-Christmas Edition-

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Santa Claus;
Coming to a planet near you!

Weather: Ho, Ho, Ho! & Snow, Snow, Snow! "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"



Pic by Deb Minnick, Commentary by Mark Minnick

It's that time of year. The days are getting shorter, darker and colder. Some would say it's depressing. But I see the vast majority of folks happy and friendly this time of year cuz it's the Christmas Season. Warm and happy thoughts of church and community events. Planning get-togethers with family and friends. Gift shopping and decorating. Then there's Christmas lights. Ooooh!

Who doesn't love the holiday light shows put up by these hard working folks every year, huh? God bless 'em. **Mike Degner** is one of those neat 'Christmas light' people, with a place just outside the City of Cosmos proper.

Mike has assembled quite the display of holiday lights at his homestead, just south of Cosmos, right off the banks of the South Fork of the Crow River. *(Say that five times fast.)*

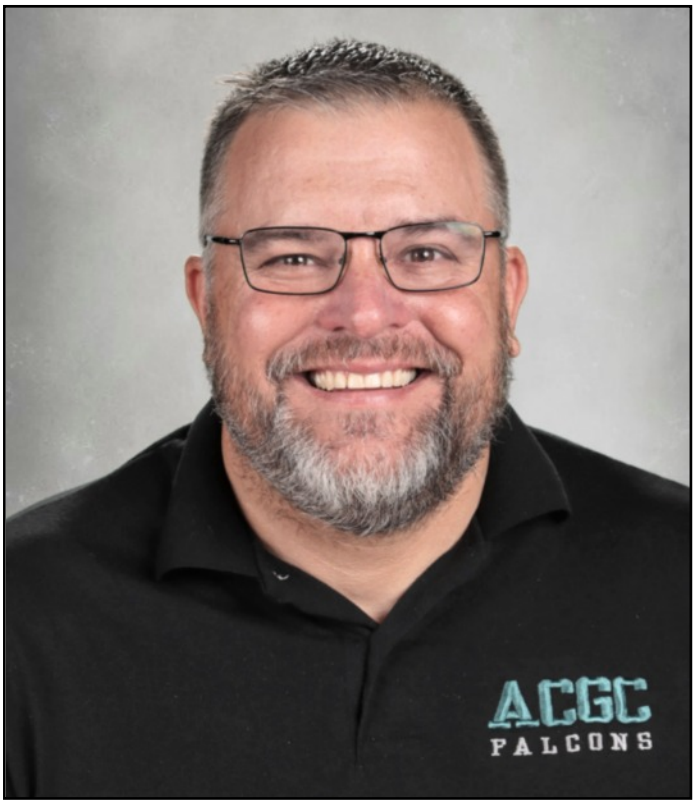
So, if you get a chance, go for a drive some evening and take a look. It'll put a big smile on your face. ***Unless you're this guy…***



Anyway, c'mon be happy,

It's Christmas!

ACGG School Board Selects New Superintendent



ACGC Press release, Nov. 16, 2023

Grove City — At a special board meeting on November 13, the ACGC School Board voted to negotiate, up to a 3-year superintendent contract with Interim Superintendent **Kip Lynk**. "As the ACGC Interim Superintendent for the past 5 months, Mr. Lynk has shown that he has the skills and abilities to positively lead ACGC as our next long-term superintendent.

The board, admin, staff and students all have communicated their appreciation for the style of leadership that Kip has demonstrated. We are excited to SOAR forward with Mr. Lynk as the next ACGC superintendent." said Megan Morrison, Board Chair.

The School Board will be conducting contract negotiations with Mr. Lynk and acontract is expected to be approved by the School Board at a future regular board meeting.

More "Lights at Mike's"



Pic by Deb Minnick

Santa's Coming to Cosmos



By Mark Minnick

The jolly old Soul let the Gazette staff know that he plans on being in Cosmos on **December 7th** at **6:00 PM**, at **Peace Lutheran Church** in Cosmos. So, be sure and make up your list of things you want to ask him for. Be sure and keep yourself off of that naughty list too. Just sayin'.

By the way, Santa may or may not be wearing his space suit when he stops by. It just depends if he dropped in to visit the purple & green kiddies on Neptune or not. Just sayin'.

-Ponderings-



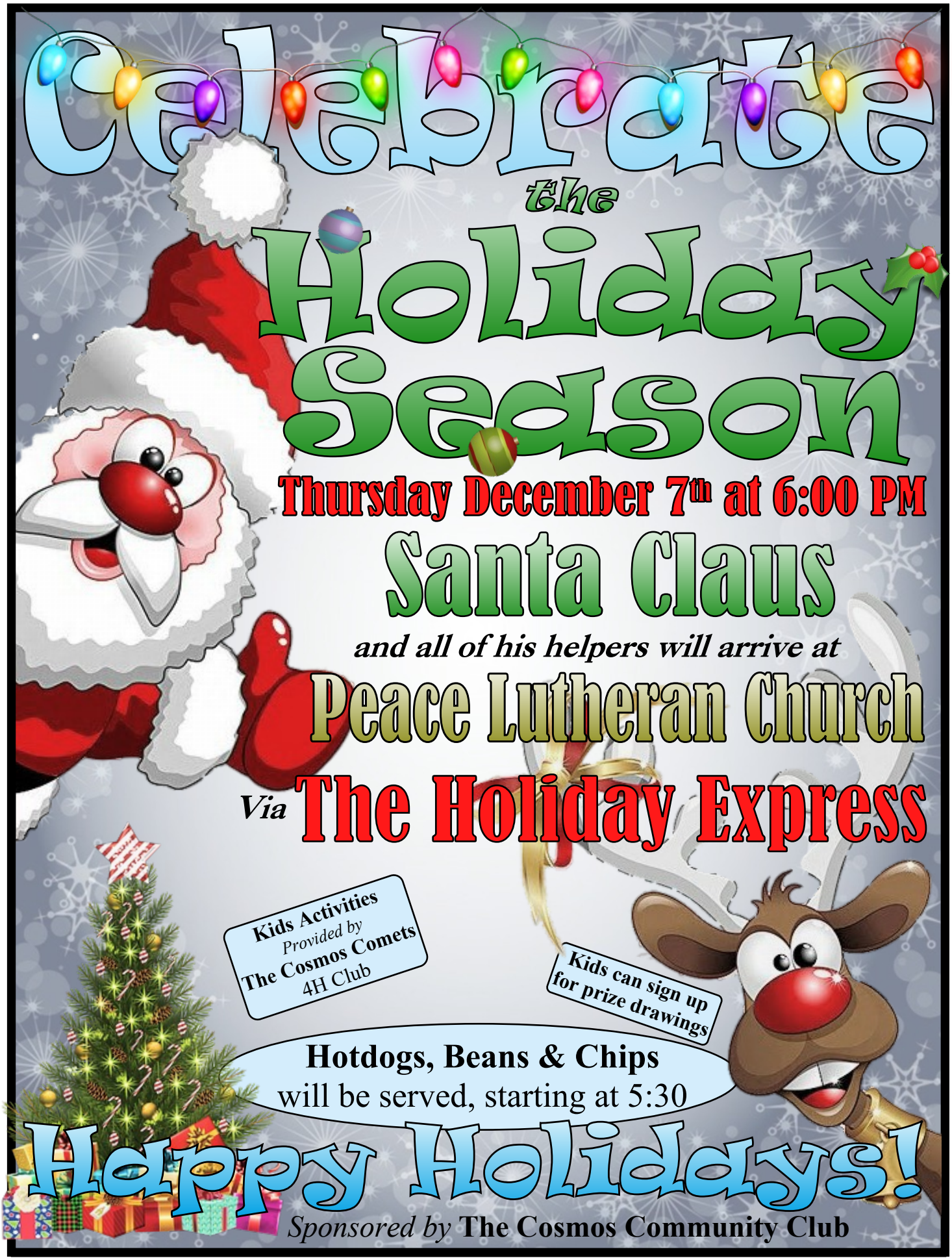
The sweater I received for Christmas was picking up static electricity, so I went to the store to exchange it.

They gave me another one, free of charge.

"People are usually *shocked* when they find out I'm not a good electrician."

I don't search for anything on Google.

I just ask my wife, she knows everything.


Celebrate
the
Holiday
Season
Thursday December 7th at 6:00 PM
Santa Claus
and all of his helpers will arrive at
Peace Lutheran Church
Via The Holiday Express
Kids Activities
Provided by
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Kids can sign up
for prize drawings
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Happy Holidays!
Sponsored by The Cosmos Community Club


Merry Christmas
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Feel free to talk to any Lions member or email; cosmoslions@mac.com

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
November 9, 2023

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday November 9, 2023.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Mark Minnick and Jody Fruetel.
COUNCIL ABSENT: Emily Van Hatten, Angelica Hopp
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville

Adopt Agenda – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Fruetel, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Fruetel, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. September 24, 2023 City Council Minutes

VISITORS PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDANCE

Deb Minnick was present to request consideration for a handicap accessible utility billing drop box.

November 9, 2023 Bills List - A motion by Minnick, seconded by Fruetel, to approve the November 9, 2023 bills list with check numbers from 16346-16531 for $130,418.91. Motion carried**.**

Utility Assessment Hearing – A **motion** by Minnick, seconded by Fruetel, to close the regular city council meeting and open the Utility Assessment hearing at 5:45p.m. Motion carried**.**

The City Council received the past due utility accounts to be assessed for a current total of $11,941.43. There were no written or verbal comments received for the hearing. A **motion** by Minnick, seconded by Fruetel, to close the public hearing and reconvene the City Council meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Resolution 23_09 - A motion by Minnick, seconded by Fruetel, to approve Resolution 23_09 Assessing the 2023 Utility Bill Assessments Payable 2024. Motion carried**.**

ANZ, Inc. – Nursing Center Rehabilitation Project – Nasra Mohamed-Salah was present to discuss City Council support for proposed legislation to grant the city $6.8 million to rehabilitate the nursing home into a modern nursing home and childcare facility.

In general, the city would be the financial conduit for the funding during construction and would own the building for the first seven years. After successful completion of the project and operations the building would go back to the original owner, Nasra Mohamed-Salah. Ms. Mohamed-Salah has purchased the current building and is working on her nursing home administrator's license. She has managed senior care facilities at multi-site locations in Michigan with a total of 18 clients. MN Representative Dave Urdahl will be proposing the grant through the MN legislature upon City of Cosmos approval.

Table Nursing Home Discussion - A motion by Minnick, seconded by Fruetel, to table the nursing home rehabilitation project until the December meeting with a full city council. Motion carried**.**

Public Works Maintenance Position - A motion by Minnick, seconded by Fruetel, to authorize the personnel committee to interview and hire if appropriate, the public works applicant for the city. Motion carried**.**

Water/Wastewater License - A motion by Minnick, seconded by Fruetel, to authorize Mayor McCarthy to work towards his water and wastewater license for the City of Cosmos. This would include all costs associated with training, testing and paid time to acquire the required hours and education for the licenses. Motion carried**.**

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, December 14, 2023. 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 Minnick, seconded by Fruetel, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried.

_____- DRAFT-_____
John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

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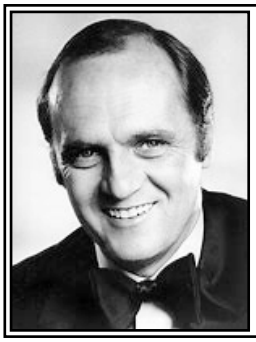

"There's a lot of cynicism. Let's really enjoy Christmas, with all that's going on in the world."

"Mr. Deadpan"
Bob Newhart

Worship with us in December

Wednesday Services at 6 pm
December 6, 13, & 20

Sunday Worship at 9:30 am

Christmas Eve Service at 4 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

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New Plaques



Pic and commentary by Curt Meyer
Post 126 American Legion
Stop by the Veterans Memorial in the Cosmos City Park and check it out. Three new plaques denoting conflicts have been installed. They are Persian Gulf War (Desert Storm), Invasion of Afghanistan, Invasion of Iraq. We plan to install more pavers before Memorial Day, weather permitting.

-Notice-

The **American Legion Auxiliary** has updated unit standing rules. If interested in knowing the changes please come to the next meeting, **December 12 at 7 PM at the Dive**.

Sue Ann Maresch, Secretary

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



"Anything good in there?"



"Nope, already in the fridge."

First State Agency

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

Rick & Jake

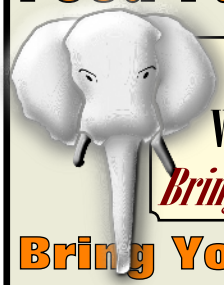
320-664-4444

-Cosmos Senior Club-

Potluck Lunch



Friday, December 29th
12:00 Noon
-Cosmos City Center-
Food-Fun-Nickel Bingo



Bingo Prizes Will Be
White Elephant Exchanges
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Bring Your Own Beverage
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Everyone is Welcome!



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Chef it Up!

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

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



Creamy White Chili

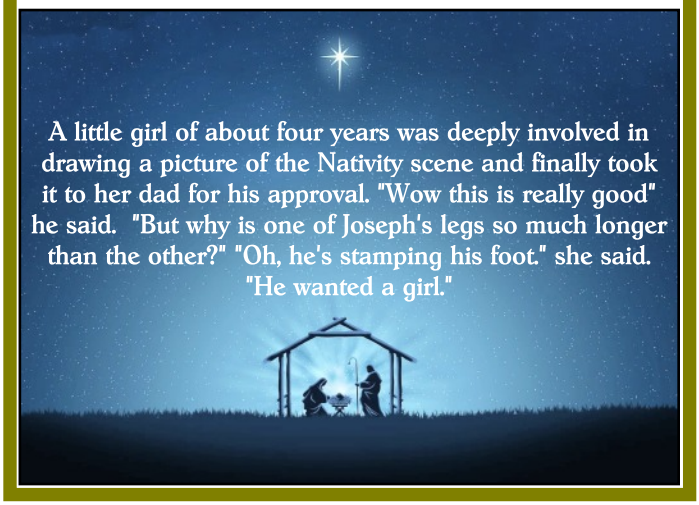
By Grace Kamrath

Greetings and Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas fellow Cosmosnites! At the moment it doesn't feel much like December but it will be by the time you get the Gazette. Thought you might like Chili for the holidays but not the usual one with ground beef and tomato base. If you have leftover turkey you could probably substitute it for the chicken in the this White Chili.

CREAMY WHITE CHILI

- 1 # boneless chicken breast, cut into 1/2 inch pieces
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 t. garlic powder
- 1 T. vegetable oil
- 2 (15 oz.) cans great northern beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (14 oz.) can chicken broth
- 2 (4 oz.) cans green chilies , chopped
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. ground cumin
- 1 t. oregano
- 1/2 t. pepper
- 1/4 t. cayenne pepper
- 1 c. sour cream
- 1/2 c. whipped cream

In a large pan or dutch oven, saute chicken, onion and garlic powder until chicken is no longer pink. Add beans, broth, cilies, and seasoning. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer, uncovered for 30 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in sour cream and whipped cream. Be careful not to boil again as the dairy may curdle. That's it. Looks like a lot of ingredients but they come together quickly. It is best served right away but the crock pot on low should be fine. Will serve 7 people. Enjoy!



The Cosmos Public Library News



by Beth Cronk, Meeker County Librarian

The Cosmos Public Library will be hosting a **Lego building program** for kids ages 5-18 on **Monday, December 4, from 2-3 PM.** Children ages 5-7 need to be accompanied by a caregiver at least 12 years old. No need to sign up or bring anything; the library provides the Legos.

The library is hosting a **gingerbread house-decorating event** for the holidays! Come to the community room adjoining the library on **Saturday, December 16, at 10:30 AM** to make gingerbread-style houses with crackers, frosting, and candy. This event is free to attend and all supplies are provided.

This is an all-ages program, and it's a perfect holiday event for families to do together. Children ages 7 and younger must be accompanied by a caregiver who is at least 12 years old.

Please let the library staff know if you're planning to attend:
320-440-1012

The library will be offering **take-home craft kits** from **Simply Quimby** in early December. The kits will contain 6 wooden ornaments along with the paint, glue, and other supplies needed to complete them. Limited quantities will be available on a first come, first served basis.

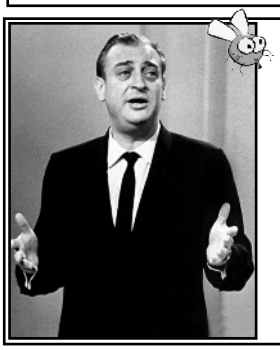
Thank you to the **Cosmos Garden Club** for providing a beautifully-decorated **Christmas tree** to the library! Stop in to see their unique gardening-themed tree in the library this month.

The **Adult Winter Reading Program** will begin on **Tuesday, January 2.** Beginning that day and continuing into early March, adults can stop in to the library to sign up for a self-paced reading challenge. Participants will get a book bag for signing up, while supplies last, and small prizes for reading and reviewing 3 and 6 books.

For the latest library updates, visit the library's website at www.cosmos.lib.mn.us.

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

Pioneerland libraries will be closed on Monday, December 25, for Christmas, and on Monday, January 1, for New Year's Day.



"I worked in a pet store and people would ask how big I would get."

Mr. "I don't get no respect."
Rodney Dangerfield

TIDBITS



By Rick Nordin

Greetings! Here we are, looking back at 2023 and ahead in 2024. It's hard to believe I have been penning a monthly article for over 25 years. As I was browsing through them recently, I realized there may be a continual theme of "same stuff, different day" and I don't mean this in a negative sense.

It revealed to me, as long as we live, we have highs and lows in all areas of our lives. Everyone, and I mean everyone, has "stuff" they are dealing with. If we are honest and put our challenges in a bag and do a bag exchange, most likely we would want our bag back.

Maybe in 2024, we can be a bit more focused on what we can do everyday to be kind to each other, making it a point to do one "random act of kindness" each day.

I am in the process of working on a real estate deal and the other realtor is from the cities. We have not met in person and have been communicating via phone, emails and messages. As we were talking, she made a point of telling me how much she has enjoyed working with me on this transaction. It really made my day!

I want to thank you readers for the great compliments you have shared about how a Tidbit article made your day. It really is an encouragement to hear. A big thank you to all the Galactic News Staff who make this monthly publication a reality. A big thank you to all those who volunteer their time as "you make a difference". Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Have a great December and Christmas/Holiday Season.



Hey, am I too early?



or am I too late?



Woids of Wisdom

From Men in Black, 1934

"Calling Dr. Howard, Dr. Fine, Dr. Howard!" *(P.A. Announcer)*

"Let's plug 'im and see if he's ripe!" *(Larry)*

"For duty and humanity!" *(Moe, Larry and Curly)*

"We graduated with the highest temperatures in our class." *(Larry)*

"Should I give him sodium amytal?" "Nah, give 'im a Coca-Cola." *(Ruth Hiatt & Larry)*

"What is it, heads or tails?" "Gnug!" "What?" "Gnug!" "Is that it?" "Soitainly!" *(Larry, Curly)*


MERRY CHRISTMAS
From
The GALACTIC Gazette
From
MARK - DELORES - RICK - GRACE - MARSHALL

Nature and the Great Outdoors

Trail Cam Fun

Hey, it's nice outside!







Reader **Dave Dallmann** sent us these interesting trail camera pics *(above)* from the wild and untamed Manannah woods.



The Gazette's own **Renville County Outdoors Correspondent**, **Marshall Haley** *(I call him 'Mr. Excitement')* sent us pics of a nice buck that got his adrenalin going. He wasn't able to get a shot at this nighttime visitor during legal hours, but he did harvest this nice doe. Way to go dude. ***Mmmm….venison.***



SCIENCE, TECH AND JUST PLAIN COOL STUFF



Just in time for Christmas!

Lego Perseverance Rover & Ingenuity Helicopter

The perfect gift for your budding little rocket scientist.







By Mark Minnick

The Gazette isn't getting paid to advertise this product but I am promoting it. This looks like a fabulous toy for the kid that's into the outer space stuff. They'd be able to explore their own imaginary Mars; In their bedroom, on the living room floor or out in the backyard. Pretty neat stuff, me thinks. Btw, everywhere I looked, it sells for $99.99.

**If I would have had this when I was 10-12 years old, I'd probably be on Neptune by now, visiting Local Chicken. Or not…*

The GALACTIC Gazette

Is having an

Inventory Reduction Sale

of the

The Gazette Archives

-A Limited Time Offer-

AS NOT SEEN ON TV

The curator of the hallowed Galactic Gazette Archives pulled me aside the other day. I was informed that it is time to 'slim down' the collection of Cosmos' historical writings *(sarc)*. So, after much deliberation and a couple of Hamm's, we decided to make these back issues *(below)* available to the fans of the Gazette…for free. You read that right, FREE! *But only for a limited time.* So, get your most coveted issues now Buckaroos! But wait, you say there are issues you would like, but they aren't listed? Well, we can print those up for you at the low, low cost of only $4.95 each. *(Cheap!)* You becha, then! For more info;

Contact Mark at wordnut66@outlook.com or 320-220-1081.

Just in time for the holidays, Eunice!



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Here's

"The List"

Makes a Great Gift!

"They'll think you spent hundreds!"

(We won't tell.)



CHS Royals Memorabilia
-Scrapbooks-

These original scrapbooks from the old Cosmos School District #461 are looking for a good home. They are full of old newspaper clippings that had to do with events and happenings at the school over the years. Hopefully, the Gazette can find someone who will be a good 'parent' for these valuable archives. The years are listed below. ***Contact Mark at-***
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Thirteen 18 x 16½ inch Scrap Books

- 56-58
- 60's
- 70-74
- 72-73
- 74-78
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- 78-81
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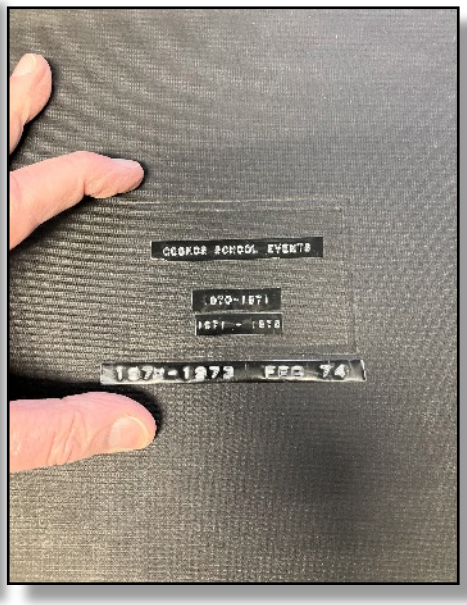
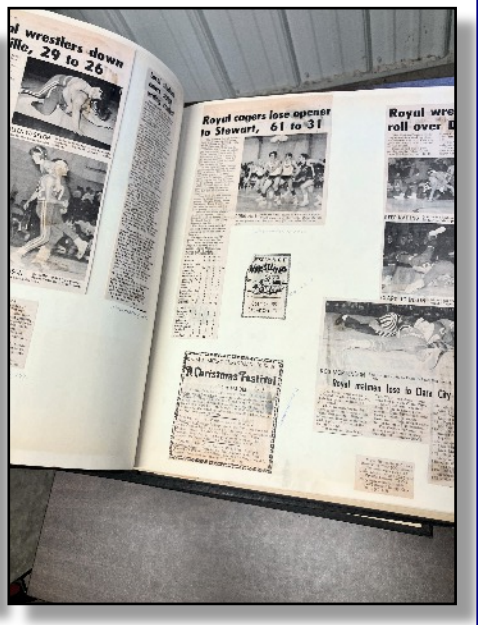
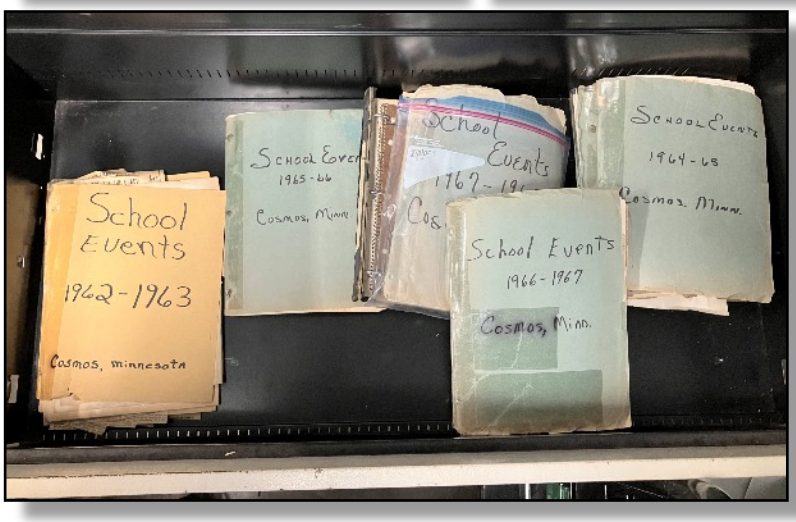






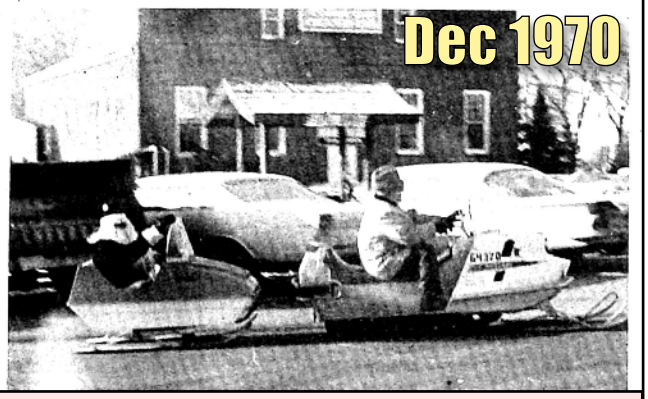
Nine 12 x 9 inch Scrap Books
Various Years

Not pictured
One - Fine Arts Book

Cool Stuff!

TIME WARP Whozit?

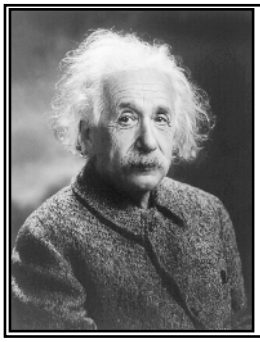
Santa goes modern on visit to Cosmos



In December 1970, Santa arrived in Cosmos via one of those new fangled 'modern' snowmobiles. A local guy drove his snowmobile all the way to the North Pole to pick up the jolly old guy for Santa Day in Cosmos. After Santa met with the local kiddies, this same guy drove him all the way back to the North Pole so he could get ready for his Christmas Eve journey.

Do you remember this avid Cosmos snowmobiler?

Whozit?



"Christmas is the festival of peace. Every year it comes in it's own good time. But peace inside and among us can come only through persistent effort."

Albert Einstein



"Remember, when you are dead, you do not know you are dead. It is only painful for others. The same applies when you are stupid."

'Witty Brit'
Ricky Gervais

4-H News

Submitted by Kayla Huhn
Extension Support Staff | Meeker County Extension | extension.umn.edu/meeker

Meeker County 4-H celebrated its Centennial on October 7 at Fiddler's Green in Litchfield. It was a fun evening showcasing 100 years of Meeker County 4-H with historical displays, dinner, awards celebration, and a dance. Meeker County 4-H clubs also celebrated National 4-H Week, October 1-7, by cleaning Adopt A Highways, nursing home visits, wearing 4-H clothing to school, and having potluck meals.

Congratulations to our new 2023-2024 Meeker County Federation Officers:

- **President: Henry Lemke, Valley Victors**
- **Vice President: Elizabeth Thyen, Danielson Hustlers**
- **Secretary: Elizabeth Donnay, Kimball Kruisers**
- **Treasurer: Preston Welling, Koronis Eager Beavers**
- **Reporter: Ellie Donnay, Kimball Kruisers.**

Meeker County 4-H clubs have been active in getting their new year underway with meetings, activities, and projects. Project bowl competition teams are forming.

New members are always welcome to join 4-H! Contact the Meeker County Extension Office at **320-693-5275** to find a club near you.

Respectfully submitted,
Emma Donnay
Meeker County
Federation Reporter

MEEKER COUNTY 4-H
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TIME WARP

December 1970

Cosmos NEWS

Minn., 56228, and entered as second class matter at the postoffice in Cosmos, Minn., under the act of March 3, 1879.

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SIT DOWN STRIKE? Well, not exactly! Rather, it is more or less the natural position for Cosmos High cheerleaders during wrestling contests. Here they are in position for leading a yell. Left to right, they are: Chelie Menton, Jan Gruxendorf, Peggy Thomas, Cindy Schafer, and Vicki Thomas.



Santa here Sat.

COSMOS--It's that time of year again when Santa will be making his pre-Christmas visit to Cosmos to talk with all the little boys and girls about their wishes for Christmas.

The Cosmos News received a telegram today from Santa Claus at the North Pole which reads:

"To all my little friends in the Cosmos area:

"I will be making a visit to Cosmos on Saturday, Dec. 19 and want to see each of you on my pre-Christmas visit.

"I'll be stopping at the Legion Rooms from 2 to 4 p.m. and will have a package of goodies for each youngster who visits me. I'm looking forward to seeing all the boys and girls from a wide area around Cosmos community, both town and country residents.

"You can let me know if you have been a good boy or girl and what you want for Christmas."

Love,
Santa

Santa Claus will arrive in Cosmos by snowmobile at 2 p.m. and will meet and talk to his little friends, and give them candy, nuts and apples, between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. at the American Legion Auxiliary rooms.



CHRISTMAS TEA served by ladies of the Cosmos United Methodist Church last Thursday found ladies (and some men, too) enjoying a light lunch as they listened and watched Christmas entertainment. Above, left to right, are Mrs. Jack Porath, Mrs. Lyle Petersdorf and Mrs. Maynerd Rennecke. Below, the smiling face of Mrs. Allen Benjamin greeted visitors at the Christmas goodies table.

8 turkeys are given away this week, too

COSMOS--Eight more turkeys are being offered to patrons of local business places this week.

Eight birds were also offered last week, but only five persons came in to claim their prize. This left three to be carried over and added to the five new ones, making a total of eight, again.

Five of these have already been claimed as this is written on Monday.

Ticket holders have until Thursday evening to check their numbers against those posted in the stores in order to be eligible to win.

The five winners last week were: Jack Reins, Pat Schiro, Don Loge, Gerhard Steinke, and Alfred Insolmann.



Here are the rules for participating in the drawings:

During the week participating merchants will pass out tickets to their patrons. The patrons will tear the tickets in half, deposit half in a container which will be provided, and keep the other half.

On Friday of each week, five ticket stubs (or more if some turkeys weren't claimed the previous week) will be drawn out of the container and the numbers posted in each participating place of business.

During the coming week, ticket holders can check the numbers posted in the stores and compare them with their half. If a patron has a ticket stub in his possession with the same numbers as one of the five posted, he can claim the turkey.

Anybody is eligible to win in the contest--even families of participating merchants--as long as they have a ticket matching the posted number.

Tickets used in a drawing one week will be thrown away after the drawing and not used in any more drawings, eliminating the necessity of ticket holders holding onto a large number of old tickets and spending much time shuffling through them looking at numbers.

Turkeys not claimed in one week's contest will be added to the prizes the following week.

The turkey drawing will continue through December, with at least five turkeys being offered as prizes to ticket holders each week.

Obviously, the more often a patron trades in Cosmos, the more tickets he will get and the more chances he will have to win one of the turkeys.

Drawing numbers are posted ONLY in the stores taking part in the drawing.

First District Association went over $20 million mark in sales

LITCHFIELD--For the first time in its forty-five year history, the First District Association went over the twenty million dollar mark in sales. Manager Ronald Leaf reported at the Association Annual Meeting held at the Litchfield Senior High School Saturday, Dec. 12, that sales for the fiscal year of the Association, ending Sept. 30, totaled $21,143,-752.65 or an increase of over three million dollars from the preceding year.

In his management report to the membership, Mr. Leaf emphasized that the successful year again had by the Association was due in large part to the continued fine support and cooperation given by the member creameries, direct patrons, directors and operators and personnel. Net savings, totaling $768,-762.36, for the year were distributed to the membership following the meeting. This savings represented additional earnings for the members equivalent to 2.17¢ per pound on milk solids or 16.27¢ per hundredweight on wholemilk. Continued high quality of product produced resulting in the highest possible return on product marketed, and continued efficiency in plant operation was indicated in the fact that 94.25% of every dollar taken in from sales in the butter-powder operation was returned to the membership during the year.

511,437,025 pounds of liquid milk was received at

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Celeste Koeberl & Karen Pearson win 3 at Osseo debate

COSMOS--Celeste Koeberl and Karen Pearson of the Cosmos High School won all three of their debates at the Tournament in Osseo last Friday.





ANOTHER FISH STORY We've been hooked on fish stories so many times that we hardly dare print a picture like this, especially since this trio decline to tell their "trade secrets" about where they caught (or bought?) these beauties. They did confess, however, that they weighed as high as 15 pounds. Left to right are Gene Dallmann, Don Olson and Mervin Benson.

School Christmas Concert is Monday

COSMOS--All Elementary children will participate in the annual Christmas program at Cosmos High School, Monday, Dec. 21 beginning at 8 p.m. Included will be the Kindergarten which will sing "Frosty The Snowman." The first and second grades will be doing such things as "Jingle, Jingle, Jingle," with bells, "Now I Dream of Santa Claus", and Second and third graders "Marvelous Toy", "Christy Christmas". Third grade will sing "When Santa Claus Gets Your Letter" and "The Most Wonderful Day of the Year."

The Fourth grade will be singing "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" and "Captain Santa Claus". Fourth and fifth grader will do "Are You Weary" with Instrument and descant. Also among the fifth and sixth graders songs will be "Christmas on the Moon", "African Noel" with Bongos and "O Caroling We Go".

The elementary chorus and Jr. High Chorus will also perform as well as the High School Triple Trio and Boy's Ensemble. Ending with the high school choir with such numbers as "Ode To Joy" and "The Manger of Bethlehem".

The annual Christmas concert is under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Mae Jensen.

On Tuesday, Dec. 15, the High School made a recording for Hutchinson Station, KDUZ, also for Willmar, KWLM. Both of which will be played during Christmas vacation. So check on the time and station in your local newspaper.

Special Yule drawing set for Dec. 23

COSMOS--A special drawing for merchandise prizes has been scheduled to be held in Cosmos next Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 23.

Given away will be merchandise prized from the various places of business in Cosmos.

Business places in Cosmos will begin accepting registrations for the drawing this week. Each time a customer shops, he may sign a slip provide by the store and deposit it in the container provided.

At 3 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 23, all slips will be taken to the creamery lawn where tickets will be drawn until all prizes have been given away.

A person must be present at the drawing in order to win.

Three prizes offered in Yule contest

COSMOS--Three prizes will be awarded in the Christmas home lighting contest being sponsored this season by the Cosmos Commercial Club.

Winners will be paid in Cosmos Scrip, which is redeemable for face value in trade at any place of business in Cosmos.

First prize in the contest will be $10, second $5 and third $2.50.

A team of judges from Lake Lillian will make the rounds one evening during Christmas week to decide the winners. All residents are advised to leave their lights on every night that week.

A team of judges from Cosmos will go to Lake Lillian on an exchange basis to decide the winners in that town's contest.

Seek dismissal in recount

A motion to dismiss a request for a recount in the Kvam-Carlson election contest was made in district court before Judge C. A. Rolloff in Montevideo Friday.

The motion, was made by Litchfield Attorney Leland Olson, representing Adolph Kvam.

Olson said the motion for dismissal was made because the

THE EDUCATION BUSINESS...

Parents will learn how to stimulate preschoolers' intellectual growth

BY DUANE HILL

ON THURSDAY, Jan. 7, 1971, at 1:30 p.m. the first session of the early childhood education workshop for parents will be held at Cosmos Public School. The program is designed to familiarize parents having pre-school youngsters with ways to stimulate the intellectual growth of their pre-schoolers.

A committee of local people has furnished advice and guidance in the development of this program organized by Mrs. Shirley McGarty of the Educational Research and Development Council of Willmar. The committee participants include Mrs. Paul Peterson, Mrs. Don Starrett, Mrs. Arnold Blum, Mrs. James Johnson, Mrs. Gene Elam, Mrs. Harlow Karg, Mrs. Loren Douglas, Mrs. Douglas Adams, Mrs. Michael Folsom, Mrs. Arnold Lang, Mrs. Marvin Gelle and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson.

The Committee has made arrangements for a "Story Book" session for toddlers to be conducted while the parents are attending the workshop. The "Story Book" hour will be held in the Kindergarten room under the direction of the Kindergarten teacher, Miss Laurel Norman. A number of aides will also be available to see that the group of toddlers, regardless of size is adequately supervised. The toddlers will have an opportunity to play together and listen to the reading of a number of nursery rhymes and fairy tales.

The Family Living Home Economics class will be furnishing the aides. The aides will be under the direction of Miss Mary Kay Zweibohmer, the local Home Economics Teacher. Supervision can be provided all toddlers regardless of the number. Miss Zweibohmer will be able to arrange the care of a few youngsters below toddler level. Such requests will be treated in the order they are received and on an individual basis. Information will be mailed to the parents as to how they can make such a request.

The sessions will be scheduled on a monthly basis January through May. The committee has recommended limiting the length of each session to an hour and thirty minutes (1:30 to 3:00) so parents having youngsters in school can take them home after parents to ask questions and suggest answers to situations related to the growth of their pre-schoolers.

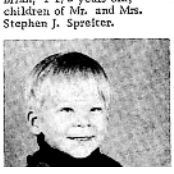
The topics for each session will be supplied by the parents attending the workshop. The Advisory Committee has suggested a number of possibilities including: 1. How to discipline your child; 2. What to expect of your child at various ages; 3. How to encourage and stimulate your child; 4. The father's role in raising children; 5. How to teach a child to stick-to and complete a task; 6. Frequent concerns of parents during the early years of the child's development.

The Committee is enthused by the Workshop and wants to make every effort to get all the parents to attend. Programs such as one discussed can go a long way to helping parents stimulate their youngsters at an early age to inquire, ask questions and developing patterns for answering questions on their own. The behavior evident in youngsters reflects reflects what they have been taught-- good or bad. The workshop is designed to aid parents in identifying and stressing the desired behavior in our pre-school youngsters.



Face of the future...

HERE IS another in the current series of studies of the faces of the younger generation as pictured by the Woltz Studio photographers. In the picture at the top is Lisa, 4 years old, and below is Brian, 1 1/2 years old, children of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Spreiter.



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Cosmos News

LAST THURSDAY EVENing supper guests at the Eddie Schiro home in honor of Eddie' s birthday were Darryl Mortenson family of Willmar and Arnold Blum family of Cosmos. Evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Schiro, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lietzau, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lietzau and Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Art Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Art Schiro, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rusch of rural Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Rutzke of rural Grove City, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bipes, Mr. and Mrs. Delton Bipes of rural Litchfield, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bach and Erwin Bahn of Hutchinson, Gene Dallman family and Erdman Maahs family. Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Laffen of rural Hector.

MR. AND MRS. JOE Gunderson of rural Hector were Monday evening guests at the Herb Maag home. Mr. and Mrs. David Schleusner of rural Bird Island were Tuesday evening guests at the Maag home.

MRS. BERNICE YOWELL of Apache Junction, Arizona was last week end guest at the Glen Bemis Sr. home.

SERENE BEMIS OF DENVER, Colorado arrived home a week ago to spend the holidays with her parents Glen Bemis Sr. and other relatives.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD Olson and family of Granite Falls visited at the Glen Bemis Sr. home last Saturday evening.

MR. AND MRS. BUTCH Williams and Jennifer of St. Paul were week end guests at the Cedric Williams home. They helped Butch celebrate his birthday.

MR. AND MRS. HERB Buck and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hedtke and Philip of Excelsior were Sunday dinner guests at the Bernell Buck home at Litchfield to help Todd celebrate his eighth birthday.

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE Geier were Saturday Lutefish dinner guests at the Wes Youngblom home at Hutchinson and visited with their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Butch Geier Jr. who arrived home Friday from Germany. Her husband, Butch will be home shortly after receiving his discharge from serving three years in the Armed forces.

MR. AND MRS. VERNON Lietzau and Jay and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lietzau were Sunday guests at the Marlin Lietzau home at New Ulm.

MR. AND MRS. SIDNEY (Dean) Johnson, Susan and Jack of rural Litchfield and Betty Kaddatz left Tuesday for Austin, Texas to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT Gruesendorf, Jan and Karen Pearson of rural Grove City left Thursday for Boynton Beach, Florida to spend Christmas holidays. Karen and Jan will return for school, Jan. 4.

MRS. MAYNARD RENNecke entertained several neighbor and friends for a Christmas luncheon last Friday afternoon.

MR. AND MRS. CLAYTON Halverson met Mr. and Mrs. Neil Jensen and Matthew at the airport in Minneapolis Saturday evening. They arrived from Fort Ord, Calif. to spend the holidays at the Jensen home in Hutchinson and at the Halverson home in Cosmos. They all were Saturday supper guests at the Sherrill Koch home in Bloomington to help Heather celebrate her second birthday.

MRS. STEVEN SPREITER entertained the Cosmos bridge club for last Tuesday evening dinner at home. Ladies exchanged gifts. High prize was awarded to Mrs. Don Bluhm and low prize to Mrs. Vic Eastman. In between gift was awarded to Mrs. Dorin Anderson.

MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL Turner arrived home from Fort Belvior, Va. for the Christmas holidays. They are spending several days at the Ed Welle home at Fargo and will spend Christmas Day and week end at the Maurice Turner home. They will return to Va. Sunday, Dec. 27.

TOM RENNECKE, SON of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Rennecke of Cosmos, arrived home Saturday from Chicago. Tom has been attending the American Institute of Baking in Chicago for several months. He graduated with honors last Friday. Tom has not decided where he will be working.

SWAN COLSON LEFT Sunday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Colson at East Grand Forks, Minn.

MR. AND MRS. VERNE Fredin and Julie and Caryn Higgin of Hutchinson were among relatives and friends attending a pre-Christmas party and dinner at the Glen Totman home at rural Gibbon on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Vern Fredin attended the Sunday school program at the United Methodist Church at Winthrop in the evening.

MR. AND MRS. TOM Smith and Greta of Houghton, Michigan arrived last week at the Matt Matthew home to spend the Christmas holidays.

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE Lietzau entertained for last Monday evening dinner guests in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lietzau and son Jay who just arrived from Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Lietzau and family, New Ulm, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lietzau and Kristy of LeSueur and Rev. and Mrs. Ron Koch and family of Willmar.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD Higgin entertained the office staff for dinner at the Black saucer at Paynesville last Friday evening. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nelson, Lake Lillian, Mr. and Roy Frederiksen and Mrs. Dale Hopp.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID Farmer and daughter of Omaha, Nebr. is spending the holidays at the Coward Farmer and Edward Olson homes and other relatives and friends.

MR. AND MRS. MARVIN Rodvick entertained the Cosmos nursing home staff to a dinner last Tuesday evening at Bud's supper club at Olivia.

COSMOS NEWS BOWLING team exchanged gifts and were luncheon guests at the Richard Higgin home after bowling last Monday evening.

Members of the team are mmes, Donald Gruesendorf, Matt Matthews, Lloyd Mortenson, Don Bluhm, Russell Nordine, Vern Haaggenson and Richard Higgin.

Mrs. Goetzman submitted to surgery, Tuesday

COSMOS--Mrs. Eugene Goetzman submitted to major surgery at the Union Hospital at New Ulm last Tuesday morning. She returned home the first part of the week.

Greta Smith was baptized Sunday, Dec. 20

COSMOS--Greta Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith (Joan Matthews) of Houghton, Michigan, was baptized Sunday at Peace Lutheran church.

Greta was born on Nov. 7, 1970 at Laurium, Michigan. Her sponsors were Mrs. Ernest Johnson and Keith Meland.

A dinner was served to relatives and friends at Bud's supper club in Olivia after the baptism.

It Happened at Thorpe

MR. AND MRS. CARL Remmel attended the funeral for Tillie Randow at the Atwater United Methodist church on Friday afternoon.

MR. AND MRS. MARVIN Jacobson visited Mrs. Ada Jacobson at the Renville Nursing Home Saturday evening. They enjoyed coffee and Christmas goodies together.

TERRY JACOBSON OF Olivia spent Saturday and Sunday with his grandparents, Marvin Jacobsons. Mr. and Mrs. Milo Jacobson were Sunday supper guests at the Jacobson home and Terry returned home with them.

MR. AND MRS. AUGUST Faber, Nick Faber and Ray K. Johnson attended the NFO Convention at Louisville, Kentucky last week. August Faber children stayed with their grandmother, Mrs. Nick Faber.

MR. AND MRS. SEVERIN Olson spent several days last week at the George Fellrath home at Waseca.

MR. AND MRS. CARL Remmel, Robin and Gale, Donna Retzlaff and Doug Mortenson and David Anderson family enjoyed a pre-Christmas dinner at the Gary Peterson home in Minneapolis Sunday. They also celebrated Carl's birthday.

MR. AND MRS. RON Parks and family attended the funeral for Mrs. Hattie Hartung, 76, at the St. Paul's United church at Welcome, Minn. on Sunday afternoon.

MR. AND MRS. CARL Remmel and Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Peterson of rural Atwater enjoyed inner together at the Black Saucer at Paynesville Friday evening.

KEVIN PARKS OF WILLMAR spent the week at the Ron Park home. Kevin is attending Vocational School at Willmar.



Cosmos Senior citizens to have joint party, Dec. 31

COSMOS--The Cosmos Senior Citizens Club will hold a joint Christmas and birthday party Monday night, Dec. 28. They will begin serving supper at 7 p.m.

The club will also have a New Year's Eve party on Thursday night, Dec. 31, beginning at 7:30 p.m.



A wreath of best wishes to all our wonderful friends and patrons -- may your Christmas be merry!

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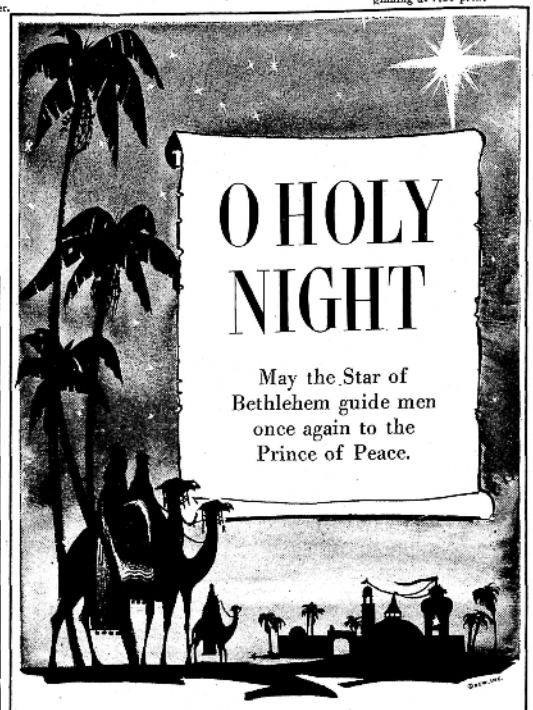

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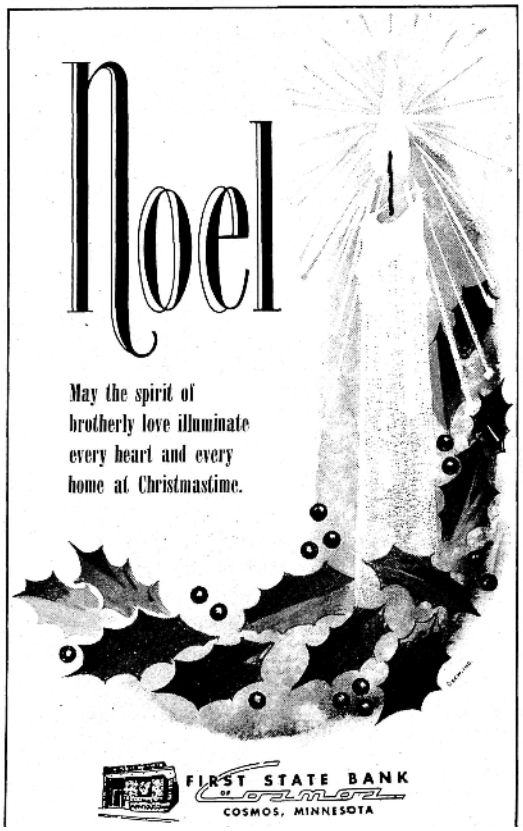

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Cosmos News

MR. AND MRS. HERB Buck visited at the Floyd Torgerson home in Litchfield Saturday afternoon.

MR. AND MRS. MAURICE Turner and Janet visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gillie at Redwood Falls Friday evening.

MR. AND MRS. ALLEN Frederiksen and Don spent Saturday afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Frederiksen at Faribault. Roger submitted to Hernia surgery at Faribault hospital on Friday.

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE Geier attended the Christmas program at Zion Lutheran church in Litchfield on Sunday. Their grandson, Todd, was in the program. Later they were dinner guests at the Larry Ackerman home.

SUNDAY DINNER GUESTS at the Mrs. Hilma Kressin home at rural Cedar Mills in honor of Mrs. Ida Boeder's 94th birthday were Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Boeder, Cosmos, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Twite, Mr. and Mrs. Al Shubert, Mr. and Mrs. Don Krienke and Mrs. Violet Shema, all of Minneapolis, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Boeder of St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boeder of rural Atwater and Rev. and Mrs. W.A. Ave Lamant and family. Afternoon guests were Mrs. Janet Frietag and Bret of Hutchinson and Terry Boeder.

MRS. ROBERT GRUSSENdorf received the sad news of her mother, Mrs. Maurice Mortenson of Litchfield, passing away suddenly at the Litchfield hospital last Thursday evening. Funeral services were held in Litchfield on Monday afternoon.

MR. AND MRS. HERB Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Art Schiro and Mrs. Eldred Anderson were among the Cosmos area residents who attended the funeral for Otto Schlueter at St. John's Lutheran church at Cedar Mills on Saturday afternoon.

A VERY large crowd attended the Sunday school Christmas program at the First Lutheran Church of Cosmos on Sunday evening.

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH Sederstrom of Litchfield visited at the C. J. Larson home Sunday.

MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS Wall and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brown of Buffalo Lake entertained the Hoecke family for Christmas dinner at the Athmann Inn at Bird Island on Saturday evening. Later they gathered at the Wall home for gift exchange and lunch. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hoecke, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hurtig of Minneapolis, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Kramary, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. George Ulrich, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brown, all of Buffalo Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Ruehen Hoecke, Hector, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hoefs, and Mr. and Mrs. George Peterson, rural Cosmos.

MR. AND MRS. ROYAL Bosnick and family of Montevideo were Sunday guests at the William Radtke home.

SATURDAY evening guests at the Merrill Meyer home were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Meyer and Timmy of Shakopee, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Olson and the Delano Lietzau family.

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD Olson were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests at the John Knapp home in Minneapolis.

MR. AND MRS. WALTER Reinke and Mrs. Grace Hahn of Willmar were Monday dinner guests at the Virgil Dobratz home.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM Buck of rural Litchfield and Lillie Elling were Sunday evening guests at the Walter Reinke home.

MR. AND MRS. JUNE Haley, Wanda and Wade were afternoon and supper guests at the Delbert Weiderhoft home.

JOYCE HALEY OF WINdom spent Sunday until Friday afternoon at the June Haley home helping with the children during Mrs. Haley's convalescence.

MR. AND MRS. MAURICE Turner and Janet attended the family show at the Frontier Club at Fridley Sunday afternoon. Cleo B. Pearson, niece of Maurice Turner, well known singer was performing at the Frontier Club on Sunday. They all were later supper guests of Mrs. Mildred Wang in Minneapolis.

MRS. RICHARD HIGGIN and Beth attended the wedding for Sharon Kelly and Michael Palmer at the United Methodist church in Willmar on Saturday afternoon.

MRS. RACHEL DAWSON of Port Huiena, California arrived Nov. 28 to spend several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Dessa Brooks. She will return home before Christmas.

MRS. DONALD SCHIRO and Mrs. Merrill Flemming father, Otto Schlueter, 72, passed way suddenly at his home at rural Hutchinson on Wednesday, Dec. 9. Funeral services were held at St. John's Lutheran church on Saturday, Dec. 12.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD Grussendorf and Mrs. Edith Strong visited Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Edling at St. Cloud on Sunday.

COSMOS SCHOOL STAGE Band members attended the Minnesota Symphony Orchestra concert at the Northrup Auditorium in Minneapolis on Sunday afternoon.

MR. AND MRS. EARL Blackwell and family attended parents day at the open house at vocational school at Willmar on Sunday afternoon. Don Blackwell is training in Auto Mechanics at the school.

MRS. A.B. PETERSON left Monday by plane for San Diego, Calif. to spend Christmas and several weeks with her daughter and family, Mrs. Everett Sidwell.

CHESLEY SNYDER AND three children of Sacred Heart were Sunday evening guests at the Ernest Peterson home after attending the children's Christmas program at the First Lutheran church of Cosmos.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT Weg and family of New Ulm were week end guests of Orville Weg's. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Olson of Kandiyohi Lake were Sunday dinner guests. Afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Rosenau and family of Olivia and Richard Weg family of Willmar.

MR. AND MRS. WALLACE Mortenson and Mary and Mrs. Tom Mortenson of Excelsior, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Flemming and Andrew of Columbia Heights and Charles Lietzau family were Sunday dinner guests at the Jordin-Flemming home to help Albert Jordin Sr. celebrate his 81st birthday. Afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sederstrom of Litchfield.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON and evening guests at the Pat Schiro home to help Randy and Pat celebrate their birthdays were Mr. and Mrs. Art Schiro, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rusch and family rural Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bipes of rural Litchfield, Delton Bipes family of rural Litchfield, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lietzau, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schiro, Myron Anderson of Hector, Maynard Kiecker family, Glenn Horky of Hector and Corrine Kaddatz.

MRS. PAUL VOGT, ERIC and Lisa of Olivia spent Wednesday visiting with Mrs. A.B. Peterson.

Robert Schmidt home from hospital

COSMOS--Robert Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Schmidt, returned home from the Litchfield hospital last Friday after being hospitalized for couple weeks with a broken hip.

Mrs. Ray Davis had surgery

COSMOS--Mrs. Ray Davis submitted to major surgery at the Litchfield hospital on Monday morning.

Mathia Ruschmeyer broke her hip

ATWATER--Mathia Ruschmeyer of rural Atwater, was hospitalized at the Litchfield hospital several days ago with a broken hip. Mathia is a sister of Mrs. Martha Zumberge of Cosmos.

Mrs. Arnold Schiro had surgery

COSMOS--Mrs. Arnold Schiro submitted to gallstone surgery and other surgery at the Litchfield hospital Monday morning.

It's a boy for the Duane Hill family

COSMOS--A baby boy was born to Dr. and Mrs. Duane Hill at the Litchfield hospital on Thursday, Dec. 10. He has a brother, Johnny, at home.

Virgil Dobratz was hospitalized

COSMOS--Virgil Dobratz returned home Monday after being hospitalized at the Willmar hospital a couple days for minor surgery on his face and neck.

Mrs. W. Mortenson goes to hospital

COSMOS--Mrs. Walter Mortenson was admitted to the Litchfield hospital on Sunday, Dec. 13.

Mrs. W. Radtke submitted to surgery

COSMOS--Mrs. Willard Radtke was admitted to the Hutchinson hospital for surgery on Monday.

Henry Bachman is hospitalized in Minneapolis

CORVUSO--Henry Bachman is a patient at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Minneapolis. He is in intensive care, suffering from a coronary heart attack.

His address is: Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Cardiac Care, Floor 4, Minneapolis, Mn.

Cosmos Legion and Auxiliary had Christmas party

COSMOS--About 30 Cosmos Legion and Auxiliary members enjoyed the annual Christmas party at the club rooms on Monday evening, Dec. 14.

Six tables of whist were played during the evening.

High prize for the ladies was awarded to Mrs. Vic Eastman. Mrs. Willard Arndt received the low prize. High men's prize was ar men's prize was awarded to Gordon Johnson and low prize to Richard Mortenson. Door prize, which was a fruit basket, was won by Mrs. Gordon Johnson.

A pot-luck lunch was served.

Rosendale

MR. AND MRS. DONALD Pearson enjoyed a trip to Las Vegas recently. Don was a delegate from the First District Association to a national dairy convention.

Boy born to Charles Knorrs

ROSENDALE--Rev. and Mrs. Charles Knorr (Sharon Jensen) of Mesa, Arizona, are the proud parents of a baby boy born Friday, Nov. 27. His name is Erik Charles. He has two sisters, Bethany and Christina.

The Knorrs moved Nov. 1 from Argyle, Mn., to Mesa, Ariz., where Rev. Knorr is doing special ministry through the St. Peters Lutheran Church.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Jensen of Rosendale.

Mrs. Jensen flew to Mesa and spent a few days visiting the Knorr family.

Hospital Auxiliary will have Christmas party, Dec. 21

COSMOS--The Cosmos Hospital Auxiliary will have their annual Christmas potluck supper at the Edward Olson home next Monday evening, Dec. 21.

Cosmos Comets will sponsor food sale, Dec. 19

COSMOS--The Cosmos Comets will sponsor a bake sale Dec. 19 at 1 p.m. at the legion club rooms.

Every 4-H family is asked to bring two pies and some other baked goods to sell.

Wendy Haagenson
Reporter

It Happened at Thorpe

MR. AND MRS. GLENN Timgren visited at the Lawrence Timgren home at Hanley Falls and Oscar Roland home, Mrs. Andrew Giffen and Mrs. Laura Whitney at Cottonwood on Saturday.

MR. AND MRS. VIRGIL Zins and boys of rural Grove City and Mr. and Mrs. Don Mahlow and Darin visited Saturday night at the Ambrose Bomstad home. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Degner were Sunday guests.

SATURDAY EVENING guests at the Dale Anderson home in honor of Duane's sixth birthday were Paula Nielson, Cora Anderson, Harold Meyer, David Anderson family, Anna Johnson, Becky Balu and Kenneth Anderson family.

MR. AND MRS. HERB Buck, Donald Schiro family and Mr. and Mrs. Art Schiro helped Mrs. Eldred Anderson celebrate a belated birthday on Sunday.

MR. AND MRS. GERHARD Steinke attended the farewell party for Henry Krouse at Hutchinson last Monday.

MR. AND MRS. MARVIN Jacobson and Milo Jacobson and Terry of Olivia visited at the Wayne Jacobson home at Tyler Saturday evening.

MR. AND MRS. GERHARD Steinke attended the Koosman-Borth wedding at New Ulm on Saturday afternoon.

MR. AND MRS. AMBROSE Bomstad visited Allen Koester at Hector on Sunday afternoon.

MR. AND MRS. GERHARD Steinke visited at the Michael Dahlke home at Kandiyohi Sunday evening.

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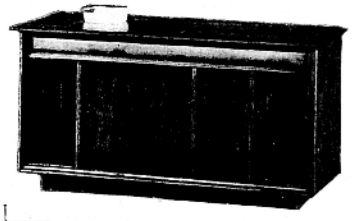

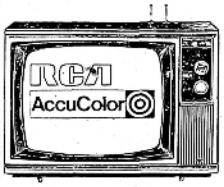

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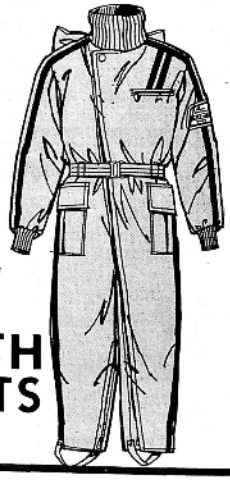

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Let's have patience, please! Why can't we let the Village Council get the wrinkles ironed out of the sewer problem before we start shoving some more issues in their lap (namely, the natural gas issue). It seems to me that our council has about all they can handle for the time being to get replacements for those who resigned and to meet the schedule the state has given them pertaining to the sewer.

If we could only join hands once, Cosmos could go ahead. I see no possible good that can come from printing in the paper that it has been rumored it will cost the village $10,000 to get out of the natural gas predictament. Is this a fact or rumor? Rumors provide luscious gossip around the coffee cup which can do only one thing to our town--and that is to tear it down. Robert T. Smith has picked this item up and spread it across the state in The Minneapolis Tribune this week. I say, enough of this kind of thing! I appeal to every citizen of Cosmos to rise to the challenge of the hour to do and say only that which will be to the betterment of our town. Our name has been placed in the gutter by some. It's up to each one of us to put it where it belongs!

Sincerely,
R.J. Freimark
Cosmos, Minn.

SCHOOL LUNCH

COSMOS

Mon., Dec. 21, Mashed potatoes, fried chicken, cranberries, lime jello, ice cream.

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Here's how the shows are rated

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Congressman JOHN ZWACH'S D.C. DATELINE

CONSIDER the first Christmas. All mankind was in bondage. The despot who ruled the world decided to tax everyone in it. Rather than to send tax collectors on this dangerous mission, he commanded that everyone go to his own city to be taxed.

The world was an unhappy place. Slavery was the rule. Rather than the exception. Cruelty, greed, avarice, were the way of life.

"An eye for an eye" was the universal maxim.

Love, charity, and brotherhood were yet to be exemplified.

Into this disturbed world came the herald of the Angels: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy."

Since that day, Christmas has been a day for happiness, a day to ponder the message of Peace on Earth.

We again live in a troubled world in which insurgency is rampant, where nation vies with nation on the battlefield, in the markets of trade, and for the minds of men.

Here in America, we have just come through a strident election campaign, which tried the patience and good will of many.

Dissent at home and abroad is violent and bloody.

Reason seems to have fled.

Lives are still being needlessly sacrificed on the battlefronts of the world.

Hunger walks the earth.

But as we recall the first Christmas, and the condition of the world at that time, we can feel our spirits lift. From depths far greater than those we know today, we saw, almost two thousand years ago, a transition of mankind, the birth of a new age of love and charity and brotherhood of man.

The conflict in Vietnam is being phased out. Good men are striving to give us a new age of Peace on Earth.

The voices of violence eventually give way to reason, and anarchy to order.

This is our hope.

Let us, then, work and pray and make ready our hearts and minds for a rekindling of the ideals and teachings of the Prince of Peace whose birthday we soon will be celebrating.

USE CHRISTMAS SEALS

Brookfield

MRS. CAROLINE KLECKER of Olivia was a Sunday dinner guest at the Frank Clancy home. Later, Mrs. Klecker and Mrs. Clancy called at the Orville Dahlk home at rural Cosmos and were supper guests at the Dahlks.

MR. AND MRS. CALVIN Johnson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Torbert of Hector and Mrs. Mildred Anderson of Cosmos were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Pearl Johnson in Hector.

MRS. NICK SCHOLLA entertained a group of friends at a party on Tuesday evening.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT Freberg were among the supper guests at the William Kisling home in Hutchinson Tuesday. It was to help Mr. Kisling celebrate his birthday.

MANY AREA PEOPLE attended the beet growers dinner at the Orchid Inn in Sleepy Eye last Thursday.

WSJC OFFERS COURSES IN REAL ESTATE

WILLMAR STATE Junior College will offer a course in General Real Estate Instruction beginning in March, 1971.

It is the first time such a course has been offered in a Minnesota State Jr. College.

The course will be non-credit and will meet for 10 sessions, three hours in length.

It is open to the general public. People who can benefit from the course might be salespeople, realtors, brokers, bankers.

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This requirement may be waived by the Commissioner of Securities upon satisfactory proof of completion of an approved course of study in real estate, consisting of not less than 30 hours of instruction.

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Advisory committee members for the course are: Miles Quale, Willmar; Henry Schmidt, Willmar; Ron Smith, Montevideo; Bob Chevalier, Benson; Roger Heller, Olivia.

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WSJC Christmas concert slated for Mon., Dec. 21

WILLMAR--The Willmar State Junior College choir will present its annual Christmas Concert Dec. 21 at 8 p.m. in the old Junior High Auditorium in Willmar.

The choir is directed by Father William Collins of Willmar.

Featured in addition to the choir will be the Chamber Singers, a mixed group of 21 students who sing specialized music, and a double brass ensemble from the WSJC band.

The band is directed by Richard Flisrand.

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BY ARDELL HIGGIN

HERE ARE a few more variety Christmas recipes if you are still thinking of different goodies to serve to your guests at Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS SALAD
1 pkg. lime jello
1 cup boiling water
1 No. 2 can crushed pineapple
1 cup small curd cottage cheese
1/2 cup finely chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Dissolve jello in boiling water, cool till syrupy. Stir in remaining ingredients. Turn into 9 inch square pan. Chill till firm. Frost top with following frosting: Blend until smooth--
1 - 3 oz. pkg. cream cheese
1 tbsp. mayonnaise
1 tsp. lemon juice.

Cut in squares, also cut squares of Jellied Cranberry sauce and use as a base or cut in fancy shapes and use as decorations.

WALNUT BREAD
1 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup shortening
1 tbsp. molasses
1 cup sour milk
1 tsp. soda
2 cup flour
1/2 cup walnuts

Bake in 350 degree oven 45 minutes. Makes one loaf.

MARSHMELLOW POPCORN BALLS
1 cup popcorn
1 tsp. salt
1/4 cup butter
1/2 lb. marshmellows

Pop corn and sprinkle with salt. Melt butter in skillet. Cut marshmellows in quarters and arrange layers of popcorn and marshmellows in the skillet. Cover and heat slowly until the marshmellows are partially melted. Mix well and form into balls.

ORANGE SLICE CAKE
2 sticks Oleo
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
1/2 cup buttermilk
1 tsp. soda
3 1/2 cups flour
1 lb. candy orange slices
1 cup angel flake coconut
1 lb. dates
1 cup pecans
1 cup walnuts

Cream oleo and sugar, add eggs one at a time and beat well after each addition. Dissolve soda in buttermilk and add to creamed mixture. Mix flour with fruit and nuts.

Stir well to coat fruit. Add to creamed mixture. This makes a stiff dough that should be mixed by hand. Bake at 250 degrees for 2 1/2 to 3 hours.

JULE KAGE CHRISTMAS BREAD
Mix together
1 cup lukewarm water
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt

Crumble into mixture. . .
1 cake compressed yeast

Stir until dissolved. Add--
1 small egg
2 tbsp. soft shortening

Mix in first with spoon, then with hands-- 3 1/4 to 3 1/2 cup sifted flour, 1/4 cup chopped citron and 1/2 cup raisins. Knead and let rise twice. Shape into 1 round loaf and place in a greased 9" round pan. Cover and let rise until double (45 to 60 min.) Bake until brown. 350 degree for 30 to 40 minutes.

This is a recipe of Mrs. A. B. Peterson of Cosmos and it is very delicious.

SWEDISH HARD FLAT BREAD
1 pt. buttermilk
1/2 c. white sugar
1/2 c. butter (melted)
1 tsp. salt
1 scant tsp. soda
1 c. whole wheat flour

Add enough white flour to make a stiff dough.

Mix ingredients and shape dough into 24 balls, dipping them in flour.

Roll out and prick with fork and bake on cookie sheet in hot oven 425 degrees. Very crisp and tender if rolled paper thin.

GEORGIA Bateman gave us this recipe for making your Christmas tree safer from fire: 1 gallon boiling water, 1 bottle corn syrup, 4 teaspons bleach. Add to your tree as needed. Also, soak your wreath materials in this mixture before making the wreaths.

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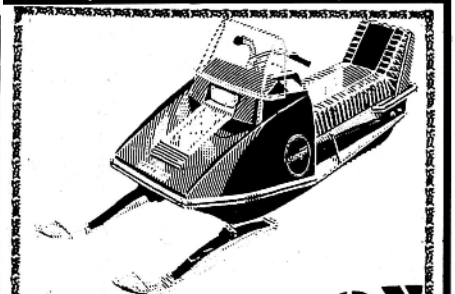

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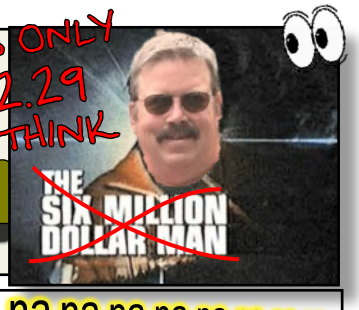

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My Orthopedic Odyssey

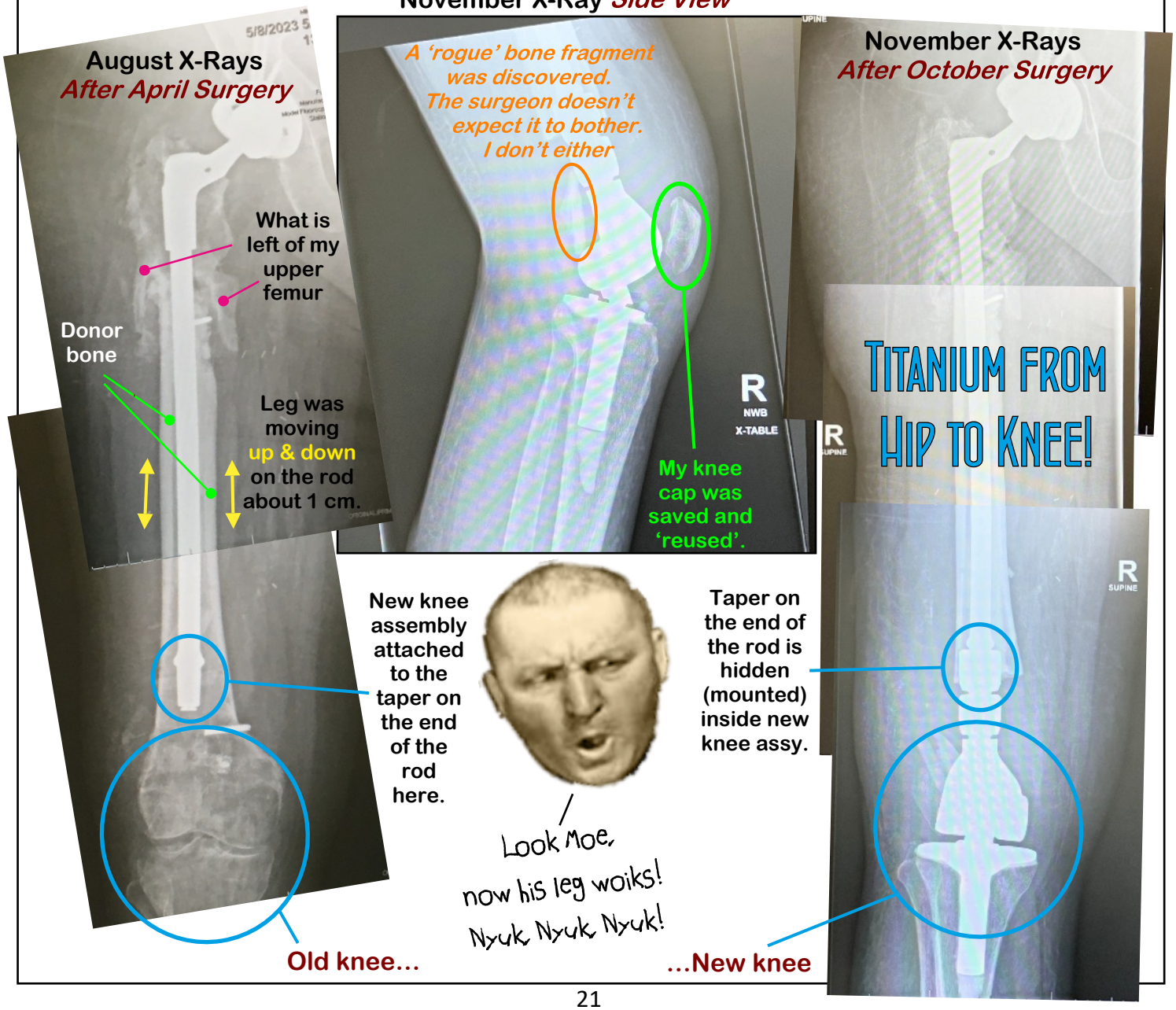
Part 6-The Final Episode Hopefully

I certainly hope this is the 'final episode' of my orthopedic odyssey. The surgery went well and I was back home before I knew I had left. The kitties really didn't miss me much…(sigh) *Hey, they're cats.*

Anyway, as I write this, the knee pain has simmered down considerably. Physical therapy is going well, at the clinic and at home. I am still getting used to putting weight on my right leg and 'walking' even if it is with my trusty 'hi-speed' walker. Hard to do when I haven't done it for two years. It feels great to use the leg though. Hopefully I'll be walking around pretty decent by next spring; Can you say 'fishing'? Say it…***'Fishing!'***…I'm hoping. I've got some new tackle to try out. **;)**

I want to thank everyone for all the cards, well wishes and prayers. Pretty dang cool, me thinks. Can't forget poor wife Deb either. Couldn't do it without her. Now me and God gotta get that Peace Lutheran elevator figured out. *Or maybe I'll just have to try to climb the steps.* **:)**

November X-Ray *Side View*



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We had a few of readers that recognized the young deer hunter from 1967. Here they are…

The Whozit pic is Donald Lietzau, a classmate of mine, class of "73.

Suzette Peterson

Whozit is Donny Lietzau. ***Shirley Reinart***

That's Donny Lietzau. ***Curt Meyer***





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