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Two Suns Equals: One Hot Day.

Weather: Hot & muggy, but not for long. "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"

TUESDAY AUGUST 1 2023
COSMOS CITY PARK
Law Enforcement-Community Partnerships

PROUDLY CELEBRATING NNO 40 YEARS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2023



What, you're worried us kids will get all hot and sweaty? *Naaaa*.....

Commentary by Joyce Karrigan
Pics by Mark Minnick and Joyce Karrigan

The Community in Action Team of Peace Lutheran Church of Cosmos held National Night Out for the first time ever in Cosmos. We had free food and activities for everyone. We served hot dogs, chips, and water. We had a bouncy house for the kids to enjoy and a beanbag tournament for everyone to enjoy.

Music for everyone's pleasure was hosted by DJ, Ralph Galvin. The Meeker County sheriffs department was present to hand out goodies. The Galactic Gazette, handed out free back-issues of the Galactic Gazette, Thin Blue Line flags and Blue LED light bulbs. The Cosmos Legion Family was well represented by giving out American flags.

All ages had food, fun and fellowship. Our beanbag tournament had ages nine years old to 87 years old playing for fun and enjoyment. Our community in action team would like to thank everyone who participated in or donated to the event.

*More National Night Out stuff on next page



Julie Seifert and **Delores Arndt**, *driving*, cruised on in for a hot dog or two.

TUESDAY AUGUST 1 2023 COSMOS CITY PARK



87 year young **Shirley Anderson**, center, shows the kids how to throw a bag!



World Renowned DJ **Ralph Galvan** and his ***"Best in the Cosmos"*** sound system.

PROUDLY CELEBRATING NNO 40 YEARS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2023



State Rep **Dean Urdahl** stopped by to check out the goings on, guided by **Sara Jones** and baby **Riggs Haman**.



These highly acclaimed professional chefs were engaged in the arduous task of grilling up the dogs. Whew! L-R; **Ron Peterson**, **Duane Miller** and **Dalen Jones**.



MaKayla, Kylee, Libby and mom **Sara Henschke** stopped by the **Galactic Gazette** table to talk to with Star Wars favorite, **Jabba the Hutt**. *Oh, wait…*







L-R, front, **Abby & Elena Hansen**
Back; **Deputy Tim Oster & Reserve Deputy "Lois"**



Elena Hansen was dancing to the music while waving 'Old Glory'. ***You go girl!***



Matt & Carter *(last name?)*
Bean Bag Tourney Winners





L-R; **Meeker County Reserve Deputy 'Lois', Deputy Tim Oster**

The Cosmos Community in Action 'Players'

L-R; **Jake Hansen, Tim Olson, Katie Hansen, Joyce Karrigan, Shelby and Adam Haman** and **Sarah Jones** holding little **Riggs Haman**



A **Wright** family gathering.
But hey, where'd mom go?

-Other Event Sponsors and Supporters-
*The Cosmos American Legion Family
*Numerous regular ol' everyday folks
*The Galactic Gazette Newsletter

The Cosmos Lions

Labor Day Weekend

Co-Rec Softball Tournament

September 2nd - 3rd

*Burgers *Beer

*Concession Stand

C'mon Down & Have Some **Fun!**



Labor Day Burgers

With All the Fixins!



Cold Beer

Outta the Tap!

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
August 10, 2023

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday August 10, 2023.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Mark Minnick, Jody Fruetel and Angelica Hopp.
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville and David Medina
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Minnick, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. July 20, 2023 City Council Minutes
b. League of MN Cities – Recognition of Representative Urdahl

WSB Consulting Services – The City Council reviewed the proposal presented by WSB Consulting. The council felt the proposal to help the city update its Junk, Health & Safety Ordinance was good but had concerns about the total cost of updating and enforcing the ordinance on behalf of the city. The Council discussed budgeting for the service in 2024 but trying to complete the ordinance update and enforcement in house prior to the spring of 2024. If staff is unsuccessful in updating the ordinance, the city will have the consulting services budgeted to go to an outside contracting route.
Code Improvements - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to have Health and Safety Ordinance Code improvements updated by May 1, 2024 for city council review and public hearing presentation to become effective by June 15, 2024. Motion passed.

August 10, 2023 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Minnick, to approve the July 20, 2023 bills list with check numbers from 16343-16388 for $185,929.37. Motion carried**.**

Deputy City Clerk – Brigitte Douglas was introduced as the personnel committee's recommendation to hire for the Deputy City Clerk position. A **motion** by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to hire Brigette Douglas at $18/hr. for the Deputy City Clerk position. Motion carried**.**

Department Heads – Public Works Supervisor David Medina reported that Juan Martinez had to take family leave and will be back Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Medina also stated there were damages to the control unit at the water plant due to moisture damage. He is in the process of getting it repaired. This will most likely be an insurance claim. The lift station continues to accumulate solids and he is trying to determine the cause of this increase.

Ambulance Captain Emily Van Hatten reported that the Cosmos ambulance will be going to electronic reporting which will help with filing reports.
Councilmember Minnick reported that National Night Out had a great community turnout.

Closed Meeting re Employment Matter, Public Works Supervisor – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Minnick, to recess the regular City Council meeting and close the council meeting for an employment matter regarding the Public Works Supervisor at 6:00p.m. Public Works Supervisor David Medina exercised his right and requested to have the meeting remain open.

Reconvene City Council Meeting – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Hopp, to close the Employment Hearing and reconvene the regular city council meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Resignation – After the employment hearing Mr. Medina offered his resignation to the City Council. This would be the third time Mr. Medina has offered his resignation to the city. After discussion with the City Council, Mr. Medina rescinded his resignation and stated that he was going to hire an attorney and sue the City Council and the City Administrator for four years of harassment.
Motion to Terminate – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to terminate the employment of David Medina was presented. Ayes: Hopp, Van Hatten, McCarthy Nayes: Minnick, Fruetel Motion carried.

Temporary Water/Sewer Operating License - A motion by Minnick, seconded by Hopp, to contract with Dave Woffle to carry the city's required water and sewer operating license. Motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Thursday, September 10, 2023. The agenda will be posted in the city office window, post office and bank vestibule by Tuesday afternoon. Any change in meeting dates or times will be displayed on the digital sign.
Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Minnick, seconded by Van Hatten, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:00. Motion carried.

_____- DRAFT-_____
John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
August 24, 2023

A special meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday August 24, 2023.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Jody Fruetel, Mark Minnick and Angelica Hopp.
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville

Review Water/Wastewater Operations – After general discussion by the City Council in regards to water/wastewater operations and licensing it was determined by the Council to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) to contract out the water/wastewater operations. A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to prepare and advertise a request for proposals to operate the City's water and wastewater system and to advertise for a full-time public works position. Motion carried.

Public Works Operations

A motion by Hopp, seconded by Fruetel, to contract with Whitcomb Construction for city snow removal at $75 per man hour. They will use the city's equipment. Motion carried.

A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hopp, to pay volunteers that help out the city while we search for a full-time public works employee, $18/hr. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Hopp, seconded by Van Hatten, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

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John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

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City of Cosmos Brush Site

-Located by the city sanitation ponds-

Days & Hours the Site is Open:
Saturdays 10 AM-3 PM
Wednesdays 7 AM-3:30 PM
-Holidays not included-

-Items to be collected-

- **Grass**
- **Leaves**
- **Garden Waste**
- **Brush***

Limited to limbs no larger than 6 inches in diameter and 10 feet in length.

For Cosmos Residents Only!



Thoughts & Observations



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





My Orthopedic Odyssey UPDATE

In the August issue, I told the readers that I was getting a total knee replacement, but I didn't know when. Now I do; The surgery is scheduled for **October 24th** at **University Fairview**. The poor nurses are probably already saying, ***"Him again?"*** Anyway, wish me not luck, ***but skilled surgeons***.

For a supposedly retired guy in a wheelchair, I've sure been busy this last month. A bunch of the local town folk and I got together to get the city park spiffed up and ready for the big Aug 12th **Hog Roast-Car Show-Beer Garden** extravaganza. And spiff it up we did as many people pitched in and helped. The event turned out GREAT and fun was had by all, near as I could tell.

Anyway, I want to acknowledge three kids that volunteered to help out with stuff us old coots would have had a tough time doing. Bird Island kid **Marshall Haley**, *(yes, the Gazette's own Marshall Haley)* and Cosmos kids **Alex Martinez** and **Gavin** *(sorry, don't know Gavin's last name)* helped out a bunch.

They weed wacked, picked up trash and branches, moved picnic tables, dug out weeds, leveled out the playground wood chips and anything else I asked them to do. No whining or complaining - *but there was some sweating*. We couldn't have done it without them. If you happen to see them, give them a fist bump and a great big 'Thank you'.

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

Cosmos, Hector and Buffalo Lake

Local farmer-owned cooperative is looking for seasonal help for the upcoming harvest season. Opportunities to earn overtime pay.

- **GRAIN OPERATIONS**
  to dump grain and perform elevator work
- **OVERNIGHT GRAIN DRYER OPERATOR**
  to attend corn drying activities
- **CDL DRIVERS**

Applications available at any location,
online at **www.centralregioncoop.com**
or by calling Human Resources at
(320) 833-3003

Regular, full-time employment opportunities are also available—see website for more information.

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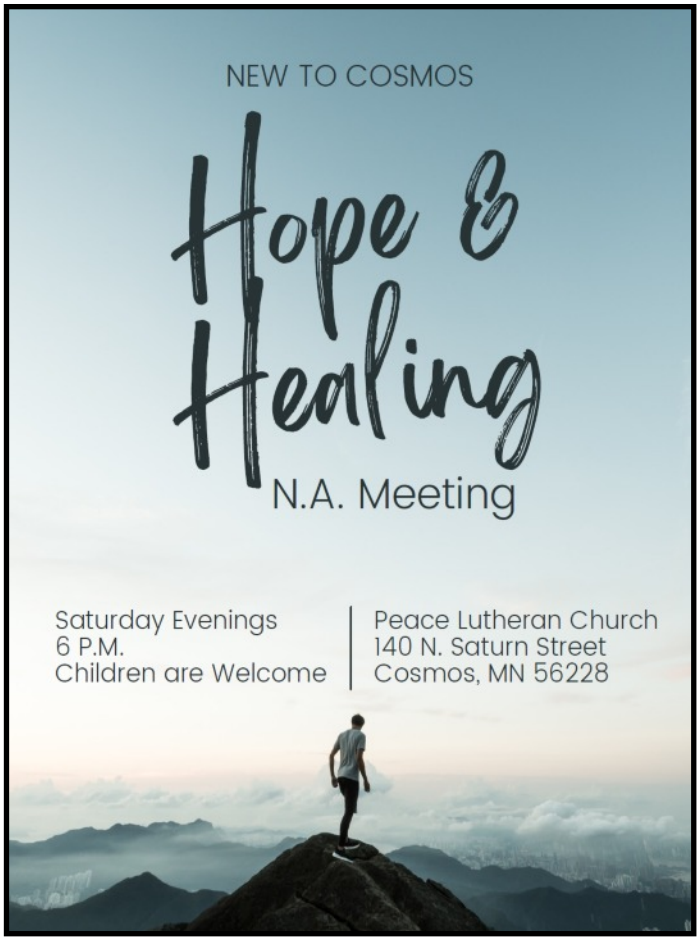




We get to award a couple of KewPies this month. Woo hoo!
This first reader was pretty sure that these guys weren't "Looking for naughty kids to sell to the gypsies".

"The two guys at school are Bob Lageson and Don Grages.

Elaine Berry

These two Cosmos High Alum also sent us the correct answer. They probably ***both*** gave Mr. Grages a couple of his gray hairs. Just sayin'…

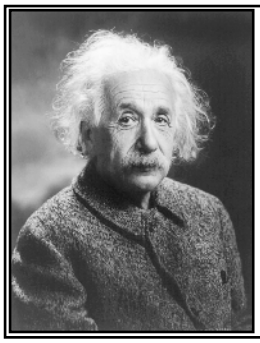
Mr. Lageson on the left and Mr. Grages on the right.

Jim & Suzy Peterson

*Editor's note: **Bob Lageson,** the 'super' on the left, is a loyal Gazette reader and subscriber. I wonder why he didn't email us? Maybe his wife sold **him** to the gypsies…Who knows?*



SUPT. LAGESON and High School Principal Don Grages are ready to welcome Cosmos Students back to school for 1983-84 school year.



"Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds. The mediocre mind is incapable of understanding the man who refuses to bow blindly to conventional prejudices and chooses instead to express his opinions courageously and honestly."

Albert Einstein



Sometimes the perspective you get sitting a wheelchair is kinda neat. Thank you, Home State Bank.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

MARVIN & GLORIA GELLE

OPEN HOUSE

SEPT 17TH 2023

2-5 PM

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN

800 BLUFF ST N

HUTCHINSON, MN

-PLEASE, NO GIFTS-



By Mark Minnick

Duane "Spitty" Martin sent me a pic of the cozy campground he stayed in, south of Duluth. The most intriguing part to me is the fold-out camper that he pulls behind his bike. Sure looks to be a very, very cool setup. Great way to camp with the bike, yup.





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TIDBITS



By Rick Nordin

Greetings!

Once upon a time back in the middle to late 1800's, immigrants started to migrate to southern Kandiyohi County and started homesteads on the fertile prairie. Many of these immigrants came from Norway and Sweden.

With the increasing amount of people coming to the area the need for merchants to service the increasing population started to pop in the general area.

The big change happened when the railroad came to the area in 1923, Lake Lillian became an official town and started to populate with businesses and homes.

This year Lake Lillian celebrated its Centennial July 29th to August 6th. **THANK YOU** to all participants who made the Lake Lillian Centennial and Fun Days a "Smashing Success"! The week-long events were well attended and were very much appreciated.

Without exception, everyone I spoke with during the week was amazed and appreciative of what "little" Lake Lillian was able to present for the **Fun Days Centennial Week**. Thank you to all the volunteers who spent so much time preparing and facilitating the events. Thank you to all who generously donated funds. Thank you to all who attended from all over the United States to celebrate the heritage of Lake Lillian.

Thank you, **Gary and Grace Gauer** who have created a website, **www.gauer001.net** with extensive history of the Lake Lillian community. The event will be long time remembered.

Have a great Labor Day weekend!



You may have wondered wth I've been lately. Well, the old hen and I have been hangin' out on Neptune with a new buddy of mine. I might even have to introduce you to him. *Stay tuned.*



I used to play golf. I wanted to be a better player, but after a while I realized I'd always stink. And that's when I really started to enjoy the game.

"Mr. Warmth"
Don Rickles

CHEF IT UP!

"Food and spices….together. What a concept!"
Don't forget to teach a kid how to cook.



HARVEST APPLE BARS

By Grace Kamrath

Greetings to all. Well we have had quite a summer weather wise, but we just have to accept the pleasant with the other.

Anyway, hurrah it is apple time! An apple a day keeps the doctor away. But if you eat an apple dessert with lots of apples in it just think, you may not have to see him or her for a long time!!

HARVEST APPLE BARS



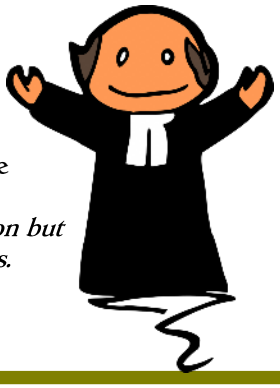
- 2 c. plus 2 T. flour (divided)
- 1 t. baking soda
- 1 t. cinnamon
- 1 t. salt
- 1/2 t. nutmeg
- 1 c. unsalted butter, softened
- 2 c. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 t. vanilla
- 4 c. Granny Smith apples, chopped
- 1/2 c. chopped pecans
- 1/2 c. brown sugar
- 1/2 chopped pecans, toasted
- 1/4 c. unsalted butter, melted
- 2 T, water
- 1 1/2 T quick cooking rolled oats (oatmeal)

Preheat oven to 350. Beat butter until smooth, add sugar and beat until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla. Add 2 c. flour, baking soda, cinnamon, salt and nutmeg. Stir until just combined. Add apples and chopped pecans. Line a 9 x 13 pan with parchment paper , then spread batter into pan. Bake until golden, about 50 to 60 minutes.

In the meantime, stir together brown sugar, toasted pecans, melted butter, water, oats and remaining 2 T. flour. Spread over hot bars and bake 5 minutes more. Cool completely, lift bars out of pan with parchment and cut into bars. Then eat them up!!!

After my husband, Duane delivered the sermon at our church two weeks ago, I overheard someone ask Pastor Sarah if she could cut the service short the next Sunday.

Duane had 7 pages to his sermon but only got to page 2 in 40 minutes.





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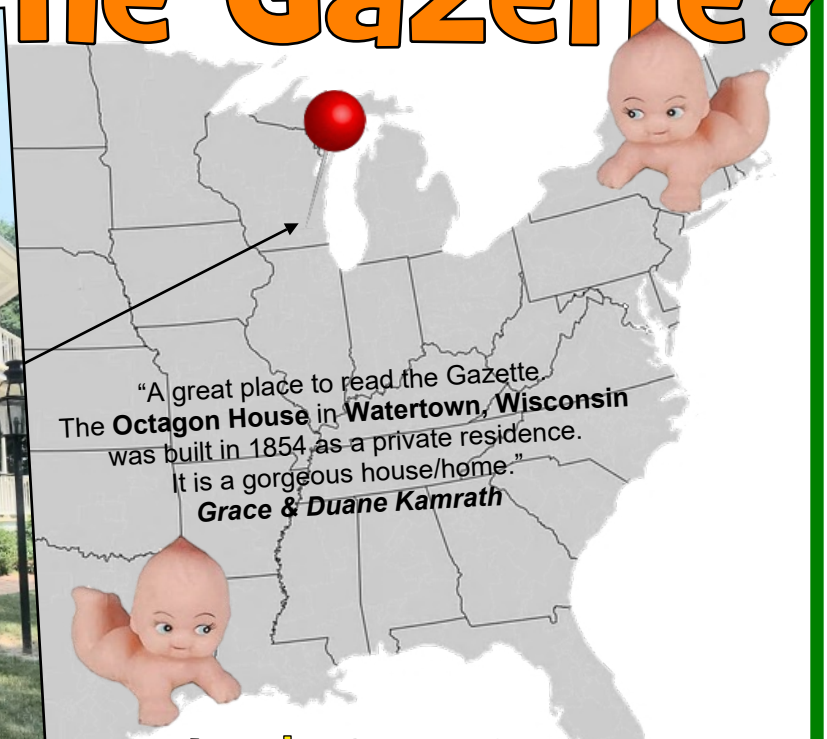

Win a KewPie! Show us where you are reading the Gazette & Email pics to:
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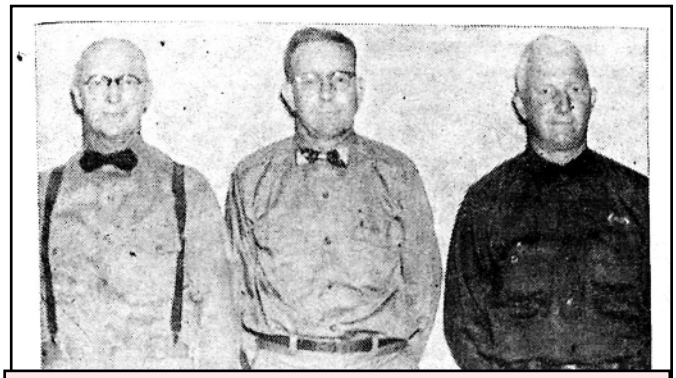
TIME WARP 1956 Whozit?



Who are the most important people in any school system?
The super? The princie? The teachers? The cooks?
Naaaa, it's the janitors, of course!
When kids drag mud in on their shoes, who mops it up?
When you don't fit into your desk, who adjusts it?
When a kid barfs in the hall, who soaks it up?
Who do you talk to when nobody listens?
THE JANITORS! OF COURSE!
These three gentlemen are ready to keep the brand new school clean and safe in 1956. Can you identify any of them?

Whozdem?

-Ponderings-



Instead of the John, I call my bathroom the Jim...that way it sounds better when I say I **"Go to the Jim"** every morning.

I wonder what my parents did to fight boredom before the internet? I asked my **18 brothers and sisters** and they didn't know either.

I hate it when my wife says: **"Are you listening to me?"** It's such a random way to start a conversation.

The guy who stole my iPad should **....Face time.**

You don't become cooler with age, but you do care progressively less about being cool, which is the only true way of being cool.



This is called the **"Geezer's Paradox".**



August 12th in the Cosmos City Park

Hog Roast - Car Show
Beer Garden
Big Success!





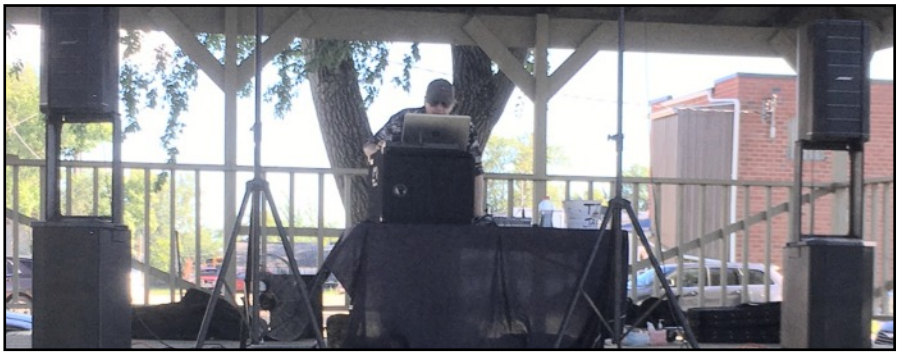
Commentary and pics by Mark Minnick Additional pics by "Chucky Rupp" Dvorak

It was a great night in the Cosmos City Park on August 12th. The attraction was a roast hog, cold tap beer, great music, eighty plus *really* cool cars - ***And a bunch of people showed up. Imagine that!***

This was a new event for the community, brainstormed by the **Cosmos Community Action Group**, the **Peace Lutheran Men's Group** and the **Cosmos Fire & Ambulance Squads**. Way to go guys! It appeared that the event was a bigger success than anyone could have imagined in their wildest dreams.

Everywhere I looked, folks young and old were smiling. The beer was cold, the pork was delicious, *(they even ran out…Oink!)* the music sounded great - ***and then there were the cars***. Eighty plus cars and bikes! What an evening, it was really, really cool!

The sponsor groups deserve a a big THANK YOU! from all who attended. Way to go guys and gals! Let's hope this event becomes an annual event, I don't think anyone will complain.



DJ Kris Pederson was busy pumpin' out some gnarly tunes.







August 12th in the Cosmos City Park

Hog Roast-Car Show-Beer Garden



The Star of the Show

Big line for the roast pork. No budging now!











Procurers of the Pork: Mike Inselmann, Chad & Ron Peterson

This event was

-Organized and Promoted by-

*The Cosmos Community Action Group

*The Peace Lutheran Men's Group

*The Cosmos Fire & Ambulance Squads

Additional Sponsorship by:

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JV Excavating

R&R Campers

Anonymous

Cosmos Legion Family

Prairie Meats, Olivia

Let's Go Fishing!

Just a pontoon ride is good too.





Commentary by Mark Minnick - Pics by Sue Martin

The Cosmos Senior Club took time out of their busy schedule to take a pontoon ride with the **"Let's Go Fishing"** group from Spicer, MN. One group went on a scenic tour around Green Lake, while the other group allegedly caught some fish. *(You know what they say about all anglers…)* Regardless, it looks like everyone had a good time.



A Hearty Farewell

Pic and commentary by Curt Meyer

Cosmos American Legion Commander Mark Adams presented a certificate of appreciation to **Brent and Marvella Miner**, owners of **Mug Shots Bar & Grill**.

The club was very, very appreciative of the couple's cooperation and the help they gave the **Cosmos Legion Family** over the past six years. ***Thank you Brent and Marvella!***

The Cosmos Public Library News



by Beth Cronk, Meeker County Librarian

Are you looking for some creative inspiration this fall? Pioneerland Library System offers access to **Creativebug**, a website with thousands of award-winning art and craft video classes.

This service is provided by **Prairielands Library Exchange**, an organization that exists to help support public and school libraries in southwestern Minnesota. We are excited that our library users can use their library cards to access these online classes taught by recognized design experts and artists.

You can find the link to **Creativebug** on the left bar of the **Pioneerland website** or the **Cosmos Library website**: **www.cosmos.lib.mn.us.**

Once you have entered your library card number, the site will prompt you to create an account. Through your account, you can keep track of where you left off in a class and which videos you have watched, and you can be notified of new classes on topics you're interested in. You can even upload photos of your own projects to share, if you'd like.

Class topics include art and design, sewing, quilting, paper, knitting, crochet, food and home, jewelry, holiday and party, and kids.

One interesting feature the website offers is daily practice. Intended to be a way to challenge yourself to a month of making, the website offers 30-day prompts for daily art practice. There are over 60 daily practice series to choose from, such as hand stitching, watercolor and colored pencil, bookmaking, and rubber stamp carving.

Beyond the video classes, the Creativebug website also offers downloadable knitting and crochet patterns. New classes are being added to the website all the time. Recent classes are titled "Embroidered Pencil Case," "Love Letter Quilt Top," and "Crochet Edges for Garments." Upcoming classes include "Accordion Book as Art Form" and "Professional Illustration 101."

If video classes aren't your thing but you enjoy art or crafting, you can choose from a wide variety of books in the library to learn more. The Cosmos Library collection has many books on arts and crafts, including a wide range from whittling to origami and from painting to quilting.



Crafting and art have many benefits: they can reduce stress, improve mood, and reduce cognitive decline, as the activity brings you into a focused, almost meditative state.

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced artist or crafter, the library can be a resource for your creativity.

The Cosmos Library hours are;
Mon 10-5, Tue 2-5, Thu 2-6, Fri 2-5, and Sat

Farmfest Fun





Cousins **Clay** and **Griffin Martin,** *right*

*Story by **Griffin Martin**,*
*dictated to his Grandma **Joyce Karrigan,** pic by her too.*

I went to farm fest Wednesday August 2nd. I went with my Grandma Joyce and my cousin Klay and we went to see my grandpa Dale for UNI Hydro at his booth and then we walked around. We looked at Maverick drones that spray fields and when we went there there's a lot of farmers and it's a fun place to go to look at lots of farmer displays, equipment, and cars like Chevy and Ford and UTV's like Can-Am and Polaris. there's lots of other booths about farming like beans,corn, planting and others that are very cool. It's a fun place to go to. My Grandma Joyce has taken me there for the last four years and we've had a fun time at farm fest because it was really nice to know that about Farming and you can make new friends there. When we went to the Ford booth, we were on a simulator that simulates driving in a Ford raptor and it's made with a computer and monitors and it has hydraulics in it so that it makes you feel like you move around and it is really cool. That was the first time I've ever went on and it was the best. wanted to go on two times and I thought it was a really cool thing that Ford did. You also walk around and get lots of free stuff. We got from a church a free Walkingstick.

Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!



A THUNDERSTORM

From a Different Point of View

By Mark Minnick, Pic by Deb Minnick

We've all heard the phrase, "It depends on your point of view". Wife Deb's photo above was taken from the north shore of Lake Minnewaska on the evening of July 27th looking to the southeast. A gorgeous summer evening by the lake, with pretty, poofy clouds lit up by the setting sun. Idyllic, right?

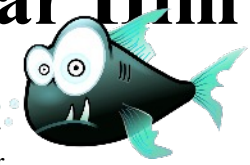
Again, "It depends on your point of view". Guess what's sixty some odd mile southeast of Minnewaska? Cosmos, where we were 'enjoying' thunder, lightning, wind, rain and a few small hailstones. We obviously survived relatively unscathed. But this reminds a person that just 'cuz it's nice and pleasant where you are, someone else is experiencing something completely different. Maybe better, maybe worse.

Regardless, I like to think positive. Like the motto above says, **"Hey, it's nice outside!"**



Fish Now Fear Him

Commentary and pic by Mark Minnick



The Gazette's own Renville County Outdoors Correspondent, Marshall Haley, is now the proud owner of his own fishing boat, motor and trailer.

Marshall, grandpa Paul and yours truly took a Sunday road trip to see the advertised combo in Chaska. (Big, big trip for us old deplorables. A map on your phone? Naaa, use a roadmap. Shoulda packed sandwiches and some Hamm's though. *Hey, the beer's for Paul and me, not the kid…c'mon.)*

Anyway, after a thorough look over and listening to the motor run, he decided to bring it home. Word has it the fish are already hiding out in the heavy weeds and deep water.

Congrats Marshall! *Now we'll expect some fishing pics for the Gazette...fillets too. Hey, a guy's gotta eat!*

Cosmos Senior Club Takes In Local Theatrical Productions

"Catch 'N' Release"

Performed at the **"Fishtale Theater"** at United Lutheran Church, Lake Lillian









Commentary by Delores Arndt, Pics by Sue Martin

On July 29, 2023, 10 members of the **Cosmos Sr. Club** drove over to Lake Lillian, MN. for a dinner theater. Lake Lillian is celebrating their 100th anniversary of their town. The dinner was delicious and the play was **"Catch and Release"**. All the actors and actresses were local people and the acting and singing was really good. One song even had Cosmos in the lyrics. The theme was all fishing décor but, the play was about the 1923 depression. Lake Lillian Lake was dry and they tried to plant potatoes in it. A Good time was had by all. Thanks to the Cosmos Lions!

Whose in Bed With The Butler?

By Michael Parker

Performed at

the BARN theatre

Willmar, MN

By Delores Arndt

On August 6th 2023, the Cosmos Sr. Club *(17 members plus 4 non-members)* went to the **Barn Theatre** in Willmar, Mn. to see the play **"Who's in Bed With the Butler?"** It was very interesting and funny and enjoyed by all. After the play we went to The Pizza Ranch for supper on our own. A good time was had by all. THANKS LIONS!

Cosmos High School Reunion

Cosmos High School alumni from the early years got together at the Cosmos City Center on August 23rd. The reunion included the first three graduating classes of the then new Cosmos School District #461; Years 1957, 1958 and 1959. I'd say none of them look a day over 39.



(Sister Theresa from 2nd grade catechism class said I'd go to hell for lying. OK, Ok, I'll start working the beads. Hail Mary, full of grace...)





Class of '57

L-R;
Mel Maas,
Duane Adams
Chuck Lietzau
Dave Anderson
Robert Bipes
Gene Renstrom
Donna Erickson Hanson
Barb Defries Miller
Sharon Miller
Dennis Meyer



Class of '58

L-R;
Madeline Renstrom Radke
Warren Bachman
Elvira Petersdorf Nelson
Leroy Olson
Sharon Inselman Koenig
Carolyn Remmel Anderson
Roberta Rennecke Reinke
Johanna Nielson Anderson



Class of '59

L-R;
Robert Porath
Diane Johnson Porath
Gloria Dobratz Radtke
Barb MaKenzie Becker
Carol Bipes Oeltjenbruns
Janice Schiro Blum
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After the CHS Reunion, we decided to check out the brand spankin' new Cosmos school building in 1956. Pretty cool, Eunice says.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS



MRS. MARLYS SAVAGE
Junior English



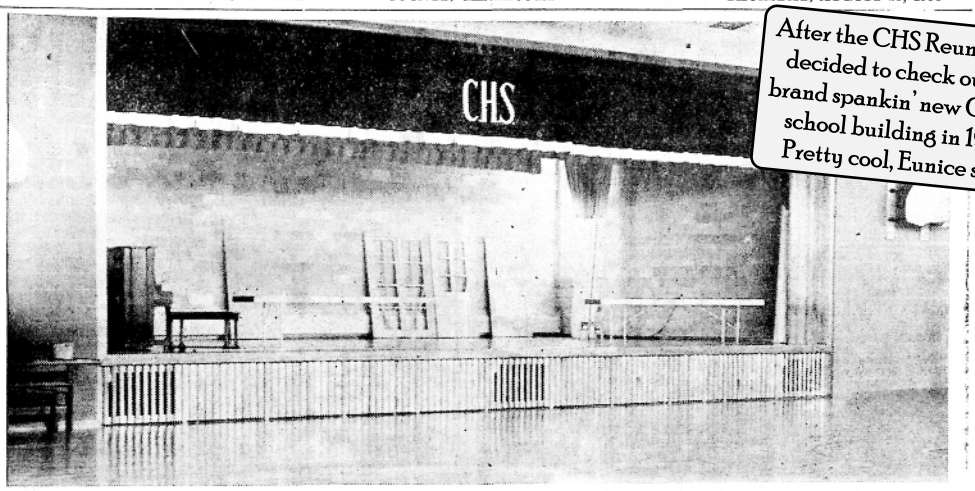
MRS. LORETTA JOHNSON
Business Education



RONALD ERICKSON
Athletic Director
Science Teacher
Basketball Coach



DONALD MITCHEL
Physical Education
Social Science
Football Coach



Cosmos News Staff Photo

CENTER OF INTEREST in the new Cosmos school is the combination gymnasium-auditorium, a part of which is shown above. The huge room will serve as a gathering place for adults of the community as well as students. The main floor will serve for physical education, basketball and a host of other activities. The stage will be used for plays, concerts, etc. Bleachers on the east side of the gymnasium will seat about 900 people.



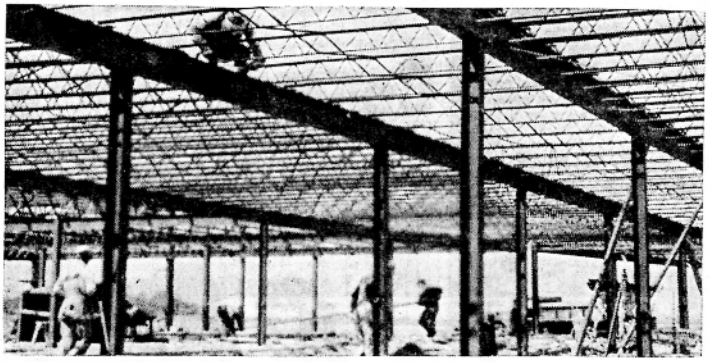
A FLEET OF six schoolbuses is maintained to bring school children from throughout the school district safely and speedily to the school and home again in the evenings. Richard Defries, shown with the buses above, is head of the bus drivers. Cosmos News Staff Photo

SIX MEN are employed by the Cosmos school district to drive the buses which bring the children to school in the morning and back home in the afternoon.

Headed by Richard Defries, the drivers are: Lyle Thomas, Charles Sharpe, Stanley Mortenson, Glen Dahlquist, and Albert Jordin.



STANLEY MORTENSON



WORK ON THE NEW Cosmos school was progressing rapidly when this picture was taken for the April 28, 1955, issue of The Cosmos News. Caption under the picture that date said: "Most of the steel work on the new Cosmos school was completed last week and the actual laying of brick began Monday. The picture above shows progress on the building as of last Friday. Note the welder atop the steel girders putting finishing touches to the frame. Earl Peterson, construction foreman, said he can see no reason why the building will not be completed in time for the opening of school next fall. 'This will be one of the best constructed schools in the state,' he added. 'The architects have done a remarkably fine job of providing plans for good, sturdy construction.'" This view is of the elementary wing (left). The workman, center, is standing about where the center hall now is, just inside the front door.



ALBERT JORDIN



MRS. LORRAINE TREI
Home Ecomonics



THE OLD SCHOOL of district 93 now stands deserted. It was purchased by a local improvement corporation to be remodeled into apartements. During the Meeker County Fair in Cosmos last week, the building was used as the exhibit hall. Cosmos News Staff Photo

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SUPERINTENDENT KNUTSON was addressing the crowd which gathered for the dedication when this picture was taken. The band had just finished its concert and the heavier instruments were still left in front of the stage. Left to right on the stage are: School board members Emanuel Jensen, Severin Olson (face hidden behind the flag), Wesley Youngblom, Melvin Bipes, Dr. R. J. Backe; Theodore J. Berning, assistant commissioner of the state department of education; Supt. Knutson; Mrs. Marvin Koerschen, president of the PTA; Mrs. Marvin Jacobson, PTA vice president; Mrs. Donald Peterson, PTA secretary; Kenneth Johnson, PTA treasurer; and Rev. Ed. Bissell, pastor of Cosmos Methodist church. A few of the hundreds of people who attended the dedication can be seen in the foreground.

Dedication of New Cosmos School Building Brings Four Years' Labor and Dreams to Reality, Sunday Night

AFTER four and one-half years of work, the dreams of many foresighted people of this area were realized when the new Cosmos school building was dedicated Sunday night.

Hundreds of people came to inspect the new building, which was polished and shining and to listen to the dedication ceremony. They met and talked to the 15 teachers of the new school, visited with their neighbors, and enjoyed a lunch.

At the dedication ceremony in the high school auditorium, Supt. K. B. Knutson paid special tribute to the citizen's committees on education in each of the consolidated districts, for their foresight and diligent labors in organizing the school district and planning the new school. Members of the committee are:

Executive Committee: Dr. R. J. Backe, J. M. Lietzau, Fred Hesser.

District 83: Melvin Bipes, Sherman Taylor, James Burgstahler, Glen Bemis.

District 53: Clarence Lietzau, Ed Schiro, Virgil Vorlicek, Ed Boelter.

District 81: Harris Nelson, Floyd Bemis, Walter Mortenson, Erwin Nelson.

District 70: Ernest Benson, Wesley Youngblom, Allen Frederikson.

District 82: Harry Bachman, Arnold Adams, Arnold Marquardt.

District 72: Stanley Mortenson, Emanuel Jensen, Herman Anderson.

District 89: Severin Olson, Rick Olson, Matt Weinzetl, Mrs. Melvin Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jacobson.

District 93: Dr. R. J. Backe, Fred Hesser, Gordon Grussendorf, J. M. Lietzau.

District 80: Charles Carrigan, Otto Madsen, Orville Wog, Dean Esping, Henry Raske.

District 89: J. B. Kalitowski,

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COMING EVENTS

MONDAY, Sept. 3: Labor Day. Business places in Cosmos will be closed.

TUESDAY, Sept. 4: First day of school for students of the Cosmos Consolidated school district.

TUESDAY, Sept. 4: Village council meets, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 5: Cosmos square dance club meets in school auditorium.

FRIDAY, Sept. 7: First football game of the season, Cosmos High vs. Belview, there.



Cosmos News Staff Photo

SMILES, a firm handshake— the hour of success for which they have worked so long. Supt. K. B. Knutson presents key to the new school to Dr. R. J. Backe, chairman of the board of education.

THE KEYS to the new Cosmos school building were passed on to the public. Above, Dr. R. J. Backe hands them to Mrs. Marvin Koerschen ,new president of the Cosmos Community Parent-Teachers Assn.

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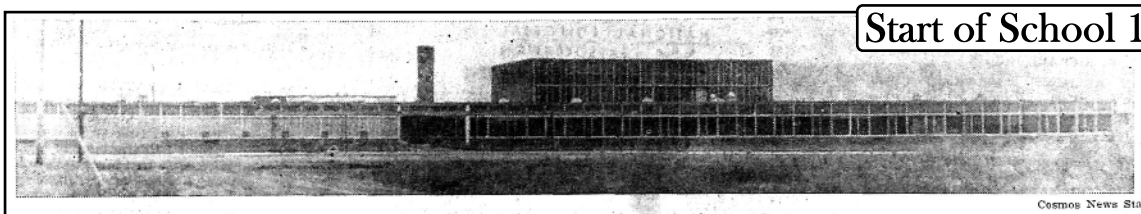

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FRONT VIEW of the new Cosmos school, looking west, shows the bus port, center, with its canopy to protect the children from the weather as they arrive at the main entrance to the school. At the left is the elementary wing. Towering above the rest is the auditorium.



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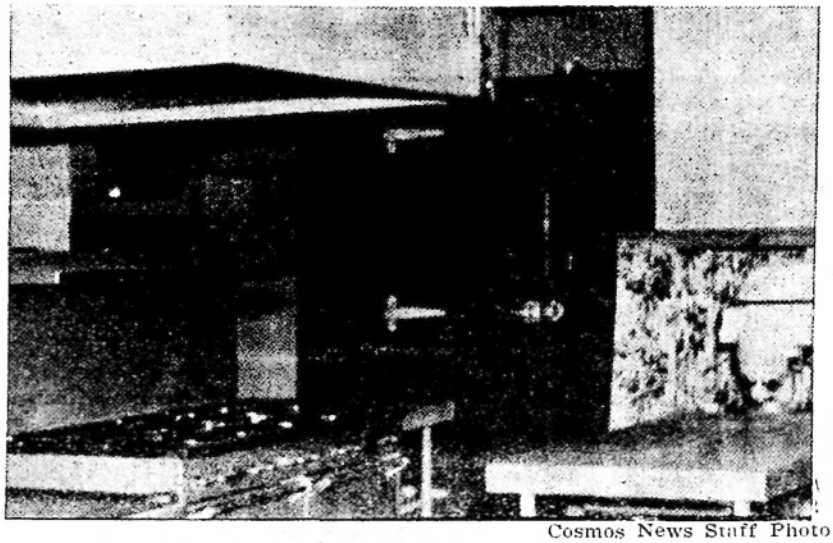
NUTRITION IS THEIR BUSINESS. The job of providing good, hot, tasty meals is handled by the pair above. Each day they cook meals for hundreds of school children who have worked up a hearty appetite at play and in their classes. It is appropriate that the head cook, left, is named Mrs. Henry Koch. Her aid at the right is Mrs. Des a Brooks.



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GOOD EQUIPMENT helps the cooks to prepare tasty, nutritional meals for the students of the Cosmos school. In the kitchen, above, is shown the range at the left with ventilating hood over it. At the right is a work table and giant food mixer. In the center of the picture is a walk-in cooler. Among other equipment not shown in this picture, behind the range is a stainless steel dishwasher. This picture was taken from the students' side of the serving counter.

GRADE TEACHERS



CLIFFORD OLSON
Sixth Grade
Elementary Principal



MRS. THELMA DAHLQUIST
Fifth Grade



MRS. PEARL LIETZAU
First Grade



MRS. MYRTLE HOUSMAN
Fourth Grade

GRADE TEACHERS



MRS. ADELINE CURRENT
Second Grade



MRS. FLORENCE REINS
Third Grade

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS



ROY JOHNSON
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TIME WARP Extra

Start of School 1956

338 Students Attend First Day Of School Here

THREE HUNDRED thirty-eight students reported for classes when the Cosmos public school opened its doors for the 1956-57 term Monday morning.

According to Supt. K. B. Knutson, 161 students were enrolled in Cosmos high school on this, the first day high school was ever held in this town.

Largest high school class was the freshman, who numbered 31. There were 28 seniors, 23 juniors and 28 sophomores. Seventh grade had 29 class members and the eighth grade had 22.

THE NEW first grade tied the third grade to be the largest classes in the school—each had 35 members. Fourth grade was not far behind with 34. Second grade had 29 members, while the fifth and sixth grades each had 22 students.

A total of 177 students attended elementary classes the first day.

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, Sept. 7: First football game of the season. Cosmos High vs. Belview, there.

SATURDAY night: Cosmos stores open until 9:30.

MONDAY, Sept. 10: American Legion and auxiliary to meet, install new officers.

TUESDAY, Sept. 11: Primary election.

WEDNESDAY night: Cosmos stores open until 9 p.m. Free movies for elementary students at Hub Theatre.



Woids of Wisdom

Curly: Wait a minute!
Y'know I'm temperamental.
Moe: Ya, 95 percent temper,
5 percent mental.





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