HEAD OFF THE CONVICTS

DID YOU GENTLEMEN SEE ANY ESCAPED CONVICTS AROUND HERE?

NO - TAKE US IN YOUR CAR AND WE'LL HELP YOU LOOK FOR THEM

THIS REMINDS ME OF A STORY- ONCE THERE WAS A BAD LITTLE BOY-

NAUGHTY, NAUGHTY

WHO STOLE THE GOLD-RIMMED GLASSES OFF HIS FATHER'S NOSE WHILE HE WAS ASLEEP - THE BOY MELTED THE GOLD AND SOLD IT FOR TEN CENTS- THE FATHER COULDN'T SEE WITHOUT HIS GLASSES, SO FELL OVER A TABLE AND BROKE HIS NOSE - THE LITTLE BOY WAS SORRY- SO HE TOOK THE TEN CENTS AND BOUGHT HIS DAD SOME COURT PLASTER

THE COPS!

WE GOTTA THINK FAST

WE JUST SAW THE COPS OVER THERE WHY DON'T YOU GO OVER AND TELL THEM WE'RE HERE TO HELP FIND THE FOUR CONVICTS? IT WILL GIVE THEM COURAGE

GOOD IDEA!

I JUST PICKED UP FOUR GENTLEMEN ON THE ROAD AND WE'RE GOING TO HELP YOU FIND THE ESCAPED CONVICTS

FOUR?

WAS ONE CROSS-EYED, AND WAS ONE WITHOUT A HAT AND DID ONE WEAR A CAP AND WAS THE LAST ONE WEARING BLACK GLASSES?

WHY-ER- YES

THE CAR IS GONE- NOW I'LL HAVE TO NOTIFY THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL PRUNE COMPANY

YOU POOR NUT, THOSE WERE THE CONVICTS AND YOU FURNISHED THEM WITH A CAR TO MAKE A GETAWAY

YOU SEE, I WAS DELIVERING YOUR FALLEN-ARCH-SIX WHEN I GOT MIXED UP WITH SOME ESCAPED CONVICTS - I LOST THE CAR AND A COP GAVE ME THIS BLACK EYE

ONLY ONE BLACK EYE?

VICE-PRES. NAT'L PRUNE CO.

BOOB, DEAR- WHAT HAPPENED!

O, NOTHING MUCH, PEARL, DARLING - I GOT ONE BLACK EYE FROM A COP AND THE OTHER FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL PRUNE COMPANY

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Science, Tech and Just Plain Cool Stuff



MARS 2020 PERSEVERANCE

Perseverance Lands on Mars

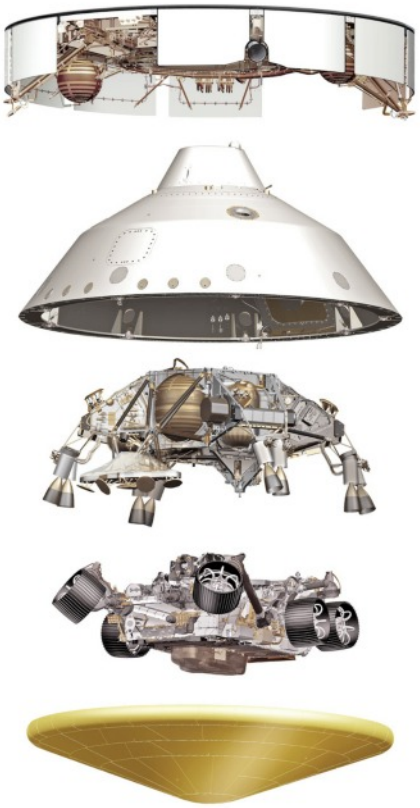
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This illustration shows the final step in the descent of the Perseverance lander as it touches the Martian surface. *Courtesy nasa.gov*

-Expanded Spacecraft Illustration-

The illustration below depicts five major components of the Mars 2020 spacecraft. Top to bottom: cruise stage, backshell, descent stage, Perseverance rover and heat shield. The various components perform critical roles during the vehicle's cruise to Mars and its dramatic Entry, Descent, and Landing. *Credit NASA/JPL-Caltech*



-Mission Overview-

The Mars 2020 Perseverance Rover will search for signs of ancient microbial life, which will advance NASA's quest to explore the past habitability of Mars. The rover has a drill to collect core samples of Martian rock and soil, then store them in sealed tubes for pickup by a future mission that would ferry them back to Earth for detailed analysis. Perseverance will also test technologies to help pave the way for future human exploration of Mars. Strapped to the rover's belly for the journey to Mars is a technology demonstration, the Mars Helicopter **Ingenuity**, may achieve a "Wright Brothers moment " by testing the first powered flight on the Red Planet. *Credit NASA/JPL-Caltech*

We're Back!

Oh great!

By Mark Minnick

If you are a regular reader of the Gazette Science column, you're probably aware that I wrote about the Mars Perseverance mission quite a few times in past Gazettes. I submitted my name, *among 11 million other folks*, to be etched on a plate on the rover. There were the spiffy new rims, an upgrade from Curiosity. I previewed the delayed launch on July 30, along with a diagram of the Jezero Crater landing site, in the August '20 issue.

The launch of course went well with no explosions, but after that I had to put my excitement on hold for six months. Sigh.

Now comes the big day, February 18, 2021. Roughly the size of a Polaris Ranger UTV and protected by the back shell and heat shield, Perseverance and the descent stage scream into Mars' thin atmosphere at 12,500 mph. As the heat shield slows the craft to 940 mph, it deploys the parachute and ejects the heat shield after 20 more seconds. When slowed to 200 mph, the parachute is discarded and the rockets on the descent stage ignite. This slows the lander the rest of the way, gently depositing Perseverance on the surface of Mars. (Fingers crossed.)

This is clearly another case of human ingenuity and hard work, putting these 'robots' to work for us. "The Little Engine that Could" comes to mind, again.

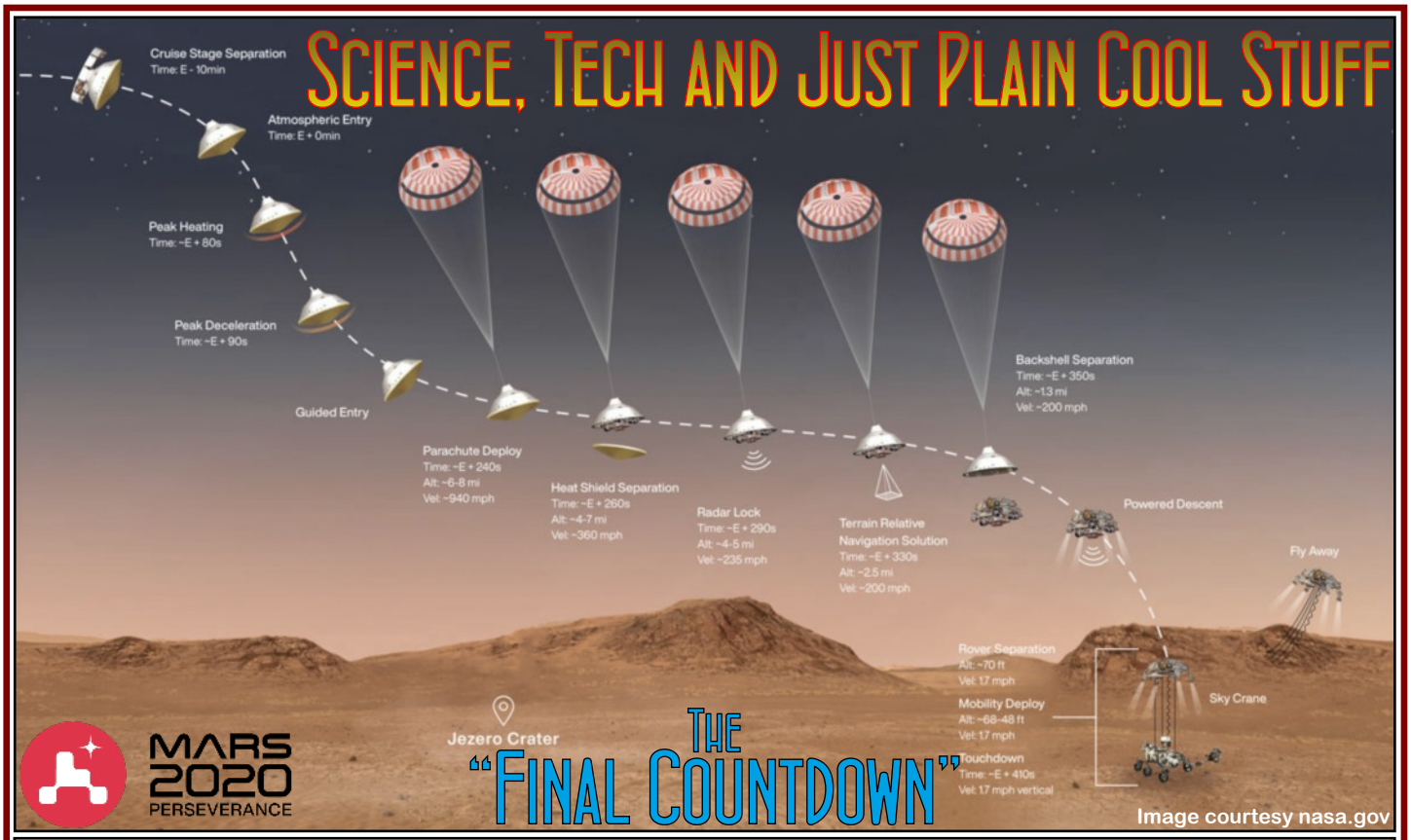
I have included official NASA graphics, illustrations and information that hopefully give the reader an idea of how ground breaking and cool this mission is.

If you wish to explore and learn more, *please, please, please,* go to the NASA website, nasa.gov. You will find that there is way more there on this or any subject that you can possibly absorb in a day. Give it a look, you shouldn't be disappointed.

Don't forget to watch live NASA coverage of the historic event, **Feb, 18, 2021 on YouTube, starting at 1:15 PM.**

"I would like to die on Mars. Just not on impact." *Elon Musk*

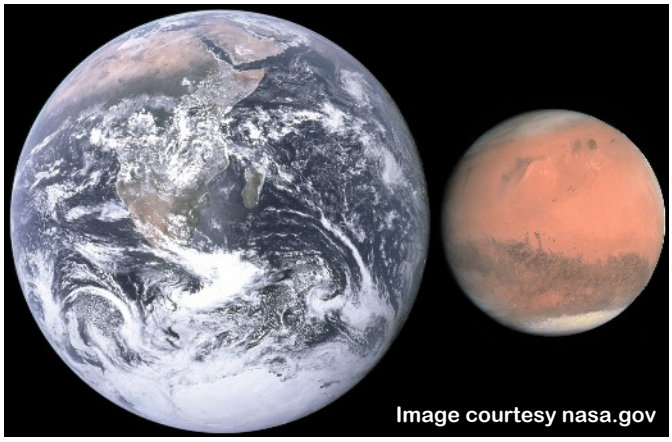
SCIENCE, TECH AND JUST PLAIN COOL STUFF



This illustration shows the events that occur in the final minutes of the nearly seven-month journey that NASA's Perseverance rover takes to Mars. Hundreds of critical events must execute perfectly and exactly on time for the rover to land on Mars safely on Feb. 18, 2021.

Entry, Descent, and Landing, or "EDL," begins when the spacecraft reaches the top of the Martian atmosphere, traveling nearly 12,500 mph (20,000 kph). It ends about seven minutes later, with Perseverance stationary on the Martian surface.

Perseverance handles everything on its own during this process. It takes more than 11 minutes to get a radio signal back from Mars, so by the time the mission team hears that the spacecraft has entered the atmosphere, in reality, the rover is already on the ground.

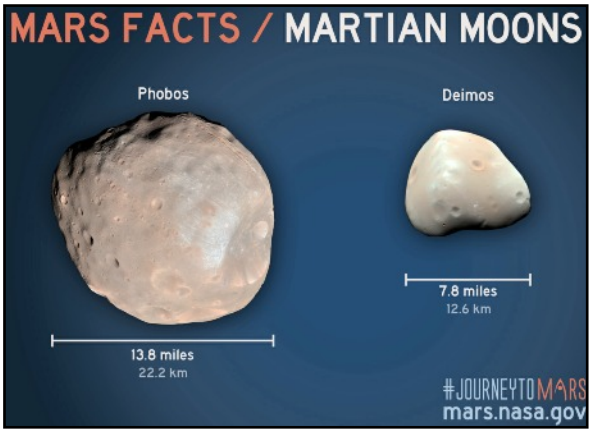


-Quick Earth & Mars Comparison-

Info Courtesy nasa.gov	EARTH	MARS
Average Distance from Sun	93 million miles	142 million miles
Average Speed Orbiting Sun	18.5 mps	14.5 mps
Diameter	7,926 miles	4,220 miles
Tilt of Axis	23.5 degrees	25 degrees
Length of Year	365.25 Days	687 Earth Days
Length of Day	23 hours 56 minutes	24 hours 37 minutes
Gravity	2.66 times that of Mars	0.375 that of Earth
Temperature	Average 57 degrees F	Average -81 degrees F
Atmosphere	Nitrogen, oxygen, argon & others	Mostly carbon dioxide, & some water vapor
Number of Moons	1	2



"Somebody is eatin' their carrots!"



"Those who believe in telekinetics, raise my hand." *Kurt Vonnegut*



-ALERT-



The residents of Cosmos are in dire need of

Good People



Willing to take the

training to become

***First Responders**

***Firefighters**

***EMTs**

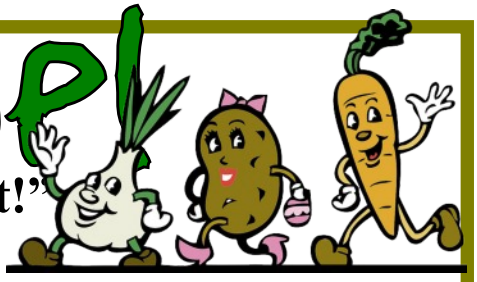
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Chef it Up!



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

I got a visit from the

Spicy Condiments Fairy

By Mark Minnick

It's been quite the year. I had a beer on my birthday. I went fishing on the opener. My kid gave me a homemade card for Father's Day. I watched fireworks on TV for the Fourth of July. I went fishing on Labor Day weekend. I scared myself on Halloween. I spent Christmas at home with the wife, five kitties and baby Jesus. Finally, I fell asleep watching Laurel and Hardy on New Years Eve. All in all, a pretty darned good year, for me anyway.

But then, this basket of goodies shows up on the doorstep. What could it be, I wondered. Upon further inspection, I find it chock full of tasty and spicy condiments.

Basil pesto, tomatillo/poblano pepper sauce, chipotle chili paste, capers, different spice blends; the list goes on and on. What a treasure chest! How could I be so lucky to receive such a wonderful gift as this in Minnesota, "The Land of Bland".

I have heard of the legend of the "Spicy Condiments Fairy". She collects the shunned and unwanted tasty treats that inadvertently end up in the possession of Minnesotans with the normal ultra sensitive palate. Kind of like the tooth fairy, except she takes your spicy stuff instead of your teeth. Don't expect her to leave any money though. Sheesh.

She then delivers these unused sauces and seasonings to the less fortunate among us who can't survive on just salt….and pepper. The same poor souls who can't live without tasty herbs, tongue tingling peppers and pungent aromatics.

People like me are eternally grateful to these mystical creatures. They are very reclusive and quiet, like Bigfoot. They are not blurry like Bigfoot but, they are better looking, so I've heard.

If you do see one, give them a hug and thank them for the tastiness.



Rare pic of the Spicy Condiments Fairy



What a nice load of good stuff Maynard!

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

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Hey, it's nice outside!



The Wrong Fish

Image courtesy mndnr.gov

When fish are put in waters where they don't belong, other species and sport anglers often suffer the effects.

Editors note; I am fortunate to be friends with a guy that probably is more interested in the outdoors than I am, **Scott Mackenthun**. He hunts & fishes and has a family. He is the head of the MNDNR Fisheries Office in Hutchinson and is also an accomplished outdoors writer. His most recent article appears in the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer magazine, January–February 2021 issue. It concerns illegal and illicit fish dumping or stocking being done by ignorant fools (my words, not his-he's much more diplomatic). I have featured him before in previous Gazettes concerning fish issues in Thompson Lake, like stocking, test netting and winter kill events. I think we're pretty lucky to have this dude helping us with our local natural resources. I hope you enjoy his article as much as I did.

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by Scott Mackenthun

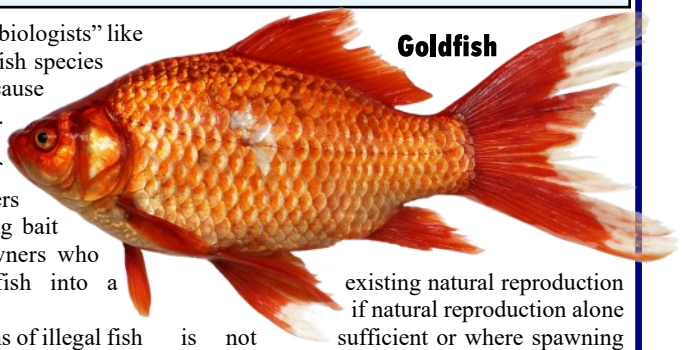
It's a warm May evening in northern Minnesota. As the sky darkens and twilight settles in, a man driving a pickup truck slows and then comes to a stop where a culvert crosses under the road. Hopping out, he switches on his headlamp, peering down at the cold and clear water gurgling in the gravel streambed below. A quarter-mile downstream, the babbling brook opens into a small jack pine–lined lake, one of the man's favorite fishing spots. He opens the tailgate and grabs a cooler that quietly hums from a battery-operated aerator attached to the lid.

The hum grows louder as the man opens the cooler, carries it over to the culvert, and pitches the water and a dozen black crappies into the stream below. He likes to catch the lake's stocked rainbow trout with family and friends, but the addition of crappie, he thinks, will shorten the time between bites and provide something else to fish for throughout the year. His mission complete, he heads for home as the fish disperse downstream. In the next three years, he gets more than he bargained for, as the lake's fish community is turned upside down. The introduced black crappies spawn and fill the lake with tiny young fish. Rainbow trout numbers decline, and eventually the fishery loses value and needs a costly reclamation process. The simple act of one man stocking a dozen fish from the side of the road directly led to the collapse of the very fishery the man was trying to improve.



Crappie

This is a fictional scenario, but it's not an implausible one: Minnesota has seen numerous cases where "bucket biologists" like this angler have introduced a fish species to a lake, doing it on the sly because they know the act is illegal. Other illicit releases are born less of deviousness than of ignorance—for example, anglers who pitch their leftover fishing bait into the lake or aquarium owners who dump their unwanted goldfish into a neighborhood pond.



Goldfish

Regardless of motive, signs of illegal fish stocking have turned up in every corner of the state, according to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Fisheries supervisors and staff, sometimes with far-reaching effects that can be difficult and costly to reverse.

"Minnesotans are passionate about their fishing and fish," says Assistant Regional Manager Brian Schultz. "But we do need everyone to understand that illegally moving fish into places they don't belong can really harm Minnesota's waters."

Illegal stocking can upset the delicate balance of existing fish communities, spread fish disease, and bring other unintended consequences that can linger for years. Fish stocking, it turns out, is best left to the experts.

Carefully Planned Stocking

Because of the stakes involved, fish stocking is a highly regulated activity. The DNR has the authority to stock fish in the state's public waters, sometimes working with neighboring states or federal agencies on border and shared waters. Tribal natural resource managers oversee stocking in waters under their jurisdiction and cooperate with the DNR on shared waters. Private lakes or ponds can be stocked only if permission is requested and granted by the DNR.

Legal fish stocking is done for a variety of reasons. Sometimes it's done to supplement existing natural reproduction if natural reproduction alone is not sufficient or where spawning habitat is limited. Some stocking is done to re-establish populations, either in long-term projects returning fish from extirpation, like Minnesota's efforts to restore lake sturgeon, or in short-term recoveries like the aftermath of a severe winterkill. And some stocking is to provide a fishing opportunity, from panfish for the family-oriented "Fishing in the Neighborhood" urban pond program to muskellunge in a small set of waters for trophy fishing.

In reviewing, approving, and executing stocking activities, the DNR operates according to well-established science and with careful planning. Stocking is often a part of lake and stream management plans created by biologists and managers using the best available data and the most up-to-date fisheries science. Stocked species are chosen according to available habitat and conditions, angler interest and desires, and local genetic strain. Numbers and life stage—small fry, fingerlings, or juveniles, for instance—are matched to the resource. Strategy and results are reviewed over time.

The lone twilight stocker with his cooler of fish doesn't have any such resources, plans, or safeguards. Examples from waters across Minnesota show the damage that can be done when fish are illegally introduced.

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Vulnerable Fisheries

Some lakes are more sensitive than others to disruption by fish introduction. Stream trout lakes, where the DNR maintains stocked populations of trout for recreational angling, are especially vulnerable.

"Stream trout lakes are a concern for us," says DNR Finland Area Fisheries Supervisor Dean Paron. "We spend a lot of time and money to make these lakes for the most part fishless besides the trout. We know illegal stocking occurs, but we never observe it firsthand."

Hogback Lake in Paron's Lake County area is one such lake, stocked by the DNR with rainbow trout and splake, a hybrid of lake trout and brook trout—and more recently stocked illicitly with problematic yellow perch. The waters of Hogback Lake now produce a lot of very small, slow-growing perch that compete with the rainbows and splake.

"It's been an inconvenience to the anglers," says Paron, "as shore anglers can't catch splake or rainbows because you can't keep the small perch off your line." If someone thought they were going to turn Hogback into a big perch factory, they were sorely mistaken. Paron can't net the perch out and he can't stock a predator to eat them, as any such predator would also feed on the trout. With no great solutions, Paron and his team will continue to monitor the fishery until it is time for a reclamation.

Eventually, introduced species can take over in designated trout lakes and the lakes must be reclaimed, an expensive and time-consuming process in which the lake's fish are killed off with the chemical rotenone. Such reclamations require fleet, materials, and personnel. Reclaiming a 150-acre lake that averages 10 feet in depth would cost nearly $75,000 just for the rotenone, according to DNR Shoreland Habitat Manager John Hiebert. After a reclamation, anglers lose an entire year waiting for a lake to come back and be restocked.

Some fisheries are forever changed by new fish introductions. One is Grindstone Lake in Pine County, a rare deep lake in central Minnesota managed for lake trout. Grindstone's lake trout population had long been self-sustaining—that is, until rainbow smelt were detected in 1963, possibly introduced as adults by an overzealous smelt netter or as viable eggs by someone cleaning buckets. However the smelt were introduced, they took off. The smelt displaced native cisco, a forage food for lake trout, and the change in diet caused the trout to produce eggs with low thiamine concentrations, delivering a big hit to natural reproduction. Natural lake trout stocks crashed, and today the population exists entirely on stocking.

At Grindstone Lake, the introduction of rainbow smelt led to the complete rearrangement of the coldwater fish community, adding tremendous costs to maintaining a lake trout population that was once entirely self-sufficient.

Illegal stocking isn't a problem just in Minnesota; it happens across the country. In Yellowstone National Park, lake trout were illegally introduced in the late 1980s or early 1990s. As of November 2019, the National Park Service had spent $20 million over 25 years to remove more than 3.4 million lakers in efforts to protect and restore the native Yellowstone cutthroat trout.

Elsewhere, northern snakeheads from Asia have prospered in parts of the Potomac River, and in the early 1950s, walleyes were illegally introduced in Washington state's Lake Roosevelt. The descendants of these walleyes have thrived and made their way down the Columbia River, where they prey on native salmon smolts returning to the Pacific Ocean. Coast to coast, illegal stocking has serious impacts. *Continued next page*



Northern Snakehead

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Hey, it's nice outside!


Piranha


Bighead Carp


Koi

Fish Dumping Gone Wrong

Bait buckets and home fishbowls or aquariums are two other sources of new species introductions that can go awry.

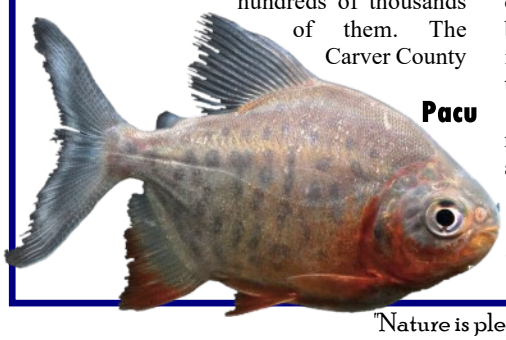
Sometimes fish are introduced by pet owners who have fish that they no longer want to care for or that have outgrown their tanks. Ornamental or pet trade fish that have been found in Minnesota waters include goldfish, koi, pacu, and piranha.

A few goldfish might seem to some like a harmless addition to the local water body—but they're not. Goldfish are in the minnow family and can work their way through city stormwater ponds and into lakes and streams downstream with big impacts, by rapidly reproducing, surviving harsh winters, and feeding in and stirring up the bottom like their close relatives, the common carp.

"It can be a pain to figure out what to do with a goldfish that you don't want," says city of Eagan water resources specialist Jessie Koehle—but she has experienced firsthand the problem with releasing them into the wild.

Several years ago, someone plopped goldfish into a pond at Eagan's Central Park and the population spun out of control, muddying the pond's waters and harming native plants. After two or three years of attempted goldfish removals and alum treatments, the fish remained, most of them 6 inches or less. Getting the orange invaders out took a lot of effort and expense. "We tried netting them out," Koehle says, "and we got thousands of them, but we couldn't get them all. Eventually we had to use rotenone to reclaim the pond, killing all the fish and starting over." The pond's water is again clear and native plants are thriving, but the whole episode could have been avoided if the goldfish owner had taken more care in disposing of the fish.

Illegally introduced goldfish are causing an even bigger problem in the Grace Chain of Lakes in Carver County, because rather than just one pond, they have spread through the entire lake chain, which ultimately connects to the Minnesota River—and there may be hundreds of thousands of them. The Carver County Water Management Organization has contracted with WSB Engineering to research the problem and offer potential solutions. Last fall they netted 700 goldfish at the outlet of Lake Hazeltine, tagging 100 of them in an effort to track their movements. Their goal is ultimately to tag 500 fish and create a strategy to lower goldfish populations to the point where they're not harming lake ecology.


Pacu

Like aquarium owners, anglers who use live bait need to exercise caution. While commercial bait trappers and retail bait outlets do their best to screen minnows approved for use as bait, other species sometimes get mixed in with scoops of fathead minnows, golden shiners, and redbelly dace. Some of these species can compete directly or indirectly with other fish already present in a water body. That's why anglers should always dispose of unused bait by throwing it in the trash instead of releasing it into a lake or stream.

The Pathogen Problem

Whenever outside fish are introduced into a water body, disease-causing pathogens may also be introduced, says Nick Phelps, an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota and director of the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center at the U. Phelps and his lab study such pathogen risks, and their research validates that anglers need to be careful in disposing of their unused bait. In a study in conjunction with the DNR, researchers tested golden shiners from 53 different bait shops around the state. They found bacteria and parasites of concern, including Aeromonas salmonicida and Yersinia ruckeri, and eight new viruses that had never been described before. More work is needed to understand the risks these newfound viruses pose to fish in Minnesota.

"When people release their bait into the wild, they are basically seeding that population and we don't know what will ultimately happen. That's the uncertainty part," says Phelps.

"If we don't know what the problem is, the problem could be happening and we just don't know until it's too late. There are viruses, bacteria, and parasites that could get inadvertently moved if people aren't following the rules and safety protocols in place."

Phelps and his fellow researchers recognize that bait sales, fish stocking, and the aquarium fish market are important to the state's people and its economy—but also that fish pathogens could harm those activities along with treasured natural resources.

When the DNR stocks walleye, Phelps notes, it screens the hatchery fish for pathogens of concern. "They know what they are worried about and they look for it," he says.

However, when illegal stocking occurs, there are no such protections and even more potential pathogens. "The consequences could be huge," he says. "Once a disease gets into a system, it's impossible to get it back out, more difficult than getting the fish itself out. The disease can persist in the environment for a long, long time."

Stocking Trial and Error

Perhaps there is no better teacher than experience and the lessons learned in error. Fish stocking by government agencies before and around the turn of the 20th century brought an environmental philosophy that placed fish stocking on a pedestal. Some stocking was good and more was better; it was the means to recreational and commercial fishing prosperity. Fish stocking was done by the Minnesota Fish Commission, a precursor of the Department of Conservation and the modern Department of Natural Resources. Little to no scientific or technical training was applied to the commission's stocking practices; American fisheries science was in its infancy.

From 1880 to 1890, the commission stocked common carp across lakes and rivers in Minnesota, an unfortunate introduction of an ecosystem-altering invasive species still problematic today on many of Minnesota's waters. Atlantic and Pacific salmon were widely distributed until 1885; their long-term presence was thwarted by basic habitat requirements like water temperature. The commission sought to enhance nature's offerings and frequently did so in partnership with the Northern Pacific Railway, dumping fish from rail cars at water crossings along railways stretching across the new state. Unplanned and poorly researched with little follow-up evaluation, most of these stockings either failed outright, had unknown outcomes, or, in the case of the carp, brought about significant ecological damage.

We've come a long way since then. Modern fisheries managers now have a long baseline of knowledge and outcomes, along with modern science and new technology, to guide their stocking decisions. These days, Minnesota's fish stocking is done carefully, deliberately, and with long-term monitoring to protect the waters that we love. There are many reasons to avoid moving fish or dumping bait—more than 10,000 of them in fact.

"Nature is pleased with simplicity. And nature is no dummy." *Isaac Newton*

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TIME WARP

It's the dead of winter, Feb. 1979. Space Festival planning begins, the Cosmos lions attend a convention in Alexandria and a local priest is honored for twenty years of service. Look Eunice, you can even receive cookware for saving money-at the bank no less! Goodness!



Cosmos SUN

USPS 563-900 SHINING A POWERFUL LIGHT ON THE LOCAL SCENE

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Royalty named at Cosmos Nursing Home

COSMOS--Excitement abounded at morning coffee time on Wednesday when everyone gathered in the Fireside Room. Royalty was expected! Everyone put their name in the hot to find out who would be King and Queen of Hearts for Valentines Day.

Our administrator John Julius, drew three names from the mens and Muriel Nelson, director of Nursing drew three from the ladies. The finalists were Hjalmer Swenson, J. S. Fattlar and Morris Draxton; Alyce Hagedorn; Alice Kanton and Sophie Reinke. Muriel then drew Hjalmer Swenson's name for King of Hearts and John drew Alyce Hagedorn's name for Queen of Hearts. Everyone cheered, corsages were pinned on and even a kiss was given. That's how Royalty came to the Cosmos Nursing Home.

School Scene

BY SUPT. BOB LAGESON

COSMOS--Energy conservation and ways to conserve energy have constantly been flashed in front of us by the media for the past few years. Emphasis on conservation has heightened in the past few months as the troubles in Iran have continued to unfold.

Energy and its conservation have taken on a new meaning for schools the past few years. The National Energy Act recently passed now makes it mandatory for all schools to conduct a maxi-enery audit of their buildings which is to be completed by December of 1979. The maxi-audit is to be performed by a licensed architect or engineering firm. This audit when completed will detail ways in which a building may be made more energy efficient, thus saving money as well as reducing the amount of energy needed.

The audit will detail the necessary "retrofitting" that may need to be completed. "Retrofit" is the process of upgrading a building to make it more energy efficient. More insulation, less glass are some examples of retrofitting projects. The usual procedure is to complete the retrofitting process in a building if the process will guarantee a savings in less energy used over a ten year payback period.

On February 26, 1979, our energy audit will be conducted for the Cosmos School. The Board of Education has contracted with the Emanuelson-Podas firm to complete the audit. Upon completetion of the audit the board will receive a detailed report on ways to retrofit the school building to cut the consumption of energy.

Although the completion of the maxi-audit is required, the retrofitting process is completely voluntary and any decision as to a retrofitting process is within the power of the local Board of Education.

Special offering will be for Timm Grages

COSMOS--A special offering for Timm Grages will be taken during the morning worship services at Trinity Lutheran Church of Brookfield Twp. on Sunday, February 25th.

The Sunday School offering will also be given to Timm.

Father Garvey to be honored on 20th Anniversary of Priesthood

LAKE LILLIAN--The Church of St. Thomas More in Lake Lillian will celebrate Father Francis Garvey's 20th anniversary to the priesthood on Sunday, Feb. 25. Following the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass, there will be a program and potluck dinner at the church in his honor.

Fr. Garvey was ordained on Feb. 22, 1959. He is a native of Manannah, Mn. After completing high school at Eden Valley, he attended Nazareth Hall Minor Seminary and the St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul. He was ordained as a priest for the New Ulm Diocese. Since his ordination he has served parishes in Hutchinson, Silver Lake and New Ulm before coming to the Willmar State Hospital as a chaplain.

For the past 16 years, he has ministered to the patients of Willmar State Hospital and has been the Pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Kandiyohi. Fr. Garvey in the last three years has also been the Pastor of St. Thomas More Church in Lake Lillian.

The people of St. Thomas More congratulate Fr. Garvey on his 20th anniversary and wish to show their appreciation for his years of service to the Church by celebrating with him on Sunday, Feb. 25.



FATHER FRANCIS GARVEY

"Playing Church" scheduled for March 9-10 at St. John's Lutheran

CEDAR MILLS--St. John's Teen Society of Cedar Mills plans to produce a three act play entitled "Playing Church."

The play is a religious drama by Carl Mays. It will be produced on Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10 at 8:00 p.m. In case of bad weather the play will be presented on Sunday, March 11 at 8:00 p.m.

Play cast is: Eleaner Lewis - Julie Benage.

George Lewis - Randy Heff.

Sue Lewis - Jeanne Schealler.

Alice Lewis - Debra Runke.

Judy Lewis - Dawn Kruse.

Tommy Lewis - Dale Runke.

Cindy Antwine - Norma Schlueter.

Connie Mason - Sandy Wren.

Claire Walden - Nancy Schlueter.

Narrator - Mark Kruse.

The play is directed by Randy Hoff and assisted by Teen director Debra Runke.



GREG BERGHUIS, Danielson Hustlers 4-H Club placed fifth in the 4-H Public Speaking Contest junior division. Greg is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Berghuis, R.R., Grove City.

World Day of Prayer at Beckville March 2nd

COSMOS--World Day of Prayer services will be held this year at Beckville Lutheran Church, rural Litchfield on Friday, March 2. Coffee hour starts at 9:00 a.m. with the service starting at 10:00.

Peace Lutheran will be taking the bus there if enough people are interested in going by bus. Everyone is invited to go along--the bus will leave Peace Church by 9:00 a.m.

Short meeting for Board of Education

COSMOS--A short board meeting it was with not much business to care for at the Tuesday evening school board meeting.

* Bills were accepted in the amount of $23,254.84.

* Accepted a letter from Michael Silk stating his intent to return to his teaching position.

* Community Education salaries for William Lueck, elementary boys basketball, $100; Nancy Skjong, Count Thread Embroidery, $26.00 and Mary Kaye Spille, Crochet, $52.00 was accepted.

* Okayed a letter to be sent to Coop Center in Hutchinson stating intent to remain with the Center for school year 1979-80.

* March board meeting to be on Tuesday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., so an Academic Report can be given by some teacher on math.

Interest with Cookware at First State Bank of Cosmos

Monday begins the big interest values at the First State Bank of Cosmos with a new gift selection for savers at this bank.

President Steve Spreiter is proudly displaying the new West Bend grent cookware values featuring the "Silver Stone" line.

Spreiter commented that "Here is a great opportunity to add to your present savings account or open a new account and a gift to your interest received."

See the First State Bank of Cosmos ad explaining the program on an inside page.

'79 Space Festival plans begin

COSMOS--The Cosmos Space Festival Committee is now being to make plans for the eleventh Cosmos Space Festival.

The committee will be meeting at 8:30 p.m., Monday evening, February 26 at the Milky Way Restaurant.

Anyone interested in being on the committee plan to attend as you are most welcome.

Lions attend Convention

COSMOS--Held in Alexandria the past weekend was the Mid-Winter District 5-M-4 Lions Club Convention.

At the convention the Cosmos Group pledged $100 toward the Leader Dog Foundation. This foundation is set up to help any person who is in need of a seeing dog to help them.

Attending from the Cosmos Lions Club were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Blum, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Flemming, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Reinke, Mr. and Mrs. Jim White, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ackmann, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. Harlo Karg, Mr. and Mrs. Donald DeLeeuw, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hester, Mr. and

COUNCIL LOOKS AT HOUSING PROJECT

Cosmos City Council members met in a short session on the blustery night of Thursday, February 15.

A proposed housing project was discussed and mayor Flemming offered to set up a meeting with the developer of housing Doug Head, former Attorney General and owners of parcels of land which are suitable for such a project.

Two sites are presently under consideration west of Peace Lutheran and south of the Cosmos Nursing Home.

Hopefully plans for such a project will be forthcoming in the near future.

The policy of the city for thawing out frozen water lines was brought up for discussion in regards to responsibility of who pays for what.

The city policy was voted to be left the same as it is, which is: the city will be responsible for the line from the water main to private property. From the private property line on to the dwelling or building is the responsibility of the owner.

A special meeting was set for March 15 to interview interested people for the city liquor store manager position.

A motion was approved to purchase $400 worth of Christmas decorations along with the Cosmos Community Club.

Winners in Scout Derby

COSMOS--The Cub Scouts of Cosmos held their January Pack meeting Monday evening, January 29 at Peace Lutheran Church. Awards and the Pine Wood Derby races were the highlight of the night.

Awards were presented to Mark Rode, Wolf Badge, with a Gold and Silver arrow; Jimmy Ainslie received a

races were held. David Dahlk placing first, Wade Haley second and Eric Johnson, third. Ribbons were presented to all racers.

The Cub Scouts hold den meetings weekly and a pack meeting the last Monday of each month. The Blue and Gold banquet will be held on Monday evening, February

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, February 21--8:00 p.m., Green Mountain Black Powder Club will meet at the Merle Canuwe home in Litchfield.

THURSDAY, February 22--District Boys Basketball.

FRIDAY, February 23--5:15 p.m., Cosmos wrestlers to participate in Individual wrestling tournament at Mankato State.

FRIDAY, February 23--6:30 p.m., Cosmos Girls Basketball team vs. Brownton at the local gym.

SATURDAY, February 24--District Boys Basketball tournament.

SATURDAY, February 24--Individual Wrestling tournament continues.



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TIME WARP



A VERY Happy moment it was for the Bird Island-Lake Lillian Wrestling team on Saturday evening when they were presented with the District 16 championship trophy.

With ball control, Royals upset Mayer Luth.

COSMOS--"This game made our season"..... The Royals using ball control and shot selection stung No. 6 seed Mayer Lutheran in the opening round of District 16 play. Mayer outshot the Royals 52 to 34, but the Royals hit on 19 of their attempts for a 56% clip. The Crusaders shot a respectable 42%. The game was a crowd-rouser as fans watched the Royals falter away a 10 point lead in the second quarter as the Crusaders took a 24-21 half-time edge. Continuing ball control in the second half, the Royals made 10 of 16 attempts as they persisted in looking for the high percentage shot. The final outcome was decided at the charity line as Benny Menton sank a free throw with 6 seconds remaining to assure at least a tie, but Mayer failed to convert their last attempt of the season. The chairty line, however, could have cost the Royals their victory as they shot a jittery 45% from the line converting only 13 of 29 attempts.

Scott Minnick lead all rebounders with 11. Scott Blum was high scorers with 17 points. The Royals advance to quarter-finals to face Buffalo Lake at Lester Prairie. (This game will have already been played when the paper goes to print).

Cosmos	17	4	17	13
Mayer Lutheran	8	16	16	8

Turnovers:
Cosmos - 13, Mayer Lutheran 15.
Rebounds: Cosmos - 20, Mayer Lutheran 24.

COSMOS	FG	FT	TP
Blum	4	9	17
Menton	1	1	3
Minnick	7	2	16
Peterson	3	0	6
Hesser	4	1	9
MAYER LUTHERAN			
Bartels	2	2	6
Renner	6	0	12
Bussmann	3	2	8
Gnan	4	1	9
Wiechmann	4	0	8
Scheele	1	0	2
Matthias	2	0	4



COSMOS ROYAL Scott Minnick goes in for a bucket at the game on Monday evening played at Hector against Mayer Lutheran. The Royals came out on the top.

Panthers are champs of Dist. 16 Wrestling tourney

BIRD ISLAND--Bird Island-Lake Lillian Panthers advanced 11 wrestlers to the regions, three of them champs, in the District 16 wrestling tourney last Friday and Saturday at Hector.

The Panthers, whose only loss was a 26-16 setback against No. 7 ranked Central, compiled 217½ points to the defending team champion, Norwood-Young America 195½ points. Glencoe finished a distant third with 184 points.

Undefeated (25-0) 138-pound senior Rick Squibb of H-LL, copped his third straight district championship with a 9-1 decision over defending 132-pound champion Neil Pearson (20-1) of Cosmos for the 138-pound title.

145-pound Scott Johnson (23-1-1) nailed Glencoe's Mike Mikelson (16-7) in 4:40 and Chuck Muench (21-4) squeaked past Curt Wendland (21-3-1) also from Glencoe, 6-4 in overtime in the 167-pound final for the Panther's other two titles.

Bird Island-Lake Lillian's only previous district team title came in 1976 when they took second in Region 4A.

The top four grapplers in each class advance to the region tournament which is set for Mankato State University on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23 and 24.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

98--Tim Mielke (N-YA) dec. Mark Mikelson (G) 7-3

105--Troy Teithoester (N-YA) dec. Rick Kramer (H) 2-1.

112--Jeff Bock (Br) dec. Don Schug (N-YA) 6-2

119--Mike Shanahan (N-YA) dec. Craig Exsted (G) 2-0.

126--Wade Samson (Co) dec. Bob Lindeman (Bi) 5-0.

132--Bruce Clark (N-YA) dec. Dave Donnay (G) 8-1.

138--Rick Squibb (H) dec. Neil Pearson (Co) 9-1.

145--Scott Johnson (H) pinned Mike Mickelson (G) 4:40.

155--Pat Shanahan (N-YA) pinned Kevin Weis (H) 1:46 o.t.

167--Chuck Muench (H) dec. Curt Wendland (G) 6-4 o.t.

185--Kevin Miller (Br) pinned Tom Vacek (SL) 1:21.

Heavy--Mark Dallman (Co) pinned Lyle Kulberg (H) 5:06.

THIRD PLACE ROUND

98--Terry Brandt (H) def. Jeff Johnson (Co)

105--Dale Walters (SL) def. Jeff Ballard (G)

112--Brent Minkel (H) def. Bert Exsted (G)

119--Jim Siddila (Br) def. Dan Jacobs (H)

126--Jim Lund (H) def. Carl Exsted (G)

132--Steve Hagen (H) def. Brian Park (Co)

138--Jim Mackethun (G) def. Jeff Goebel (Br)

145--Ray Johnson (Co) def. Tim Regner (Br)

155--Joe Kalenberg (St) def. Dennis Melcher (G)

167--Scott Knight (N-YA) def. Gerald Anderson (Co)

185--Reg Schindler (H) def. Tim Breyer (G)

Heavy--Brad Bruers (N-YA) def. Rod Heldt (LP)

Wohler leads Panthers to 73-53 win;

BIRD ISLAND--Sophomore guard Barry Wohler of the Bird Island-Lake Lillian Panthers, scored 13 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter as they pulled away from Sacred Heart 73-53 on Tuesday evening, Feb. 13 to finish in a first-place tie with Danube in the 212 Conference.

Sacred Heart (3-9, 6-11) had designs on an upset as they were tied 42-42 after three quarters, but Wohler led the Panthers to a 31-11 advantage in the fourth quarter. Wohler averaged about 21 points per game during the regular season.

Bird Island-Lake Lillian finished 11-1 in conference and 16-2 overall. Danube had already finished 11-1 in conference. Danube won the first meeting of the two clubs 53-51 but Bird Island-Lake Lillian ran away in the second one 74-59.

Forward Paul Gass added 16 points and center Dean Flaun 10 points and eight rebounds for H-LL, who sank 34 of 77 field goals field goals attempts and five of eight free shots.

Sacred Heart Vikings made 25 of 53 shots but Bird Island-Lake Lillian held their usual turnover advantage, 8-18.

It was Bird Island-Lake Lillian's fourth straight 212 Conference crown, having won it outright the previous three years. The Panthers' record during that span, all under coach Jerry Wohler, has been 45-3 against conference foes.

H-LL	10	16	16	31 - 73
SH	8	12	22	11 - 53

Cosmos matmen place fourth in District 16 tournament

COSMOS--The Cosmos Royals team placed fourth in the District 16 Wrestling tournament held at Hector on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 16 and 17. Bird Island placed first (217 1/2), Norwood-Young America, second, (196 1/2), Glencoe, third, (184), Cosmos, fourth, (161 1/2), Brownton, fifth, (136), followed by Hector, (68), Lester Prairie, (49 1/2), Silver Lake (45 1/2), Buffalo Lake, (26), Stewart, (22 1/2), Winsted Holy Trinity (17 1/2) and Mayer Lutheran (11 1/2).

Individually, the Royals placed 10 out of the 11 people entered from first place through sixth place. The first four places advance to the Region Tournament.

98 lbs. - Jeff Johnson placed fourth. Pinned Stifter from Silver Lake, 1:49. Pinned Bakken, Mayer Lutheran, 1:11; lost to Michelsen, Glencoe, 9 - 1 dec. Selchow, Lester Prairie 6 - 2 and lost to Brant, Bird Island, 8 - 2.

105 lbs. - Lee Kaping placed fifth. Lost to Ballard of Glencoe, 3 - 0; pinned Machemehl, Lester Prairie, :33; lost to Walter of Buffalo Lake, 6 - 2 and dec. Goebel of Brownton 12 - 1.

112 lbs. Cosmos had no entry.

119 lbs. - Scott Peterson. Lost to Bernson of Hector, 8 - 1 and lost to Klima of Silver Lake 4 - 2.

126 lbs. - Wade Samson placed first. Pinned Stanton of Silver Lake, :25; Dec. Exsted of Glencoe, 8 - 1 and dec. Lindeman of Brownton 5 - 0.

132 lbs. - Brian Park placed fourth. Pinned Schivictenberg of Mayer Lutheran in 2:47; lost to Donnay of Glencoe 4 - 2; dec. Serbus, Hector, 4 - 1 and lost to Hagen of Bird Island 5 - 1.

138 lbs. - Neil Pearson placed second. Pinned Schwecke of Mayer Lutheran 3:03; pinned Wraspir of Silver Lake, 2:41; dec. Hartwig of Lester Prairie, 7 - 1 and lost to Squibb of Bird Island 9 - 1.

145 lbs. - Ray Johnson placed third. Pinned Dascher of Buffalo Lake, :57; dec. Mueller of Mayer Lutheran 14 - 1; lost to Johnson of Bird Island, 3 - 1; dec. Butcher of Hector, 12 - 4 and dec. Regner of Brownton 3 - 2.

155 lbs. - Mike Kutzke placed sixth. Dec. Hasse of Mayer Lutheran 10 - 0; pinned Kurth of Buffalo Lake :39; lost to Shanahan of Norwood Young America, 11 - 2; lost to Kalenberg, Stewart, 11 - 1 and lost to O'Neil, Lester Prairie, 5 - 2.

167 lbs. Gerald Anderson placed fourth. Lost to Wendland of Glencoe by fall, 3:38; pinned Karl of Buffalo Lake :43; dec. Klaustermeier, Lester Prairie, 11 - 3; dec. Kasal of Stewart, 7 - 2; and lost to Knight, Norwood-Young America, 9 - 3.

185 lbs. - Lonnie Amundson placed fifth. Lost to Vacek of Silver Lake by fall 2:49; pinned Niebuhr, Mayer Lutheran, 1:37; dec. Sandgren of Hector, 2 - 1; lost to Schindler of Bird Island by fall 2:13; won by forfeit over Fiecke of Winsted Holy Trinity.

Hwt. - Mark Dallmann placed first. Pinned Stevens of Bird Island, 1:35; pinned Heldt of Lester Prairie, 1:11; and pinned Kulberg of Hector, 5:06.



BRIAN PARK
132 lbs. - fourth



NEIL PEARSON
138 lbs. - second



RAY JOHNSON
145 lbs. - third



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98 lbs. - fourth



GERALD ANDERSON
167 lbs. - fourth



WADE SAMSON
126 lbs. first



MARK DALLMANN
Heavy weight-first

Circle Eight conference boys' basketball stats

Note: The number of games on which individual players' statistics are based follows his name and school in parenthesis.

Field goals, field goal attempts and percentage

Scott Minnick, Cosmos (9)	72—116—62.0 Pct.
Jay Bryan, Buffalo Lake (11)	142—237—59.9 Pct.
Kim Huls, Buffalo Lake (11)	60—103—58.2 Pct.
Mark Marshall, Winsted (9)	86—149—57.7 Pct.
Bryan Lade, Buffalo Lake (11)	23—45—51.1 Pct.
Brad Mueller, Buffalo Lake (11)	54—107—50.4 Pct.
Jim Fiecke, Winsted (10)	99—197—50.2 Pct.
Scott Blum, Cosmos (10)	70—147—47.6 Pct.
Randy Sullivan, Stewart (10)	69—147—46.9 Pct.
Bruce Rafteseth, Grove City (13)	80—174—45.9 Pct.
Tim Forcier, Stewart (10)	78—187—41.7 Pct.
Tom Lemke, Brownton (12)	82—208—39.4 Pct.
Chuck Birkholz, Lester Prairie (10)	49—147—33.3 Pct.

Free throws, free throw attempts and percentage

Jay Bryan, Buffalo Lake (11)	44—54—81.4 Pct.
Mark Marshall, Winsted (9)	38—50—76.0 Pct.
Chuck Birkholz, Lester Prairie (10)	35—48—72.9 Pct.
Scott Minnick, Cosmos (9)	25—37—67.5 Pct.
Brian Roepke, Stewart (10)	23—37—62.1 Pct.
Tim Forcier, Stewart (10)	29—51—56.8 Pct.
Randy Sullivan, Stewart (10)	24—45—53.3 Pct.

Offensive, defensive, total and average rebounds

Mark Marshall, Winsted (9)	49—78—127—14.1
Jay Bryan, Buffalo Lake (11)	38—94—132—12.0
Brian Roepke, Stewart (10)	?—?—117—11.7
Jim Fiecke, Winsted (10)	34—67—101—10.1

Assists and average

Bryan Lade, Buffalo Lake (11)	58—5.2
Brad Mueller, Buffalo Lake (11)	51—4.6
Brett Klabunde, Brownton (11)	45—4.0
Jeff Jakobitz, Buffalo Lake (11)	43—3.9
Cy Loncorich, Brownton (12)	34—2.8

Total points and average

Jay Bryan, Buffalo Lake (11)	330—30.0

Circle Eight Conference girls' basketball stats

Note: The number of games on which individual players' statistics are based follows her name and school in parenthesis.

Field goals, field goal attempts and percentage

Janet Wraspir, Silver Lake (9)	39—77—50.6 Pct.
Brenda West, Brownton (10)	42—94—44.6 Pct.
Jane Bakeberg, Grove City (9)	35—81—43.2 Pct.
Robin Lankey, Grove City (9)	40—96—41.6 Pct.
Linda Richards, Buffalo Lake (10)	61—159—38.3 Pct.
Terry Stanton, Silver Lake (9)	67—187—35.8 Pct.
Kay Konerza, Lester Prairie (8)	54—151—35.7 Pct.
RaNaye Rickert, Brownton (10)	41—124—33.0 Pct.
Julie Pagenkopf, Stewart (8)	51—155—32.9 Pct.
Heidi Nelson, Cosmos (8)	45—159—28.3 Pct.

Free throws, free throw attempts and percentage

RaNaye Rickert, Brownton (10)	33—43—76.7 Pct.
Leanne Carlson, Grove City (9)	22—29—75.8 Pct.
Robin Lankey, Grove City (9)	10—14—71.4 Pct.
Heidi Nelson, Cosmos (8)	17—27—62.9 Pct.
Terry Stanton, Silver Lake (9)	35—61—57.3 Pct.
Kay Konerza, Lester Prairie (8)	26—46—56.5 Pct.
Lori Carlson, Grove City (9)	20—39—51.2 Pct.
Julie Pagenkopf, Stewart (8)	38—75—50.6 Pct.
Linda Richards, Buffalo Lake (10)	55—112—49.1 Pct.

Offensive, defensive, total and average rebounds

Linda Richards, Buffalo Lake (10)	?—?—144—14.4
Julie Pagenkopf, Stewart (8)	54—61—115—14.3
Brenda West, Brownton (10)	57—76—133—13.3
Kim Burandt, Lester Prairie (8)	45—55—100—12.5
Janet Wraspir, Silver Lake (9)	36—66—104—11.5
Heidi Nelson, Cosmos (8)	37—51—88—11.0
Renae Kurschner, Silver Lake (9)	26—72—98—10.8
Lisa Lindstrom, Lester Prairie (7)	43—32—75—10.7
Jenny West, Brownton (10)	41—49—98—10.8

Assists and average

Terese Taylor, Buffalo Lake (9)	41—4.5
Terry Stanton, Silver Lake (9)	27—3.0
Marcy Krosch, Cosmos (8)	19—2.3
Robin Lankey, Grove City (9)	19—2.1

Region 4-A wrestling Fri. and Sat.

Individual Region IV-A wrestling tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 23 and 24 at Mankato State University-Highland Arena.

First round will begin on Friday, February 23 at 5:15 p.m. with second round to begin at noon on Saturday, February 24. Finals begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday evening.

Admission will be: Adults $2.00 and students $1.00.

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News From Cosmos

MARK, ALLISON AND Jackie Coulter of Hector spent the weekend with their grandparents, the Walter Jacobsons. On Saturday they all visited at the Martin Jacobson home and helped Mrs. Jacobson celebrate her birthday.

TO HELP MRS. MAMIE Kaddatz celebrate her birthday on Sunday, dinner and afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Milo Wehking of Chaska, Debbie Lund of Minneapolis, Mrs. Eddie Lund of Franklin, Mrs. Maryetta Minnick and Maryorie. Mrs. Lund was a Sunday overnight and Monday guest.

MR. AND MRS. MAYNARD Kiecker and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Schiro were Sunday afternoon and luncheon guests at the Herb Schultz home to help Herb celebrate his birthday.

MR. AND MRS. CARL Remmel were Sunday afternoon and supper guests at the Lester Erickson home.

MR. AND MRS. CARL Wehking and family of Eagle Bend and Ernest Wehking of rural Hector were Monday dinner guests at the Eugene Wehking home.

MR. AND MRS. ORVILLE Dahlk Jr., Dave and Nicole, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wehking and family were Sunday evening supper guests at the Orville Dahlk Sr. home.

MR. AND MRS. ED Dolratz and Bernette visited Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rolf at Mayer on Sunday afternoon and were supper guests.

MR. AND MRS. GENE Sundin and Danyell of Eveleth spent from Thursday to Sunday afternoon at the Lester Erickson home a week ago. Other visitors on Sunday afternoon and supper guests at the Erickson home were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Erickson and family of Atwater, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Erickson and son of Lake Lillian, Steven Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Erickson of Bird Island and Mr. and Mrs. Butch Erickson and son of Eveleth.

MRS. LOIS EASTMAN, Mrs. Selma Bipes and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Buck and family of Hutchinson called on Mrs. Hawes during the week.

MR. AND MRS. HARLAN Jenkins and family of Hutchinson and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Jenkins and family were Sunday afternoon and supper guests at the Joe Jenkins home. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kiecker were evening visitors.

OUR SYMPATHY GOES out to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reiss in the death of a grandson, Steven Erickson, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Erickson of Olivia. Steven was killed instantly in a car-truck accident Friday night near Olivia. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon in Olivia.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON 17 youth from the Luther League of First Lutheran Church, Cosmos, two guests and several parents enjoyed a bowling party at Ripley Lanes in Litchfield. They were also accompanied by the chaperons, Marlene Loveland and Johanna Anderson.

DANIEL AND DONALD Kiecker, children of Mr. and Mrs. DuWayne Kiecker celebrated their second birthday on Saturday night with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin French of rural Lake Lillian, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Kiecker of Cosmos and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Reitsma of rural Lake Lillian enjoying the evening with them.

MR. AND MRS. MARLIN Lietzau and family and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Lietzau of Hutchinson and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lietzau of Rosemount were Sunday afternoon and supper guests at the Clarence Lietzau home.

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT Jaecho and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Loveland and family were Sunday afternoon and supper guests at the Jack Loveland home.

JOANN PARK FROM Duluth spent the weekend visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Park. Sunday evening supper guests at the Ronald Park home along with Joann were Mr. and Mrs. Ross Kaping and Glenn and Kaloni Inselmann.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON and supper guests at the Ilert Anderson home to help Mrs. Anderson and granddaughter Darci Anderson of Minneapolis celebrate their birthdays were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Iverson and family of Willmar, Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Beilke and family of Hutchinson, Mrs. Lillian Anderson, rural Lake Lillian and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Pearson. Rick Anderson of Austin, Darci and Kim Anderson of Minneapolis and Troy and Todd Iverson of Willmar spent the weekend at the Anderson home.

MRS. MARION SCHIRO spent Sunday at the Donald Schiro home. Additional evening visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kurth and family of rural Stewart.

MR. AND MRS. EVERETT Erickson of Bird Island were Saturday evening supper guests at the Lester Erickson home.

BRIAN ERICKSON, SON of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Erickson of Lake Lillian spent the weekend with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Lester Erickson while his parents attended the Campers Show in Minneapolis.

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD Martin were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests at the Orville Martin home in Hutchinson to help Orville celebrate his birthday. Other afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Myron Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Martin and family.

MR. AND MRS. FRED Fleagel and family of Coon Rapids were weekend guests at the Merrill Meyer home. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Meyer and family joined them for Sunday dinner at the Merrill Meyer home.

THE U.M.W. OF THE Cosmos United Methodist Church met at the Verne Fredin home Wednesday evening.

MR. AND MRS. MYRON Berg of Winthrop were Sunday visitors at the Verne Fredin home. They enjoyed the pancake supper at the Methodist Church.

IDA SCHIRO OF GIBBON was a dinner and supper guest at the Monda[illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Schiro to Cosmos. The Schiros visited relatives in Cosmos. Ervin is recuperating following surgery he recently underwent.

MR. AND MRS. MELVIN Raske were Sunday evening supper guests at the Oscar Maas home.

MRS. OSCAR MAAS and Mrs. Melvin Raske attended the funeral of an aunt, Mrs. Martha Draxton on Monday morning at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grove City.

MR. AND MRS. ALFRED Inselmann and Sally Inselmann visited at the Leonard Fazenbaugh home, rural Bird Island on Tuesday evening to help Leonard celebrate his birthday.

MR. AND MRS. ALFRED Inselmann and Kevin, Sally Inselmann were among other relatives and friends to help celebrate the birthdays of Leroy Markgraf, Alex Markgraf and Edward Markgraf on Saturday evening at the Brownton Hall.

MR. AND MRS. AUGUST Fischer visited with Mrs. Gerald Hanson of Grove City on Saturday and with Mrs. Delbert Sturges, Christine and Connie in Hutchinson on Monday.

MR. AND MRS. GLARence Geier Sr. were Friday evening supper guests at the Lloyd Housman home.

MRS. ETHEL ANDERSON entertained Mrs. Luella Benson and Mrs. Bonnie Geier for supper on Monday night.

MR. AND MRS. HARRY Bipes, Mr. and Mrs. Lamoine Kahmeyer visited and were luncheon guests at the Esther Anderson home Monday afternoon and supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Schiro of Gibbon and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bipes.

MRS. ESTHER ANDERSON and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bipes were among other relatives that visited and were luncheon guests at the Bill Buck home, rural Grove City on Sunday afternoon.



Beverly Burgstahler and Jack Wold wed in December

HUTCHINSON--Beverly Jean Burgstahler and Jack Raymond Wold were married at 5 p.m., Saturday, December 30th at Christ the King Church in Hutchinson.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. James Burgstahler of Cosmos and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wold of Gaylord.

The Rev. David Natwick of Hutchinson officiated at the wedding service.

The bride chose Juliann Harrington, sister of the groom to be maid of honor with Lynn Axell, sister of the bride of Stillwater, Diane Olson, sister of the bride of Alexandria, Lorine Maus, friend of bride of Hutchinson, and Pamela Neiger, friend of the bride of Hutchinson as her attendants.

Greg Hammilton, friend of the groom of Kimball, served as bestman with John Wold, brother of the groom of Pine City, Mark Redman, friend of the bride and groom of Hutchinson, Jim Eilrich of Gaylord as groomsmen. Arlin Axell and David Olson, brother-in-laws of the bride were ushers.

A reception was held after the ceremony in the fellowship hall.

The bride and groom is at home at 309 Meadow Lark Lane, Clearwater, Florida.

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BAPTISM

JODY NICOLE ARNDT

COSMOS--Jody Nicole Arndt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Arndt, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield on Sunday, January 28.

Sponsors were Paul and Peggy Anderson of St. Cloud and Sue Martin of Cosmos.

Dinner guests following the service were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Arndt, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anderson, Chad, Chris and Chelie, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Martin, Dean and Doug, Sophie Reinke, Gary and Doug Flowers and Mark Reinke.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank everyone who remembered me with prayers, visits, cards, gifts and flowers during my stay at the Hutchinson Hospital and since I returned home.

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Friday, Feb. 23 ..... Fish & Chicken Fry
5:30-9:30 P.M. - Music by Jolly Czechs -
Milton Peterson Birthday
Saturday, Feb. 24 ..... Music by Prairie Fire
Tuesday, Feb. 27 ..... Whist Party

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De Rind Slab Bacon Lb. $1.39
Spare Ribs Lb. $1.39
Schweigerts Tender Bite Wieners Lb. $1.19
Schweigerts C.O.V. 3 Var. Ring Bologna 1 Lb. Ea. $1.99
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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".



Either we picked a Whozit candidate that was too easy or our readers are just too smart. We got numerous calls and a few emails with the correct answer for January's selection, **Don Hartung.** This is gonna cost us BIG TIME rewarding all of these KewPie dolls.

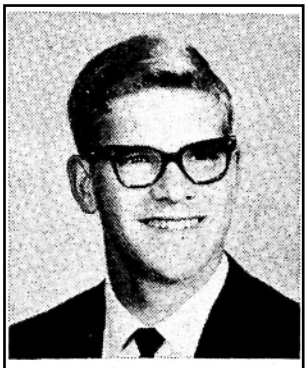
"Hi ho, hi ho, it's out the door we go..."



Here's the emails;

"Hector kid is Don Hartung" **Marilyn Minnick**
"Whozit this issue Don Hartung **Shirley Reinert**
"It is Don Hartung." **Jim Stueber**

"Don Hartung lives in Hutch, but is in town most days to attend to his farming related duties." **Donna Bjur**


Don Hartung

"The Whozit picture is Donny Hartung." **Dee Smith**

"I think it's Donny Hartung." Thanks, **Gary Schmidt**

Memo to: Galactic Gazette
From: **Joleen Hartung Durken**
Subject: Responses to your January "Whozit"
Date: January 7, 2021
Your questions and my responses:

Where is this kid now? Probably somewhere near Cosmos at his office or shop, or possibly in Hutchinson where he usually sleeps.

Is he still handsome? In the opinion of his sister, better than ever! (His hair reminds me of our Grandpa's when he was in his 90s.)

Does he still work in the agricultural field? He thinks he does not work at all since he loves what he does (continuing to dabble in agriculture).

Has he learned to like spicy foods? Yes, he likes many foods, including spicy.

AND A QUESTION YOU FAILED TO ASK:

Did Harold Minnick babysit for him about 67 to 70 years ago? Yes. (Also for his brother, Jim, and his sister).

Whozit? is **Don Hartung**

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