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Weather: C'mon! Open up the door, will you? "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"

# Merry Easter or Happy Christmas?

## *Or…Just what the heck is going on here?

*By Mark Minnick*

**Ahhh, Minnesota weather.** We all love to think about it, talk about it and complain about it. The old saying goes that "If you don't like the weather, just hang around for a few hours - It'll change." Alas, this year we've been hanging around waiting for this 'change' for weeks and months. Uff da.

How 'bout it gets warmer and more spring-like, maybe even a taste of summer. But noooo, the cold, wind, rain and even snow just keeps on coming. Weather depression and confusion is setting in.

We refuse to pay attention to weather forecasts anymore because it's the same old crap. When we go for a walk, our shoulders are up by our ears, we look down at our shoes and we jingle the cold change in our pockets. Catching those 'free' fish through the ice isn't even that exciting anymore.

Minnesotans hope for sunshine, warm temps and singing birds on Easter weekend. But, not this year, as a couple of inches of the white stuff showed up. Then the temp dropped, the wind came up and it was blizzard like on Monday. Nice…NOT!

On Saturday afternoon I watched a disgruntled robin rumble abound under the backyard feeder. He repeatedly chased away other birds, "Kicking a** and taking names" as it were. I guess he figured if he couldn't get any worms, the others weren't getting any seeds. He probably wishes he was still in Missouri. Or at least Iowa.

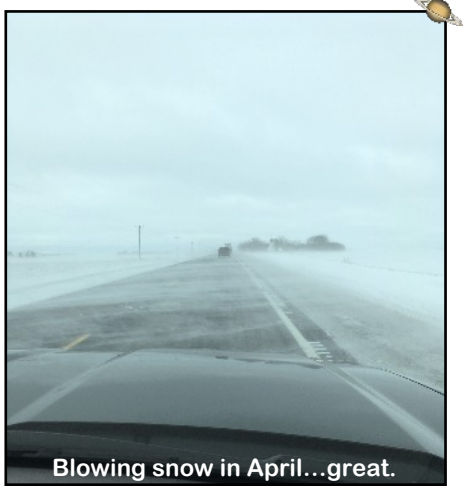
Despite the lack of worms, I hope everyone had a nice Easter weekend. Don't forget, soft butter, high humidity and mosquitos will be here before you know it. *But then again, it may be snowing on the opener. Don't forget to bring the choppers!*



"I'm dreaming of a white Easter…"



The "Crabby Robin"



Blowing snow in April…great.

# The Bunny Wows 'Em!

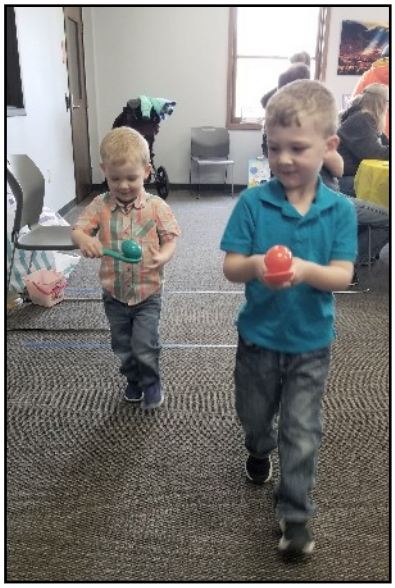
## *At the Cosmos Community Center*




**C'mon, get your picture with the Bunny.**



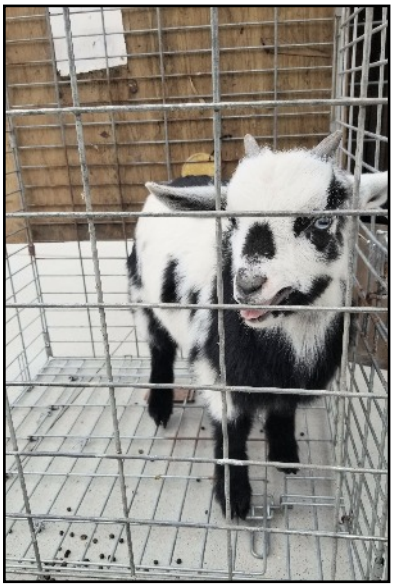
**A big crowd showed up for the festivities.**



**Theo and Quinton Whitcomb doing the egg race.** *(Didn't know you could race eggs. Zoom, Zoom! Is there a horsepower limit?)*



**Brooks and Madison Kurth with dad Matt, pose for that perfect picture.**



**Vincent Van Goat** *(What? He's got two ears!)*

*Commentary by Mark Minnick-Info from Dee Smith and Jan Lux, Pics by Dee Smith*

**A large crowd of kids and adults** showed up to see that ol' rabbit that is very popular this time of year; The Easter Bunny. The furry guy hopped into the Cosmos City Center on April 10th. As he mingled with the crowd, he put smiles on a lot of faces, kids & adults.

More than fifty kids had fun playing games, making craft projects, and petting bunnies. My guess is that there were a few treats going around too. There was also a prize drawing for the kids. The girl winners were, Kingsley Geis & Evenly Bernstein The boy winners were, Quinton Whitcomb & Sutton Larson.

You could even get your picture taken with the "Big Guy" as long as you weren't camera shy. I guess if you were scared of the bunny, you could go stand by the cute goat and snap a pic. Just don't try to give him a tin can for a snack. *(Nyuk, Nyuk.)*

The Cosmos Comets 4-H Club members do a great job, interacting with the kids, running the activities and bringing in the live animals. Don't forget, there's all of the set up and take down, plus the clean up. It's a lot of work and they do it nicely.

We don't want to forget the Cosmos Community Club. They provide logistical help and provide sponsorship. This event wouldn't be possible without these two local organizations. A big "Thank You" goes out to both. Be sure to acknowledge them when you get the chance.

Later, If you noticed a big rabbit hopping down the bunny trail into the sunset, I hope you gave him a nod and a wave. He was surely heading back to his rabbit hole to start preparing for next year's celebration. Btw, don't be hoarding those jelly beans he gave you…share 'em. *And not just the black ones either!*

# TIDBITS



By Rick Nordin

**Greetings!** April moisture is replenishing our soils as we patiently wait for warmer spring weather to arrive. It's not always easy to be patient when we live in an "instant" society. With the dawn of the internet, so much has changed in how, when, and where we obtain our information which affects all areas of our lives.

In 2011, a group of us left on a long weekend motorcycle trip to northern MN. A storm system literally chased us to Deer River MN where we had hotel reservations for the evening. We had not been there long when my cell phone started to ring with clients reporting hail and wind damage in this area.

The hotel provided a business center with available internet, so I was able to report the storm claims received that day. The next day, my cell phone continued to ring, and I felt fortunate we were able to continue on this ride while being able to respond to my clients on my red razor flip phone.

One of my buddies had recently purchased a "Smart phone". While stopping in a town along the way, he indicated we may be able to connect to a wireless network by the town library and I would be able to report claims on his phone. It worked. I remember "vividly" how impressive the technology was to be able to service my clients without being at the office. The next week I purchased a smart phone. The mobility provided by the smart phone has been a wonderful tool.

On another note, the following song lyric has been popping up in my head lately by the Atlantic Rhythm Section: "the world is in an uproar and I see no end in sight, but I'm not gonna let it bother me tonight.." This song (I'm Not Gonna Let it Bother Me Tonight) was released in 1972, 50 years ago. I was 14, there was no internet, we used rotary phones and our news was heard in the morning from Boone and Erickson on AM 830 while milking the cows and at 6pm on CBS TV from Walter Cronkite delivered without commentary.

What was happening in '72? Such things as Watergate, 11 Israeli athletes and others killed at the Olympics by Arab terrorists, Nixon went to China, Gov. Wallace was shot, Civil unrest, Carol King came on the music scene, Godfather was released, and Apollo XVII was the last manned moon landing.

Fast forward 50 years, and it seems we are still conflicted with many of the same social pressures. Since the beginning of recorded history, we have been wrestling with the "human condition". A common description of the human condition is the following: characteristics and key events that compose the essentials of human existence, including birth, growth, emotion, aspiration, conflict, and mortality.

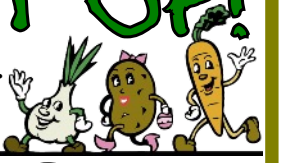
How we respond to the human condition is a direct correlation to what our personal life experience "has been" and "is" as we move through this journey of life. Maybe if we would "respect" the other person's opinion/view (whose personal journey is different from ours) and learn from it, maybe this conflicted world would be less conflicted, maybe...

Have a great Memorial Day weekend.

# CHEF IT UP!

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

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



## Mandarin Salad

*By Grace Kamrath*

Dear Friends of Cosmos, Aren't we glad the Gazette is up and running again and Mark is back at what he does so well?

The calendar says it is spring but brrrrr as I write this it does not appear to be. Anyway, a salad is good anytime and I chose one a friend, Carol gave me sometime ago. I use it a lot especially when company comes.

You can make the dressing and the almonds ahead so the biggest part is done. The dressing is light so it will compliment any food you put with it.

**MANDARIN SALAD**

- 1/2 c. slivered almonds
- 3 T. sugar

Put sugar and almonds in fry pan on burner. Melt sugar and stir almonds into melted sugar. Continue to break the almonds apart. Be watchful as they can burn easily. When sugar is melted and almonds are coated, drop onto wax paper and break apart. Let cool and set aside.

**Dressing**



- 1/2 t. salt
- 1 T. dried parsley
- 1/4 c.. oil
- 2 T. sugar
- 2 T. vinegar
- Dash Tabasco

Shake all ingredients together. Add to salad just before serving.

**Salad**

- 1/2 head iceberg lettuce
- 1/2 head Romain lettuce
- 1 c. chopped celery
- 2 green onions chopped
- 1 (10 0z.) can Mandarin oranges drained

Cut lettuce into desired size and add rest of ingredients. Add almonds and dressing just before serving.

*A neighbor asked a little boy if his family said prayers before their meals. "No" he said. "We don't have to. My mom is a good cook".


The Galactic Gazette

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*Discover life on Mars.

*Cure Cancer & other rotten diseases.

*Figure out how to go faster than the speed of light.

*Invent an ice cream that doesn't melt too quickly.

So, get on it kids. . .time's a wastin'!



Don't miss an issue- You'll regret it!




# The Cosmos Lions

"We Serve"

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# NOTICE TO CITY OF COSMOS RESIDENTS
## 2022 SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Cosmos City Wide Clean-Up Day is scheduled for **SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022**. City residents are encouraged to set items out at the curb on Friday evening, for early (7:00a.m.) Saturday morning pick up.

Appliances, tires, and mattresses/box springs need to have a prepaid sticker attached for pick up. **Stickers can be purchased at City Hall through 12 pm. Friday, May 20th.** Prices are as followed:

**Appliances -- $20 each, Televisions -- $30 each,**
**Computer Monitors -- $20 each,**
**Mattresses/Box Springs -- $20 per piece**
**Tires: Car -- $10 each, Truck -- $20 each,**
**Tractor Tire -- $65 each, Add $15 per rim**

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

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

Clean Up Day is a service available to
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# City of Cosmos
## -Contact Information-

**Office Hours: Mon-Tue-Thu 9 AM-4 PM**
*-Staff can meet before or after Office Hours*
*by Appointment if needed-*
**Phone: 320-877-7345**
**City Website: cosmos-mn.com**
**Email: cosmoscity@mchsi.com**
**Sheriff Non-Emergency Number: 320-693-5400**
**Sheriff Office Hours in Cosmos:**
**Tue 2:30-4:30 PM**

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## Cosmos City Park
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from the
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We had a great time hosting our annual dance. We wish to extend a hearty "Thank You" to all of our supporters, and hope you all enjoyed the evening as much as we did.

Thank You
Pork Chop Lovers



The Cosmos Lions would like to thank all of the people that patronized our annual Pork Chop Dinner. We were glad to see all of you and hope you had a great time. We are also very grateful to The Cosmos Comets 4-H Club for their assistance along with other folks that pitched in to help. Finally, a big tip of the hat goes out to Mug Shots for the use of their facility. Thank you everyone!

The Cosmos Lions
"We Serve...More than just pork chops."



# -ALERT-

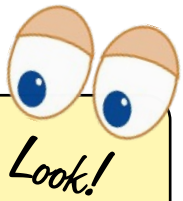


# Help Needed

## Cosmos Ambulance

***is seeking persons interested in completing the EMT course.***

Do you work in town during the day time?
Would your employer support you joining the department to help cover our biggest need for daytime coverage?
Help give back to the community we all love so much.
Don't wait - Classes are starting Mid May!




- **$1500 Sign On Bonus**
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- **You Don't Have to Live in Town to Join.**

*For more information please contact:*

Ambulance Captain Emily Van Hatten
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Email: cosmosambulance@gmail.com

## May Daily Lunch Specials

M 2 Enchiladas w/Spanish rice
T 3 Crispy chicken sandwich *w/potato salad*
W 4 Meatball dinner
T 5 Broasted chicken dinner
F 6 Pizza hotdish

M 9 Sloppy Joe's w/potato salad
T 10 Chicken breast w/Rice A Roni
W 11 Grilled cheese, fries & coleslaw
T 12 Broasted chicken dinner
F 13 Spaghetti w/garlic toast

M 16 Turkey & bacon club w/coleslaw
T 17 Roast beef dinner or commercial
W 18 Sauerkraut hotdish
T 19 Broasted chicken dinner
F 20 Boneless wings w/side salad

M 23 Fish sandwich w/potato salad
T 24 Pork chop dinner
W 25 Scalloped potatoes & ham
T 26 Broasted chicken dinner
F 27 Ribs, American fries & coleslaw

M 30 -Closed- Memorial Day
T 31 Tacos & tater tots

# MUG SHOTS
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-Saturday May 14th 11-4 PM-
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*Bike Games




# Legion Auxiliary Hosts Breakfast




**L-R, Robin Scott, Gladys Macik, Shirley Anderson, Donny Scott, Julie Seifert, Yvonne Schroeder, Cheryl Schauman, SueAnn Maresch, Betty Inselmann.**
*Pic by Yvonne Schroeder*

**Thank you** to all who worked and donated food for our April 10th breakfast. We served 468 hungry patrons! A big thanks also to Mug Shots for use of their facility and finally to the community for supporting us.

# New Fishing Lures for 2022

*Just in time for the Minnesota Opener. . . Then.*



*By Mark Minnick*

Every spring, I get all excited about the new lure offerings from the tackle companies. The latest and greatest whiz-bang contraptions that will catch way more fish than the thousand or so lures already in my tackle boxes. Besides, it's not much fun if you can't buy any new stuff, right? Anyway, here's four that looked really interesting. Of course, a guy would have to have *at least* six of each…



## The Champ Minnow

*From Berkley Fishing*

A soft plastic designed by two time Bassmaster Classic® winner Jordan Lee, the Berkley PowerBait "Champ Minnow" features a lifelike profile and high-definition colors that mimic real bait. Its anatomically correct tail mimics live baitfish and is deadly on bass and walleye. The body shape is ideal for drop shot rigs and jig heads.

- Pro-Designed by Jordan Lee
- New colors (16) hand picked by top Walleye Pros!
- Proven deadly on bass too!
- 3.4 inch lifelike profile and high-definition colors mimic real bait.
- Anatomically correct tail mimics live baitfish.
- Optimized shape for drop shot rigs and jig heads.

*Info courtesy berkley-fishing.com*



## Stunna

*From Berkley Fishing*

Hank Cherry's winning modifications with a jerkbait led him to the title of Bassmaster Classic® Champion. Born from Hank's vast knowledge and Berkley® design expertise, the Berkley® Stunna has all the refinements for a jerkbait to excel.

With action, casting distance, and durability at the forefront of the design process, the Stunna delivers with a unique slow sink to trigger bites from neutral and inactive fish.

- 4 3/8 " ½ oz
- Maximum darting action with easy 180-degree head turns
- Natural slow sink when paused
- Single tungsten weight transfer
- Designed by Hank Cherry

*Info courtesy www.berkley-fishing.com*



## Deep-Vee Bucktail Jig

*From Northland Tackle*

The new keeled "Deep-Vee" design that's thicker on the top, and thin on the bottom, so the jig tracks straight and falls fast. It also features large eyes that exude a "Match-the-hatch" realism. Dressed with bucktail on the back end, this jig can be fished by itself or with your favorite type of live bait or plastics.

- Available in four sizes; (1/16, 1/8, 1/4, and 3/8 oz)
- 12 different fish-catching colors!
- Life-like bucktail moves and acts like an injured baitfish
- Features holographic 3D eyes
- Barb-Wire® Keeper keeps plastics or live bait in place

*Info courtesy northlandtackle.com*



## Rumble Shiner

*From Northland Tackle*

**This shallow-diving crankbait** is available in three sizes with varying diving depths from 4 to 10 ft. This tight action elongated profile bait mimics forage such as minnows. Great for casting or trolling, this bait works in a variety of situations.

The Rumble Shiner is available in a multitude of colors, from match-the-hatch patterns to bright and vibrant custom paint themes.

Features:

- Made from Premium Balsa
- Premium treble hooks & oval split ring on the line tie
- Heat Compression Molding (HCM) Construction
- Welded Through Wire Construction from tie eye to tail
- Individually Tank-Tested
- Size- #7- 2 3/4", 3/16oz, #6 hook (Depth- 4-6ft)
- Size- #8- 3 1/4", 3/8oz, #4 hook (Depth- 5-8ft)
- Size- #10- 4", 5/8oz, #3 hook (Depth- 6-10ft)

*Info courtesy northlandtackle.com*




## Mason Studemann

*ACGC Graduation Open House*
Saturday May 21st, 2022
1:00-5:00 PM
52646 190th Street, Atwater, MN.




## Jake Mortensen

*ACGC Graduation Open House*
Saturday, June 4th, 2022
1:00 to 4:00 PM
Cosmos Community Center



## Brock Denton

*ACGC Graduation Open House*
Saturday, May 28th, 2022 10AM-1PM
111 5th St North, Atwater, MN.
**Formerly the Kandi Works/DAC Building*



## Riley Smith

*ACGC Graduation Open House*
Sunday, June 5th, 2022
2:00 PM-6:00 PM
Cosmos Community Center



# Eric Bradley Melberg

*ACGC Graduation Open House*

Saturday, May 28th, 2022 3-8 PM

89277 Co Rd 22, Cosmos, MN.

**Eric will be majoring in Ag Economics at Purdue University.*



# Beau Weseloh

*LHS Graduation Open House*

Sunday, June 5th, 2022

3:00 to 7:30 PM

19084 610th Avenue, Litchfield, MN.



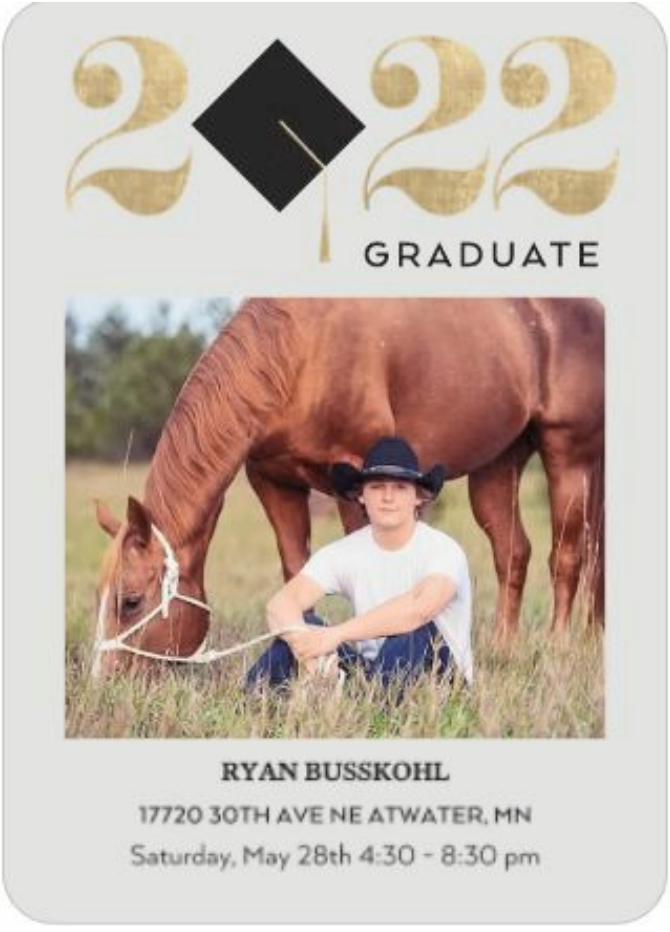
# Tristan Roufs

*ACGC Graduation Open House*

Saturday, June 4th, 2022

1:00-5:00 PM

Thompson Lake Park Shelter, Cosmos, MN.



The ACGC Falcon Flyover

*Events, Activities & Happenings in the Atwater/Cosmos/Grove City School District*

# Softball

*By Brad Nelson,*
*ACGC Head Softball Coach, 4-19-22*

**The ACGC Softball team** looks to bounce back from a winless 2021 season this year with a solid core of student athletes. Many players are returning after gaining lots of valuable experience from last year. The Falcons look to build on that experience towards a successful year that involves continuous improvement.

There are two seniors on the team. Abbie Kragenbring is back as a pitcher and infielder. She was second on the team in RBIs last year and will be a valuable leader for the team. Hannah Meyer is a new addition to the team and is the other senior. She will add some depth in the outfield this year.

Four juniors look to again be significant pieces to the Falcons in 2022. Taylor Hoekstra is returning at second base. Last year, Taylor was tied for the team lead in runs scored. Catcher Ally Giese is back behind the plate for her second season as catcher. Ally had the second highest total in runs scored last year. Kady Martin is returning this year. Last year, Kady spent time at first base and DH and belted one of the two Falcon home runs on the year. The other returning junior is Haley Wilner. She will look to contribute more pitching and solid defense at shortstop again this year. Haley led the team last year in hits, stolen abses, batting average, and slugging percentage.

Two sophomores return for the Falcons this year. Macy Elton returns after spending most of last year playing a solid third base. Macy led the team with 15 RBIs last year. The other returning sophomore is Mikaili Johnson. She will spend the year covering lots of ground in center field again. Mikaili was the second leading hitter in 2021 accumulating the team high in triples as well.



Kendall Miller is the only returning freshman starter from last year. She will see a lot of innings in the circle again this year after striking out the most batters for the Falcons last year. At the plate, Kendall drew the most walks on the team leading to the third highest on base percentage. Other freshmen looking to make significant contributions to the Falcons this year are Mackenzie Powers and Brooke Schultz. They are able to play both in the infield and outfield and will be very valuable with their versatility and speed they both possess.

# Baseball

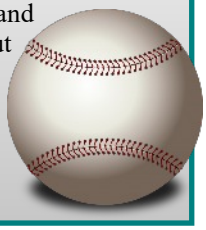
*By Chris Fellows,*
*ACGC Head Baseball Coach, 4-22-22*

**The ACGC Falcon baseball team** has started out the season 2-0 behind excellent pitching and timely hitting. Last Monday, the baseball team defeated Dassel-Cokato and defeated New London-Spicer last Tuesday.

It has been a really exciting start to the season and we are looking forward to leaving where we left off. We return 7 starters from a state tournament team from last season: Jack Peterson, Logan Straumann, Connor Barker, Zach Bagley, Jaxon Behm, Masson Hiltner, and Keegan Kessler-Gross.

They all have played major roles on the team on both sides of the ball. It is nice to see some new faces take on some major roles and play at a high level to start the season as well. Jaxon Drange, a freshman, Ryan Busskohl, senior, and Terrell Renne, junior have all played key pieces in helping this team start 2-0.

As the season progresses, the kids have their mindset on being successful but we want to make sure that we get better and learn every single game, win or lose. We are very excited to get outside and play baseball and are very excited about the upcoming season. We appreciate everyone's support and cannot wait to see you out there!



# Track

*By LeAnn Melberg*

**Both the boys and girls** competed at a meet in Howard Lake on April 11th. ACGC had 3 athletes compete in the Pentathalon. This consisted of 5 events- long jump, high jump, shot put, hurdles and 800 meter run. Congrats to all 3 for being medal winners! Landon Blom received 1st, Jevon Williams 2nd, and Kenlie Blom received a 3rd.



# Band and Choir

*Commentary and pics by LeAnn Melberg*

ACGC Falcon Flyover



*L to R, Front;* **Caleb Peterson and Alayna Schultz**
*Back;* **Joseph Gratz, Bethany Oswood, Caleb Ruter, Eric Melberg, Kincade Eisenbacher**

## Instrumental Solo Contest

**On Monday, February 28th,** seven ACGC Falcon Band members competed in the Instrumental Solo Contest at Eden Valley Watkins High School. All the students performed challenging pieces very well and were awarded for their efforts. Superior Awards were given to Eric Melberg, Alayna Schultz, Kincade Eisenbacher, Caleb Ruter, and Joseph Gratz. Excellent Awards were given to Bethany Oswood and Caleb Petersen. An additional "Best In Site" Award was given to Eric Melberg for his performance of "A Minor Piece" by Gabriel Pierne. These students are all a fine example of the musical excellence of ACGC.

Go Falcons!





**The ACGC's Choir and Symphonic Band** might be small, but they both produced ***Superior Rating Music*** at the MSHSL Large Group Contest at the NLS High School on April 6th.

# National Honor Society

ACGC Falcon Flyover



***Front row, L-R*** **Ashley Crooks, Kady Martin, Claire Slinden, Jasmine Owen, Bethany Oswood, Abbie Kragebring, Mikiya Kemerling, Lily Hanson, Laela Werner, Erin Roemeling, Jillien Lilleberg**

***Middle row, L-R*** **Tokoda Mucciacciaro, Jonas Morrison, Conner Danielson, Thor Goerish, Kincade Eisenbacher, Abbie Thomas, Micah Werner, Brevan Buer, Carson Bochert, Sam Gruis, Jacob Gratz**

***Back row, L-R*** **Macy Elton, Ellie Roemeling, Ryan Busskohl, Brock Denton, Eric Melberg, Anders Grimsgard, Connor Peterson, Riley Smith, Landon Blom, Mikali Johnson, Rachel Fils-Aime**

*By LeAnn Melberg*

**The ACGC National Honor Society** inducted 10 new members on Wednesday, April 20th. Besides maintaining high scholastic standards these students work hard to put into action service projects that reach people in our own communities and beyond.

**New Members**

Kylie Anderson, Ashley Crooks, Connor Danielson, Macy Elton, Rachel Fels-Aime, Mikaili Johnson, Jonas Morrison, Takoda Mucciacciaro, Elli Roemeling and Abbigale Thomas.

**Current NHS Seniors**

Landon Blom, Ryan Busskohl, Lily Hansen, Connor Peterson, Riley Smith, Brock Denton, Mikiya Kemerling, Eric Melberg, Bethany Oswood, Jasmine Owen, Eric Roemeling and Trey Schmidt

**Current NHS Juniors**

Carson Borchert, Breven Buer, Kincade Eisenbacher, Thor Goerish, Jacob Gratz, Sam Gruis, Kadence Martin, Claire Slinden, and Micah Werner

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

# Go Falcons!

# Science, Tech and Just Plain Cool Stuff

## Real Planet, Real Moons, Real Image

### No Computer Generated Imagery Used Here



*By Mark Minnick*

When I first saw this image, I thought it was created with the aid of a computer. Planet Jupiter dwarfing two of it's famous Galilean moons, Io and Europa in the inky backdrop of space. In the real world you rarely get celestial bodies to 'line up' for such an interesting view. Thusly, an image like this usually comes from the imagination of a digital artist.

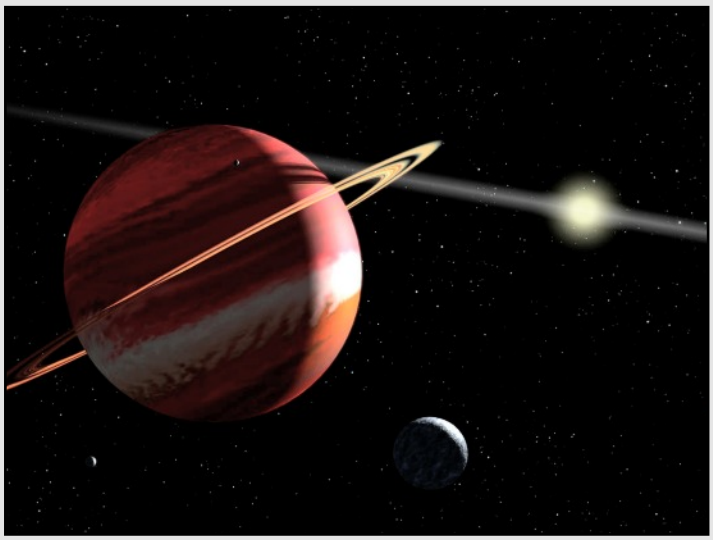
In this case, these two moons happened to be in the right spot at the right time. NASA's Juno spacecraft captured them both 'posing' nicely as they orbit around Jupiter, resulting in this very cool image. There's more complete info in the nasa.gov description below. Give it a read.

**NASA's Juno mission** captured this view of Jupiter's southern hemisphere during the spacecraft's 39th close flyby of the planet on Jan. 12, 2022. Zooming in on the right portion of the image reveals two more worlds in the same frame: Jupiter's intriguing moons **Io** (left) and **Europa** (right).

Io is the solar system's most volcanic body, while Europa's icy surface hides a global ocean of liquid water beneath. Juno will have an opportunity to capture much more detailed observations of Europa – using several scientific instruments – in September 2022, when the spacecraft makes the closest fly-by of the enigmatic moon in decades. The mission will also make close approaches to Io in late 2023 and early 2024.

At the time this image was taken, the Juno spacecraft was about 38,000 miles from Jupiter's cloud tops, at a latitude of about 52 degrees south. Citizen scientist Andrea Luck created the image using raw data from the JunoCam instrument.

*Image data & article by: NASA/JPL-Caltech/SwRI/MSSS*



## 5,000 Exoplanets and Counting

*Mar 22, 2022*

**Not so long ago**, humanity lived in a universe with only a small number of known planets, all of them orbiting our Sun. But a new raft of discoveries marks a scientific high point: More than 5,000 planets are now confirmed to exist beyond our solar system.

The planetary odometer turned on March 21, with the latest batch of 65 exoplanets – planets outside our immediate solar family – added to the NASA Exoplanet Archive. The archive records exoplanet discoveries that appear in peer-reviewed, scientific papers, and that have been confirmed using multiple detection methods or by analytical techniques.

This artist's concept is of a Jupiter-mass planet orbiting the nearby star Epsilon Eridani, located 10.5 light-years away from Earth. *Image and article by nasa.gov*

# TIME WARP

May '72

There's a lot going on back in '72. You've got the Brownie's, Junior Girl Scouts, National Honor Society, a car crash and a 'hog roast'. Plus the CHS Grads. But never fear, Eunice will be taking in all of the activities! Except the car crash and the 'hog roast'. Yeeeeah.

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FLYING UP were these five girls, left to right: Theresa Kapella, Susan Folsom, Kay Benson, Becky Retzlaff, and Lori Von Loh.

## FIVE BROWNIES FLY-UP

COSMOS--Five third-grade girls were promoted from the Brownie Troop to the Junior Girl Scout Troop at impressive fly-up ceremonies held at the American Legion club rooms, Wednesday afternoon, May 17.

Moving up to the older group were these five girls: Theresa Kapella, Susan Folsom, Kay Benson, Becky Retzlaff, and Lori Von Loh.



BROWNIE TROOP before the fly-up included these girls. Left to right, they are, front row: Sandy Lietzau, Lori Von Loh, Becky Retzlaff. Back row: Diane Bluhm, Barbara Dallman, Susan Folsom, Theresa Kapella, and Kay Benson. Their leaders are Mrs. Ronald Brooks, left, and Wendy Haggenson.



JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS pose behind the ceremonial table after the fly-up. Left to right are: front row, Susan Folsom, Lori Von Loh, Becky Retzlaff, Kay Benson, Theresa Kapella, Vickie Heyer. Back row: Sheila Kaping, Penny Kahmeyer, Ronda Peterson, Janet Schoener, Anna Von Loh, Natalie Folsom, Janenne Martin, Denise Beasley, and Joan Heyer.

# 16th commencement will graduate class of 46




HONOR SOCIETY of Cosmos High School posed for a picture shortly after installation ceremonies. Left to right they are, front row; Celeste Koeberl, Karen Pearson, Cindy Schaefer, Julie Benson, Jan Grussendorf, and Peggy Thomas. Back row: John Raske, Scott Turner, David Sharpe, Douglas Fett, Dona Farmer and Lorlane Schmeling.

COSMOS--Forty-six members of the graduating class of 1972 will take part in the final event of their high school careers--commencement--Friday night.

This, the 16th annual commencement of Cosmos High School, will find four representative seniors giving short speeches instead of the usual practice of an out-of-town speaker and talks by the valedictorian and salutatorian.

The program will begin in the school auditorium at 8 p.m. with the processional, "Pomp and Circumstance", played by the high school band. Pastor Harold Brueland of the Cosmos United Methodist Church, will give the invocation.

Lynn Townsend, superintendent of schools, will extend a welcome and give a few remarks.

First two senior speeches will be by Douglas Fett and Celeste Koeberl. This will be followed by the senior class singing "Bright New World." Then two more senior speeches, by Karen Pearson and David Sharpe, will follow.

The senior ensemble will sing "I May Never Pass This Way Again."

The class will be presented by Donald Grages, Cosmos High School principal; and diplomas will be presented by Loren Pearson, chairman of the board of education. Organ music will be played by Mrs. Elsie Mae Jensen.

Pastor Brueland will pronounce the benediction and the band will play "Ceremonial" as the seniors march out.

This year's senior class has 19 honor students: Karen Pearson and Celeste Koeberl, valedictorians; and Cindy Schaefer, salutatorian. Other honor students are: Douglas Lietzau, Douglas Fett, Scott Turner, David Sharpe, Dona Farmer, Peggy Thomas, Wendy Haggenson, Jan Grussendorf, Debra Olsen, Robert Mortenson, Wendy Johnson, Betty Kaddatz, Carol Kruse, Paul Frederiksen, Cindy Janke and Mark Stockland.

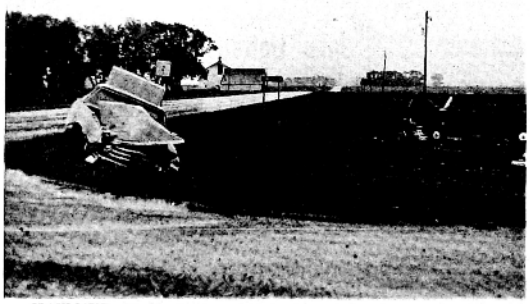
Other members of the senior class are: Terry Anderson, Bonnie Boelter, Alan DeLeeuw, Elizabeth Folsom, Luann Gilberts, Virginia Hacker, Cindy Janke, Orville Johnson, Pam Johnson, Susan Johnson, Gene Kaping, Kevin Kelbing, Roxann Luthens, Kim Macik, Tim Macik, Clayton Madson, Marilyn Martin, Connie Mortenson, David Peterson, Julie Raske, Larry Raske, Dale Sayles, Pamela Schlueter, James Schroder, Nels Swanson, Allen Weseloh and Gale Wright.

Class flower of the class of 1972 is the rose, class colors are burgundy and ivory. Class motto is "America Communicate With Me."

## Sun will rise late next week

THE COSMOS SUN will rise a little later than usual next week.

Because of the holiday on Monday next week, the Sun will not appear in your mailbox until Friday. Monday being one of the prime production days for the paper, publication will be delayed one day to enable Sun employees to observe the national holiday.



CRASH SCENE. The Woods car rests in the ditch near a road sign, while the Simchuck pickup stands in a plowed field. Barn in the background is on the Gordon Johnson farm.

# 67 hogs die in early-morning blaze

LAKE LILLIAN--67 hogs died in an early morning fire near Lake Lillian on Thursday morning, May 18.

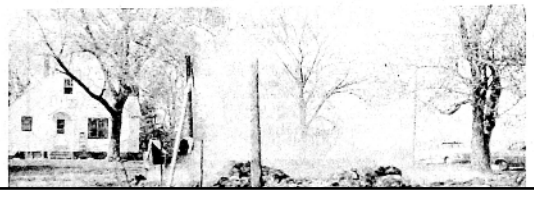
The Howard Oslund family was awakened at 1:30 a.m. when their daughter, Janice, saw flames through her bedroom window.

The Lake Lillian fire department was summoned, but the fire had advanced too far when discovered to be stopped. The firemen did succeed in putting out a blaze which had started on the roof of a nearby machine shed, however.

Oslund says he believes the fire must have started by electrical wires.

Burned to death in the blaze were 60 little pigs and seven sows.

Also lost, in addition to the hog house, were 125 bales of straw, hog feeders, tractor dual tires, a tractor cab and Mr. Oslund's fish house which stood next to the hog house.



## Schmeling to graduate from Augustana

SIOUX FALLS, S.D.--A Cosmos, Minn. boy will be among 430 persons to whom degrees will be presented by Augustana College during its commencement exercises at the Sioux Falls Arena at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 28.

He is Lorallen Schmeling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmeling of Cosmos, who will graduate with a bachelor of arts degree and a major in speech and a minor in drama.

The graduates will hear an address by Dr. William Arrowsmith, professor of classics at Boston University. Dr Arrowsmith's address, entitled "The Humanities and the Poetry of Earth," will be the culmination of a year-long observance of the humanities in recognition of the opening last fall of the school's new humanities center.

## Methodists' Bible school

## Thorpe crash sends 2 to hospital

SUN SPOTS

Most reformers are satisfied with themselves.

THORPE--Two persons were sent to Rice Hospital at Willmar as the result of a car-pickup collision on county road No. 2, about a mile north of Thorpe, Monday afternoon.

Mrs. George Woods of Lake Lillian was complaining about her back hurting when she was taken to the hospital. Jim Simchuck of Kandiyohi was bleeding profusely and had possible internal injuries.

Simchuck, driving north on county road 2 in his 1967 Chevrolet pickup, collided with a 1970 Ford driven by Mrs. Woods. According to a sheriff's deputy, there were indications at the scene that the brakes on the Woods car may have failed and it went out onto the county road directly into the path of the other vehicle.

Both cars suffered extensive damage. The pickup rolled over in the field and came to rest on its wheels.

## Pair bound over to the district court

COSMOS--Two of the trio involved in the recent vandalism in Cosmos have been bound over to district court.

Appearing in Meeker County Court on Wednesday of last week, the two were bound over to district court and the bail of one set at $3,000 and the other at $1,000. Their case will probably be heard in the fall.

The AWOL soldier is still

## Peace Lutheran Bible school opens May 30

COSMOS--Peace Lutheran

## Cosmos will honor war dead with Memorial Day observance

COSMOS--Citizens of Cosmos will take time out on Monday to honor this nation's war dead.

Traditional Memorial Day services will be conducted in the village park beginning at 10 a.m., according to Al Barnes, commander of the Beack-Thompson American Legion post.

The program will consist of numbers played by the Cosmos High School Band, prayer, talks and memorial ceremonies.

Main speaker of the day will be Rev. Darold Beckman, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Brookfield township, and St. John's Lutheran Church, Osceola township.

After the speech, a ceremony by members of the American Legion post will honor the dead of the nation's wars.

## Cars sideswipe east of Cosmos

COSMOS--Two cars were extensively damaged, but there were no personal injuries in a two-car crash three miles east of Cosmos on highway 7, on Wednesday, May 17.

Harry Elling of Cosmos,

# Congratulations, Grads

## THE FUTURE IS YOURS!


KAREN PEARSON

## SENIOR CLASS OF COSMOS HIGH SCHOOL

*Your graduation marks not an ending but the commencement of life for which you have been preparing. We congratulate you on the success of your preparations and wish you all good luck in the life ahead.*

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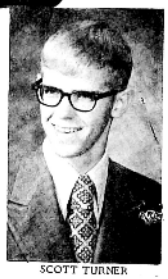
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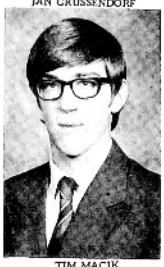

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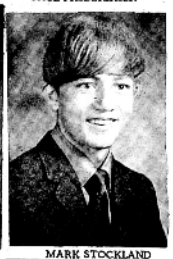

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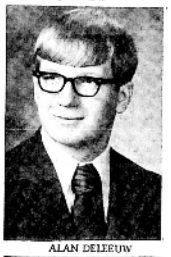

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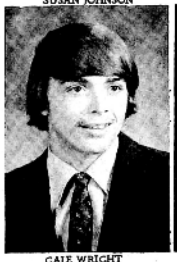

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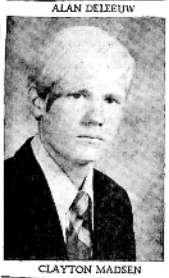

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# MINUTES
# CITY OF COSMOS
# REGULAR MEETING
# April 7, 2022

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday April 7, 2022.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Katie Hansen, Angelica Hopp and Jody Fruetel.
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville, Sarah Miller and David Medina
**Adopt Agenda** – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hopp, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
**Adopt Consent Agenda** – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hansen, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. March 8, 2022 City Council Minutes
b. Meeker County Sheriff – March 2022 Report
c. League of MN Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) Deny Liability Waiver
d. LG220 Gambling Exemption Permit – Space Fest
e. 2022 Pay Equity Compliance Certificate

**Visitors Presentations, Petitions and Correspondence**
**Utility Bill –** Janelle and John Wilson, 110 Jupiter St. N. and Darwin Blom Jr., were present to discuss a large utility bill they have received. The city will be reviewing the meter data and possibly testing the meter. No action was taken until further information is acquired.
**City Engineer** – Josh Halvorson, Bolton-Menk was present to discuss the upcoming season which will commence when the weather allows equipment access.
**Deputy Sheriff –** discussed the need for the Cosmos community to have a representative or two on the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon group.
**April 7, 2022 Bills List** - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to approve the April 7, 2022 bills list with check numbers from 15407-15493 for $62,105.72. Motion carried**.**
**Ballpark Scoreboard –** Councilmember Van Hatten discussed purchasing and installing a digital scoreboard from Daktronics at a cost of $5,328 plus installation costs including electric, poles, etc. The American Legion has committed $2,500 and the Lions 25% of the total costs up to $2,000. A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to approve a Daktronics scoreboard for $5,328 and the additional installation costs. Motion carried**.**
**Pickleball Court –** Administrator Douville discussed installing a pickleball court in the city. With road construction this year, asphalt paving will be available. The pickleball game is played on a flat surface with the court dimensions of 44' X 20'. Costs estimates for a 70' X 40' asphalt surface were $18,000. Fencing replaced at the ballfield can be reused and painting and netting would be needed. The City has approximately $12,000 left from federal funds that could be used. Douville would seek additional funding from the local non-profit groups. A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to approve the installation of a pickleball court. Motion carried**.**
**Ambulance Recruitment Bonus** – Ambulance Director Van Hatton presented information from the ambulance corps regarding EMT recruitment incentives. The Cosmos Ambulance recommended a $1,500 bonus in three phases: 1st phase $500 for completing the appropriate training and passing the state test, 2nd $500 for completion of one year of service and $500 for completing the 2nd year on the ambulance corps. A motion by Hopp, seconded by Hansen, to approve the $1,500 ambulance recruitment incentive. Motion carried.
**State EMT Reimbursements –** Director Van Hatten reported that when the state reimburses $275 for EMT's taking the refresher course but the EMR's do not receive that benefit. It was requested the city provide a $150 benefit to the EMR's when the city receives the $275 benefit. A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to approve the $150 benefit to the EMR's when the city receives the $275 state benefit. Motion carried**.**
**Department Heads** – Public Works Supervisor David Medina reported work needing to be done on the wastewater lift station. The lift station is scheduled to be replaced in Phase II of the utility and road construction projects but there are items wearing out that need to be replaced before the new lift station is installed.
**Next City Council Meeting** – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Thursday May 12, 2022. 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 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

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John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

# The Cosmos Public Library News



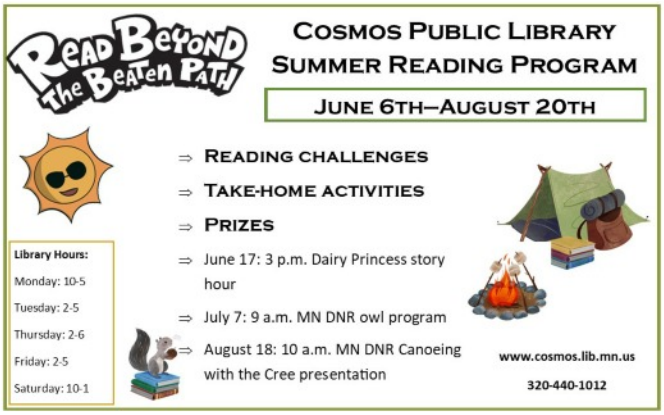

*by Beth Cronk, Meeker County Librarian*

**It's hard to imagine** when we're having such a cold spring, but summer will be here soon. Mark your calendars for the summer reading program and some special events hosted by the Cosmos Library.

The summer reading program begins June 6th. This year's theme is Read Beyond the Beaten Path, with a fun camping vibe. The self-paced program is open to preschoolers through age 18.

On Friday, June 17, the Meeker County Dairy Princesses will be presenting a story time in Cosmos City Park at 3:00 p.m. They'll also be making ice cream with the kids.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will be presenting two informative programs. On Thursday, July 7, they will be leading a program on owls, complete with owl pellet dissection; go to Cosmos City Park at 9:00 a.m. to attend that. On Thursday, August 18, the DNR will again be at the park at 10:00 a.m. to offer a presentation about the book "Canoeing with the Cree." These programs are open to all ages.




# TIME WARP Whozit?




**It's the spring of 1972.** Gas was 25 cents a gallon, somebody pumped it for you *and* they washed your windshield. 'Big' farmers ran 240 acres and didn't own a 4WD pickup. Every small town had a grocery store and an implement dealer. *(and patrons of both complained of high prices.)* Cars didn't have airbags, heated seats or GPS. A trip into Hutch or Litch was a BIG deal. Willmar? Out of the question! You'd have to spend an extra $1.00 in gas to get there and back! Criminy!

All this aside, romance still flourished quite nicely, thank you. In April of '72, a young couple exchanged wedding vows at Peace Lutheran Church. With all of that 25 cent gas, I wonder what kind of cool, gas guzzling car the couple drove on their honeymoon?

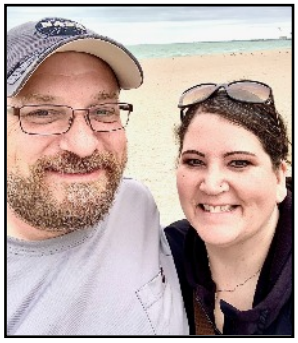
Anyway…**Whozit?** *(The couple and/or the car.)*

***Email your answer to:***
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# Thoughts & Observations



**By Mark Minnick,**
*"Insect Loving Idiot"* Editor of **The Galactic Gazette**. Email at **wordnut66@outlook.com**



**Neighbors Brandon and Suzanne Nelson** *(left)* offered early on to help get out the Gazette last month. They pretty much did all of the printing, sorting, loading of paper and changing of toner as needed. **Wife Deb** also unloaded the reams of paper from UPS, loaded the printed copies back into the truck, dropped them at the post office and hauled my butt around. It's nice to have good help.

Everything went swimmingly and the readers received, "All the news they really need. Probably more." I couldn't have done it without 'em.

**Our subscribers and contracted advertisers** missed out on the Feb & Mar issues of the Gazette. So, we will be extending all of these accounts two months. Any questions, give me or Delores a call.

**I wanted to have a big Thank You** in this Gazette for everyone that sent gifts and correspondence my way before and after my orthopedic surgery. I ran out of room, so I'll try again next issue.

**Thanks to all of the folks** attending the Lion's Pork Chop Dinner that brought with their unused eyeglasses. I didn't get it in the Lion's Thank You.

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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".**




**Holy Cow!** Plenty of readers identified last months **Whozit?** racing celebrity from East Lake Lillian Township. It seems piloting a Polaris Mustang equipped with a Town & Country muffler gets one noticed. The sled's sleek and stylish lines don't hurt either.

Now it looks like the Gazette is going to have to restock the KewPie inventory! *(Hopefully there won't be any supply chain issues.)* Anyway, here's our big winners…

Clarence Kelbing ***Shirley Reinert***
It's Deb Boll's father, Clarence Kelbing. ***Tim Macik***
April whozit is Jim Kelbing. ***Mark Reinke***
The Whozit racer is Jim Kelbing. ***AJ Lang***
This months whozit is Clarence Kelbing! ***Marilyn Minnick***
Man and his sled is Clarence Kelbing. ***Dave Dallmann***
Is the Whozit Clarence Kelbing? ***Delores Arndt***
It looks like Clarence Kelbing. ***Barb Miller***
My dad! ....Clarence (Jim) Kelbing. Thanks Mark—finally an easy one for me! ***Deb Boll***
Doug asked me to tell you the whozit picture in the last issue is Jim Kelbing. ***Kim Mortenson***









## Remembrance Poppies - A Quick History

In 1915, following the Second Battle of Ypres, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a physician with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, wrote the poem, "In Flanders Fields" *(see right)*. Its opening lines refer to the fields of poppies that grew among the soldiers' graves in Flanders. *(Flanders Fields is a common English name of the World War I battlefields in Belgium and France.)*

In 1918, inspired by the poem, YWCA worker Moina Michael attended a YWCA Overseas War Secretaries' conference wearing a silk poppy pinned to her coat and distributed over two dozen more to others present. In 1920, the National American Legion adopted it as its official symbol of remembrance.

In the United States, the Veterans of Foreign Wars conducted the first nationwide distribution of remembrance poppies before Memorial Day in 1922. Today, the American Legion Auxiliary distributes crepe paper poppies in exchange for donations around Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

*Courtesy wikipedia.org*

### In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow,
In Flanders fields.

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