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Seems those April showers brought some May flowers...and an alien.

Weather: Springy & flowery. "All the news you really need. Probably more." "Noli credere omnia legis"

Easter Eggs & Kids

By Mark Minnick

There were eggs & critters. Candy & goodies. Grandmas, grandpas, moms, dads and of course, kids. If you missed out, it was the annual **Easter Saturday Extravaganza** at the Cosmos City Center.

The center was pretty darned full, yessiree Bob. It looked like the kids (and the adults) were having a great time, eating goodies, doing activities, petting a lamb or two, or maybe making faces at a ferret.

The Cosmos Comets 4-H club really brought their A-game this year. Adult or kid, it was hard to be bored. The variety of critters was astonishing to this aged editor. Puppies, ferrets, rabbits, chickens, lambs and maybe some I wasn't aware of. Regardless, what an effort. A big "Thank You" goes out to the Cosmos Comets 4-H club the Cosmos Community Club. It'll be tough to top this, but give it a go anyway guys!



Mom Riley Wilner and 3 yr old son Lincoln Whitcomb



Quite the Easter spread!

Easter Babies

...and a Ferret.



There were plenty of critters to cuddle and admire during the **Easter Extravaganza**. Chicks, puppies, lambs, a ferret, and bunnies... *that weren't the Easter Bunny*. It's gotta be the biggest variety of animals I've seen all in one place since I was a wee lad. Kudos to the Cosmos Comets 4-H bunch for living up to their heritage! What will we see next year? Armadillos? Kangaroos? Poo Bear? Regardless, I can't wait!















Schiro to Retire

By Mark Minnick

After 35 years serving the community at the Cosmos Post Office, **Judy Schiro** has decided to retire from her USPS duties. She told me the news one day in April when I was up getting my own mail.

I was a bit surprised at first, but thought about it a bit. Heck, at 67 trips around the sun, she's just a year younger than me. So, it's probably time, but she'll be missed by all.

Before I rolled out the door with my mail, she told me to tell everyone, "It's been a honor working with all of the folks in Cosmos for all these 35 years. Please stop in and have some coffee and cookies with me on Tuesday, May 19th so I can say a proper good-bye."

I'll be there Judy, I'm guessing a lot of others will be too. Good luck in your retirement and have some fun!

P.S. - What kind of cookies you serving? Asking for a friend…

Nothing Lasts Forever



Pic & commentary Mark Minnick

The headline may be a tired old saying, but power poles do get old and need to be replaced. This spring, Xcel Energy, through the services of an independent contractor, has been replacing aged out poles in Cosmos. I found it interesting to watch and nothing even fell on me. ;)

Anyway, it's all part of what keeps the lights on, right?



By Janice Blum

FRESHEN GRUBBY FLEECE hats,mittens, stuffed animals: Pour 1 cup of cornstarch into a large paper bag, add dirty items, and shake well. Leave for a few hours if the items are stained. Remove items from the bag and brush or shake off excess cornstarch.

TOILET BOWL CLEANER

Sprinkle baking soda into the bowl, then drizzle with vinegar and scour with a toilet brush. This combination cleans and deodorizes.

CLEANING WICKER

Try spraying your favorite dusting or furniture polish onto an inexpensive paintbrush. It will easily get those hard to reach dust specks and it will take a lot less time.

Kids Easter Drawing



48 kids signed up for the drawing at the Easter Extravaganza. Here are the lucky winners:

Girls Fashion Play - Brayleigh Kaiser
Boys Basketball Set - Brodix Neithing
Boys Bunny - Leeland Housman
Girls Bunny - Cadence Willson
Girls Quilt - Penelope Godwin
Boys Quilt - Cameron Kaiser

Remember...

Memorial Day

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MINUTES
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REGULAR MEETING
April 9, 2026

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Dale Martin at 5:30pm on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Jeremy Anderson, Mark Minnick and Daniel Cairl.
ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Brigitte Douglas and Public Works Supervisor Nikki Brazzi.
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Minnick to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Cairl, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

1) March 3, 2026 City Council Minutes.
2) Liability Coverage Waiver Form

Sheriff's Office – A Representative from the Sheriff's Office was available to present the council with their monthly report. 29 records, a mixture of 3 traffic stops and 26 other calls. Officer Stock informed the council that there are plans to bring in a speed trailer for Highway 7. The council asked if the speed trailer could be alternated between Highway 7 and Highway 4 during its duration in town.

April 9, 2026 Bills List - A motion by Minnick, seconded by Anderson, to approve the April 9, 2026 bills list, with check numbers 1109e -1116e and 117818-117870 in the amount of $89,330.70. Motion carried.

Monthly Financials – Going forward the council will receive year to date Revenue and Expense Reports as well as a Cash Balance Report at the monthly meetings.

Ryan Vanderpol, PID# 21-0147000 – Mr. Vanderpol was unable to attend the meeting. Council member Minnick explained that Mr. Vanderpol purchased property between Taurus Ave W and Northern Cross Ave W and would like to develop that. The City Clerk explained that in order to do so, our subdivision and platting procedure has to be followed and that city office has already provided Mr. Vanderpol with the necessary paperwork to get started.

Subdivision Fee Schedule Amendment – The city clerk explained that the subdivision fee needs to cover the cost of public hearing publications, mail notifications and time spent on the preparation, therefor the cost needs to be adjusted for next years License and Fee schedule.

City Engineer – Joshua Halvorson, Bolton-Menk, updated on the construction project. According to Mary Zahnow from USDA we are still looking at 4-6 weeks for the loan closing. Joshua Halvorson explained that we could start preparing for the bidding process, but would need the companies to extend their bid expiration dates from 61 days to 91 days, to ensure our loans are closed by then. Although there is a slight risk with this, he recommended we start preparing. A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Minnick to prepare for bidding. Motion carried.

Township Meeting - revisited – Fire Chief Fruetel had another company do an estimate on the door project at the fire hall, unfortunately a copy of the estimate was not ready at the time of the council meeting. Any decision related to the expense of replacing the door is tabled until the next meeting.

City Attorney, Steven Besser, Resignation Letter – Steven Besser, the current city attorney is retiring effective April 30, 2026. He recommended Kennedy & Graven, since they provide municipal law assistance and represent municipalities and townships of all sizes across the State of Minnesota.

Kennedy & Graven Legal Service Proposal – A motion by Cairl, seconded by Anderson to accept the Kennedy & Graven proposal for Civil Municipal Legal Services. Motion carried.

Res 26-01 – Adopting Staff Health Initiative by offering reduced Gym Membership – A motion by Cairl, seconded by Minnick to offer free membership to all Fire/Ambulance Staff and permanentfull-time and part-time city staff. Motion carried.

Piano Donation – revisited – A motion by Anderson, seconded by Van Hat ten to allow a piano donated by Kathy Jackson as a permanent fixture at the Community Center on a trial basis at this time. Motion carried.

Picnic Tables – 10 more picnic tables have been ordered and delivered. Some name plates have already been ordered and the suggestion was made to have name plates at both sides of the picnic table. Anyone wanting to donate toward the picnic tables, please stop at or call the office for more information.

People Service Operation and Maintenance Report – Council Member Anderson, representing PeopleService, presented the council with his monthly report. More chlorine was ordered to shock the media a second time. Conversations with Hawkins Water Treatment Group have resulted in us adding a polymer feed system to the Water Treatment Plant once the second shock treatment is done and the water tested by them.

Department Heads –
Public Works Supervisor Nikki Brazzi informed the council that he spoke with the contractor responsible for disposing the excessive amount of wood chips at the brush site. They are looking into getting most if not all removed. He is also looking into a tool or attached for cleaning the storm drain basins, either for purchase or rental.

Fire Chief Jon Fruetel reminded the council and public of the upcoming Firemen's Dance. He also informed the council that Fire and Ambulance are looking for volunteers and that he is looking for someone interested in removing the metal storage container by the ponds for scrap.

Other Business –
A question about mosquito spraying was answered by the city clerk with us having a multi-year contract with Clarke Mosquito Service and we should be receiving the spraying schedule at some point this month.

Tim Michnowski expressed his frustration at his rising property taxes. It was explained that property values are assessed by the county and there is a time and place to address that at the county level and that the special assessment could have been appealed last fall, after the final assessment roll was adopted.

Charles Dvorak also expressed his frustration about a piece of property he owns by the Ballpark and the assessment amount for it.

Next Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm Thursday May 14, 2026. The agenda will be posted in the city office window, post office and bank vestibule by Tuesday afternoon. Any change in the meeting dates or times will be displayed on our digital sign.

Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Minnick, seconded by Van Hatten to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:50 pm. Motion carried.
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Donna Bjur for donating
two quilts for prizes.



This Cosmos boy took part in amphibious exercises on the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico. He served aboard the USS Muliphen which took part in the First Atlantic Fleet Amphibious Force exercise of the year, April 9 thru 30, 1962.

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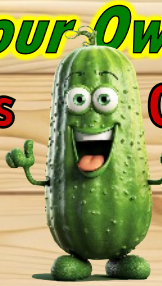
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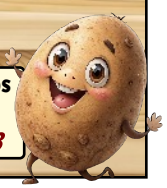
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Payments of cash or checks are also accepted on-site.

Prices are as follows, tax included:

- **Appliances* - $22.00 each**
- **Computer Monitors/Televisions - $38.50 each**
- **Furniture/Mattresses/Box Springs - $22.00 per piece**
- **Tires, each: Car-$16.50, Truck- $27.50, Tractor-$70-*add $17 per rim***

****The following items are considered an appliance:***

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-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*

COSMOS CITY RESIDENTS ONLY!

For more info, contact Cosmos City Hall (320) 877-7345

REMINDER: RESIDENTS CAN BRING THEIR ITEMS ONLY ON THE 13TH!

Chef It Up!

"Food and spices, together. [illegible]t a concept."



Pig Cake



By Grace Kamrath

Greetings and happy spring to Cosmos and beyond. I was going thru my moms recipe box and I did a double take on the name on this cake recipe. "PIG CAKE" I have no idea why the name, but it sounds really yummy.

PIG CAKE

- 1 yellow cake mix
- 1 small can mandarin oranges, drained but save juice
- 4 eggs
- 1 c. oil

Mix the juice from mandarins with eggs and oil.
Add the cake mix until blended.
Gently add the oranges.
Put 9 x 13 pan at 350 and bake for 35 minutes.

FROSTING

- 20 oz. can crushed pineapple with juice
- 3 oz. instant vanilla pudding
- 9 oz. cool whip

Mix all together and frost cake. Chill.

When our youngest granddaughter started track in sixth grade, her friends sat in the bleachers to cheer her on. As she went running past them, she blew kisses to them, laughing I am sure. When she completed the race, her coach met her to make sure she knew this was not correct procedure. "But" Eva replied, "I was not tired yet".



Local Chicken Poses With Bunny Buddy



Pic & commentary by Mark Minnick

Local Chicken rocketed in to Cosmos to stop by the Easter Extravaganza. The popular bird wanted to pose for pictures with the famous rabbit. He noted, "I figure I'm at least a important as the Big Bunny. Why, if it weren't for my hens, where would he get his eggs to give to the kids? Getting my girls to lay different colored eggs has taken a lot of biological innovation from me and my fellow chicken scientists."

He continued, "Not to mention the marshmallow, peanut butter and maple cream filled ones. Those were the toughest. Btw, we're working on taco flavored eggs next. My colleagues and I are just doing our part, thank you very much."

Holy cow Local, I don't think very many folks realized how important you are to this holiday. What else can this chicken do? *Probably more than humans can comprehend…*

Helping Others See

Info submitted by Lion Hank Weseloh

The Cosmos Lions appreciate the nearly five dozen pairs of used eyeglasses donated by the community in the last 12 months. The glasses were either placed in the collection box at **Home State Bank** or brought to the **Lion's Pork Chop Dinner** April 10.

According to the the Lions International website, for 80 years individual Lions clubs and districts have collected old, unwanted eyeglasses for redistribution to the poor in developing countries. Lions and other volunteers donate travel expenses, time, and talent to dispense recycled eyeglasses free of charge to individuals in developing nations. Some people walk 50 miles to receive free eyeglasses from the Lions. It costs fewer than 8 cents to provide glasses to a person in a developing nation.

Minnesota Lions members have now collected more than twelve million pairs of eyeglasses. The Wisconsin Lions Foundation operates a regional facility in Rosholt, Wisconsin where Lions volunteers clean, repair, and classify the glasses by prescription.

Nature and the Great Outdoors



Left to right: **Pheasant, trusty dog Cinder & Dave**



Early Spring "Leftovers"

It was still a bit chilly though...

By Mark Minnick

It's the time of year when we're in-between outdoor activities. No ice or snow; Winter sports are done. No green growth, 40 degree days; Spring pursuits are a bit premature. So, what's an outdoors person to do? Go hunting or fishing, of course!

Gaz reader **Dave Dallmann**, above, rolled all the way up to Richmond, MN to try and flush a few hunting preserve pheasants with his dog **Cinder**. He bagged a half dozen birds, giving the dog a bit of a work out in the process. I'm guessing they were both a little sore when they finally got home to relax on the couch. But, it's a good sore, right?


Brady


Kevin

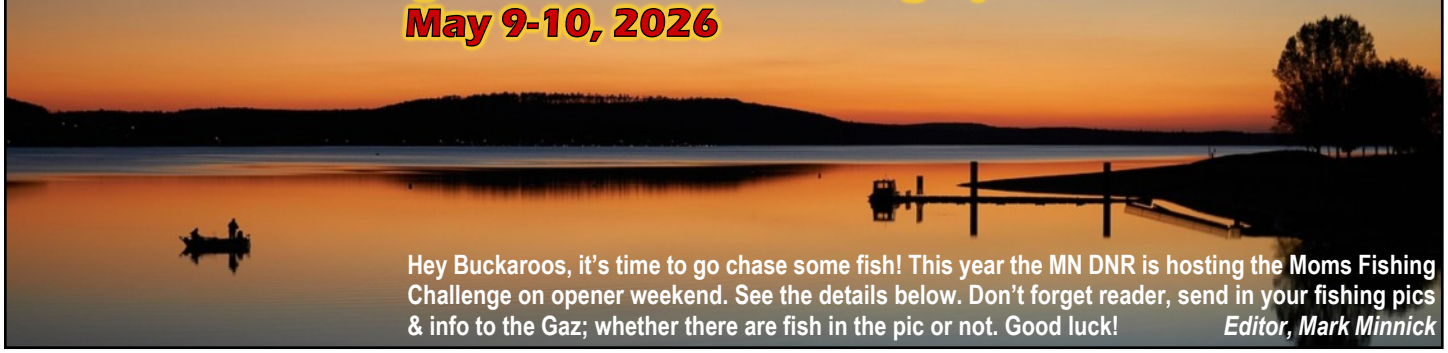
Next up, it seems that my 'personal' surgeon **Brady Baartman** is at it…again. Not slicing up my right leg and replacing the titanium…again. No sir, he and his dad **Kevin** are fishing the Rainy River on the Minnesota/Canadian border. The dude goes every year in early April and seems to be getting quite good at it. No scalpel needed. Nyuk, nyuk, nyuk…

He was kind enough to send the Gazette a couple of pics from his latest trip. Brady, on the left, is holding up a nice fat 26 inch walleye. His dad nabbed what appears to be a 'morbidly obese' 38 inch pike. Uff da. Nice specimens for sure, both being released. Way to go guys!

Nature and the Great Outdoors

Take a Mom Fishing Weekend & MN Fishing Opener
May 9-10, 2026

Hey, it's nice outside!



Hey Buckaroos, it's time to go chase some fish! This year the MN DNR is hosting the Moms Fishing Challenge on opener weekend. See the details below. Don't forget reader, send in your fishing pics & info to the Gaz; whether there are fish in the pic or not. Good luck! *Editor, Mark Minnick*



Info and image courtesy MN DNR

Join the statewide challenge!

Let's get reel, moms! Join the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Student Angler Organization and Women Anglers of Minnesota for a free virtual fishing challenge just for Minnesota moms during **Take a Mom Fishing Weekend from May 9-10, 2026.**

This year, like every year on Mother's Day weekend, all moms across Minnesota can fish for free without a license. And, for the fourth year in a row, moms who want even more fun can take part in the online Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge!

Join the challenge & sign up today at:
www.facebook.com/groups/momsfishing2026

How to participate

The challenge will take place in the Facebook group from midnight on Saturday, May 9, through 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, May 10. During that window, submit one photo of each fish you catch in the Facebook group. All species and sizes welcome. Snap a photo and let your fish go or keep it for dinner. Bag limits and regulations do apply.

Win prizes

All moms who post a picture of their fish in the group between May 9-10 will be entered to win prizes (including gift cards from Scheels), provided by the Student Angler Organization and their partners.

Names of winners will be posted in the challenge group after the challenge concludes so prizes can be claimed.

Prizes are based on participation only, and winners will be selected in a random drawing. Whether you enter one fish or five fish, four inches or 40 inches, you'll have the same chance to win as everyone else. This challenge is for fun and to get Minnesota moms out on the water to enjoy fishing.

Pre-challenge fishing tips

Looking to brush up on your skills before the challenge? Tune in for pre-challenge fishing webinars hosted by Women Anglers of Minnesota the week before the challenge takes place They will be hosted in the Facebook group and are free to all participating moms. Attendees also will have the chance to win a free annual membership to Women Anglers of Minnesota. Details will be posted in the group.

Nature and the Great Outdoors

Fishing Opener Xtra!

Hey, it's nice outside!

Forward by Mark Minnick

I've known Bill Reinke since way back. He used to hang out with my parents when I was just a little kid, guessing about 63 years ago. Even back then, I remember him always telling stories and that he talked kinda 'funny'. Mom told me it was a southern drawl or something like that.

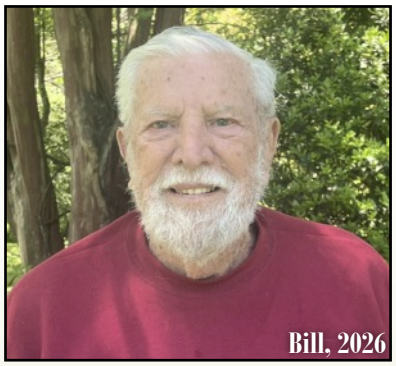
Fast forward a bunch of years, he now lives in rural Bells, Tennessee. I talked (or BS'ed) with him in the Cosmos City Park a couple of years ago. If memory serves, he was in Minnesota for a class reunion or some get together.

After that visit, he started calling me here and there, with Gazette questions or just to visit. I've always enjoyed our conversations. **Interesting note: Even as Bill is closing in on 90 orbits around the sun, he sends and receives texts -What a dude!*

I struggled a bit trying to figure out where to put this story in the Gazette. Is it a stand alone story, or should it be in the Time Warp or maybe the Great Outdoors column? As you can see, I decided on the latter. Because it involves 'fishing' (I use that term loosely here) I figured was worthy of a **Nature and the Great Outdoors 'Fishing Opener Xtra' Special Edition** story. *(Whew, long title)* Anyway, I hope you the reader enjoy his fishing tale as much as I did. Poke, poke, poke… ;)



**I wonder if a we could fish his way in Minnesoda, then? Would the game warden mind? Asking for a friend…Uff da.*



Bill, 2026

Jumpin' in the Boat? or a Snipe Hunt?



A fishing tale from Bill Reinke circa 1963



I have a bunch of "fishing stories", but this one is my favorite. I've written it up so many times in my dreams, I figured I better finally put it on paper...well on the computer, actually. Now, on to my story. ***Bill Reinke***

It took me several years to convince my brother, **Raymond**, to come down to Mississippi, to show him that FISH really do JUMP in the boat. I told him that within 2 hours that we would at least have 50 fish, consisting of mostly crappie, a few bass, and maybe 1 or 2 gar.

It took several of my kids, and siblings, Esther and Rene, to help convince him. He finally was convinced and talked to a couple of his friends to drive down to Mississippi to see for themselves, that fish really do JUMP in the boat. All we needed from them to come down, was themselves, and with no fishing gear. All that was needed was a john boat, motor, and paddles, which I had.



similar Jon boat

So they came down from Iowa thinking this was one of the greatest snipe hunts they had ever done. When they arrived one evening, it was a joy to see them come down...a lot of laughter, togetherness, and anticipation.

My family lived in **Oxford, Mississippi** (see map, next page) at this time, and the fishing place was 40 minutes south of Oxford, known as **Grenada Lake and Dam**. We do this in the springtime, when fish are starting to spawn. We started our journey the next evening (yes, we fish at dark). This is because there are so many people that fish below the spillway during the day hours, it would look peculiar that the fish are jumping in our boat, and they are using poles and bait. *(Editor's note: this motley bunch fished on the* ***Yalobusha River****, which runs out of the lake below the dam.)*



Brother Raymond, 1946

We arrived around 7:30 PM. There were around 30 or 40 people fishing along both sides of the spillway, but by dark there were only 1 or 2 people fishing. So, we went ahead and put the Jon boat in the water, motor ready, and paddles aboard.

There was a total of 4 people in our boat; myself, Raymond and two of his friends. We had to be careful because we were all above average in height and weight. We then went upstream close to the spillway, and pulled over close to the bank.

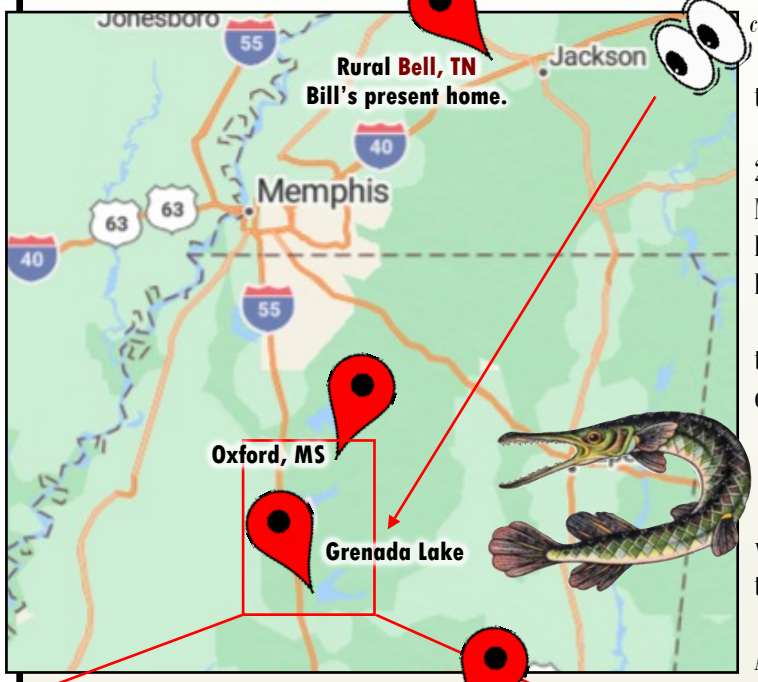
I was running the motor, and brother Ray was in the front of the boat. His duty was to keep the front of the boat away from the bank. Mine was to keep the back end close to the bank. The 2 guys in the middle were to poke the paddles over and over again into the water next to the bank! The motor was shut off during this time...we just floated down the river.

There was much laughter and delusions of being dumped into the water. Some of the comments were, "we came down all the way from Iowa acting

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So Where is This Grenada Lake?

-Take a Look Buckaroos-





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like fools" and "Bill, when are you going to tip us over" and "where are the fish?".

I told them to keep poking the paddles into the bank, and all of a sudden, 2 fish jumped in the boat. Ray said "poke, poke, poke...they're jumping!". More fish jumped in and they poked in disbelief! Some fish hit the side of the boat... jumped over the boat, in front of the boat and behind, and some fish hit them! (Remember, it's dark!!)

After floating down the river for about 4 or 5 hundred yards, I started the motor and went back up the spillway and did this same routine down the other side. There was much laughter and alot of 'Uff da' words and poke, poke, poke! (I thought it would be better to use Uff da words instead of the cussing words.)

After going a short distance, a gar jumped in the boat. They didn't know what kind of fish that was, and I told them "it's a **Gar**, just pick it up and throw it back in", and they said Uff da!!

So we continued floating down, and poking, and fish kept jumping in. At this time we probably had around **50 bass and crappies** in the bottom of the boat. I thought that would be enough so we needed to finish up and start back home.


"Outdoorsman Bill" with a buck he arrowed, 1965

They were having so much fun, they wanted to go back down the other side again. So we pushed away from the bank, started the motor, and headed back upstream. Guess what happened?? Someone in the front of the boat leaned over and the boat started taking in water, and we tipped over!!

The motor was upside down, we lost all the fish, and all but 1 paddle. Raymond and I had kept hold of the boat and the other two swam to the other side of the river. As we were floating down the river I said "Ray, we gotta kick and swim with the boat to the other shore".

As we were kicking, swimming, and pushing the boat, Raymond said "whoa, whoa", and he stood up and the water was only knee deep! We hollered to the other two, and they were fine. The two friends had to walk over the top of the spillway and then come down to us. We finally put the boat on the trailer, headed to Batesville, and checked into a motel.

The next day we had to get the motor back up running, bought more paddles, and just rested until the evening. We attempted this fishing expedition again! They didn't want to go back to Iowa without any fish. The routine was the same, one side of the river, then the other. We ended up with 40-45 fish, and headed back home to Oxford.



Raymond and friends left the next morning to Iowa with the fish. They thought this was an experience of a lifetime!! Two weeks later, I received a letter in the mail with a newspaper clipping with those 3 guys standing in from of a bunch of fish! The heading above the picture was "Believe It or Not!" with a short article saying that these **FISH JUMPED IN THE BOAT!!**

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New Fishing Lure for '26

The real deal?



By Mark Minnick

Found a lure I had never seen before. And I've seen a lot of 'em. A 'Chicken Lure' if you will. It should surely catch fish. Why you say? Well, everybody likes chicken, right? Btw, pass the tarter sauce…*and don't tell Local*.

Thank You!



Thanks a bunch for supporting the Cosmos Fire Dept & Ambulance Squad at our annual dance fundraiser. The members had a great time and hope you did too.

See you next year!



I ran out of room this month for my normal sized column. I received lotsa nice ads and articles, which is more important than me yammering on and on anyway.

May is a busy month. Spring planting, Mother's Day, graduation celebrations, Memorial Day and last but not least, the **Minnesota Fishing Opener**. **:)** I hope to participate again this year, if I can only stay outta the d@#n horsepistol. Things are looking good so far though, so I'll see. Wish me luck, no wait…wish me skill. Luck has never gotten me that many fish.

It's really cool to have a grandson. Deb and I went down to see the little **Joey** about a week after he was born. I had forgotten how small a six pound kid is. Shoot, our smallest cat Frankie weighs almost twice as much as him, but she's not as cute. Almost, but not quite.

He will be coming out for the fishing opener, but don't worry, he won't be on the water. Lord knows he was practice casting in the womb, just ask his mom. He doesn't have a tackle box yet, so he'll just stay back at the 'cabin' to eat, sleep, pee and poop. It still counts as participating though, as far as I'm concerned. Grandpa makes the rules.

Here are two quick mentions 'cuz I'm outta room. Maybe I can catch up next issue.

- **In the April issue**, I reviewed **Ringo Starr's** 2025 album, **"Look Up"**, which I liked. I've had a chance to listen to his April 24 release, **"Long, Long Road"** one time. So far, I like it. Same vibe as "Look Up" me thinks. Maybe do a review next issue. We'll see.
- **I reported on the Artemis II program** in the March & April issues. As you probably are aware, it launched, finally! The mission went off without a hitch, except for a malfunctioning toilet. Man, that's gonna make for some good 4th grade jokes.

Stay tuned Buckaroos.



By Beth Cronk, Meeker County Librarian

May is a month of gardening, Mother's Day, and looking ahead to summer at the Cosmos Library.

The seed library is available all month for you to get a few free seeds for your garden. The library has a variety of vegetable and flower seeds to choose from. You can take several larger seeds or a pinch of small seeds of each variety you want, and you can take four mini envelopes of these per person each week.

Whether you plant them in your yard or in a pot, you're likely to find something you can grow. Open to all ages. Thank you to the Lake Elizabeth Green Thumb Garden Club and the Hope Blooms Flower Farm for their contributions to this community resource!

The Cosmos Library will have take-home crafts for Mother's Day available starting Tuesday, May 5th. One per child, while supplies last.

Pokémon Trading Card Game sessions continue every Thursday this month from 4:00 to 5:30. There's no need to sign up, and it's free! This program is for kids and teens ages 7 to 18. Children younger than age 8 must have an adult or teen caregiver with them, and parents and grandparents are always welcome to stay. New players are encouraged to attend and learn how to play the game.

The library has all of the cards needed, but kids can bring their own cards if they wish. There are even some small prizes! Experienced and new players are invited to play in a friendly learning environment.

Craft Circle continues one more time for the spring on the fourth Saturday of the month: May 23, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Drop in with your craft project to have some social time while you work. No messy crafts such as paint and dye, please, in order to protect the library's carpet.

No craft of your own? The library has adult coloring sheets and colored pencils. Open to adults and teens age 16 and up. No need to sign up. Craft Circle will not be held this summer.

The summer reading program will start on Monday, June 1st. This year's theme is Plant a Seed, Read! Students in the ACGC district will hear about the program at school this month. June 1st is the first day that kids ages 3-18 can sign up for the self-paced program, but they can stop in anytime after that, all summer, to sign up and get started.

Kids can choose a free book to keep when they sign up. They'll also get a reading log they will use to track reading time and other activities, so they can earn "library loot" they can turn in for small prizes. The program will run until August 31.

Looking for an interesting new book to check out at the Cosmos Library? Maybe one of these will fit your interests or needs:

"99 Ways to Die: And How to Avoid Them" by Ashely Alker

"Awakening the Spirit of America: FDR's War of Words with Charles Lindbergh – and the Battle to Save Democracy" by Paul M. Sparrow

"Building a Parenting Agreement that Works: Child Custody Agreements Step by Step" by Mimi Lee

"Cracking the Nazi Code: The Untold Story of Agent A12 and the Solving of the Holocaust Code" by Jason Bell

"The Employer's Legal Handbook: How to Manage Your Employees & Workplace" by Aaron Hotfelder

"Fodor's New England" by Diane Bair

"A History of the United States" by Philip Jenkins

Pioneerland libraries will be closed on Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.



Cosmos Library is located in city hall. The phone number is 320-440-1012, and the website is www.cosmos.lib.mn.us. Library hours; Mondays 10-5, Tuesdays 2-5, Thursdays 2-6, Fridays 2-5, and Saturdays 10-1.

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Schedule an appointment to donate by going online to **www.redcrossblood.org** or call **800-733-2767**.

Please consider donating as there is an emergency need for blood donations.

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Birth Announcement



Joseph Kristofor Minnick
April 1st 2026

Joseph Kristofor Minnick
was introduced to the light of the world on
April 1st, 2026
At weigh in, he registered
6 pounds, 3 ounces

'Joey' is the son of
Brittany & Tyler Minnick of **Lakeville, MN**.
His maternal grandparents are
Lorraine & Gary Leeson, also of **Lakeville**.
His paternal grandparents are
Deb & Mark Minnick of **Cosmos, MN**.

**Word has it that he was born with a fishing rod & reel in hand. When the delivery nurse set aside that rod & reel, he cried. So they dried him off, gave him back to his mom and returned his rod & reel. He then quieted down, grabbed a boat snack & went to sleep.*

Atta boy Joey. Atta boy...



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Thursday, May 7, 2026 6 pm

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PTA elected 2 new officers Monday night

COSMOS — Two new officers were elected at the Cosmos Community PTA meeting, Monday evening.

Mrs. Arthur Adams was elected vice president, and Mrs. Mark Macik, treasurer, to take office next fall.

Mrs. Glarence Geier will be the new secretary. She moves up from the office of treasurer. Harold Reinke, vice president last year, will also be moveed up automatically into the president's position next fall.

An INTERESTING and colorful fashion show was presented by members of Mrs. Hartog's home economics classes. The setting was a Hawaiian scene. The Ostenson trio furnished Hawaiian music.

MRS. GLARENCE Geier reported a gross income from the PTA carnival of $533. As yet, some bills haven't come in.

LUNCH was served by the PTA members.

Cosmos seniors are in Chicago this week

COSMOS—Members of the 1962 graduating class of Cosmos high school left on their class trip to Chicago, Sunday evening.

The chartered bus left Cosmos at 6 p.m., Sunday, and expected to arrive in Chicago at about 7 a.m., Monday morning, where the seniors were to check in at Hotel Maryland.

☆ The balance of their first day was to be spent visiting a court of law, the airport and the planetarium.

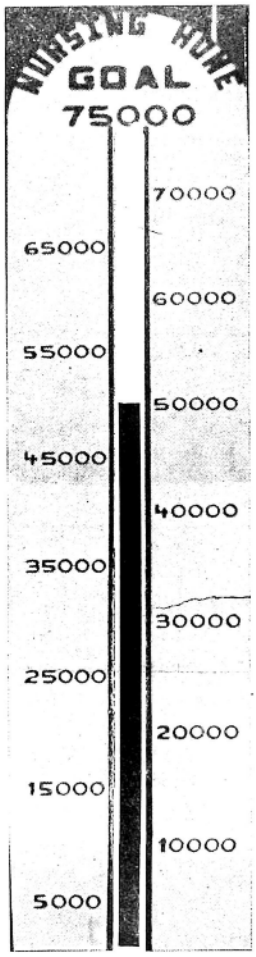
☆ Special events on Tuesday included a visit to the Shedd Aquarium, the Brookfield Zoo, Navy Pier, and a lake cruise beginning at 7:45 p.m.

☆ On Wednesday they were to attend Don McNeil's Breakfast Club and the Museum of Science and Industry.

☆ On Thursday they expected to tour Baha'i Temple, Underwriters Laboratories, and attend a stage play.

They are scheduled to leave Chicago at 5 a.m., Friday, spend some time at Wisconsin Dells, and arrive home in Cosmos at 7 p.m. that evening.





ON THE LAST LAP. Here's the way the Nursing Home Goal "thermometer" in front of the First State Bank of Cosmos looked as this paper went to press on Wednesday. $50,000 worth of stock in the corporation had been sold.

56 students on honor roll for fifth six weeks

COSMOS — Fifty-six Cosmos junior and senior high school students have been named on the honor roll for the fifth six weeks period, it was announced this week.

Of this number, stated Principal George Lehmkuhl, 11 were on the A honor roll. They

HONOR ROLL
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New Cosmos Supt.

New superintendent of the Cosmos schools is Dale Lennon of Cottonwood, Minn., pictured at left. After school is out this spring, Mr. Lennon will take a short course at the University of North Dakota, after which he will move his family to Cosmos and take up his new duties.

Sale of nursing home stock reaches two-thirds mark

COSMOS—Stock sales in the proposed Cosmos Community Nursing Home have been "selling like hot cakes" during the past week.

In the last seven days, $30,000 worth of stock has been sold, bringing the campaign up to $50,000 or two-thirds of the way toward the goal of $75,000.

With the goal in sight, members of the sales force, meeting in the basement community room of the drug store, Tuesday night, vowed to redouble their efforts this week in an attempt to wind up the campaign in a week or two, if possible.

"I've been out on a lot of drives," one of the salesmen remarked, "but I've never seen one like this. Just about everybody seems to be in favor of it. I have not yet had a refusal."

The sales crew is optimistic about the possibility of finishing the drive in record time. They have been encouraged to try hard by Marvin Rodvik, who said if the campaign is wound up in good time it is entirely possible that ground could be broken for the nursing home by July 1.

Co-chairman of the sales committee, Harry Swanson, told the group, "This is National Sales Week, let's observe it right!"

IN THE rush to complete the campaign, it is entirely possible that someone may not be contacted. The sales force urges that anybody who is missed, stop at the First State Bank of Cosmos to make their purchase agreement—or a call to TR 7-2404 will bring a salesman out.

Only 1 day left to file for school board post

COSMOS — With only one more day left, there still have been no filings for the two posts on the Cosmos board of education, Clerk Marvin Hackbarth reported Wednesday.

The terms of Arnold Adams and Marvin Hackbarth expire on July 1. These posts will be filled at the annual school election on Tuesday, May 15.

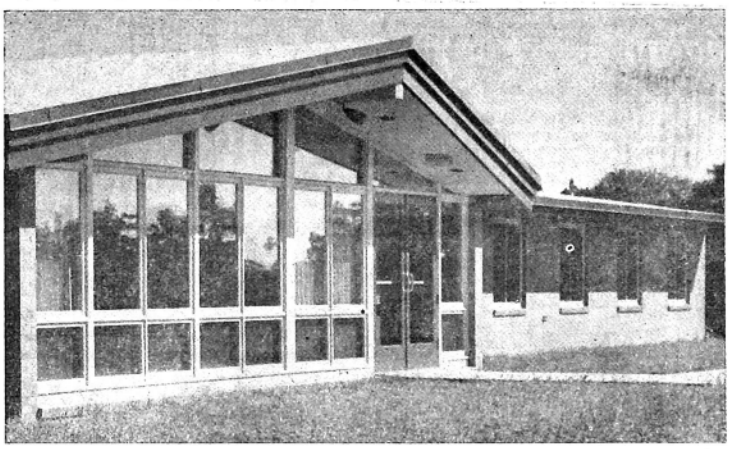
Anyone interested in the jobs may file his or her name with the clerk until May 3.

34 youngsters start kindergarten

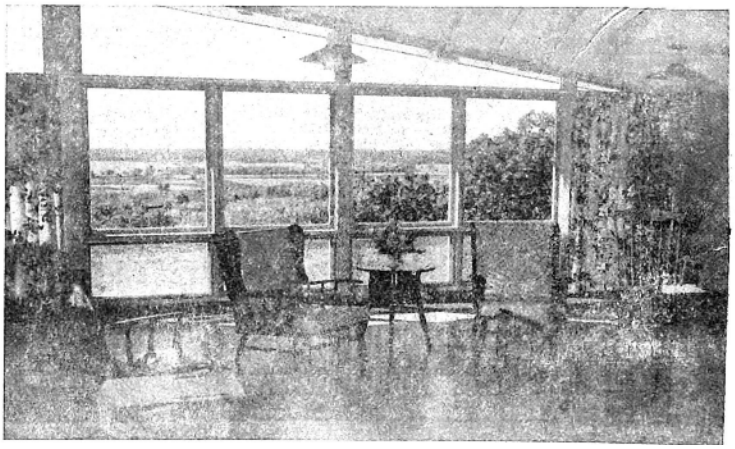
COSMOS — Kindergarten began at the Cosmos school on Monday.

Mrs. Charles Sharpe is teacher of the class of 34 youngsters, which meets in the auditorium of the school.

The kindergarten classes will continue for two weeks—until May 11.



NURSING HOME Above in an outside view of the Franklin Heights Nursing Home at Franklin, and below is an interior view of the parlor. The Cosmos Nursing Home will be patterned after the Franklin Heights Nursing Home to a great extent.



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We've got a couple of winners this month!
Take a look Buckaroos!
The handsome Whozit is Sherrill Koch.** ***Bill Reinke



SHERRILL KOCH

Sherrill Koch Tours With Baseball Team

Sherril Koch returned to his studies at Gustavus Adolphus college recently after a week-long baseball trip through three nearby states.

Sherrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Koch of Cosmos, was one of 16 players from Gustavus to make a trip through the states of Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska, where they took part in several exhibition games,

While on this trip, he was the team's regular second baseman. Last year, as a freshman, he took part in several games but did not win a letter.

Sherrill, a left handed hitter, was the Cosmos town team's leading hitter last year.

That 1956 baseball guy is Sherrill Koch.** He was also on my favorite list of town team players! Right up there with Bill Reinke. He was a great hitter with a sweet Ted Williams swing. Bet you knew I'd get that one. Where did you get the info on him? Regards, ***Lyle Arnold

***Another tidbit on Mel Maas - The Shark.** Got a call from Mel a while back and had nice visit with him. I recalled back when Mel was a senior and I was a freshman at CHS we made occasional trips over to Hutch to I think was the A & W Drive-in in his 1947 vehicle. Seems he bought the car from another Cosmos old time businessman, **Elmer Holmquist**. Elmer was in the clothing business in the early 1950's and is mentioned in the History of Cosmos book. Thought you might find this interesting.

Regards, ***Lyle***





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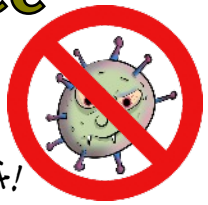


Pic & commentary by Mark Minnick

The Gazette wants to thank Joyce Karrigan for operating the Bargo games at the city center this last winter. It was a great activity for the locals to partake in. We're all looking forward to the 2027 season!

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