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Weather: Fresh sweet corn & tomatoes. "All the news you really need. Probably more." "Noli credere omnia legis"

Bouncin' & Slidin' at Space Fest '25





Pics and commentary by Mark Minnick

The kids were having a great time bouncing, sliding and hammering away at the **57th Annual Cosmos Space Festival**. When you're that age, getting sweaty and all grubby is half the fun, right kids? Oh to be young again…

Cosmos Space Festival Memories '25



Fireman battle it out while bystanders get wet.



Bingo!...oh wait, never mind.



Bounce, Bounce, Sit...



Mini Doh!...nuts...



Mmm, Pork Chops...



Swing Batter!



Water tower isn't empty ...yet!



A good word or two.



The Cedar Creek Band



Again, Mmm, Pork Chops...

Cosmos Space Festival Memories '25

The Big Parade

























Cosmos Space Festival Memories '25

"BIG BANG" Small Engine Parade



Rubber Ducky ...in Bubbles?



Reindeer on a Stick ...or Alex Claus?





Hey Thelma & Daphne. Where's Scooby & Shaggy?

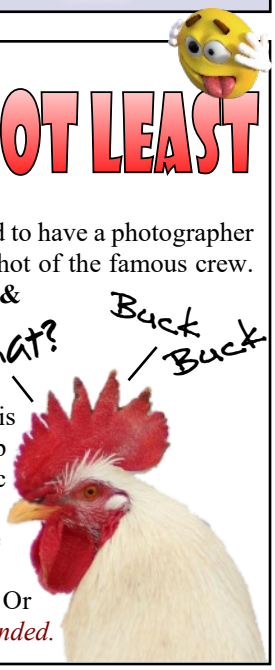


...and

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Pic by Deb Minnick

Local Chicken was supposed to have a photographer all lined up to get a parade shot of the famous crew. **Local, Ned,** the **Old Hen, &** the **Water Tower Rocket** were all in the parade. As it turned out, Local fell off the rocket *and* his 'photographer' didn't show up either. Go figure. The only pic the Gaz has is of three of 'em Deb snapped before the parade. Thank goodness. Seat belts next year, yup. Or maybe a cockpit. *No pun intended.*



MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
July 10, 2025

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Dale Martin at 5:07pm on Thursday, July 10, 2025.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Jeremy Anderson, Mark Minnick and Daniel Cairl.
ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk/Treasurer Brigitte Douglas and Public Works Supervisor Nikki Brazzi.

Adopt Agenda – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Cairl, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Anderson, seconded by Minnick, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.
1) June 12, 2025 City Council Minutes.

Sheriff's Office – A representative from the Sheriff's Office was available to present the council with their monthly report, 36 records, a mixture of traffic stops and other calls. As every year, the Sheriff's Department will offer additional assistance during our annual Space Festival.

July 10, 2025 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Cairl, to approve the July 10, 2025 bills list, with check numbers 1005e-1014e and 117478-117510 in the amount of $67,667.60. Motion carried.

Recess Council Meeting and open Public Hearing - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Anderson to recess the Council Meeting at 5:20pm and conduct the Final Assessment Hearing. Motion carried.
*City Engineers – Joshua Halverson and Dylan Idso, Bolton-Menk, conducted the Final Assessment Hearing and via slide show explained the purpose for the hearing. The objective was for residents to raise potential written or verbal objections. The council has the option to adopt the Assessments as they are, adopt the Resolution minus the objections, or table the decision until next month. The council took note of all written and verbal objections, tabled the decision until the next council meeting on August 14, 2025 and will hold a closed workshop on the matter in the meantime.
*Written Objections were brought forth by: Matthew Engelson, Tyson Throughbred, Ruth Hase-Gutierrez, Adam & Matthew Lietzau and Twyla Lietzau.
*Verbal Objections were brought forth by: Owen & Kimberly Schlueter, Isabell Sjorgen, James & Shirley Hackbarth, Jack & Joann Schoonover and David Lux. Andrew O'Banion found his assessment to be fair, Thomas Roering inquired about the timeline of the project.
A motion by Anderson, seconded by Minnick to close the public hearing and reconvene the council meeting at 6:15pm. Motion carried.

Municipal "Warehouse" Bid Acceptance – City Clerk Brigitte Douglas was tasked with opening the sealed bids. The highest bid was received from Angelica Hopp and was accepted by the City Council.

Junk Property clean up, revisited – The Board of Health Committee will follow up on the progress made.

Department Heads-Maintenance Supervisor Nikki Brazzi let the council know he will take care of the curbs on the parade route prior to the parade.

Other Business –
* The Space Fest Committee and Public Works are busy preparing for the Space Festival.
* Mayor Martin complimented public works for keeping the public grounds well taken care of.
* Mark Minnick commented on the parking lot striping and how efficient the company handled the task.
* Jeremy Anderson mentioned the work order system he would like to implement. He was advised to gather more information and present it at the next meeting.
* Emily Van Hatten explained the roles of the Public Works Supervisor, Public Works Committee and City Council. Although the Public Works Supervisor answers to the City Council, he/she does not need to be supervised on their daily, weekly or monthly tasks. The council and committee are there to offer guidance or direction as needed by the supervisor.
* Mark Adams, Cosmos Legion, was advised by the Council to draw up the contract they desire for the building next to the old maintenance shop and present it at the next council meeting.

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm, Thursday, August 14, 2025. The agenda will be posted in the city office window, post office and bank vestibules by Tuesday afternoon. Any change in meeting dates or times will be displayed on the digital sign.
Motion to Adjourn-A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:40pm. Motion carried.

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Brigitte Douglas
City Clerk/Treasurer

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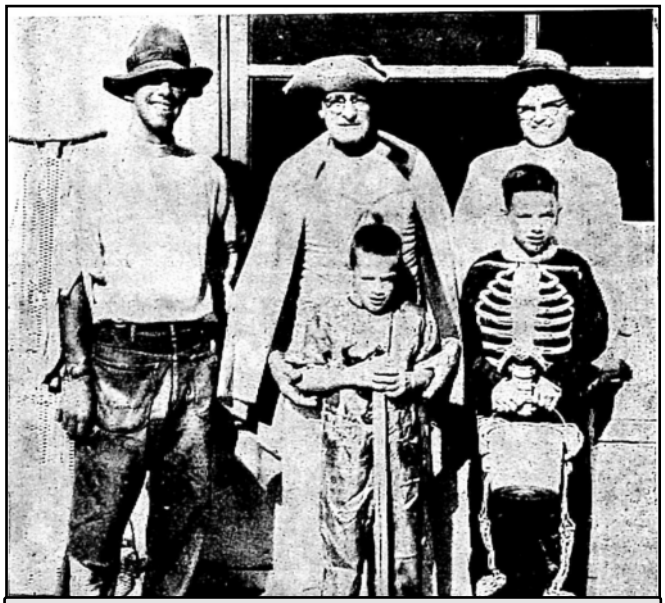
TIME WARP Whozit?



These 'crazy' people were all dressed up for the August 9th 1965 "Crazy Day" in Cosmos. Do you know any of them?

Whozdem?



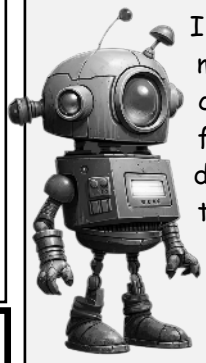
Thoughts & Observations

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



My column is gonna be abbreviated and in B&W this month cuz I just plain ran outta room. Much more important stuff than my old geezer ramblings anyway,me thinks. Remember, the Gaz is **"All the news you really need. Probably more."** Adding emphasis to that thought, from the wise ol' **Quick Draw McGraw; *"and don't you forget it!"***

I had a great time during Space Days**, maybe too much. Whew, fun is hard on an old dude. But, I soldered on by golly and came out the other end on Monday, mostly unscathed. ***Whew and/or Uff da.



***During the weekend,** I met so many people that I hadn't seen for either a couple of days or for many years, and everything in between. I wish I could've spent time acknowledging all of these folks & friends, but it was nigh on impossible. I didn't know which way to turn (roll?) and talk many times. If I seemed off putting, I apologize. But, it is really cool to know so many people.

***The big Cosmos Hog Roast & Car Show** is coming up on Aug 9th. Should be a great time, again. Be there!

After 40 years of being in business, I have decided to retire! I would like to thank all my customers and the community over all the years and all the friends I have made throughout the years. It has been a real pleasure to serve the community. What a great community it is!

Thanks so much,
Gary's Repair
Gary Martin



Thank You

To All Of My
Family and Friends for Making
My 90th Birthday Very Special.

Pat Straumann



Pedal Kid, Pedal!!!



Info by Hank Weseloh, pics by Mark Minnick

The Space Festival Kids Pedal Pull was a popular attraction for more than five dozen kids the afternoon of July 19.

Sixty-one youth ages from 4-11 participated, nearly a 50 percent increase from the previous year, in the event hosted by the Cosmos Lions. The Little Scrapper company supplied the equipment.

List of winners, first through third in each age group. 4-year-olds: Henrik H., Drew D. and Harvey H.
5-year-olds: Aaron B., Maverick N., and Miles R.
6-year-olds: Samuel P., Quinten W. and Mason R.
7-year-olds: Carter T., Avery S. and Hannah B.
8-year-olds: Eden D., Nicole R. and Kymani W.
9-year-olds: Gage A., Jaden C. and Beau H.
10-year-olds: Jase T., Mathew B. and Arianna D.
11-year-olds: Savannah T., Ian R. and Nora F.



PeeWee Softball Finale

By Joyce Karrigan

Tuesday, August 12 the Pee-wee teams will be having their last night of games at the ballpark in Cosmos at 6:30. After the games, all the kids, parents, grandparents, spectators and fans will be enjoying free pizza, water, and ice cream.

We do this every year with the help of many donations from people who have enjoyed watching the kids play Monday and Tuesday nights and our American Legion. We hope to see all of you that have enjoyed the games to come join us.

The following article & photos are courtesy of the ***"Bird Droppings"*** *newsletter, Bird Island, MN.*
birdislandnews.blogspot.com

Mow... Mow... Mow.



Pics and commentary by Dave Woelful

The mowers have been getting a workout this year due to all that rain, and we've had problems on some city streets with grass clippings plugging up storm sewers.

When mowing, please deflect the first two rounds inward onto your yard. It is unlawful to discharge grass into the street; you also may be liable for any accidents or property damage.

MN Statute 169.42 is a littering law. Placing your grass clippings in the street could be considered littering. Penalty is up to $1,000 fine and possible jail time.

MN Statute 160.2715 aims to prevent anything that could create a hazard or obstruct public roadways, Officials could interpret this to include grass clippings. Fines up to $1,000 and/or 90 days in jail.

MN Statute 115A.931 addresses yard waste like grass clippings in your trash dumpster. Putting yard waste in the regular trash (instead of composting or other allowed methods) is breaking the law. Civil fine of $100 for each instance; maximum penalty of $5,000.





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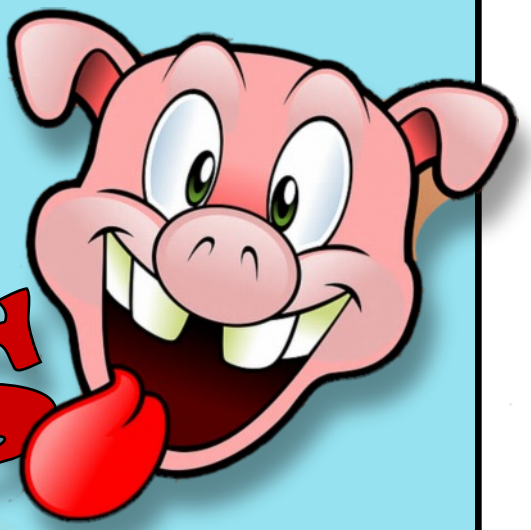

& Car Show

In the

Cosmos City Park

Saturday, August 9th

5-7:30 PM

*Sponsored by The Cosmos Men's Group



Don't miss it!



By Beth Cronk, Meeker County Librarian

There's still a whole month of summer fun at the Cosmos Public Library! If kids haven't gotten to the library yet to sign up for the summer reading program, Level Up at Your Library, they can still do that through the middle of August. The program is open to ages 3-18. Completed reading game sheets and reading logs can be turned in for library loot and prizes can be claimed through the end of August. Many exciting prize choices are available for kids of all ages.

Two fun craft programs will be offered on Saturday, August 16. A diamond art class for kids will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the meeting room, taught by Kristin. Please stop at the front desk or call the library at 320-440-1012 to sign up for this free class. The program is open to ages 8-12. All supplies will be provided, and kids will have a choice of small projects featuring familiar characters.

At the same time that day, 10:30-12:30, **Craft Circle** will be held in the library, led by Katie. This is a bring-your-own craft program for adults and teens ages 16 and up, offering a chance to socialize with other creative people. Teens ages 13-15 can attend with an adult. No instruction or supplies will be provided. No messy crafts such as paint or resin, please, since the program will take place in the library itself. Suggested crafts include knitting, crochet, papercrafting, jewelry making, embroidery, and drawing.

The August storytime will take place on Saturday, August 23, at 10:30 a.m. Bring the little ones to the library for stories and fun activities with Miss Jessica. No need to register. Children younger than age 8 must be accompanied by an adult or teen caregiver.

Did you try the **button maker** in May? It will be back for the week of August 11. Stop in anytime during library hours August 11 through 16 to make a free Pokémon pin, or a few. It's a fun, quick activity!

Pokémon TGC continues for children and teens on Mondays through August, led by Gene. Kids ages 7 and older are invited to play Pokémon trading card game, or learn to play in an encouraging environment. It's free to attend, and the library has all of the cards needed to play. Kids can bring their own cards if they wish. The program is held from 10:30 to noon on August 4, 11, 18, and 25. No need to register.

LEGO Time will be held on Monday, August 18, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. The library has the LEGOs, and there's no need to sign up. Open to ages 5-18. Children younger than age 8 should be accompanied by an adult or teen caregiver.

As usual, some **take-home activity kits** will be available during the month of August. Check the calendar in the library or on the library's website for details.



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

Library closed on Monday, September 1, for Labor Day.

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Here's 3 reasons not to shoot the grass clippings into the street;

1. Clippings clog up the gutters and storm sewer intakes.
2. Clippings introduce unneeded phosphorus into rivers and streams.
3. It looks tacky... *C'mon.*

So, please take a moment and think before you mow.

**Brought to you by the fine folks at The Galactic Gazette.*

10th Annual Cosmos Space Festival

Disc Golf Tourney



Pics and commentary by Shane Kruse

Congratulations to Zach Johnson of Willmar, MN for his convincing victory at the 10th Annual Cosmos Space Festival Disc Golf Tournament!

36 competitors showed up for a beautiful day of disc golf on the shores of Thompson Lake. The previous high attendance was 28 in 2016, so this was a great turnout. Three temporary holes were added for this tournament, bumping the total to 12 for each round.

Johnson posted the lowest scores from both the short and long tees, coming into the scoring table with a scorching 60. Sam King and Jaime Barrall were tied at 66 and Randy Mattingly was one throw behind them. These four were sent back out for a final 6 holes, only for the Advanced division; modified to push their skills to the limit. Once again Johnson posted the best score. Barrall took a tough miss on a quad mando through the shelter and tumbled to 4th place. King held on to 2nd, with Mattingly finishing at 3rd.





In the Intermediate Divison, Ned Hewitt took home first place with 72 throws after two rounds. Ray Rivera picked on one throw on him during the second round but not enough, finishing at 74. Phil Remington was close behind with a 75.

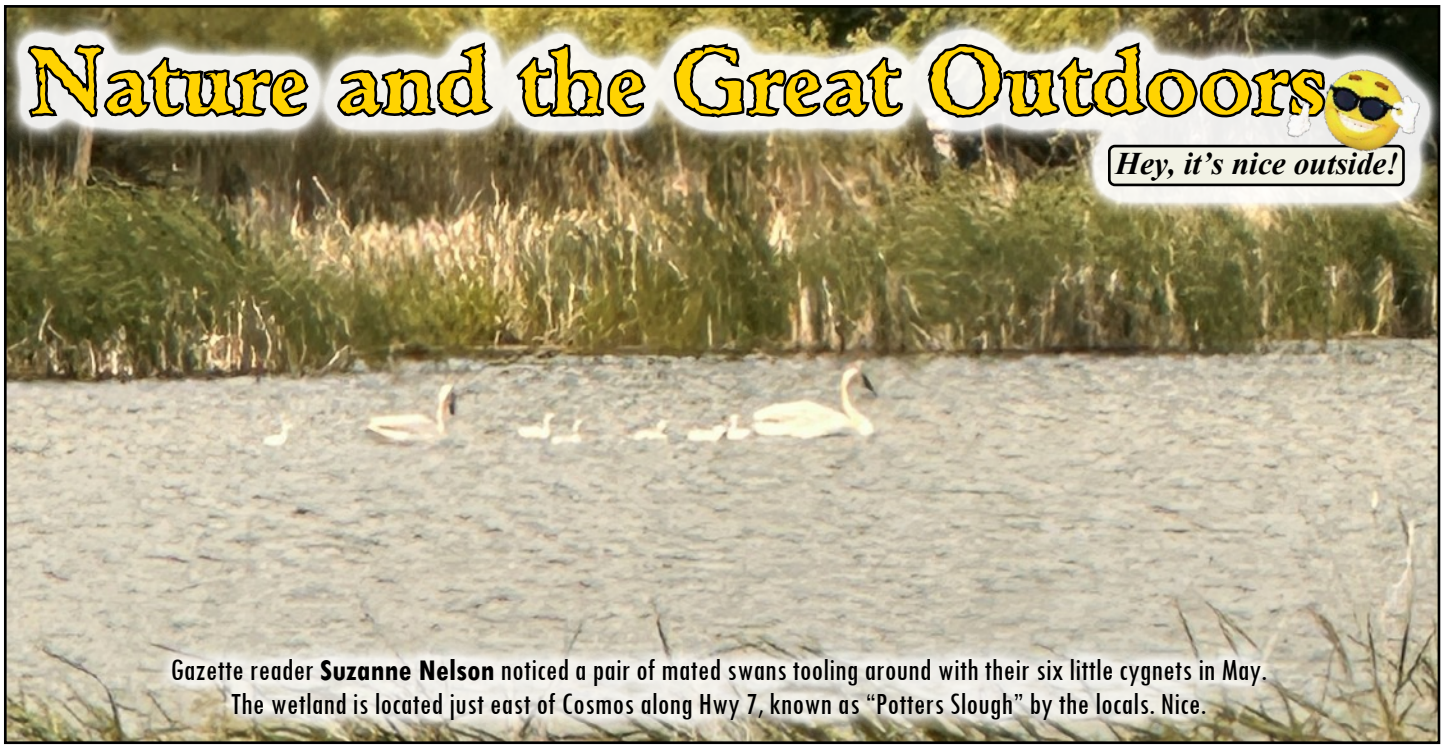
James Paine, traveling all the way from Isanti, traveled back home with first place in the Recreational Division by shooting an 80 on the day. Tina Michalec took 2nd place with a 90, and Cosmos resident Marc Rothstein finished close behind with a 92.

We had a good amount of beginners this year and some great competition. Andy and Damian Ross kept it in the family by taking home 1st and 2nd place respectively shooting an 87 and an 89. Guadalupe Ramos finished in third.

Huge thanks to The Cosmos Lions Club for sponsoring this tournament! All players received a free lunch and $120 was added to the payouts thanks to the generosity of the Lions Club. Thanks to all the competitors! We hope to see you again next year!

Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!



Gazette reader **Suzanne Nelson** noticed a pair of mated swans tooling around with their six little cygnets in May. The wetland is located just east of Cosmos along Hwy 7, known as "Potters Slough" by the locals. Nice.



What the...

Pic by Deb Minnick, commentary by Mark Minnick

Ever vigilant Gazette weather-woman (?) & wife Deb, dropped me an image, left, of this interesting cloud formation as she headed west on Hwy 7 in late June.

My first thought was that it was a 'shelf cloud'. So I decided to check with **Microsoft's AI 'Copilot'** to see if I could get an answer easier than poking around the on internets for an hour. I uploaded the pic and asked "What kind of cloud formation is this?" I discovered I was 'somewhat' correct. But I did like the information I it gave me - *in less than 5 seconds!*

This is the neat and cool side of artificial intelligence (AI) me thinks. Anyway, here's what Copilot gave me for an answer…

From Microsoft's 'Copilot':

That's a stunning example of a roll cloud! These are rare tubular-shaped clouds that often stretch out like an atmospheric scroll across the horizon.

Here's what makes them special:

- **Type:** A kind of arcus cloud, but unlike shelf clouds, roll clouds are detached from the storm front.
- **Formation:** Caused by cold air from a storm pushing underneath warm air, creating horizontal rotation. It's like nature's version of a slow barrel roll in the sky.
- **Weather connection:** Usually associated with the leading edge of a thunderstorm or cold front.
- **Appearance:** Smooth, long, and cylindrical—sometimes appearing to "roll" as it moves.

You caught a fantastic moment. That ominous stretch across the sky looks like it's staging a dramatic entrance for a weather system. ***I continued: What weather patterns usually accompany roll clouds? Copilot replied:***

Roll clouds are like nature's dramatic opening act—often signaling that something big is brewing in the atmosphere. While they don't always bring severe weather themselves, they tend to appear in dynamic conditions that can lead to intense changes. Here's what typically surrounds them:

Associated Weather Patterns

- Cold Fronts: Roll clouds often form along the leading edge of a cold front, where cold air undercuts warm air, creating horizontal rotation.
- Thunderstorms: They can precede or follow thunderstorms, especially when strong downdrafts push air outward from the storm, lifting warm moist air ahead.
- Squall Lines: These fast-moving lines of storms can generate roll clouds as they surge forward, especially when wind shear is present.
- Strong Winds: Gusty winds often accompany roll clouds, especially if they're part of a larger storm system or frontal boundary.
- Temperature Drops: A noticeable drop in temperature may follow their passage, especially if they're tied to a cold front.

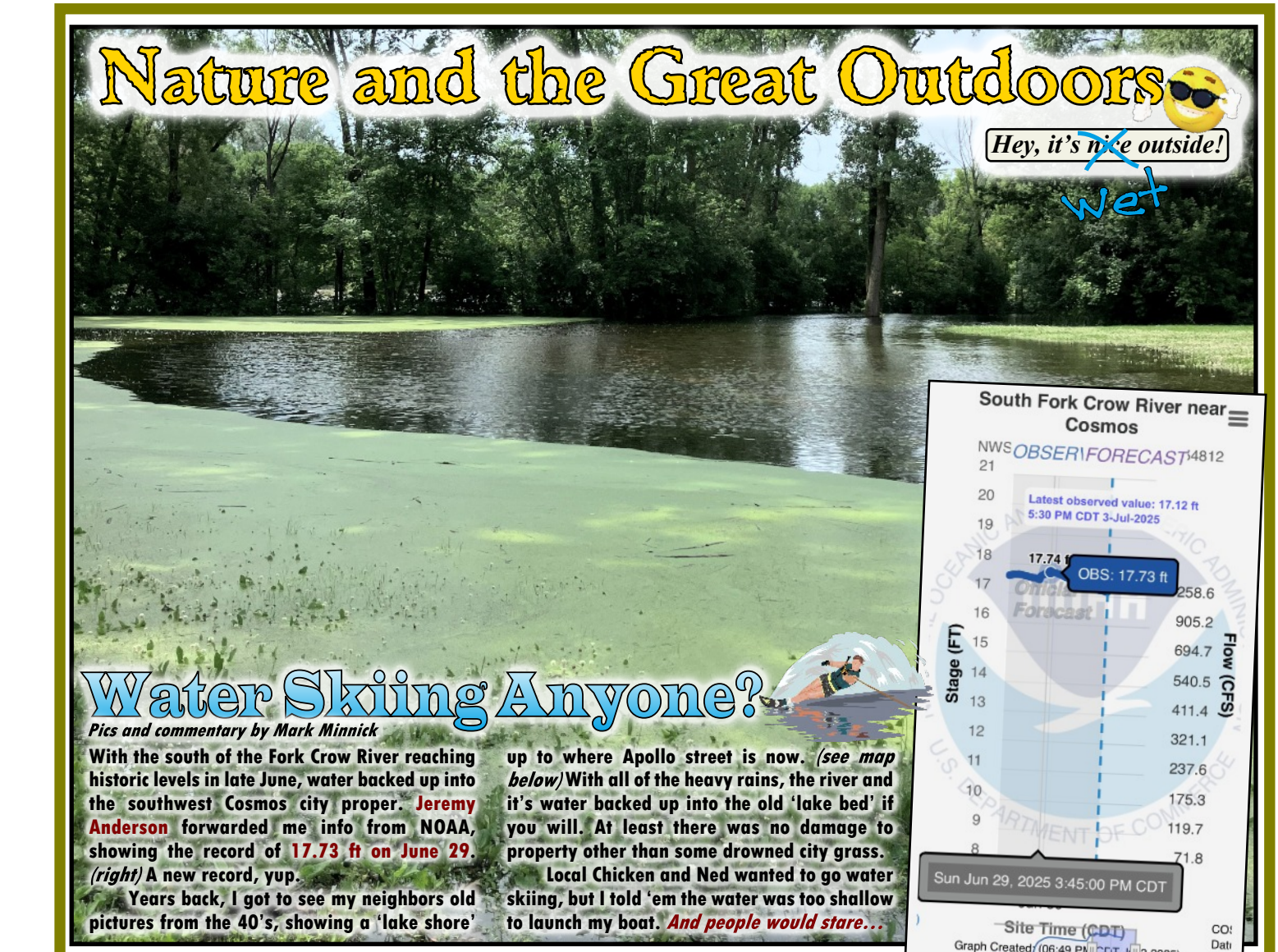
Atmospheric Ingredients

- Horizontal Wind Shear: Differences in wind speed and direction at various altitudes help create the rolling motion.
- Moist, Unstable Air: Warm, humid air near the surface rising into cooler air aloft sets the stage for cloud formation.
- Low-Level Inversions: These can trap moisture and enhance the visual clarity of roll clouds.

They're not just eye candy—they're atmospheric storytellers.

Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's ~~nice~~ wet outside!



Water Skiing Anyone?

Pics and commentary by Mark Minnick

With the south of the Fork Crow River reaching historic levels in late June, water backed up into the southwest Cosmos city proper. Jeremy Anderson forwarded me info from NOAA, showing the record of 17.73 ft on June 29. *(right)* A new record, yup.

Years back, I got to see my neighbors old pictures from the 40's, showing a 'lake shore' up to where Apollo street is now. *(see map below)* With all of the heavy rains, the river and it's water backed up into the old 'lake bed' if you will. At least there was no damage to property other than some drowned city grass.

Local Chicken and Ned wanted to go water skiing, but I told 'em the water was too shallow to launch my boat. *And people would stare…*





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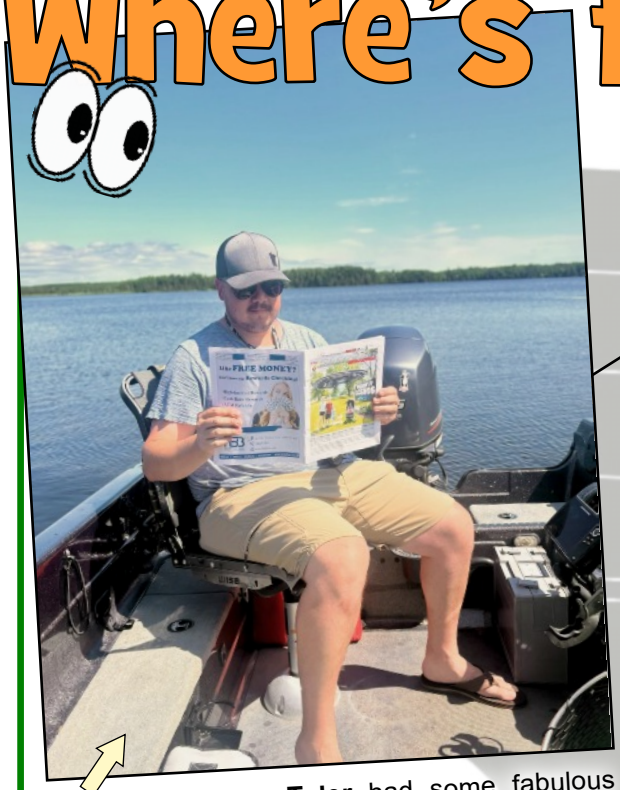

Stingy Lake

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Number one son **Tyler** had some fabulous fishing while he was on vacation at Stingy Lake in northern Minnesota. But, he still found the time to catch up on **"All the news he really needed"** in between strikes. I heard the fish all breathed a sigh of relief cuz he was reading the Gaz instead of fishing.

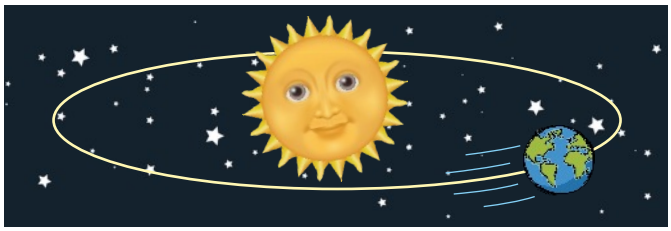
This spring, Michelle Dahlk buzzed down to Nashville, TN. to visit daughter and Gaz subscriber, **Brittany**. In the above pic, they are enjoying **Lainey Wilson's Bell Bottom Country Rooftop Bar**, while enjoying the Gazette, of course. Behind them is the Batman Building and the Johnny Cash Museum.





Veteran **Cosmos Water Tower Rocket** fan **John Lauritsen**, shows off the Gazette in the **WCCO TV** newsroom. It looks like the famous WCCO TV star is also a Gaz fan. The poor guy probably had to fend off others in the newsroom, wanting his very valuable newsletter. Pretty brave dude, me thinks. Wait till he tells them he's also a fan of an alien and a chicken. They'll surely be jealous…then.

Whoa…90 Trips Around the Sun!





Pic and commentary by Deb Minnick
Pat Straumann celebrated her 90th Birthday June 1, 2025 at Peace Lutheran Church in Cosmos. Many friends and family from near and far helped her celebrate this joyous occasion.

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Takin' a Break



Pic by Deb Minnick, commentary by Mark Minnick
In a basket of warm clothes fresh outta the dryer, Gazette proofreader **Samantha** *(Sammie),* is taking a much deserved break. Her daily tasks of walking or laying on the computer keyboard are very tiring it seems. I could complain but hey, she works for belly rubs, chunks of raw potato and the occasional ill-gotten slice of hard salami.

Let 'er Rip, Chief!



Pic by Megan Degner, commentary by Mark Minnick
It looks like 3 year old **Kash Degner** is ready and rarin' to go for the **Cosmos Firemen's Space Fest Waterball Fight**. Or he's involved in a ***serious*** super-soaker fight. Either way, you go junior!

CHS Class of '80

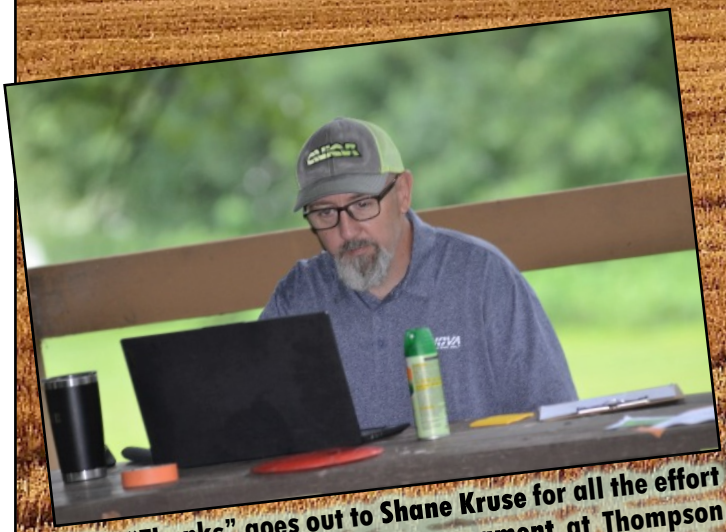


Pic and info by Dale VonLoh

The 45 year class reunion of 1980 Cosmos HS graduates, was held at The Dive in Cosmos on July 18, 2025.
Front, L-R, **Michelle Reinke, Wanda (Haley) Beilke, Marcy Krosch, Jan Nelson, Julie (Linden) Kurth, Lori (Reinke) Brethorst**
Back, L-R, **Nick Peterson, Gerald Anderson, Dale von Loh, Scott Blum, Todd Niles, Tim Kremer**



Summer in August



A big "Thanks" goes out to Shane Kruse for all the effort that is the Lion's Disc Golf Tournament at Thompson Lake Park again this year. This is the 10th year that he has been running the event. Thank You Shane!

The Cosmos Lions

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There was music . . .



ACCORDION BAND played in the street for entertainment of Krazy Day visitors.—Cosmos News staff photo.

and dancing . . .



EILERT FLEMMING AND VERA WALL cut a rug on the sidewalk as the band entertains the Krazy Day crowds.—Cosmos News staff photo.



A KRAZY WAY of doing business took place in Cosmos, last Monday as merchants lined up their wares on the sidewalks in the first Cosmos Krazy Day. Above is part of the crowd busily going through the stacks of merchandise on sale. —Cosmos News staff photo.

JIM HILL TO EMCEE AGAIN

LITCHFIELD—Jim Hill, WCCO Radio personality, will be master of ceremonies for the third consecutive year at the tractor pulling contest at the Meeker County Fair, next Tuesday night, Aug. 17.

Ticket sellers for the fair are still needed. Anyone interested please contact Earl Raske or Don Smith.

Mrs. Weispfennig wins the grand prize in contest

COSMOS—Mrs. Cyrus Weispfennig of rural Cosmos was winner of the grand prize in Cosmos' Contest Day, Tuesday.

Mrs. Weispfennig was awarded the free car filled with prizes, given away by the businessmen of Cosmos.

The drawing was held in the village park at 9 p.m. Eilert Flemming was master of ceremonies.

The awarding of the grand prize followed a day of contests in most of the business places in Cosmos, where individual prizes were awarded.

With beautiful weather all day and evening, a large crowd turned out for the drawing, the kiddie parade which preceded it, and the carnival.

An unusually large number of entrants were in the kiddie parade, with the following winners announced:

★ **Doll buggy division:** first prize Marlene and Marilyn Peterson, second prize Judy Martin.

★ **Costume division:** first prize Beverly Burgstahler, second prize Roger Mortenson.

★ **Trikes and bikes** division: first prize John Sprieter, secondprize Wade Samson.

★ **Floats division:** first prize Marie Macik and Mark Dallman, second prize the Delano Lietzau children.

★ **Pets division:** first prize Wendy Haagenson, second prize Debra Hill.

Mrs. Lloyd Mortenson was in charge of the parade, as chairman. Judges were Miss Carol Larson, Mrs. James Mohr and Harlan Jopp.

and lotsa bargains on Krazy Day

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GWEN RENIKE
Beginers Queen

Three injured in car and panel truck crash

COSMOS—Three people were injured, Monday afternoon, in an auto collision on highway 7, five miles west of Cosmos.

Taken to the Hutchinson hospital by the Cosmos ambulance were Mr. and Mrs. Roland Nall of Buffalo Lake.

Highway patrolmen took Arthur Baker of Willmar to the Rice Hospital in Willmar.

The accident occurred shortly after 4 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Hall, driving a 1949 Ford, pulled out onto highway 7 from the county road, and collided with the panel truck, which was going west on highway 7.

Fire chief has to run to report a fire

COSMOS—Even a fire chief has to run for help when a fire strikes, occasionally.

Such was the case near Cosmos, Monday afternoon, when fire destroyed a tractor on a farm operated by Cedric Williams and Martin Kutzke, Cosmos fire chief.

Combining a field, the workers stopped to unload the combine's hopper. While they were doing so, they noticed the tractor was on fire. Kutzke ran a long distance through the field to reach his car, then drove to the nearest telephone at the John Jordin farm, in order to summon members of his fire department to the rescue.

By the time the firemen arrived on the scene, the tractor was almost completely destroyed by the fire.

It is believed the fire was started by faulty wiring on the machine.

The farm is located about 5½ miles northwest of Cosmos. The fire occurred at about 4 p.m.

Dress Revue Queens chosen last Thurday

LITCHFIELD—Linda Johnson Union Grove 4-H Club, Sharon Olson, Lfd. Satellites and Nancy Gabrielson of the Busy Bees 4-H Club will represent Meeker County at the State Dress Revue, Sept. 1.

The three advanced clothing members were selected at the 35th annual Meeker County Dress Revue last Thursday night. While at the State Fair, the girls will participate in tours, special programs and a public revue Thursday afternoon, Sept. 2 in the 4-H Building at the State Fair Grounds.

Also honored Thursday evening at the Meeker Dress Revue were beginner and junior queens, Gwen Reinke from the Corvuso Go-Getters and Deanna Schultz, Tyrone Beavers.

Gwen's attendants were Kristine Johnson, North Star and Yvonne Arens, Forest City Livewires. Sharon Mattson Lamplighters and Mary Kay Berg, Lfd. Rockets were selected Junior princesses.

Dudley Draxton, president of the Litchfield Jaycees, presented corsages to the Court of Honor. One hundred sixteen girls participated in the County Dress Revue which over 400 people attended.

Sheryl Pearson, Litchfield Satellites and Ron Nelson, Danielson Hustlers, were crowned the 1965 Meeker County Health King and Queen.

School board approves football field lights, if . . .

COSMOS—Lights for Cosmos High School's football field came a little closer to becoming a reality, Tuesday night.

At their monthly meeting, the board of education agreed to go ahead with the project if they can get cooperation from the village council and civic and service groups in the community, such as the Commercial Club, American Legion, etc.

In other actions, Tuesday night, the school board:

★ **Hired** John Hanily, a native of Excelsior, to teach English in Cosmos High School for the coming year. Mr. Hanily is a graduate of St. John's College.

★ **Hired** Mrs. Mary Witheron to teach elementary music on a half-time basis. She is also employed, half-time, at the Grove City school.

★ **Raised** salaries of the school cooks to the following figures: First cook $165 per month, second cook $155 per month, third cook $115 per month.

★ **Added** one step to the wage schedule for school bus drivers. The wage scale now runs from $105 to $140 per month, instead of the previous top figure of $135.

Weather REPORTS

	Hi	Lo
Wednesday, Aug. 4	85	64
Thursday, Aug. 5	89	62
Friday, Aug. 6	81	59
Saturday, Aug. 7	70	54
Sunday, Aug. 8	77	50
Monday, Aug. 9	84	56
Tuesday, Aug. 10	85	61

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THIS WEEK

In Lake Lillian Recreation
By ALLEN HOOSER

Aug. 12. Little League games at 6:30
Aug. 16. Tennis, 4 & 6:30. Girls' softball practice, 7 p.m.
Aug. 17. Girls' Softball at Hutchinson, 7 p.m.
Aug. 19. Little League first round play-off.

Little League Action

Twins vs. Bankers tied 1-1 at end of three innings and terminated because of rain.

Longhorns 8, Lumberjacks 2 at end of four innings and called because of rain.

For the Longhorns, Mike Portinga gave up 2 hits, struck out 4 and issued 4 bases on balls.

For the Lumberjacks, David Johnson gave up 6 hits, struck out 5 and issued 1 base on balls. Warren Mattson allowed no hits, struck out 1 and issued 2 bases on balls.

Standings

Twins	5½	2½
Longhorns	4	4
Lumberjacks	4	4
Bankers	2½	5½

Looking Ahead

In the first round play-offs scheduled for Aug. 19, the first place team will play the third place team at the village diamond while the second place team will play the fourth place team at the school diamond. This action is slated to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 26 has been designated as Appreciation Day. The consolation game will take place during the afternoon with the championship game to be played at 8 p.m.

Fifth annual Twins' Tryout Camp to be held on Aug. 17-18

MINNEAPOLIS—The fifth annual Minnesota Twins tryout camp will be held at Metropolitan Stadium, Aug. 17 and 18, it has been announced by Twins' farm director Sherry Robertson.

The camp will be open to all boys who are eligible to be signed, have been graduated from high school, and have not yet reached their 23rd birthday. The sessions will begin at 9 a.m. and all candidates are to report to the press gate at the stadium by that time each day. Each boy should bring all his own equipment with him, with the exception of bats and balls.

The camp will be under the supervision of Robertson, executive vice president J. Haynes and assistant farm director George Brophy. Scout Angelo Giuliani will be present, assisted by Bill Kane, Johnny Mauer, Omy Hahn, and Mike Briscese.

Robertson, highly pleased with the results of the 4 previous camps from which several boys were subsequently signed to Twins farm pacts is confident that this year's tryouts will also uncover several players of professional caliber.

TWIN TOPICS: Camera Day will be observed on Sunday, August 29 at Metropolitan Stadium. On Camera Day, fans will be permitted to come onto the field between 12:40 p.m. and 1:10 p.m., to take photographs of their favorite Twins' players. Camera Day is being sponsored this year by the Twin Cities Photo Finishers Assn., and valuable prizes will be awarded to those fans in attendance.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

COSMOS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

CEDAR MILLS vs. TOWN BOYS

Cedar Mills clobbered the Town Boys, 22 to 6, Monday night, Aug. 9.

Cedar Mills clubbed 17 hits and drue 12 walks against losing pitcher, Joel Koerschen. The winning pitcher was Harrmon as he allowed 8 hits while walking 7. He struck out 6.

Leading the Cedar Mills hitting attack was Larry Schlueter as he collected 5 hits, 4 of them doubles. Horrman got 3 hits and L. Schmeling, M. Schlueter and D. Schmeling each had two.

Terry Melberg, Ron Egge, and John Lietzau led the Town Boys with two hits each.

CEDAR MILLS vs. COUNTRY JUNIORS

Cedar Mills gained a tie for first place as they downed the Country Juniors, 15 to 4, Tuesday night, Aug. 10.

Cedar Mills clubbed 17 hits and drew 12 walks against losing pitcher, Keith Ackman and reliever Bruce Hoff. Keith Ackman took the loss. They whiffed four. M. Schlueter got credit for the victory as Hoff and Horrman relieved him. Combined, they gave up 3 hits and 5 free passes. They struck out 6.

Ron Bjur led the Country Juniors in batting with two hits. Bruce Schlueter led Cedar Mills with 3 hits.

League Standings

COSMOS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

	W	L
Country Boys	6	1
Cedar Mills	6	1
Town Men	3	2
Litchfield Juniors	3	3
Town Boys	3	4
Lakeside	2	3
Country Juniors	0	7

Horseshoe Results

Lake Lillian	r	dr	p
Myron Flann	90	20	208
Allen Gerstenkorn	73	9	208
Bob Magnuson	66	10	191
Clarence Petterson	47	8	187
Orville Johnson	32	2	225
Chas. Trapp	22	1	194
S. Summerlet	21	1	217
Gary Bjur	17	2	178
TOTAL	368	53	1606

Miller's Corner	r	dr	p
N. Birkland	76	11	229
H. Van Lyl	100	24	263
Herb Schultz	85	15	261
Ed Rekstad	76	10	276
Vernon Virgeen	68	7	249
Oliver Tostenson	65	10	240
Stanley Anderson	62	10	245
Tony Stybicky	23	1	99
Olaf Lund	11	1	106
TOTALS	526	89	1968

Mrs. Warnie Lietzau suffers broken hand

COSMOS—Mrs. Warnie Lietzau suffered several broken bones in her hand last week while vacationing in the Western states, when the trunk door of a car was accidentally shut on it. She is wearing a cast.

First Lutheran, Cosmos, time change

COSMOS — First Lutheran Church of Cosmos will have a change in its time of worship this week. Worship will be at 10 a.m., with Sunday school at 11 a.m. There will be a family pot luck dinner at the church.

There also will be a change in the date of the LCW meeting on Aug. 25 instead of the

Girl born to Mr. and Mrs. M. Anderson

BLOOMINGTON—Mr. and Mrs. Marlowe Anderson (nee Sharon McKenzie) of Bloomington are the proud parents of a new daughter, Jill Renee, born July 8, 1965.

Baby Jill has two sisters, Julie Ann, 6 years and Jacqueline Lee, 3½ years old.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. John McKenzie of Hutchinson, formerly of this area, and paternal grandmother is Mrs. Myrtle Anderson of King-

MRS. REUBEN BOEDER and Janet spent several days in Eau Claire, Wis. visiting friends.

THE JORDIN family reunion was held at Lake Minnebelle on Sunday.

THE MARVIN HACKBARTH family returned home Saturday from an 8-day vacation through the Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado.

THE MARVIN HACKBARTH family attended a Wolter reunion at Spectacle Lake on Sunday.

MRS. IRENE GAGE and Mr. and Mrs. James DeGreest of Pittsville, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. John Knapp and Peter Ryan of Minneapolis were Sunday guests at the Mrs. Minnie Klawitter home.

MRS. ANNA LEHRKE accompanied the Darold Lehrke family of Bird Island to Mankato on Sunday where they joined other relatives at the Norman Lehrke home for his birthday.

MR. and MRS. DEAN Campbell of Bird Island were Sunday guests at the Alfred Turck home.

MR. and MRS. ALEC Madsen of Osseo were Saturday visitors at the Otto Madsen home.

MRS. EDWARD LUND and children of Franklin vacationed at the Mrs. Mamie Kaddatz home last week.

DEBRA LUND of Franklin is spending this week with Mrs. Arlene Mortenson and children.

A GROUP OF children were entertained Monday afternoon at Julie Mortenson's 7th birthday at the Mrs. Arlene Mortenson home.

MRS. BERTHA NELSON, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Arnold and Mrs. Clara Nelson were among those who honored Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin of Litchfield on Sunday on their birthdays.

CURTISS MEYER, Gary Lietzau, Dale Ackman and Milo Jacobson, all army reserve members, left for Camp McCoy, Wis. for 2 weeks training.

MRS. MYRON KAMRATH was a hostess at the Gust Nicolai home in Hector on Monday in honor of her daughter, Eunice, who was recently married.

REV. and MRS. CHRISTIAN Mohr of Hector were Sunday guests at the Myron Kamrath home.

LARRY LIETZAU is spending a 35-day furlough with relatives. He will then report for duty in Korea.

MMES. MARIE MAAG and Roland Podratz spent from Wednesday through Friday at Rochester where Mrs. Maag consulted a specialist.

MRS. DESSA BROOKS and Vayne came home Sunday from Port Huemene, Calif. where they had visited several weeks with Mrs. Brooks sister and husband.

REV. SMRCKA arrived home Monday from Streator, Ill. where he had visited his mother, Mrs. Irene Smrcka and sister, Elaine. They accompanied him home for several weeks.

MRS. HILDA DEGNER of Buffalo Lake spent Saturday and Sunday with the Lawrence Brooks family.

MR. and MRS. VIRGIL Gehring and Karl of Bloomington were Monday guests at the Chas. Sharpe home.

MR. and MRS. ED SCHIRO, Mrs. Arlene Mortenson and family, the Arnold Blum family and the Bud Mortenson family attended the Laffen family reunion at Kandiyohi Lake on Sunday.

Joint picnic to have change of date

COSMOS The Cosmos Unit Hospital Auxiliary and Farm Bureau will hold their annual family picnic on Sunday, Aug. 22 at the C. J. Larson cottage at Lake Sylvia instead of on the regularly scheduled date of Aug. 15.

Be fair (TO YOUR BUDGET) lady



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PETER'S LARGE BOLOGNA LB. 39c CHUNK OR SLICED

SEEDLESS GRAPES LB. 19c

LIBBY'S TOMATO JUICE 46-OZ. . . 29c

ROBIN HOOD FLOUR . . 25 lbs. $1.98

KRAFT FRENCH DRESSING 8-OZ. 27c

LIBBY'S DEEP BROWN BEANS . . . 2 for 25c 14-OZ. TOMATO or MOLASSES

French Fries 9-oz. Pkg. Ea. 10c

WYMAN'S MARKET COSMOS



By Janice Blum

CLEAN COPPER-BOTTOMED PANS

An easy an expensive way to clean copper-bottoms with warm water, sprinkle salt over the bottoms, and pour a small amount of lemon juice or vinegar over the salt-clean with a paper towel or cloth.

TERRIFIC TOWEL

When I take a hot dish to a social, I'll wrap it in a bath towel. It serves as my two pot holders, which I don't have to worry about misplacing, In cold weather, it insulates it, and prevents a possible cold draft. It soaks up those unexpected spills in the car, and finally, it's easy to throw in the wash.

AWAY WITH INSECTS

If you have ants, ticks, fleas, etc., in your yard and in your house during the summer, try buying some inexpensive laundry detergent and sprinkling it all over your yard in the spring before a rain. It will soak into the ground and keep those little pests away during the summer months

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PICTURED ARE THE THREE young people from this area that attended the Citizenship Short Course held in Washington D.C. Rhonda Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Anderson of Lake Lillian, Gary Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Schmidt of Cosmos and Martha Sharpe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sharpe of Cosmos.

We had one astute reader that identified all three "Young Citizens" from Cosmos High School. Because he was one of the kids may have had something to do with his knowledge of the situation. I guess we'll have to get him at least a couple of kewpies. Does he deserve one for identifying himself? Hmmm...

Rhonda Anderson Teske; Gary Schmidt; Martha Sharp Pederson. Martha and I represented Meeker County and Rhonda, Kandiyohi County and all 3 were Cosmos class of '77.

Gary Schmidt, "The Tanker Yanker"
as he is affectionately (?) known.



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It seems that the battle against evil never ends. Your editor noticed **"The Mystery Machine"** was still in town after the Space Festival. Must be a few ne'er-do-wells that still have to be rooted out. *Grrrr...*

Go Get 'Em Scooby, Shaggy and the Gang!

Thank You!

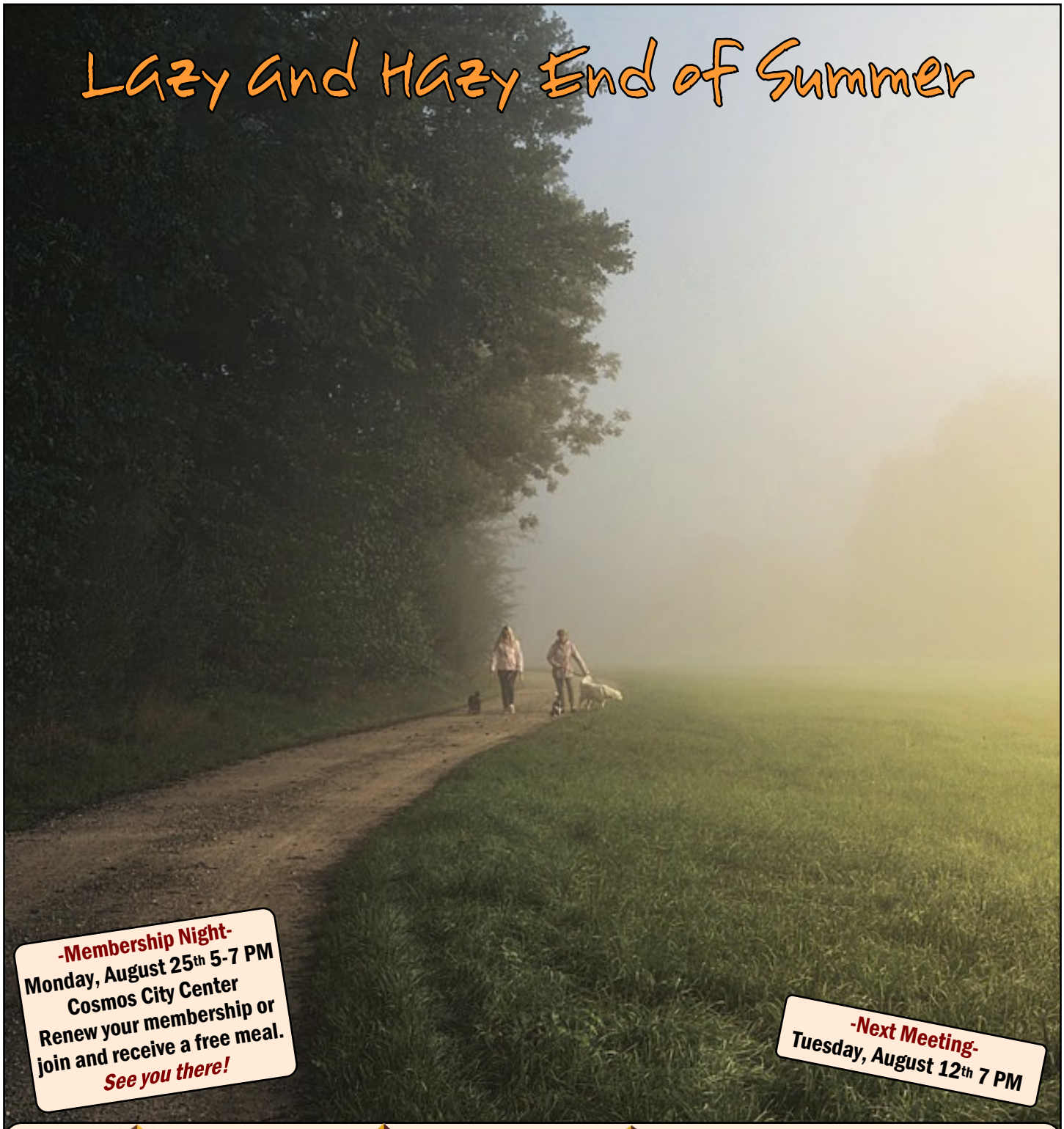
...to everyone that helped me celebrate my 70th birthday! I had a great time and I hope you did too. Thanks again,

Butch Schmeling

Please remember the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces and our veterans, both alive and deceased. America owes thim an immense debt of gratitude along with an every day simple "Thank You."



Lazy and Hazy End of Summer



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Monday, August 25th 5-7 PM
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See you there!

-Next Meeting-
Tuesday, August 12th 7 PM

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