The Spooky & Scary Halloween Edition

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Mmmmm...

Weather: Spooky and scary...well, duh. "All the news you really need. Probably more, right Igor?" "Noli credere omnia legis"

ACGC School District Residents to Vote on $15.95 Million Bond Referendum Nov. 4

By Mark Minnick

The residents of the ACGC School District are being presented with a nearly $16 million bond referendum to pay for improvements, upgrades and additions to both ACGC campuses.

These include, but aren't limited to; *A new two-station multipurpose addition to our junior/senior high school including health and fitness space. *Improving our Career and Technical Education space with additional equipment and furnishings. *Relocating our wrestling space inside our 5-12 building and renovating the space to better support our student athletes' needs. *Addressing critical deferred maintenance needs.

For a more complete and comprehensive look at the proposal, I recommend you go to **acgcbuilttofly.com**. Be sure and take a look at the next two pages for info on the voting process.

And remember to vote Buckaroos!



Atwater Campus



Grove City Campus

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Voting Information

Make your voice heard on or before Tuesday, November 4

At ACGC Public Schools, we take pride in our commitment to academic excellence, student well-being, and strong community partnerships. Our schools are not only places of learning, but vital gathering spaces and sources of local identity and pride. As our district evolves, so do our needs, particularly around educational programming, space limitations, and aging infrastructure.

On Tuesday, November 4, 2025, residents will vote on a $15.95 million bond referendum to build a new two-station multipurpose addition to our junior/senior high school including health and fitness space, improving our Career and Technical Education (CTE) space with additional equipment and furnishings, relocating our wrestling space inside our 5-12 building and renovating the space to better support our student athletes' needs, and addressing critical deferred maintenance needs.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4.
Absentee/early voting began on Friday, September 19.
There are three ways to vote on the referendum:

1. Vote early/absentee in person

Friday, September 19 — Monday, November 3

- Available starting Friday, September 19, through Monday, November 3, early/absentee voting will be available in person at the location below on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Meeker County Government Center
114 North Holcomb Avenue, Suite 150
Litchfield, MN 55355

2. Vote early/absentee by mail

Friday, September 19 — Monday, November 3

- Available starting Friday, September 19, through Monday, November 3, early/absentee voting will be available by mail.
- To receive a ballot, you must complete an absentee ballot application. Download an application, complete it, and return it to your respective county location, which is noted below.
- Once the county receives your completed absentee ballot application, an absentee ballot will be sent to you to complete.
- Complete your absentee ballot and return it either by mail or in person to your respective county location, which is noted below.
- All completed absentee ballots must be received by your respective county location no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day to be counted. Click here to track your absentee ballot once it's submitted. Due to postal delays, if you plan to vote via absentee ballot by mail, we recommend sending your completed ballot no later than Tuesday, October 21, to ensure it arrives on time. Otherwise, return your completed absentee ballot in person.

Meeker County Government Center
114 North Holcomb Avenue, Suite 150
Litchfield, MN 55355

3. Vote in person on Election Day

Tuesday, November 4

- Meeker County) residents can vote at the polling location which is noted below, on Tuesday, November 4, between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- To vote in person on Election Day, you must be registered to vote. You can register online or in person on Election Day.
- Meeker County Residents:

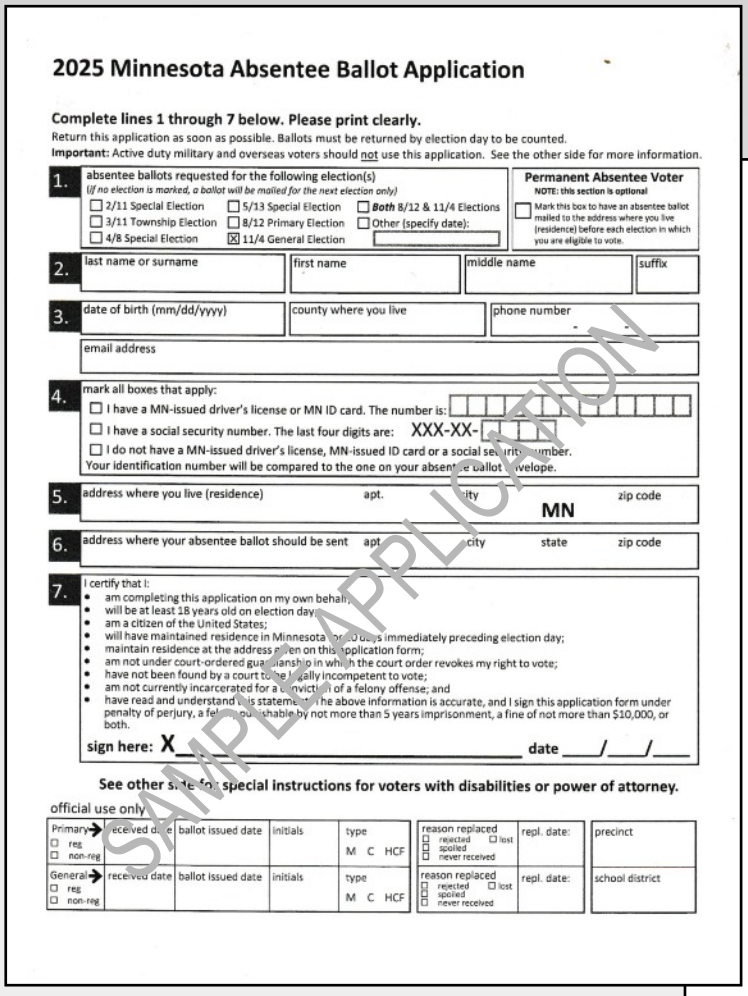
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201 Atlantic Avenue West
Grove City, MN 56243

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Sample Absentee Voting Application and Voting Ballot

These will give voters a chance to familiarize themselves with both.

Take a look.



2025 Minnesota Absentee Ballot Application

Complete lines 1 through 7 below. Please print clearly.

Return this application as soon as possible. Ballots must be returned by election day to be counted.

Important: Active duty military and overseas voters should not use this application. See the other side for more information.

1. absentee ballots requested for the following election(s)
(If no election is marked, a ballot will be mailed for the next election only)
☐ 2/11 Special Election ☐ 5/13 Special Election ☐ ***Both*** 8/12 & 11/4 Elections
☐ 3/11 Township Election ☐ 8/12 Primary Election ☐ Other (specify date):
☐ 4/8 Special Election ☒ 11/4 General Election

Permanent Absentee Voter
NOTE: this section is optional
☐ Mark this box to have an absentee ballot mailed to the address where you live (residence) before each election in which you are eligible to vote.

2. last name or surname | first name | middle name | suffix

3. date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) | county where you live | phone number

email address

4. mark all boxes that apply:
☐ I have a MN-issued driver's license or MN ID card. The number is:
☐ I have a social security number. The last four digits are: XXX-XX-
☐ I do not have a MN-issued driver's license, MN-issued ID card or a social security number.
Your identification number will be compared to the one on your absentee ballot envelope.

5. address where you live (residence) apt. city **MN** zip code

6. address where your absentee ballot should be sent apt. city state zip code

7. I certify that I:
- am completing this application on my own behalf;
- will be at least 18 years old on election day;
- am a citizen of the United States;
- will have maintained residence in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding election day;
- maintain residence at the address given on this application form;
- am not under court-ordered guardianship in which the court order revokes my right to vote;
- have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote;
- am not currently incarcerated for a conviction of a felony offense; and
- have read and understand this statement that the above information is accurate, and I sign this application form under penalty of perjury, a felony punishable by not more than 5 years imprisonment, a fine of not more than $10,000, or both.

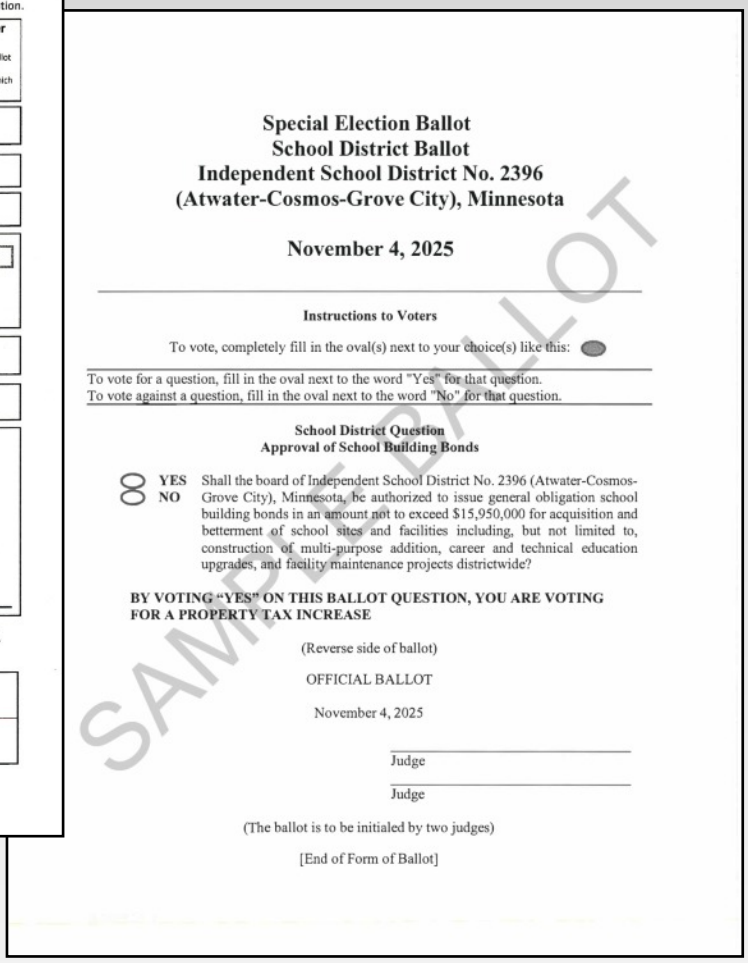
sign here: X_____ **date** ____/____/____

See other side for special instructions for voters with disabilities or power of attorney.

official use only

Primary → ☐ reg ☐ non-reg	received date	ballot issued date	initials	type M C HCF	reason replaced ☐ rejected ☐ lost ☐ spoiled ☐ never received	repl. date:	precinct
General → ☐ reg ☐ non-reg	received date	ballot issued date	initials	type M C HCF	reason replaced ☐ rejected ☐ lost ☐ spoiled ☐ never received	repl. date:	school district

SAMPLE APPLICATION



Special Election Ballot
School District Ballot
Independent School District No. 2396
(Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City), Minnesota

November 4, 2025

Instructions to Voters

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" for that question.
To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" for that question.

School District Question
Approval of School Building Bonds

○ YES
○ NO

Shall the board of Independent School District No. 2396 (Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City), Minnesota, be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed $15,950,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, construction of multi-purpose addition, career and technical education upgrades, and facility maintenance projects districtwide?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

(Reverse side of ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

November 4, 2025

_____
Judge

_____
Judge

(The ballot is to be initialed by two judges)

[End of Form of Ballot]

SAMPLE BALLOT

Remember,
be informed, then...



Vote!

Absentee Ballot Applications Available in Cosmos

for the upcoming

$15.95 million ACGC School Bond Referendum

Remember,

1. Cosmos does not have a polling place.
2. There will be no ballots mailed out to you.
3. Early and absentee voters must acquire and fill out an Absentee Ballot Application before they receive a voting ballot.
4. You can certainly vote in person on election day, November 4 at:

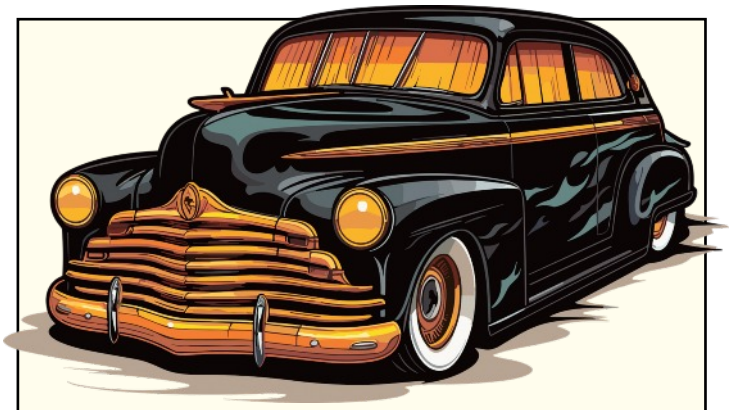
Grove City Community Center, 201 Atlantic Avenue West Grove City, MN 56243

For less hassle & your convenience, we have Absentee Ballot Applications on hand.

Contact:

Please Vote! Mark Minnick 320-220-1081 Please Vote!

John Boll 612-868-6835



Car Show Was Great!

By Kathy Jackson

Thank you Peace Men's Group! Looks like you hit the jackpot when you came up with the Car Show. I heard there was even an entry from St. Paul who decided to drive out mainly mainly because of the beautiful location. The music was excellent - hope you have them booked for next year. The food was great - especially the Cowboy Beans (don't change the recipe). Congratulations on the big boost to our community. Keep up the good work!



MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
September 11 , 2025

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Dale Martin at 5:30pm on Thursday, September 11, 2025.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Jeremy Anderson, Mark Minnick and Daniel Cairl.
ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk/Treasurer Brigitte Douglas and Public Works Supervisor Nikki Brazzi.

Adopt Agenda – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Van Hatten to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Anderson, seconded by Cairl, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.
1) August 14, 2025 City Council Minutes.

Sheriff's Office – Representatives from the Sheriff's Office were available to present the council with their monthly report, 25 records, a mixture of 7 traffic stops and other calls. The representatives also spoke about an increase in the use of e-bikes and e-scooters and the issues this type of transportation is already causing. Council Member Cairl asked what service the sheriff's office would provide if the city did not have a contract. It would be very limited services, depending on the incidents and traffic tickets or warning only if they are in town witnessing a traffic violation. Deputies are instructed to issue tickets or warning at their discretion, meaning someone with no prior traffic violations would most likely receive a warning, while someone with prior traffic violations would receive a ticket.

September 11, 2025 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Anderson, to approve the August 14, 2025 bills list, with check numbers 1025e -1034e and 117568 -117602 in the amount of $93,520.19. Motion carried.

City Engineer – Dylan Idso, Bolton-Menk, was present to update on the construction project. We are waiting on all necessary USDA Loan, Evergreen Easement and Attorney title and right-away approvals. We are also re-starting the inventory of all service lines within our water system. Postcards with instructions and contact information were sent to all residents.

Resolution 25-12, Adopt preliminary Fund Budget and Levy – A motion by Cairl, seconded by Van Hatten to adopt Res 25-12. Motion carried.

MNRWA Energy Efficiency Assessment - Paul Hoeschen, Energy Efficiency Advisor with the Minnesota Rural Water Association, prepared the report. By switching to VFD's (Variable Frequency Drives) to control the motor speed/pump speed and LED's for lighting, the city can save a considerable amount of money on their energy bill. Estimates were collected from 3W Electric, Ideal Service, Mid-MN Electric and Holton Electric. Council Member Van Hatten would like to see our local company, 3W Electric, get the whole contract, contingent on them reducing their lighting estimate to align with the one from Holton Electric. Council Members Anderson and Cairl are okay with the contract being divided between 3W Electric and Holton Electric. A motion by Anderson, seconded by Cairl to divide the task between 3W Electric and Holton Electric. Motion carried.

People Service Operation and Maintenance Report – Council Member Anderson, representing PeopleService, presented the council with his monthly report. When asked about progress made, he explained it is still a work in progress, with trial and error and lots of monitoring and adjusting. He is in contact with staff from the MN Department of Health and MN Rural Water to help with the task.

Cosmos Ambulance Uncollectable Debt, 2 Bills, $1129 – Research into previous uncollectable medical debt resulted in the conclusion that it would be more cost efficient to write the debt off, than to pay an agency to collect. A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Minnick, to write off the debt. Opposed by Cairl. Motion carried.

Department Heads –

Maintenance Supervisor Nikki Brazzi informed the council that he will take the test for is Class D Water license later this month. This will take him one step closer to becoming the licensed water operator for the City of Cosmos.

Fire Chief John Fruetel informed the council that the clerk has provided him with the proposed section rate increases for the next Township Meeting in February of 2026. To lessen the gap of what the city should be paying and is actually paying, rate increases over the next several years are recommended.

Other Business –

First Lutheran Church of Cosmos has asked to use the Community Center for their Sunday worship. The City has agreed to this arrangement as well as their various fundraisers.

Comments have been received about uneven concrete sections on the sidewalk. Maintenance will investigate and correct the issue.

Council Member Cairl spoke with Ben Hansen about picnic tables. Mr. Hansen will be present at the next meeting with more information.

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm, Thursday, October 9, 2025. The agenda will be posted in the city office window, post office and bank vestibules by Tuesday afternoon. Any change in meeting dates or times will be displayed on the digital sign.

Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Anderson to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:10pm. Motion carried.

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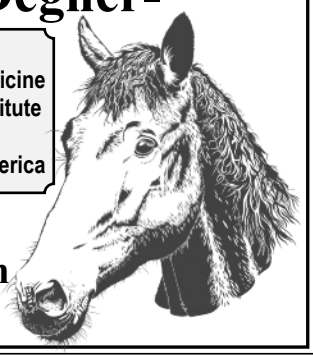
Brigitte Douglas

City Clerk/Treasurer

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-Michael Degner-

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-Contact Information-

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**Staff can meet before or after office hours by appointment if needed.*

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Maintenance: 320-221-4943
City Website: cosmos-mn.com
Email: cosmoscity@mchsi.com
Sheriff Non-Emergency Number
Sheriff Hours in Cosmos: Tue 2:30-4:30 PM

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The **Cosmos Men's Group** wishes to thank all the folks that patronized our our **Softball Tournament** on Labor Day weekend!

It was nice to see all of the ball teams and their fans. We hope the players, coaches and spectators enjoyed our tasty hamburgers with all the fixin's. The weekend wouldn't have been complete without the CFD serving ice cold beer. We sure don't want to forget all of the volunteer help. Couldn't have done it without you. Last but surely not least, we were blessed with gorgeous late summer weather. ***We had a great time and hope you did too!***





Thank's again & see you next year!

Halloween Party & Trunk or Treat
Saturday October 25.

2-4 PM
Cosmos City Center
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Craft & Gift Show
Saturday November 8th
9AM - 2PM
Cosmos City Center

~Featured Vendors~

*Handmade wooden decor by Fox Leap Designs
*Handwoven rugs and table runners by Helene
*Phantom Granny with baby/kids items
*Dragon Heart Creations with resin art
*T1MBUCK2's HOT SAUCE
*D L Benson clothing
*Treat Takeout

Also; Crochet, candles, soaps, jewelry, raw honey and lots more!

*Weather permitting: Elsie's Country Sales will be outside selling fresh holiday porch planters, wreaths, and other unique evergreen re-purposed items

Don't miss this one!

Cosmos Motorcycle Supply
New & Used Motorcycle Parts Bought & Sold
Motorcycle Repair, Tires & Oil
Motorcycle Apparel

-Wanted- Dead Bikes, Any Brand



Dan & Angie Cairl
320-440-0000
10 Milky Way North
Stop by & take a look!

Dave "Buck" Martin Inducted Into MN Softball Hall of Fame

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FROM THE MINNESOTA SPORTS FEDERATION

118 12th AVE N.♦ SOUTH ST. PAUL, MN 55075 (651) 451-3140

The 35th Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Saturday evening, October 25 at Grand Casino in Mille Lacs, MN. The Hall of Fame biennially recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of softball.

Softball is the largest adult and youth team participant sport in Minnesota and the nation with over 3,000 teams participating in the local program.

A total of 21 individuals in the player, manager, umpire, sponsor, promoter, administrator, organizer, volunteer or media category have been selected for induction this year. Included are:

Name	Category	Softball Hometown(s)
Randall Burtzel	Player	Wabasso
Donald "Gnetzs" Detmar	Player	Maplewood
Kasey Frank	Player	Duluth
Babe Glumack	Umpire	Hibbing
Lonnie Huard	Player/Umpire	Cloquet
Clayton Kerr	Player	Duluth
Phil Longmuir	Umpire	Woodbury/Maplewood
Pat Lynch*	Player	Watertown
Don Martella	Player	Hibbing
David Martin*	Player	Cosmos
Pat Milinovich	Umpire	Duluth
George F. Mohar	Player	Minneapolis
Mike Morrissey	Player	Duluth
Brad Ramberg	Player	Harris
Sue "Hardee" Rendulich	Player	Duluth
Doug Schaust	Player	Delano/Hollywood
Keith Schmidt	Player	Stillwater/Scandia
Larry Sillanpa	Player	Duluth
Jerry Strang	Player	Duluth
John Urman	Player	St. Paul
Lind "Duke" Weisbrod	All	Cambridge

* = inducted posthumously

2024's banquet was attended by more than 350 people and an equal or greater number is expected this year.

The cost of the banquet is $70.00. Tickets may be obtained from the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame: 118 12th Ave N. • South St. Paul, MN 55075 or online at https://msf1.org/?p=23094. Phone (651) 451-3140. Deadline for tickets is Wednesday, October 15.

For further information please contact:

Perry Coonce
perry@msf1.org
(651) 451-3140
1pm-3pm
10pm-1am

SERVING MINNESOTA THROUGH SPORTS℠

Press release courtesy Judy (Martin) Shiro Commentary by 'Harry Hank' Weseloh

Cosmos softball legend Dave (Buck) Martin will be elevated to the Minnesota Sports Federation's softball Hall of Fame in a ceremony October 25 at Grand Casino Mille Lacs. Martin will be honored posthumously as a member of the 2025 Hall of Fame class. Martin died in 2023.

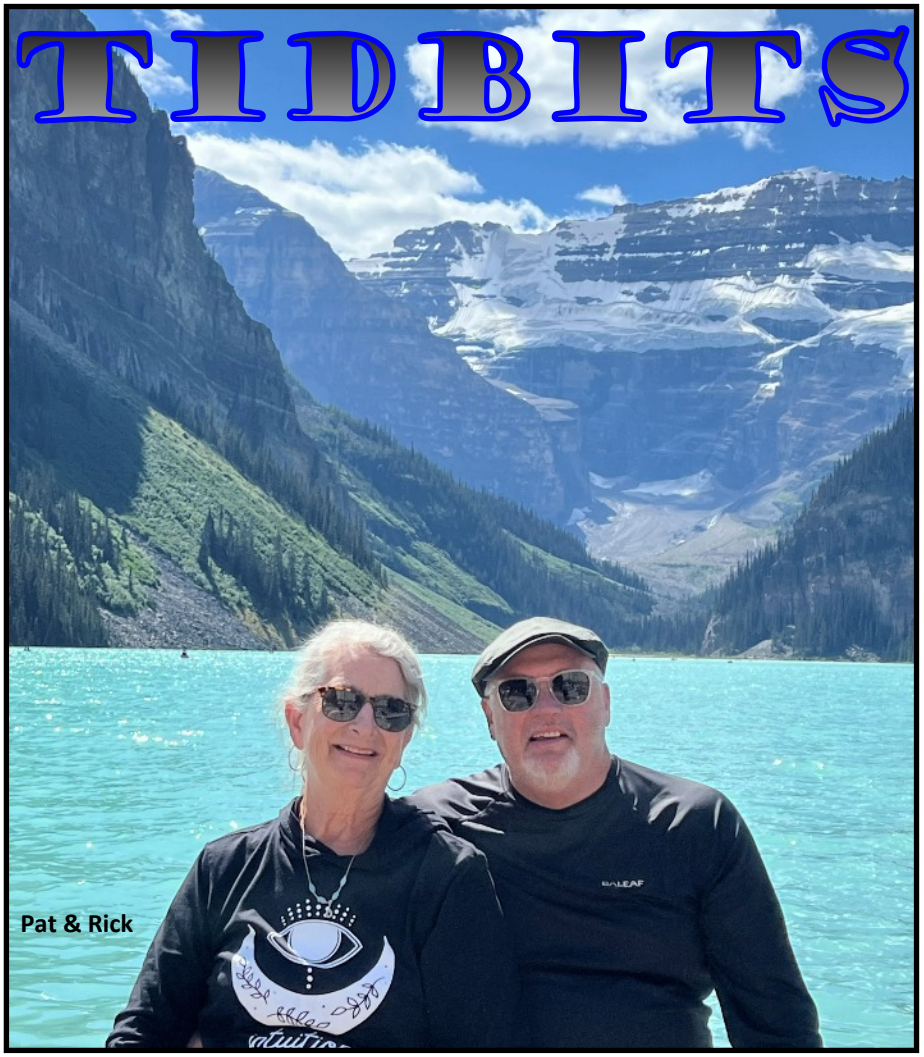
Martin won the respect of teammates and opponents alike with his hitting and pitching ability. Martin was a lethal hitter combining power and high average while honing his crafty modified-pitching style across the state. His prowess helped him compete coast-to-coast, including national tournaments in North Carolina and Washington state. The lion's share of his playing days were with the Cosmos Legion club and later Donny's Cosmos Liquors.



The Cosmos Lions

"We Serve"

TIDBITS


Pat & Rick

Pics & commentary by Rick Nordin

Greetings! With all the moisture this summer, the fall colors should be good for a scenic road trip. In August, Pat and I, along with my college roommate Jeff, experienced a spectacular motorcycle trip out west through the Canadian Rockies, Cascades and US Rockies.


Rick & Pat

We trailered our bikes to Shelby Montana and left the pickups and trailers there for 9 days. We rode north to Vancouver from Shelby and then west on Hwy 1 across Canada to Vancouver. Then headed south to Washington State and headed back East on Hwy 20 through the Cascades and Glacier Park returning to Shelby, roughly 2000 miles over 9 days, so it was easy riding days.

In Canada, we travelled through Banff, Lake Louise, Golden, Kamloops, Lillooet and Whistler, then along the coast down to Vancouver. As the Cascades have a moist climate, the scenery is very lush. Many miles were ridden along tree covered roads. Both Hwy 1 in Canada and Hwy 20 in the states run intimately along beautiful rivers. The Canadian and US Rockies are simply majestic.

On our second to last day we wore rain gear as there were light showers on and off all day as we left Sandpoint, ID toward Kalispell, MT. The scenery was still spectacular as the rain clouds were high and provided a mystic feeling/view of the mountains most of the day.

On our last day of riding, we left Kalispell and rode the south road (Hwy 2) of Glacier Park back to Shelby MT. The weather could not have been better. The skies were clear and no smoke. The only hot day was coming into Kamloops the temperature was 102. We talked to other riders from our area who also were in the same region and had good riding and weather as well.

If you are looking for a beautiful road trip through the mountains, this is a good one. Hope you are able to get outside and enjoy the fall weather and colors, the best season of the year!


Rick, Pat & Jeff

Lilac Blooms...In September?

What in the Wide, Wide World of Sports is a goin' on here?!?!



Pic and commentary by Mark Minnick

I've noticed most of the lilacs in town have lost their leaves this late summer. Looks like they're ready for winter, dead looking and brown.

Then, in the last couple of weeks, I was totally surprised to see the shrubs blooming. Above is a pic of Joyce Karrigan's lilacs. It's September. This isn't supposed to happen! Are aliens involved? What's next, dogs and cats living together? I needed an answer.

So I went on the internets and did some poking around. There were articles from a bunch of different sources. I liked this explanation from Iowa State University the best;

> "Stressful growing conditions typically are the reason for untimely bloom. Occasionally, spring-blooming shrubs and trees, like lilac, crabapple, magnolia, or forsythia, will bloom out of season during the fall months."
>
> "This out-of-season bloom is usually triggered by stressful environmental conditions during the summer growing season such as heat, drought, severe defoliation from disease or pest, and/or heavy pruning."
>
> **Courtesy of*
> *Iowa State University Extension and Outreach*

So, no aliens involved. Just nature. *Well that's no fun...*



By Janice Blum

DIRTY CURTAINS

To clean plastic shower curtains, put three-fourths of a cup of automatic dishwashing detergent in the washing machine and wash. Rinse in hot water in the bathtub after it is washed, to get wrinkles out before hanging. It makes the shower curtain look like new. This is a good cleaner for washing sneakers, and very soiled clothes

HOUSE CLEANING

A child's broom has a long handle and is the size of a whisk broom. You can reach the ceiling, behind furniture, etc. with it. Put a clean cloth over a child's mop, secure it with a rubber band (or tape) to the handle. You can dust the top of the refrigerator, doors, or any high place without stretching or getting on a ladder.

ARE WE THERE YET?

Do your older children get bored easily when you take a trip? Try this game to keep their attention. Give each child a map of the United States and a colored pencil. Then, as you drive, they can keep a lookout for cars with license plates from the different states. When they see one, they mark that state on the map. They'll have fun keeping an eye peeled for new states, and this will also reinforce the location of the states.



Hey, we had a couple of readers that identified last month's Whozit? We're gonna have to part with a couple of kewpies.

Lori Reinke
From Marilyn Minnick

I have the answer to the Whozit for September. That would be **Lori (Reinke) Brethorst,** class of '80.
From Dolly (Schaefer) Albrecht




Mary's Celebration of Life
September 13th, 2025

-To the Family & Friends of Mary Wilson-

I would like to take this moment to express my deepest thanks and gratitude to everyone that came to share in Mary's Celebration of Life. You all made my heart smile and apparently also made Mary's day complete as the picture can attest to. The picture was taken by a daughter of one of Mary's dearest friends that Mary considered as another daughter from her years in Victoria, MN.

I'm quite sure that the beam of light was Mary smiling down on us all and her saying "Thank You" for coming to say goodbye and "Happy trails to you all".

Thank you to all of the family and friends that helped put together this celebration for Mary. You all made it possible with your love, sweat, tears and laughter. My heart goes out to you all!!

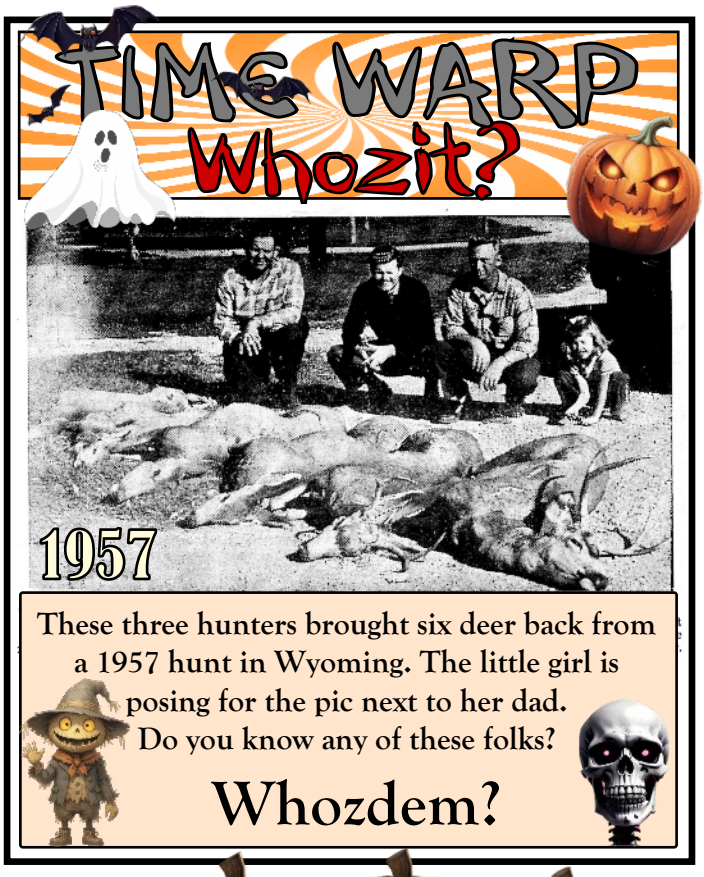
Thank you to each and everyone that came to share in Mary's memory, to swap stories with each other and enjoy the beautiful day. You all made the celebration exactly what Mary would want it to be...

Thank you all again and "Happy Trails"

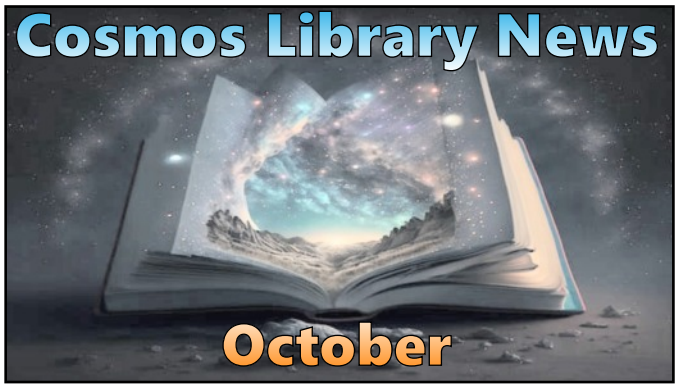
Sincerely, Mike Degner











By Beth Cronk, Meeker County Librarian

October brings pumpkins, crafts, and Halloween to the Cosmos Library.

Take-home Tuesday is planned for October 14. The library will have free craft kits available for kids to decorate a pumpkin with a puppy face. A small pumpkin will be included! The kits are easy for kids to use, and mess-free. One kit per child, while supplies last.

Kristin will teach a fall-themed diamond painting class on Thursday, October 16, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the community room. The library will not be open during this time. This free program is open to adults and teens. Registration is required. Call the library at 320-440-1012 or stop at the front desk to sign up.

The monthly Craft Circle program will be held on the 4th Saturday of the month, October 25. Drop in anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. that day to work on your own craft project with other crafters.

Don't have a work in progress? The library will have embroidered felt bookmarks ready for you to make, with materials and instruction provided. For adults and teens age 16+. Teens ages 13-15 can attend with an adult. No need to sign up. This program will also be offered on the 4th Saturday of November and December. No messy projects such as paint, please, since the program will be held in the library and we can't risk staining the carpet.

Pokémon Trading Card Game time continues every Thursday in October from 4:00 to 5:30. This casual program is for kids ages 7 to 18 to play or learn to play Pokémon. The library has cards to play. Players can bring their own cards if they wish.

Kids under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult or teen caregiver. Kids can attend every session or just the ones that work for your family's schedule. No need to sign up. Free to attend.

Will you be trick-or-treating on Halloween? Bring the costumed kids to the Cosmos Library between 2:00 and 5:00 as one of your stops! Candy and non-food treats will be available to choose from.

Looking for a good book to read as the weather gets cooler? Cosmos Library has these new novels for adults, and many more to choose from:

- **The Hallmarked Man by Robert Galbraith**
- **Hidden Nature by Nora Roberts**
- **We Are All Guilty Here by Karen Slaughter**
- **The Woman in Suite 11 by Ruth Ware**

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.



CHS Class of '60 Reunion

At Unhinged Pizza in Glencoe, Minnesota.

Pic and info courtesy Judy (Johnson) Lux

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Jancie (Rusch) Thomas
Duane Kamrath



CHS Class of '61 Reunion

At Unhinged Pizza in Glencoe, Minnesota.

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Judy (Johnson) Lux
Darlene (Heller) Inselmann
Gary Lietzau

Back row:
David Lux
Terry Dahlquist
Kenneth Bipes
Gordy Reinke



CHS Class of '69 Reunion

Shaggy's Bar & Grill, Sept 12th 2025

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Karen (Adams) Johnson
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Alice (Alberts) Wertz
Colleen (Lux) Lehrer
Barbara (Sladek) Lindahl
John Johnson
Back row:
Gary Kruse
Gale Remmel
Robert Faber
James Stueber
Larry Ulrich







...you know the rest.

2025 Labor Day Tourney Marks a Changing of the Guard

Church Now Oversees Popular Event

By 'Harry Hank' Weseloh

A passing of the burger flipper was done flawlessly during the 2025 Labor Day Weekend tournament Aug. 30-31 at the Cosmos Ballpark. And though no formal ceremony recognized the transfer, the Cosmos Fire Department, with nary a hiccup, took charge of the beer sales.

Lions to Lutherans

After more than a half-century of flipping burgers and peddling beer, the Cosmos Lions phased out of the annual Labor Day Tournament which the club inaugurated in 1972. 2024 marked the final year of the Lions hosting the late-summer softball event as the Peace Lutheran Church Men's Group took the reins.





The tournament—brainchild of Lions members Don DeLeeuw, *left*, and Arnie Blum, *right*—evolved over the years as it transitioned from a four-day men's modified-pitch tourney to its most recent incarnation as a two-day co-ed competition.

Burgers and Beer

The most significant leap in ballpark cuisine arrived in 1982 when the Lions shifted to hamburgers and moved away from hotdogs for protein. The first year of hamburger patties was a hit as 1,500 burgers were sold. By the end of the 2024 event, the Lions had made 66,742 burgers for an average of 1,621 per tourney. The burger record was set in 2004 with 2,400 consumed while the least was in a cold, wet 1995 with a mere 900. If placed edge-to-edge the total hamburger patties would stretch from the Cosmos ballpark to Corvuso. (Significant since Blum lived near the ballpark and DeLeeuw resided in Corvuso.)

A tasteful complement to the burgers often was a cold beer. The Lions excelled at selling suds. The most kegs from 1982-2024 was in 1986 when 17 kegs were emptied while only four were knocked over in that infamously chilly 1995. Overall, the average



was about 10 kegs per year. (Old-timers will tell you the keg calculation would be much higher during the 1970s when beer-drinking trophies were awarded with nearly the same reverence as championships on the field.)

On the Field

There was on-field excellence as well. The tournament was ultra-competitive from the first year, 1972. The initial tourney attracted 11 men's modified-pitch team and that number had grown to 16 by 1977. The number of teams necessitated scheduling three games on Friday evening, plus all weekend and deep into the evening on Labor Day.

By 1982 the field included both men's modified-pitch and co-ed slowpitch teams with nine of the former and four of the latter. By 2005, the mix had shifted to 15 co-ed teams and only six men's—the 21 total teams set the record for most teams. In 2011, two major changes arrived: the tourney was trimmed to only two days (the Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day weekend) and only co-ed teams played.

Lions Appreciate Support

The Lions point to the community's support and patronage during the 50-plus years the club put on the tourney. Funds raised were funneled back to the community and many wide-ranging local causes and projects were supported by the Labor Day event. Proceeds from the first tournament in 1972 were donated to the Cosmos Ambulance Squad for a new ambulance, and the Cosmos ballpark was one of the favored projects of the club over the decades. It is with deep and humble appreciation the Cosmos Lions thank the community for its half-century of support.

**Pics courtesy*
Harry Hank and Janice Blum.

Nature and the Great Outdoors

Family Affair

By Mark Minnick

Gazette contributor and friend Scott Mackenthun spends a lot of time with his two girls, Quinn and Cora hunting, fishing and enjoying the outdoors.

He hadn't sent me any new pics since last spring. *(I think…)* Anyway, now he's playing catch up, sending me a bunch of stuff from this summer and early fall. I certainly enjoyed them and I hope you do to. Way to go dad!



Quinn-Mallards

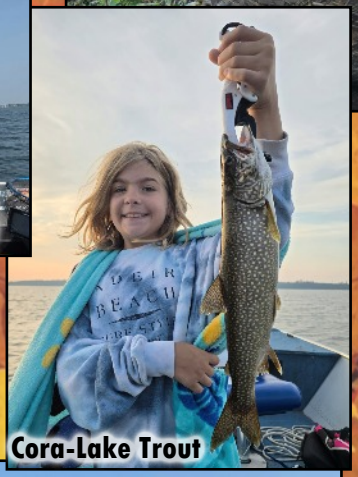


Hey, it's nice outside!

Cora-Largemouth Bass



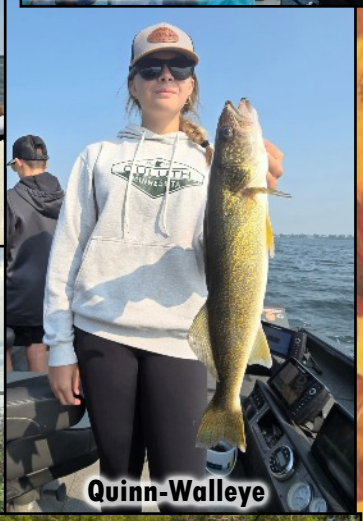
Quinn-Bluegill



Cora-Lake Trout



Cora-Trophy Bullhead!



Quinn-Walleye



Quinn-Canadian Honker



Cora-Bluegill



Last but not least, dad Scott with a "Minnesota Mud Shark", i.e.-Bowfin.

Vermillion Snot Rockets



Pic by Jessica Erickson, commentary by Mark Minnick

New Gazette reader Jessica Erickson was doing some "Up North" fishing over the Labor Day weekend. Here she shows off one of many little pike she nabbed on the Vermillion River. Looks like a fun family vacation fer sure.

Quoting Jessica, "Nothing of significant size, but lots of pike on the Vermillion River this weekend. 70 caught in about 6 hours. So Much fun!"

Can't beat good clean fun, yessiree Bob.

Gazette Time Machine

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Happy Halloween

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"Bud" Mortenson Is Council Candidate



Cosmos News Staff Photo

A PREVIEW of this year's crop of ghosts, goblins, banshees and weird characters was furnished last Friday night when members of the Cosmos Boy Scout troop gave a Hallowe'en party for local cub scouts. This was the result as the "spooks" posed by a cornshock in the basement of the Cosmos Bank building, where the party was held. Left to right they are (maybe) front row: Tommy Rennecke, Danny Lundstrom, Vance Brandt, Paul Lux, Michael Turner, and Terry Melberg. Second row: Dickie Anderson, John Lietzau, Ronnie Wothe, Jerrel Sharpe, Ricky Ackerman, and Gene Hackbarth. Back row: Terry Dahlquist, Steven Flemming, Gary Welander, Larry Sharpe, Curtiss Meyer, Glarence Geier, Cedric Williams, and Gary Anderson. Standing beside the cornshock is Donald Kaddatz.

Polls and Annual Meeting In Cosmos Drug Store Basement

THE COSMOS village election, which is scheduled for next Tuesday, Nov. 5,

In a last-minute move last week the name of Stanley (Bud) Mortenson was entered on the ballot as a candidate for trustee, or councilman, by a petition of local residents.

Mortenson, who is the owner and operator of the Cosmos Blacksmith shop, has had previous experience in public life, having served as a member of the Cosmos Consolidated school board when the district was first formed.

He will be the only candidate on the ballot for the position of trustee. Levi Lietzau, who holds this office, has not filed for re-elec-

ON THE ballot to succed Vern Soltau as mayor is Glarence (Bud) Geier, partner in the Home Oil Co. of Cosmos.

Harry Swanson, cashier of the First State Bank of Cosmos, and incumbent village treasurer, is also unopposed for re-election to that office.

The only other name on the ballot is that of Robert Erickson, Cosmos policeman, for re-election as constable for a two-year term.

Three other positions have no takers, and candidates will have to be written in. They are the two-year term of justice of the peace presently held by Martin Kutzke, manager of the Cosmos Co-operative Creamery.

The other two offices are one-year terms for constable and justice of the peace. These are new positions in Cosmos, being filled for the first time this year.

POLLS this year will be in the basement community room of the Cosmos Rexall Drugs. The polls will open at 9 a.m. and remain open all day until 8 p.m.,

THE ANNUAL meeting of the village will take place at 1 p.m., also in the basement of the drug store.

't this time, operation of the various village projects will be discussed by the members of the council and the public, and the tax levies for various village purposes for next year set.

This meeting is not only open to the public, but members of the council strongly urge all village residents to appear and be heard in regard to the operation of the village government.

Meeker REA to Get Power From the Missouri River

MEEKER Coperative Light & Power association expects to begin receiving federal hydro-electric power from power plants on the Missouri river during the latter half of November.

On Oct. 17, representatives of the Meeker Cooperative Light & Power association met with representatives of 17 other rural electric cooperatves at Worthington to complete contractural arrangements under which the federal power will be delivered to the member cooperatives of Cooperative Power association.

At the present tme, the Bureau of Reclamation has allocated a total of 52,600 KW of firm power to the 18 cooperatives and have contracted to deliver the full amount of that allocation no later than Jan. 1, 1959. Initial delivery, now about to be made, will be 29,000 KW. Rate of delivery will be increased from time to time until the total allocation of 52,600 KW is reached.

MORE THAN eight years ago a group of 16 rural electric cooperatives formed an organization known as Power Cooperative Development committee. Their purpose was, through joint effort, to study their over-all, long-range wholesale power needs, and to seek a common solution to that highly important problem. Adequaet power supply at the lowest possible cost was the goal they set.

Later four more cooperatives joined the groun, and two of the original group withdrew.

combined their resources to work on mutual power problems it was determined that the best source of future low-cost power would be from the hydro-electric plants then being planned and constructed on the Missouri river. They therefore initiated a program to have the marketing area for sale of Missouri river power extended into a substantial portion of western and southern Minnesota.

Succeeding in that effort, they undertook to secure appropriations of funds from Congress for construction of federal 230,000

R. E. A.

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Railroad Eliminates ½ of Section Crews

THE RAILWAY section crew will become a thing of the past in Cosmos tomorrow, Nov. 1.

At that time, the Minnesota-Western Railway has announced, the total number of section crews on its line from Minneapolis to Gluek will be cut in half—from 10 to 5.

One of the casualties of this move will be the Cosmos section crew. Herman Krueger, the foreman, is being transferred to Hutchinson, and Hubert Schiro has been laid off.

Members of the summertime section crew, Milton Bakke and Harold Flemming, had previously been laid off for the winter.

The crew has been cut down every winter because maintenance is light at that time except for snow and ice removal. Major part of the work is done in the summer, when the job of replacing ties occupies much of their time.

THIS JOB will now be done largely by a new machine which, it is said, will install about four times as many ties as the section crew can in a day.

Flu Closes Cosmos School for a Week

THE COSMOS Consolidated school has been closed for the remainder of this week, because of illness.

With between 135 and 140 students absent on Monday, presumably with the Asiatic

going to prevent the spread of the disease, since everyone who is going to contract it, has already been exposed. The move will, however, perhaps prevent some students from returning to school too soon, thereby avoiding some

Truck Brake Catches Fire

A BURNING emergency brake on the Farmers Produce truck last Friday evening brought out the Cosmos Fire department.

Reuben Flemming was driving the truck north of town, near the Elmer Wilner farm, when the truck caught fire.

The blaze was soon extinguished without too much damage to the truck.

14 Named On Honor Roll

Principal E. T. O'Brien announced this week that 14 students of Cosmos high school have

Flames Engulf Farm Tractor

A TRACTOR suddenly burst to flames at the George Kad farm Monday afternoon, s brilliant red flames and bl black smoke high into the

Mr. Kaddatz, who was the tractor at the time had just finished plow

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Girl's State



Pic and commentary by Sue Ann Maresch

The Cosmos Legion Auxiliary met on September 9, 2025 at the Cosmos Community center. We had guest speaker, **Elizabeth Nordin**, from ACGC, who went to MN Girls State in June.

Girls State is a learning experience about city, county and state levels of government. Each girl participated in one of these levels throughout the week. They also learned about flag etiquette, poppies and about the American Legion Auxiliary. Elizabeth talked with enthusiasm about her experiences during Girls State and met a lot of girls from around the state.

Danielson Hustlers 4-H Club Report

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On September 14th Danielson Hustlers 4-H club held a meeting at Grove City community center. We started the meeting by electing new officers. The new President will be Seth Lund, Vice President Maggie Lund, Treasurer Heidi Anderson, Photographers Morgen Sage, Charlie Richardson, Ellie Chase. These officers will be inaugurated at the October meeting where we will pick a Secretary and Reporter. Then we talked about how we might change the time of when we have our meetings but did not make a decision and will send out an e-mail to figure out what times will work better. Members that went to the Minnesota State Fair talked about their trips and what ribbons they got. Our next meeting will be held at Wreede Good Apple Orchard at 2:00 pm then back at the Grove City community center after learning about the apple orchard on October 12th we will have snacks served by Andersons and Muenchs with a project talk from Heidi to follow.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Anderson

Danielson Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter



Happy Halloween a few days early! When this old coot was in grade school, Halloween was my favorite holiday, or at least neck and neck with Christmas. Tough to beat costumes and candy. Nowadays, little kids mistake me for **Jabba the Hutt** and I try to stay away from the candy. Sigh…

Even though its supposed to be 90 degrees tomorrow, Oct 2nd, fall is in full swing. Corn and beans are drying out nicely in the warm, dry weather, and being quickly harvested. The ash trees have lost a bunch of leaves already and they're blowing around. Lawn mowing is slowing up a little bit. I hear the fish are still biting and hunters have been chasing ducks and geese around here and there. Some deer taken by bow, too. Maybe the best part for me is still enjoying a few **fresh tomatoes** from the garden.

(I gotta get out more, sheesh.)



I've been concerned for locals that have been injured in vehicle mishaps lately. **Marlo Macik, Myron Macik, Dolan Roufs** and the Gazette's own, **Marshall Haley**. I realize their injuries vary, but I'm thankful that they'll all recover. Get well guys. It's a reminder to all of us, life is precious, so be careful and be safe out there.



Whiz! Bang! Boom!
And just like that…it's gone!

My old blue house, arguably a Cosmos "landmark' was demolished & hauled away in Sept. I thought about saving it for just one more Halloween for about…one second and said, "Naaaa". Get it outta here. It's nice to have done.



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By Mark Minnick

Here's Gazette proofreader Samantha *(Sammie)* eyeing a pizza, fresh out of the oven. As long as I'm watching, she's a good girl and doesn't sample a bit. But, when I'm not looking, she becomes a feline version of the "Borg". In her little mind, she thinks, **"(Pizza) You will be assimilated. Resistance is futile."** So, I pulled a Picard, said "Make it so, #1" and Deb moved the helpless pizza…to the fridge.



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