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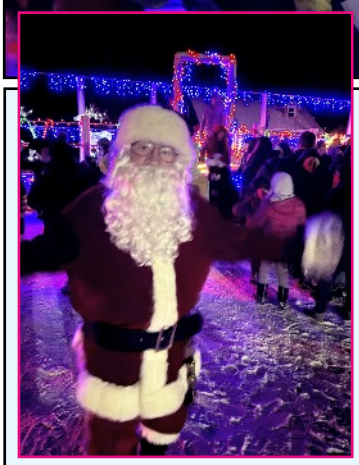
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We're zooming into 2026...
So stand back Buckaroos!

Weather: Well, there's still football... **"All the news you really need. Probably more."** **"Noli credere omnia legis"**

Cosmos Welcomes Santa & His Semi





Pics by Curt Meyer, commentary by Mark Minnick

The local Christmas faithful gathered at Peace Lutheran Church in Cosmos, on the evening of December 11th. Why, you may ask? Well of course Santa, his helpers and his Christmas Semi stopped by to mingle with the local kids, young and old. *(More pics on the next page.)*

Quite the crowd was on hand to enjoy some holiday music, seasonal treats and of course, tell the jolly old man what they wanted for Christmas. It seems that Santa and his helpers didn't disappoint, as there were grins and smiles everywhere. I heard it through the grapevine that everyone wants Santa back next year, for sure. I wonder what the reindeer do with all of their time off? *Asking for a friend...*

More Santa Stuff-In Where It's Warm



The basement of Peace Lutheran Church was full of Santa's fans.





Kash Degner, left & **Rhett Haman**, right, getting in the Christmas spirit.





Lotsa fun was had by all that evening, inside and out.

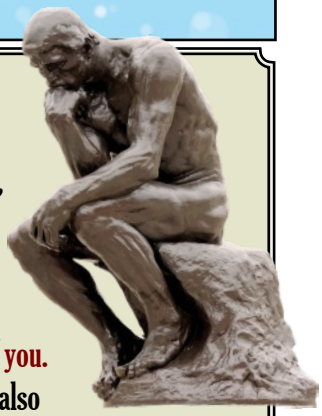
It's Snowman Season



Pic and commentary by Mark Minnick

I like independent artists like **Kennedy Thole**, a 2nd grader from Sartell, MN. She is the grand daughter of **Judy & Randy Schiro**, Cosmos. Kennedy thought grandma Judy should have a snowman to display in the post office window. The girl was right me thinks, grandma needs that snowman, I know I sure like it. Thanks Kennedy!

-Ponderings-



*If one teacher can't teach all subjects, why is one child expected to study all subjects?

*The youngest picture of you is also the oldest picture of you.

*If we have watermelon, shouldn't we also have firemelon, earthmelon, and airmelon? The elemelons!

*Why do we drive in parkways but park in driveways?

*If it rains on a Sunday, does that mean it's now Rainday?

*A burp is nothing more than flatulence from your stomach.

*Clapping is just hitting yourself repeatedly because you like something.

*Your morning alarm sound is technically your theme song, since it plays at the start of every episode.

-WARNING-

***To folks that can't stand the sight or smell of fried liver & onions:**

- Do not read the article below.
- Do not look at the image below.
- Do not think about liver & onions.

*If you accidentally see the image below or read a few words, you may gag or become nauseous and a bit dizzy.

*Sit in a comfy chair with cold rag on your forehead. Have a bowl of Frosted Flakes, suck on a Tootsie Pop or eat a Slim Jim. You should feel better after an hour or two……or not.

But hey, we're pullin' for ya."

Liver & Onions Club:

A Resurrection?



Pic & commentary Mark Minnick

NOT! Sorry Liver & Onions Club members, I just had to tease you a little bit. I received a pack of freshly butchered beef liver one day from neighbor **Brittany Gehrke**. Thank you Britt, I'm liking you better all the time. ;)

So, I nestled the package gently in the freezer, waiting for number one son Tyler came home for a visit. He likes it just as much as I do. That deserves an "Atta boy!" for sure.

Anyway, he was home one weekend in November, so I thawed it out and he proceeded to fry it up, along with some boiled taters. I even used some A1 sauce cuz it "Finishes the job that salt and pepper starts" *(ancient TV ad - Gosh I'm old - and I'm wandering).* Anyway, it's just plain good on liver.

As far as the Liver & Onions Club getting back together, I don't think that's happening any time soon. But, ya never know. Btw, I think I saw a flying pig the other day…or not.



The Cosmos Lions

"We Serve"

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2025

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor Emily Van Hatten at 5:31pm on Thursday, December 11, 2025.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Jeremy Anderson, Mark Minnick and Daniel Cairl.
ABSENT: Mayor Dale Martin
ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Brigitte Douglas, Terri Boese and Public Works Supervisor Nikki Brazzi.
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Anderson to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Cairl, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.
1) November 13, 2025 City Council Minutes.

Sheriff's Office – A Representative from the Sheriff's Office was available to present the council with their monthly report. 27 records, a mixture of 9 traffic stops and other calls.
December 11, 2025 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Anderson, to approve the December 11, 2025 bills list, with check numbers 1055e -1080e, 16340e – 16341e and 117686-117717 in the amount of $91,907.68. Motion carried.
City Engineer – Joshua Halvorson, Bolton-Menk, was present to update on the construction project.

The government shut down delayed everything for 2 ½ - 3 months. With USDA back in business we are hoping for plan approvals by January, bidding between end of January and March, approval by April and an estimated project start for May-June.
Personnel Committee Recommendations – Council member Van Hatten, representing the personnel committee, informed the council that all employee evaluations were completed and would be conducted as soon as Mayor Martin is able to participate. She asked Terri Boese to explain Pay Equity to the council and what it means for this and future employee pay raises. A motion by Minnick, seconded by Cairl to approve the annual employee reviews and pay raises. Motion carried.
2026 Utility Budgets – Approval of the 2026 Utility Budgets were tabled until the January meeting.
Res 25-15 Annual Fee Schedule – A motion by Anderson, seconded by Minnick to adopt Res 25-15 Annual Fee Schedule. Motion carried.
Res 25-16 Donation of Property to City – A motion by Anderson, seconded by Minnick to adopt Res 25-16 Donation of Property to city. Motion carried.
2025 Truth in Taxation Hearing – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Cairl, to recess the regular city council meeting and open the 2025 Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:08p.m. Motion carried.

Budgeted revenues and expenditures increased approximately 5% at $627,637. The city property tax levy of $266,269 increased by 3%. There were no verbal or written comments from the public.

A motion by Minnick, seconded by Anderson, to close the public hearing and reconvene the City Council meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Resolution 25-14 2026 General Fund Budget and Property Tax Levy- A motion by Minnick, seconded by Anderson, to approve Resolution 25-14 2026 General Fund Budget and Property Tax Levy. Motion carried.
Adopt Personnel Policy – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Anderson to adopt the personnel policy. Motion carried. With vacation and sick leave going to PTO, leave remaining sick leave balances in accounts with no further accrual and no pay-out, until used up. Effective since 1/1/2024, but not accruing, add ESST accrual for the past two years to accounts.
Terri Boese Contract Extension – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Cairl to extend Terri Boese's contract for 6 month. Motion carried.
People Service Operation and Maintenance Report – Council Member Anderson, representing PeopleService, presented the council with his monthly report. Frequent monitoring, chemical adjustments, water sample taking and testing is done as needed and required. Jeremy Anderson suggested having the media checked and replaced if necessary.
Department Heads –Public Works Supervisor Nikki Brazzi informed the council of receiving a call from the MN Pollution Control Agency about discrepancies with the pond reporting for the past several years. Getting a flow meter should help with more accurate numbers for the DMR (Discharge Monitoring Report) report.

Other Business –
Kayla Moudry brought a sewer back-up issue at her residence to the council's attention. The Plumbing Company she used believed the problem to be with the main sewer line. The city engineer will look through the televising done a few months ago in preparation for the reconstruction project and let us know of his findings.
Owen Schlueter suggested the need for a better system to keep the road by his residence cleared. He explained that plowing leaves the road exposed to drifting on windy occasions, and proposed snow blowing instead.

Other questions were how much snow before it constitutes a snow emergency, other areas in town where drifts form easily and clearing of sidewalks. To ensure a timely resolve with any snow related inquiries or concerns, please contact Public Works or the Office as well.
Council member Anderson presented the council with a copy of an ordinance requiring point-of-sale certification of sanitary sewer service from a neighboring town. Council member Minnick presented the council with research he has done on the nuisance ordinance and mowing expectations. A chicken ordinance draft, created by the city attorney, was also brought forth. The council will look over these ordinance sections to be discussed at the next council meeting.
Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm, Thursday, January 8, 2025. The agenda will be posted in the city office window, post office and bank vestibules by Tuesday afternoon. Any change in meeting dates or times will be displayed on the digital sign.
Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Minnick, seconded by Anderson to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:15pm. Motion carried.

—-Draft—-
Brigitte Douglas, Clerk/Treasurer

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To all my family and friends who sent card, called or visited me during the last three months of hip surgery rehab and now back home. God bless you each and every one!
Pat Straumann

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'Tis the Season



Pet Licenses Due in January

By Mark Minnick

It's that time of year; Holidays, snow removal and first ice. Oh yea, your cute little dog or cat's annual license is due to the city too! Wow how time flies, it seems like it was just last year…oh, never mind.

Anyway, do yourself a favor and get it done before the new year. Your pets and the city will appreciate it. Btw, don't forget to bring in the latest vaccination records too. It's required.

Bargo is Back!

Cosmos City Center

Saturdays at 2 PM

Free to Play!

- Jan 3,10, 24
- Feb 7, 14, 21, 28
- Mar 14, 21, 28

All are Welcome!



Questions call Joyce Karrigan 320-583-0639

Time Warp Whozit?



Do you remember when Cosmos had a John Deere dealer? Above are two of the employees who oversaw "John Deere Days" in January 1970. About 400 people attended the event, which included a noon meal, movies and door prizes. Do you recognize either one of these guys from **"The Big Green Team?"**

**For extra points, do you know where this dealership was located? (Hint; The building still stands)*

Whozdem?

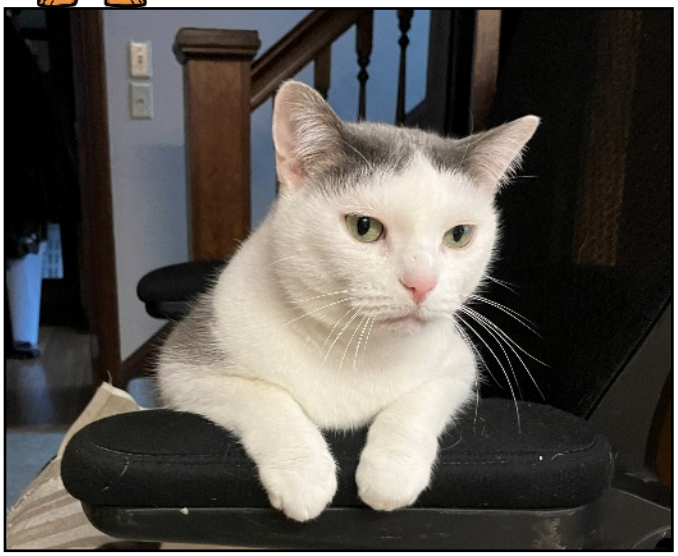




A fat, orange cat wants to remind everyone that...

"You just can't beat a good pan of lasagna!"

*(*A public service announcement courtesy of The Galactic Gazette.) "Hey, we're lookin' out for you."*



By Mark Minnick

My "Little princess" Francine (Frankie) was watching intently as wife Deb assembled a pan of mouthwatering Christmas lasagna. *Fat orange cat approved, of course.*

She was surely tempted to sample the heavenly dish, but was a good girl and just watched. At least Deb knew enough not to turn her back.

Don't ask me how I know...

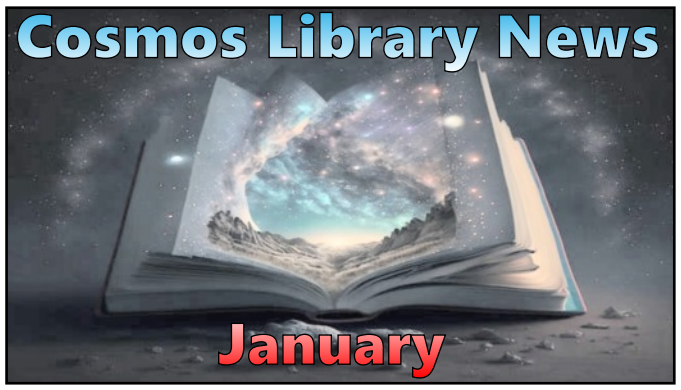
This New Year of 2026, Don't forget...



A good wife can bring balance to your life

***A public service announcement courtesy of The Galactic Gazette.**

Cosmos Library News



By Beth Cronk, Meeker County Librarian

January means the start of Winter Reads, the adult winter reading program for Pioneerland Library System. The program starts at the Cosmos Library on Friday, January 2, and ends Saturday, March 14.

You can sign up anytime until early March. When you sign up, you'll get a book bag, while supplies last. You'll also get a reading log to track and rate the books you read beginning the day you sign up. If you read 3 books by the time the program is done, you can choose a small prize. If you read 3 more, you can pick an additional prize. The program can be completed only once per year.

In the past we've limited participation to adults, but this year teens age thirteen and up are welcome to participate if they wish. The prize choices include mugs, candy bars, book lights, notebooks, and can coolers, while supplies last. You can read any books you choose: library books or your own, fiction or nonfiction, print or audiobook or ebook.

The Craft Circle program will continue once a month January through May on the 4th Saturday of the month. The dates are January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, and May 23. Drop in between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and bring your own craft to work on alongside other creative people. No messy crafts such as paint and dye, please, in order to protect the library's carpet. No craft of your own? The library will provide coloring sheets and felt bookmarks to embroider. Open to adults and teens age 16 and up. No need to sign up.

Pokémon gaming will pause for the rest of the winter and will resume in the spring.

Looking for something new to check out? These new nonfiction books for adults are part of the Cosmos collection, although you may have to get on the waiting list for some of the most popular titles:

- "Nobody's Girl: A Memoir of Surviving Abuse and Fighting for Justice" by Virginia Roberts Giuffre
- "The Pioneer Woman Cooks: The Essential Recipes: 120 Greatest Hits, New Twists, and Perfected Classics" by Ree Drummond
- "Rick Steves Amsterdam & the Netherlands" by Rick Steves
- "The Rough Guide to Greece"
- "Separation of Church & Hate: A Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back the Bible from Fundamentalists, Fascists, and Flock-Fleecing Frauds" by John Fugelsang

**Pioneerland libraries will be closed on Thursday, January 1, for New Year's Day, and on Monday, January 19, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.*



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



By Janice Blum

Household uses for Cornstarch

- **Clean Glass:** Add 1 tablespoon each of white vinegar and cornstarch to 2 cups of water. Funnel into a spray bottle and use on window and door glass.
- **Remove Stains:** Dry or mixed into a thick paste with water, cornstarch can remove many kinds of stains on rugs, furniture, clothing and other fabrics. Leave the paste on until it dries before brushing or vacuuming. A cornstarch paste even works to remove blood and grease stains. Repeat if a single application doesn't completely remove the stain.
- **Polish Silver:** Mix cornstarch with a little bit of water to bring out the natural shine in silver objects.
- **Soothe a bite or sting:** A few drops of water in a spoon of cornstarch makes a paste to spread on a fresh insect bite or sting.

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. Let's go here...

Chef It Up!

"Food and spices, together.
What a concept."

Homemade Meat Sauce

By Grace Kamrath

Greetings and Happy New Year!

The recipe for January is just a meat sauce. It makes a large batch so you could make it ahead and freeze part or even double it. Add pasta and a salad and the meal is all but eaten.

HOMEMADE MEAT SAUCE

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 lb. ground Italian sausage
- 1 c. chopped onion
- 4 cloves minced garlic
- 28 oz. crushed tomatoes
- 15 oz. can tomato sauce
- 6 oz. can tomato sauce
- 2 T. sugar
- 1 1/2 t. dried basil
- 1 t. Italian seasoning
- 1 1/2 t. fennel seeds
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 t. salt
- 1/4 t. pepper



Brown the beef, sausage and onion. Drain. Stir in garlic and cook another minute. Add crushed tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato paste, sugar, basil, Italian seasoning, fennel, bay leaf, salt and pepper. Simmer uncovered for about 1/2 hour or until everyones' mouth is watering. Stir occasionally. Remove bay leaf. Add more salt and pepper if necessary. This makes 16 servings if used for spaghetti.

Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!



Hutchinson Fish Management Area
25-26 Winter Fishing Picks

Image courtesy dnr.state.mn.us

Here are the 2025-26 Local Ice Fishing Picks, courtesy of Tanner Stevens, assistant fisheries supervisor at Hutchinson Fisheries. Thank you Tanner! He also sent me some graphs that show fish species, population and size structure of lakes in the area. Pretty cool me thinks, take a look. *Editor, Mark Minnick*

-List of Lake Picks from Hutchinson Fisheries Staff-

- **Top Picks** are ALL CAPS.
- **Non-Cap Picks** may still be a good choice, based on recent fishing reports or slightly older netting history.
- **Underlined Lakes** were netted in 2024 or 2025.

Walleye
BELLE, BIG SWAN, MARION
Stella, Minnie-Belle, Jennie, Washington, Clear-McLeod, Thompson, Butternut, West Hanson, Preston, Hanska

Yellow Perch
CLEAR-MCLEOD
Marion Clear-New Ulm Silver-McLeod

Northern Pike
BIG SWAN, JENNIE, MINNIE-BELLE, COLLINWOOD, Erie, Star, Manuella, Ripley, Big Wolf, Sleepy Eye, Greenleaf, Hook, Clear-New Ulm, Stella, Cedar, Arvilla

Bluegill
FRANCIS, MINNIE-BELLE, RIPLEY, MANUELLA
Todd, Dunns, Silver-Silver Lake, Washington,
Sleepy Eye, Betty/Betsy, Clear-Watkins, Union.

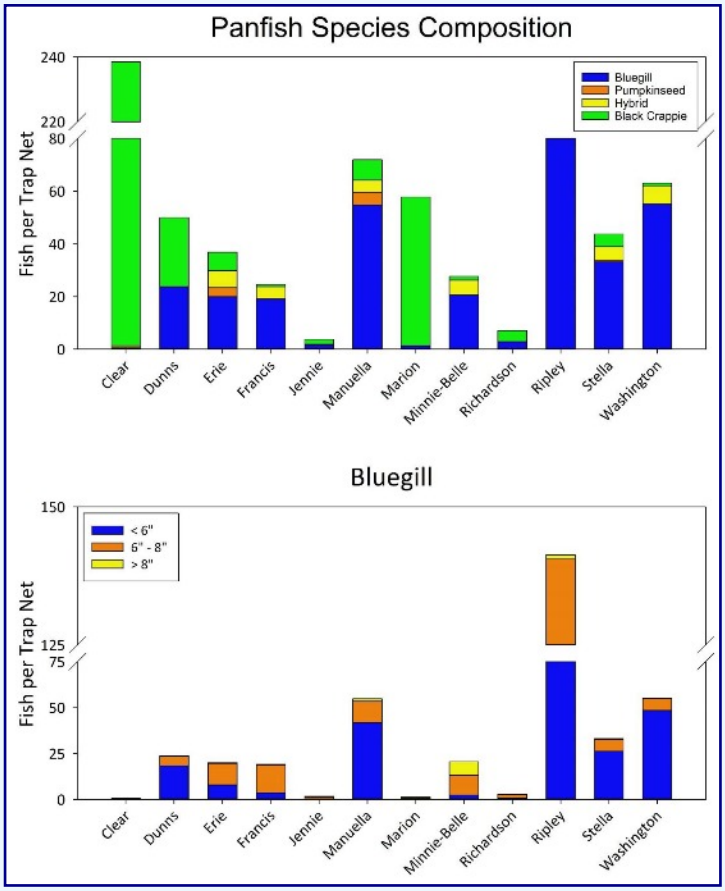
Crappie
BIG SWAN, LONG-GROVE CITY, FRANCIS, CLEAR-NEW ULM
Richardson, Silver-McLeod, Marion, Jennie, Stella, Dunns,
Ripley, Swan-McLeod, Betty/Betsy, Union, Otter, Star

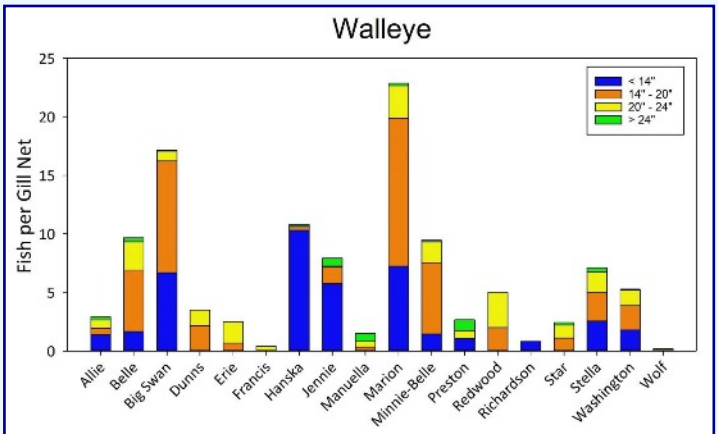
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3,000 spring stocked Rainbow Trout and 1,500 fall stocked Rainbow Trout ~ 0.5 lb. Each ***Winter Season is January 17 – March 31, 2026 ($10 trout stamp is required.)***

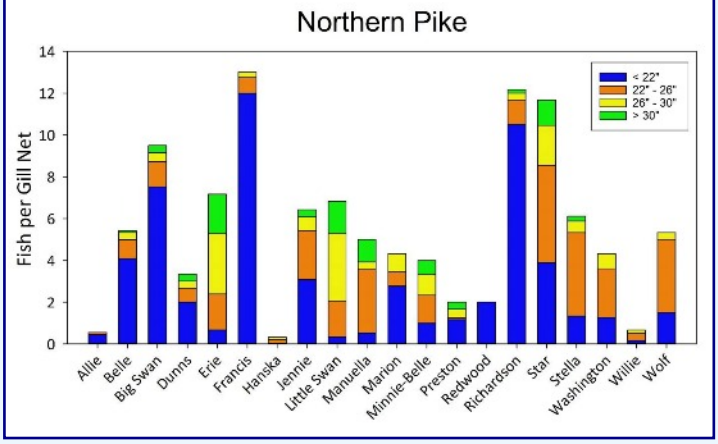


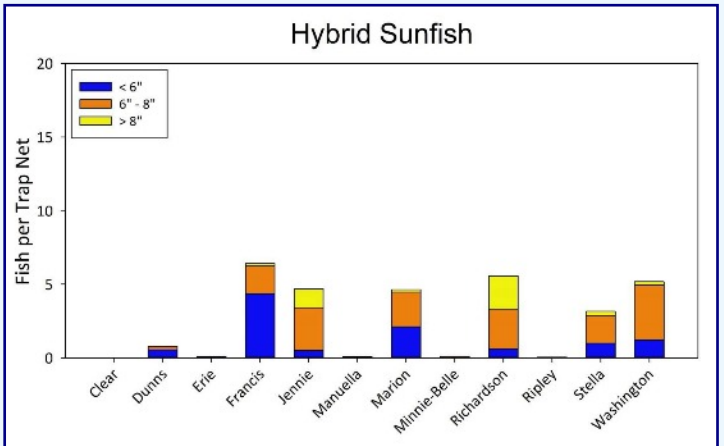
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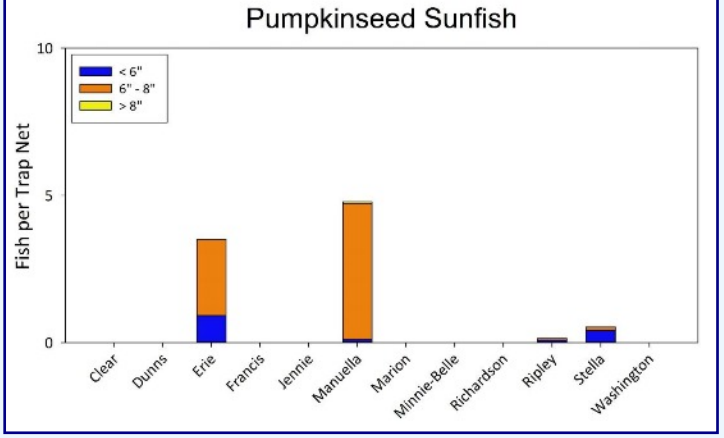
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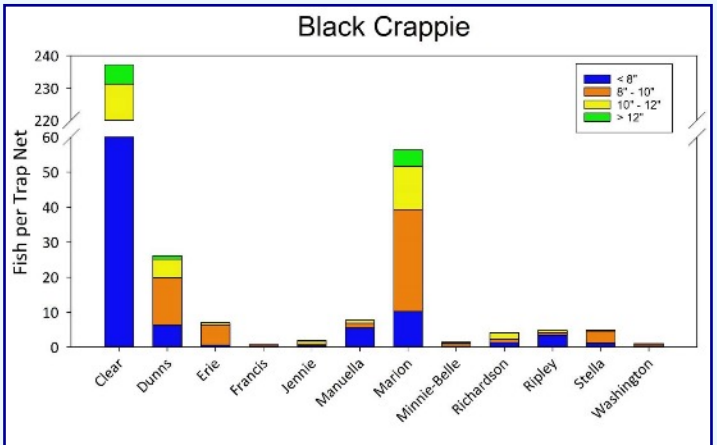


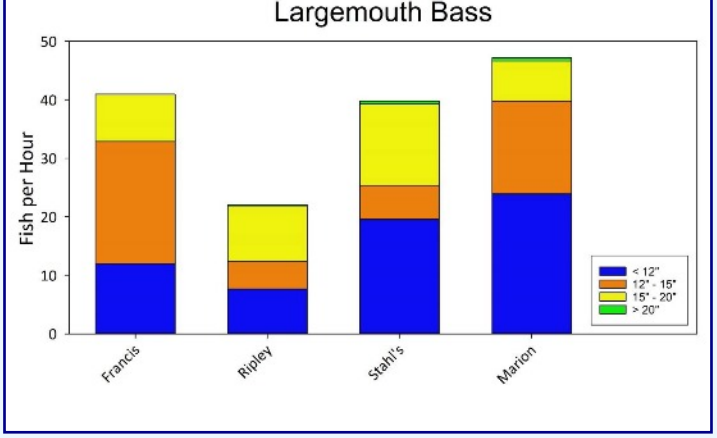












SCIENCE, TECH & JUST PLAIN COOL STUFF

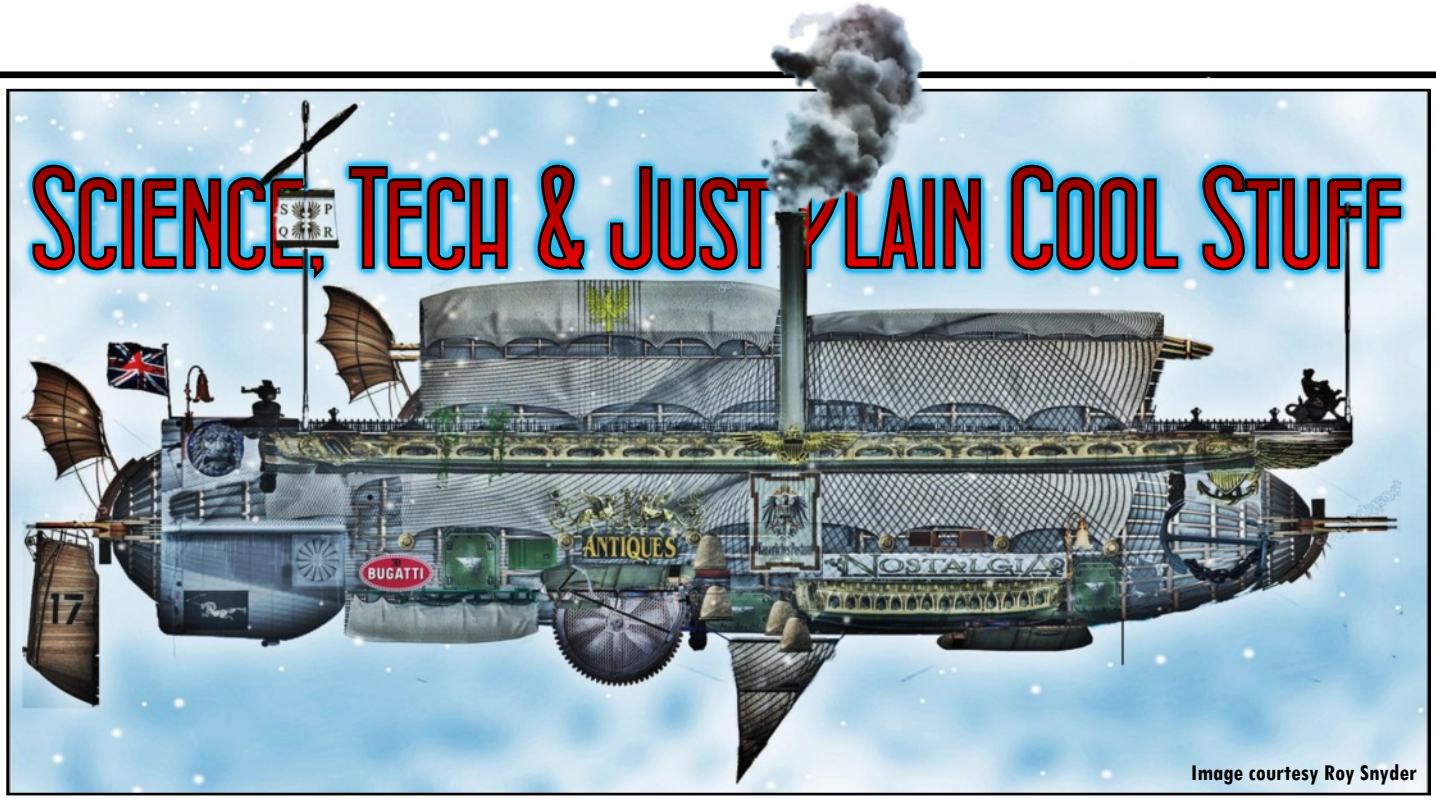


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NASA's Perseverance Mars Rover Ready to Roll for Miles in Years Ahead

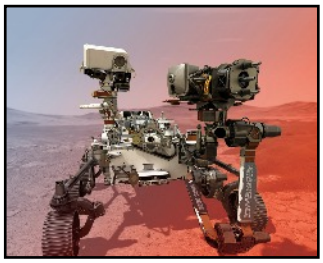


NASA's Perseverance Mars rover captured this view of a location nicknamed "Mont Musard" on Sept. 8, 2025. Made up of three images, the panorama also captures another region, "Lac de Charmes," where the rover's team will be looking for more rock core samples to collect in the year ahead.

NASA/JPL-Caltech/ASU/MSSS

Dec 17, 2025

After nearly five years on Mars, NASA's Perseverance Rover has traveled almost 25 miles, and the mission team has been busy testing the rover's durability and gathering new science findings on the way to a new region nicknamed "Lac de Charmes," where it will be searching for rocks to sample in the coming year.



Artist concept image of Perseverance courtesy nasa.gov

Like its predecessor **Curiosity**, which has been exploring a different region of Mars since 2012, Perseverance was made for the long haul. NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California, which built Perseverance and leads the mission, has continued testing the rover's parts here on Earth to make sure the six-wheeled scientist will be strong for years to come. This past summer, JPL certified that the rotary actuators that turn the rover's wheels can perform optimally for at least another 37 miles; comparable brake testing is underway as well.

Over the past two years, engineers have extensively evaluated nearly all the vehicle's subsystems in this way, concluding that they can operate until at least 2031. "These tests show the rover is in excellent shape," said Perseverance's deputy project manager, Steve Lee of JPL, who presented the results on December 17 at the American Geophysical Union's annual meeting, the largest gathering of planetary scientists in the United States. "All the systems are fully capable of supporting a very long-term mission to extensively explore this fascinating region of Mars."

Perseverance has been driving through Mars' Jezero Crater, the site of an ancient lake and river system, where it has been collecting scientifically compelling rock core samples. In fact, in September, the team announced that a sample from a rock nicknamed "Cheyava Falls" contains a potential fingerprint of past microbial life.

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Bird consol

LAKE LI... the south and western portion of the Lake Lillian school district decided overwhelmingly, Tuesday, that 26 sections of the district shall be detached and consolidated with the Bird Island school district.

With 229 persons going to the polls, 205 cast a ballot marked "Yes"--in favor of the consolidation, while only 24 voted "No."

It is expected that the vote will take effect at the beginning of the new school year, July 1, 1970.

The election was held at the school in the village of Lake Lillian, between the co... inc... Lill... Lake

Fate of the major part of the Lake Lillian school district has now been decided. A week ago, voters decided to annex 11 sections on the eastern edge of the district to the Cosmos school district. Still to be decided is the fate of about 20 sections of land at the north of the district. Most residents of this area prefer annexation to Atwater, although there has been some pressure to annex a part of this to the Bird Island district, as well.

Kids have not had previous rubella shots

COSMOS--There has been a misunderstanding--local children have NOT previously had shots for rubella (German Measles).

A letter sent out by the local school this week by Mrs. Sederstrom, public health nurse, confirmed this fact and urged parents to have their children vaccinated at the clinic to be held in the local school on Thursday, Jan. 29. Her letter stated:

"There is some misunderstanding regarding the measles shot being offered on Thursday. Your child could not have had this shot a year ago as this vaccine (German Measles) was not on the market then. A year ago we gave a measles shot for the (Red Measles), an entirely different disease.

"We hope you will let your child have this shot and help us reduce the number of children born with birth defects in the future."

Stay Free

Ladies can rebel, protest, demonstrate, picket, and boycott the grocery stores--congressmen can order investigations--but the real culprit is the "New Economics" of government. Some of these economists call it a "Government Managed Economy" and others call it a "Government Controlled Economy." Whether managed or controlled, they have made a mess of the financial affairs of this country from the towering federal debt of approximately $350 billion and the swiftly rising cost of living to the deficit in our international "Balance of Payments" and the diminishing of the treasury of gold at Fort Knox.

Terry Melberg gets degree at Brookings

BROOKINGS, S.D.--Degrees were awarded to 358 graduates at fall semester commencement ceremonies Saturday, Jan. 24, at South Dakota State University.

Among those receiving degrees was Terrance Melberg of Cosmos, Mn., who was presented a degree of Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

Commencement speaker Allen Barnes, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, spoke on "Yesterday, Today and Forever" during the 10 a. m. exercises at the Fieldhouse.

James O. Pedersen, director of admissions and records, presented the undergraduate class, and Harold S. Bailey, dean of academic affairs and graduate school, presented the graduate class. Degrees were authorized by Richard Batty, president of South Dakota Board of Regents, while Hilton M. Briggs, president of SDSU, conferred degrees and presented the diplomas.

Don Fett on High Honor List

MANKATO--The Academic High Honor and Honor Lists for the fall quarter at Mankato College were announced today by Dr. Kent G. Alm, vice president for academic affairs.

On the High Honor List from Lake Lillian was Donald Fett, son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Fett of Lake Lillian, who is a sophomore at the college.

One hundred thirty-two students qualified for the High Honor List by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average, while 583 earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average. To qualify for academic honors, undergraduate students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits.

Telephone Co. presents strong case

HECTOR--The Minnesota Central Telephone Co. made a strong bid for a higher schedule of rates at the hearing held before the Public Service Commission at Hector last Thursday.

A very small crowd attended the hearing, held in the Auditorium Theatre in Hector, and only one person from the public expressed an opinion on the matter. Your reporter counted only three persons present from Cosmos, one from Lake Lillian, and none from Blomkest.

The telephone company had the day before taken much of the sting out of the proposed rates by circulating letters to all subscribers announcing that new developments had made it unnecessary to seek rates as high as first asked. All rates, the letter stated, would be $1.25 per month lower than originally asked for business phones, $1 for village residences and 75¢ for rural residences. This reduction cuts most increases originally asked almost in half.

Bervin Washachek, manager of Minnesota Central Telephone Co., was first to testify. He stated the company presently has nine exchanges. He also explained extended area service available to each of these. Of the exchanges in this paper's circulation area, Cosmos has toll-free service to Hector and Lake Lillian, making a total of 1,587 phones available; Lake Lillian can call toll-free to Cosmos and Svea (including Blomkest), 977 phones; Svea can call toll-free to Lake Lillian, Prinsburg, Kandiyohi and Willmar, 7,020 phones.

The company has not altered the original construction much since purchasing additional companies. Rural lines have an average of about eight subscribers to a line. One exchange--Elrosa--was completely reconstructed in 1966, and converted to all one-party per line service.

There has, however, been substantial plant additions over a period of 12 years, even though the company has had no rate increase since March 17, 1958.

During those 12 years the company has invested $1,800,000 for additions to the plants, distributed as follows: Hector $174,000, Cosmos $93,700, Elrosa $98,000, Svea $145,000, Kandiyohi $56,000, Raymond $49,000, Lake Lillian $57,000, Belgrade $234,000, and Prinsburg $184,159.

Improvements have included: Direct Distance Dialing, buried cable, heavier cable, and automatic number identification.

The company now has application in for a $1,750,000 REA loan for the improvement of existing facilities.

Costs for the company have increased tremendously since the last rate increase in 1958. A worker starting at $1.20 per hour at that time now would start at $2.10; $1.70 starting wage has been increased to $3.60; and $2.13 is up to $3.60.

During that time there have been three increases in the federal minimum wage law. Social Security and hospitalization plan costs are up. The company has instituted a pension plan for its employees. Prices of repair materials have at least doubled. In no area have costs reduced. Repair of its vehicles and work equipment have increased from $4,742 in 1960 to $16,747 in 1969. Postage for a letter, which is also a large item, has risen from three or four cents in 1958 to six cents today.

Washacheck says that the company has never paid a dividend to its owners during this time, but has plowed all its profit back into the company for improvements.

Interest on the REA loan which the company seeks would be 2%, while interest on a local loan would be ap-

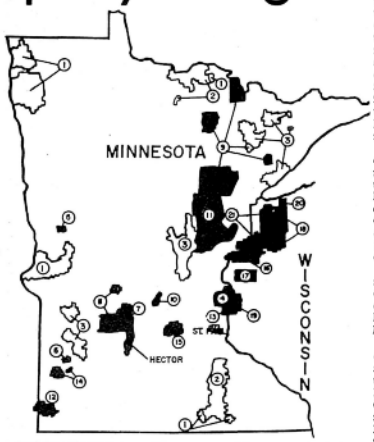
Rates, turn to 10

Telephone company merged

A MERGER of North American Communications Corporation into the Continental Telephone Corporation has been completed according to Continental President Phillip J. Lucier, St. Louis. North American owned and operated 22 telephone companies, including the Minnesota Central Telephone Company, which provides telephone service in Lake Lillian and eight other communities.

The majority of North American stock was held by the Apache Corporation, Minneapolis.

Merger, turn to 10



THE ABOVE MAP shows the areas served by companies in the Continental Telephone System (one through three, outlined areas), and by companied previously owned by North American Communications Corporation (numbers 4-21 shaded areas). NACC companied were headquartered at Hector, Minn., and are now managed from Continental's St. Paul offices.

The merger made Continental the largest independent (non-Bell) telephone company in Minnesota with 77,000 telephones. The addition of Wisconsin brings the number of states in the Continental System to 43.

The key below indicates the operating areas of each of the companies involved.

1. Lake State Telephone Company; 2. Minnesota Telephone Company; 3. Gopher State Telephone Company; 4. Chisago Lakes Telephone Co.; 5. Fergus Falls CATV; 6. Ghent Telephone Company; 7. Little Crow Telephone Co.; 8. Minnesota Central Telephone Co.; 9. Northland Consolidated Telephones; 10. Clear Valley Telephone Co.; 11. Pineland Telephone Company; 12. Red Rock Telephone Company; 13. Scandia-Marine Telephone Co.; 14. Tyler Telephone Company; 15. Westonka Telephone Company; 16. Badger Telephone Company, Inc.; 17. Fredric Telephone Company; 18. Lakeland Telephone Company; 19. Osceola Telephone Company; 20. Poplar Telephone Company; 21. Solon Springs Telephone Co.

Ron Johnson to head new phone district; Washechek is area manager

RON JOHNSON OF Wheaton has been appointed manager of a newly-formed district comprised of 28 telephone exchanges a new district formed as a result of the recent merger of North American Communications Corporation into the Continental Telephone Corporation. Johnson is moving to Hector where the district office is being located.

Johnson entered the telephone business at Blooming Prairie, Minn. in 1946, and held various positions there before moving to Warren to become plant superintendent in 1958. He became manager there, and then transferred to Wheaton as area manager in 1968.

Johnson and his wife have three children.

Bervin Washechek of Hector has been appointed area manager, and is responsible for operations in 23 of the exchanges in the new district. This includes not only the 16 NACC exchanges which has previously been his responsibility, but also seven exchanges in the Clarkfield area which have been Continental properties for several years.

Washechek started his telephone career in 1956 at Hector, and moved to Tyler in 1959. He was named manager at Tyler in 1963, and in 1966 was promoted to manager of the Hector area.

The Washecheks are the parents of three children.

Rodney Kolle of Elbow Lake has been appointed area manager at Wheaton, and will be in charge of operations in the four Lake State Telephone Co. exchanges near Wheaton. Both her and Washechek will report to Johnson.

Local bank raises its interest rate

COSMOS--First State Bank of Cosmos now pays the highest bank interest allowable by law, according to Steve Spreiter, president.

In an announcement this week, Spreiter announced a new set of interest rates now in effect, as follows:

Two-year savings certificates ($100 minimum), 5 3/4 per cent.

One-year savings certificates ($100 minimum), 5 1/2 per cent.

In making the announcement, Spreiter stated that one other important factor involved is the fact that bank rates are guaranteed interest, and accounts are insured up to $20,000 now.

Friday prize now is $40.00

COSMOS--Prize in the weekly drawing will advance to $40 this Friday afternoon in Cosmos.

The name of Charles Sharpe was drawn last Friday, but he was not present in one of the participating places of business at 3 p. m.

Next Friday afternoon the prize will be $40 to be given to a person whose name is drawn if he is present in a participating place of business in Cosmos.

To be eligible for the drawing, a person must register his or her name at the First State Bank of Cosmos and be present when the name of the winner is announced in the various places of business at 3 p. m. on Friday.

You need register only once at the bank.



STUDYING IN EUROPE will be these girls: left to right, they are: front row, Barbara Kiely, Elizabeth Donlon and Connie Quade. Back row, Rebecca Hackbarth, Kristie Londeen and Dee Preussner.

Local student to study in Europe

DECORAH, IOWA--Paris; Salzburg, Germany; London; Stirling, Scotland; West Berlin; and Bristol, England.

All of those cities hold a sort of magic to one's ear and all are far removed from Luther College in Decorah. But they all have one thing in common with Luther College--Luther students are

Their study abroad is through the Upper Midwest Association for Intercultural Education and the foreign study seminars are held in conjunction with students from five Minnesota colleges and universities--St. Catherine's, St. Olaf, Gustavus Adolphus, Macalaster and St. John's.

Connie Quade, junior from Palatine, Ill., 615 E. Palatine Rd., is studying

Barbara Kiely, junior from Mt. Morris, Ill., 205 1/2 E. Main, is studying European psychological laboratories and is in Stirling, Scotland, at the present time.

Solveig Larson, senior from Postville, is in Berlin where she is studying German on a drama-oriented trip.

Rebecca Hackbarth, senior

Home-spun tales enliven story of Meeker county

by Margaret Knutson

In Hutchinson Leader

When Patrick J. "Joe" Casey of Litchfield wrote "The First 100 Years, a History of Meeker County," he was, in a way, giving each of us a lasting gift.

How empty would be the present, after all, without knowledge of times gone past?

To Casey, an attorney in Litchfield, history is not just a faithful logging of names, places and events, although it is that, too. But even more important, it is rich, warm anecdotes ranging all the way from hair-raising to humorous.

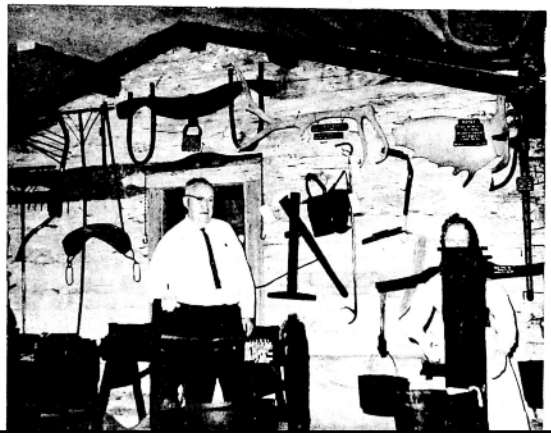
It's those tales swapped around a campfire late at night, passed along from father to son as they trod an old hunting trail, told by grandfather to grandchild as they bait their hooks at a pet fishing hole or repeated around the supper table on a lazy, peaceful Sunday afternoon.

A collector of the legends of his area since boyhood, Casey first seriously considered compiling them into book form some 15 years ago. His first endeavor at that time was to catalog material he already had on hand so that he could lay his hands on the facts he wanted when he wanted them. (One of the factors making his book an important

cribed it to me many times as he remembered it when they first came here.

"To the east of what is now Darwin the Big Woods stretched east to the Atlantic Ocean. At Darwin there was a break. Here was an area dotted with lakes surrounded with wooded shores but interspersed with prairies.

"It was ideal for colonization by people who had little of this world's goods but an ample supply of courage and determination. Deer abounded. The lakes teemed with fish and in the summer season nurtured water fowl that filled the air when the frost of fall sent them to the south. Partridge inhabited every wooded area and each summer season brought an abundance of wild pigeons. Here was a place where nature provided food for the hungry and where the prairie yielded to the plow without the toilsome effort of clearing."



As though he were with them, Casey grasps the spirit of "The First Known Settlers."

"Two lumber cruisers, John W. Huy and Ben Brown, searching for new stands of timber, pulled a canoe up what was then known as the Hassan River, now the Crow, in search of pine timber. Their search ended at Forest City and they found no pine. No doubt they were disappointed, but they were also impressed with this area and camped at Forest City for some period of time. While they were camped, another party arrived by way of Glencoe. This group consisted of D. M. Hanson, Thomas H. Skinner, Fred Schultz and Dr. F. N. Ripley.

"These men evidently were acquainted with Minnesota winters, because all returned to St. Anthony or St. Paul except Fred Schultz and Thomas H. Skinner. These two dug out a hole in the bank of Crow River, where it passes through Section 13 of the Township of Harvey, covered it with logs and dirt for a roof and moved in for the winter. Thus was the first permanent settlement made in Section 13 of Harvey township, Meeker county, Minnesota."

In a chapter entitled, "The Law Comes to the County," Casey tells that the courts first made their appearance in Meek-

Cosmos News

MR. AND MRS. HARRY Laffen, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Laffen and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Laffen and Gary Jr. of Atwater were Saturday guests at the Stanley Mortenson home.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD Grussendorf arrived home Friday evening from Boynton Beach, Florida after vacationing about three weeks.

SUNDAY DINNER AND afternoon guests at the Lloyd Mortenson home were Mr. and Mrs. Emil Boelter, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Boelter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dallman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Boelter and family, all of New Ulm, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Boelter and family of Sleepy Eye, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Anderson and family of Hutchinson and Robin Remmel.

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE Geier Sr. arrived home last Thursday after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Geier Jr. in Frankfort, Germany for couple weeks.

MR. AND MRS. STANLEY Mortenson visited Saturday evening at the Earl Dibbs home at Litchfield.

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT Flemming, Charles Lietzau family and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Mortenson and Mary of Excelsior attended baptismal services for Andrew William Flemming, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Flemming at the St. Philips Lutheran church in Minneapolis on Sunday. Later all were dinner guests at the Flemming home. Mr. and Mrs. C. Lietzau were sponsors for Andrew.

COSMOS BRIDGE CLUB were entertained at the Joe Lux home last Tuesday evening. High prize was awarded to Mrs. Lloyd Mortenson and low prize to Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

MRS. ANNA JOHNSON and Mrs. Paula Nielson attended the open house of the New hospital in Hutchinson on Sunday.

MR. AND MRS. MERRILL Johnson and family were Sunday guests at the Anna Johnson home.

MR. AND MRS. DICK Tillquist and daughters of Belle Plaine were Sunday dinner and afternoon and evening guests at the Rev. Ron Freimark home.

MR. AND MRS. ART Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Schiro, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Blum and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin, Roney Kutzke family and Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Kutzke, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Schiro and Randy, Rueben Martin family and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sipes of Litchfield helped Myron Anderson at Hector celebrate his birthday Sunday.

MR. AND MRS. RONEY Kutzke and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Gaylord Stockland home.

MR. AND MRS. OLIVER Sayles of Woodward, Iowa arrived to spend a few days visiting at the Erdman Schultz, Levi Lietzau and Roger Sayles homes and also other relatives. They spent a few days helping at the Allan Linden home while Mrs. Linden was hospitalized.

ERDMAN SCHULTZ WENT to Minneapolis Tuesday to have another cast put on his arm at Abbott hospital.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD Olson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnson, Chris and James, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Grimm and Galen, Mrs. Helen Olson and Ethel, Lornette and Lordell Schmeling of Alexandria and Lorchelle Schmeling for Sunday supper.

SATURDAY EVENING supper guests at the Delano Lietzau home were Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss Meyer of St. Louis Park and Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Meyer in honor of Nancy and Lee Ann's birthdays. Sunday evening guests were the Lietzau relatives.

MR. AND MRS. VIC Eastman and David were Sunday guests at the Keith Eastman home in Edina.

MR. AND MRS. MERRILL Meyer went down to the Fred Fleagle home in Coon Rapids Monday to stay with their granddaughter Christie while Mrs. Fleagle took her son, John, 5, to the University hospital to have surgery Monday morning. He had fluid removed from behind his ears which was causing his alot of trouble.

SEVERAL CLASSMATES helped Lee Ann Lietzau celebrate her ninth birthday Monday after school.

MR. AND MRS. AL Inselman Sr. and Ralph and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Inselman Jr. and family were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests at the Harold Inselman home at Lester Prairie.

MR. AND MRS. HARVEY Bratsch and family were Sunday guests at the Alois Kieffer home in Olivia.

MRS. LARRY SHARPE of Faribault and Mr. and Mrs. Jerrel Sharpe of Minneapolis were week end guests at the Charles Sharpe home.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES Sharpe and family and Mrs. Larry Sharpe of Faribault attended the open house wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Randy Peterron at Eagle Lake on Sunday.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN Karg of Benson and Mrs. Elsie Katzenmeyer were Saturday afternoon and evening dinner guests at the Marie Maag home.

MR. AND MRS. JOE LUX entertained for Sunday evening dinner Mr. and Mrs. Nick Lux, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Lux, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Lux, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seidl and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Strait of Sleepy Eye, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Battes of Hector and David Lux family in honor of Paul Lux who has recently returned from Vietnam.

MR. AND MRS. HARVEY Inselman of Atwater visited Monday afternoon at the Alfred Inselman Sr. home.

MR. AND MRS. ALFRED Inselman Sr. visited at the Erwin Heller home Sunday evening.

MR. AND MRS. ED O'Brien of Litchfield were Sunday guests at the Roy Jordin home.

MR. AND MRS. DARREL Ketcham attended the Parade of Quartettes at the Montevideo school on Saturday evening. Darrel is a member of the Kandiyohi quartette.

MRS. MARIE MAAG AND Mrs. Margaret Burgstahler were Friday night guests at the Carl Ulrich home at Litchfield to help Mrs. Ulrich celebrate her birthday.

MR. AND MRS. DARREL Ketcham were among other friends who were guests at the Winslow Issacson home at Kandiyohi Sunday evening.

MR. AND MRS. ED BENSON of Minneapolis were week end guests at the Walter Reinke home, Jan. 17-18.

Mrs. Allan Linden goes to hospital

COSMOS--Mrs. Allan Linden was admitted to the Litchfield hospital last Monday.

Mrs. B. Robbins was hospitalized

COSMOS -Mrs. Burdette Robbins became hospitalized at the Litchfield hospital last Monday.

Dale Hesser had surgery

COSMOS --Dale Hesser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hesser submitted to surgery for a growth on his toe at the Fairview hospital in Minneapolis on Friday morning. He returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Tom Minnick returns home from hospital

COSMOS--Mrs. Tom Minnick returned home from the Olivia hospital on Friday after spending several days hospitalized.



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD MARTIN

LINDA NELSON AND RICHARD MARTIN MARRIED AT PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

COSMOS -Linda Jane Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harris W. Nelson of Cosmos and Richard H. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Martin of Cosmos, were united in marriage, Nov. 22, 1969, at 4 p.m. at an all white double ring candle light ceremony at Peace Lutheran Church by Pastor R.J. Freimark.

The church was decorated with greens and white flowers and candles.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her father and was dressed in the traditional white satin and lace. Her gown was a lace bodice with tiny seed pearls, long sleeves coming to a brides point over the hand, empire waist line and an A-line skirt with lace train extended from the waist line with a satin bow. Her veil was held in place by a cluster of satin bows and seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of white carnations and poms poms with greens.

Mrs. Cary Martin was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Patricia Shultz, Miss Lordell Schmeling and Miss Karen Martin. All were dressed in white with white head pieces and short veils. Each carried a bouquet of red and white carnations with red satin streamers. Each wore crystal earrings and bracelets which were gifts from the bride. Flower girl was Penny Nelson who was dressed all in white with a train extending from her shoulders. She carried a miniature bouquet like the brides. Her gift from the bride was a gold cross and bracelet.

Candlelighters were Miss Judy Martin and Miss Janenne Martin. They wore white gowns similar to those of the bridesmaids. Their gifts from the bride were gold lockets.

Ringbearer was Master Michael Nelson and his gift from the groom was an identification bracelet.

Bestman was Gary Martin and groomsmen were Dale Nelson, Robert Nelson and David Martin.

Ushers were Sherrill Koch and Donald Lang. The men all were black tuxedos, white shirts and black bow ties with a white carnation in their lapel. Their gifts from the groom were tie tacks and snow brushes.

The organist was Miss Sharon Schlender who is a school friend of the bride. Soloist was Miss Lorelie Thor, school friend of both bride and groom.

The bride's personal attendant was Miss Margaret Lessard, a college friend of the bride.

The bride's mother chose a light blue dress and coat ensemble with matching accessories. The groom's mother chose a medium blue dress with black accessories. Each wore an all white corsage.

Mrs. Clara Nelson and Mrs. Orville Martin helped pin on flowers.

Following the ceremony a reception for the guests was held in the church parlors. Mr. and Mrs. Myron Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Erwin W. Hoeft served as host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Trutabough and June Nelson served punch.

Pouring honors went to Mrs. Keith Johnson and Mrs. Arnold Lang. Cutting the wedding cake was Mrs. Stanley Koch and Mrs. Clarence Martin.

Waitresses at the bridal table were Nancy Abbott, Alice Abbott, Becky Nelson, and Marilyn Martin. Other waitresses were Cynthia Stueber, Barbara Sladek, Linda Hoffman, Peggy Thomas, Kitty Wothe and Marie Hacker.

Opening the gifts were Barbara Olson, Mrs. Jerrel Sharpe, Lornette Schmeling and Mrs. Ron Wothe.

The bride's personal photo were taken by Miss Linda Sue Nelson.

Four grandmothers attended the wedding and two grandfathers who each had a corsage of red and white carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Martin will make their home in Brooklyn Park where both are employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Martin entertained the bridal party after rehearsal at their home.

Brookfield

Intended for last week

MRS. CALVIN JOHNSON entertained in honor of Randy Burdick at a party for his twelveth birthday, Jan. 12. Guests included Tom Clancy, Daniel Ray Moore, Dale Erickson, Randy Sampson, Greg Kulberg, Richard Brodersius, Steven Karnik, Andrew LeGare, Dan Wersel, Ron Sullivan, Scott Kramer, and Dean Serbus.

MR. AND MRS. NICK Scholla visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Larry Scholla at the Rice Hospital in Willmar, also saw their new granddaughter for the first time. A 9 lb. 2 oz. girl was born to Larry Scholla, Jan. 15. Maternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Sigurd Berg of Brainerd.

MR. AND MRS. CALVIN Johnson and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Ed Klaypoot home in Hutchinson.

WEEK END GUESTS from Robbinsdale in the area were Pam Squibb at the John Squibb home and Mrs. Nancy Capers and Neill, at the Elmer Wittman home.

THE OSCEOLA JACKS and Jills 4-H club was represented by Mrs. Nick Scholla and Mrs. Merton Sing and Louanne at the Leadership meeting Thursday night in Olivia. Mrs. Eugene Kramer and Steven, Mrs. Arnold Lofgren and David and Cella LeGare represented the Brookfield Buffalo Bills 4-H club. Diane Radloff and David Lofgren were selected as Lake Allie area representatives to the county 4-H council.

FRIDAY GUESTS AT THE John Squibb home were Mrs. Gerald Greenslit and Scott of Franklin.

MRS. ROBERT FREBERG attended a shower in honor of Mrs. Howard Skelton (Amy Kisling) of Eau Claie, Wisc., Sunday afternoon in Minneapolis.



CHERYL LYNN CALBERG

Cheryl Calberg engaged to marry Eugene Linder

LITCHFIELD--Mr. and Mrs. Donald Calberg of Litchfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Lynn, to Eugene Harold Linder also of Litchfield.

No definite wedding date has been set.

It Happened at Thorpe

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Anderson and Mrs. Cora Anderson attended the wedding for Sheila Radunz and John Richter at St. Cloud on Saturday.

MR. AND MRS. GORDON Johnson and Jim and Mrs. Gunder Johnson were Sunday dinner guests at the Orion Johnson home at Paynesville.

MR. AND MRS. OLIVER Grimm and family, Keith and Galen, who are home on leave from the Navy and Mr. and Mrs. Jerrel Sharpe of Minneapolis were Saturday evening supper guests at the Arnold Helin home.

TEN KINDERGARTEN friends were guests Friday after school at the Mrs. Mary Macik home to help Linda celebrate her sixth birthday. Mrs. Ralph Macik and girls, Mrs. Donald Olson and boys and Mrs. Walter Swenson of rural Atwater were Saturday guests at the Macik home.

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD Spangler attended the wedding and reception for Judy Wenderff and Leonard Bryan at Glencoe on Saturday evening.

MR. AND MRS. EINAR Gilhoi of Spicer were Sunday dinner guests and afternoon guests at the Severin Olson home.

LEO GAUER OF A TWA TE was a Thursday supper guest at the Harold Spangler home.

MR. AND MRS. SEVERIN Olson visited at the Willard Anderson home on Thursday evening.

MR. AND MRS. MARTIN Wieker and family and Val Bomstad of Minneapolis, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hanson and Sherri and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Zins and boys of Atwater, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Degner, Mr. and Mrs. Don Manlow and Darin and Steve Egge were Sunday guests at the Ambrose Bomstad home.

MR. AND MRS. ALTON Wicklund of Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tinnes of Willmar and Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Bomstad visited Alf Koester at the Olivia hospital on Thursday evening.

Scout leaders attend workshop

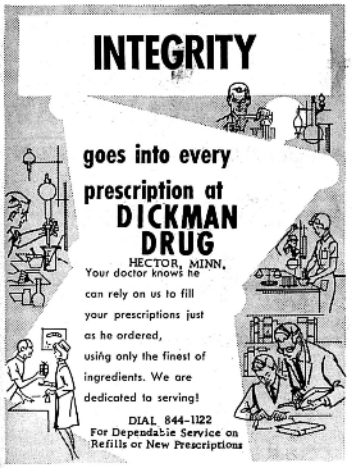
COSMOS -Mmes. Haagenson, Kahmeyer, Havard and Meyer were among the 75 Girl Scout adults attending an Arts Workshop in Hector recently. This Workshop is a part of the training program of the Peacepipe Girl Scout Council.

The Workshop was the final of a series of three in this program field. The previous week two had been held--in Madelia and in Slayton. These three made the training available to all parts of the 25 county council.

Bill Folsom is hospitalized in Olivia

BROOKFIELD-Bill Folsom is hospitalized at the Renville County hospital in Olivia.

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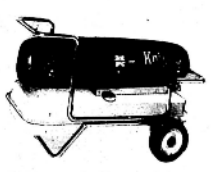
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Cosmos News

MR. AND MRS. WES Youngblom of Hutchinson were callers at the Charles Albrecht home last week Monday.

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE Booth of Alexandria were callers on Tuesday last week at the Charles Albrecht home.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES Dvorak, Carol and Chuck and Mrs. Rose Dvorak attended the baptism for Brian Lee Gorr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gorr at Farmington. Mrs. Jim Dvorak was one of the sponsors for her nephew. They all were dinner guests at the Gorr home after the services.

PETER LUNDSTROM OF Kasota spent the week end with his grandparents, Carl Byti.

MRS. HAROLD LOUSIANA and girls of Minneapolis were Thursday guests at the Darrel Ketcham home.

MR. AND MRS. MARTIN Thomas of Bloomington and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Remmel were Sunday guests at the Ben Thomas home.

MR. AND MRS. ORVILLE Weg attended the wedding for a niece Marilyn Roseanu and Arden Ahleben at the Grace Lutheran church in Hutchinson last Saturday afternoon. They also attended the reception at Browaton school.

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD Witte, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kirgiss and Mrs. Anderson of Hector were Thursday evening guests at the Richard Higgin home.

LEWIS ARNOLD of Brooklyn Center spent the week-end at the Bernard Arnold home. The Lyle Arnold family and Mrs. Shirley Wilcox of Las Vegas, Nev., were Sunday dinner guests. Afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Martin of Hector.

MRS. JACK REINS visited at the Ardell Reins home in Minneapolis on Saturday.

MR. AND MRS. EVERETT Johnson of Minneapolis were Saturday overnight guests at the Ilert Anderson home.

NANCY PORATH OF Mankato was a week end guest at the Jack Porath home.

MR. AND MRS. EVERETT Johnson of Minneapolis and Ilert Anderson and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Arnold Schiro home.

ROBERT PORATH AND girls of Hutchinson, Nancy Porath of Mankato and Chuck Lundstrom were Sunday dinner guests at the Jack Porath home.

MR. AND MRS. CURT Meyer of St. Louis Park were week end guests at the Merrill Meyer home.

JR. LUTHERANS OF COSmos Peace Lutheran Church presented a puppet show for family and friends for family night on Sunday evening at the Church.

BROOKS ISEMINGER OF Olivia visited his mother and brother Mrs. Lulu and Adrian Iseminger last Thursday evening.

MR. AND MRS. WALTER Homan were honored Wednesday evening at the Annual meeting at Peace Lutheran church. They resigned Dec. 31 from Janitor work at Peace church since June 1, 1958.

MR. AND MRS. ROY Frederiksen, Jean and Paul were Sunday guests at the Victor Christiansen home in Lamberton.

Bonnie Boelter submitted to surgery, Sunday

COSMOS--Bonnie Boelter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Boelter, submitted to an emergency appendectomy at the Litchfield hospital Sunday morning.

Frank Mills had lip surgery, Thurs.

CORVUSO -Frank Mills of Corvuso was admitted to the Litchfield hospital Wednesday. He submitted to lip surgery Thursday morning.

Baby girl born to Robert Poraths

HUTCHINSON --A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Porath (Diane Johnson) at the Hutchinson hospital Sunday, Jan. 18. She weighed 6 lbs. and 6 oz. She has two sisters at home.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Porath of Cosmos and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Johnson of rural Cosmos.

Mrs. C. Christianson passed away Sat.

HECTOR --Mrs. Christ Christianson, 71, of Hector, formerly of Brookfield township, passed away suddenly at her home last Saturday morning.

Funeral services are scheduled for Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. at Trinity Lutheran with Pastor Beckman officiating at the services.

David Hesser returns home from hospital

COSMOS -David Hesser, 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hesser of Cosmos, returned home from the hospital Sunday. David has a broken pelvis and ankle broken in two places from an accident last Tuesday evening.

Rod and Gun club to meet Jan. 22 at 8 p. m.

COSMOS---Cosmos Rod and Gun Club will meet Thursday, Jan. 22 at 8 p. m. in the Legion Club rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Lietzau will be showing slides of their recent trip to Alaska.

Refreshments will be served.



JOY JOANN MALMQUIST

Joy Malmquist is engaged to Gordon Houk

GROVE CITY--Mr. and Mrs. Clarence T. Malmquist of Grove City have announced the engagement of their daughter, Joy Joann, to Gordon LeVern Houk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Houk of Grove City.

Both are graduates of Grove City High School and Bethel College, St. Paul. Mr. Houk holds a master's degree from the University of Minnesota.

Mr. Houk is currently employed as a science teacher at the Lester Prairie High School, where he was chosen as their 1969 teacher of the year.

Miss Malmquist teaches secondary science and English at Cosmos High School.

No wedding date has been set.

It Happened at Thorpe

MR. AND MRS. RONALD Park and family were Saturday overnight guests at the Harold Hartung home at Granada to help Mrs. Hartung celebrate her birthday.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD Riedel arrived home last Sunday morning after spending three day trip in Tuscan, Arizona and old Mexico sponsored by Gulf American Corp.

MR. AND MRS. RONALD Park and family attended the Lowell Lundquist singers in Montevideo Monday evening and later were guests at the Darrel Houger home.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD Riedel visited Mr. and Mrs. August Carlson in Svea on Sunday.

MR. AND MRS. GERHARD Steinke and Dorothea were Saturday guests at the Eugene Leachelt home at Madison to help their grandson David celebrate his eighth birthday.

MR. AND MRS. ALTON Wickhund and family of Hutchinson and Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Bomstad visited Allen Koester at Hector Wednesday afternoon.

MR. AND MRS. VIRGIL Zins and boys of rural Atwater and Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Bomstad were Thursday evening guests at the Larry Degner home.

MR. AND MRS. STANLEY Peterson and Mrs. Elsie Katzenmeyer were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests at the Mrs. Ellen Johnson home.

MR. AND MRS. CARL Remmel visited at the David Anderson home Saturday evening.

MR. AND MRS. MARTIN Thomas of Bloomington were week end guests at the Bert Thomas home.

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE Kelbing and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kiecker took part in the snowmobile races at Young America on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Kiecker received a trophy for placing first in the couples race and Kelbings received a trophy for third place. Mrs. Kelbing placed third in the powder puff race and Mrs. Kiecker placed second. Each received a trophy.

JULIE AND DEBBIE KELbing were Sunday guests at the Eugene Renstrom home.

Meeker NFO elects officers

LITCHFIELD -At the monthly meeting on Jan. 15 of Meeker County NFO, the following were elected officers:

William Euerle of Litchfield, Chairman;

Clifford Hedtke of Grove City, Vice Chairman;

David Lux of Cosmos, Sec.; A.R. Schmalz of Atwater, re-elected treasurer.

In unofficial tabulations over 2/3 of the voting members in the nation approved raising yearly NFO dues from $25 to $75 a yaer, effective Jan. 15, 1970.

ABOUT 160 CHAPTERS of FFA distributed over 50,000 slow moving vehicle (SMV) emblems during the past 32 months.

Mrs. D. Matthews breaks ankle

COSMOS -Mrs. Dorothy Matthew had the misfortune of falling and breaking her ankle. She is now staying at her son's home, Matt Matthews.

Baby girl born to LaMoyne Flemmings, Jan. 13

NEW HOPE --A baby girl, Michelle Alane, was born to Mr. and Mrs. LaMoyne (Butch) Flemming at New Hope, Minn. Jan. 13.

She has a brother, Mitchell at home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Flemming of Willmar.

Social security beneficiaries do not have to apply

SOCIAL SECURITY beneficiaries need not apply for the 15 percent benefit increase just signed into law by President Nixon.

"Every one of the 25 million men, women and children now on the benefit rolls will receive the increase automatically," Mr. Earnest A. Aslesen, district manager, said today.

"The first regular check in the new amount, " Mr. Aslesen said, "Will arrive April 3, the usual day for delivery of benefit checks covering payments for the month of March. " A separate check in the amount of the benefit increase for the month of January and February will reach beneficiaries later in April, probably during the week of April 20.

Marie Grimm had virus infection

COSMOS -Marie Grimm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Grimm has been ill at home with virus infection. She later had a pencillin reaction.

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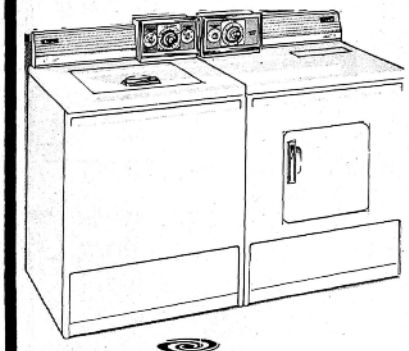
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Royal Cagers get another victory

THE COSMOS ROYALS cagemen invaded Silver Lake last Friday night and came home victorious over the Lakelites with a final score of 72-60. It was the second straight win for the Royals and three conference teams in a row have bowed to the Cosmos onrush.

Silver Lake started out determined to win this game as shown by their first quarter play. The Royals were outplayed badly as they were down by four points at the end of the quarter. The score was 19-15 at the end of the first period.

Second quarter play found the Royals diminishing the Lakeite lead. They came from behind to lead by two at the half. To do this the Royal defense had held Silver Lake to nine points for the quarter while scoring 15 themselves. The score at halftime was 30-28.

The third quarter was the Royals' best quarter as they placed 25 points on the scoreboard while at the same time keeping Silver Lake in check by allowing only eleven points scored.

Cosmos coasted to the victory during the fourth quarter as they placed only three field goals but 11 points through free throws kept the Royal lead intact. Silver Lake outscored the Royals with 21 points but the 16 point lead built up by Cosmos at the start of the quarter was beyond their reach.

Craig Thomas turned in another fine job as he scored 24 points, 18 of which came in the last two quarters after he went scoreless during the first quarter. Silver Lake made the mistake of fouling him several times and he returned the favor by hitting nine shots from the line. Dave Fett turned in his finest performance of the season by hitting for 17 points. Doug Mortenson was the third Cosmos player in doubles as he shot for 12.

Larry Ruzicka was high scorer for Silver Lake with 16 and was followed by Duane Rogoli with 15.

COSMOS also won the "B" game as they won it with brilliant defensive play during the second and third quarters. Silver Lake held a six point first quarter lead and then went scoreless in the second quarter and scored only two in the third quarter while Cosmos built up their lead. High scorer for Cosmos was Jim Eplund with ten.

Score by quarters:

Cosmos	15	15	25	17 - 72
Silver Lake	19	9	11	21 - 60

BOX SCORE:

Cosmos	fg	ft	f	tps
Lundstrom	4	2	5	8
Mortenson, D.	6	0	3	12
Nelson	1	0	2	2
Fett, Dave	7	3	5	17
Tommy Blomquist	7	9	2	23
Martin	3	1	5	7
Schmeling	0	2	3	2
Fett, Doug	0	1	1	1
Totals	28	16	26	72

Silver Lake				
Jackowiak	1	4	5	6
Gehlen	2	0	5	4
Ruzicka	5	6	3	16
Hedlund	4	0	2	8
Rogoli	6	2	3	15
Hlavka	4	2	5	10
Totals	22	16	22	60

"B" GAME

Cosmos	4	7	12	13 - 34
Silver Lake	10	0	2	14 - 26

Cosmos	fg	ft	f	pts
Raske, L.	1	0	0	2
Stockland	2	0	3	4
Mortenson R.	1	3	1	5
DeLeeuw	3	0	5	6
Renstrom	1	0	2	2
Esplund	1	8	4	10
Fett, Doug	2	1	1	5
Totals	11	12	16	34

Silver Lake				
Trinks	1	2	3	4
Beba	2	2	2	6
Ulrick	2	3	3	7
Rogoli	1	3	5	5
Martin	0	0	1	0
Chalupsky	2	0	4	4
Totals	8	10	18	26

DON'S SPORTS SCENE

By Don Frederiksen



THE ROYAL WILL BE OUT on the home court next Friday trying for their fourth straight conference win. They will be pitted against the Maynard Eagles who have a 1-5 conference record.

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LAST FRIDAY'S contest was really quite a battle. A total of six players went out of the game with five fouls while the total number of fouls was 48.

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CRAIG THOMAS is really having a fine season for the Royals as far as points total go. The 23 points he scored in the Silver Lake game upped his game average to a very respectable 20.2 per game.

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THE WRESTLERS have also been putting on some fine shows for the home fans. The conference wrestling tournament is just a little more than a week away and I myself am already looking forward to it.

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PROBABLY the most improved wrestler on this year's team is Ken Hopp who is undefeated in dual meet action this year. Ken really gives the fans their money's worth as he goes out on the mat and just overpowers his opponent.

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PARTING THROUGHTS: He's the kind of guy who works eight hours and sleeps eight hours each day but his boss fired him because they were the same eight hours.



MONDAY NIGHT LADIES

	P	W	L
Blomkest Bank	42	4	2
L. L. Bank	40½	4	2
Cosmos News	34½	4	2
Johnson Motors	28½	3	3
Olson's D. S.	28	3	3
Jan's Beauty	26	3	3
Bruggers Mobil	25	2	4
L. L. Elevator	15½	1	5

High team series
Blomkest Bank 2578
High team game
Blomkest Bank 911
High ind. series
Tommy Blomquist 554
High ind. game
Esther Bluhm 208
500 Series
Tommy Blomquist 554
200 Games
Esther Bluhm 208
Games over 170
Esther B. 208
Beatrice L. 193
Tommy B. 192, 184, 178
Gladys V. D. E. 177, 174
Doris T. 176
Ruth H. 175, 171
Carol M. 174
Barbara H. 170
Splits converted
Harriet C. 5-10
Arlene M. 3-10
Donna D. 5-7
Carol M. 5-6
Gladys V. D. E. 5-6-10
Stanza H. 5-7
Florence G. 3-10
Beatrice L. 5-10

TUESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

	P	W	L
Bankers	41	5	1
L. L. Lumber	39	4	2
Lakers	34	3	3
Cargill	30	2	4
L. L. Legion	29	3	3
Johnson Motors	24	2	4
Turner's TV	22	3	3
L. L. Lanes	21	2	4

200 Games
Ed Ackman 213
Don Bomstad 213
Myron Flann 201

THURSDAY MIXED DOUBLES

	P	TP
Scrappers	24	2021
Funks G	21	2065
Eggheads	18	2121
Pinsplitters	17	2050
Merry Mixups	10	2028
Trojan Seeds	9	1958
Alley Cats	6	1975
Wooden Shoes	3	1929

High team series
Eggheads 2121
High team game
Eggheads 745
High ind. series, women
Jana O. 488
High ind. series, men
Wally B. 601
High ind. game, women
Jana O. 180
High ind. game, men
Wally B. 234

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

	P	W	L
L. L. Elevator	42	4	2
Home Oil	39½	4	2
Don's Lumber	33	4	2
Red Crown	29½	3	3
Minn. Tele.	28½	3	3
Earl's Meat	25	2	4
Schroer's XL	22½	2	4
L. L. Creamery	20	2	4

High team series
Home Oil 2879
High team game
Red Crown 1033
500 Series
Oral Johnson 582
LaVerne Gilhoi 556
Myron Flann 555
Darel Oslund 541
Dale Ackman 541
Gordon Johnson 536
Harvey Allen 535
Leon Sharpe 532
Leo Macik 527
Cy Swigart 522
Gene Renstrom 518
Don Olson 510
Raynold Olson 505
Kenneth Newberg 504
200 Games
Darel Oslund 243
Myron Flann 236
LaVerne Gilhoi 216
Leo Macik 209
Oral Johnson 201, 207
Raynold Olson 205
Dale Ackman 202
Cy Swigart 202
Byron Freifarek 200

Raymond will host Cro-Hawk tournament

RAYMOND -Raymond High School will host the 69-70 Cro-Hawk Conference Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 31, beginning at 1 p.m.

Conference schools participating in the tournament will be Milan--Maynard--Clara City--Raymond and Cosmos. Cosmos will be out to defend the championship they won last year. Strong opposition is expected from Maynard who finished in a strong second. Third place was won by Clara City with Milan in fourth and Raymond in fifth place.

Last year's official results of the tournament were as follows: Team Points: Cosmos 117, Maynard 91; Clara City 55; Milan 48; and Raymond 32.

Admission for the tournament will be $.75 for adults and $.25 for students.

Thompson Lake now open for promiscuous fishing

COSMOS--Thompson Lake, one mile west of Cosmos, has been opened by the Minnesota Conservation Department to promiscuous fishing.

Residents of the state of Minnesota may take fish from Thompson Lake by any method, except by the use of seines, hoop nets, fyke nets or explosives.

Thompson Lake is open for promiscuous fishing until Feb. 15.

Wrestlers defeated Maynard

THE COSMOS grapplers traveled to Maynard last Thursday to down Maynard 26-22 to even their dual meet record at 3-3.

Maynard was the last conference team to meet the Royals before the Cro-Hawk Tourney on Jan. 31.

Jack Johnson was the only Cosmos matman getting a pin as he put on a fine show on the 133 pound class.

Darrel Kaping also put five team points on the board as his opponent was disqualified in the final period.

Four other wrestlers got wins for the Royals and two others wrestled to a draw. Getting wins were Robert Mortenson, Gale Wright, Dale Sayles and Mike Eggert. Randy Johnson and Paul Frederiksen were the two Cosmos grapplers getting draws.

Getting pins for Maynard were Alan Abel, Allen Leece and Doug Tiehert while Dan Jakobs won on Decisions.

Maynard won the "B" match 23-10 earlier in the evening. Putting points on the board for Cosmos were Steve Peterson, Brad Nelson and DuWayne Klecker.

95--Johnson (c) draw Stuerhus (m) 2-2.
103--Mortensen (c) dec. Jakobs (m) 7-0.
112--Jakobs (m) dec. Hackbarth (c) 11-0.
120--Wright (c) dec. Jakobs (m) 4-2.
127--Sayles (c) dec. Schoep (m) 4-0.
133--Johnson (c) pin Molden (m) 1:20.
138--Frederiksen (c) draw Lee (m) 2-2.
145--Eggert (c) dec. Williamson (m) 2-0.
154--Abel (m) pin Schroder (c) :27.
165--Kaping (c) disqualification.
175--Leece (m) pin Johnson (c) 1:55.
Hwt. --Tiechert (m) pin Weseloh (c) 5:27.

Brownton wrestlers take Royals

IN THE CLOSEST contest of the year and before the smallest crowd to attend a meet this year the Cosmos wrestling team lost to Danube 23-21 on Monday night at the Cosmos gym.

The intense cold outside never bothered the meets inside as every weight class had a fine performance.

Two Cosmos grapplers won on pins, three others won on decisions and a draw in the heavyweight class made up the scoring for Cosmos.

Getting pins were Randy Johnson and Mike Eggert. Winning on decisions for Cosmos were Robert Mortensen, Dale Sayles, and Ken Hopp. Alan Weseloh wrestled to a draw in the last event of the evening.

Getting wins for Danube were Jim Kodet and Craig Luech on pins and Robert Hoekstra, Brad Spartel, Dave Maurice and Rick Zenk all on decisions.

Cosmos did win the "B" match 11-8 as Clark Johnson, Kevin Menton and Harold Weseloh won for the Royals.

95--Johnson (c) pin Slagter (d) 1:56.
103--Mortensen (c) dec. G. Kodet (d) 3-2.
112--J. Kodet (d) pin Hackbarth (c) 1:53.
120--Hoekstra (d) dec. Wright (c) 5-0.
127--Sayles (c) dec. Sindelir (d) 4-0.
133--Lueck (d) pin J. Johnson (c) 5:59.
138--Spartel (d) dec. Frederiksen (c) 4-2.
145--Eggert (c) pin Engstrom (d) 0:58.
154--Hopp (c) dec. Schroeder (d) 13-1.
165--Maurice (d) dec. O. Johnson (c) 4-0.
175--Zenk (d) dec. Kaping (c) 5-4.
Hwt. --Weseloh (c) draw Hotavec (d) 1-1.

International snowmobile meet set for Duluth

DULUTH -Charles Kuralt, CBS newsman who snowmobiled to the North Pole with Minnesotan Ralph Plaisted, headlines a top program for the 1970 International Snowmobile Congress Feb. 9-11 in Duluth. Four hundred persons are expected at the event, according to Robert Farinacci, Minnesota Department of Economic Development, Chairman of the Congress.

During the Congress, both pro and con viewpoints will be discussed on economic and environmental impact, standardization, trails, private clubs and legislation.

Both Minnesota Governor Harold LeVander and Lt. Governor, James Goetz, will take active roles in the conference, indicating the tremendous impact the snowmobile has made in Minnesota. The Minnesota Department of Conservation has just registered the 100,000th snowmobile, according to Bob Rygg, deputy commissioner.

Lake Lillian Snow Fest seeks snowmobile entries

LAKE LILLIAN--Entries are now accepted for the second annual Lake Lillian Snow Fest Snowmobile Races, which this year have been scheduled to be run on Sunday, Feb. 8.

The event, sponsored by the Lake Lillian Civic and Commerce, will feature snowmobile drag races and oval races beginning at 10 a.m.

Prizes in the event will include trophies and 80 per cent of the entry fees. Entry for stock machines is $9 and $11 for modified snowmobiles in each class entered.

Classes in which snowmobiles may be entered are as follows:

STOCK: Class A. 0--295 cc; Class B. 296-340 cc; Class C. 341-440 cc.

MODIFIED: Class 1. 0-295 cc; Class 2. 296-340 cc; Class 3. 341-440 cc; Class 4. 441-650 cc; Class 5. 651-800 cc.

POWDER PUFF: 295-440 Stock; Entry $5.

Rules of the contest are:

STOCK SNOWMOBILES:

1. Machine and engine must be a product of a recognized manufacturer of snowmobiles for sale to the general public.
2. Must have original engine, track, skis, frame, cowl, suspension and variable speed converter supplied by the manufacturer for that particular model.
3. Engine must be equipped with original stock muffler.
4. The only alterations are as follows:

A. Removal of windshields, carburetor air cleaners, headlamps, seat and backrest.

B. Safety equipment, such as brakes, additional padding, track studs, 3/8 runners for skis for ice conditions.

5. No component of the engine may be changed, enlarged or altered from the manufacturer's original stock specifications, nor may any additional components be added to engine. FACTORY OPTIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED.
6. Fuel must be pump gas and petroleum oil.
7. Helmets mandatory.

MODIFIED SNOWMOBILES:

1. Machine must have original equipment, including engine frame, track, skis and suspension supplied by manufacturer for that particular model.
2. Engine horsepower may be increased any way, provided that displacement remains in specific class limitations.
3. Fuel, no restrictions.
4. Mufflers, no restrictions.
5. No restrictions to reducing weight, provided that such alterations structurally not weaken machine as to cause loss of control or protection to driver.
6. Helmets mandatory.

PROTESTS must be made and a $25.00 cash fee shall be submitted to the race director after completion of each event.

All races or any particular event may be cancelled or postponed at the discretion of the racing committee from lack of competitors in any class or event or any adverse condition.

To enter the races, clip out the official entry blank printed below and mail to: SNOWMOBILE RACES, c/o Barbara Hopman, Box 524, Lake Lillian, Mn. 56253.

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Send check or money order to SNOWMOBILE RACES, c/o Barbara Hopman, Box 524, Lake Lillian, Minn. 56253. Check carefully the class in which you will be racing — and designate stock, modified. Starting positions shall be determined by postmarked date on entry form. Please get your entry in early. ☐ OVALS ☐ DRAG

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HAVING SIGNED MY NAME BELOW, I hereby absolve any committee or committee members or property owners of the above named snowmobile race from any and all responsibility for any injury or participation in any or all of the activities connected with or resulting from the bove named snowmobile race. Any entrant under age of 21 years must have accompanying signature of parent or guardian. Drivers must be 16 years of age by December 1st.

Signature _____

Danube edges Royal matmen

THE COSMOS matmen hosted a dual meet with Brownton on Jan. 13 and were downed 35-11. The loss lowered the Royals dual meet record to 2-3 as they wrestled this non-conference team.

Three Cosmos grapplers proved to be winners for the Royal cause. Randy Johnson at 95 pounds started the meet off with a win in a pin over his opponent. The Royals then went scoreless until the 145 pound class where Mike Eggert had an easy 10-3 victory. At 154 pounds, Ken Hopp continued his fine wrestling with a 4-2 victory over his Brownton opponent.

Brownton wrestlers got four pins over their Royal opponent. Getting pins were Jerry Guerrero, Bob Decker, Glenn Alsleben and Fred Bipes. Getting decisions for Brownton were Jim Bartels, Roy Guerrero, Brett Dwinnell, Joel Lietz and Lee Hochsbrung.

Brownton also won the "B" match 27-3. Paul Nelson was the only winning wrestler for Cosmos at 133 pounds.

95--Johnson (c) pin Alsleben (b) 5:55.
103--Bartels (b) Mortensen (c) 2-0.
112--Guerrero (b) pin Hackbarth (c) 0:37.
120--Guerrero (b) dec. Wright (c) 9-2.
127--Dwinnell (b) dec. Sayles (c) 2-0.
133--Decker (b) pin Johnson (c) 4:55.
138--Lietz (b) dec. Frederiksen (c) 6-2.
145--Eggert (c) dec. Katzenmeyer (b) 10-3.
154--Hopp (c) dec. Schwarze (b) 4-2.
165--Alsleben (b) pin Johnson (c) 1:53.
175--Hocksbrung (b) dec. Kaping (c) 5-1.
Hwt. --Bipes (b) pin Weseloh (c) 3.28.

Rural Art show entry deadline February 28

MEEKER COUNTY amateur rural artists are reminded that the dates for entering the University of Minnesota's 19th Annual Town/Country Art Show are Feb. 23-28.

Those who have not already received registration forms and information on entry rules may get them by writing Minnesota Town/Country Art Show, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minn. 55101, says County Extension Home Economist LuAnn Herrig.

Any amateur painter or sculptor of high school age or over is eligible to exhibit who lives in rural Minnesota or in a Minnesota town of 25,000 or less. Each artist may enter one painting and one piece of sculpture, but not two in the same medium. The entry must be a recent original work, not a copy. Photographs are not accepted.

The exhibit is limited to artists from Minnesota only.

Entries may be brought to the St. Paul Campus Student Center in person during the time designated as entry dates. Art to be shipped should be packed carefully with shipping charges prepaid and addressed to Minnesota Town/Country Art Show, Student Center, University of Minnesota, St. Paul 55101.

The Town/Country Art Show will open to the public in the St. Paul Campus Student Center March 15 and continue through April 3. A program of gallery tours, demonstrations and an artists' luncheon will be featured during the last week, beginning March 31.

Art works receiving merit awards will be hung in the American-Swedish Institute in Minneapolis April 12 through May 3.

The Town/Country Art Show is sponsored by the University's Agricultural Extension Service and the General Extension Division.

Dr. Robert Hanson to conduct Concordia Band

HUTCHINSON --Dr. J. Robert Hanson, conductor of the Concordia Band has a wide musical background in performance, composition and conducting. A graduate of Concordia College, he was trumpet soloist under former conductors J. A. Holvik and Lief I. Christianson.

After graduation from Concordia, Dr. Hanson continued his study at the State University of Iowa and holds the degrees of Master of Fine Arts in performance and Doctor of Philosophy in Compositon from that institution. He was an instructor of trumpet and theory at the University of Iowa and Conductor of Bands at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee prior to his present position at Concordia.

My Neighbors



"I suppose I should have my head examined coming here..."



MONDAY, JAN. 26--Chicken Vegetable soup and crackers, rice pudding, buttered peas, apple crisp.

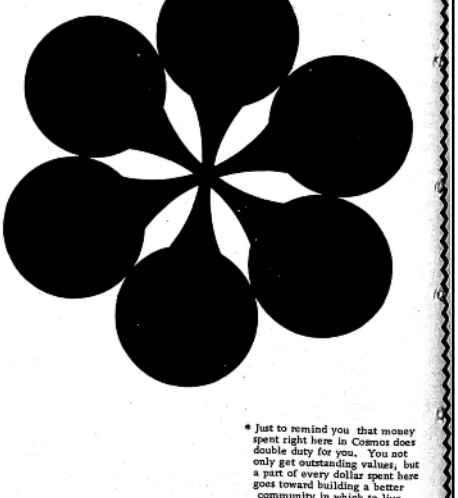
Tuesday--Scalloped potatoes with ham, lettuce salad, cheese, lemon jello.

Wednesday--Mashed potatoes, creamed turkey, stewed tomatoes, apple sauce, coffee cake.

Thursday--Pizza, Baking powder biscuits, baked beans, pineapple dessert.

Friday--Buttered potatoes, Fish sticks, muffins, apricot sauce.

Bread, butter and milk served with each meal.



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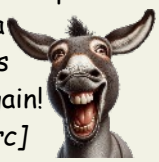




By Mark Minnick
"Insect Loving Idiot" Editor of **The Galactic Gazette**

My Thanksgiving food just got done digesting and then a month later; **POW!!!** More food and merriment to deal with - Yikes! I struggled a bit, but I made it through all the peanut brittle, cookies, bars, fudge, almond bark…you get the picture. I was a trooper for sure, sampling juuust a little of each. There was one casualty though; my waistline - Yikes again! *At least my good looks are still intact. [Sarc]*





What did you the reader get for Christmas? Good things I hope. I received some really neat stuff, as I do every year. *(and no coal, btw.)* Even as my memory banks continue to 'act up' I do remember a couple of notable items. *(See below)* *(…don't think I got any Hamm's???)*

The 'Little Monsters' (our cats, **Frankie, Tippy, Sammy & Ralphie**) got me a new Bates fishing reel. Last year they got me some Steiner binoculars. It seems that the hits just keep on coming from these four. Way to go kitties!



Number one son Tyler got me four cans of **Dei Fratelli** tomato juice. Very much needed, it's what I use to make my bloody beer mix. Nice.



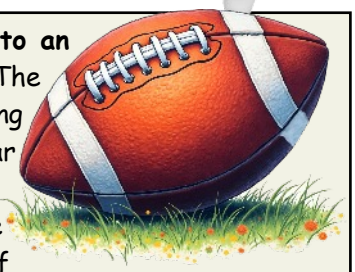
So, how many lucky people can say they got a fishing reel and tomato juice for Christmas? Huh? Not many I'm willing to bet. I'm blessed and humbled. :)

(or am I weird on the tomato juice thing…?)



A big, big thanks and a hug for everyone this Christmas season, whether they got me a gift or not. It's a good time to be alive with friends and family…and cats.

Football season is coming to an end, both college and pro. The college bowl games are winding down and it's the last regular season games for the NFL.



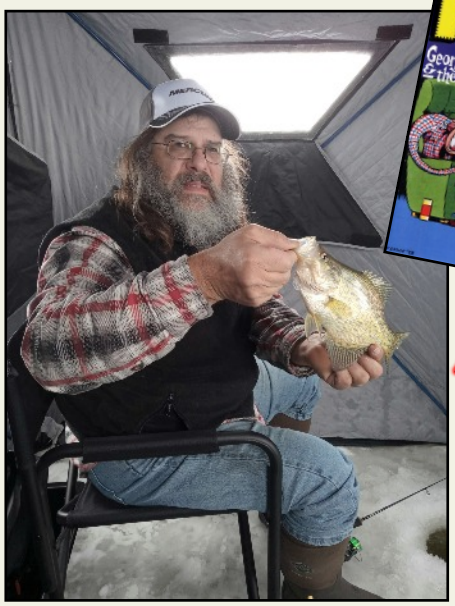
College playoffs have already begun with some of the bowl games. There were certainly some great contests over the holidays. I was impressed.

The NFL playoffs start on January 10th, making for the beginning of the end of the 25-26 football season. The Vikings are out of it but hey, there's always next year. Right? Right? Oh well…I'm still not watching soccer.

Ice fishing season seems to be in full swing. I've heard a few reports here and there of some nice catches. This time of year I'm reminded of how much I miss fishing and ice fishing specifically. My buddy **Brent Stewart** *(who still can't afford a haircut, I see)* sent me a pic of an early December crappie he popped on **Vail's Lake** near Eden Valley. Thanks for the info Brent.



Fwiw, a *George Thorogood song comes to mind…*





Regardless of hair, you go buddy!

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We had a couple of readers that properly identified just one of the two athletes correctly. They each get one Kewpie each. Guess they got the Raske boys mixed up. :)

*The whozits this month r chuck raske and steve ulrich. *Shirley Reinert*

*Hey Mark, That's Chuck Raske & Steve Ulrich *Marlene Remmel*



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