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Weather: Who the heck knows. (See below) "All the news you really need. Probably more." "Noli credere omnia legis"

Banana Belt or Blizzard?

What's a goin' on here?



Pics and commentary by Mark Minnick

In case you hadn't noticed, the winter of '25 -'26 has pretty balmy by Minnesota standards. No "walking to school uphill both ways in three feet of snow at turdy below" for sure. A near "Banana Belt" type year me thinks. *Third in a row. Wimpy btw….*

Take a look at the pic below, on the left. A pretty darned balmy Feb 15th day in downtown Cosmos if you ask me. Break out the ice cold Corona, some rock 'n' roll tunes & sunscreen. *Kawabunga dude!*

Four days later on the 19th, we had a bunch of snow and wind. Back to reality, yup. They call it a blizzard. *(Nyuk, Nyuk!)* Break out the snow shovel, the snowmobile and the whining. Uff da Eunice.

I wasn't aware that this Lion & Lamb stuff was 'a thing' in February. The month that's usually cold and gray. Well, so much for that. Anyway, what can we expect in March? A blizzard? A dust storm? A tornado? Locusts? Dogs and cats living together? Uff da Eunice again.

I've heard it said, and I'm paraphrasing, "If you're enjoying the weather in Minnesota, just hang around for a bit…and you won't." Sorry, but a couple inches of snow and 25 degrees in March is just fine with me. Bring it on. That Lion & Lamb stuff? Meh, who gives a rat's patoot.





From Banana Belt

4 Days Later....



to Tundra

Poppy Palooza



Pic and info by Robin Scott

This is the group of people who helped with Poppy Palooza on January 31, 2026. We made 2,987 poppies.

Back Row: Hope Wilson, Department Poppy Chairman - Bradon MN, Linda Hopp - Cosmos, Gladys Macik - Cosmos, Kathy Schmiedecker - Spicer, Laurie Gehrke - New London, Wanda Seidler - Spicer, Keith Seidlerm - Spicer, Pattie Schroeder - Spicer, Poppy Chairman, Cheryl Pederson - Hector.

Front Row: Robyn Scott - Cosmos Unit President, Annie Merkins - Cedar Mills, Mary Kuperus, District 7 President - New London.

Not pictured: Betty and Elroy Schluetter - Hutchinson, Ashley Kuperus - Spicer.



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MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
February 12, 2026

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor Emily Van Hatten at 5:29pm on Thursday, February 12, 2026.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Jeremy Anderson, Mark Minnick and Daniel Cairl.
ABSENT: Mayor Dale Martin
ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Brigitte Douglas and Public Works Supervisor Nikki Brazzi.
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Anderson, seconded by Minnick to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Cairl, seconded by Minnick, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

1) January 8, 202 65 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 10 traffic stops and 17 other calls.

January 8, 2026 Bills List - A motion by Minnick, seconded by Anderson, to approve the February 12, 2026 bills list, with check numbers 1093e -1099e, 16355e – 16364e and 117747-117792 in the amount of $95,441.01. Motion carried.

City Engineer – Joshua Halvorson, Bolton-Menk, updated on the construction project. We are still waiting for Loan Closing instructions from USDA, which can take 30-60 days and are looking for bidding to possibly start in June.

Res 26-03, Accepting and Approving OEMS Grant – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Cairl to accept and approve the OEMS Grant. Motion carried.

Proposal for Updating Land Use/Ordinances – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Cairl to accept the proposal for updating Land Use/Ordinances from Bolton & Menk. Motion carried.

Water Usage at 600 Milky Way St S – After consulting with Ferguson Waterworks on this matter, both the city and the customer were informed that the data log report of intermittent and continuous flow indicates usage that was most likely caused by a toilet flapper or water softener. The Ferguson Representative, Brian Rollins, being a MN Master Plumber with 23 years of experience has never seen the type of Neptune meter the City of Cosmos uses to suddenly over-register usage or show usage for days that did not occur. Therefor the City Clerk was instructed to reverse the billing adjustment made on the customer's bill.

Township Meeting, Tuesday February 17,2026 – The council was reminded of the upcoming annual Township Meeting and although only the mayor needs to be present, all council members are welcome to attend.

Picnic Table Name Plates – Donor Name Plates for the new picnic tables were brought up, but with Mayor Martin being absent, the discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
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.

Next Council Meeting – A request to move the next council meeting from March 12, 2026 to March 19, 2026 was made prior to the meeting. With everyone checking their schedules, Tuesday, March 3, 2026 works for all. A motion by Anderson, seconded by Cairl to move the next council meeting from Thursday March 12, 2026 to Tuesday, March 3, 2026. Motion carried.

Department Heads –

Public Works Supervisor Nikki Brazzi informed the council that there noticeable cracks on some of the roads at the north end of town. It was recommended to evaluate all roads on that side of town for repair/maintenance and prepare a schedule for future crack sealing and seal coating. According to our engineer crack sealing should be done every 3-7 years and seal coating every 7-10 years.

The water plant prepared to shock chlorinating the media. The process is to drain the filter/detention tank, fill with liquid chlorine until all media is covered, let it sit for at least 12 hours before back washing everything out.

Other Business –

Setting up reminders for customers to drain sump pumps outside and not into the sewer, by advertising this in the Gazette and on the sign, website and water bill.

Council Member Cairl will look in to establishing a Media Site for the City to pass on information only, like emergency alerts, other alerts and reminders.

Council Member Minnick is looking into food storage guidelines for the Community Room refrigerators and freezer. He also wants to look in to the sound system currently part of the community center, to see what it can be used for and recommended investing into some shelving to organize the storage room.

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm, Tuesday, March 3, 2026. 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 Anderson, seconded by Minnick to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:23pm. Motion carried.

_____Draft_____

Brigitte Douglas, Clerk/Treasure

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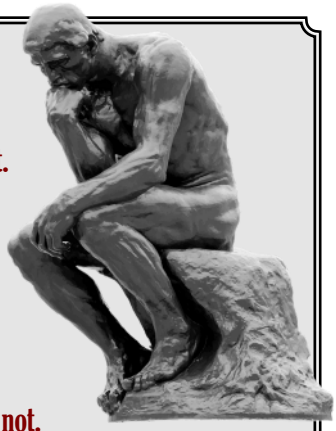
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-Ponderings-



*Remember…some day you won't.
*All of Dorothy's troubles could've been avoided, if she just had Toto on a leash.
*If cats could text you back, they would not.
*Some people have guardian angels. I have a raccoon with a crowbar whispering… "Lets make it worse."
*I'm so old, I remember just one bathroom for the whole family & the phone was on the wall…in the kitchen.
*In the good ol' days, most families had a "Plenty good enough, dang it" 19 inch black and white TV hooked up to an antennae that only pulled in 3 channels…on a good day.
*You can tune a piano…but you can't tuna fish.
*Tupperware…more like, Tupperwhere the heck is that lid?
*Never trust an atom, They make up everything.

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MIDWEEK SUPPER & SERVICES
Wednesdays
March 4, 11, 18 & 25
Supper at 6 pm | Worship at 7 pm

HOLY WEEK
March 29 | 9:30 am **Palm Sunday** Service
10:30 am Breakfast
April 2 | 6 pm **Maundy Thursday** Service
April 3 | 6 pm **Good Friday** Service
April 5 | Easter
6:30 am Sunrise Service
7:30 am Easter Fellowship
9:30 am Worship

Peace Lutheran Church | Cosmos, MN

Cosmos Fire Department

Chili Cook-Off



Saturday,
March 21, 2026

4:30pm at The Dive
$8.00 All you can eat

Everyone welcome to participate!
$10 entry fee per chili

First Place Prize:
$100 plus all entry fees!

First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cosmos

Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Sunday March 8th

Soups-Sandwiches-Desserts-Beverages

11:00am - 1:00 pm



-Free Will Offering-

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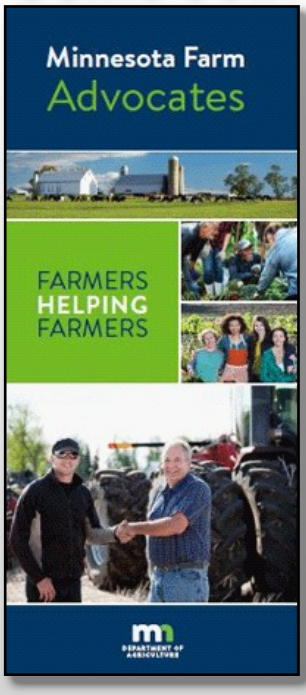
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Time: 11:00 AM
Lunch & Speaker
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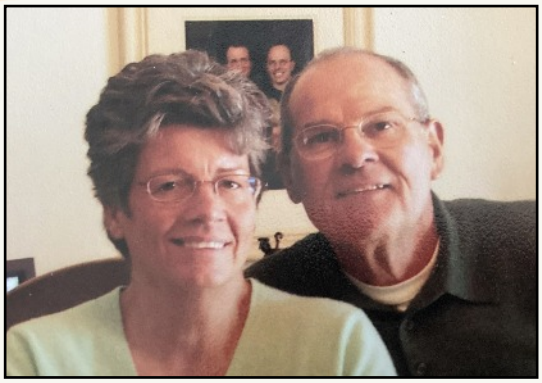
Grove City Area C.A.R.E. Program
Community Answers for Residents for Elderly



TIME WARP EXTRA!

Cosmos Native Son Remembers

The Gazette recently signed up a new subscriber, Lyle Arnold. I don't remember him, but I do remember his mom and dad, his sister and her kids. Lyle submitted a neat story to the Gazette about his memories of the Cosmos community. I really enjoyed the read and hope you do too. Thank you Lyle! *Editor, Mark Minnick*



Judy & Lyle Arnold

Hi Cosmos, it has been a long time since I left home; 65 years, so this is overdue.

In 1960 I graduated from CHS and my adult journey began. But first some background. My name is **Lyle Arnold** and I am super proud of my hometown. As I got out into the world I realized how my community, family and the fine school system had prepared me to be somewhat successful.

My father, **Bernard Arnold**, was in the farm implement business; first with International Harvester Farmall brand and then later started the Minneapolis-Moline business. I loved the red tractors and then had to switch to MM Yellow.

My mother, **Fay Arnold**, worked in the post office and was the city clerk for some years. Mom and Dad met in Chicago and returned to marry and settle in Minnesota. I had an older sister **Shirley** who recently passed, and have a twin brother **Lewis** who was and still is a little more notorious than I, living in Litchfield. Close relatives had last names of Nelson and Martin.



This is the Emil Hackbarth Implement September 1941. Notice the pot belly stove. Bernard Arnold is behind the counter.

Pic courtesy "The History of Cosmos"

Dad & Mom



Bernard & Faye Arnold
40th Wedding Anniversary in 1971

The Kids



Twins, Lewis & Lyle



Sister Shirley

The community surrounded me with good people which I did not, at the time, fully appreciate. Three of my Dad's good friends were **Porky Anderson, Marvin Hackbarth** and **Smoky Klawitter.** Smoky was killed in action in Korea. He was never found. Smokey's last letter to my Dad stated he was "digging a foxhole and pulling it in after him".

My mother's friends, **Florence Reins** (my 3rd grade teacher) **Joyce Rennecke, Edythe Olson, Clara Nelson** (my dad's sister) to name a few.

The Cosmos baseball town team is a great memory for me. Porky Anderson was the manager and I was the batboy. Recently **Bill Reinke** called me out of the blue and we talked about the good old days in Cosmos. He was the team catcher and one of my favorites. After more than 60 years we started talking baseball and about some of the team members; **Don Nelson, George Kaddatz, Ron Koch, Sherrill Koch, Clayton Halverson, Miley Retzlaff, Curt Thomas** and others.

That education allowed us to do well in the work we

TIME WARP EXTRA!

Cosmos Native Son Remembers *Continued...*



HS Senior Lyle in his CHS letter jacket.



Lyle in the Army 3rd Infantry

Looking back at our school days I have come to realize we all received a very sound, basic education.

That education allowed us to do well in the work we chose. Cosmos produced many successful men and women. The credit belongs to the community, school board, teachers and administrators.

After high school I served three years in the Army where I got a different sort of education! Then on to St Cloud State College. Next marriage and 2 kids. During my work days I never missed a chance to put Cosmos on the map.

When I started working with the Department of Defense I quickly found out another Cosmos person was on board, **Ethel Larson Sparks**. It's a small world. She was a little older and I did not know her but she was the twin sister of my mother's friend Edythe and grew up in Cosmos. I also crossed paths with **Stan Koch** when his trucking business was just getting started and later grew into a nation wide firm. His company's growth was huge. Next time you're on the interstate watch for the "Koch Trucking" logo. Stan was one of the most successful Cosmos individuals I know.

The greatest generation was all around me and I didn't know it until later. Two examples: 1. - **Marvin Hackbarth**, decorated Army vet, who told me a story about Mussolini hanging in a town square as his unit was traveling north through Italy. 2. - **Joe Lux**, decorated Army vet, who was in the Battle of the Bulge, in the Ardennes region of Belgium. I salute them and other World War II veterans I do not know about. Later on, 1958 Cosmos graduate Sgt. **Gary Rathbun** was killed in Vietnam. I salute Gary. I don't want to forget Smoky either.

I fondly remember **Stanley** and **Amy Peterson**, who took over the Cosmos General Store from **Charlie** and **Esther Larson**, very prominent early Cosmos pioneers. The store was our lifeline for groceries and many other things like the high, black buckle overshoes, a winter and farm essential. They magically came from the basement of the general store! Many thanks to Amy Peterson for putting together the booklet, **"The History of Cosmos"**. My mother had the book tucked away in her possessions when she passed away and I kept it. It is a treasure.

Warm Regards to all from a Son of Cosmos, Lyle Arnold



By Janice Blum

CHEWING GUM

To remove chewing gum from children's hair, put a small pat of peanut butter on the gum. Wait a few minutes and then take a comb and gently run through and the gum is gone.

SAVE STAMPS

To reuse an unused postage stamp, tear off stamp with surrounding paper and put it in a small cup filled with water. The water will remove the paper from the back. Put the stamp on a cloth to dry and reuse.

CLEAN BURNER PLATES

When your electric stove's chrome plates, underneath your burners, are dirty with food, spray them with oven cleaner, leave on a few minutes and wipe clean with a paper towel. If needed spray again. When weather permits do this outdoors.

LONG LASTING LUSTER

Keep a fresh bouquet prettier longer by dissolving a small amount of sugar in your water before watering them. Another way is by dissolving an aspirin in your water.

TIME WARP Whozit?



These two gentlemen, *(notice the spiffy hats)* had a big day of fishing pike in the summer of 1948. Do you recognize either of these anglers?

Whozfish?

For bonus KewPies;

1. Can you identify the storefront where the two had the picture taken? I'm guessing the store owner took it for promotional purposes.
2. Can you identify the window signage?
3. Have any idea which one rowed?

Note: This editor does not know any of the three, btw.

Spring Equinox-March 20th

On March 20th, the sun will be directly over the equator. It's the Spring Equinox, or what we call "The first day of Spring". On this day, the length of our days and nights will be the equal. Then we slowly head into longer days and shorter nights, what we call "Summer". During the Summer Solstice on June 21st, we experience the longest amount of daylight of the year. But, then the daylight slowly becomes less & less, heading to equal days & nights again; the "Autumnal Equinox". After that...*oh wth, you know the rest.*


Stonehenge Historic Site, England

-Ponderings

Extra!



A Ram,



a Lamb,



a Ding Dong.





Hey kids, we have a winner! Only one reader submitted answers, but they were almost all correct. KewPies well deserved!

(Btw, You're smarter than I look, Jimmy!)

1. Deb's last name was Esping. We'll give you the KewPie for effort anyway. Aced the rest, more KewPies.

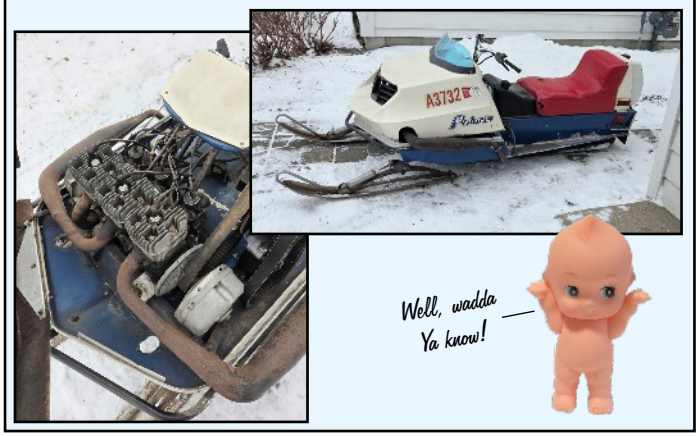
Diesel says: Deb Esplen, Cindy Thomas, Shelly Menton, Vicki Thomas, Val Anderson.



2. Whozit Extra: I didn't think anyone would identify the sled, it's a tough one. It is a *very limited build*, probably less than 200 made, '72 TX 400 triple. Yes, Polaris did already make a 500 triple. This 400 cc piped engine was made to race the 1972 Winnipeg to St. Paul International 500. The max engine size for the race that year was limited to 400 cc's to try and lower speeds and increase safety. The sled was sold only to established racers and was not available for purchase by the general public.

TWW Xtra: Sled -72 TX 500 ltd with a 502 cc engine.

From Jim 'Diesel' DeLeeuw, Cosmos



SCIENCE, TECH & JUST PLAIN COOL STUFF

NASA Artemis II Rocket Returns for Repairs

GAZETTE EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS ARTICLE IS COURTESY OF NASA.GOV, AND IS A COMPILATION OF FOUR ARTICLES DESCRIBING THE REMOVAL OF THE ROCKET ASSEMBLY FROM THE LAUNCH PAD AND THEN MOVING IT BACK TO THE VEHICLE ASSEMBLY BUILDING (VAB) FOR DIAGNOSIS AND REPAIR OF THE PROBLEM. I WAS CONTINUALLY UPDATING THIS BREAKING NASA NEWS WHILE TRYING TO FINISH UP THE GAZETTE. WE HAVE TO PRINT EVENTUALLY, SO THE FINAL STORY MAY HAVE CHANGED DRAMATICALLY BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS – HOPEFULLY FOR THE BETTER.



NASA's crawler-transporter 2, carrying NASA's Artemis II SLS (Space Launch System) rocket with the Orion spacecraft, arrives Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026, inside the Vehicle Assembly Building at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida to troubleshoot the flow of helium to the rocket's upper stage, the interim cryogenic propulsion stage.
NASA/Cory Huston

Pics and information ourtesy nasa.gov

NASA's SLS (Space Launch System) rocket and Orion spacecraft for the Artemis II mission began rolling off the launch pad at 9:38 a.m. EST, Feb. 25, at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Rolling from Launch Pad 39B to the Vehicle Assembly Building at NASA Kennedy took about 12 hours.

The SLS (Space Launch System) rocket and Orion spacecraft for NASA's Artemis II mission arrived at the Vehicle Assembly Building from Launch Pad 39B at approximately 8 p.m. EST Feb. 25, at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

While in the assembly building, technicians will troubleshoot the helium flow issue to the rocket's upper stage, replace batteries on the rocket's upper stage, core stage, and solid rocket boosters as well as service its flight termination system.

Once NASA's Artemis II SLS (Space Launch System) rocket and Orion spacecraft arrived at the Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB) Feb. 25, technicians immediately began addressing why the flow of helium to the SLS upper stage was interrupted as engineers were reconfiguring the rocket following a successful wet dress rehearsal on Feb. 21.

To make the repairs, teams are installing two sets of internal access platforms inside the launch vehicle stage adapter and must remove thermal blankets that cover the area they are interested in – a point on the rocket's interim cryogenic propulsion system, or upper stage. The area provides connections for multiple umbilicals, including tubing used to fill the upper stage with helium. Helium is used to maintain proper environmental conditions, and to pressurize the stage for flight.

*Engineers have narrowed the issue preventing the helium flow to two potential components: a seal on the tubing's quick disconnect and a check valve on the other end of that tubing.

While the rocket and spacecraft are in the VAB, teams also will install new batteries for the SLS's upper stage, core stage, and solid rocket boosters, as well as retest its flight termination system and avionics and control systems.

The Orion spacecraft's launch abort system batteries will be recharged, and engineers may refresh some of the stowed items inside the crew module.

Engineers have optimized planned work in the VAB, and much of the work to come can be done in parallel. Pending the outcome of data reviews, repair efforts, and how the schedule comes to fruition in the coming days and weeks, the Artemis II Moon rocket will roll back to Launch Pad 39B in time for April launch opportunities.

Gazette Time Machine

TIME WARP

March 1976

SUN

SHINING A POWERFUL LIGHT ON THE LOCAL SCENE

VOLUME 21 NUMBER 52 THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1976

Mission Festival Sunday at First Lutheran

COSMOS--First Lutheran Church, rural Cosmos, has set Sunday, March 14, as MISSION FESTIVAL SUNDAY. The service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School will not meet but all students will attend the worship service. The speaker at the service will be a Lutheran Church in America missionary, Mr. John Hult, who spent a number of years as a missionary in Liberia, Africa. Prior to Mr. Hult's service in Africa he served as Youth Director of the Lutheran Church in Guyana. He has also had many years as a Youth Director in Lutheran Churches in the United States. Special music at the Youth Festival Service will be presented by the First Lutheran Choirs.

Following the worship service a Pot Luck dinner will be served. The Lutheran Church Women's Service Committee will serve as hostesses for the dinner.



JOHN HULT

Down Memory Lane



BY JACKIE PARK

5 YEARS AGO

Karen Pearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pearson was selected as Girls Stater from Cosmos and Paul Frederiksen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Frederiksen was selected to attend Boy's State .....The Cosmos High School Band was chosen to appear on WCCO Radio "Prep Parade" as band of the week.....A total of 62 pints of blood were given to the Red Cross bloodmobile last week.....Meeker County's official population census puts county down .4% .....An open house bridal shower and reception was held at Peace Lutheran Church for Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stockland.....Cosmos Royals opened District 12 play with a win, 72 - 35 over Buffalo Lake.....Mr. and Mrs. Allan Frederiksen were honored by their children on their 34th wedding anniversary.

10 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Jack Porath has been named by the Cosmos Village council to serve a term of two years as village treasurer.....Five persons from this area will be serving on the district court jury. They are Carl Calundun, Alvin Marquardt and Suben Peterson of Cedar Mills Township; Otto Madsen and Mrs. Harris W. Nelson of Cosmos Township.....Girl Scouts will start their annual cookie sale on Saturday, Mrs. Lloyd Mortenson is chairman .....A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fleagle (Fern Meyer) in Minneapolis .....The Olivia Wildcats nipped the Cosmos Royals, 70 - 68 in the semi-finals of the sub-district 12 basketball tournament.....Mr. and Mrs. Allan Frederiksen announced the engagement of their daughter June, to Thomas H. Morrison

15 YEARS AGO

Tickets went on sale by school children for the Cosmos PTA Carnival to be held March 17.....Cosmos Council tables action for a month on Legions license.....The junior class of Cosmos will be presenting the play "Who Dunit" directed by James Schoener. Cast members were Janet Zrust, Janice Welander, Maureen Turner, Mardette Johnson, Janet Seaman, Karen Anderson, James Olson, Milo Jacobson, Donald Kaddatz, Leland Finstad and Douglas Wulkan .....Mary Kempfert was honored at a bridal shower at St. John's Lutheran Church at Cedar Mills. Miss Kempfert will become the bride of Arvin Ortloff.....Conservation Day is scheduled to be held in Litchfield next week .....Earl Raske and Wm. Welander are attending the National Butler Manufacturing Sales Co. convention at Kansas City, Mo. this week.

20 YEARS AGO

The Cosmos School Band will have its first Pop Concert at the school auditorium.....Cosmos Council considered ways to lower cost of Fire Department.....Cosmos Township raised $44.05 for the Heart fund according to chairman, Mrs. Otto Madsen .....Steven Donald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Peterson of Atwater was baptized at the Rosendale Methodist Church.....In the Women's League Bowling, High Single Games, Individuals were Maxine Tatting, 180; Virginia Grussendorf, 162; and Evelyn Thomas, 160.....Wyman's Market grocery ad, Beef ribs, 12c lb.; Bakers chocolate chips, 2 for 39c.....Mr. and Mrs. Walter Homan celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Flemming were honored on their 60th anniversary.

Supplies stolen from Blue Moon

COSMOS--The Meeker County Sheriff's office is investigating the theft of $800 worth of meat from the Blue Moon Supper Club located about 10 miles southwest of Litchfield.

The theft reportedly occurred over the last weekend. Stolen were supplies of haddock, pork chops, steaks and about $15 in small change.

The supper club is owned by Marcellus Egge.



KIM WURSCHER, of The Hair Affair Beauty Salon received her plaque as a new business in Cosmos from Commercial Club officers and chairwoman of the new business committee, left, Mrs. Muriel Jacobson. Commercial Club officers for 1976 are Rich Jamison, President, next to Kim, Merle Olson, vice president; Jerrel Sharpe, treasurer, and Jim Christopherson, secretary.

Winners in Whirlpool drawing

COSMOS--Turners T.V. and Appliance this week announces the winners of the recent Whirlpool February Clearance Sale grocery give away.

Winning $1,000 in groceries was Mrs. Floyd Shelly, Rt. 2, Fairmont, Mn.

Mrs. Harold Thorsen, 410 South 4th, Barron, Wisc. was the winner of $300 in groceries.

Receiving $100 in groceries was Vernon Oleson, Rice Lake Wisc.; Ms. Rita Schoeder, River Falls, Wisc.; Donald F. Schroeder, Faribault; Ms. Bernice McLeon, Superior, Wisc.; Ms. Kathy Crow, Blaine; Ms. Lynn Hauger, Watertown, Mn. and Mrs. F. Marquette, Maple Lake, Mn.

Buffalo Lake will host Music Festival March 16

COSMOS--Buffalo Lake High School will be the site of a Large Group Music Festival of five District 16 schools. The schools that will be participating are Buffalo Lake, Cosmos, Lester Prairie, Silver Lake, and Winsted Holy Trinity. The festival will be held Tuesday, March 16.

The choir clinician will be Dr. James Flom of the faculty of St. Cloud College and the Instrumental clinician will be Robert Hallquist, Instrumental Instructor at Alexander Ramsey High School, Roseville, Mn.

The clinicians will travel to each participating school during the regular school day and work with each band and choir on music they have prepared for the festival.

After school is dismissed, the students from all the schools will meet at Buffalo Lake for a rehearsal of a massed 250 voice choir and a sixty piece select Festival Band made up of students from the participating schools.

That same evening the Festival schools will present a public concert in the Buffalo Lake High School auditorium. Each school's band and chorus will present their prepared festival music (about 6-7 minutes each). The Select Band and Massed Choir, under the direction of the clinicians, will close the concert. The Festival Concert always proves to be a highlight for those who attend.

Concert time is 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door for $1.25 adults and 50c students.

Truck hits van, house & church at Corvuso

CORVUSO--Three people were injured in an unusual accident at 10:30 a.m., last Wednesday, the intersection of County Road 1 and Highway 7 at Corvuso.

The mishap occurred when a 1968 GMC van driven by John Charles Carlton, 29, of Waverod, slid through a stop sign at the junction of the two highways. The van was struck by a 1974 Chevrolet tractor and flatbed trailer rig driven by Richard Knoll, 40, of Cokato.

After the collision, the steering and brake mechanisms on the truck reportedly failed and the truck then left the roadway, hit some trees, then struck the Church of the Nazarene and continued on, finally striking a house, pushing the home two inches off its foundation.

The semi truck rig, owned by Midstate Equipment Co. of Cokato, was considered a total loss following the incident.

In addition to the two drivers, a 7 1/2-week old baby in the van was also injured.

All three were treated at the Meeker County Hospital at Litchfield and released.

Cosmos students in Speech Festival

COSMOS--On Monday, March 8, eleven members of the Declam team attended a speech festival at Litchfield High School.

The members who participated were Jean Schleuter, Lisa Tharp, Cleone Pearson, Vickie Heyer, Sandy Faber, Linda Pearson, Laura Helin, Janet Schoener, Joann Park, Dale Peterson and Donnette Garberich.

A superior rating was awarded to Jean Schleuter, Lisa Tharp, Laura Helin, Cleone Pearson and Janet Schoener.

Churchmen's Breakfast is Friday at Methodist

COSMOS--The March Churchmen's Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, March 12, 7:00 a.m. at the Cosmos United Methodist Church.

Mr. Lyle Pearson, a social worker at Willmar State Hospital will be the featured guest speaker. Mr. Pearson is known to many in the community and has been very actively involved in the Lay Witness Mission movement.

Ladies of the Methodist Church will be serving a ham and egg breakfast, with breakfast rolls, orange juice, coffee and milk. Fathers and sons from all churches in the community are encouraged to attend this last meeting of the Churchmen's Group until the fall of 1976.

Tickets are $1.25 an may be purchased from Paul's Barbershop, Turners T.V. and Appliance, Cosmos Pharmacy, Mr. Lynn Townsend, Pastors Freimark and Tilton.

Sr. Citizens enjoy potluck supper

COSMOS--The Cosmos Senior Citizens hosted a hot-dish supper last Thursday evening with about 75 persons attending.

Following the supper six tables of progressive pinochle were played with Mrs. Lynn Townsend winning high prize for the ladies and David Eastman winning high prize for the men.

Low prize for the ladies went to Mrs. Vic Eastman and a three-way tie was held by the the men with Verne Fredin receiving the prize.

Pinochle winners

COSMOS--At the Stag and Hag Pinochle Tournament sponsored by the Cosmos Lions Club on Monday evening, March 8 a total of $78 in prize money was paid out.

First place winners were Clarence and Violet Lietzau with a score of 7550 winning $30.00.

Second place winners were Delores Bakke and Bernice Mauhs, a score of 7510 and winning $22.50.

Allan Ehlers and Harold Ehlers were third place winners with a score of 7280 winning $15.00.

And winning fourth place was Larry Larson and Bruce Nelson winning $7.50 with a score of 7060.

Karate class at Blue Moon

Karate classes available to Cosmos residents. Ron Egge, a Black Belt instructor teaches two nights each week, Monday and Thursday evening at the Blue Moon.

Classes are 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for students under 16 years old and 8 to 9 p.m. for older students. Physical fitness, safety, self confidence and self defense are all part of Karate. Those interested call 877-2539. (cPA52)

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Appreciation supper at Peace Lutheran

COSMOS--Peace Lutheran Church is hosting an Appreciation Supper next Sunday evening for those who have been involved in the teaching agencies in the church during the past two years. The women of the church will serve the meal, and Pastor Darold Beekman from the Southwestern Minnesota District of the ALC will be the speaker. Pastor Beekman is in charge of education in the district. He is a former pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Brookfield Township.



Whozit?

LOOKS LIKE THESE men are hard at the job of threshing. The picture was taken in 1953. How many of the seven fellows can you identify?

Last weeks WHOZIT picture was of Alice (Kenning) Kanton with Danella and Mahela Tiffen. Alice traveled with the Tiffen family from Minneapolis to Seattle as a governess in 1920.



Open house Saturday at the Cosmos apartment complex

Cosmos' newest housing addition and the first of its kind for the community will have an open house this Saturday, March 13.

Owners Danny Danielson from Cosmos and Sheldon Larson of Delano invite you to stop by and see this eight unit apartment complex. See the ad on page 3.

News From Cosmos

MR. AND MRS. DELMER Buerkle of Gibbon spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Herb Schiro.

MR. AND MRS. MARTIN Jacobson of Rosendale and Mrs. Jerry Coulter of Hector called on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacobson Saturday afternoon.

A WEEK AGO SUNDAY dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sharpe were David Sharpe, Moorhead College. Larry Sharpe and friend from Minneapolis and Mr. and Mrs. Jerrel Sharpe, Stephanie and Stephen of Cosmos.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacobson and Mrs. Ada Paulson were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brown and Miss Grace Brown of Willmar and Vernon Brown of St. Cloud.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON and supper guests at the home of Charles Sharpe to celebrate Mrs. Sharpe's birthday were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pagel, Atwater, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sletten, Darwin and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Borde, Lake Lillian.

MR. AND MRS. HERB Maag celebrated Herb's birthday Sunday along with Marie Maags and Scott Lacher. Dinner guests at the Maag home were Mr. and Mrs. Emery Carrigan and Dee Ann of Minnetonka; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Carrigan and Brenda of Owatonna; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Maas, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ulrich of Litchfield and Marie Maag of Litchfield.

VAYNE BROOKS FROM Minneapolis was a Sunday visitor of Floyce Adams and in the evening her grandson, Marlin Anderson of Litchfield came to visit her.

MR. AND MRS. GLEN Bemis Jr. and family and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bemis Sr. were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Thornton at Roseville.

SHANNON CURRIER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Currier was in the Willmar Hospital last week for eye surgery.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN Reins were in Minnetonka on Saturday to visit the Ardel Reins. They also went to Southdale Fairview Hospital to see their grandson, Mitchell Reins.

LEONA OLSON, TOBY Schiro, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nelson and Dorothy Summerlet were Sunday evening supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Olson, Nina and Jesse of Lake Lillian.

SUNDAY MR. AND MRS. Donald Nelson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nelson and family of Litchfield, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Nelson of Grove City, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Nelson of Grove City and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Renstrom of Lake Lillian were guests at the home of Clara Nelson.

SUNDAY EVENING MRS. Dietrich and Clara Nelson visited Clara Nelson's brother Bill Martin at Grove City.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD Mortensen attended the wedding of Candy Phillips and Clarence Flemming Jr. at the Rosendale Methodist Church on Saturday.

SUNDAY MR. AND MRS. Douglas Flemming of Rosemount were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mortensen.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD Mortenson, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Mortensen and Brendu, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schmeling and Mr. and Mrs. Milan Retzlaff, Becky and Denise were Sunday guests at Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mortensens to celebrate their daughter Kelly's second birthday.

MR. AND MRS. ELMER Schmeling, David and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Mortensen and Brenda, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Byur, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Byur, Mr. and Mrs. Arleigh Byur and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schmeling were Sunday afternoon guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Byur and Jeff to celebrate Ron's birthday.

MR. AND MRS. CLAIR Bryant celebrated Clair Bryant and Kim Tharps birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tharp on Sunday. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bryant, Ralph Pearson and Amy Tharp.

MR. AND MRS. REUBEN Boeder were Sunday evening guests at the Eugene Wehking home.

MR. AND MRS. EUGENE Wehking were Saturday evening guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Barnes of Hutchinson.

SUNDAY, MRS. EUGENE Wehking and Mrs. Vivian Bullert attended a baby shower for Cindy Mons at the home of Gary Mons of Lakeside.

MR. AND MRS. BERNARD Reagen of Rose Creek spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Townsend.

MR. AND MRS. CURT Meyer were Sunday afternoon and supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson.

MR. AND MRS. LEROY Fischer from Mankato were Sunday guests at the home of August Fischers.

MR. AND MRS. AUGUST Fischer were Sunday evening guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delton Bipes.

MR. AND MRS. WILLARD Arndt were Sunday guests at the home of Bryan Arndt at Hutchinson to get acquainted with their new little daughter, Ann Rebecca.

MR. AND MRS. DONOvan Dietrich of Van Horn, Iowa were weekend guests at the home of Clara Nelson.

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS!



Julie Raske and Gregory Lingl wed at First Lutheran

COSMOS--Julie Kay Raske of Cosmos and Gregory Allen Lingl of Bird Island exchanged nuptial vows, Saturday, February 21 at First Lutheran Church of Cosmos. Pastor Harold Carlson and Father Thomas Oswald officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Raske of Cosmos and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lingl of Bird Island.

Scott Turner of Stewart was organist and Miss Mary Jo Lingl of Paynesville was soloist. She sang "My Sweet Lady," "Wedding Song," and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white velvet gown with empire waist, stand-up collar, long sleeves with buttoned cuffs. The bodice was accented with wide heavy lace forming a V in the front and back of the gown. She wore a floor length veil. Her bouquet was blue carnations, star flowers, and greenery with white velvet streamers. Mrs. Connie Weis of Minneapolis was her personal attendant.

Maid of honor was Miss Colleen Raske of Cosmos and Miss Shelley Raske of Cosmos, both sisters of the bride. They wore gowns of blue polyester crepe. The bodice was accented with blue lace overlay forming a V in front and back. They each carried a bouquet of blue daisies, blue carnations, and white starflowers with royal blue streamers.

Mr. Timothy Willey, friend of the groom, of Minneapolis was bestman and groomsman was Kevin Lingl, brother of the groom, of Onamia. Ushers were John Raske, brother of the bride, of Fargo, N. D. and Galen Lingl, brother of the groom, of Bird Island.

A reception was held in the church dining hall following the ceremony. Miss Jean Lingl, sister of the groom, of Bird Island attended the guest book. Miss Janel Lingl, sister of the groom, of Bird Island and Miss Cindy Janke, friend of the bride, Duluth, served the punch. Miss Dawn Fluharty of Minneapolis and Miss Dona Farmer of Mankato, friends of the bride cut the cake.

Mrs. Orville Johnston of Cosmos and Mrs. Don Lingl of Bird Island served coffee.

Waitresses were cousins of the bride, Jane, Mary Lou, Wendy, Diane and Darlene Johnson and Sandra Raske of Cosmos and Debra Schwarze of Delano.

Kitchen honors went to Mrs. Phillip Nelson and Mrs. Archie Gilberts of Litchfield, Mrs. M. C. Loveland and Mrs. Dorin Adams of Cosmos, and Mrs. Ervil Hopp of Atwater.

The bride is a graduate of the Cosmos High School and the Anoka Vocational-Technical Institute. She has been employed as an LPN at Fairview hospital in Minneapolis. The groom is a graduate of the Bird Island-Lake Lillian High School and is attending the St. Cloud Area Vocational-Technical Institute.

The couple are making their home in St. Cloud.

Baptism

COSMOS--Tresha Jean Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Peterson was baptized Feb. 29 at the United Methodist Church at Rosendale with the Rev. Omer Leske preforming the sacred rites.

Sponsors for Tresha Jean were Julie Peterson and Mr. James Bryant.

Dinner guests following the service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peterson were Mr. and Mrs. Milan Retzlaff and family and Larry Murphy, Rev. and Mrs Omer Leske, Mr. and Mrs. James Bryant and family, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Schmalz and family, Willie Peterson, Agnes Larson, Anna Retzlaff, and Alvin Retzlaff.

Card of Thanks

A special thank you to all researchers and others on the Cancer Prevention and Colon Cancer Control Study.

This study is very important and has taken much of your time and effort, your work is greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Franseen
Chairman of the Cancer Prevention of the Meeker County Init of the Am. Cancer Soc. (eT52)

Services held Wednesday for Mrs. Ida Thomas

COSMOS--Mrs. Ida Thomas, 82, of Cosmos passed away on Sunday morning at the Meeker County Memorial Hospital in Litchfield.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. at the Atwater Baptist Church with the Rev. Paul Wick officiating. Burial was at the Lake Lillian Baptist Church cemetery.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Adolph (Leona) Peterson, Hutchinson; Mrs. Carl (Lorretta) Bemmel, Lake Lillian; 4 sons, Lyle of Cosmos, Bert, Lake Lillian, Martin, Bloomington and Curtis, Cosmos; by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A complete obituary will appear in next weeks paper.

HOSPITAL NOTES

STEVE EGGE, Veterans Hospital, 54th St. and 48th Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55417.

HERB BUCK, 5810 Division St., Excelsior, Mn. 55331.

MRS. RONEY KUTZKE is hospitalized at the Meeker County Memorial Hospital in Litchfield.



Engagement announced

COSMOS--Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Pearson of rural Grove City are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen, to Mr. Gary Poortvliet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Poortvliet of Roseland.

Miss Pearson attended Cosmos High School and will be a 1976 graduate of St. Cloud State University with a major in biology. Mr. Poortvliet is a 1973 graduate of St. Cloud State and is a teacher at Comfrey, Mn.

A June 26 wedding is planned.

HAROLD HERRLY is at the Litchfield Memorial Hospital in Litchfield. Cards will reach him addressed there.

MRS. D. S. KETCHAM returned to her home on Monday afternoon after having surgery in a Minneapolis Hospital.

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Thoughts & Observations





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

Well, March is here, with all of it's cold, damp and sloppy conditions. Can't fish (I know, there may be some good ice somewhere), can't hunt, can't work in the garden, the list goes on and on with stuff you can't do. At least I can enjoy a **Hamm's** in the mancave.



Anyway, in case you can't tell, March is my least favorite month, even if it's my birthday month. Thank you anyway mom, I won't hold my birth date against you.

I had some great conversations last month with some old Cosmos guys. One was **Lyle Arnold,** who wrote a really neat story for this month's Gazette about his past experiences in Cosmos. I really enjoyed his texts, phone calls ***and his story.*** I consider him a new 'old' friend.

The other guy was **Bill Reinke**. I've exchanged a few letters and texts with him and even got to meet him in the city park a couple of years ago. He wrote a story about one of his past "Down south" experiences. You will see it in a future issue. Plus, he also introduced Lyle to the Gazette. Both are good dudes.

I'm really looking forward to the Cosmos Fireman's Chili Cook Off on March 21st. *(Which also happens to be my birthday.)* I missed it last year cuz I was in the horsepistol in the cities. Yee haw. [sarc] Make sure you bring your friends and family to this great community event. I guaran-darn-tee you it's a good time. You don't want to miss it.

Back in February, the German in me had a hankering for some sauerkraut. I love the fermented treat, *(decent Germans don't rinse it, btw!)* with some **browned sausages** and **schnitzel or dumplings**. But this time, I wanted something different. I came across a **sauerkraut soup** recipe that looked great. So I tried it, with a few personal modifications and it was great! I will be making it again. I may have to submit the recipe to a future "Chef it Up!" column. We'll see.

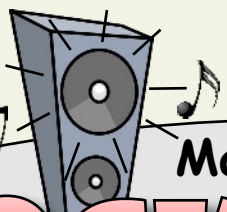


Speaking of a good time, I plan on bringing down my rookie sound system to said Chili Cook Off; if I can stay the H. E. double hockey sticks out of the hospital!!! Figured it was the least I could do to add a little zing to the event, plus help out the firemen. I'll have a playlist going, but be sure to make a list of some tunes you want to hear. I'll accommodate you the best I can.



Let's eat, then rock!







Mark Minnick

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