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Happy Valentines Day!

Weather: It's romantic, of course | "All of the news you really need. Probably more" | "Noli credere omnia legis"

If You Don't Like the Weather…

Just give it seven days.



Commentary by Mark Minnick - Pics by Deb Minnick

I kinda figured the front page story from the Jan '24 issue would turn around and bite me. If a person is encouraged by balmy 'Minnesoda' winter weather, it'll change for sure, then. Uff.

Whoda thunk that we could go from rain and shallow 'lakes' on Christmas Eve, to frigid temps and ice skating on New Years Day? At least the squirrels can take off their five-buckles, for now. *(The weather folks are predicting temps in the 50's next week. Uff.)*

The upside of this more seasonal weather is that these young folks get to enjoy some ice skating while on Christmas break. Beats sitting in the house watching it rain, I say. I bet the finches using the little umbrellas would agree. I also heard that the frogs went back to sleeping in the mud. The squirrels in boots; don't know.

*See more **"Ice Capades"** next page.*

The Cosmos ICE-CAPADES!



If you take a pic from the ballpark, you have to include Cosmos' famous water tower in the background, right?



The skaters, L to R; **Lilly Henschke, Evie Plombon, Kylee Henschke.**

Pics by Deb Minnick

TIME WARP Extra



As I was searching for worthy items for this month's **Time Warp** section, I came across this article about the 'new' Minnesota Vikings football team. I got a chuckle out of reading it and I thought the readers would too.

I wonder if Van Brocklin knew that the team would still not have a championship after all these years. Maybe if he would have hung onto **Tarkenton** to begin with. Just sayin'...

Editor, Mark Minnick



VIKING VIEWS

NO SOONER had the Minnesota Vikings scheduled to debut in the National Football League this fall, signed Norm Van Brocklin as their first coach than it was time to head for New York City and the draft of veteran players from the other NFL teams.

Van Brocklin, chief scout Joe Thomas and general manager Bert Rose headed the contingent of Viking officials at the New York meeting.

They were faced with a monumental task. They had to select 36 men from lists which were handed to them only 24 hours in advance.

The National League gave the Vikings 96 names, eight from each team.

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These 96 players represented the last eight men of the 12 clubs' 38-man rosters. Thus, the NFL was protecting 360 players and releasing 96 to the Vikings from which to select their 36 players.

For these 36 players, the Vikings paid $550,000 an average of $15,000 per man.

Dallas, the NFL's new member last season, did not have to list its players as the other clubs did.

Paul Brown, veteran Cleveland Brown coach and general manager and one of the game's sharpest observers, summed up the Viking draft selections as follows:

"The Vikings, I feel, can field a very respectable team. They are in much better position than Dallas was a year ago," Brown continued.

Position-wise, the Vikings selecter 12 halfbacks, 10 guards, 6 ends, 7 tackles and one center.

In experience, the 36 players include 13 first year men and 8 second year pros. Only 6 of the 36 have had more than four year s experience in the tough NFL.

What does all this mean? Simply that the Vikings brain-trust selected players with an eye toward the future. They turned down several big name stars who might have played only a year or two more in favor of young, somewhat inexperienced men who have their careers ahead of them.

All of the 36 players selected have had some experience in the NFL; none is classified as a rookie.

Together with the 20 draftees from the collegiate ranks and vetern signal - caller George Shaw, recently obtained from the New York Giants for a future draft choice, the Vikings are now set to build their team.

No one expects a championship. Everyone does expect a fighter and Van Brocklin is certain the latter will be the case. He knows only how to win.

February Beauty



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REGULAR MEETING
January 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday January 11, 2024.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Mark Minnick, Emily Van Hatten and Angelica Hopp.
Absent: Jody Fruetel
ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Nikki Brazzi, Deputy City Clerk Brigitte Douglas and City Administrator John Douville

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

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

1) **December 14, 2023, 2023 City Council Minutes.**

Bolton & Menk, Josh Halvorson – was present to discuss areas of need with the waste water system. They are working with MN Pollution Control Agency in regards to our ponds, gate valves and Inflow & Infiltration (I & I).

Cosmos Senior Citizens – Senior Meals Program – Linda Hopp introduced Andrea Dallmann from the Grove City Area C.A.R.E. program. They would be able to provide daily lunch meals for the community and would like to host those meals at the city center. They also provide other elderly care programs that they could provide.

A motion by Minnick, seconded by Hopp, to authorize use of the Cosmos City Center for senior meals Monday through Friday when it is not in use for other functions. Motion carried.

January 11, 2024 Bills List - A motion by Minnick, seconded by Van Hatten, to approve the January 11, 2024 bills list with check numbers from 16593-16642 for $79,982.18. Motion carried**.**

MPFA Water System Fund – City Administrator Douville reported that MN Public Facilities Authority (MPFA) will require the city to put away $0.50 per 1,000 gallons of water in an infrastructure replacement fund when they proceed with Phase II construction and financing.

Fire/Ambulance Township Rates – Administrator Douville briefly discussed Fire and Ambulance rates for the township coverage. He was looking at an average of a 25% adjustment for the two services.

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, February 8, 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 Minnick, seconded by Hopp, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried.
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John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

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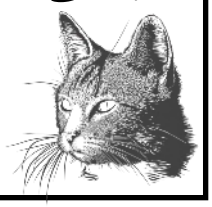



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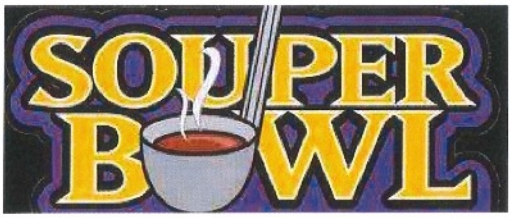

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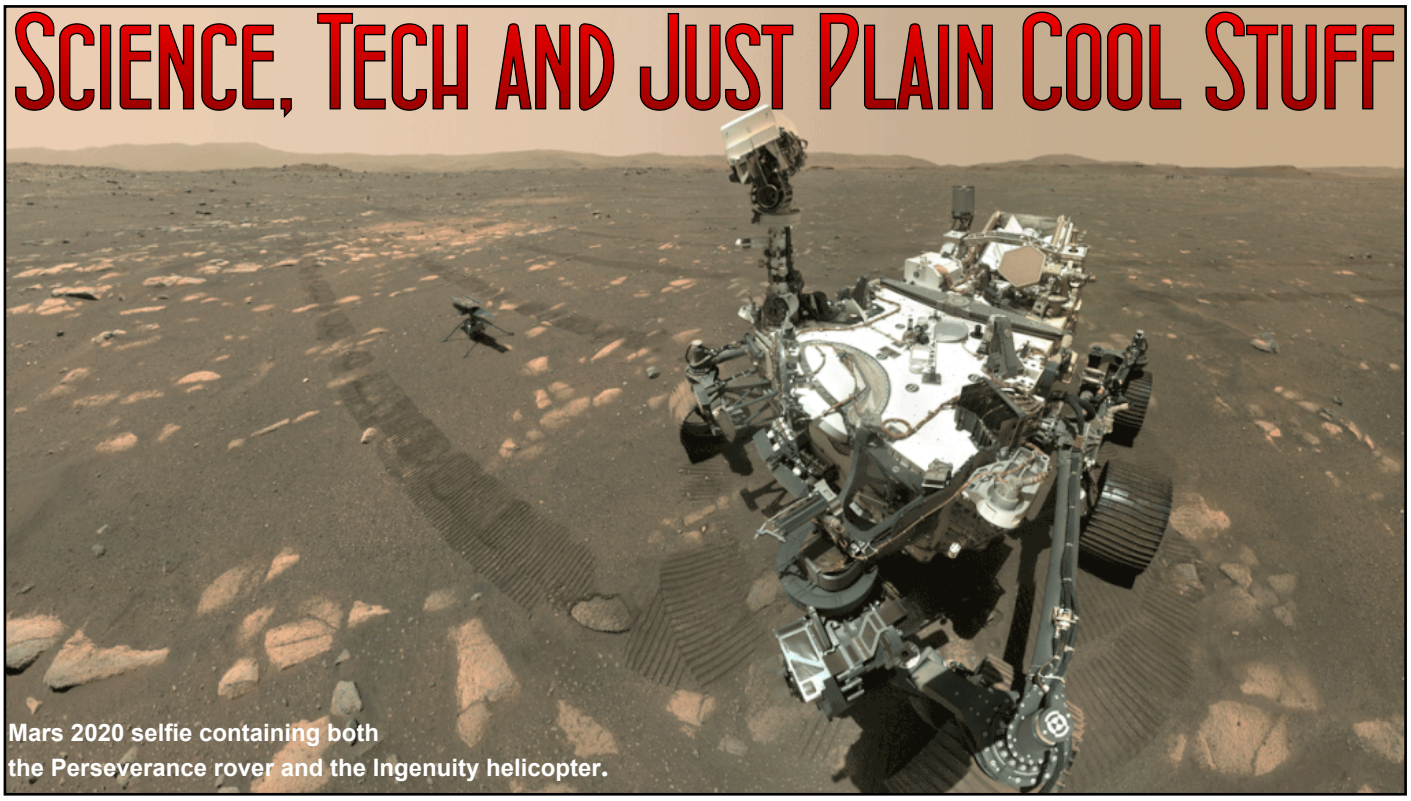

Mars 2020 selfie containing both the Perseverance rover and the Ingenuity helicopter.

AFTER THREE YEARS ON MARS,

NASA'S INGENUITY HELICOPTER MISSION ENDS

NASA's history-making Ingenuity Mars Helicopter has ended its mission at the Red Planet after surpassing expectations and making dozens more flights than planned. While the helicopter remains upright and in communication with ground controllers, imagery of its Jan. 18 flight sent to Earth this week indicates one or more of its rotor blades sustained damage during landing, and it is no longer capable of flight.

Originally designed as a technology demonstration to perform up to five experimental test flights over 30 days, the first aircraft on another world operated from the Martian surface for almost three years, performed 72 flights, and flew more than 14 times farther than planned while logging more than two hours of total flight time.

"The historic journey of Ingenuity, the first aircraft on another planet, has come to end," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson. "That remarkable helicopter flew higher and farther than we ever imagined and helped NASA do what we do best – make the impossible, possible. Through missions like Ingenuity, NASA is paving the way for future flight in our solar system and smarter, safer human exploration to Mars and beyond."

Ingenuity landed on Mars Feb. 18, 2021, attached to the belly of NASA's Perseverance rover and first lifted off the Martian surface on April 19, proving that powered, controlled flight on Mars was possible. After notching another four flights, it embarked on a new mission as an operations demonstration, serving as an aerial scout for Perseverance scientists and rover drivers. In 2023, the helicopter executed two successful flight tests that further expanded the team's knowledge of its aerodynamic limits.

"At NASA JPL, innovation is at the heart of what we do," said Leshin. "Ingenuity is an exemplar of the way we push the boundaries of what's possible every day. I'm incredibly proud of our team behind this historic technological achievement and eager to see what they'll invent next."

Ingenuity's team planned for the helicopter to make a short vertical flight on Jan. 18 to determine its location after executing an emergency landing on its previous flight. Data shows that, as planned, the helicopter achieved a maximum altitude of 40 feet (12 meters) and hovered for 4.5 seconds before starting its descent at a velocity of 3.3 feet per second (1 meter per second).



Artist's depiction of Ingenuity resting on the Martian surface.

However, about 3 feet (1 meter) above the surface, Ingenuity lost contact with the rover, which serves as a communications relay for the rotorcraft. The following day, communications were reestablished and more information about the flight was relayed to ground controllers at NASA JPL. Imagery revealing damage to the rotor blade arrived several days later. *(See image next page.)* The cause of the communications dropout and the helicopter's orientation at time of touchdown are still being investigated.

Article and all images courtesy nasa.gov



This aerial image looks west toward the Séítah geologic unit on Mars. It was taken from the height of 33 feet by Ingenuity during its sixth flight, on May 22, 2021.

TRIUMPHS & CHALLENGES

Over an extended mission that lasted for almost 1,000 Martian days, more than 33 times longer than originally planned, Ingenuity was upgraded with the ability to autonomously choose landing sites in treacherous terrain, dealt with a dead sensor, cleaned itself after dust storms, operated from 48 different airfields, performed three emergency landings, and survived a frigid Martian winter.



Ingenuity at Wright Brothers Field on April 6, 2021, its third day of deployment on Mars.

Designed to operate in spring, Ingenuity was unable to power its heaters throughout the night during the coldest parts of winter, resulting in the flight computer periodically freezing and resetting. These power "brownouts" required the team to redesign Ingenuity's winter operations in order to keep flying.

With flight operations now concluded, the Ingenuity team will perform final tests on helicopter systems and download the remaining imagery and data in Ingenuity's onboard memory. The Perseverance rover is currently too far away to attempt to image the helicopter at its final airfield.

"It's humbling Ingenuity not only carries onboard a swatch from the original Wright Flyer, but also this helicopter followed in its footsteps and proved flight is possible on another world," said Ingenuity's project manager, Teddy Tzanetos of NASA JPL. "The Mars helicopter would have never flown once, much less 72 times, if it were not for the passion and dedication of the Ingenuity and Perseverance teams. History's first Mars helicopter will leave behind an indelible mark on the future of space exploration and will inspire fleets of aircraft on Mars – and other worlds – for decades to come."



After its 72nd flight on Jan. 18, 2024, NASA's Ingenuity Mars Helicopter captured this color image showing the shadow of a rotor blade damaged during a rough landing.

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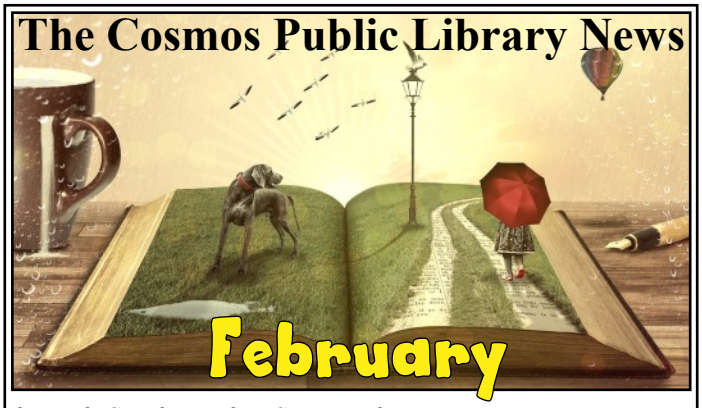

by Beth Cronk, Meeker County Library

The Cosmos Public Library is always getting new books, DVDs, and CDs. Stop in to check out or request these nonfiction books for adults that are newly added to the Cosmos Library collection:

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Chef it up!

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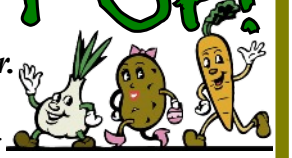


Honey Chicken Breast

By Grace Kamrath

Greetings and Happy Valentines Day to one and all. So, will you receive chocolates or give them? Even if you don't have a sweetheart to give or receive , I am sure there is some nice person that you could share a bit of kindness with. Sometimes the best things happen when a bit of kindness is shown. The recipe this month is an old one from my "Tea Room" days but it still is good today.

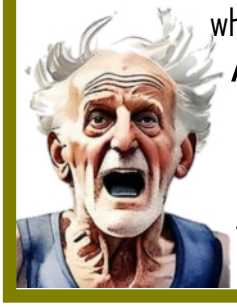
HONEY CHICKEN BREAST

- 1/2 C. flour
- 1 t. salt
- 4 chicken breasts
- 1/4 c. butter
- 1/4. c. honey
- 1/4 c. lemon juice
- 1 T. soy sauce



After you mix the flour and salt, coat the chicken in it. Put chicken in greased pan and cover with the melted butter. Bake for 30 minutes with the lid on. Mix the last three ingredients together and pour over chicken. Bake another 30 minutes but baste frequently. The chicken would go nicely with a rice pilaf.

Ole is trying a new diet. He is only supposed to eat when Lena is not talking.



He lost 10 pounds....

Just in the First week!





Norma Jeanne Madsen



Norma Jeanne Madsen, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on January 21, 2024 at the age of 83.

Norma was born on December 20, 1940 in Atwater, MN to Elva Louise Britt and Grant Anderson, stepfather Leonard Meyer. She was a remarkable woman who touched the lives of many with her kind heart, unwavering determination, and selfless nature.

Norma dedicated over 50 years of her life to her career as a hairdresser, bringing joy and beauty to countless individuals. She was known for her skills, creativity, and ability to make every client feel special. Norma's work was not just a job, but a true passion that allowed her to connect and care for others.

Beyond her successful career, Norma's greatest accomplishments were her family. She cherished her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, who were the light of her life. Norma's marriage of 63 years stood as a testament to her commitment and love. She was a pillar of strength and support for her family, always leading by example and instilling strong values in her loved ones.

Norma's life was filled with incredible experiences and cherished memories. She had a deep love for travel and one of her greatest highlights was exploring the beauty of Hawaii. Norma also had a special talent for spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, ensuring they always felt loved and cherished. She had a heart for the elderly and opened her home and heart to them, sharing family gatherings and holidays to make them feel a part of her loving embrace.

Her dedication to serving others extended beyond her family. Norma was a devoted volunteer and with CAER for over 40 years. She selflessly gave her time and energy to help those in need, making a significant impact on her community. Norma's passion for crafts, flowers, birds, nature, and camping brought her immense joy, and she always found solace in the beauty of the world around her. She had a love for Christmas music and made sure her home was filled with its joyful melodies every holiday season.

Norma will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her infectious laughter, warm smile, and nurturing spirit will forever be etched in our hearts. She leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and generosity that will continue to inspire and guide us.

Norma Jeanne Madsen is survived by her loving children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her memory will be cherished by all who loved her.

A memorial service will be held at Elk River Lutheran Church, 729 Main Street NW, Elk River, MN on February 9th at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to be made to CAER in Norma's honor.

Note: *If you wish to watch Norma's service on the internet, it will be live streamed on YouTube.*
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TIDBITS



By Rick Nordin

Greetings! Another trip around the sun and its time for another fun Lake Lillian C&C community banquet on Thursday February 29th. Tickets will be available at Citizens Alliance Bank.

I heard someone say this past week, "We need to be more thankful" and it reminded me of this article. *(Reprised from TDBT January 2010.)*

The minutes slowly clicked away as the hour hand was approaching 5 am. Steve wished it was not Monday. He laid still with his eyes shut and his mind wide open. There were a handful of days left in the year and so much had happened over the past 12 months, it did not seem possible a new year was on the doorstep.

Absorbing his thoughts were activities which needed to be accomplished as he sauntered through his morning routine. Thud! Steve was forced to wake up from his Monday morning fog as he realized he had just backed into his son's girlfriend's car. A profane word did not do justice to the frustration he felt at that moment.

Across the world, its 5 PM and 6 young army rangers are flying toward a 3-day mission in the rugged terrain of Afghanistan. It's the third day of their second deployment to this region and the Captain was expecting his 2nd child.

The drop zone was well hidden, and they expected a routine morning but as they approached, the hills lit up with unfriendly fire. The second drop zone was tricky as the ledge was small, the winds were dicey and this zone added another day to the trip.

Steve was getting angry as he considered how his insurance rates were going to go up, there was still Christmas shopping to be done and a snow storm was forecast for Christmas Eve and Day.

The Captain knew the importance of their mission but his thoughts kept going to his wife who could deliver any day. The drop was successful, but the soldiers were faced with traversing a terrain that would challenge the best of mountain climbers without the 100# packs and full gear. Hopefully they would make it around the ridge to the shaded side before the temperature reached 102.

As he sat in his car sulking, Steve's phone rang with a disgruntled client. Not a good start to the day. What else could go wrong?

As the six soldiers rounded the ridge, there was an area big enough to rest. The Captain knew he had the best men in his platoon on patrol with him, but today he was restless and had a hard time focusing. It was two days from Christmas and his wife was about to deliver. He knew he had to focus to keep his men safe.

As Steve sat in his car, about to head to the office, he burst out, "What am I doing?" Steve shifted his car into park and bowed his head.

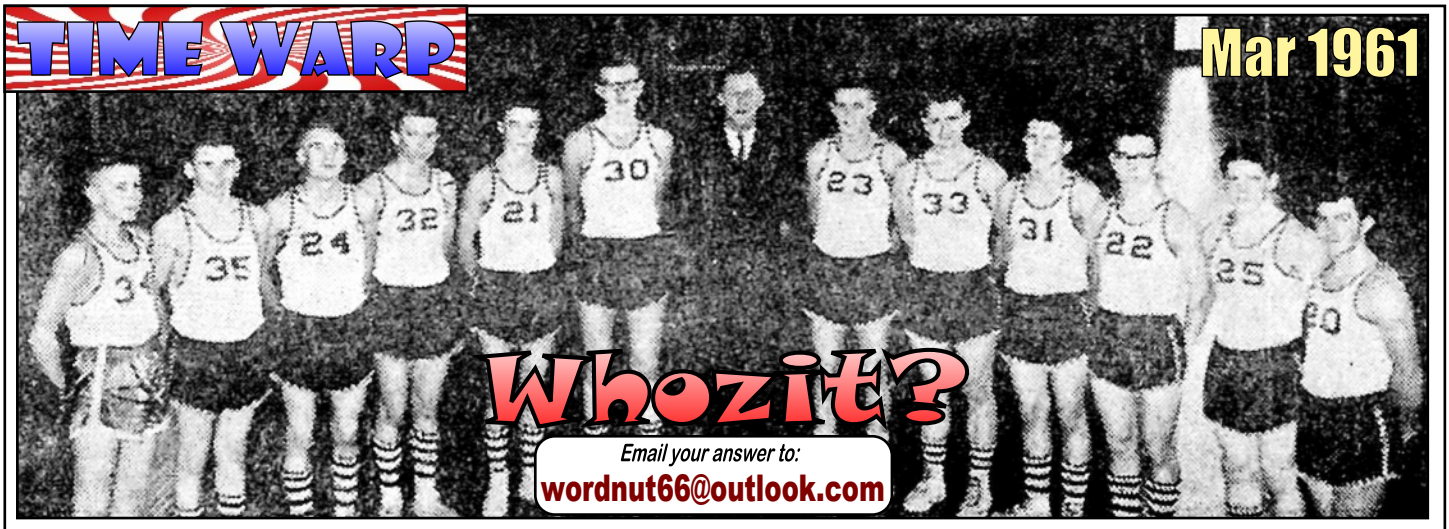
The Captain was aware of the men's silence. He knew their thoughts were of home and family and he needed to help them focus. Their lives depended on it. The Captain was a man of few words but his men knew he was a man of great faith and had given him the nickname Rock. The Captain gathered his men and requested they take a knee and grab hands.

Steve sat in his car and a tear trickled down his cheek as he asked God to forgive him for his pettiness that morning and gave thanks for all his blessings he took for granted.

The Captain prayed for their safety, he prayed for the soldier's families, he prayed for the well being of his wife, and he gave thanks for all of God's blessings.

Seven men, a world apart, giving thanks.

TIME WARP



It's 1961 and the Cosmos Royal cagers were tied for first place with Dassel and Delano in the Crow River Conference. Their tournament season began on the Hutchinson hardwood, Saturday, March 4.
Can you identify anyone from this illustrious squad?

Tow... are hearing again

ANNUAL township meeting and election time is almost here. Notices have gone out that the event will take place on Tuesday, March 14.

Anyone wishing to file for office must file with the township clerk before Feb. 14.

In Cosmos township voters will elect a supervisor for three years, treasurer for two years, constable for two years, justice of peace for two years, and assessor for two years, and attend to other business which may properly come before the meeting.

The Cosmos township election and meeting will take place in the basement of the Cosmos drug store. Floyd Bemis is township clerk.

Local creameries plan annual meets

LOCAL creameries will hold their annual meetings within the next few days.

The Cosmos Cooperative creamery will meet on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. in the school lunchroom.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect three directors, submit annual reports and to transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. There will also be free door prizes.

The Danielson creamery will hold their meeting at the county garage in Rosendale on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is the election of one director for a three-year term and to conduct the regular business of the company which may properly come before the meeting.

Corvuso Creamery company will have its annual meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m., at the creamery.

The meeting is called for the purpose of election of officers and any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

Clinic planned for children who got Placebo

DR. HERMAN Klienman of the state health department has informed local health authorities that children who received the "Placebo" or false vaccine in the oral polio program last spring will receive a letter either this week or next from the state health department.

If you participated in the program and do not receive a letter, you can assume you had the "real" vaccine.

On Thursday, Feb. 16, the county nurse, school nurse, and Dr. Lennox Danielson, will meet with Dr. Klienman and officials from Swift and Kandiyohi counties to set up a program to administer the "real" vaccine to those of you who received the "Placebo".

TAP plans two drives, Saturday

THE NEVER-tiring Cosmos Teens-Against-Polio are sponsoring two fund-raising drives on Saturday, Feb. 11—a car wash and a toll road.

The car wash will be held at Minnick's Phillips 66 station from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The price will be $1 per car. The Corvuso Go-Getters and the Cosmos Comets are combining their efforts in this drive.

The FFA and the Library Club will be in charge of the toll road, which will be held on highways 4 and 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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THIS IS National Boy Scout Week, by proclamation of Mayor R. C. Matthews, seen here presenting his proclamation to Lloyd Hoff, Cosmos cubmaster. Standing by are two of the Cubs, Laurel Kaddatz, left, and Bruce Hoff.—Cosmos News staff photo.

Four-county area gets allocation of $85,924, federal aid secondary funds

ALLOCATION of an additional $2,188,106 in federal aid secondary funds to the counties was announced today by State Highway Commissioner L. P. Zimmerman, following a meeting with representatives of the county commissioners association.

As a result of this meeting, the counties will receive two-thirds of the 1962 federal aid secondary funds allocated to Minnesota while the state will remain one-third.

On Aug. 1, 1960, the commissioner had allocated $2, 529, 337 to the counties pending a final determination which was reached **last week.** The total allotted to the counties for 1962, therefore, reaches the figure of $4,-909,000.

★ **Meeker** county's share of this allocation is $42,507. However $20,110 was included in the preliminary allocation made Aug. 1, 1960, and $3,562 loan payment advanced to the county for work under the 1959 emergency or "D" program. This leaves $18,835 which the county will get at this time.

★ **Kandiyohi** county was granted $60,405, less the $19,154 and $14,313 previously allocated. Balance to be received now is $26,938.

★ **McLeod** county's total allocation was $36.567, less a previous payment of $29,134, leaving $16,433 to be received now.

★ **Renville** county was slated to get $53,376, but $29,658 was previously allocated. To be al-

FAS ROAD FUNDS
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COUNCIL MEETS . . .

Auxiliary pumping outfit authorized

AN auxiliary pumping outfit will be pressed into service in Cosmos for blowing out sewers and pumping basements, the village council decided Monday night.

At their regular monthly meeting the council accepted the donation by Harold Minnick of a pump for this purpose. They also instructed the fire department to find a gas motor capable of running the pump.

The pump, motor and a 250-gallon fuel oil tank will be hauled by the Civil Defense pickup truck which is stored in the fire hall and will be manned by members of the Cosmos fire department, who are also Civil Defense firemen.

Mayor R. C. Matthews told the council that he has been instructed that the truck can be used for purposes such as this. "In fact," he said, "we have been criticized for not making ues of the truck. They want it to be run fairly often so it will be in working condition."

Fees for blowing out sewers will be $5 in town and $15 in the country.

SEVERAL months ago the village and fire department resolved to get out of this business, but demands by the public have been great because there is no sewer cleaning service in town.

The decision to use the Civil Defense truck was made in order to get away from tying up fire department equipment for these purposes.

In other actions, Monday night, the council:

★ **Agreed** to purchase 300 feet of 2½-inch fire hose at $1.25 a foot and two special nozzles for fire fighting. One nozzle will cost $125, the other $85.

★ **Heard** Dorin Anderson, speaking for the fire department, tell them that the fire underwriters won't approve the old International fire truck the village has. When fire calls are made out of the village, this is the only one left to protect the village. The underwriters won't approve the old truck because it is not a pumper.

Anderson said the Firemen's Relief Assn. has $3714.25 on hand and they were willing for it to be used toward the purchase of new equipment.

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IN THIS ISSUE

Personal property taxes are listed

The most thoroughly studied part of the paper this week will very likely be the special section which lists the personal property taxes for the year 1961.

Personal property taxes must be paid before March 1. They may be paid either at the First State Bank of Cosmos or at the treasurer's office at the courthouse in Litchfield.

District court to resume, Feb. 13

THE OCTOBER 1960 Term of District Court for Meeker County will resume in the courthouse in Litchfield on Monday, Feb. 13 at 9 o'clock a.m.

Honorable C. A. Rolloff of Montevideo will be presiding Judge at this adjourned term.

The jurors have been notified to report at that time to resume their jury duty. Stan Ross, clerk of court, reports there are eight cases and four court cases remaining on the calendar for trail.



Supervising children is one of the valuable lessons currently being taught Cosmos freshmen girls in Mrs. Hartog's home economics class. Last week and this week, three and four-year-old children of the community are attending "Play School", where the home ec. girls get actual experience in handling the youngsters. In the picture above, Judy Hoffman is helping the children as they enjoy a free-play period. Left to right the children are Dale Hesser, Jim Raske, Sheryl Egge, Jim Hackbarth, Nancy Lietzau, Kim Anderson, and Debby Wright.—Cosmos News staff photo.

Weather REPORTS

	Hi	Lo
Wednesday, Feb. 1	16	6
Thursday, Feb. 2	14	-4
Friday, Feb. 3	16	-4
Saturday, Feb. 4	27	3
Sunday, Feb. 5	29	4
Monday, Feb. 6	32	4
Tuesday, Feb. 7	31	10

Personalities IN THE NEWS

MR. and MRS. CYRUS Weispfennig and family and Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Kiecker and children were Sunday dinner guests at the Laverne Steffel home in St. Louis Park.

EARL WEISPFENNIG, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swenson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schultz and family and Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Weispfenning and children were Friday evening guests at the Mrs. Esther Schultz home in Stewart to help her celebrate her birthday.

PASTOR THOMAS SMRCKA, Mrs. Mary Meyer and Harold and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Anderson and children visited at the Delano Lietzau home on Sunday evening.

MRS. DORA HOECKE attended a baptism dinner at the David Peterson home at Buffalo Lake on Sunday in honor of a great granddaughter, Beth Dawn Peterson.

MR. and MRS. WARNIE Lietzau spent Sunday in St. Paul with her father, Frank Marx who is ill.

MRS. MARY MEYER and Harold were Sunday afternoon guests at the Mrs. Cora Anderson home.

MMES. MARIE MAAG, Velma Barron, Paula Nielsen and Anna Johnson were Saturday evening visitors at the Carl Ulrich home in Litchfield.

MR. and MRS. KENNETH Christianson and family and Miss Elsie Olson of Atwater were guests at the Ilert Anderson home on Sunday evening.

MR. and MRS. WALTER Reinke and Raymond spent Saturday and Sunday at the Robert Azbell home in St. Louis Park. On the way home they visited at the Harold Reinke home.

MR. and MRS. ARTHUR Stritesky and family of Minneapolis were Sunday guests at the Curtis Thomas home.

GARY SMITH of St. Cloud State College was a Friday overnite and Saturday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith.

MR. and MRS. LLOYD Lietzau of Minneapolis and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thomas were Friday evening guests at the Warnie Lietzau home.

MR. and MRS. VIRGIL VORlicek and girls spent Sunday with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Inselman and family at St. Cloud.

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The DEBUNKER
By John Harvey Furbay, Ph.D.



Most of us have been told that the smallest mouse could bring terror to the greatest elephant by crawling up inside the elephant's trunk. Nothing is more ridiculous. If a mouse should ever run up inside an elephant's trunk, it would promptly be blown, as Carl Akeley says, "into the next country." Zoo keepers have never observed that elephants pay any attention whatever to the presence of mice.

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Diane Baker - Lee Phillips
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CLOSED WED. & THURS.

Dance AT PLA-MOR BALLROOM
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FRIDAY, FEB. 10
THE ROCKETS

SATURDAY, FEB. 11
ANNUAL
Masquerade Dance
IVAN KAHLE
$50 IN PRIZES

SUNDAY, FEB. 12
EARL SCHMIDT
New Auburn Baseball Dance

TUESDAY, FEB. 14
ELMER SCHEID
Last Dance Before Lent

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MIRACLE WHIP . . . . . qt. 49c
PORK SAUSAGE ROLLS . . . . . lb. 29c
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Thoughts & Observations



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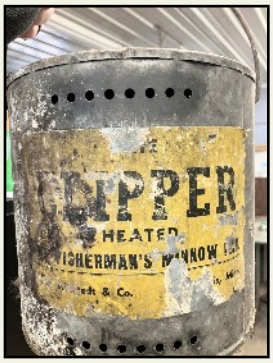
A Heated Minnow Pail? From Where?



It seems some folks thought that **Spitty Martin** found the infamous ***"Heated Minnow Pail"*** *(Jan '24 issue, T & O column)* on city property, while punched in on the clock. I guarandarntee you that was NOT the case. He found it on his property, on his time and was nice enough to gift it to me. Nuff said. Go Away.

Even though the front page of this month's Gazette is graced with local ice skaters, this winter has been pretty wimpy so far. It sure makes it nice for us old wheelchair bound guys to get around. But sheesh, I'm starting to think this is Missouri or something. Should've listened to **"Captain Planet"** Al Gore a little closer I guess and .

I was watching a fishing video of a guy from Tennessee. At the beginning of the vid, he made sure to show everyone the 8-10 inches of snow in his yard. The most terrible thing it seemed, was that his driveway and nearby road was icy so he wasn't driving his 4WD pickup much at all. Perspective, location and experience really affects how one looks at life, doesn't it?

"What in the Wide, Wide World of Sports is a-goin' on here?" An unforgettable line uttered by actor Slim Pickens, playing railroad boss Taggart in the movie **"Blazing Saddles"**. Released on February 7, 1974, the movie is celebrating it's **50 Year Anniversary** in Feb. This flick rates as one of my ***'must see before you die or go to the home'*** flicks. It certainly could not be made in 2024 as it would offend too many people. Humor seems to be dead or at least off limits and that's too bad.

Man, there's lots of fun food related stuff going on in February and March. I'd like to make 'em all but I hey, I probably won't, so don't hold your breath. I'm not holding mine, anyway…

As a soup lover, the "All You Can Eat **Souper Bowl**" Saturday get together at **Trinity Lutheran in Grove City** looks like a good time, for my stomach and my well being. *They say soup is good for the soul, (and waistline) right?* I always wonder, who is 'they'?

Then there's more all-you-can-eat soup *plus* sandwiches (woo-hoo) at rural **First Lutheran, Cosmos** on Feb 25. Soup and a sandwich; man, I'm slobbering like Homer now.

Finally, there's the "Beef Commercial" get together at **Peace Lutheran, Cosmos** coming up in March. This one may be tough on my 'young girlish figure' but hey, I'll take one for the team. A little Gospel music sounds good too. Don't worry, I won't dance. I'll have to see if my wheelchair will make it in the elevator. Stay tuned.

For the regular readers of the Gazette, you are probably familiar with the cats that Deb and I 'parent'. With a heavy heart, we want to let you readers know that **"Old Ted"** gave up the ghost. We've been dealing with his renal failure for the last few years, but it finally came to the point of total kidney shutdown in early January. 18 plus years is a long lifetime for a cat that started out life on the street. Deb, Tyler and I were glad to add him to our family. He's been quite the companion over the years.

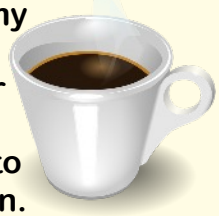
A fond but painful Ted memory for me; It felt good to come home from the first surgery on my right leg in 2013. As I relaxed in my recliner for the first time in two weeks, it was great to see Ted again. Until he jumped up in my lap and proceeded to lay down on my newly patched together leg. It hurt like H - E double hockey sticks, but I put up with the pain and scratched him behind his ears. He loved it and purred, enjoying me being back home, finally. Eventually he fell asleep and so did I.

Ted made us laugh, cry, cuss and holler over the years, but we miss him dearly. At least he doesn't have to put up with **Ralphie** annoying and tormenting him anymore. Now we're down to *only* four felines. Little darlings too, fer sure…;)



And last but not least…

My ability to remember rock tunes and artists from the 70's far exceeds my ability to remember why I walked into the kitchen.



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Hey, we had a couple of readers who knew the 'world' renowned big game hunter. Gonna cost us a couple of KewPies I guess!

...the big game hunter
in the January issue is Kenny Dallmann.
-Charles Lietzau

The "renowned big game hunter" in your January 2024 issue is Kenny Dallmann.
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