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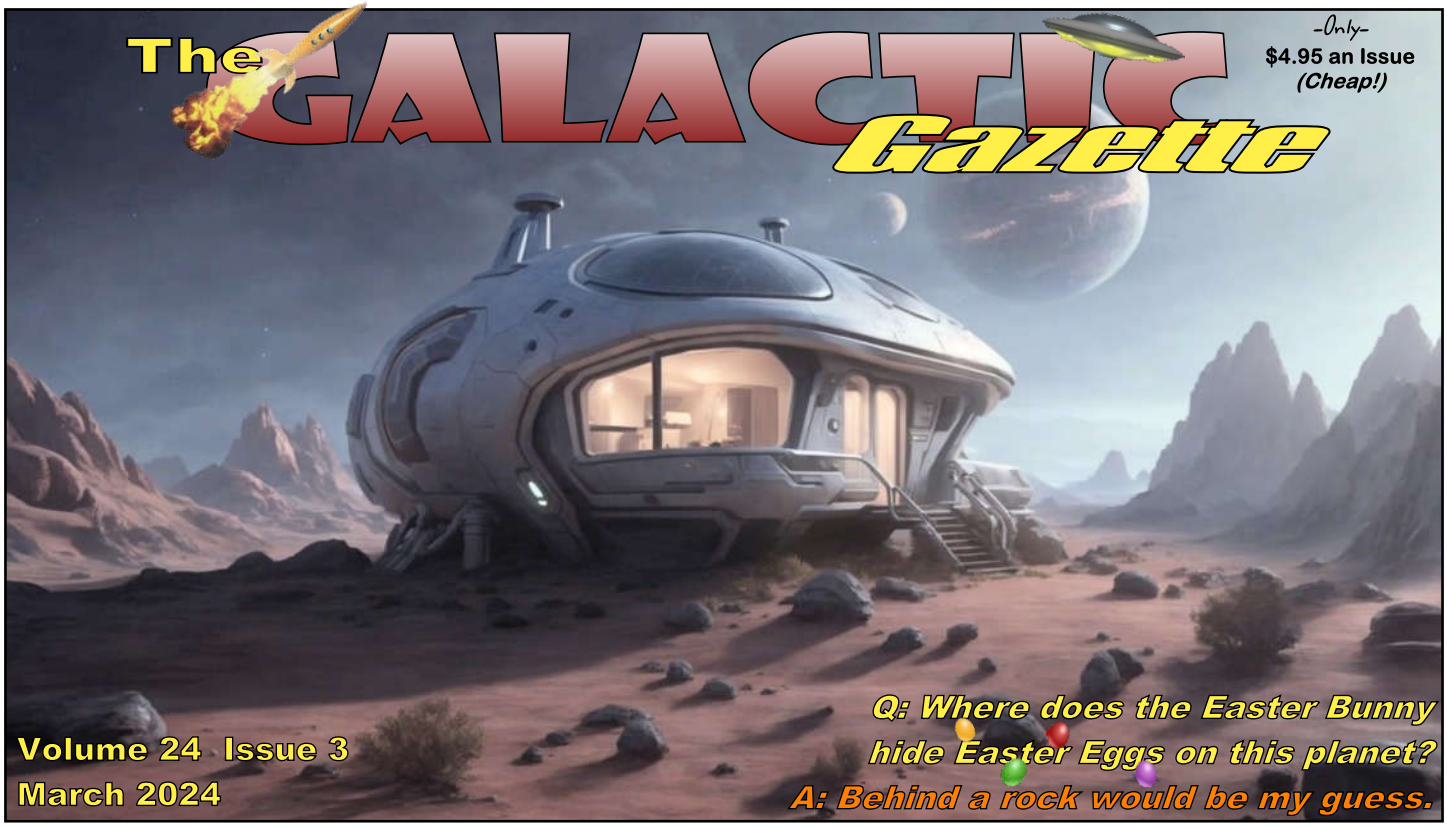

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Q: Where does the Easter Bunny hide Easter Eggs on this planet?
A: Behind a rock would be my guess.

Weather: They say 'Liony' or 'Lamby'. "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"



Chili Cook-Off Warms Up Locals

Pic and commentary by Mark Minnick

The Cosmos Fire & Ambulance Department members put on another great **Chili Cook-Off** on Feb 3rd at The **Dive Bar & Grill**. Lucky locals and a few out-of-towners got to sample some GREAT chili concoctions.

I personally did not find a single entry that wasn't delicious. But I still picked my favorite. *(That's the whole point of a cook-off, right?)* The crowd of 'professional' chili tasters sampled and voted for their favorite. The entry that received the most votes won first place. Bing, bang, boom. Here's the lowdown on the voting;

1st Place-Jim *'Diesel'* Deleeuw
2nd Place-Renee 'Rainbow Bright' Hopp
3rd Place-Cory *'Sandbaggin'* Studemann

Fire Chief **Jon 'Herb' Fruetel** ladled up a couple bowls of tasty chili for **Nicole** and **Mason Rothstein** of Cosmos. After chowing down, the two told me that it was really, really good. I agreed with 'em. Later at home, I realized that I had forgotten to ask how they voted. Dang. Absent minded reporter I guess. ;)

New Curator of CHS Scrapbooks



Pic and story by Mark Minnick

The Cosmos High School Scrapbooks have finally found a new home. CHS alum **Mark Adams** has answered the call. He stopped by one day in the end of January to pick up the massive stack of archival info. I'm glad to see that the collection is going to a good home.

Mark told me that if someone wants to check out any of the books, to give him a call at **320-905-1658**.

Thank you Mark!

Heat Wave



Pic and story by Mark Minnick

"January Thaw" is a term I've heard spoken many times over the years. Yes, it seems most years you get a warm up in January. A nice break from normal below zero temps, sometimes even actually getting above freezing. This pic was taken on January 30th;

Time & temp is 3:15 & 56 degrees. Yowzers!

This year, I don't think we've been below zero yet as I write this on 2/26. Heck, it even got up to 59 degrees today! Deb and I grilled pork shoulder and meatloaf while enjoying a beer. What's next? Dogs & cats living together? Stay tuned…

'Elevator Man' Retires



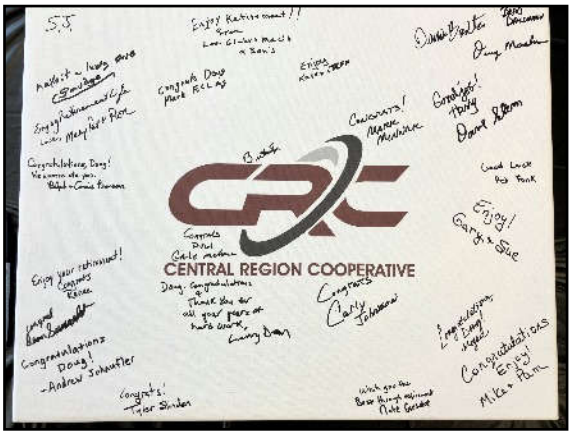
Doug and his 'Elevator Cake'.

Pic and commentary by Mark Minnick

A nice crowd of Central Region Coop personnel, customers, friends and family showed up at the Cosmos City Center Feb 16th. They were there to celebrate the retirement of **Doug Kranz,** marking 34 years of service to CRC.

The center was abuzz with well wishers laughing and talking between themselves and to the man of the hour. Massive quantities of pulled pork, coffee and cake kept everyone's appetites at bay. A "Little lunch" as they call it. Uff da.

34 years is a long time to work at one place. I hope Doug has at least 34 four years of retirement fun ahead of him. Congrats buddy!



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Beverage

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"Hoppin' Down the Bunny Trail."

-The-

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MINUTES
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REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2024

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:35 p.m. on Thursday February 8, 2024.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Mark Minnick, Emily Van Hatten and Jody Fruetel.
Absent: Angelica Hopp
ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Nikki Brazzi, Deputy City Clerk Brigitte Douglas and City Administrator John Douville
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Minnick, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Minnick, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

1) **January 11, 2024, 2023 City Council Minutes.**

Bolton & Menk, Josh Halvorson – was present to update the progress of evaluating the waste water system. They are working with MN Pollution Control Agency in regards to our ponds, gate valves and Inflow & Infiltration (I & I). MNPCA has noted five corrective actions and the city is currently working on two of them.

February 8, 2024 Bills List - A motion by Minnick, seconded by Van Hatten, to approve the February 8, 2024 bills list with check numbers from 16644- 16679for $26,291.07. Motion carried**.**

Fire/Ambulance Annual Meeting – Administrator Douville reviewed the proposed rates for the annual fire/township meeting set for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday February 20, 2024.

Cannabis Business Licensing – The City Council discuss the Cannabis/Opioid legislation that allows business operations in the sale of cannabis and various related products. The city would have to develop business licensing and zoning locations for any potential business. The City will review options and best practices through 2024 for implementation in 2025.

Cannabis Business Operations/Licensing - a motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to approve a moratorium on Cannabis Retail licensing in 2024 while the city develops proper zoning and licensing requirements. Motion carried**.**

Health and Safety Ordinance – City Administrator Douville is reviewing potential changes in the Health and Safety sections of the city ordinance, in particular areas of junk and weeds. The city will try to update and implement the changes in the spring of 2024.

Fire Chief Fruetel recommended the approval of two new firefighters, Nikki Brazzi and Cordel Lockwood. A motion by Minnick, seconded by Van Hatten, to approve fire members Nikki Brazzi and Cordel Lockwood. Motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2024. 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 Minnick, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried.

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March 28th | 6 pm Maundy Thursday Service
March 29th | 6 pm Good Friday Service
March 31st | Easter
6:30 am Sunrise Service
7:30 am Easter Breakfast
9:00 am Worship

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Senior Club Meeting

March 27th
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Lunch at 11:00 AM*
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Time: 9-11:30 am.
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Monday, March 25th Noon to 6 PM

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Please Help us reach our goal. We need you!

The Gazette's Kewpie inventory was depleted in a major way this month - Yikes! It seems one person knew all but <u>one</u> of the basketball players names. The coach too! Again - Yikes!

I think he's got an unfair advantage, being a "Man of the cloth" and all. (or his memory just plain works) Oh well, I don't want the Almighty thinking this old former Catholic would skimp on rewarding Whozit Kewpies…to a follower or Martin Luther, no less.

And besides, there's that darned elevator…

Anyway, the names are below;





TIED FOR FIRST place in the Crow River Conference with Dassel and Delano this year are the Cosmos Royals. Left to right they are: Larry Sharpe, Leland Finsted, Ronny Brooks, Dennis Ortloff, David Farmer, Wayne Kessler, Coach John Peterson, Larry Lietzau, Dale Schlender, Greg Olson, Roger Kamrath, Ron Peterson and Larry Retzlaff.—Photo by Brinkman Studio, Hutchinson.

Since I graduated from Cosmos High in 1960, could these young guys have taken over in 1961?

(Left to Right): **Larry Sharpe, Lee Finstad, Ron Brooks, Randy Grussendorf, Dave Farmer, Wayne Kessler, Coach Peterson, Larry Lietzau, Dale Schlender, Greg Olson, Roger Kamrath, Ron Peterson** and **Larry Retzlaff.**

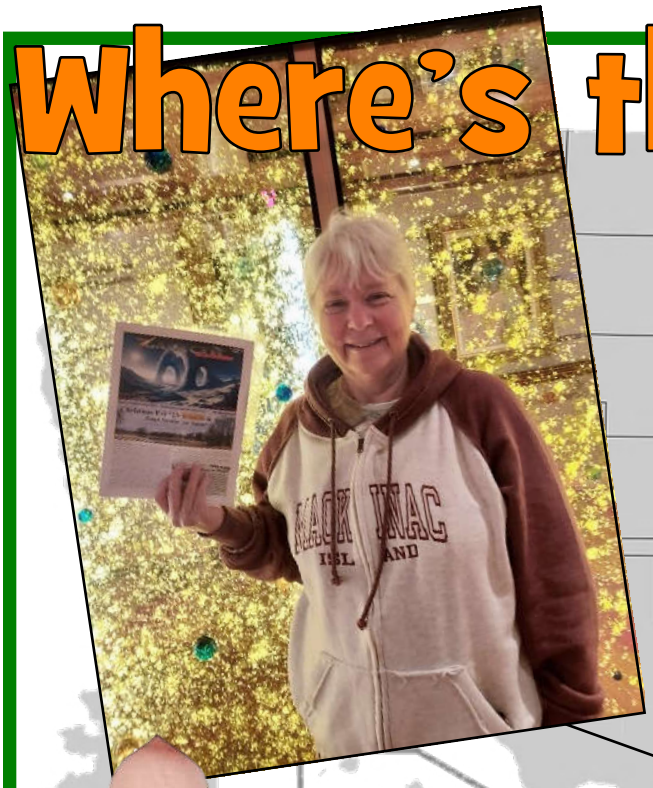
Thanks for the memories!

Duane Kamrath

(Editors note; The only player Duane misnamed was Dennis Ortloff, identifying the player as Randy Grussendorf. Pretty darned good, considering I myself can't remember what I had for lunch and if it was tasty.)



Where's the Gazette?



I was reading the December Galactic Gazette
on a cruise ship crossing the Gulf of Mexico
right after the New Year!!
The weather was so rough they had our access
to the decks locked!!
I used the backdrop to the casino as that was a
popular place for that time.

Keep those Gazette's coming,
Jan (Macik) Kreie





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Danielson Hustlers 4-H Club Report

The Danielson Hustlers 4-H meeting was held on **February 18, 2024** at the Litchfield Civic Center. We started the meeting with a game "Member Match Up." The meeting began at approximately 5:18 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge.

Roll call was "What was your partner's favorite winter memory" from the previous game before the meeting. The secretary's report was given and approved along with the treasurer's report. No correspondence was mentioned.

Old business: We are still waiting to hear back from the Litchfield Satellites on helping them with a Community Pride project.
Fundraiser items were due at this meeting along with money.

New business: A Community Pride opportunity for our club would be helping the Cosmos Lions with their pork chop dinner. The club would help with the clean up of tables and dishes. This would be April 12th from 6-8 p.m. The club will wear their club t-shirts.

Talk was maybe touring a local Danielson Hustler 4-H alumni business. More information will be given at a later date.

We had no project or demonstration talks tonight. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. After the meeting, the club's winter activity took place with ice skating and potluck.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauran Arndt
Danielson Hustlers Reporter

Thank You

We would like to thank the Cosmos Ambulance Dept. and the Allina Ambulance Dept. for the many trips that they have had to make to our home. All were very considerate of our personal issues. They really are a blessing to our small community. Very much appreciated and a big "Thank You" to all the teams.

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Science, Tech and Just Plain Cool Stuff



Pic by Roy Snyder

From the Editor:

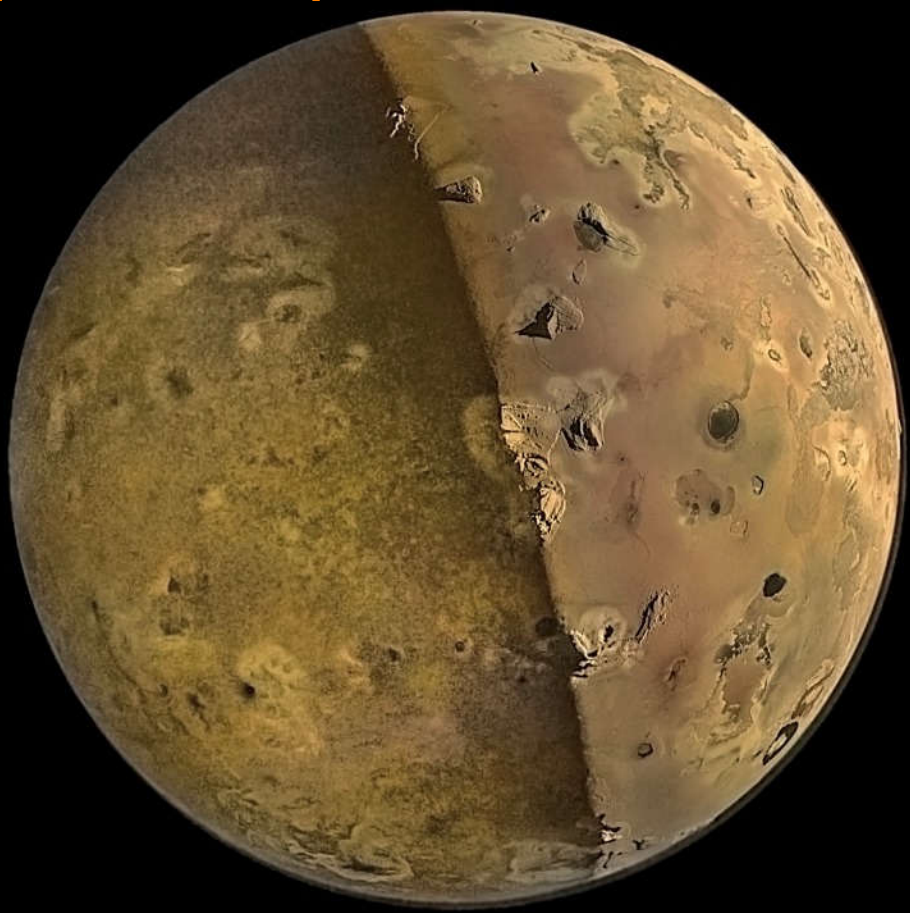
Hey Buckaroos! No, your editor did not forget to update the readers on the newest pics from the Juno flyby of Jupiter's moon Io. I mentioned the flyby in the Jan '24 issue. This one is the only offering from NASA that I have seen so far.

(There are more images that just haven't been enhanced at the time I put together this article and info.)

Despite just one image, me thinks it's a pretty outstanding one at that. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

Mark Minnick

Sharpest Pictures of Jupiter's Volcanic Moon Io in a Generation



Jupiter's moon Io, its night side illuminated by reflected sunlight from Jupiter, or "Jupitershine."

Image data: NASA/JPL-Caltech/SwRI/MSSS Image processing by Emma Wilmäki © CC BY

Feb 7 2024, *courtesy nasa.gov*

NASA's Juno spacecraft just made the closest flybys of Jupiter's moon Io that any spacecraft has carried out in more than 20 years. An instrument on this spacecraft called "JunoCam" returned spectacular, high-resolution images—and raw data are now available for you to process, enhance, and investigate.

On Dec. 30th, 2023, Juno came within about 930 miles of the surface of the solar system's most volcanic world. It made a second ultra-close flyby of Io just this week. The second pass went predominantly over the southern hemisphere of Io, while prior flybys have been over the north. There's a lot to see in these photos! There's evidence of an active plume, tall mountain peaks with well-defined shadows, and lava lakes—some with apparent islands.

Herb Takes Over



By Mark Minnick, info and pic from Becky Koeberl

Jon 'Herb' Fruetel has assumed the operator's position at CRC's Cosmos Grain Elevator location.

Herb brings many years of grain handling experience to the Cosmos, working for his uncle Kenny at the **Cedar Mills Elevator** and at CRC's **Buffalo Lake Elevator** location.

In case the reader wasn't aware, Herb resides right in downtown Cosmos. He is the chief of the city fire department and is always a big supporter of the community. *Aaand he grows big pumpkins in his backyard every year.*

I asked him if he would now be in charge of loading railcars for the **Luce Line Railroad**. He just smiled and moved away from me…slowly. I get that a lot. :)

All BS aside; Congrats Herb, glad to see you get the position.

Home & Garden Hints



By Janice Blum

HEALTHIER PLANTS

For healthier plants save and crush your eggshells in a container of water. After a few days of soaking pour the mixture on plants. You'll be amazed at how much greener and fuller your plants will be.

DEFROSTING HELP

Each time after I defrost my freezer, I spray the inside with PAM or similar product. You will find the next time you defrost your freezer the ice comes off easily.

FRENCH TOAST

Do you throw away the milk and egg mixture for French toast? Instead, cook it all as if making French toast for an army. Wrap the left over toast in aluminum foil, putting wax paper between each slice. Take as many from the freezer as needed and pop in the toaster. Wa lah – as good as fresh!

The Cosmos Public Library News



by Beth Cronk, Meeker County Library

Remember the song "Smokey the Bear"? Smokey is still around, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has given the library some materials for kids to do a little reading challenge related to the fire prevention bear.

Kids of any age can stop in during the month of March to pick up a short reading challenge. There are fun stickers and bookmarks to go with it, too.

New books come in for the Cosmos Library collection all year long. Stop in to find new books for kids, including these newly-added titles:

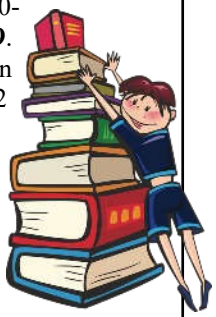
-Picture books-

- Are You Big? *by Mo Willems*
- Bear Finds Eggs *by Karma Wilson*
- Buffalo Fluffalo *by Bess Kalb*
- Cranky *by Phuc Tran*
- Eyes That Weave the World's Wonders *by Joanna Ho with Liz Kleinrock*
- Grumpy Monkey Spring Fever *by Suzanne Lang*
- I Am a Masterpiece! An Empowering Story About Inclusivity and Growing Up with Down Syndrome *by Mia Armstrong*
- Just One More Sleep: All Good Things Come to Those Who Wait… and Wait…and Wait *by Jamie Lee Curtis*
- Wildfire! *By Ashley Wolff*

-Chapter book-

- Slugfest *by Gordon Korman*

Cosmos Library offers a LEGO program for kids every month, typically on the third Monday from 2:00-3:00 p.m. This month, this will be on **March 19**. Kids ages 5-18 are welcome to attend. Children ages 5-7 need a parent or caregiver at least 12 years old to stay with them. There's no need to sign up or bring anything; the program uses the library's LEGO collection.



The Cosmos Library's hours are; Mondays 10-5, Tuesdays 2-5, Thursdays 2-6, Fridays 2-5, and Saturdays 10-1.



CHEF it UP!

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

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



Orange Glazed Chicken

By Grace Kamrath

Greetings to all on this winter day. Spring is just around the corner. Well according to the calendar. Duane and I just got back from a trip to California to visit our daughter, Gail and her family.

While there we made a trip down to the Salinas area, home of John Steinbeck. Famous author of several novels like GRAPES OF WRATH and EAST OF EDEN. While there we ate at the restaurant in the boyhood home of Mr. Steinbeck. The recipe following is one that was a favorite of his growing up.

ORANGE GLAZED CHICKEN

- 1 1/2 c. orange juice
- 1/3 c. honey
- 2 T. brandy (opt.)
- 1 t. apple cider or white wine vinegar
- 3 whole cloves
- 1/4 t. white pepper
- 2 T. cornstarch
- 2/3 c. flour
- 1 t. salt
- 1/2 t. pepper
- 6 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 3 thin orange slices, cut in half and a few sprigs of parsley



GLAZE

1 c. orange juice, honey, brandy, vinegar, first salt and pepper. Whisk in the cornstarch and heat until thickened. Set aside. Lightly grease 7 x 11 pan. Combine flour, salt and pepper. Dip chicken breasts in remaining orange juice and dredge in flour mixture. Put in prepared pan. Spoon 2 T. glaze mixtureon each breast. Cover chicken and bake for 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Remove cover and bake another 10 minutes. Reheat glaze and serve on the side. Garnish with 1/2 slice orange on each beast with a sprig of parsley. I would serve this with parsley boiled potatoes.

Irish Humor

"Do you have any mementos in your locket, Mrs. Murphy?"

"A lock of my husband's hair."

"But he's still alive."

"Yes, but his hair is all gone."



My Toenails Are Just Fine; NOT!



Foot Care Specialist **Sara Killmer** working on one of my Shrek-like feet.



Pic and commentary by Mark Minnick

I remember a line in an infamous TV ad from 1972; "Try it, you'll like it" referring to a guy wondering about menu choices in a restaurant. The waiter keeps telling the guy, "Try it, you'll like it. Try it, you'll like it…and on and on".

So the guy finally tries it and says, "Thought I was gonna die" then takes two Alka Seltzers. Heartburn averted and all is good, so the ad proclaims.

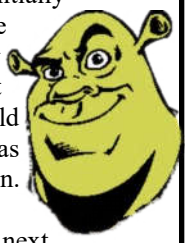
Fifty some years later, good Minnesotan's are still wary of such things. When there's mention of fish that isn't fried, tasty spices and dark beer, skepticism rules. Someone says, "Try it, you'll like it" and most think, "I'll surely die". This line of thinking probably applies to pedicures too. "My toenails are fine, thank you, you becha, uff da, go away."

I like fish soup, kimchi or Corona Dark. But even I was a little wary about a pedicure. Besides, who in their right mind wants to trim my toenails? Would I have to get a new man card? Was I going to need Alka Seltzer?" Hmmm…Anyway, I decided to put on my big boy pants and give it a shot. Besides, my toenails needed help. Oh the humanity…

Foot Care Specialist **Sara Killmer** was scheduled to be at Peace Lutheran Church on Feb 22. So I decided wth, I'll give this 'pedicure thing' a try and set up an appointment.

So on that Thursday morning, I rolled into Peace, *(what else can I do but roll?)* met Sara and we exchanged pleasantries. We continued chatting as she pulled off my socks and went to work. She clipped and filed, clipped and filed and clipped and filed some more. Things were lookin' good, even for my toes.

Then, bing, bang, boom, I was all done. Heck, that wasn't so bad I thought, it was even kinda nice. I was initially worried that Sara would cower in disgust at the sight of my Shrek-like feet. But nope, they didn't bother her in the least. Brave girl that Sara, brave girl, a pro. Who knew a pedicure could be so much fun. Well, maybe not as much fun as fishing, just plain ol' regular, normal people fun. *(I gotta get out more.)*



I'm getting an appointment set up for the next time she's in town. Now I'm even thinking about painting my nice toenails. Wadda ya think about bright blue? Maybe fuchsia? Too flashy? Hunter green? Decisions, decisions…but hey, I tried it and I liked it…*without Alka Seltzer even.*

Few are aware that the **Easter Bunny** has a lazy brother named the **Faul Bunny.** *Mom Bunny doesn't talk about him much.*



You want me to help load + deliver a bunch of goofy colored eggs?

Like right now? Really?

Yer harshin' my mellow, man...

Really harshin' my mellow...

...man.

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DERAILED about a mile east of Cosmos, Friday, was the train of the Minneapolis Industrial Railroad. One of the locomotives and one freight car were partially jack-knifed off the roadbed, while two other cars jumped off the rails. The damage was repaired and the cars restored to the track on Saturday. In the photo above, a crewman, on the walkway of the derailed locomotive, looks over the damage to the roadbed. Note the bent and broken rail in the foreground.—Cosmos News staff photo.

Spring Equinox - March 19th



Spring finally arrives on March 19th at 10:36 pm. Winter is officially over for another year. I'm not sure you could even call this last winter a winter at all, eh? Pretty darned balmy if you ask me. Anyway, impress you friends and balance an egg on end that day. *Go ahead, it'll be fun.*



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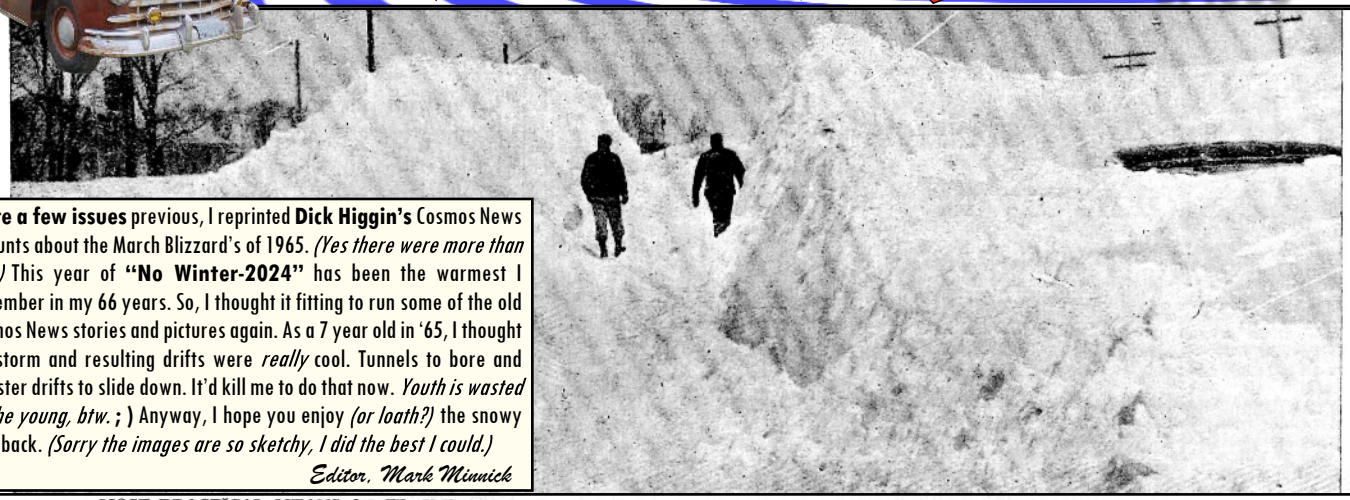

Quite a few issues previous, I reprinted **Dick Higgin's** Cosmos News accounts about the March Blizzard's of 1965. *(Yes there were more than one.)* This year of **"No Winter-2024"** has been the warmest I remember in my 66 years. So, I thought it fitting to run some of the old Cosmos News stories and pictures again. As a 7 year old in '65, I thought the storm and resulting drifts were *really* cool. Tunnels to bore and monster drifts to slide down. It'd kill me to do that now. *Youth is wasted on the young, btw.* ;) Anyway, I hope you enjoy *(or loath?)* the snowy look back. *(Sorry the images are so sketchy, I did the best I could.)*

Editor, Mark Minnick

MOST PRACTICAL MEANS OF TRAVEL last week after the storm was on foot. The pair above are dwarfed by the huge banks alongside them on north Main street in Cosmos, in front of the Henry Koch home. Just barely showing in the snowdrift at the right is the top of a car parked along the street.—Cosmos News staff photo.

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St. Patrick's Day storm was worst in many years

WHAT WILL very likely be known as one of the worst storms of all times completely paralyzed this area again, last week.

Dumping several inches of snow on the area, then blowing it around, the storm stopped all traffic, nearly all business, and left huge drifts everywhere.

Many homes were completely snowed in and isolated by huge drifts.

Fuel oil men were kept busy trying to battle the snow as long as they could. After the storm abated, the trucks were kept so busy they had a long backlog of orders to fill on Saturday and Sunday.

The storm began with a gentle snowfall, about 10 p.m., Tuesday, March 16. By dawn, Wednesday, it had become a howling blizzard. By noon, nearly all traffic was at a standstill.

Throughout Wednesday and Thursday there was no let-up. About 9 p.m., Thursday, the wind began to die down.

Friday dawned bright, clear and cold. People with shovels, tractors, snowplows, bulldozers and all manners of equipment began to emerge to remove the accumulation on streets, roads, sidewalks, doorsteps, doorways—every place you looked.

Shortly after 8 a.m. the last drift on highway 7 between Cosmos and Lake Lillian was opened at the county line, and westbound traffic began to move. Other highways were opened later in the day.

Following several weeks of heavy snowfall and storms, street crews were hard-put to find a place to dump the snow, since most ordinary dumping spots were filled, and hard-packed snowbanks were difficult to move. In many cases, the best solution was a bulldozer, which was able to push the old banks further back.

By Friday afternoon, farmers were coming into town in greater numbers, but many still were snowed in for several days.

Schools were closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Most of them re-opened Monday morning, but were dismissed early that afternoon when country roads began to drift in again.

Nearly every public event for many days was postponed or cancelled, including auction sales, PTA meetings, smorgasbord and suppers, bowling, adult education classes, annual meetings, Lenten services, and many others.

Nielson flies emergency runs after storm

HECTOR—Nielsen's Air Service performed half a dozen errands of mercy following the St. Patrick's Day storm, here, air-lifting emergency supplies to marooned farm families.

One of these air-lifts was to the Clarence Boll farm, near Cosmos, where he dropped a supply of drugs for a sick cow and baby food.

Byron Nielson, flew his plane in low over the farm, barely skimming the tree tops, perhaps 50 to 75 feet off the ground, slowed to almost stalling speed, then dropped the supplies into a snowdrift.

This system works very well, Nielson says. None of the supplies was damaged in any of the drops. They are wrapped well in burlap bags and dropped into the biggest, softest snowbank they can find.

Nielson performed this service without charge for those who were in desperate need.

Cosmos man was marooned between New Ulm, Sleepy Eye

COSMOS — Norman Straumann was returned to Cosmos from Sleepy Eye by airplane, Saturday morning.

Eldon Lowinske, manager of the Sleepy Eye airport, took Straumann to Cosmos and landed within two blocks of Main street.

Straumann, who farms northwest of Cosmos, had been marooned between New Ulm and Sleepy Eye.

Lowinske flew a number of assistance missions following the storm. He said cleared spaces between drifts on the roads were sufficient for his landing.

Men brought supplies to the nursing home

COSMOS—One of the most difficult jobs during last week's storm was bringing supplies to the Cosmos Community Nursing Home.

Food and medicines were desperately needed for residents of the home on Thursday, but the storm raged on, making this end of town almost inaccessible.

A group of six or seven men started out to bring supplies to the home. They were accompanied by the snow plow. The road past Peace Lutheran Church and the school was completely blocked, so they tried to get in from the south.

The expedition made it along highway 7 to the nursing home street without too much trouble, but here ran into trouble. The snowplow went into the ditch and got stuck even before it had reached the rail road track.

The men had to haul the supplies through the drifts on foot the remainder of the distance—about one block.

Nursing home had 5 extra guests; 4 more didn't make it; 1 collapsed

COSMOS—The Cosmos Community Nursing Home had five extra guests during the storm.

With the motel and most residences filled with stranded people, some were sent to the nursing home, since it has a few vacant beds.

Getting there was another matter, however. Four never did make it, and a fifth nearly lost his life.

Two truckers started walking for the nursing home, but found they could get no further than Peace Lutheran Church. They made their way to the Lyle Thomas home, where they were housed until the storm ended.

Two telephone linemen headed for the nursing home, but their truck got stuck near the Steve Sprieter home. Here, they too, were taken in and housed.

Of the five that reached the nursing home, one gave up when the nursing home was in sight, and sank into the snowdrift.

Roy Jordin, janitor of the home, was watching through the window and saw the man fall. He ran out into the storm and dragged the man to safety.

Those lodged at the nursing home expressed great satisfaction with their quarters. Not only were there comfortable rooms and beds, but there was adequate room to move around, other people to visit with and a large social and television room in which to enjoy themselves.

Blizzard has area tied up

THE WORST

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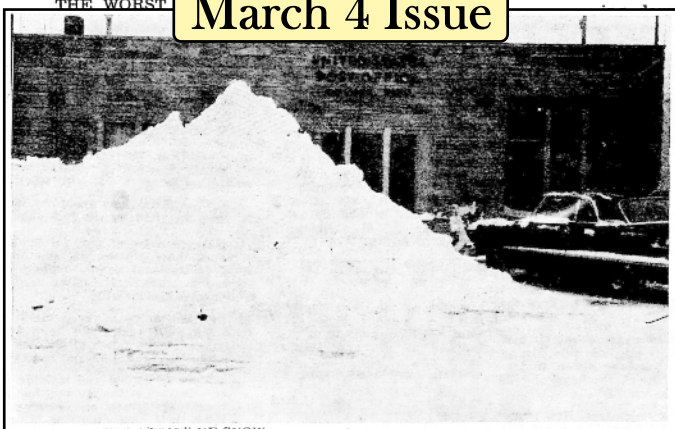
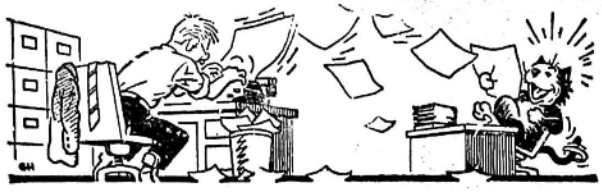


MOUNTAINS OF SNOW are everywhere in existence as a result of the worst blizzard in years. The pile above was nearly as high as the postoffice when this picture was taken, Tuesday morning.—Cosmos News staff photo.

SMORGASBORD

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING COOKED UP BY DICK



THERE IS NO DOUBT in my mind that this is the worst winter I've seen in the ten years I've been in this part of the state. As a matter of fact, I'm not too sure I can remember a worse one ever.

Several people have told me that the winter of '50-51 was worse, but in the last few days, even a few of them have begun to doubt.

One thing about a blizzard like this, you almost recapture that easy-going manner of the old days. No longer do you rush madly to get somewhere on time—simply because it's no use, you'll never make it. And so you sink back and for the most part tend to take your time more.

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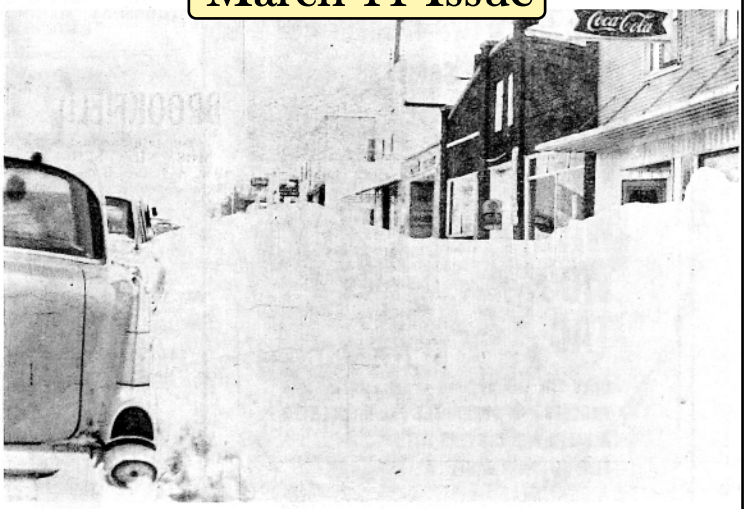
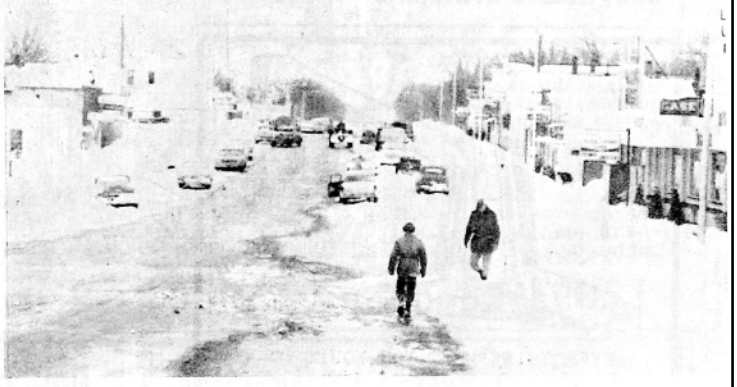
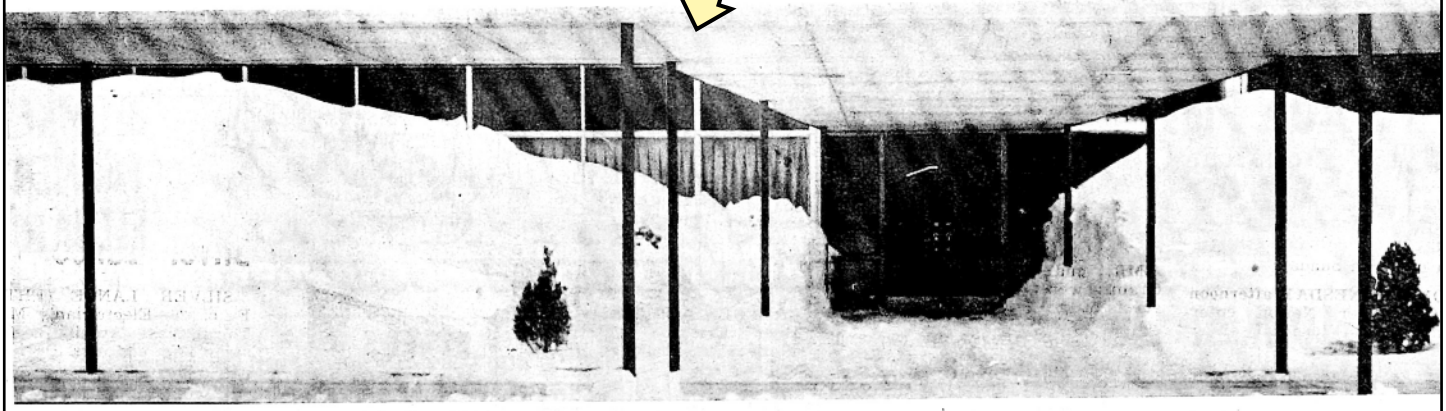


MAIN STREET in Cosmos was clogged with snow and cars for many days after last week's blizzard. In the picture above, note that many cars have to park nearly in the middle of the street to keep out of the snow banks which stretch from the buildings way out. The form of transportation in the foreground (walking) was very common for several days.—Cosmos News staff photo.



CENTER-STREET PARKING was the rule for many days in Cosmos, simply because there was nowhere else to park. The above photo gives you an idea of the size of the drifts that clogged up Main street.—Cosmos News staff photo.



WELCOME TO THE TUNNEL SCHOOL. That's about the way it seemed for Cosmos school children when they returned to school after a week's vacation caused by last week's blizzard. This is the way the front entrance to the school looked on Wednesday of last week after the storm had subsided. Several classrooms in various parts of the school were completely cut off from the sunlight by huge drifts flat against the walls which covered all the windows and in many places extended all the way to the roof.—Cosmos News staff photo.

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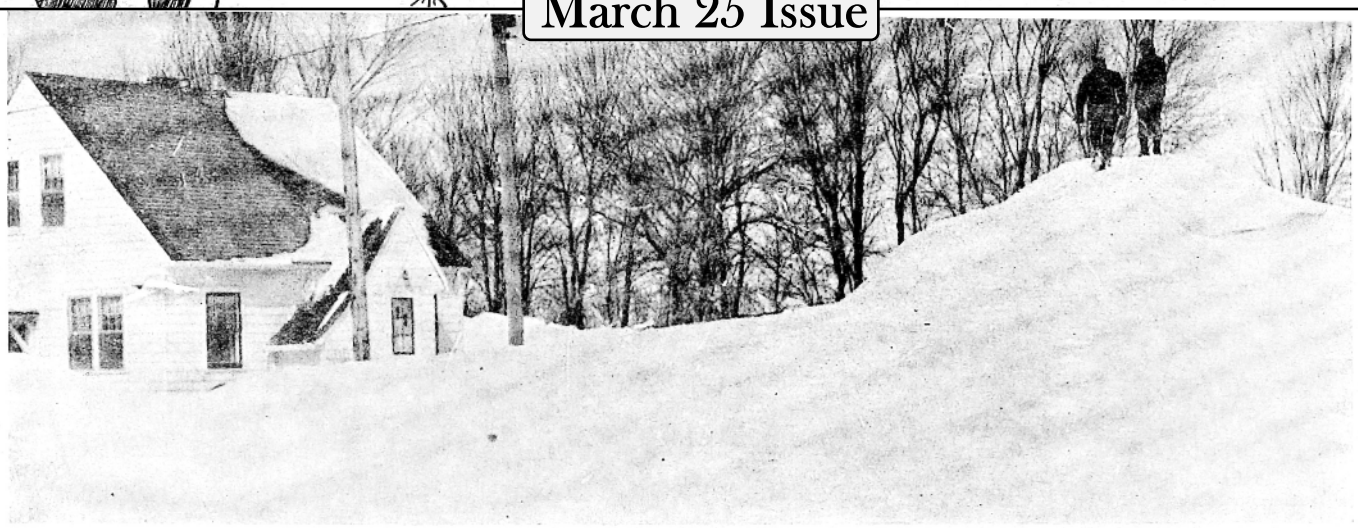
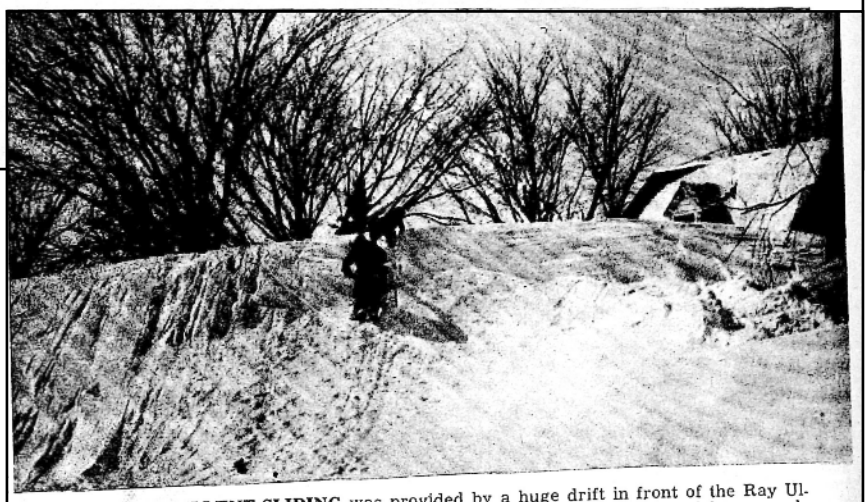


A MOUNTAIN GREW where none had been before, at the side of highway 4, in front of the Don Smith home, just north of the Cosmos village limits, during the St. Patrick's Day storm. Above, Don Smith and Joe Anderson stand on top of the mountain, about 20 feet high, looking down at the Smith home. Another huge drift behind the house was even with the tops of sheds and other outbuildings. Snowplow operators took one look at this drift early Friday morning, then turned around and returned the way they had come. The highway was opened up later in the day.—Cosmos News staff photo



EXCELLENT SLIDING was provided by a huge drift in front of the Ray Ulrich home on north Main street in Cosmos. The drift, being climbed by a couple sliders, above, stood fully 15 to 20 feet high.—Cosmos News staff photo.



STREETS THROUGHOUT COSMOS are little more than tunnels, with tremendous snowbanks towering on all sides. In the picture above, a car is backing down the narrow street for a block when the driver found the road to the nursing home completely cut off. At the left is Peace Lutheran Church.—Cosmos News staff photo.

Editorials

We've enough stories on the storm of '65

I'M SURE THAT ALMOST all of us living today will look back in years to come and reminisce about "The Great Snow Storm of 1965." There is some doubt whether this is the worst within our lifetime. Many maintain that the 1951 storm was worse, while some of the old-timers say you haven't really lived until you've lived through some of the old-time storms.

Be that as it may, the storm of 1965 is big enough for me. I'm content to save this one up for telling my grandchildren. Now, please turn it off!

One fine thing that has come out of the storm is an increase of neighborliness. Survival in many cases has depended on being and having good neighbors, so it has promoted the Golden Rule much more than has been in evidence in every-day life.

Another thing that has occurred—many have recaptured the unhurried mode of life of a few decades ago. In the last few weeks, nearly everything that has been scheduled had been called off because of the continuous storms and blocked roads. After a few days of trying to get places, nearly everybody has just given up, and doesn't even try, anymore. As a result, many people have quit hurrying around the way they have been accustomed and take things slower.

This won't last, of course, but I think it has been good for us to again experience it.

My sympathies have been with the street and highway crews. They have worked day and night in an effort to keep traffic moving, but it has been almost impossible.

Deserving praise, too, are the many local folks who have taken stranded people into their homes, or have otherwise gone out of their way to help.

Talking about the weather has always been a favorite conversation piece, but these days nobody talks about anything else. There are hundreds of stories that have been caused by the weather. So many that you or I will have ample material to retell for years and years.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Weatherman, we have more stories now than we know what to do with. Please don't give us any more!—By RICHARD HIGGIN.

March 18 Issue

HO HUM!

Happened again!

THIS ISN'T NEWS, but we'll print it here for the record, anyway.

It happened again! We're snowed in for the how many-eth time this winter.

As this is written, Wednesday morning, nearly everything is at a standstill again. During the night several more inches of snow have fallen, clogging up roads, streets and sidewalks.

At 3 p.m., as The News goes to press, it is still snowing and blowing. All streets, highways and roads are clogged. This apparently is going to be worse than the storm of two weeks ago.

What is worse, yesterday was the six-weeks anniversary of Groundhog Day—when that mean little beast said there would be six more weeks of winter.

HELP!



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TIME WARP Whozit?



This young lass got engaged to marry a native Cosmos lad. Do you recognize her?

Whozit?

Email your answer to:

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Thoughts & Observations



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The month of March. Spring is here, daylight lasts longer, people are happy winter is over, etc. Heck, my birthday is even in March. Regardless, I still don't like this time of year cuz it's usually muddy, sloppy and bone-chillingly damp. A crappy and yukky month.


Pic courtesy Kec's Kove

Some years though, winter is not over in March. See the proof in the **Time Warp** section this month. When I used to snowmobile, I experienced many wonderful days riding the trails and massive lakes near the Canadian border during March.

Beautiful scenery and vistas that would take your breath away. Bald eagles, wolves and deer were commonplace. Lake bays filled with powder snow and nary a drift. 8 foot wide trails, groomed like a super highway, lake or land. Man, I really used to get sad to see those winters disappear.

This year, there is no winter ***to*** disappear. The green in the yard has never really gone away. It's been easy to get around, even in my wheelchair. So what's my point with all this yakking?


Pic courtesy Kec's Kove

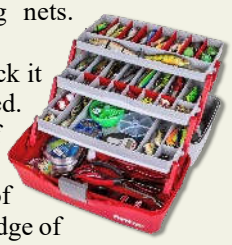
Nothing really, just observing that weather, like life, varies. It wouldn't be any fun if everyday/month/year was the same, me thinks. The only constant is change. But I am enjoying the lack of winter this year. *Hey, I'm old.*

I'm collaborating with the **Lake Lillian Sportsman's Club** on some upcoming tentative projects. They have a **Wood Duck** and **Bird House** building project for kids at the **Lake Lillian City Center** on **Saturday, April 6th**. I plan on going over to lend a hand where I can and enjoy interacting with the kids. It should be fun.



I attended their club meeting in February to present an observation and idea with them. I feel that there are folks out there that want to learn about angling and the outdoors. But, they don't have the equipment or the knowledge to do it.

We talked back and forth about things we could do to help. We all agreed that education is paramount. Show 'em what to do, then how to do it with the right equipment. So, we are collecting unused fishing items, old or new, that may be sitting in people's garages, sheds or closets. You know - rods, reels, tackle boxes, lures, life jackets, landing nets. Anything fishing related.



Once the items are collected, we'll check it all over; Sort, clean & refurbish as needed. Make it usable. Hey, we'll take donations of cash or new tackle items too. Just sayin',

Then it's get the tackle into the hands of kids and adults, along with the basic knowledge of how to use the stuff and have fun! We will have more details later. Stay tuned.

There will be collection boxes at the **Citizens Alliance Bank in Lake Lillian** and **Home State Bank in Cosmos**. *(See ad in this Gazette.)* I will also collect items from you. Just let me know - Don't be afraid to call - **320-220-1081**

And last but not least...

My ability to remember rock tunes and artists from the 70's far exceeds my ability to remember why I walked into the kitchen.







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