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Zoom, Zoom - It's Rocket Santa!
He doesn't mess around anymore.
He used to.

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Weather: Good snow for rocket landings. **"All the news you really need. Probably more."** **"Noli credere omnia legis"**

Turkey Bingo Packs 'em in at Shaggy's!

(Turkeys should not be allowed to play bingo. Just sayin'…)



Pics by Sarah Jones - Commentary by Joyce Karrigan

The Community in Action Group of Peace Lutheran Church in Cosmos held their annual Turkey Bingo on Friday, November 22nd. We sold 158 cards and had an overwhelming turnout. Our grateful thanks to all who came to play bingo and support us and to Shaggy's Bonfire venue and staff for hosting and serving our event. We will be donating our proceeds to the elevator fund.









The Cosmos Lions

"We Serve"

SANTA CLAUS

IS COMING TO TOWN!

Via "The Holiday Express"

Thursday December 12th 6:00 PM

At Peace Lutheran Church

Kids Activities
Provided by
The Cosmos Comets
4H Club

Serving
Hotdogs, Beans & Chips
Starting at 5:30
-Free Will Offering-

-Kids-
Sign up for prize drawings!



Sponsored by ***The Cosmos Community Club***

Mick Celebrates 90 Years!

Cosmos alum Mick Reinke celebrated his 90th Birthday with his family on Saturday, Oct. 26. *(His birth date is Oct. 27.)* Daughter Lisa was nice enough to send the Gazette some pics from that day. Thank you Lisa and we want to wish Mick many more happy birthdays!

Mick's Birthday in a Galactic Gazette perspective:

- 1 orbit around the Sun = 584,088,920 miles in a year.
- Earth's speed orbiting around the sun = 67,108 mph.
- 90 years = 90 Earth orbits around the sun.

So, in Mick's 90 years, he's traveled over 52 trillion miles! *(52,568,002,800 to be exact.)* I must say, I hope I look that good after that many miles while moving that fast!



R-L; Birthday boy **Mick** and brothers **Mark & Gordy.**



Mick and wife **Roberta** ***(Bertsie)*** contemplate cutting the cake.



Children and spouses stand behind **Mick** and **Roberta** for a family photo.
(I hope I get the right names pinned on the right people; Editor.)
R-L; **Kent & Lisa Gustafson**, **Todd and Susan Reinke**, **Leslie and Jeff Blom**, **Lori & Tom Brethorst** and **Lynn Reinke**. **Mick and Roberta** are sitting front and center, of course.



Mick and **Roberta** take a break from all of the partying to open some birthday cards, as son **Todd** looks on.

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2024

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order
by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:30 pm on Thursday, November 14, 2024.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Mark Minnick and Jody Fruetel.
COUNCIL ABSENT: Council Member Angelica Hopp
ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator John Douville, Public Works Supervisor Nikki Brazzi and City Clerk Brigitte Douglas

Adopt Agenda – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Minnick, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.
1) October 10, 2024 City Council Minutes.

November 14, 2024 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Fruetel, to approve the November 14, 2024 bills list, with check numbers 117098-117194, in the amount of $94,194.95. Motion carried.

Recess Council Meeting and open Public Hearing – A motion was made by Van Hatten and seconded by Fruetel to recess the council meeting at 5:45 pm and open the Public Hearing Ordinance 2024_1, Cannabis Sales and Distribution Hearing. Motion carried.
A zoning ordinance prior to licenses being issued would be beneficial for the city, with Agriculture 1, Manufacturing and Business D istrict as potential sites. The Cannabis licensing can be deferred to the county, with the county issuing licenses, doing background checks and anything else required.
Close Public Hearing and reconvene Council Meeting – A motion was made by Van Hatten and seconded by Minnick to close the Public Hearing and resume the Council Meeting at 6:15 pm. Motion carried.

Resolution 24_09 2024, Ordinance Cannabis Sales and Distribution – A motion to table Resolution 24_09 2024, Ordinance Cannabis Sales and Distribution by Van Hatten and seconded by Minnick. Motion carried

USDA Rural Development – Letter of Conditions – Mary Zahnow was present to explain the USDA Rural Development Letter of Conditions.

Res 24_010, 2024 Resolution 24_10 Accepting Letter of Conditions – A motion to approve Resolution 24_10, accepting Letter of Conditions was made by Fruetel, seconded by Minnick. Motion carried.

Meeker County Sheriff's Contract 2025-2026 – A motion was made to approve the Meeker County Sheriff's Contract 2025-2026 by Minnick and seconded by Van Hatten. Motion carried.

Canvas 2024 City Election Results – A motion to accept the Canvas 2024 City Election Results was made by Van Hatten and seconded by Minnick. Motion carried.

Department Heads – Emily Van Hatten inquired about getting the city banners changed back from Space Fest. The project requires 2 staff members, so arrangements will be made.

Other Business –
Engineer Josh Halvorson was present to give an update on the Phase II project. Bidding on the construction work is expected to start in June 2025. Assessment hearings for Phase II are expected to start in January 2026.

The Brush site discussion is discontinued. Currently there is no need to restrict and monitor access to the brush site.

Water Superintendent Dave Woelfel and Maintenance Supervisor Nikki Brazzi are asking the citizens to give feedback on the water clarity at their residence. Calls can be made to City Hall 320-877-7345 or Maintenance 320-221-4943. Hydrants have been flushed and chemicals adjusted to help with the issue.

Letters, by the Minnesota Department of Health, have been sent to all residents with unknown water service lines. We ask each recipient of such letters to contact city hall with your name, address and phone number. A city staff member will then contact you for an appointment to check your water service lines.

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, December 12, 2024. 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 Fruetel, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:12 pm. Motion carried.

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Brigitte Douglas, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Come worship with us in December!!!

Wednesday Services at 6 pm
(December 4th, 11th & 18th)

Sunday Worship at 9:30 am

Christmas Eve Service | 6 pm

Christmas Day Service | 9:30 am

All are welcome!!!

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City of Cosmos
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-Items for Sale-

The City of Cosmos will be taking bids for the sale of:

- **Briggs & Stratton 5 HP Outboard Motor**
- **2001 Ford F-150, 65,129 miles**
- **Chain Link Fence**

The city will be receiving sealed bids until noon Thursday, December 12th. You may contact Nikki Brazzi, Cosmos Public Works at 320-221-4943 to make arrangements to view the items. A 10% deposit will be needed to secure the winning bid.

PLAYING FOR NICKLE$







By Mark Minnick

I stopped by the City Center one Monday to check out the local folks playing card/dice games. Looked like a pretty motley crew, didn't know if I want to get involved. I'm just a lowly newsletter editor that could be taken advantage of monetarily. Besides, my nickels are safe & warm at the present time.

But if you have more courage than me, give it a shot. They are more than welcoming to people that would like to come and play. Just remember to bring plenty of nickels that you aren't really attached to. They're sharks…

First State Agency

Have a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year!

Rick & Jake

320-664-4444







Thoughts & Observations

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

Busy time of the year, isn't it? As I write this, I am looking forward to Thanksgiving and getting together with all the relatives. And the food, of course. Then it's on to the Christmas season, busier still. Yes, busy but fun if you let it be fun.

There are three holiday events for the community in December. They all look like fun, so get outta that recliner and go soak up some holiday entertainment!

On December 12th, Santa will be coming to town at Peace Lutheran Church, 6:00 PM. You can tell Santa if you've been naughty or nice and what you want for Christmas this year. One of his elves is going to be there too so you can ask how things are going in Santa's workshop.
Sponsored by the Cosmos Community Club. See ad, pg. 3

On December 14th, there is going to be a **Community Potluck Christmas Party** at the Cosmos City Center, starting at 5:00 PM. The party is for everyone, young and old. Food, music and fun. Don't get much better than that. Local Chicken and Neptune Ned are supposed to be there as long as Ned's rocket doesn't break down. *Sigh.*
Sponsored by The Galactic Gazette. See ad, pg. 22



On December 31st, there's a **New Year's Eve Party** at the Cosmos City Center, starting a 1:00 PM. Its potluck, games and fun. Hard to beat I say.
Hosted by the Cosmos Senior Citizen Club.
See ad, pg. 7

Merry Christmas Everyone!

I've never endorsed products in the Gazette before, other than music. *Well, maybe a Hamm's or two.* Anyway, here are three recent finds that I think are worth sharing with the readers this month.

MyPillow



I've watched the Minnesota based company owner, **Mike Lindell,** hawk them for years. With a recent big sale he was promoting, I finally decided to try a few. By gosh, he was right; These are the most comfortable pillows I've ever used. For the price, I think they are a great deal and they are very comfy to boot. You can find them at mypillow.com..

Dei Fratelli Tomato Juice



I've been a fan of tomato juice for many years. A small glass with breakfast, tomato juice & beer, i.e. a "Bloody Beer" or to add to soup or chili.

I started using Dei Fratelli exclusively about 8 years ago and have never looked back. It's thick and tasty while not being made from concentrate. I also mix up my own 'Snappy Tom' or Bloody Mary mix clone to zip the stuff up. I love it! If anyone wants the recipe, let me know.

A little while ago, I tried one of the other brands that I used to purchase. I couldn't believe the difference. Watery and lacking in taste. It separates out (water on top) when you leave it sit in a pitcher.

So, if you are a tomato juice fan, you might want to try this stuff. It's about a buck higher, but well worth it. I get it at Cashwise Willmar.

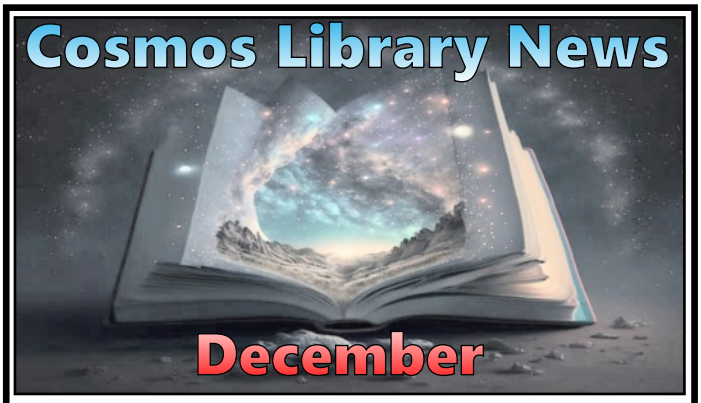
Timbuck2 Hot Sauces

It's neat to have someone in Cosmos that produces a product right out of their garden and home. In this case it's local **Tim Olson**. He makes various flavors of hot sauce under his Timbuck2 label.

I sampled a bunch of variations during the craft show at the city center. Man, they were so good, I bought a bunch for myself and for gifts to friends that like a little heat in life.

Tim doesn't have a website or facebook page. Most reading this know him, but if you don't, I'll put you in touch.


Tim and his Hot Sauces.



By Beth Cronk
Meeker County Librarian

Tis the season for gingerbread houses! Cosmos Library is holding its annual gingerbread house decorating event on Saturday, December 7, at 10:30 a.m. in the community room. People of all ages are welcome to build and decorate a graham cracker "gingerbread house" and take it home for the holidays. This event is free to attend, and all supplies are provided. Please sign up in advance if you can, so that we can estimate the supplies needed; stop at the library or call 320-440-1012 to register. Children younger than age 8 should be accompanied by an adult or teen caregiver.

The Cosmos Library offers a take-home craft for kids every month, and that will happen this month on December 10 with a Christmas stocking craft. This month we'll also offer a take-home craft for adults. Beginning Tuesday, December 3, a kit for making a layered snowflake craft will be available. Craft kits are free and available while supplies last; one per person who will be making the craft, please.

Pokemon trading card game times continue on Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. all month, including on December 26. This program is for kids ages 7 and up. Cards are provided, or kids can bring their own. Free and no need to sign up.

Bring the kids to build with LEGOs at the Cosmos Creation Club on Monday, December 16, 2:00-3:00 p.m. For ages 5-18. Children ages 5-7 must be accompanied by a teen or adult caregiver. There's no need to sign up, and everything is provided. The library got a few new Harry Potter LEGOs recently.

The library may offer a program for kids during Christmas break, so check the website and Facebook page for any future announcements about events.

Cosmos Library will be closed on Tuesday, December 24, for Christmas Eve Day. Other Cosmos Library hours around Christmas and New Year's Day will be normal since the library is always closed on Wednesdays.

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



TIDBITS



Are you glad the political ads have come to an end? My favorite TV remote button during a political ad is mute. Why is it necessary to bash the opponent? Why not just tell us what you plan to do?

I appreciate the Facebook App to follow family and friends. I do not appreciate Facebook when it is used as a political platform, but that is me. I know others appreciate the platform to express their political views to their Facebook audience. Free speech, right?

Unfortunately, we live in a media world where being disrespectful and condescending has permeated most communication platforms. The common skill of listening and showing respect is declining. The goal should be to understand why people feel the way they do.

Patty and I will be married 45 years on 11/24. We do not always respond the same way to day-to-day events in our lives. Never have and never will. We all see the world through the lens of our life experiences and that is different for everyone.

A book by Florence Littauer called Personality Plus has been immensely helpful in our relationship. The book is still available in print for about $10. It is the best book I have read in "learning" about the four personality traits. She does an excellent job explaining Aristotle's four personality temperaments: Sanguine, Choleric, Melancholic and Phlegmatic, in a humorous effective writing style.

If you have not read it, I highly recommend it. I guarantee laughs and even some tears with the book's revelations. Maybe a good book club read.

As we move forward into the next four years, if your candidates did or did not win, life will continue. We still will be going to work, and attending family and social functions with people who may not view a topic the same as us. Will we try to do it better?

Have a great December and Christmas season.

Vintage Chuckles



"You don't have to call me 'sir'...
King of All Jews is enough."

Referring to Clint Eastwood, "Clint's idea of a good time is sitting on a pickup truck watching his dog bark."

To Johnny Carson, "That is a good jacket... come in with cotton candy tomorrow night, and you can work the carnival."

"Mr. Warmth"- Don Rickles



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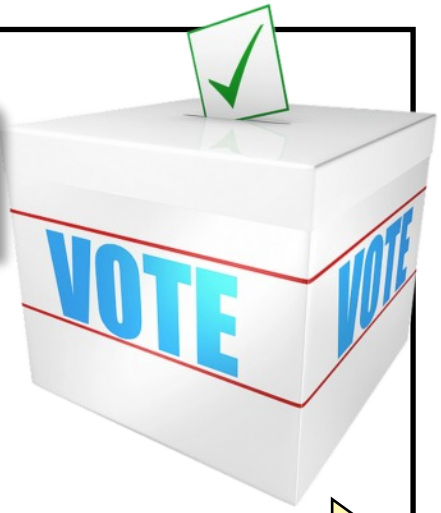
Election 2024



Relevant federal, state and local results for;
State of Minnesota, Meeker County & City of Cosmos
***Courtesy of the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State**

Next two pages.

TIME WARP Whozit?

These **"Faces of the Future"** appeared in a **December** 1964 issue of the Cosmos News. Cute little buggers, waiting patiently for Santa Claus, no doubt.
Can you identify any one of them?
Whoz Them?







WILLARD REINKE

M. P. Willard Reinke of Arlington, Va., is spending a 20-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reinke.





Whozit?

Zero Winner Winner Chicken Dinner!

The Gazette proofreader Samantha, forgot to get the October Whozit! results into the November Gazette. I'll have to dock her allotment of treats. But I was surprised that no one identified handsome **Bill Reinke** in his MP uniform. We also didn't receive any ID's on the 1979 Volleyball team in the November Gazette. Oh well, we save on our inventory of KewPies. :)



THE COSMOS ROYALS VOLLEYBALL TEAM: [front row left to right] Heidi Nelson, Mary Lou Martin, Kay Benson, Marcy Krosch, Shelly Reinke, Lori von Loh; [Back row] Manager Paula Garberich, Assistant Coach Roxanne Marting, Becky Retzlaff, Vickie Heyer, Cleone Pearson, Lisa Tharp, Lori Reinke, Jan Nelson and Coach Dan Von Overbeke.

Statewide Results for U.S. President & Vice President

U.S. President & Vice President

Party	Candidate	Totals	Percent	Graph
Republican	Donald J. Trump and JD Vance	1,518,389	46.64%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Kamala D. Harris and Tim Walz	1,656,401	50.88%	
Libertarian Party	Chase Oliver and Mike ter Maat	15,618	0.48%	
We The People	Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Nicole Shanahan	24,428	0.75%	
Green Party	Jill Stein and Samson Kpadenou	16,662	0.51%	
Socialism and Liberation	Claudia De la Cruz and Karina Garcia	3,357	0.10%	
Socialist Workers Party	Rachele Fruit and Dennis Richter	780	0.02%	
Justice For All	Cornel West and Melina Abdullah	3,420	0.11%	
Independent	Shiva Ayyadurai and Crystal Ellis	3,132	0.10%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	13,182	0.40%	

Statewide Results for U.S. Senator

U.S. Senator

Party	Candidate	Totals	Percent	Graph
Libertarian Party	Rebecca Whiting	55,434	1.74%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Amy Klobuchar	1,791,607	56.20%	
Independence-Alliance	Joyce Lynne Lacey	46,623	1.46%	
Republican	Royce White	1,290,809	40.49%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	3,652	0.11%	

State & Federal Results in Meeker County

U.S. President & Vice President — 4103 precincts in contest. 30 of 30 precincts reported in County

Party	Candidate	Totals	Percent	Graph
Republican	Donald J. Trump and JD Vance	9,644	70.43%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Kamala D. Harris and Tim Walz	3,802	27.77%	
Libertarian Party	Chase Oliver and Mike ter Maat	49	0.36%	
We The People	Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Nicole Shanahan	113	0.83%	
Green Party	Jill Stein and Samson Kpadenou	23	0.17%	
Socialism and Liberation	Claudia De la Cruz and Karina Garcia	5	0.04%	
Socialist Workers Party	Rachele Fruit and Dennis Richter	2	0.01%	
Justice For All	Cornel West and Melina Abdullah	0	0.00%	
Independent	Shiva Ayyadurai and Crystal Ellis	8	0.06%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	47	0.34%	

U.S. Senator — 4103 precincts in contest. 30 of 30 precincts reported in County

Party	Candidate	Totals	Percent	Graph
Libertarian Party	Rebecca Whiting	233	1.72%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Amy Klobuchar	4,791	35.45%	
Independence-Alliance	Joyce Lynne Lacey	179	1.32%	
Republican	Royce White	8,305	61.45%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	6	0.04%	

U.S. Representative District 7 — 1329 precincts in contest. 30 of 30 precincts reported in County

Party	Candidate	Totals	Percent	Graph
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	AJ (John) Peters	3,459	25.93%	
Republican	Michelle Fischbach	9,871	73.99%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	11	0.08%	

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

Party	Candidate	Totals	Percent	Graph
Republican	Scott Van Binsbergen	5,765	71.07%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Kathy Hegstad	2,332	28.75%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	15	0.18%	

COSMOS

U.S. President & Vice President — 4103 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reporte

Party	Candidate	Totals	Percent	Graph
Republican	Donald J. Trump and JD Vance	153	69.55%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Kamala D. Harris and Tim Walz	64	29.09%	
Libertarian Party	Chase Oliver and Mike ter Maat	0	0.00%	
We The People	Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Nicole Shanahan	3	1.36%	
Green Party	Jill Stein and Samson Kpadenou	0	0.00%	
Socialism and Liberation	Claudia De la Cruz and Karina Garcia	0	0.00%	
Socialist Workers Party	Rachele Fruit and Dennis Richter	0	0.00%	
Justice For All	Cornel West and Melina Abdullah	0	0.00%	
Independent	Shiva Ayyadurai and Crystal Ellis	0	0.00%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	

U.S. Senator — 4103 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reporte

Party	Candidate	Totals	Percent	Graph
Libertarian Party	Rebecca Whiting	1	0.46%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Amy Klobuchar	76	35.02%	
Independence-Alliance	Joyce Lynne Lacey	3	1.38%	
Republican	Royce White	137	63.13%	
Write-In	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	

U.S. Representative District 7 — 1329 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reporte

Party	Candidate	Totals	Percent	Graph
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	AJ (John) Peters	58	27.23%	
Republican	Michelle Fischbach	155	72.77%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	

State Representative District 16A — 86 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reporte

Party	Candidate	Totals	Percent	Graph
Republican	Scott Van Binsbergen	154	72.64%	
Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Kathy Hegstad	58	27.36%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	0	0.00%	

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

Party	Candidate	Totals	Percent	Graph
Nonpartisan	Dale Martin	126	59.43%	
Nonpartisan	Mark Minnick	85	40.09%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	1	0.47%	

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

Party	Candidate	Totals	Percent	Graph
Nonpartisan	Jody Lynn Fruetel	83	21.12%	
Nonpartisan	Jeremy Anderson	169	43.00%	
Nonpartisan	Daniel Cairl	139	35.37%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	2	0.51%	

School Board Member (ISD #2396) (Elect 3) — 22 precincts in contest. 1 of 1 precincts reporte

Party	Candidate	Totals	Percent	Graph
Nonpartisan	David Blom	135	30.75%	
Nonpartisan	Ryan Buer	119	27.11%	
Nonpartisan	Jeanna Lilleberg	102	23.23%	
Nonpartisan	William (Jeff) Niedenthal	81	18.45%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	2	0.46%	

Local Results in Meeker County

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

Party	Candidate	Totals	Percent	Graph
Nonpartisan	Dale E. Von Loh	102	99.03%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	1	0.97%	

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

Party	Candidate	Totals	Percent	Graph
Nonpartisan	Gerald Fank	103	98.10%	
WRITE-IN	WRITE-IN	2	1.90%	



By Janice Blum

EVEN CAULKING

For an even caulking around bathtubs, showers, sinks, windows, doors,etc., use masking or painters tape to outline the area to be caulked. Approx. 1/4" to 3/8" from the inside corner. Apply caulking around the entire area. With a wet finger or the round end of a teaspoon, smooth the caulking. It will overflow onto the tape. You will have an even, smooth caulk line.

EGG SUBSTITUTE

If you find you are short one egg for your baking or cake batter, add two tablespoons of mayonnaise. It will substitute for the egg.

USE A PECAN *to hide scratches*

To hide minor scratches on furniture, take the meat of a pecan and rub it down into the scratch. The oil will restain the wood so that you can hardly notice the scratch.

PIZZA DOUGH

Pizza dough will spread easily and quicker on pans that have been chilled in your freezer or refrigerator first.

It's That Time of Year



By Mark Minnick

Love it or hate it, it's coming; Snow, that is. You've got to move it off of your sidewalk and driveway, plus you've got to clean off the car if it's parked outside. Kind of a bummer, but hey, this is Minnesota. It's supposed to snow.

So, here's a simple list of rules regarding winter snow removal and parking. They all derive from City of Cosmos ordinances.

- **From November 1 thru April 1, no parking is allowed on city streets from 2 - 6 AM.**
- **When there is enough snow to plow, no parking is allowed on any city street until the street is plowed from curb to curb.**
- **If your vehicle is in the way or parked illegally, the city can have said vehicle towed and impounded at the owners expense.**

The easiest way to avoid any problems is don't park on the street during the winter, especially if snow is coming. It just makes good sense.



Vintage Chuckles

"What a kid I got, I told him about the birds and the bees and he told me about the butcher and my wife."

"I remember the time I was kidnapped and they sent a piece of my finger to my father. He said he wanted more proof."

"I told my psychiatrist that everyone hates me. He said I was being ridiculous - everyone hasn't met me yet."

"I went to a fight the other night, and a hockey game broke out."

Mister "I don't get no respect"
Rodney Dangerfield

Where's the Gazette?



Looks like the "Trophy Girls are standing in Victory Lane. "L-R; Sue Frikken, Deb Minnick, Gayle Payne, Kathy Svingen & Diana Olson.



West Central Minnesoda, then.



Daytona Beach

Pics and commentary by Deb Minnick

Last winter 4 of my Benson girlfriends and I decided to travel during deer hunting this year. Some of the husbands would be deer hunting and never miss us, Ha.

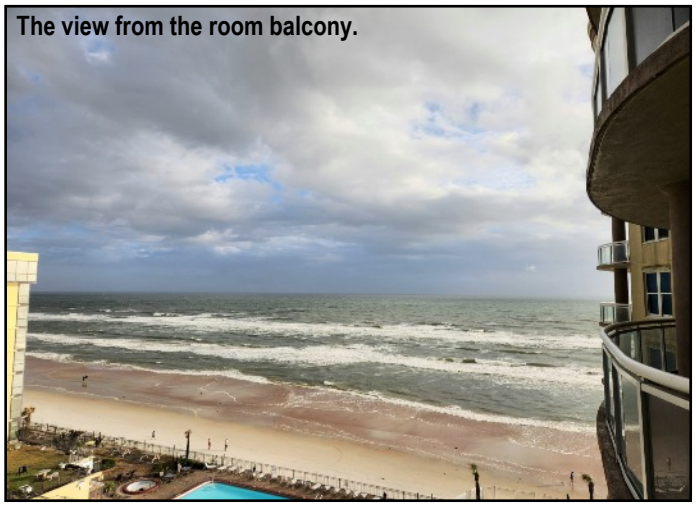
We decided to see the Gulf of Mexico and spend an entire week there. Hurricane Helene hit and that changed our game plan. We had already booked flights to Tampa and still wanted to be by an ocean.

Thus, the search began for a place on the Atlantic side of Florida. Our search landed us at Daytona Beach. Then, Hurricane Milton hit Daytona Beach prior to our arrival. We felt horrible for the people and their losses from these hurricanes. But we were also beginning to wonder if this trip was going to happen.

We did make the trip and drove from Tampa to Daytona Beach. As we drove, we saw destruction from both hurricanes and how much damage was done. Many downed trees, roofs torn off buildings and damaged signs along the roadways. Once at our destination, we spent the week doing some sightseeing, shopping, of course relaxing.

The view and sounds of the ocean were amazing. The Daytona speedway tour is a must do if you are in the area. A 1 hour narrated tour takes you out on the race track and around the whole speedway.

We also chose to travel to St. Augustine, Florida. It is the oldest city in the United States, even older than Jamestown. There is a trolley available to tour the entire historical area which is a great deal if you can only spend 1 day in the city. My Benson girlfriends and I had a wonderful time simply enjoying our time together.



The view from the room balcony.



Slowing down a bit after visiting the high-speed raceway.

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Science, Tech & Just Plain Cool Stuff



Image by Roy Snyder



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This NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope image features **NGC 1672**, a barred spiral galaxy located 49 million light-years from Earth in the constellation **Dorado**. This galaxy is a multi-talented light show, showing off an impressive array of different celestial lights. Like any spiral galaxy, shining stars fill its disk, giving the galaxy a beautiful glow.

Along its two large arms, bubbles of hydrogen gas shine in a striking red light fueled by radiation from infant stars shrouded within. Near the galaxy's center are some particularly spectacular stars embedded within a ring of hot gas. These newly formed and extremely hot stars emit powerful X-rays.

Closer in, at the galaxy's very center, sits an even brighter source of X-rays, an active galactic nucleus. This X-ray powerhouse makes NGC 1672 a **Seyfert galaxy**. It forms as a result of heated matter swirling in the accretion disk around NGC 1672's supermassive black hole.

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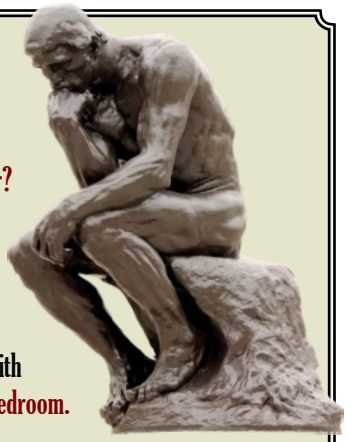

If you're waiting for the waiter,
aren't you the waiter?

How and where do you throw away
a garbage can?

If you buy a bigger bed, you're left with
more bed room but less bedroom.

Why aren't iPhone chargers just called "Apple Juice"?

If you work as security at a Samsung store,
does that make you a Guardian of the Galaxy?

When you feel bugs on you even though there are no bugs on you,
are they just the ghosts of the bugs you've killed?

When you clean a vacuum cleaner, aren't you the vacuum cleaner?

Nothing is ever really on fire, but rather fire is on things.





"Woids of Wisdom"

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from Horses Collars - 1935

Moe, Larry, the cheese! Moe, Larry, the cheese!!!
(Curly)

"Ooohh, a woman! Woo-woo-woo-woo-woo-woo!!!"
(Curly)

"What about the money?" "G'wan, that's a tin roof."
"What'aya mean?" "A tin roof... it's on the house."
(Nelson McDowell, Larry & Curly)

"Every time he sees a mouse he goes crazy." "Why?"
"'Cause his father was a rat."
(Larry, Fred Kelsey & Moe)

"If you wuz alone I'd punch ya right in the nose!"
"So why don'tcha do it?" "Well... I'm with you."
(Curly & Moe)

"Boy, you got brains." "Thank you, thank you."
"Don't let 'em go to your head."
(Moe, Curly & Larry)



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39 persons won prizes in Yule drawing

COSMOS—Thirty-nine lucky persons were winners in the first merchants' Christmas drawing of the season, here, last Saturday.

A large crowd gathered at the creamery lawn at 2 p.m. for the drawing of the names for the various merchandise prizes awarded by local businessmen.

Winners were:

Harvey Zummach, electric can opener from First State Bank; Earl Blackwell, free oil change from Minnick's 66; Dorothy Kaddatz, three gallons Meadow Gold ice cream from Vic's Bowling; Bud Anderson, 10 gallons of regular gas from Home Oil Co.; Orville Wog, turkey from Home Oil Co.; Hershel Swigart, one gallon of anti-freeze from Jim's Motor Shop.

Melford Houck, Jr., case of soft drink from Daylite Tavern; David Anderson, aluminum scoop shovel from Arnold Implement; Lyle Thomas, stereo Christmas album from Turner's TV; Mrs. Charles Sharpe, table lamp from Gamble Store; Oliver Larson, five gallons of Farm-Oyl from Hackbarth Implements; Herman Buck, dandruff remover, hair tonic and shampoo from Paul's Barber Shop.

Fred Keehn, fruit cake from Steve & Dee's Tavern; Julie Fredin, dinner for two at the Diner Cafe Dorothy Mortenson, set of two lamps from Hesser Hardware Leola

WINNERS
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WINTER WONDERLAND was revealed in this area, last Friday, as frost on the trees brought out a really beautiful scene, which lasted just a few hours, when the sun broke through the fog. Pictured above are the trees around the Warnie Lietzau home, left, Arnold Lang and Mrs. Ferdinand Schiro homes at the right.—Staff photo.

Santa Claus to be here Saturday

COSMOS—Next Saturday, Dec. 19, will be a big day for the young folks of Cosmos.

Not only will they be treated to a free movie, but they will meet their great hero, Santa Claus, in person.

The day will be part of the Cosmos Commercial Club's Christmas events. A sign of appreciation of the folks of this territory for the trade they have given local merchants during the past year.

The fun will begin at 2 p.m. when a free movie will be shown to the small fry at the Hub Theatre. This show is sponsored by the First State Bank of Cosmos.

Showing will be Audie Murphy starring in "Walk the Proud Land."

Santa Claus has promised the young folks that he will be in town immediately after the show, to meet with his young friends and give each of them a bag of candy and nuts. He will be in front of the Hub Theatre when the show lets out.

About 40 prizes in drawing here, next Saturday

COSMOS—Another drawing for prizes in the 1964 Christmas season will take place this Saturday, Dec. 19, in Cosmos.

At 2 p.m., about 40 prizes will be given away to patrons of local business places at a drawing to be held on the lawn of the creamery.

Each of the places of business giving prizes in the contest has registration slips and boxes in which to deposit them at their stores. Patrons must register in the store which is offering that particular prize, and he must be present at the drawing in order to win.

No more than three slips will be drawn for each of the prizes. If none of these people drawn is present, the prize certificate will then be mailed to the first person drawn.

Prizes for Saturday's drawing include:

Sunbeam electric fry pan, Hesser Hardware; dinner for two, The Diner Cafe; $3 cash, Steve & Dee's Tavern; dandruff remover hair tonic and shampoo, Paul's Barber Shop; five gallons Farm-Oyl, Hackbarth Implements; four TV

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TICKET for the first prize winner in last Saturday's drawing was just being drawn out of the box when this picture was taken. Holding the box at the left is Richard Higgin, while Eilert Flemming, with his back to the camera, is announcing the winners to the crowd that collected on the creamery lawn.—Cosmos News staff photo.

Ervin Heller hurt in crash

COSMOS—Ervin Heller, 56, of Cosmos, was injured in a traffic accident three miles northeast of Cosmos at 9 p.m. Saturday when the car in which he was a passenger went out of control and hit the snow bank, causing him to hit the windshield.

He was treated at the Meeker County Hospital at Litchfield for numerous lacerations of the face and released.

The driver of the car was Leonard Farenbaugh of Bird Island.

The accident was investigated by Sheriff Eldon Hardy of Litchfield.

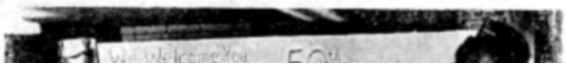
Commercial Club to elect new officers

COSMOS—New officers for 1965 will be elected, Thursday, at the December meeting of the Cosmos Commercial Club.

The club will meet at 12 o'clock noon for a luncheon meeting at Vic's Bowling & Cafe, Thursday, Dec. 17.



COFFEE and anniversary cake was served to visitors at Larson & Peterson's 50th anniversary celebration, last Saturday. In the picture above, Judy Olson serves a cup of coffee to Pam Esping.—Cosmos News staff photo.





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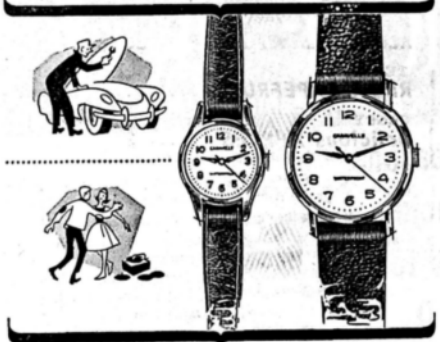

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