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Space Festival Edition '24



L-R; Mason Rothstein, Local Chicken, Neptune Ned and Nicole Rothstein. The Old Hen is in the back, watching over her prized rocketship.

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Weather: Spacey, with a chance of aliens. "All of the news you really need. Probably more." "Noli credere omnia legis"

The Old Hen, **Local Chicken** and their alien buddy, **Neptune Ned** just rocketed in for the annual **Cosmos Space Festival**. They had been vacationing on Saturn when they decided to zoom on over for the "Cosmic" festivities. Cosmonites **Mason & Nicole Rothstein** were excited to greet them right after they touched down. *(notice the torched grass.)* Be sure and watch for the space faring trio during the celebration, they may have some interesting stories to tell. *Or not.*

Good Stuff Maynard



Enjoying pork loin, baked yams, broccoli, cornbread, and peach crisp.
Left to right; **Elvira Johnson, Linda Radloff, Robyn Scott, Barb Koelln, Joyce Karrigan.**

By Joyce Karrigan

Cosmos Senior Dining is held Monday through Friday at 11 o'clock at the Cosmos City City Center. This program is through Lutheran Social Services LSS Meals. Cosmos Senior dining is looking for more seniors, age 60 and over to join us. The meals are nutritious and tasty.

Cosmos Senior dining is more than just about sharing a meal together. It's also about fellowship and companionship with your age group.

We would like to have more seniors join us and also offer other short activities after the meals, which you can choose if you want to participate.

If you have questions, please call Joyce Karrigan, 320-583-0639, and I will get you the information and contact phone numbers you need, to participate in Cosmos Senior Dining.

ACGC School Board Meets in Cosmos



L to r; Super, **Kip Lynk**, **Jeanna Lilleberg**, **Christine Buer**, **Traci Smith**, **Megan Morrison** and **Scott Stafford**.

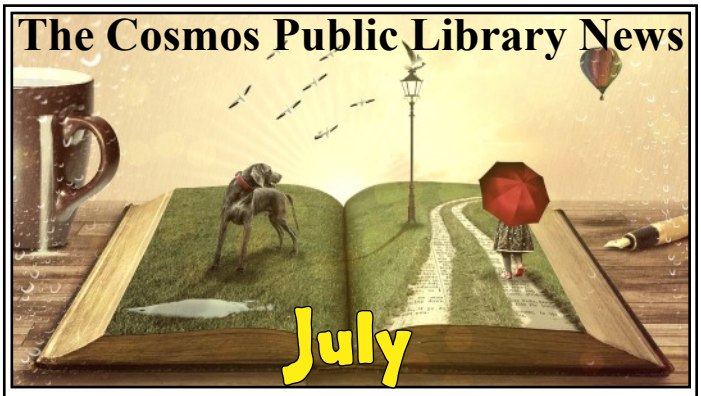
Pic and Commentary by Mark Minnick

Monday evening June 24th was the first of three ACGC School Board meetings to be held in Cosmos this summer. This is the first board meeting I have attended in I don't know how long. Shame on me.

I learned a bunch during this two hour session held at the Cosmos City Center. I certainly plan on being at the next two meetings, feel free to join me.

The July 22nd meeting is being held at the CLC. The August meeting is back at the community center on the 26th. See you there, Buckaroos.

The Cosmos Public Library News

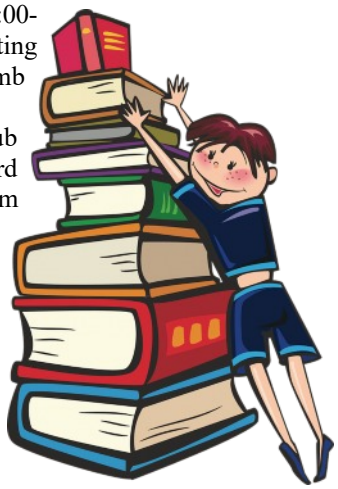


by Beth Cronk, Meeker County Library

The Cosmos Library continues with a busy summer in the month of July! The summer reading program, "Read. Renew. Repeat" continues all summer long, so if the kids haven't gotten to the library to sign up yet, it is not at all too late! The program is a self-paced program that children and teens do on their own time, and then they bring in their completed reading challenges to claim prizes at the library. New prizes keep being added throughout the summer.

The Cosmos Library has a special program every Friday in July. Mark your calendars for these exciting events:

- Visit the Cosmos Library on Friday, July 5, at 2:00 p.m. to learn about birds from a DNR Naturalist! Bring the whole family to this free program. Savannah from Sibley State Park will read A Sparrow's Disappearing Home and teach kids about birds in Minnesota. No need to sign up.
- The Minnesota Science Museum is coming to the Cosmos Library on Friday, July 12, at 2:00 p.m., and it's all about dinosaurs! Did a T.rex drag its tail? Using recent paleontological research, explore the lives and extinction of dinosaurs through this nature of science program. Ideal for kids in grades 3-5, but everyone is welcome. Free to attend and no need to sign up.
- Cosmos Library is offering a Space Festival event again this year. On Friday, July 19, from 5-8 p.m., bring the whole family to play mini golf in the meeting room. Free to attend and no need to sign up.
- On Friday, July 26, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., come to Crafting with the Green Thumb Garden Club.
- Cosmos Creation Club continues to meet on the 3rd Monday of the month from 2:00-3:00 p.m. This month it's on July 15. This free program is open to kids ages 5-18. Kids ages 5-7 must be accompanied by a teen or adult caregiver. No need to sign up, and everything is provided.



- Pioneerland libraries will be closed on Thursday, July 4, for Independence Day.

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

Saturday August 10, 2024

2nd Annual Hog Roast & Car Show





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Trucks-Bikes-ATV's-Snowmobiles

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A very interesting and safe view of June thunderheads at sunset; East of Cosmos.
Editor, Mark Minnick

Space Festival 2024



The Cosmos Lions

"We Serve"

Remember, we are always looking for new gals or guys to become members & join us.
Feel free to talk to any Lions member or email; **cosmoslions@mac.com**

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
June 11, 2024

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Mark Minnick, Emily Van Hatten, Angelica Hopp and Jody Fruetel.
ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Nikki Brazzi, Deputy Clerk Brigitte Douglas and City Administrator John Douville
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Van Hatten, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Fruetel, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

1) **May 9, 2024 City Council Minutes.**
2) **May 21, 2024 Special City Council Minutes**
3) **Cosmos Lions Beer License – June 15, 2024 – December 31, 2024**

VISITORS PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDANCE

City Engineer – City Engineer Josh Halvorson was present to discuss Phase II of the Street and Utility Project, the South ½ of Cosmos from Highway 7. They are using the remaining grant money for survey work and to start developing specifications for the project.

The wastewater pond elevation was being recorded for MPCA records. New utility maps will be provided to city staff.

Street Seal Coating/Crack Filling – Two quotes were received for seal coating/crack sealing on streets that are not part of Phase I or Phase II. Pearson Bros. at $53,822.50 and Allied Blacktop for $56,353.

A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to approve Pearson Bros. quote of $53,822.50 for the 2024 Seal Coat project. Motion carried**.**

June 11, 2024 Bills List - A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Minnick, to approve the June 11, 2024 bills list with check numbers from 16826-16889 for $73,583.19. Motion carried**.**

Public Works Supervisor – Nikki Brazzi discussed tree removal in the parks and other city property.

Ambulance Captain – Emily Van Hatten discussed repairs on the ambulance
Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11, 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 Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried.
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John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

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Senior Club Meeting

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Anyone over 55 is invited to join the Senior Club.
Dues are only $10.00 a year.
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-Contact Information-

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Sheriff Hours in Cosmos: Tue 2:30-4:30 PM

Membership Awards
Collected by Cosmos Lions

By Harold Weseloh

The International Lions Foundation honored, via a letter and recognition pin, a venerable group of Cosmos Lions for their long service.

45-year pins were awarded to **Lorallen (Smudge) Schmeling** and **Gary (Pudge) Martin**. **Randy Schiro** garnered a 35-year award while **Doug Martin, Joyce Karrigan, Jadi Hopp** and **Brad Dallmann** were for 20 years with the local service organization.



WILDERNESS CANOE TRIP was the prized trip of the members of the Industrial Arts Club of Cosmos High School last week end, as they took off for three days in the north country of Minnesota. At Ely they were outfitted by Cliff Wold's camping outfitters. They paddled northward into Alice and Insula Lakes, where they camped and fished. The trip was financed, in part by money earned during the school year by member of the club. They were accompanied by four members of the school faculty: Frank Currier, who was in charge, Mark Sichmeller, Robin Jacobs and Daniel Van Overbeke. Above they pose in front of the school van in which many of them rode. Left to right are: standing, Mr. Jacobs, Cecil Macik, Chris Johnson, Jim Hackbarth, Tim Macik, Terry Anderson, Kevin Menton, Clayton Madsen, Gale Wright, Mike Roufs, Kevin Mortenson, and Kevin Kelbing. Front row: Mr. Currier, Mr. Sichmeller, Mark Bakke, Calvin Madsen, Dale Macik, Duane Kiecker, Myron Macik and Mr. Van Overbeke.



The Gazette only has to award a couple of KewPies for last month's Whozit? picture. Savin' money again!

I know some of the names; Cecil Macik, Kevin Menton, Clayton Madsen, Mike Roufs, Kevin Mortenson, Gale Wright, Dan VanOverbeke, & Frank Currier

from Shirley Reinert

TIME WARP Whozit?

It's the summer of 1972.
Elon Musk is about a year old and still in diapers.
Boeing's problematic Starliner hasn't even been thought of yet.
The company just has the 747, and that isn't going into space anytime soon. These three brothers from Cosmos seem to have a heck of a head start on both. Here they're seen preparing their **seven foot high** rocket for launch. Why you ask?
It's the **'72 Cosmos Space Festival Model Rocket Contest** of course! The event is being held at the CHS athletic field, a hometown Cape Canaveral, if you will.
Anyway...5,4,3,2,1...we have liftoff!
So, who are these hometown rocket scientists?

Whozdem?

Email your answer to:
wordnut66@outlook.com



American Red Cross

The Cosmos American Legion Auxiliary
is hosting the **Red Cross Bloodmobile**
Cosmos City Center
Monday, July 22nd Noon-6 PM

To schedule an appointment online;
1. Go online to **redcrossblood.org.** **2.** Find our blood drive by typing in the zip code (56228) for Cosmos. **3.** Create an account if you don't already have one.
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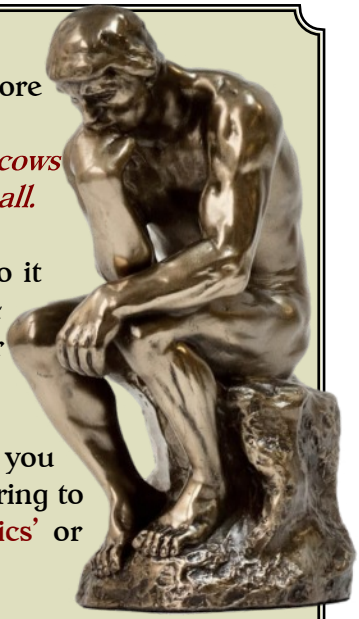

I heard that cows kill more people than sharks.
Hmmm, I'm surprised that cows actually kill any sharks at all.

Whatever you do today, do it with the confidence of a 4 year old wearing their Batman pajamas.

You know you're old when you overhear some teens referring to 90's rock music as 'classics' or even worse, 'oldies'. *Sigh...*

I liked it so much better being 20 in the 70's than now being 70 in the 20's. *Sigh, again...*

From the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation;
Listen, bear spray DOES NOT work like bug spray.
We would like to not have to say that again.



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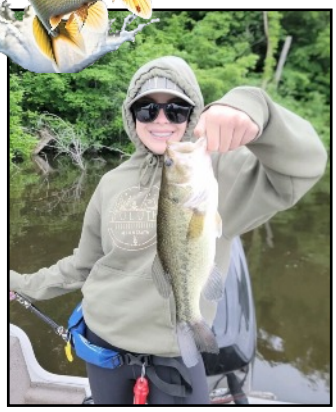
Tournament Grrls!

Tourney Report

from **Sunday May 26th**





Tournament Grrls! **"The Mighty" Quinn Mackenthun,** *left* and **"Baba O" Rylie Pint,** *right,* competed in their first event of the **2024 Lund Virtual Fishing League** on May 26th. I thought they did pretty darned good, finishing **86th** out of **300** plus teams. Quinn wrote an article for the Gazette with some of her thoughts from the day. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. *Editor, Mark Minnick*

By Quinn Mackenthun

Our bass fishing tournament day consisted of casting around near the shoreline of the lake. We used baitcasters and spinning rods with a few different tackle options using plastics like Senkos, crawfish, Ned rigs and curly tail worms.

It was a slow day but we found the most fish in the morning near a small island of cattails and reeds. As the day progressed, we caught more fish, most of them being fourteen inchers. After we caught our limit of seven fish, we tried to get bigger fish to upgrade the smaller ones and place better.

We finished in **86th** out of **330**-some teams. The winning teams were in northern Minnesota fishing pre-spawn and spawning female smallmouth bass.

I had a lot of fun and will be fishing again in a couple weeks. Rylie and I won't be fishing together for this event as she has plans. I'll be heading down to Okoboji, Iowa for the weekend and fishing in that area."

Editor's notes:

1. After Quinn got me her article, her dad said they would not be going to Okoboji for the June 16th fishing date because of the forecasted crappy weather.
2. I assigned rock 'n' roll nicknames to both grrls; **"The Mighty" Quinn** and **"Baba O" Rylie**, just in case you were wondering wth is going on. It's a case of word association, helping my failing gray matter remember their real names. What can I say?
3. If you don't understand the rock 'n' roll association;
   - A: Google it.
   - B: You gotta get out more.
   - C: My bad, just never mind me…



TIDBITS



By Rick Nordin

Greetings. Happy 4th of July. Please take time to remember how significant this day is. We live in the greatest county in the world and should be honored to be a citizen. We live in a country that provides all its citizens tremendous opportunity.

We all have the chance to pursue our dreams and, in that pursuit, we can fail and start over again. When I think of the price paid by General Washington's troops, I get goosebumps thinking of the pleasures we take for granted today because men and women of vision were willing to pay the ultimate price.

Men were marching behind General Washington in the snow leaving trails of blood because they had no shoes. Why? Because of the dream of freedom and living in a pure democratic society. Today we are the recipients of that courage. I believe it's worth our reverence.

We are a nation born by men and women of vision and perseverance. That is the heritage fought for and achieved by our forefathers and what we continue to protect.

Please remember to join us for the music in the park at Kandi Park East 6:30-8:00 by Merchants of Soul and July 3rd Lake Lillian City Park July 31st music by Potluck Sting Trio. Also on the 31st, Midco who provides internet in the area will be providing a light meal during the event. Both will be great evenings of music. The music is sponsored by the Lake Lillian C&C. Have a great July.



Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!



North of Cosmos on June 12th, a nasty looking storm front rolls on to the east.



Spring Tom

Pic and commentary by Austin Macik

From my hunting spot south of Willmar, I heard him gobbling in his roost at sunrise. I used the low light of the morning to move within one hundred yards of him.

He flew out of the tree with two hens. With a couple clucks of a box call, all three birds came within fifteen yards of me. One shot and he was mine.

BACKWOODS & SKINNY WATER



"Brownie"



"Brookie"



"Bambi"

Commentary by Mark Minnick, pics by Scott Mackenthun

In early June, **Quinn Mackenthun** and her dad **Scott** wandered down to do some small stream fishing in the Caledonia area. Quinn got into some Brown and Brook trout and happened onto a fawn laying motionless, waiting for mom to come back. Goes to show, there can be more to a fishing trip than just the fish.



Voyager 1 gave humankind the first detailed images from the outer solar system. Close-up views of **Jupiter** showed an unknown ring and two new moons. It saw **Saturn** and it's moon **Titan** up close, plus discovered five new moons and a new 'G-ring'. I can remember seeing these images in 1979 and 80 for the first time. Very based stuff then and it still is today, me thinks. Voyager 1 truly is "The little spacecraft that could" and still Is for that matter, *all while being over **15 Billion** miles away!* ***Editor, Mark Minnick***

Voyager 1: The Basics

Info courtesy wikipedia.com and nasa.gov

Voyager 1 is a space probe launched by NASA on September 5, 1977, as part of the Voyager program to study the outer Solar System and the interstellar space beyond the Sun's heliosphere. It was launched 16 days after its twin, Voyager 2.

It communicates through the NASA Deep Space Network (DSN) to receive routine commands and to transmit data to Earth. Real-time distance and velocity data are provided by NASA and JPL. At a distance of 15.2 billion miles from Earth as of June 2024, it is the most distant human-made object from Earth.

The probe made flybys of Jupiter, Saturn, and Saturn's largest moon, Titan. NASA had a choice of either doing a Pluto or Titan flyby; exploration of the moon Titan took priority because it was known to have a substantial atmosphere. Voyager 1 studied the weather, magnetic fields, and rings of the two gas giants and was the first probe to provide detailed images of their moons.

Notable Achievements

- Discovered a thin ring around Jupiter and two new Jovian moons: Thebe and Metis.
- Found five new moons at Saturn and a new ring called the G-ring.
- The first spacecraft to cross the heliosphere, the boundary where the influences from outside our solar system are stronger than those from our Sun.
- The first human-made object to venture into interstellar space.

Voyager 1: Latest News

Info courtesy nasa.gov

June 13, 2024: NASA's Voyager 1 spacecraft is conducting normal science operations for the first time following a technical issue that arose in November 2023.

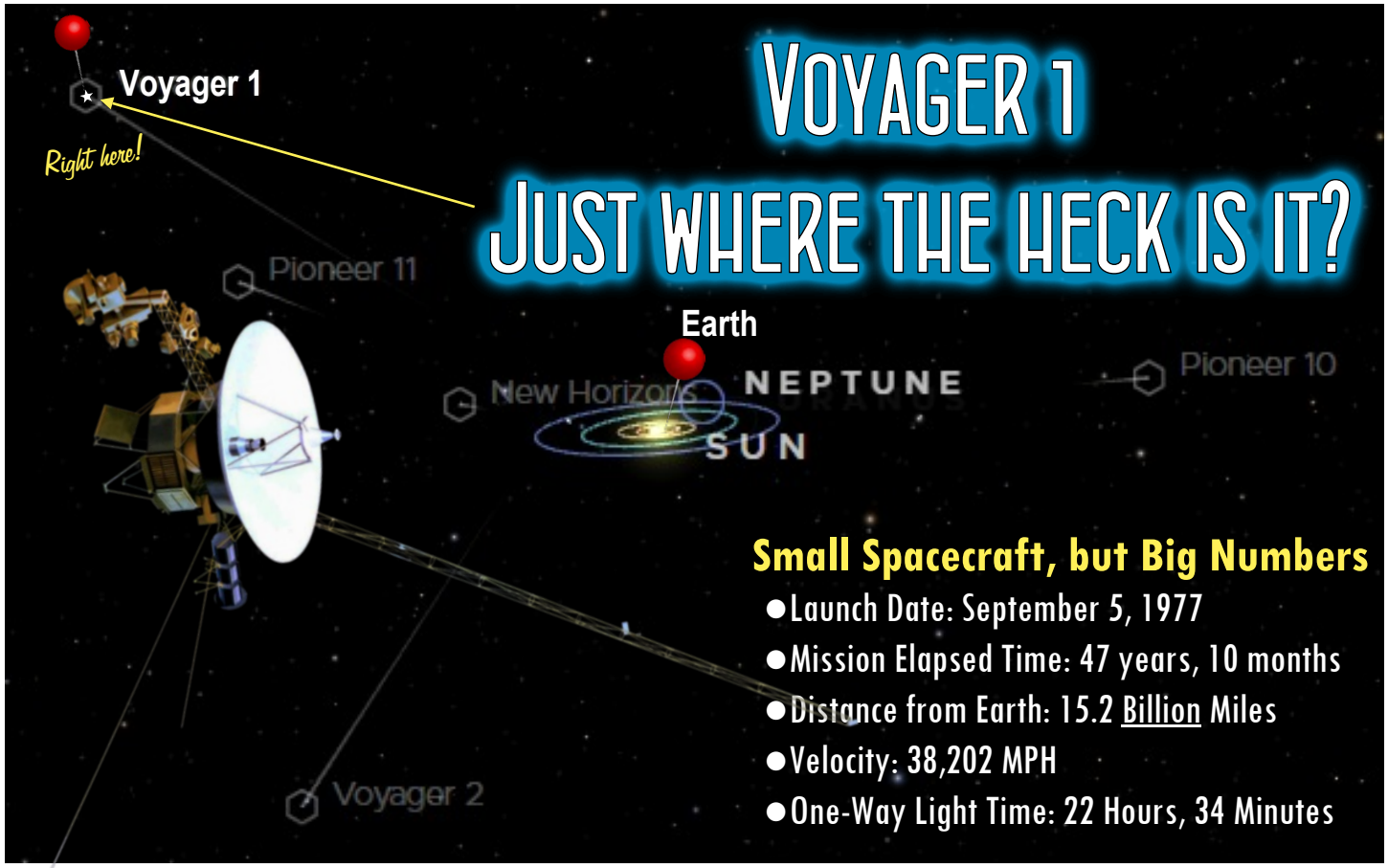
The team partially resolved the issue in April when they prompted the spacecraft to begin returning engineering data, which includes information about the health and status of the spacecraft. On May 19, the mission team executed the second step of that repair process and beamed a command to the spacecraft to begin returning science data. Two of the four science instruments returned to their normal operating modes immediately. Two other instruments required some additional work, but now, all four are returning usable science data.

The four instruments study plasma waves, magnetic fields, and particles. Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 are the only spacecraft to directly sample interstellar space, which is the region outside the heliosphere - the protective bubble of magnetic fields and solar wind created by the Sun.

While Voyager 1 is back to conducting science, additional minor work is needed to clean up the effects of the issue. Among other tasks, engineers will re-synchronize timekeeping software in the spacecraft's three onboard computers so they can execute commands at the right time.

The team will also perform maintenance on the digital tape recorder, which records some data for the plasma wave instrument that is sent to Earth twice per year. (Most of the Voyagers' science data is sent directly to Earth and not recorded.)

Voyager 1
Just where the heck is it?



Small Spacecraft, but Big Numbers

- Launch Date: September 5, 1977
- Mission Elapsed Time: 47 years, 10 months
- Distance from Earth: 15.2 Billion Miles
- Velocity: 38,202 MPH
- One-Way Light Time: 22 Hours, 34 Minutes

The Infamous "Golden Record"



Info courtesy wikipedia.com and nasa.gov

Flying aboard Voyagers 1 and 2 are identical "golden" records, carrying the story of Earth far into deep space. The 12 inch gold-plated copper discs contain greetings in 60 languages, samples of music from different cultures and eras, and natural and man-made sounds from Earth.

The record, made under the direction of a team including Carl Sagan and Timothy Ferris, includes photos of the Earth and its life forms, a range of scientific information, spoken greetings from people such as the Secretary-General of the United Nations (Kurt Waldheim) and the President of the United States (Jimmy Carter) and a medley, "Sounds of Earth", that includes the sounds of whales, a baby crying, waves breaking on a shore, and a collection of music spanning different cultures and eras including works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Blind Willie Johnson, Chuck Berry and Valya Balkanska.

Other Eastern and Western classics are included, as well as performances of indigenous and folk music from around the world. The record also contains greetings in 55 different languages. The project aimed to portray the richness of life on Earth and stand as a testament to human creativity and the desire to connect with the cosmos.

They also contain electronic information that an advanced technological civilization could convert into diagrams and photographs. The cover of each gold plated aluminum jacket, designed to protect the record from micrometeorite bombardment, also serves a double purpose in providing the finder a key to playing the record. The explanatory diagram appears on both the inner and outer surfaces of the cover, as the outer diagram will be eroded in time. Currently, both Voyager probes are sailing adrift in the black sea of interstellar space, having left our solar system years ago.

Where's the Gazette?

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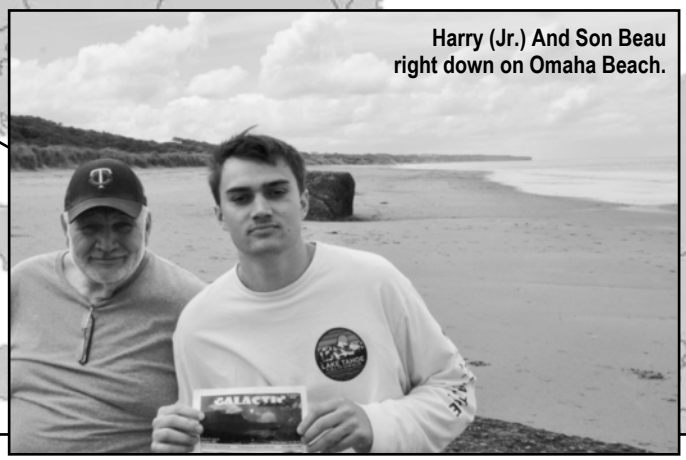
BOOT PRINTS OF D-DAY

AT NORMANDY BEACH, FRANCE



Harry (Jr.) And Son Beau right down on Omaha Beach.

Pics and commentary by Harold Weseloh

Eighty years after the astonishing scope of the D-Day invasion, we (Pat, Beau and Harold) explored the Normandy Peninsula to metaphorically follow in the boot prints of Harry Weseloh, a tank driver for the 3rd Armored Division. Harry was a long-time resident of the Cosmos area, farming southwest of town and father to Harold, father-in-law to Pat and Beau's grandfather. Nicknamed Spearhead Division for its often lead position, Harry's 3rd Armored was just beginning its mission when it landed on France's Omaha Beach a few days after Operation Overlord commenced. The mammoth military endeavor eventually liberated Paris, but not until late August.



Harry (Jr.) Weseloh note: **Harry Sr. posing with a German airplane after the 3rd Armored Division (he was a tank driver) overwhelmed an enemy airfield. The photo is not the best but pretty good for 80 years ago in the middle of hell.**

It is remarkable how appreciative the Normandy French still remain. (Normandy is a state on the seacoast across the English Channel from the British Isles.) Significantly, Minnesota has more than seven times the land mass of Normandy so imagine hundreds of thousands of soldiers, almost innumerable armored pieces, tens of thousands of airplanes and assorted military paraphernalia pouring through the bottom fifth of Minnesota. Indeed, scattered throughout the countryside—Normandy peninsula is known for its dairy farms—were museums, tanks and artillery on display and scores of statues to the courage of the Allies. And nowadays, many fine restaurants.

Given the tight geography, the great battles were only kilometers apart and the farthest we traveled from our base of Bayeux was only a couple hours. Our French guide Rudy Passera—in a nod to the 'it's a small world' line—spent two summers in Richfield, Minnesota during his middle-school years. He had nothing but fond memories of his time in the United States, even, perhaps, feigning appreciation for winter.

We visited areas Harry had spoken about only in vague terms, including intense action at St. Lo and Falaise Gap before the 3rd finally broke out of France into Belgium and ultimately Germany. It was both immensely sobering and deeply gratifying to walk the American Cemetery above the cliffs of Omaha Beach to see the nearly 10,000 crosses of those who died during the early efforts of D-day. Adding to the somber impact were nearby scarred battlefields with battered bunkers built by Germans and 15-foot bomb craters remaining untouched from the dark, early hours of the invasion to free Europe of Hitler's Germany. Being onsite, almost being able to feel the challenge the Allies faced eight decades ago, was a trip a long time in coming, but well worth the eight days we invested.

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Just what Cosmos Space Days needs to protect the town from evil aliens;
It's "Space Detective" from 1952, of course. I wonder if he likes pork chops?

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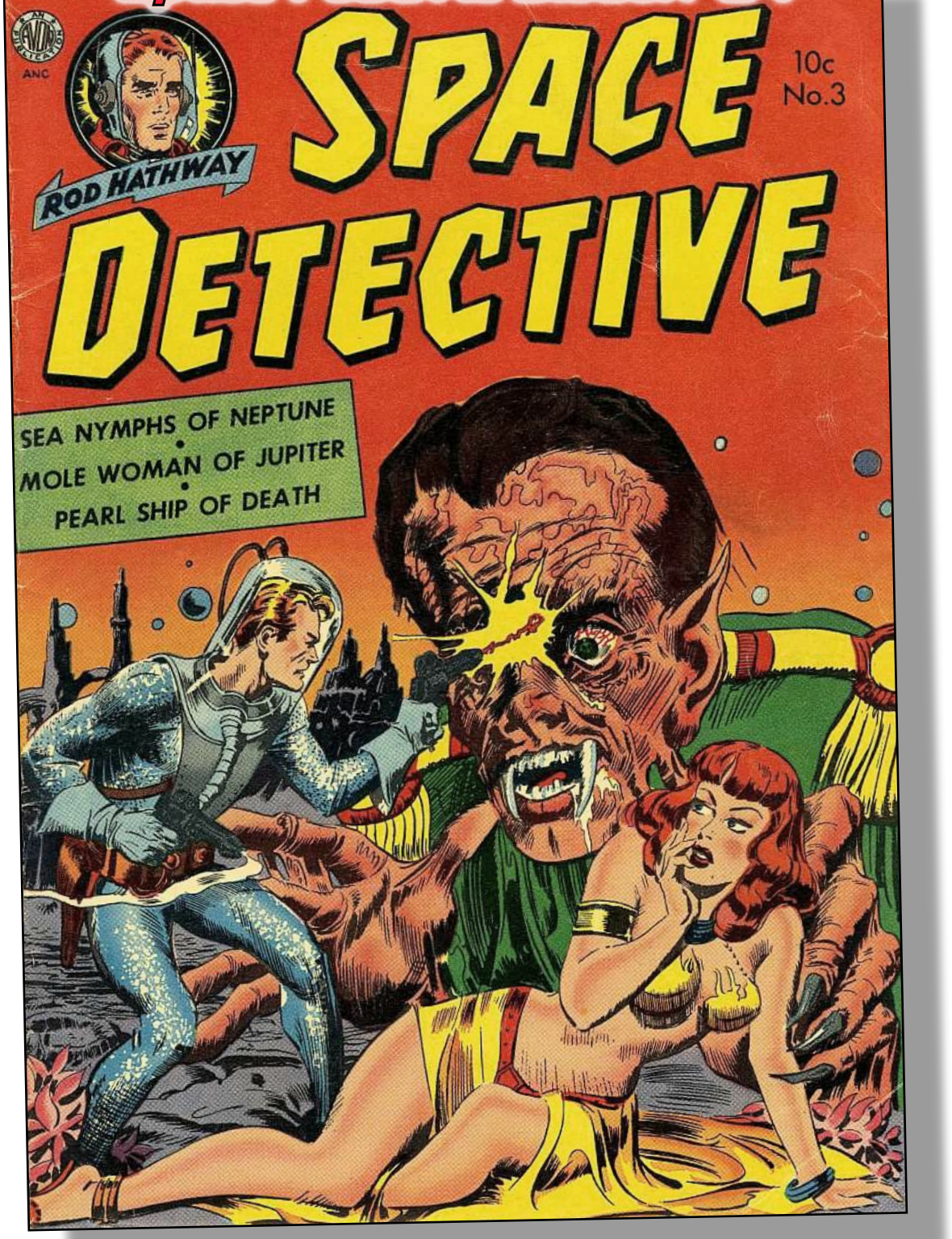

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To All Cosmos Residents:

The City of Cosmos sanitary sewer system is experiencing unprecedented inflows of water. The system in overwhelmed and cannot sustain these massive amounts.

The problem is caused by residents pumping their sump pump water into their floor drains (sanitary sewer) instead of outside, onto their lawn or into the storm sewer system. As per city ordinance, sump water CANNOT be emptied into the sanitary sewer system.

It certainly has been an unusually soggy spring and early summer, but this activity has to cease. We realize that water is seeping into many of our resident's basements, but please do the right thing and pump the water outside.

Help out your city and take the strain off of our sanitary sewer system.

The City of Cosmos

Danielson Hustlers 4-H Club Report

The Danielson Hustlers 4-H Club Tour was held on June 9, starting at the Anderson residence. Heidi talked about her 2 goats and Laura talked about her chickens. We then went to the Thyen residence and Elizabeth talked about her beef and dairy livestock projects and Kaden Nelson talked about his beef livestock project too. Our last stop was at the Lund residence where Maggie talked about her meat rabbit and ducks, Seth talked about his geese, and Asher talked about his horse.

Old Business

- ***Community Pride Project*** collaboration opportunity with Litchfield Satellites: The club made a motion to donate $250.00 to the Litchfield Satellites Club and it was approved.
- ***Stingers Club Outing/Fundraiser:*** The game is on July 20th at 7:05. Heather Sage will be sending out an email of a map of the location before our next meeting. The fundraiser is for our club and we will be making 100% of the proceeds of what we sell of our tickets. Our club will have our July meeting before hand at a nearby park at 5:30pm. Make sure to wear your club t-shirts that day
- ***Community Pride Project ideas:*** Heather Sage has been in communication with the Cosmos City Clerk. Next Heather will be in contact with the playground company about quotes for costs along with the warranty on materials. They will be meeting on Monday. More details will be given with a possible vote by the club to proceed on if the club wanted to. Lanette Holmquist gave details about what she found out from the Grove City Clerk. It was mentioned that the Windmill Park may need some help planting flowers around the windmill or weeding flower beds. Elizabeth Thyen mentioned maybe going to a local nursing home and visiting with residents and playing games or talking.
- **Upcoming Parades:**

o ***Atwater Festival Parade is July 15th.*** The parade starts at 3:20pm. The Anderson family is providing the trailer and the Lund family will be driving the trailer in the parade. You should be at the line up an hour before with your club T-shirt on and ready. The Richardson family will be getting the candy to throw at the parade. No flyers to hand out at this parade.

o ***Cosmos Space Festival Parade: July 21st***

o ***Grove City Augustfest Parade: Aug 18th***

New Business

- ***Update on club projects at the Meeker County Fair:*** Everyone that is volunteering their time to make something for the fair talked about what they were doing. It sounds like the families working on the projects are working together to make them all with the same type theme. A motion was made that the club pays for the flowers for the fair in the potted flower display and it was approved.
- ***Laminated "Name Tags"*** to put up next to the animal pens at the fair. The club talked about it and it was in favor to do that and use a green clover. Also the kids that have general projects will get some kind of recognition too. Like having their name on a tag board or incorporating their name somewhere in the 4-H building. The club was in agreement that they wanted to do this.
- ***The Premium Books*** will be online and July 1st is the deadline for signing up for projects for the County Fair make sure to get that done!!
- ***Our food stand shift*** is on, Saturday 5:30pm-9:30pm and Sunday 10:30am-2:15pm. We need to sign up for one or another to work at. All 4-H members and families should work.

We did not have any Project/Demonstration talks since it was our club tour. The meeting was adjourned at 4:48pm. After our meeting the club enjoyed potluck and a bonfire. Our next club meeting is July 20th at 5:30pm at a park outside of the Stinger's Stadium in Willmar.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauran Arndt
Danielson Hustlers Reporter



Locals in D.C.

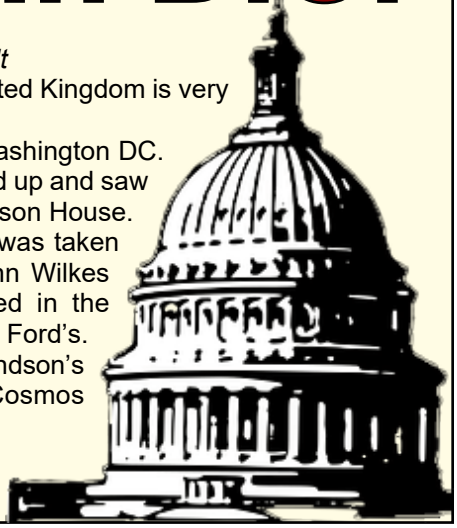
Selfie and commentary by Jay Schmidt

I hope all is well in Cosmos. The United Kingdom is very hot this week.

While leading a Student tour in Washington DC. I heard someone yell my name. Looked up and saw **Carolyn Kurth** on steps into the Peterson House.

Peterson house is where Lincoln was taken after he was shot in the head by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theater. Lincoln died in the Peterson House across the street from Ford's.

Carolyn was chaperone for her grandson's trip from Hutchinson. Fun to see Cosmos people out and about.



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July 1972

Space Festival off to a good start

COSMOS--The 1972 Cosmos Space Festival got off to a good start, Tuesday on its first three-day run.

The flea market and sidewalk sale proved to be extremly popular events which opened the activities bright and early Tuesday morning. Many people came to take part in the event, not only selling, but buying from the many displays, as well.

The day's activities continued with fun for the youngsters as well, when the Copher State Shows carnival opened for business at 2 p. m., Tuesday afternoon. They offered a vast array of rides including: paratrooper, moon walk, octopus, boat ride, mc motorcycle ride, merry-go-round, and ferris wheel.

The evening's activities were really jumping, too, when Shaw-Allen-Shaw played for the street dance.

On Wednesday the Space Festival really got under way when many other activities were offered. The carnival again began playing at 2 p. m. The rocket meet, with Minnesota Vikings football stars taking part from 2 to 5 p. m. At 7 p. m. there was the kiddie parade, the horse show at 8 p. m. and the first prize drawing at 10 p. m.

Thursday, the final day of the Space Festival, will get under way when the carnival rides open again at 2 p. m., and another rocket contest from 2 to 5 p. m., again with Minnesota Vikings taking part, 5 to 9 p. m. the chicken supper, 6 to 8 p. m. entertainment by the Barbershop Quartet, 7 p. m. the rocket meet resumes again, and at 10 p. m. the prize drawing where not only the merchants' prizes will be given away, but the $300 in cash prizes as well.

$300 in cash prizes will be given away at the Thursday evening drawing as well as many other prizes. Cash prizes will be a first prize of $200, and four other prizes of $25 each.

Chicken supper will be served in the village park on Thursday, July 20, from 5 to 9 p. m. Deep fried chicken supper is served for only $1.2 a plate.

An open rocket meet will be staged on Wednesday and Thursday, 2 to 5 p. m. and again at 7 p. m. on Thursday, with model rocketeers from throughout the state of Minnesota taking part.

Two members of the Minnesota Vikings football

Festival, turn to 8



PASS THE HOSE OVER HERE! Fire Chief Delbert Wiederhoft, left, had just shouted to Fireman Tom Smith, Smith immediately responded, stretching out as far as he safely dared to go in attempting to pass the hose over. As he stepped out, the roof of the burning building seemed to cave away under his foot. He did not fall through, however, and Weiderhoft was able to get the hose into his hands. Tending the line at the bottom is Floyd Murray.

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Sun and Crier are sold to Atwater man

COSMOS--Richard Higgin, editor and publisher of the Cosmos Sun and the Lake Lillian Crier, announced this week that he has sold the two newspapers to Dennis Baker of Atwater.

Transfer of ownership is tentatively expected to be made approximately Aug. 21, 1972.

In addition to the purchase of the two newspapers, Mr. Baker has also acquired from Higgin his stock in Crow River Press, Inc. and Tenpart, Co., both of Hutchinson. Crow River Press is the central publishing plant which prints not only the Cosmos Sun and the Lake Lillian Crier, but 21 other newspapers in this area, as well. Tenpart Co. is a partnership which owns the land and building in which Crow River Press is housed.

The new publisher, Dennis Baker, stated today that he will maintain the Cosmos and Lake Lillian newspapers much as they have been operated under the ownership of Mr. Higgin.



CHECKING OUT last week's issues of the Cosmos Sun and Lake Lillian Crier are the new owner, Dennis Baker, left, and Richard Higgin.

A managing editor, who will live in the Cosmos-Lake Lillian community, has been hired to operate both the Sun and Crier. He will be announced in a few weeks.

Mr. Baker is presently the editor and publisher of the Atwater Herald, which he has owned since 1966. Baker, who is 30, was employed as a printer at the Atwater Herald for eight years previous to becoming owner of the publication. He is married, and he and his wife and three children live in Atwater.

Baker is presently serving as president of the Atwater Community Club, and served as a member of the Atwater Board of education for four and one-half years.

Richard Higgin came to Cosmos in March of 1955 from the Twin Cities suburban area, where he has been managing editor of the Richfield-Bloomington Messenger. Here he founded the Cosmos News, which was renamed The Cosmos Sun early this year.

In March of 1961 he purchased the Lake Lillian Crier from Glen Johnson, and has continued to operate it since that time.

In 1966 he and five other publishers in the area incorporated Crow River Press and took active part in revolutionizing the weekly newspaper business in this area. In 1971 he was part of a group of seven who founded Tenpart Co.

Not included in the sale, however, was the new publication, The Forgotten Men. Higgin founded this underground religious newspaper in 1967 and has stated that he intends to continue publishing it.

For the past three years the Atwater Herald, Cosmos Sun and Lake Lillian Crier have cooperated in the joint publishing of a classified advertising section. This procedure will continue the same as previously.

Also, for the past 10 months each of the papers has been a part of the Golden Galaxy, promoting 30,000 or better circulation in this area each week. This arrangement will also be continued.

"With this purchase, we look forward to serving the people of these two communities and want to stress that the papers will remain as they are at present under our new managing editor," Mr. Baker stated.

SMOKEATERS PREVENT FIRE FROM SPREADING

COSMOS--A fire which broke out in an outbuilding of the Hillside Greenhouse, Thursday, was prevented from spreading to nearby buildings.

In the process, however, the burning building completely lost its roof.

The Cosmos Fire department was summoned to the Greenhouse property, three miles south of Cosmos, about 2:30 p. m. when younger members of the Lloyd Krienke family saw flames coming from the roof of what had once been a chicken house.

Inside the building baled hay was stacked ceiling-high, and in one end, a bull calf named Harvey was housed. Members of the family rescued the calf from the burning building and tried to keep the flames under control with a garden hose until the fire department arrived.

The flames seemed to be concentrated in a loft of the building which forced the firemen into chopping up the roof in order to get to the blaze.

The flames threatened a nearly-new granary only about 10 feet from the burning building, as well as a machine shed only about two feet away.

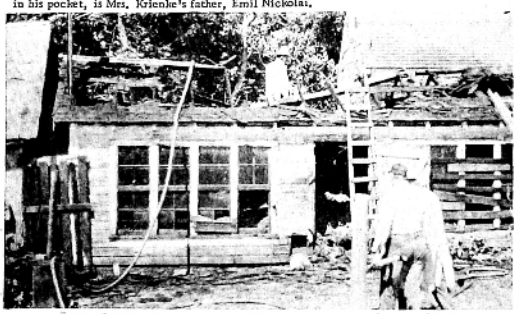
Although flames resulted in destruction of the entire roof of the building, the other two buildings were saved without harm.

So much water was used on the fire that the Cosmos department called the Hector department to furnish a tanker with water. The Hector department, instead, sent two trucks and a crew of men.

With both departments pouring water on the flames, it was extinguished in a short time.



AS THEY FOUND IT, the roof of the building was streaming out smoke and flames. Firemen first attempted to fight the blaze from inside the building, but found themselves obstructed by the loft. Finally had to fight the fire through an open door at the top right and by chopping through the roof. Firemen left to right are: Floyd Murray, Tom Smith, Harold Hesser, Chief Delbert Wiederhoft and Harold Minnick Jr. Spectator with his hands in his pocket, is Mrs. Krienke's father, Emil Mickolai.



AS THEY LEFT IT, the roof of the building was almost entirely gone, but the main part of the building and the nearby buildings were still standing. At the top is one of the Hector firemen, Bob Lange. Others in foreground are unidentified.

SCHOOL BOARD RE-ORGANIZES

Loren Pearson is chairman

Cosmos school project one of 32 approved in Minn.

COSMOS--A "Quality Education" project proposed by the Cosmos school system is one of 32 from throughout the state which were approved last week by the State Board of Education.

The approvals were granted upon the recommendation of the Minnesota Council of Quality Education in accord with legislation establishing the council under Article XV of the 1971 Minnesota State Revenue Act.

The Cosmos school district will coordinate a project involving a number of other districts called "Planning for Regional Fine Arts-Humanities Improvement in Rural Minnesota."

The project will attempt to build a basis for reforming instructional programs in the arts in small rural school districts. Recognized consultants will be retained to assist local personnel in a needs assessment of districts in and around Meeker County, in conducting inservice workshops, in curriculum consulting and in developing plans for sharing resources among districts in reaching the arts.

The requested grant is $30,500.

The purposes of the projects, according to the legislation, are to improve upon "the educational needs of the public school students, the professional growth and satisfaction of school staffs, the effectiveness and efficiency of present schools and their learning processes, continuing pupil unit cost escalation and the resulting financial crisis which this brings about."

Addressing themselves both to educational and cost benefits, the proposals encompass a variety of strategies to improve education through: administrative reform, cultural and racial diversity, increased community involvement, alternative Education before the projects can begin operations in the fall.

Other school districts whose projects are also approved are: Anoka-Hennepin Public

Project, turn to 8

Name flower contest Winners

COSMOS--Winners in the annual flower contest of the Cosmos Space Festival were announced on Tuesday.

Winner of the first place award of $10 is the Clarence Geier home in north Cosmos.

Second prize of $5 was won by the J. M. Lietzau home in south Cosmos.



DAIRY ROYALTY selected at the coronation of Region 6 Dairy Princess Contest at Young America are pictured above. Left to right they are: Attendants Cindy Schaefer, Diane Radloff and Linda Nelson, and Region 6 Dairy Princess Lavonne Carlson.

Cindy Schaefer is Region 6 Dairy Princess Attendant

YOUNG AMERICA--A 1972 graduate of Cosmos High School was selected as one of the attendants for the Region 6 Dairy Princess, recently.

She is Cindy Schaefer, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Schaefer, who farm near Corvuso. Sponsored by the Corvuso Creamery Co., Cindy was entered in the Renville County Dairy Princess contest in mid-June because she was not available to take part other regional dairy princesses on opening night of the 1972 Minnesota State Fair.

Other attendants chosen for Region 6 were Diane Radloff, 19, of Hector, and Linda Nelson, 18, of Litchfield.

Additional prizes announced for Cosmos Space Festival

Cosmos wins Girls' softball tournament

The Cosmos Girls softball team won the annual girls softball tournament held at Cosmos. Litchfield won the second place trophy.

In the first round of action Cosmos defeated Winsted 17-0. Cosmos pounded out eleven hard hits, Jan Grussendorf was the winning pitcher.

In the second round Cosmos edged a strong Lester Prairie team 9 - 8. Cosmos scored four runs in the sixth inning to pull ahead. Judy Retzlaff was the leading hitter for Cosmos with a single and a home-run. She was also the winning pitcher.

Cosmos defeated Litchfield 18-10 in the third round of action. Cosmos had a big nine run sixth inning and a seven run third inning. Cosmos had nineteen hits. Sunette DeLeeuw led Cosmos in hitting with two singles and a triple. The winning pitcher was Judy Retzlaff.

Cosmos played Litchfield again in the championship game of the double elimination tournament. Cosmos came out on top 11-4. Cosmos scored five big runs in the first inning and five more in the third. They picked one more in the fourth inning. Cosmos had eleven hits. Diane Minnick was the power hitter with a double and a home run; Jan Grussendorf was the winning pitcher. Judy Retzlaff received a save.



Crusaders remain on top

CRUSADERS 17
LAKESIDE 1

The Crusaders remained on top of the standings by defeating Lakeside 17 - 1. The Crusaders finished the game with fifteen hits. Kevin Mortenson and Mike Walters each had three hits. Bruce Nelson pitched a great game for the Crusaders, allowing only one run.

Lakeside scored their lone run in the sixth inning. They had five hits. LeRoy Kurth started pitching for Lakeside. He was relieved by Rodney Kurth and Reinhold Runke.

HAGGENMILLERS 7
COUNTRY BOYS 6

Haggenmillers edged the Country boys 7-6. Haggenmillers scored four big runs in the fourth inning. Dennis Hoff hit a single and a home run. He was also the winning pitcher.

The Country Boys had six hits. Randy Arndt had a single and a double. Danny and Richard Marth pitched for the Country Boys.

UNION 76 12
CORVUSO 6

Union 76 outscored Corvuso 12-6. Union 76 scored four runs in the first two innings to pull out the victory. Arnie Lang was the winning pitcher.

The biggest inning for Corvuso was the third where they scored three runs. They had six hits. Al DeLeeuw was the leading hitter with a pair of doubles.

CEDAR MILLS 32
IRON WORKERS 0

Cedar Mills swamped the Iron Workers 32-0. Cedar Mills scored in every inning. They had twenty-three hits. Bruce Schlueter was the winner of the shutout.

Dana Haagenson had the only hit for the Iron Workers. Curt Thomas was the losing pitcher.

SCHLUETER'S 6
TOWN MEN 5

Schlueter's Refrigeration edged the Town Men 6-5. Schlueter's Refrigeration scored two runs in the second, fifth and sixth innings. Allen Duesterhoeft was the winning pitcher.

The Town Men were close during the game but could not pull out the victory. Arnie Blum and Rueben Martin pitched.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Crusaders	6	1
Schlueter's Refrig.	5	1
Haggenmillers	5	2
Cedar Mills	4	2

Assets of First State Bank remain high at mid-year

COSMOS--Assets of the First State bank of Cosmos remain in a very strong position despite having decreased slightly from the all-time high position of last year at this time.

According to the mid-year report of the officers of the bank, assets went down to $2,132,698.72 as of July 1, 1972, as compared to $2,169,360.68 at the same time last year.

This information was contained in the semi-annual called report of the bank, prepared by Stephen Spreiter, president, and Dorothy M. Hedtke, cashier.

The report showed the following details of the bank's strong financial position:

ASSETS of the bank include: cash and due from banks (including $169.44 unposted debits), $126,960.38, U.S. Treasury securities $413,840.00, obligations of other U.S. government agencies and corporations $178,277.57, obligations of states and political subdivisions $28,689.94, other loans $1,368,009.39, bank premise, furniture and fixtures $16,901.44.

LIABILITIES are: demand deposits $549,399.03, time and saving deposits $1,146,259.45, deposits of United States government $3,603.31, deposits of states and political subdivisions $122,243.86, deposits of commercial banks $98,446.18, certified and officers' checks $11,106.24, and other liabilities $10,785.45.

RESERVES for bad debt losses on loans is $17,049.93.

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS of the bank include: Common stock, total par value of $50,000, surplus $75,000, and undivided profits $48,603.27.

Public Announcements

COUPLES HANDICAP AT OAKDALE COUNTRY CLUB

There will be a couples' Handicap Foursom at Oakdale Country Club on Friday, July 21, 5:30 p.m. Prizes awarded. Bring your own meat. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mohr, Chairmen.
(cPA18)

Stoll, Erhardt headline clinic

WILLMAR--The first annual Willmar State Junior College Football Coaches Clinic will begin with registration on the Willmar State Junior College campus at 12 noon, Friday, July 28, and ends at 5 p.m. July 29.

Headlining the clinic are speakers Cal Stoll, University of Minnesota football coach and Ron Erhardt from North Dakota State University. Also on the staff are Jim Gotta, 1971 Minnesota High School Coach of the Year from Moorhead, Virgil Christianson from Montevideo, Paul Benson from Olivia, and Brad Monroe from Mankato State College. For more information, contact Mel Lewis, Clinic Director, Willmar State Junior College.



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STARS BEGAN TO TWINKLE along the Milky Way last week when a crew of local men put up the new street decorations in preparation for the Space Festival. Putting the star into place is Maynard Rennecke, while Tom Rennecke holds the ladder. At the right, Ralph Inselman and Ted Wothe prepare the next star to be put up.

Thief gets $240.00 at Sportsmen's

COSMOS--A pretty sneaky thief got away with approximately $240 in cash on the evening of July 5, from the Sportsmen's Inn.

According to Georgia Bateman, proprietor of the tavern, the thief apparently found a hiding place and stayed on the premises when lock-up time came that evening.

When everybody had left, it was an easy matter for him to rifle the tavern at his convenience.

"We think we know who it is," Mrs. Bateman stated, "but I'm afraid it will be very hard to convict him since he stole only cash."

So far, authorities have been unable to locate the suspect, who has dropped out of sight.

Cancer Society to meet July 26

LITCHFIELD--The Meeker County Unit of the American Cancer Society will meet on Wednesday, July 26, at 2 p.m. at the Lake Minnebelle home of Mrs. Marie Maag.

Hostesses are Mrs. Herb Maag and Mrs. Harry Swanson.

Prizes, continued

ment, chicken dinner for two and shrimp dinner for two from Sportsmen's Inn, hanging basket and $2 gift certificate from Hillside Greenhouse, bowl cleaner and detergent from Cosmos Laundromat, $5 in trade from Home Oil Bulk.

Towel set from Clayton Halvorson, Polaroid camera from Town and Country Car Wash and Jim's Motor Sales, six cans of cleaner and wax from Minnick's 66, picnic jug from Bill Kliehe's Service Electric, and two candles from Libby Degner.



CLEANING UP Because they wanted the village park to be shining bright for the Space Festival, these two young boys went to work cleaning it up. They washed off the benches and chairs, cleaned up the grounds and the fireplace. Here, Allan Bakke stands atop the fireplace sweeping it off while Steve Foster shovels out the ashes.

YFC now auditioning for new Contemporaries

WILLMAR---West Central Minnesota Youth for Christ has announced the auditions for the 1972-73 "Contemporaries." Forty young people will be selected from various West Central area towns to perform folk-rock and gospel music as well as hymns of the church designed to communicate the Christian faith to other young people.

YFC Director, Hervey McConkey says, "The Contemporaries in past years have had a tremendous influence on the lives of many teenagers who have listened to their music and the members themselves have been challenged to more effectively share their faith. They have also built a valuable relationship between parents, pastors and churches as they have sung in worship services, YFC rallies, civic clubs and public concerts."

The new conductor this year is Ted Groat of Toronto, Canada who has just recently joined the West Central YFC staff. Ted directed the Contemporaries for several months in 1970 and now, having completed his Bachelor of Music at the University of Toronto, returns to Willmar as Music Director for the Contemporaries and for several smaller musical groups as well.

All young people who are of high school or college age are invited to audition for the Contemporaries. Experience at singing or playing an instrument is an asset, as well as a genuine interest in sharing the Christian faith. For applications or further information telephone the Youth for Christ office at 235-0119 or write to Box 625, Willmar, Minnesota 56201.

Emergency farm loans are available in Meeker County

LITCHFIELD--Gerald R. Hafner, County Supervisor, Farmers Home Administration, announced that "Effective immediately, Emergency loan assistance is available to farm operators who have suffered production losses due to high moisture conditions. This authorization by the Secretary of Agriculture is effective until June 30, 1973."

Mr. Hafner also stated that the ability to obtain other credit does not disqualify a farm operator for Emergency loan assistance. Applicants must certify to 1972 crop losses sustained due to excessive rainfall and be in need of operating credit to continue normal farming operations.

All Emergency loans will be at interest rate based on the cost of government borrowing established monthly, but not to exceed six percent. Loans may be made for farm operating and other needs to those farmers who have suffered a 1972 production loss, thereby enabling them to obtain essential operating capital for 1973 crop production.

Application forms and additional information on Emergency loans assistance may be secured from the Farmers Home Administration supervisor on their credit needs.

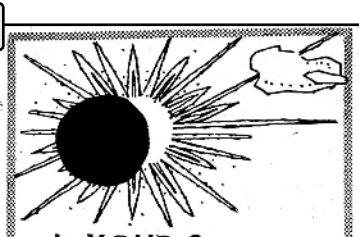
Wendy Haagenson will attend St. Benedicts', St. Joe

ST. JOSEPH, MN.--Wendy Haagenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Haagenson of Cosmos, has matriculated as a freshman at the College of Saint Benedict here for the 1972-73 academic year. Miss Haagenson is a graduate of Cosmos High School.

During the summer she will take part in the orientation program for freshmen and transfer students and their parents. Orientation days are June 17, July 15, 16, 29 and 30. Foreign students and others unable to attend a summer orientation day are to arrive at the College for a similar program Sept. 2.

Project, continued

Schools, Austin, Bloomington, Chaska, Duluth, Edina, Grand Rapids, Hendricks, Hoffman, Minneapolis, The Educational Research and Development Council of Northeastern Minnesota, Ramsey-Washington Vocational-Technical School, Roseville, Rosemount, Shakopee, Virginia, Waconia, Willmar, Winona, Worthington, and Wyoming.



Is YOUR Sun about to eclipse?

COSMOS -- Is your Sun about to have an eclipse--and disappear entirely from your mailbox?

We're talking about the Cosmos Sun, of course--and expiration dates. When does you Sun expire? Do you know? Right now's a good time to find out. Take a look at the top of page one, where your name and address is imprinted. If the word behind your name is printed like this: (jul) or (July), your Sun expires this month.

Don't wait until your Sun has an eclipse and disappears before you do something about it. Come in, or mail in your subscription renewal, today, or you may forget it.

It gets terribly dark around Cosmos without your Sun to cast a powerful light on the local scene.

Third party will convene

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS--A third political party will have its Minnesota state convention at the Columbia Heights Field House, 930 Mill Street, on July 22, starting at 10 a.m.

Various county committees called a special meeting on July 15 and decided to have all sincere "Americanists" come to the state convention of the Americanist Constitutional Republican group.

Americanists have issued an appeal to voters of Minnesota who are disturbed and forlorn by the actions and promises of the present administration and its affiliate party to think seriously of attending the state convention of the third political party.

The prime purpose, according to the Americanists, is to establish a platform and resolutions to be taken to the national convention in Louisville, Ky., in August.

It is rumored that Gov. George Wallace will be asked to be the party's prime candidate.

They had parades back in those days, too



MAIN STREET in Cosmos looked like this back in 1927. Notice the hitching racks at the right and the model T Ford at the left. This picture was taken from in front of the C. J. Larson General Store looking southeast. Building on the left is presently the Gamble Store.



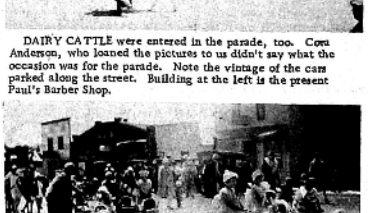
FARM IMPLEMENTS parade through the street. Note that the town ends at what is now the Silver Star Cafe.



THE COSMOS BAND marches down the street led by a group of young boys.



DAIRY CATTLE were entered in the parade, too. Cora Anderson, who loaned the pictures to us didn't say what the occasion was for the parade. Note the vintage of the cars parked along the street. Building at the left is the present Paul's Barber Shop.





VIC JUDE

Victor Jude files for the state senate

MAPLE LAKE--Senator Vic Jude filed for re-election to the Minnesota State Senate for new district 22 on July 17. "I welcome the opportunity to continue serving and working with all the people of this district as State Senator," Jude said. "I hope to meet and visit with many of the people of the district during the next few weeks and to continue extending my assistance in regard to any problems dealing with the State of Minnesota."

Senator Vic Jude, 49, is a life long resident of Wright County, and has served for the past 16 years as a state legislator, from this area. In 1965 he was chosen as the State's Outstanding Legislator Conservationist and was the recipient of the Legislators award presented by the Sears Roebuck Foundation in cooperation with the Minnesota Federation. Senator Jude is now a member of the permanent Minnesota Resources Commission which has an influencial impact on all Natural Resource improvements proposed for the State of Minnesota. He is also chairman of the permanent Mississippi River Parkway Commission.

Senator Vic Jude is a small businessman as President of Jude Candy and Tobacco Co. of Maple Lake and Litchfield. This company services the communities which comprise District 22. Senator Jude is active in many local and civic organizations and is a Past President and Past District Deputy Governor of the Lions Club.

Senator Jude is a combat veteran of World War II and a graduate of the College of St. Thomas with graduate work at the University of Minnesota. He and his wife, Ruth, have 10 children ranging in age from one to 20.

Spannus to speak at DFL Fund raiser August 9

LITCHFIELD--Warren Spannus, Minnesota Attorney General, will be the guest speaker at the Meeker County DFL Fund Raiser on Wednesday August 9. This important event will be held at the VFW clubrooms in Litchfield at 8 p.m.

The funds raised will be used to help elect Richard Nolan to the office of the Sixth District Congressman.

Everyone may obtain his ticket, donation $5.00 from David Sharpe, Cosmos, phone 877-2015.

School, continued

employees at $1,000 for each employee, plus $4,000 additional for the superintendent and secretary, and $24,000 for the treasurer.

IN OTHER actions, the board:

* POSTPONED the August board meeting until August 15.

*GAVE the superintendent permission to destroy old records no longer needed nor required by law.

*REVIEWED the teacher negotiations, noting that some progress has been made, but agreement still not reached.

*AUTHORIZED the superintendent to advertise for bids on food, gasoline, fuel oil, paper, etc.

* LEARNED that there may be times during the summer when the school building will be completely closed for a few hours while employees are on vacation and others may be out.

Festival, continued

team, Bobby Bryant and Ed White, will take part in the rocket lauching contests Wednesday and Thursday.

A horse show with pre-

SMORGASBORD

A Little of Everything -- Cooked Up By Dick

"IS IT TRUE what I've been hearing about you?"

If I've been asked that question once this week, I've been asked a dozen times. Usually my reply is, "More than likely it is, I do some very strange things. What have you heard?"

Of course what they always say is that they've heard I've sold the Cosmos Sun and the Lake Lillian Crier.

To this I must plead "guilty." If you want more details, read the story on the front page of this issue. But to most of the other things reported, I must say I've never heard of them.

Some of the other stories making the rounds include these:

"He's sold his house and they're moving away."

"He's going to enter seminary this fall and go into the ministry."

"He's bought a daily newspaper in another state."

"He's going into politics."

"He's made his fortune and is going to retire."

AS GOOD as some of these sound, unfortunately, none of them is even remotely true. My only regret is that the people who spread these rumors don't furnish me more of the details so that I can cash in on them.

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OLD DOC says, "In all this excitement, you've been about as informational as the Senator who said, 'Sure you can quote me. Just don't use my name or anything I said.'"

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THE TRUTH of the matter is, frankly, I haven't the slightest idea what I'm going to do next. If you have some more good ideas, let me know, I'll look into them, too.

I have several ideas of things I'd like to do and places I'd like to go, and I'm looking into all of them. But which of these--if any--will work out on a practical basis remains to be seen.

No, our house is not sold, although it is for sale. If you want a great buy on a very comfortable home, come see me. We're not offering it for sale because we have some place we're planning to go, but rather because we feel that the likelihood of finding what we want in some other location is quite strong.

No, I'm not going into the ministry. By the time I'd get enough schooling for ordination, I'd be only a few years from retirement age. Although if the opportunity to serve my Lord on a full-time basis were to present itself I think I would grasp it.

No, I haven't bought a newspaper in another state. That's not a bad idea, though. If you know of one and will help me finance it, I'll be most grateful.

No, I'm not going into politics. I must confess that about six months ago I considered it seriously, then decided against it. Anyway, it's too late in this election year to start this.

No, I haven't made my fortune and plan to retire. That's a wonderful thought, though. I wish it were true.

If you're completely confused, welcome Brother, you're up to my level now!

The thing I really want to do most of all is get a good, long vacation before I have to get back into harness again. I think I'm long overdue for this. I've set it as priority number one, but I can see it rapidly slipping away from my grasp as the day for the change-over of management has been pushed further and further along.

Wish me luck!

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"PEOPLE hate to see a poor loser or a rich winner and sometimes both," says John H. Gilgour, in the Tri-County (Mo.) News.

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ANOTHER question I've heard quite regularly the past few days is, "Why do you want to leave us?"

I've been flippant and have lightly tossed off this clincher, "Well, I never could get along with you, anyway."

But frankly, that's just not true. You people in this community have been exceedingly good to me and my family. We feel at home here--like one of the family.

The real reasons for a change? They are many. But the overriding one of all is simply this: I feel that God wants me to move into a different position where I can be of greater service to Him.

Sound vague and evasive to you? Not to me! I have attempted to keep in very close touch with Him and the message I have received time and again is, "Your training period is over, it's time to move on." I know better than to disobey or resist. Just like that old, favorite song says, "Trust and obey, for there is no other way....."

I'm not disturbed that He hasn't furnished me the rest of the instructions as yet. I know they'll be coming. I've tested Him over and over and found Him to be completely trustworthy. I fully realize until all my obligations here have been taken care of I can't do anything else. What good are marching orders when you're not free to march?

At the proper time the way will open up and I'll be free to make a move. It's as simple as that.

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As for the papers, I know they will be in good hands. I've known Denny Baker, the new owner for several years now, and I've been associated in business with him for a short while, too. You'll like him. He'll do his utmost to see that you get a good newspaper in this community. Furthermore, he is an honest and honorable man--one you can depend on.

The new managing editor, whose name I'm not free to divulge as of this moment, is a young man with a lot of education and training. Although his experience on the job is not long, I believe him to be extremely capable. He may stumble around a little the first few weeks as he gets used to the new job and the new community, but I believe in a very short while he'll be coming on strong.

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THESE PAST 17-plus years we've been in your midst have been wonderful ones for us. We love all of you very much and will miss you if we leave the community. We practically raised our children here. They were very young when we came, and now all have flown the nest.

We're extremely grateful for all of you who have been so good to us in these years. We're very glad they were raised here in a small rural community.

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YOU'LL STILL see my face around for several weeks yet, at least. The earliest date the new editor can take over is August 21--and it might even be later. And I've promised Denny that I will stay around for at least two more weeks to help him get his feet on the ground.

Don't breath that sigh of relief just yet!

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LAKE Elizabeth

NANCY ENGEL OF Denver, Colorado was a week ago week end guest at the Evan Bosch home.

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD Ackerman, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Ackerman and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Johnson and Evanne and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Johnson were among other relatives helping Arthur Johnson celebrate his birthday Tuesday evening at his home.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM G. Hanson were Friday evening visitors at the Raymond Carley home.

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD Ackerman and Mrs. Larry Johnson and Evonne visited with relatives at Atlantic and Villisca, Iowa. They attended the funeral of Floyd Ackerman at Villisca.

WEEK AGO SUNDAY morning, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harding of rural Willmar and Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Wicklund of rural Kandiyohi were guests at the Evan Bosch home. Dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Engel of Denver, Colorado and Mrs. Hazel Engel of Willmar. They helped Evan celebrate his birthday.

RANDY ZWIENER OF Waite Park spent two weeks visiting at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Lena Straumann.

MARK LARSON, KEVIN Clough, Donna and Kathy Carlson of Rosendale Methodist church attended Red Rock Camp at Lake Koronis the last week in June.

MRS LAJEAN STALKKE of New Germany was a Thursday visitor at the Virgil Ackerman home.

MR. AND MRS. ARCHIE Oslund and Mr. and Mrs. Reinhardt Olson, Dale and Bruce attended the Oslund family reunion on Sunday at Big Kandiyohi Lake.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON guests at the Myron Larson home in honor of Douglas first birthday were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Martin of Atwater, Mrs. Robert Larson and family and Peggy Martin of Willmar, Mrs. Wayne Naber and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Larson and Mrs. Norma Holmgren, Janet and Valerie.

MR. AND MRS. EVAN Bosch and Mark were Friday evening visitors at the Hazel Engel home in Willmar.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT Straumann and family attended the wedding of David Larson and Rhonda Shoenecker at the Assumption Catholic Church in Eden Valley, on Saturday afternoon. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Larson.

MR. AND MRS. HARLAN Marble of Mapleton and Russell Lien of St. Paul were Saturday afternoon visitors at the Harold Ackerman home.

ENTERTAINED ON Wednesday afternoon at the Wayne Naber home were Mrs. Terry Decker, Teresa and Shannon, Mrs. Ralph Behm, Robin, Darin, Shannon and Scott and Paula Nelson, all of Atwater, Mrs. Myron Larson and Douglas, Tom Naber, Mrs. Arlie Larson, Mrs. Glen Jackson, Brenda and John Hanson and Jody and Jill Ackerman. This was in honor of Devin Naber's fourth birthday.

MRS. FRANK CLOUGH JR. Cindy and Kevin were Saturday morning guests at the Evan Bosch home in honor of Cindy Clough's birthday.

MR. AND MRS. O.R. Christianson of Sleepy Eye were Friday and Saturday visitors at the Virgil Ackerman home.

Search for talent contest now underway

MONTEVIDEO--The First Annual Search for Talent Contest for West Central Minnesota, will be held August 24 as a part of the Chippewa County Fair in Montevideo. Jerry Hennen, Talent Chairman, reports that so far 26 acts have contacted him, expressing an interest in entering.

The contest is open to all ages and to anyone living in six West Central counties. . . Kandiyohi, Chippewa, Yellow Medicine, Swift, Renville and Lac Qui Parle counties.

Cash prizes will be given and they include $150 for first prize, $100 for second prize, third prize is $75 and fourth prize is $50 and all other contestants will receive a cash prize just for entering.

All interested contestants are asked to contact Jerry Hennen at Box 471 in Montevideo, or be on hand for an audition night scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. at First Federal Savings and Loan in Montevideo.

Willie Ketchum, the popular Television personality on WCCO TV will be the

Flea market opens the Cosmos Space Festival

The Cosmos Space Festival got under way on Tuesday morning with the Flea Market and Sidewalk Sale. Meanwhile, the carnival had set up and was ready to go into action at 2 p.m. The Space Festival continues through Thursday, July 20.



CUSTOMERS sort through merchants' merchandise displayed on benches on the sidewalk.



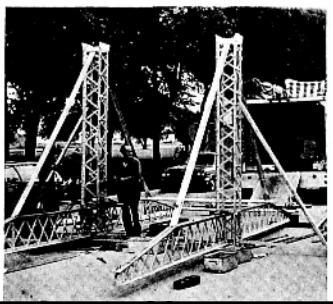
FLEA MARKET displayed a wide variety of merchandise for the public.



LUNCH BREAK was enjoyed by Mrs. Maurice Turner while manning the Cosmos United Methodist Church's table. Behind her is Mrs. Frank Dvorak.



THE BIG SPACEMEN pose in front of the First State Bank. At left is Rev. Ronald Freimark, chairman of the Space Festival Committee, and a friend.



MINUTES OF VILLAGE COUNCIL

THE REGULAR meeting of the Village Council of Cosmos met June 5, 1972, at the Village Hall.

Present were Mayor Bob Berry Sr., Councilmen Marvin Degner, Dorothy Raske, Darel Ketchem, Ellert Flemming.

Also Dick Higgin, Reuben Martin, Harold Herrly.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Motion by Flemming, seconded by Raske, to approve the placing of a traffic counter on Pegusus street by the State of Minn.

Motion by Flemming, seconded by Raske, to defer action on police car until Reuben Martin checks with Atty. Wendell Nelson, regarding legality of acquiring police car before obtaining approved application from federal agency. Motion carried.

Motion by Raske, seconded by Flemming to increase salary of Harold Herrly to $400 a month. Motion carried.

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Stanza Haagenson, Clerk

A SPECIAL Meeting of the Village Council met at the Village Hall June 26, 1972.

Present were Mayor Bob Berry Sr., Councilmen Ellert Flemming, Marvin Degner, Darel Ketchem, Jerome Skiem, County Assessor.

Council met to discuss informally tax adjustment with Jerome Skiem, County Attorney.

Discussion being: that assessments of 1972 were reduced in the amount of $172, 660.00 and in view of the lack of time to cover each individual property owner, that a complete revaluation of all property in the Village of Cosmos shall be made in the real estate assessment year 1973.

We were advised that the resolution adopted April 28 at a special meeting was illegal but that the county assessor himself, completely rewrote the valuations and will send out a letter confirming such to the village residents affected by the amount of reduction here-to-fore mentioned.

Meeting adjourned.

Stanza Haagenson, Clerk

A SPECIAL meeting of the Village Council met June 29, 1972 at the Village Hall.

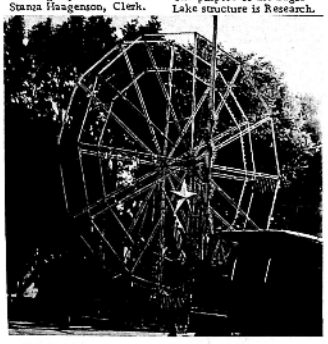
Present were Mayor Bob Berry Sr., Councilmen Ellert Flemming, Darrel Ketchem.

Motion by Flemming, seconded by Ketchem to pass the following resolution:

Be it resolved " That the Village of Cosmos accept the grant in the amount of $92, 500.00 as offered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency applicabe applicable to Federal Sewage Works Grant W.P.C. - Min. 516. (see attached resolution) Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Stanza Haagenson, Clerk.



FERRIS WHEEL is set up awaiting customers as the first day of the Space Festival begins.

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"Conservation sets the mood for a good brood!"

Land, Water and People

by Les Swanson District Conservationist SCS - Willmar

DENNIS PATE, an Irish S.C.S.'er from Kilkenny, Minnesota, checked in here Monday morning. He's a tall, good lookin' young lad, and girls--he single! Fate, incidently, does not rhyme with plate but with patty.

Dennis will be working exclusively on the Water Bank Program. As with the REAP program, S.C.S. has the technical responsibility for this new program. Our immediate goal is to have all areas referred to us checked for eligibility by July 26. At this time final priorities can be set by ASCS County Committee.

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WORK IS proceeding on the Fladeboe-Erickson research structure east of Eagle Lake. Edgar is the construction inspector on this job, so we don't see much of him these days. Water behind this dam will be drained down to a certain level by drain tile placed around the perimeter of the pool.

The next structure on the list will be installed at the Merlyn Flicklinger farm. Runoff coming into this area will be "cleaned up" by the soil itself. A 60 foot spacing of drain tile will be laced across the bottom of the pond. The water must filter through three or four feet of soil before heading on downstream. Special equipment built into the structure will record water levels and automatically simple the water moving through. Dr. Bob Holt and his staff from A.R.S., Morris, will analyze the water to determine the soils effectiveness as a filter. The purpose of the Eagle Lake structure is Research.

Control of fertility and sedimentation is expected to be excellent for the watersheds of the individual structures. This only applies, however, to a small fraction of the 9,000 acre drainage area of Eagle Lake.

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CONSTRUCTION of new homes for waterfowl will be booming next week. A blasting contractor will be working in the county. About 100 "pits" are scheduled to be installed on 11 farms.

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TODAY KELSEY AND I will be staking the tile outlets for the terraces on Marvin Lindgren's north of Pennock. Following the construction of these "slope shorteners", Marvin is hoping to get in some late fall construction if harvest and weather permits. One of the terraces constructed in 1969 will be extended about 500 feet.

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WINDBREAK planning for '73 planting is underway. Kelsey Willis has contacted several of those on our schedule. He'll be contacting the rest of you soon. If you have a special need to get started on site preparation immediately, call us, and we'll try to see you soon.

Like Father, Like Son

Good or bad driving runs in families. Fathers with numerous traffic violations tend to have sons with similar records, according to studies made at two Michigan universities. The home environment seems to play a much more important role in shaping the habits of a young driver than the external forces of society ever can. Be aware of your driving habits, someone may be copying you!

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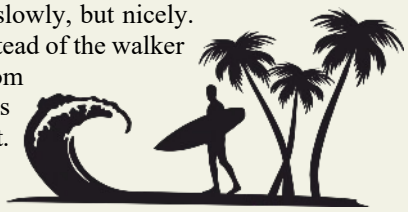
Thoughts & Observations



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

I finally got a chance to sample the smoked breakfast sausage that was given to me awhile ago by **Mark Reinke**. He mentioned that he maybe went a little too heavy on the smoke. And by gosh, he was right - really smoky! Still liked it very much, thanks Mark.

My rebuilt leg is healing slowly, but nicely. I'm using my cane now instead of the walker for getting around away from my wheelchair. If this keeps up, I'll be surfing by August. *But don't hold your breath…* I should probably just crank up some **Beach Boys** or **Jan & Dean** tunes, sit in the kitty pool and crack a **Hamm's**. It'd be safer. Just as ugly, but safer.



Got out to do a little fishing with wife **Deb** and son **Tyler** last Saturday. Caught a few fish and had a great time. We got off the lake just before another 'Minnesota Monsoon' hit. Weather radar on your phone is a great thing, btw. Now if I could just text…

It's been great to see more submissions to The Gazette lately. I enjoy reading what these folks have to say and the pics they take. Keep 'em coming, this is what the newsletter is for. If you like what these folks are contributing, let them know and say "Thanks". Btw, even if you just submit a "Letter to the editor" or a few sentences with a pic, it's all good. Let's go.



The 56th Annual Cosmos Space Festival is just around the corner, by golly. The parade, bingo, pork chops and cold beer is a lot of excitement for an old geezer like me. I'll have to figure out some way to get through it all. Wish me luck.

Regrettably, I have to end this column on a serious note: If you haven't heard, the City of Cosmos is having a heck of a time dealing with all of the excess inflow of water into the sanitary sewer. Our wastewater technician, **Dave Woelful** also oversees the **City of Bird Island's** wastewater. Realize that they have more than double our population (1,042) and have had more rainfall than Cosmos. With that in mind, here's the cold, hard facts he laid out to me;

1. Cosmos has more than **DOUBLE** the water volume that Bird Island is experiencing. Hard to believe, but true.
2. The water inflow is clear. In other words, the water going into the ponds is cleaner than the water going out.
3. This water is from sump pump rainwater that is being discharged into the sanitary sewer instead of outside on the lawn or into the storm sewer. The city may already be in line for a stiff fine from the MNPCA because of the situation.

Folks, this is serious stuff, so please pump your sump water onto your lawn or to the curb. If you don't, you're part of the problem. So don't be. If you have questions or concerns, talk to me or any council member. Thanks a bunch.



A family of geese are 'just a toolin' down the swollen Crow River, east of Cosmos

Got your ~~ducks~~ *Geese* in a row?

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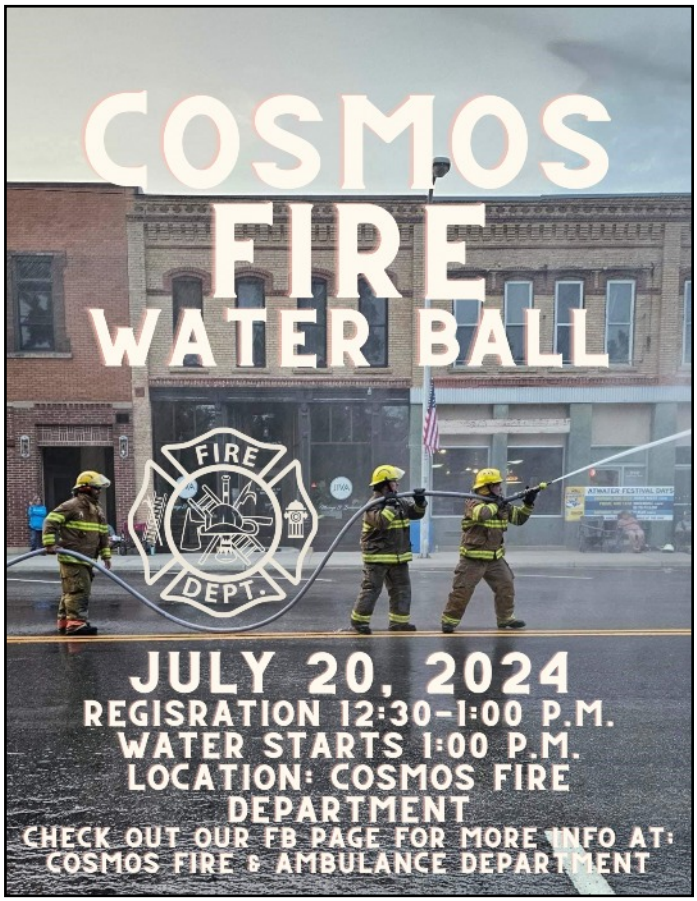

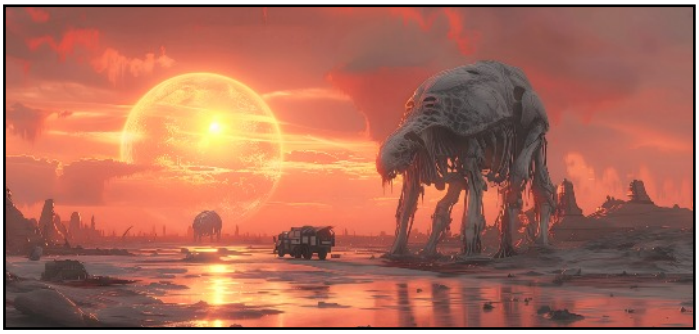





Happy 4th of July!



We Look forward to seeing you at the **Cosmos Space Festival!**

I would like to thank all that attended Post 126 Memorial Day Service. It was great to have all of you in attendance. It's good to remember all the Men and Women who gave their life so we could be free and enjoy the life we live today. Thanks again to all.

***Mark Adams**, Post 126 Commander*

The next meeting is July 9th 7 PM

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