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Merry Christmas!

Weather: Dave's not here. "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"

The sign says-"Welcome to Cosmos"- Just in time for the holidays.



Pic by Mark Minnick

Quite the pair; The famous water tower and now the new sign.



Pic by Hank Weseloh

Dalen Jones of Viking Signs and Lion Butch Schmeling, put on the finishing touches.

By Mark Minnick

You probably want to forget, but severe thunderstorms rolled through Cosmos in late June. Unfortunately, the "Welcome to Cosmos" sign that has stood in the city park for many years was destroyed. Falling trees will do that. Afterwards, the Cosmos Lions started the conversation as to getting the sign replaced.

Viking Signs of Litchfield was tasked with designing, constructing and installing the new version before freeze up. With Lions members Butch Schmeling, Gary Martin, Harry Weseloh, and Randy Schiro helping Dalen Jones of Viking, it was up, bing-bang-boom! Local Ron Bjur lent a hand too. The landscaping will be finished in the spring. In the meantime, it looks pretty darned good!

CHEF IT UP!

"Food and spices….together. What a concept!"
Don't forget to teach a kid how to cook.



Peppermint Ice Cream Cake

By Grace Kamrath

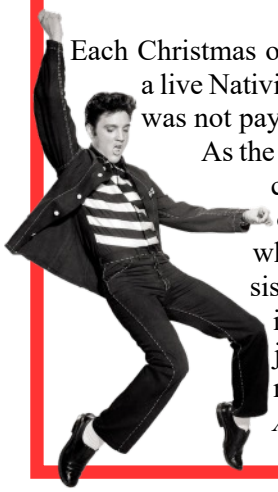
Greetings to my fellow "winter come early" Cosmos friends. My husband likes to tease me about my 'love' of ice cream. I do really like it a lot.

In fact I made my own recipe book with just ice cream desserts. Who would disagree that if you can make a dessert ahead of the day of company, why not? This is one of those recipes. As I see it, ice cream is good any time of the year.

PEPPERMINT ICE CREAM CAKE

- 4 c. crisp rice cereal
- 1 milk chocolate candy bar (7 oz.)
- 1/2 c.butter or margarine
- 1/2 gallon peppermint ice cream, softened (this is easier to find in grocery store this time of year)
- 2 c. whipped topping
- Peppermint candy canes or crushed peppermint candies

Put cereal in large bowl. Grate 2 T. of the candy bar; set aside. In heavy saucepan, melt butter and remaining chocolate bar. Pour over cereal and sir to coat. Press into bottom of a greased 10" spring form pan. Freeze for 30 minutes. Spoon ice cream over crust. Freeze for another 30 minutes. Cover with whipped topping. Sprinkle with shaved chocolate. Freeze again for several hours or overnight. Remove cake from freezer 5-10 minutes before serving and top with candy canes or crushed candy. This will make 8 to 10 servings. Sounds as good as it tastes.



Each Christmas our church presented a concert with a live Nativity scene. Our five year old daughter was not paying attention up in the balcony.

As the wise men began marching down the center aisle toward the manger, our oldest son leaned over and whispered to his 'not paying attention sister', "Gwen, look! You're missing it. Here comes the king!" Gwen jumped up, looked over the balcony railing and asked, "That's Elvis?"

*A very **Merry Christmas** to all!*

Veterans Day Lunch
November 11th 2022

By the Cosmos Legion & Auxiliary at Cosmos City Center



L-R; Ralph Inselmann, Paul Lux, Curt Meyer and Orville Dahlk.



L-R; Shirley Anderson, Joanne Schonover,, Sue Ann Marsch, Delores Arndt, 7th District President, Wanda Seidler and Pat Straumann.



L-R; Mel Maas, **Richard Mortenson-who at 94 years young, is our oldest club member and a WWII Vet**, Julie Seifert and Ron Mortenson.

Celebrate the Holiday Season

Santa will arrive this year by

Fire Truck!

At Mug Shots *in Cosmos*

Kids Activities
Starting at 6:00
Provided by
The Cosmos Comets
4H Club

Sign up for prize drawings
Kids & Adults

Friday
December 9th
6:15 PM

Hotdogs, Soup & Crackers
will be served , starting at 5:00
Freewill Donation

Happy Holidays!

Sponsored by **The Cosmos Community Club**

First Day of Winter

By Mark Minnick

The Winter Solstice is the first day of winter and the shortest day of the year. It happens on Tuesday, December 21, 2022 at 3:48 PM. Sunrise is at 7:48 AM and sunset is at 4:34 PM. This results in only 8 hours and 46 minutes of daylight, 6 hours and 51 minutes less than on the first day of summer or, the Summer Solstice. At least the days get longer from here on out. In the meantime, throw another log on the fire and have a shot of blackberry. Or, how 'bout just turn up the thermostat, pop a bowl of popcorn and crack a Grape Nehi. Ha!–It don't get much better than that! Well, maybe hot porkies and an Orange Crush. Decisions, decisions.

Anyway, below is a ***Currier & Ives print from 1881.*** It looks to be around the time of the Winter Solstice, as there isn't much snow....yet. Were the elderly couple heading home after a day of holiday shopping and merriment in town? Maybe they were a little late for the Christmas Eve Service? Who knows? Regardless, it seems that these oldsters are giving the young whipper snappers a run for their money. Can you say, "Dashing through the snow, in a one horse open sleigh"? *(It sounds better than "Ya mule!")* As far as the picture title, ***"Waking Up the Old Mare"*** – I'll let the reader decide ***who*** or ***what*** the artist was referring to. *Be nice.*



WAKING UP THE OLD MARE.

Enhanced image courtesy rawpixel.com



MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
November 3, 2022

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday November 3, 2022.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Jody Fruetel, Katie Hansen and Angelica Hopp.
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville, Josh Halvorson and David Medina
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. October 13, 2022 City Council Minutes
b. Meeker County Sheriff – Oct 2022 Report
c. On/Off/Sunday Intoxicating Liquor License – Mug Shots

Visitors Presentations, Petitions and Correspondence

City Engineer – Josh Halvorson, Bolton-Menk was present to discuss the pay request No. 9 of $234,501.33 and update the Council on the project. **A motion** by Hopp, seconded by Hansen, to approve payment No. 9 for $234,501.33 to Hjerpe Construction. Motion carried**.**
County Sheriff's Contract - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to approve the 2023-2024 Meeker County Sheriff's contract with a 9% increase in 2023 (including 2022 COLA) and 4.5% increase for 2024.. Motion carried**.**
Split Parcel PID #21-0063003 - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Hansen, to approve splitting Cosmos Industries property PID #21-0063. Motion carried**.**
November 3, 2022 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to approve the November 3, 2022 bills list with check numbers from 15828-15864 for $527,395.33. Motion carried**.**
Utility Assessment Hearing – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to recess the regular scheduled city council meeting and open the Utility Assessment Hearing at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried. There was no one present, and no written comments were received for the hearing.
A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hansen, to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular city council meeting at 5:35. Motion carried.
A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hopp, to approve the Utility Assessment listing. Motion carried.
Ordinance 2013_1 Rural Service District – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to recess the regular scheduled city council meeting and open the Rural Service District hearing at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried. There was no one present, and no written comments were received for the hearing.
A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hansen, to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular city council meeting at 5:49. Motion carried.
A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hopp, to approve Ordinance 2013_1 Rural Service District update. Motion carried.
Resolution 22_06 Temporary Office Hours_Staff Reimbursement - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to approve Resolution 22_06 allowing temporary office hours and staff reimbursement. Motion carried.
Canvas General Election - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to approve 5:00 p.m., Thursday November 17, 2022 as the date and time to canvas the City of Cosmos 2022 election. Motion carried.
Property Tax Split – Tyson Throughbred, 230 Mercury St., was present to request a consolidation of 3 lots on his property into two lots. **A motion** by Fruetel, seconded by Van Hatten to table the discussion until the December 8, 2022 city council meeting.
Department Heads – Public Works operator David Medina stated the brush site would be closed for the season on Friday, November 11, 2022. Street Sweeping will be happening on Monday.
A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to authorize Jon Fruetle and Tom McCarthy to assist with winter snow plowing as needed. Motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, December 8, 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 Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried.
_____- DRAFT-_____
John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

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Sheriff Office Hours in Cosmos: Tue 2:30-4:30 PM

Come worship with us in December!!!

Wednesday Services at 6 pm
(December 7th & 14th)

Sunday Worship at 9 am

Christmas Eve Service at 4 pm

Christmas Day Service at 9 am

All are welcome!!!

Peace Lutheran Church
140 Saturn St. N., Cosmos, MN
320-877-7500

City of Cosmos
Help Wanted
Deputy City Clerk

The City of Cosmos is looking to fill the Deputy City Clerk position. This position is part time, 24-32 hours per week, wages dependent on experience. Office administration skills along with ability to provide city services to the public in an office environment. Holiday/vacation pay in addition to statewide pension plan.

Please send letters of interest and resume/job application to the City of Cosmos, PO Box 614, Cosmos, MN 56228.
Email: cosmoscity@mchsi.com or call 320-877-7345.
Position open until filled. The city is an equal opportunity employer.

John Douville
City Clerk
City of Cosmos, MN



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December Daily Lunch Specials

T	1	Broasted chicken dinner
F	2	Sauerkraut hotdish
M	5	Open at 4:00 PM
T	6	Grilled cheese & chili
W	7	Turkey dinner or commercial
T	8	Meatball dinner
F	9	Chicken spaghetti w/garlic toast
M	12	Open at 4:00 PM
T	13	Ham & cheese sandwich w/soup
W	14	Beef stew w/cornbread
T	15	Lasagna & garlic toast
F	16	Broasted chicken dinner
M	19	Open at 4:00 PM
T	20	French dip w/soup
W	21	Country fried steak dinner
T	22	Liver & onions dinner
F	23	Enchilada w/Spanish rice
M	26	Open at 4:00 PM
T	27	Chili dog w/fries
W	28	Chicken breast w/Rice-A-Roni
T	29	Roast beef dinner or commercial
F	30	Broasted chicken dinner

MUG SHOTS
Bar & Grill
320-877-7525
Cosmos
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
"Stop By & Say Hi!"
Saturdays
"Back by popular demand!"
3 PM Bargo
5 PM Meat Raffle



Mark LeAnn Grace Rick Delores Local Chicken

Trunk or Treat

A picture is worth a thousand...

Pieces of Candy!

Oct 31st at Peace Lutheran Church

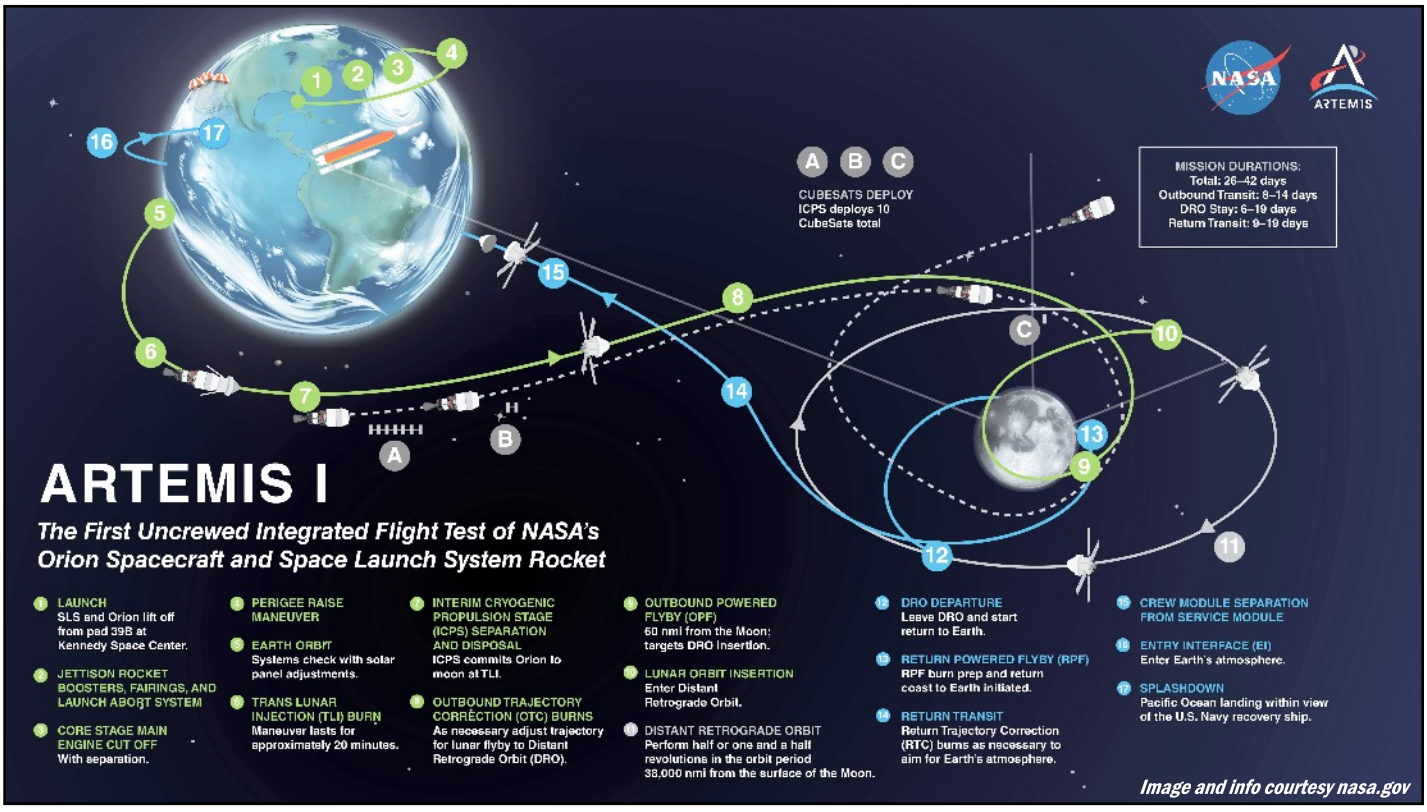


Pics courtesy Curt Meyer

Science, Tech and Just Plain Cool Stuff



Artemis I – The Mission



Artemis I is the first integrated flight test of NASA's deep space exploration system: the Orion spacecraft, Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and the ground systems at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. The first in a series of increasingly complex missions, Artemis I is an uncrewed flight that will provide a foundation for human deep space exploration, and demonstrate our commitment and capability to extend human existence to the Moon and beyond. During this flight, the uncrewed Orion spacecraft launched on the most powerful rocket in the world and will travel thousands of miles beyond the Moon, farther than any spacecraft built for humans has ever flown, over the course of about a three-week mission.

SCIENCE, TECH AND JUST PLAIN COOL STUFF

Liftoff! NASA's Artemis I Mega Rocket Launches Orion to Moon



Article and images courtesy nasa.gov

Nov 16, 2022; Following a successful launch of NASA's Space Launch System (SLS), the most powerful rocket in the world, the agency's Orion spacecraft is on its way to the Moon as part of the Artemis program. Carrying an uncrewed Orion, SLS lifted off for its flight test debut at 1:47 a.m. EST Wednesday, November 16th, from Launch Pad 39B at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The launch is the first leg of a mission in which Orion is planned to travel approximately 40,000 miles beyond the Moon and return to Earth over the course of 25.5 days. Known as Artemis I, the mission is a critical part of NASA's Moon to Mars exploration approach, in which the agency explores for the benefit of humanity. It's an important test for the agency before flying astronauts on the Artemis II mission.

"What an incredible sight to see NASA's Space Launch System rocket and Orion spacecraft launch together for the first time. This uncrewed flight test will push Orion to the limits in the rigors of deep space, helping us prepare for human exploration on the Moon and, ultimately, Mars," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson.

After reaching its initial orbit, Orion deployed its solar arrays and engineers began performing checkouts of the spacecraft's systems. About 1.5 hours into flight, the rocket's upper stage engine successfully fired for approximately 18 minutes to give Orion the big push needed to send it out of Earth orbit and toward the Moon.

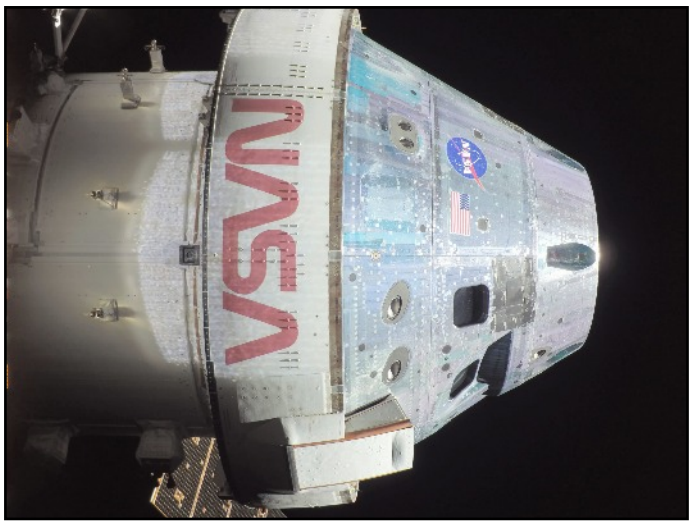
Orion has separated from its upper stage and is on its outbound coast to the Moon powered by its service module,
which is the propulsive powerhouse provided by ESA (European Space Agency) through an international collaboration.

"It's taken a lot to get here, but Orion is now on its way to the Moon," said Jim Free, NASA deputy associate administrator for the Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate. "This successful launch means NASA and our partners are on a path to explore farther in space than ever before for the benefit of humanity."

Over the next several hours, a series of 10 small science investigations and technology demonstrations, called CubeSats, will deploy from a ring that connected the upper stage to the spacecraft. Each CubeSat has its own mission that has the potential to fill gaps in our knowledge of the solar system or demonstrate technologies that may benefit the design of future missions to explore the Moon and beyond.

Orion's service module will also perform the first of a series of burns to keep Orion on course toward the Moon approximately eight hours after launch. In the coming days, mission controllers at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston will conduct additional checkouts and course corrections as needed. Orion is expected to fly by the Moon on Nov. 21, performing a close approach of the lunar surface on its way to a distant retrograde orbit, a highly stable orbit thousands of miles beyond the Moon.

"The Space Launch System rocket delivered the power and performance to send Orion on its way to the Moon," said Mike Sarafin, Artemis I mission manager. "With the accomplishment of the first major milestone of the mission, Orion will now embark on the next phase to test its systems and prepare for future missions with astronauts."



Orion snapped this high-resolution selfie in space with a camera mounted on its solar array wing during a routine external inspection of the spacecraft on the third day into the Artemis I mission.



The GALACTIC Gazette

VOTE '22

Election Results

The **Galactic Gazette** is pleased to bring the November 8th 2022 Election Results to our readers. They are courtesy of the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State at,
https://electionresults.sos.state.mn.us/
Here is how voters cast their ballots in:

- **Meeker County**
- **Cosmos Township**
- **Cosmos**

As we are a monthly publication, this is likely old news to some of you.
Anyway, here is the info...

Precincts Reporting in County: 100% 30 of 30 | Last Updated: 11/10/22 8:28 AM | Voters Registered at 7AM: 14,824

Meeker County

State & Federal Results in Meeker County

U.S. Representative District 7

1329 precincts in contest. 30 of 30 precincts reported in County.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Legal Marijuana Now	Travis "Bull" Johnson	577	5.37%	
Republican	Michelle Fischbach	7,438	69.18%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Jill Abahsain	2,725	25.34%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	12	0.11%	

State Senator District 16

129 precincts in contest. 21 of 21 precincts reported in County.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Republican	Andrew Robert Lang	4,427	69.67%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Fernando Alvarado	1,921	30.23%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	6	0.09%	

State Senator District 17

75 precincts in contest. 7 of 7 precincts reported in County.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Republican	Glenn Gruenhagen	2,683	73.67%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Chad Tschimperle	955	26.22%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	4	0.11%	

State Senator District 29

36 precincts in contest. 2 of 2 precincts reported in County.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Republican	Bruce Anderson	557	80.03%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Chris Brazelton	139	19.97%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	

Meeker County

State Representative District 16A — 86 precincts in contest. 21 of 21 precincts reported in County.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Republican	Dean Urdahl	4,853	75.65%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Robert M Wright	1,550	24.16%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	12	0.19%	

State Representative District 17A — 35 precincts in contest. 7 of 7 precincts reported in County.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Republican	Dawn Gillman	2,667	73.45%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Jennifer Carpentier	954	26.27%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	10	0.28%	

State Representative District 29A — 23 precincts in contest. 2 of 2 precincts reported in County.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Republican	Joe McDonald	559	80.55%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Sherri Leyda	134	19.31%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	1	0.14%	

Governor & Lt Governor — 4103 precincts in contest. 30 of 30 precincts reported in County.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis	Steve Patterson and Matt Huff	108	1.00%	
Legal Marijuana Now	James McCaskel and David Sandbeck	125	1.16%	
Republican	Scott Jensen and Matt Birk	7,250	67.04%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Tim Walz and Peggy Flanagan	3,214	29.72%	
Independence-Alliance	Hugh McTavish and Mike Winter	95	0.88%	
Socialist Workers	Gabrielle M. Prosser and Kevin A. Dwire	20	0.18%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	3	0.03%	

Secretary of State — 4103 precincts in contest. 30 of 30 precincts reported in County.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Republican	Kim Crockett	7,138	66.59%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Steve Simon	3,573	33.33%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	9	0.08%	

State Auditor — 4103 precincts in contest. 30 of 30 precincts reported in County.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis	Will Finn	181	1.70%	
Legal Marijuana Now	Tim Davis	351	3.29%	
Republican	Ryan Wilson	7,271	68.14%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Julie Blaha	2,861	26.81%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	7	0.07%	

Attorney General — 4103 precincts in contest. 30 of 30 precincts reported in County.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Republican	Jim Schultz	7,730	71.83%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Keith Ellison	3,020	28.06%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	12	0.11%	

Precincts Reporting of Selected Precincts: 100% 1 of 1 | Last Updated: 11/10/22 8:18 AM | Voters Registered at 7AM: 124

Results for Selected Precincts in Meeker County

Cosmos Township

COSMOS TWP.

U.S. Representative District 7

1329 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Legal Marijuana Now	Travis "Bull" Johnson	4	4.40%	
Republican	Michelle Fischbach	68	74.73%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Jill Abahsain	19	20.88%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	

State Senator District 16

129 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Republican	Andrew Robert Lang	70	76.92%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Fernando Alvarado	21	23.08%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	

State Representative District 16A

86 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Republican	Dean Urdahl	79	86.81%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Robert M Wright	12	13.19%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	

Governor & Lt Governor

4103 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis	Steve Patterson and Matt Huff	0	0.00%	
Legal Marijuana Now	James McCaskel and David Sandbeck	0	0.00%	
Republican	Scott Jensen and Matt Birk	65	71.43%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Tim Walz and Peggy Flanagan	25	27.47%	
Independence-Alliance	Hugh McTavish and Mike Winter	1	1.10%	
Socialist Workers	Gabrielle M. Prosser and Kevin A. Dwire	0	0.00%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	

Secretary of State

4103 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Republican	Kim Crockett	69	76.67%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Steve Simon	21	23.33%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	

State Auditor

4103 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis	Will Finn	2	2.25%	
Legal Marijuana Now	Tim Davis	1	1.12%	
Republican	Ryan Wilson	66	74.16%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Julie Blaha	20	22.47%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	

Attorney General

4103 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Republican	Jim Schultz	67	74.44%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Keith Ellison	23	25.56%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	

County Recorder — 30 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Christine Paul	78	100.00%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	

Cosmos Township

County Sheriff — 30 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Brian Cruze	78	97.50%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	2	2.50%	

County Attorney — 30 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Brandi L. Schiefelbein	73	96.05%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	3	3.95%	

Soil and Water Supervisor District 3 — 30 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	John Haffley	76	98.70%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	1	1.30%	

Soil and Water Supervisor District 5 — 30 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Jonathan Hoff	77	97.47%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	2	2.53%	

Town Supervisor Seat B (Cosmos Township) — 1 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Randy Schiro	81	98.78%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	1	1.22%	

Town Supervisor Seat C (Cosmos Township) — 1 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Douglas Maahs	78	96.30%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	3	3.70%	

Town Treasurer (Cosmos Township) — 1 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Trisha Kruse	83	97.65%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	2	2.35%	

School Board Member (ISD #2396) (Elect 4) — 22 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Megan Morrison	32	11.43%	
Nonpartisan	Traci Smith	21	7.50%	
Nonpartisan	Joe Groshens	15	5.36%	
Nonpartisan	Christine Buer	48	17.14%	
Nonpartisan	Sarah Oyen	13	4.64%	
Nonpartisan	Briedget Hartmann	10	3.57%	
Nonpartisan	Scott Stafford	67	23.93%	
Nonpartisan	Randall Kaisner	34	12.14%	
Nonpartisan	Jeff Niedenthal	36	12.86%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	4	1.43%	

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Results for Selected Precincts in Meeker County

City of Cosmos

COSMOS

U.S. Representative District 7

1329 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Legal Marijuana Now	Travis "Bull" Johnson	16	9.58%	
Republican	Michelle Fischbach	101	60.48%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Jill Abahsain	49	29.34%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	1	0.60%	

State Senator District 16

129 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Republican	Andrew Robert Lang	108	64.67%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Fernando Alvarado	58	34.73%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	1	0.60%	

State Representative District 16A

86 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Republican	Dean Urdahl	118	72.39%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Robert M Wright	45	27.61%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	

Governor & Lt Governor

4103 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis	Steve Patterson and Matt Huff	2	1.21%	
Legal Marijuana Now	James McCaskel and David Sandbeck	5	3.03%	
Republican	Scott Jensen and Matt Birk	97	58.79%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Tim Walz and Peggy Flanagan	57	34.55%	
Independence-Alliance	Hugh McTavish and Mike Winter	4	2.42%	
Socialist Workers	Gabrielle M. Prosser and Kevin A. Dwire	0	0.00%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	

Secretary of State

4103 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Republican	Kim Crockett	98	60.49%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Steve Simon	63	38.89%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	1	0.62%	

State Auditor

4103 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis	Will Finn	4	2.45%	
Legal Marijuana Now	Tim Davis	7	4.29%	
Republican	Ryan Wilson	98	60.12%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Julie Blaha	53	32.52%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	1	0.61%	

Attorney General

4103 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Republican	Jim Schultz	110	66.67%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Keith Ellison	55	33.33%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	

City of Cosmos

County Recorder — 30 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Christine Paul	131	99.24%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	1	0.76%	

County Sheriff — 30 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Brian Cruze	137	99.28%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	1	0.72%	

County Attorney — 30 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Brandi L. Schiefelbein	131	99.24%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	1	0.76%	

Soil and Water Supervisor District 3 — 30 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	John Haffley	129	99.23%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	1	0.77%	

Soil and Water Supervisor District 5 — 30 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Jonathan Hoff	131	99.24%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	1	0.76%	

Mayor (Cosmos) — 1 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Tom McCarthy	141	94.63%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	8	5.37%	

Council Member (Cosmos) (Elect 2) — 1 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Katie Hansen	54	18.12%	
Nonpartisan	Mark Minnick	103	34.56%	
Nonpartisan	Landon Eich	41	13.76%	
Nonpartisan	Emily Van Hatten	56	18.79%	
Nonpartisan	Matthew Engelson	40	13.42%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	4	1.34%	

School Board Member (ISD #2396) (Elect 4) — 22 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reported.

Party	Candidate	Totals	Pct	Graph
Nonpartisan	Megan Morrison	73	15.43%	
Nonpartisan	Traci Smith	44	9.30%	
Nonpartisan	Joe Groshens	38	8.03%	
Nonpartisan	Christine Buer	71	15.01%	
Nonpartisan	Sarah Oyen	32	6.77%	
Nonpartisan	Briedget Hartmann	20	4.23%	
Nonpartisan	Scott Stafford	94	19.87%	
Nonpartisan	Randall Kaisner	43	9.09%	
Nonpartisan	Jeff Niedenthal	57	12.05%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	1	0.21%	



From the members of the....

The Cosmos Lions

"We Serve"

We appreciate the support we always get from the community and look forward to serving the area again this coming year. Remember, we are always looking for new gals or guys to become members & join us. Feel free to talk to any Lions member or email; **cosmoslions@mac.com**

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

From everyone on the...

Cosmos Fire & Ambulance Departments



Bucks, Bucks & *More Bucks!*

By Mark Minnick
Here's a few pics sent to us by local hunters displaying their success during this year's deer hunting season. Way to go! It's great to see folks in the outdoors, having fun and using the resource. *(Btw, The editor wouldn't mind a chunk or two of venison sausage either…Just sayin'.)*



*Pic and commentary by **Austin Macik***
I harvested a nice 13 point buck by bow and arrow on the morning of October 26, near Lake Lillian. It weighed 216 pounds field dressed and the antlers scored 152 inches.

I first laid eyes on this buck in August while I was out scouting. I kept a close eye on him and hunted until I got the opportunity for a good shot.



Pic and commentary by Ralph Inselmann
Shauna Wehking got a nice ten point buck over the weekend, south of Cosmos a few miles. Hunting is not just for guys!





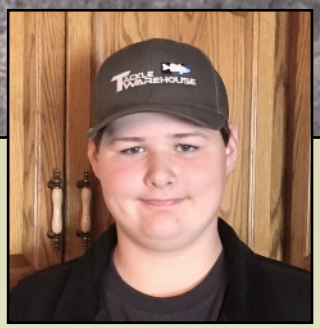
Pics and commentary by Joyce Karrigan
Raymond Martin, left, and son **Griffin** both got their deer Saturday November 5th, a little west of Cosmos.

Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!

View from the Blind





By Mark Minnick

Marshall Haley, our ***Renville County Outdoors Correspondent,*** *to the left,* went deer hunting both weekends in the wilderness of said county. I asked him to grab a few shots of his view from the deer blind and he obliged, pic above. As I can't get out to a spot like that anymore, I like the view. Marshall didn't harvest a deer but said he still had a great time. That's cool kid, keep it up.

And believe it or not, there is more to fall than just deer hunting…

Never Enough Lures



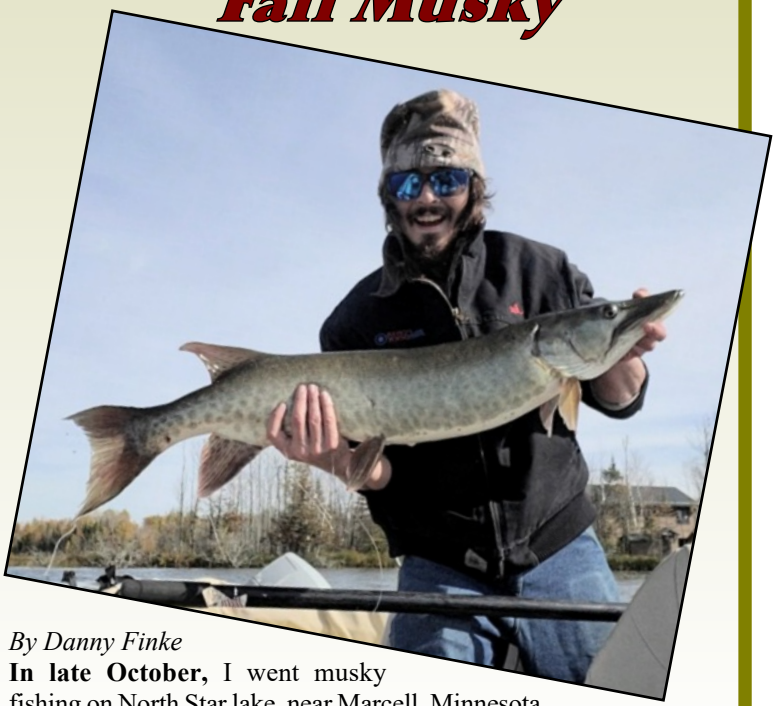
By Mark Minnick

For those of us who can't partake in the outdoor activities of hunting or fishing, there is an out; Buy guns and ammo or tackle and lures. I opt for tackle and lures.

Around the end of the open water fishing season here in the north country, many retailers drastically cut prices on their remaining fishing tackle. This frees up space in their physical inventory and more importantly, frees up capital (money).

The above musky/pike lures were priced to sell, so I bought a few, yessiree Bob. As I write this, I'm also planning for the Black Friday sales coming up - Yikes! I might need another tackle box. So many lures, so little time…

Fall Musky



By Danny Finke

In late October, I went musky fishing on North Star lake, near Marcell, Minnesota. I caught and released this nice, fat 38 incher on a bucktail lure.

TIDBITS



By Rick Nordin

Greetings! This past week, my youngest son has a good friend and coworker who's healthy 4 year old son passed away while taking a nap. Even though we do not know this family, the sadness in my son's voice as he told us on the phone made it very real and we could feel his pain. As I have been contemplating what to share for the December article, I remember an article that talks about the unknown of each day.

(Reprint Dec 2009).
I heard a great comment and wonderful observation this month, "the landscape is changing every day." 2009 is only a few weeks away from another completed chapter in the history book. Each year many of us set new goals and make resolutions. Some are completed, some are ongoing, and some are never really started.

So, what are some ingredients to a successful year? How do we measure success? Is it monetary gain? Is it good health? Is it a new or renewed relationship? Is it a raise or promotion? Is it a graduation? Maybe it's the purchase of your first home. Maybe it's a good result from a medical exam.

But what about those who are experiencing the opposite? A home foreclosed from the loss of a job, the loss of a loved one, bad news from a medical exam. Can there still be accomplishment amidst such setbacks?

With my hair disappearing and turning gray, the more I appreciate life is a passage of continual ups and downs. Joys and disappointments. Maybe success is really not so much a destination, but an ongoing journey toward your worthwhile goals and dreams.

So where am I going with all this? No matter how much we plan and prepare, we just don't know how the day is going to end. This past year has been filled with serious medical conditions for many friends and family members, including young adults, teens and children. (It seems unusually so.)

In the midst of these setbacks, I am continually humbled by the resiliency of the human spirit, the Power of Faith and the remarkable healing power of love by family and friends.

As we enter the season of Advent and Christmas, I encourage everyone to take time to give thanks for the "things we take for granted". Put an extra dollar in the "red bucket". Resolve to tell those you love, that you love them! For you see, we never know how the day is going to end. Merry Christmas!

First State Agency

We Wish Everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Rick & Jake

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Adams Recognized



Pic and commentary submitted by Yvonne Schroeder
At the Nov. 14th Cosmos Legion meeting, Robyn Scott had presented Mark Adams (Legion President) a cloth flag made by Robyn Scott and Mark had shed a tear.



"Name one time in human history when a group fighting to ban books or censor speech were the good guys. I'll wait....
Vivek Ramaswamy

TIME WARP

December 1975

Holy cow Eunice! There's a manger scene in the city park and Santa brought early gifts & candy for the kids! It's even cold enough that the ice rink is coming around. There's even going to be a Holiday Hoops Tourney. Cool!

Merry Christmas Everyone!



"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field keeping watch over their flocks by night." Luke 2:8.

"At Bethlehem"

by Alvin E. Pagel

The sky was filled with splendor, every star shone like a gem,
The moon cast dancing shadows on the hills of Bethlehem;
The night wind whispered softly as it swept across the rocks,
While the Shepherds sat in silence keeping vigil o'er their flocks.

The sheep lay on the fields below contented for the night,
When suddenly the country-side was drenched with brilliant light.
"Fear not," the Angel said, "Fear not, tidings of joy I bring,
This night is born in David's Town, your Savior, Lord and King!"

And then the heavens opened wide and on a loft of gold
A choir of Angels could be seen, majestic to behold;
Their voices sweet in rapture rang, much like a great Amen.
"Glory to God in heaven above, on earth good will to men!"

The Shepherds went to Bethlehem, repeating o'er and o'er
The Angel's message that would guide them to a stable door.
There in a lowly cattle stall in a manger filled with hay,
They found the Child and worshipped Him and went upon their way.

This was the birthday of a King sent down from heaven above
Whose life was destined to redeem the world through faith and love.
Each year we pause at Christmas time to laud this act divine --
Praise God, because of Bethlehem, this love is yours and mine.

Christmas Candlelight service at Peace Lutheran and First Lutheran

COSMOS--The traditional Candlelight Service will be held at 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve at Peace Lutheran Church. As worshippers arrive they will be invited to place a couple pieces of straw in the manger at the front of the church before taking their seats.

Preparing the bed for Christ is symbolized the fact that we must do something to prepare our hearts to receive the Chirst of Bethlehem.

The youngest child of the congregation and his parents will play the part of the Holy Family and will be by the manger and at various times during the service. Adults will take the part of shepherds, wisemen and angels. The Women's Sextette and other individuals will provide special music, and the Pastor will bring the Christmas message. The service will close with the inspirational candlelighting and the singing of "Silent Night."

The Christmas Day service will be held at 9:30 a.m. and will consist of singing many favorite carols, a Christmas message by the Pastor, and several Christmas songs sung by the enthusiastic Children of Peace. The Boys' Trio will also sing.

The public is cordially invited to attend these Christmas services.

COSMOS--First Lutheran Church, rural Cosmos, will conduct its Christmas Service at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day, December 25. Music to be furnished by the choirs.

The spirit of Christmas will continue with the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday morning, December 28, when the service, with a Christmas theme, will be conducted by several church councilmen and several young men of the church. Pastor and Mrs. Carlson will be in Sioux City, Iowa, where Pastor Carlson will officiate at the marriage of a grand niece.

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SHINING A POWERFUL LIGHT ON THE LOCAL SCENE

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Cosmos ice rink in the process

COSMOS--The Cosmos Public School is in the process of developing a skating rink. It is hoped that the rink and warming facilities will be completed before Christmas vacation end. The length of the season is dependent upon the weather.

Warming facilities and days open will be: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2:00 - 5:30 p.m., and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.; Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. The rink will be closed Wednesday.

People using the ice rink will be skating at their own risk.

The school is in the process of hiring a ice rink manager.

Santa's visit brings toys & candy

COSMOS--Saturday was an exciting day in Cosmos--for children especially! Santa was here for his annual visit and bags of candy were given to all who came by to visit with him; and ten toys were given away in a drawing.

Winners of toys were Shannon Carlton, Lisa Inselman, Mel Macik, Tanna Gilberts, Carol Benson, Marc Johnson, Joel Stueber, Chad Wehking, Pat Foster and Bonnie Macik.

Santa was in the Legion Clubrooms beginning at 2 p.m. and until about 4 p.m. to visit with children and hand out bags of candy and other treats to children, courtesy of the Commercial Club.

Coffee was served all day long at Pal's Mark-it.



THESE YOUNGSTERS were winners on Saturday at the drawing. Winners were Shannon Carlton, Lisa Inselman, Mel Macik, Tanna Gilberts, Carol Benson, Marc Johnson, Joel Stueber, Chad Wehking, and Bonnie Macik.



CHRISTINE STURGES sitting on Santa's lap telling him what she would like to receive for Christmas. Many children of the area paid there visit to see Jolly Old Saint Nick on Saturday.

Animal Fair to consolidate and close Cosmos plant

COSMOS--Because of the problems and expenses of operating four different manufacturing locations, Animal Fair closed the Grey Eagle and Cosmos plants on Friday, Dec. 19.

All domestic production will be consolidated at Eden Valley and Chanhassen. We will also be subcontracting a portion of our sewing. This move was necessary to make Animal Fair more competitive in the market place.

Animal Fair is extending to all employees an offer for transfer to its Eden Valley facility.

Winners at PALS drawing

COSMOS--Pals Mark-It served coffee and rolls to their many customers on Saturday and also had their Christmas drawing for four turkeys.

Winners of the turkeys were Becky Payne, R.R. 2, Atwater, Mrs. Marlyn L. Danielson, Cosmos; Carol Bulau, Cosmos; and Sandy Meyer, Cosmos.

Milton Bakke wins trip to Las Vegas

COSMOS--The annual year-end party for Raske Building Systems Inc. employees and wives was held on Friday evening at the Blue Moon Supper Club.

Highlight of the evening was the drawing of a name for a trip for two to Las Vegas. Milton Bakke was the receptor of this.

Winners in Turner's drawing

COSMOS--At the recent appreciation drawing held at Turners T.V. and Appliance winners each of a radio were Carl Remmel, Lake Lillian and Orville Dahlk, Cosmos.

Firemen called to Olsen's

COSMOS--The Cosmos Fire Department was called to the Merle Olsen residence in the southwest part of Cosmos on Wednesday evening about 8:30 p.m.

The fireplace caused a chimney fire and the damage was very minor.

Correction . . .

COSMOS--In last weeks issue it was stated Dorin Anderson was Legion Commander and this is incorrect. Bob Arndt is Legion Commander.

Cosmos will host Holiday tourney

COSMOS--Cosmos High School will host another Holiday Basketball Tournament, an annual affair.

The four teams which will participate this year are Hector, Grove City, Atwater and Cosmos.

The tournament will be Monday and Tuesday evenings, Dec. 29 - 30 beginning at 7 p.m. with Hector playing against Grove City in the first game and Atwater playing Cosmos in the second game, scheduled for 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday evening, at 7 p.m. the losers of the first round from Monday night play will play against each other and winners of the first night of play are scheduled to meet each other for the final championship game of the tournament at 8:30 p.m.

Admission for the tournament is $1 for adults and 50¢ for students each night.

Trophies will be awarded to winners after the final game and also to the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament.

Last years tournament winner was Cosmos.

Winner at Elevator drawing

COSMOS--The Cosmos Farmers Elevator Appreciation Day held on Friday, Dec. 19 drew a large crowd to enjoy lunch and register for the drawing. Donnie Schiro was the winner of the ice cream freezer.



Early deadline for New Year's issue of Sun

COSMOS--The Cosmos Sun will be published at an earlier time for the next weeks issue. The deadline will be at 10 a.m. on Monday morning.

The Sun office will be open on Saturday morning from 9 to noon and until noon on Monday.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, December 24--Christmas Eve. All Cosmos businesses will be closing at 4 p.m. so they can spend time with their families.

THURSDAY, December 25--Christmas Day. All Cosmos businesses, including the Post Office will be closed.

SUNDAY, December 28--No Sunday School at Cosmos United Methodist Church.

SUNDAY, December 28--Open house honoring Mr. and Mrs. Bernhardt Petersen on their 40th wedding anniversary at Zion Lutheran Church, Buffalo Lake from 2 to 4 p.m. with a short program at 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, December 31--Cosmos Senior Citizens Birthday Party and New Years Eve party. Pot luck lunch at 11:00 p.m.



TIME WARP Whozit?



A couple of politicians were in town in December 1975, to designate Cosmos as a Bicentennial Community. They also stopped by to visit with some of the nursing home residents. Can you identify these residents or the politicians? Whozit?



Winner! Winner! Chicken Dinner!



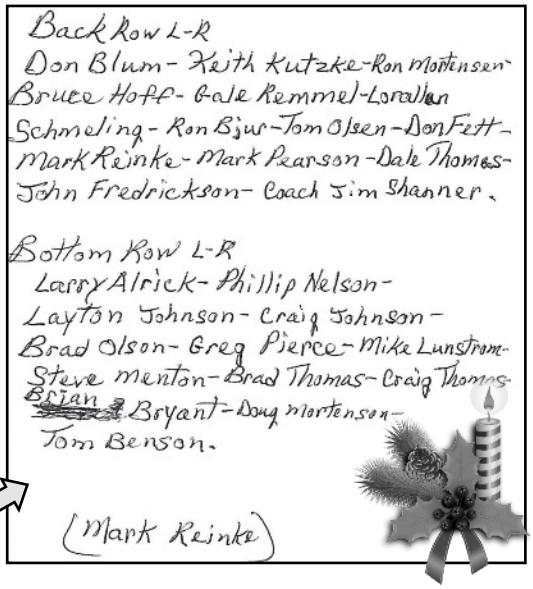
FOOTBALL TEAM Above is the 1966 Cosmos Royals football squad as photographed by Brinkman Studio, Hutchinson. Left to right are, front row: Larry Ulrich, Phil Nelson, Layton Johnson, Craig Johnson, Brad Olson, Greg Pearce, Mike Lundstrom, Steve Menton, Brad Thomas, Craig Thomas, Jon Bryant, Doug Mortenson and Tom Benson.. Back row: Assistant Coach Don Bluhm, Keith Kutzke, Ron Mortenson, Bruce Hoff, Gale Remmel, Lorallen Schmeling, Ron Bjur, Tom Olson, Don Fett, Mark Reinke, Mark Pearson, Dale Thomas, John Frederickson and Coach Jim Schoener.

By golly, we had a couple of winners that ID'd the members of the 1966 CHS Football Team. **Todd Reinke** identified his uncle Mark Reinke. Astute reader **Doug Mortenson** ID'd Mark *and* the whole darned team! Plus, Doug's wife **Kim** emailed me the hand written answers. First time for everything I guess. So here we go-

Sure looks like my uncle, Mark Reinke
Todd Reinke



Next up-
Doug asked me to send this for the Whozit pics.
Kim Mortenson



Back Row L-R
Don Blum - Keith Kutzke - Ron Mortensen
Bruce Hoff - Gale Remmel - Lorallen
Schmeling - Ron Bjur - Tom Olsen - Don Fett -
Mark Reinke - Mark Pearson - Dale Thomas -
John Fredrickson - Coach Jim Shanner.

Bottom Row L-R
Larry Alrick - Phillip Nelson -
Layton Johnson - Craig Johnson -
Brad Olson - Greg Pierce - Mike Lunstrom -
Steve Menton - Brad Thomas - Craig Thomas -
Brian ~~Bryant~~ Bryant - Doug Mortenson -
Tom Benson.

(Mark Reinke)



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

True to form, wife Deb grew a nice crop of Serrano peppers for me again this year. I finally took the time to do something I've wanted to do with them for years; concoct and bottle my own hot sauce. No time like the present, right? So, away I went.

I purchased the 'hot sauce' bottles, along with a funnel to pour the finished product into that small opening. Next, as with any of my cooking, I looked at a bunch of recipes and tips online. Then I came up with what I thought was a great **K.I.S.S.** recipe; **K**eep **I**t **S**imple **S**tupid. So I cleaned, prepped and cooked the peppers into a secret sauce till I was satisfied with the results.

By gosh, I think the stuff turned out great and very tasty, even if I do say so myself. A "Good Stuff Maynard" moment. I even printed up my own custom labels, using a good dose of local humor, hence the name **"Minnesota Kryptonite"**.



"Huh" you say? Here's the explanation for those that are not comic book fans; Most Minnesotans react to spicy things just like **Superman** reacts to **Kryptonite**. They drop to their knees and look away, immobilized and unable to function. A highly deadly force, if you will. Stay far, far away!



As it turns out, the joke is on me, cuz the stuff turned out pretty darned mild. Tasty but mild. Uff da. I bet a church lady could even like this stuff. Yea I know, I shouldn't bet on something like that. Secondly, **you don't really neeeed spicy things**. If it's not tasty enough, salt it more! I'll shut up now.

Liver & Onions season is back at **Mug Shots Bar & Grill** in Cosmos. Woo Hoo! I realize that many of our readers cannot stand the smell, much less the taste of liver. All I can say is "It sucks to be you." Hey, I like sauerkraut and kimchee too, so some may think I'm beyond all hope. And you may be right.

Anyway, this much anticipated and blessed "Opening Day" for Liver & Onions season was on Friday, November 11th. The usual crowd showed up to enjoy the rare and cherished treat, prepared by liver cook extraordinaire, **Becky Johnson**. *(She gets cranky if you call her a chef.)*

I didn't get there till about 12:30-12:45 and I was a little scared that they would run out. Well, the Liver & Onion god was watching out for me as there was some left to enjoy, thank goodness.



Being the good community booster that is **The Galactic Gazette**, I figured it prudent to start a **"Liver & Onions" Club**. There is no cost to join, just the undying love of this rare and cherished dish that so many cannot appreciate. Above is a copy of the membership card. The lovers of the dish carry it proudly in their billfolds, ready to display it at a moments notice to any of the disbelievers out there.

The next meeting of this exclusive club will be on **December 22nd** at Mug Shots. As the Fonz used to say, "Be there or be square", *or just stay away if you can't stand the stuff.*

*As a bonus for me, the **94.1 The Loon "Library Remodel"** was at 2:00, not long after I got done eating. It was a double great day for me. Woot Woot!

Thank You

We would like to thank Post 126 Auxiliary for hosting the Veterans Day lunch. We appreciate all the hard work you did in preparing and serving the meal. (The food was awesome.)

Thanks again from Post 126 Legion.

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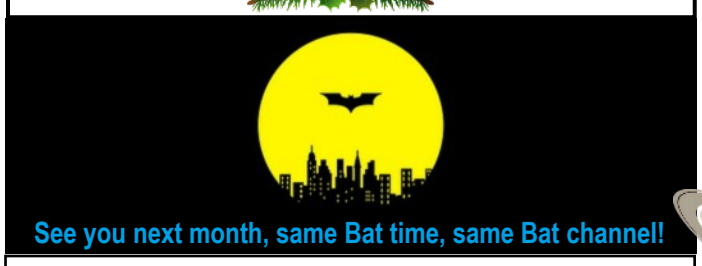
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Christmas dreams

~~Thoughts~~ from the ~~windowsill of life.~~

electric blanket on the bed



'Twas the month before Christmas, and all through the house,
Not a kitty is stirring, except ol' Ralphie, quite the louse;
(He pushes food off the counter and onto the floor.)
Our stockings are hung above the big screen TV with care,
In hopes this St. Nicolas guy would put cool stuff in there;
Us little darlings are nestled, all snug on a blanket electric,
With visions of kitty gifts, dancing in our heads, quite majestic.

Here's our list Santa:

- Cans of tasty seafood flavored cat food
- A new cardboard box or two
- A bunch of catnip
- 15-20 fuzzy toy mice
- Dried leaves and a fan

FYI Santa, We really don't like sugar plums. Yuk.



Anyway, we're kinda tired of this 'poem' thing now. So Santa, here's the skinny: We've tried to be really good this year. Hey, we've used the litter box *most* of the time. Hairballs? What hair balls…? Those are Ted's. He's old and doesn't need toys. And that scratching on the furniture isn't us, it's Ralphie being naughty, again. Bring him a lump of coal, or some radishes. Now, on second thought, we'll finish the poem.

Santa fills up our stockings, *except Ralphie's*, right to the top,
Then bolts to his sleigh, wanting a cold beer back at his shop;
We hear him exclaim, as he gets the heck outta sight,
"Merry Christmas to all, and thank you Jesus, there's no more kitties to go to tonight."

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You bet!

Merry Christmas

& Happy New Year





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