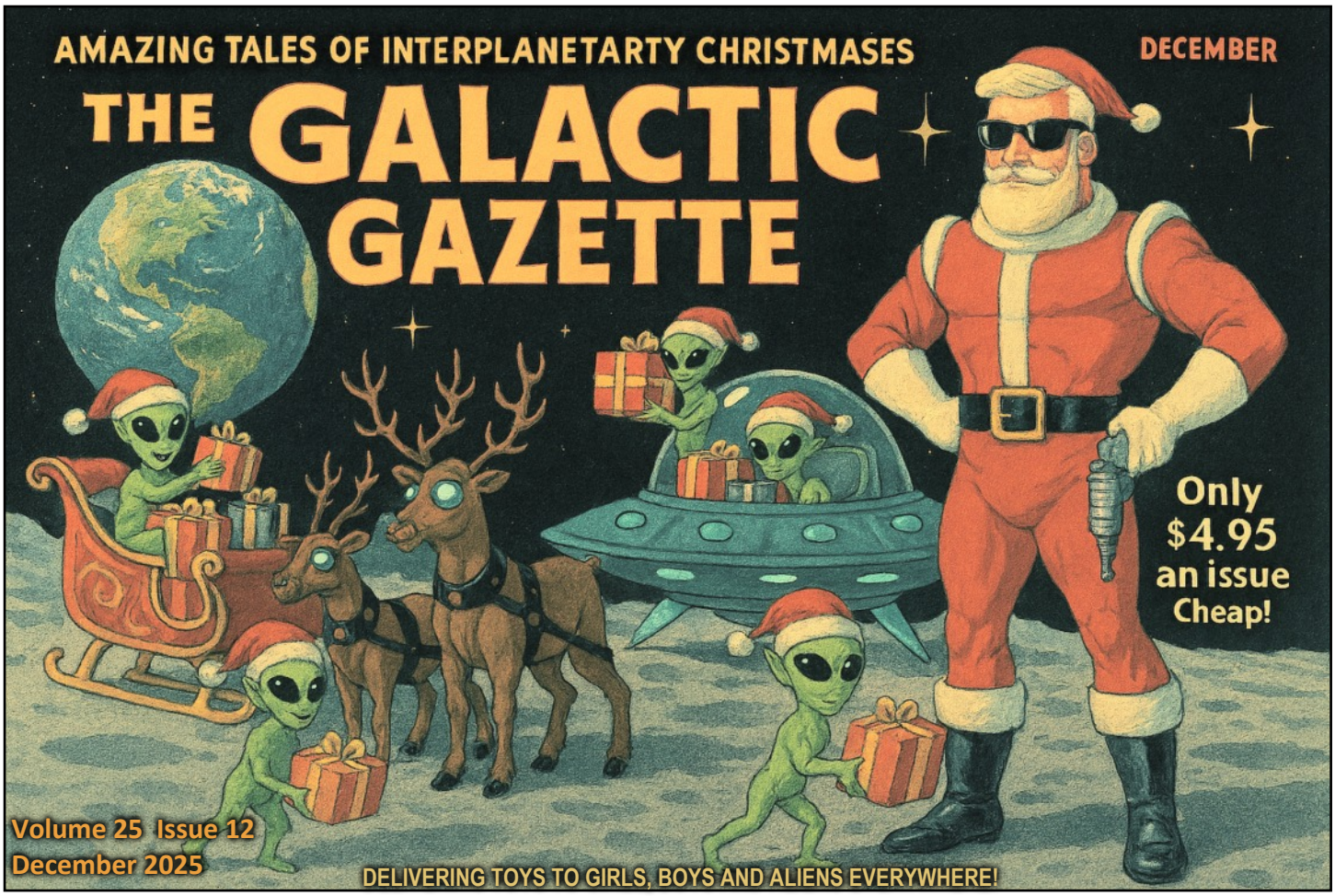
AMAZING TALES OF INTERPLANETARTY CHRISTMASES

DECEMBER

THE GALACTIC GAZETTE



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DELIVERING TOYS TO GIRLS, BOYS AND ALIENS EVERYWHERE!

Weather: Football *& more football…still.* **"All the news you really need. Probably more."** **"Noli credere omnia legis"**

Hotdish Happening Serves 180!

Uff da...then.

Pics & info by Theresa Nelson, commentary by Mark Minnick

It just goes to show that you can't keep a good congregation down. For the readers not in the know, Cosmos' First Lutheran Church building burned to the ground in August. Fast forward to November 2nd - they still held their annual fall **"Hotdish Happening"** event, albeit in Cosmos' Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall…fire be damned!

The turnout was great, with hungry local folks standing in line for quite a while. But, the wait was worth it. I've never seen that many hotdishes, salads and sweets all in one spot…Holy cow! The hall was packed with Lutherans, a few Catholics and maybe an agnostic or two, all there for Minnesota's favorite food group; **Hotdish!** I had to do some tricky maneuvering through the crowd with my wheelchair to get to the food. But I made it, all without running over anyone's foot. Nor did I spill anything *(on my shirt which is normal, but not on the floor)* - always a bonus!



My undivided attention was on the food and the people, so I didn't get a picture of anything. I'm an idiot. Oh well, there's worse things to give undivided attention to, I guess. Like watching paint dry, kicking a tin can down the street or Vikings football. Just sayin'. Oh wait…there's soccer. That's after the Vikes.

Btw, the folks from First Lutheran wanted to convey their hearty thanks to everyone who attended or worked at the event. And a big, big thanks to folks at Peace, it worked out great! They even thanked an old, goofy editor that forgot to take pictures. Hey, at least I didn't get stuck in the elevator. Things are lookin' up!



SANTA CLAUS

IS COMING TO TOWN!

Via "The Holiday Express"

Thursday December 11th 7:15 PM

At Peace Lutheran Church

Kids Activities
Provided by
The Cosmos Comets
4H Club

Serving
Hotdogs, Beans & Chips
Starting at 6:00
-Free Will Offering-

-Kids-
Sign up for prize drawings!



Sponsored by ***The Cosmos Community Club***

Library Tree



Pic and commentary Mark Minnick

I stopped into the Cosmos Library one afternoon and was greeted by this really neat Christmas tree next to the desk. The fully decorated tree was courtesy of the **Green Thumb Garden Club** from Atwater. Thank you Green Thumbers. Very nice!

Pastor Mindy Called



Pic and commentary by Mark Minnick

Pastor Mindy Czycalla preached her last Sunday sermon for the **First Lutheran Church of Cosmos** congregation on Sunday, November 23rd.

It was standing room only for her last service, held at the Cosmos City Center. Pastor Mindy has been called tom preach at **Nordland Lutheran Church** in the Paynesville area and is looking forward to her new gig. Good luck and Godspeed Mindy.





The Cosmos Lions

"We Serve"

MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
November 13, 2025

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Dale Martin at 5:32pm on Thursday, November 13, 2025.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Jeremy Anderson, Mark Minnick and Daniel Cairl.
ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Brigitte Douglas and Public Works Supervisor Nikki Brazzi.
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Anderson to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Minnick, seconded by Van Hatten, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.
1) October 9, 2025 City Council Minutes.

Sheriff's Office – A Representative from the Sheriff's Office was available to present the council with their monthly report. 33 records, a mixture of 6 traffic stops and other calls.

November 13, 2025 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Anderson, to approve the November 13, 2025 bills list, with check numbers 1043e -1054e, 16324e – 16330e and 117612-117685 in the amount of $161,777.92. Motion carried**.**

City Engineer – Joshua Halvorson, Bolton-Menk, was present to update on the construction project.
The government shut down has affected the Phase II time line, so we are looking at spring for the bidding proocess. The Lead Service Line inspections are still in progress and Public Works is helping with the process. Programs and grants will need to be identified to help homeowners pay for potential replacements.

Recess Council Meeting and open Public Hearing – A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Cairl to recess the council meeting at 5:46 pm and open the Public Past Due Utility Assessment Hearing. Motion carried.
The City Council received the past due utility accounts to be assessed for a current total of $8,897.50. There were no written or verbal comments received for the hearing.

Close Public Hearing and resume Council Meeting – A motion was made by Minnick and seconded by Anderson to close the Public Hearing and resume the Council Meeting at 5:50 pm. Motion carried.

Res 25-13, 2025 Pay 2026 Utility Assessments – A motion to approve Resolution 25-13, 2025 Pay 2026 Utility Assessments was made by Van Hatten, seconded by Minnick. Motion carried.
Easement Payment – Easement Payments in the amount of $63,500.00 were issued. More payments will have to be made as the necessary paperwork is finished and filed.

Personnel Policy Updates – Updates to the cities personnel policy will be presented at the next council meeting, to include the new MN Paid Family Medical Leave, going into effect 1/1/2026.

Property Donation – Two parcels adjacent to the Ball Park are in the process of being donated to the city. The city has been occupying and maintaining the parcels as part of the Ball Park for several years already.

Truth in Taxation Hearing – The truth in taxation hearing is scheduled for 6:00 pm on Thursday December 11, 2025.

People Service Operation and Maintenance Report – Council Member Anderson, representing PeopleService, presented the council with his monthly report. Frequent monitoring and chemical adjustments are done as needed. Water sample taking and testing is done as required.

Department Heads –
Maintenance Supervisor Nikki Brazzi reported that all hydrant flushing has been completed.
Fire Chief Fruetel informed the council of two applicants needing approval. A motion by Anderson, seconded by Van Hatten to approve the two applicants. Motion carried.
Other Business –
Fire Chief Fruetel is looking at replacing two roll-up doors at the Fire Hall with a single door. He is in the process of collecting estimates and talking with the engineer.

The Ambulance is due for licensing. Ambulance Captain Van Hatten will prepare all the necessary paperwork and forward it to the city office for payment. Emily Van Hatten also recommended sending the reminders for the Annual Township Meeting in February 2026 out in December, for adequate advance notice.

Mayor Martin presented the council with a quote for ten picnic tables from Belson Outdoors, in the amount of $15,503.53. Donations from the Cosmos Lions, Legion and Industries as well as Terry Anderson will cover the majority of the quote. A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Minnick to approve the purchase. Motion carried.

Council Member Minnick recommended looking into the existing sound system at City Hall to see if it can be used for recording council meetings.

The city council is preparing to do a thorough review of our existing ordinances and make necessary updates and changes if needed.

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm, Thursday, December 11, 2025, with the Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:00pm. 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 Minnick, seconded by Cairl to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:33pm. Motion carried.

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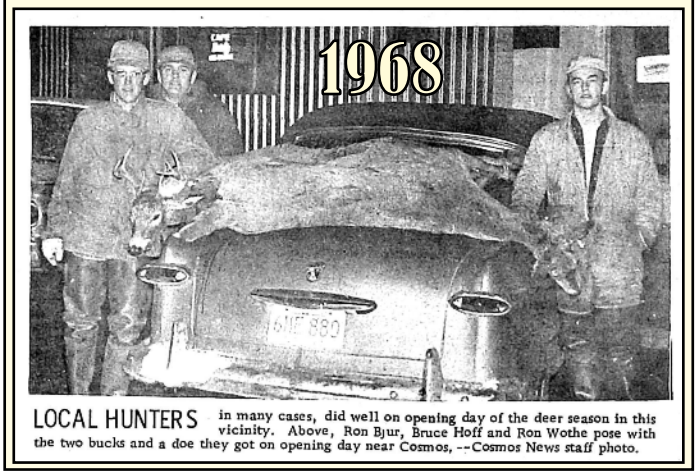
Brigitte Douglas, Clerk/Treasurer



Again this month, not one reader knew who the deerslayers were from 1968. We saved on the Kewpies again. Whew! Anyway, read it and weep...



LOCAL HUNTERS in many cases, did well on opening day of the deer season in this vicinity. Above, Ron Byur, Bruce Hoff and Ron Wothe pose with the two bucks and a doe they got on opening day near Cosmos, --Cosmos News staff photo.

It's That Time of Year



By Mark Minnick

Love it or hate it, it's coming; Snow, that is. You've got to move it off of your sidewalk and driveway, plus you've got to clean off the car if it's parked outside. Kind of a bummer, but hey, this is Minnesota. It's supposed to snow.

So, here's a simple list of rules regarding winter snow removal and parking. They all derive from City of Cosmos ordinances.

- **From November 1 thru April 1, no parking is allowed on city streets from 2 - 6 AM.**
- **When there is enough snow to plow, no parking is allowed on any city street until the street is plowed from curb to curb.**
- **If your vehicle is in the way or parked illegally, the city can have said vehicle towed and impounded at the owners expense.**

The easiest way to avoid any problems is;

Don't park on the street during the winter!

Especially if snow is coming! C'mon!

It just makes good sense. Hey, I'm pullin' for ya.

TIME WARP Whozit?



These two CHS seniors were voted by their coaches to be "Sports Personalities" of the week. Do you remember either one of these athletes?

Whozdem?

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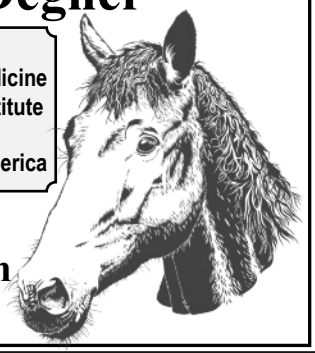

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'TIS THE SEASON



Pet Licenses Due in January

By Mark Minnick

It's that time of year; Holidays, snow removal and first ice. Oh yea, your cute little dog or cat's annual license is due to the city too! Wow how time flies, it seems like it was just last year…oh, never mind.

Anyway, do yourself a favor and get it done before the new year. Your pets and the city will appreciate it. Btw, don't forget to bring in the latest vaccination records too. It's required. Hey, I'm pullin' for ya.

October 25th

Halloween Party

In the Cosmos City Center

Decorated & Hosted by Cosmos Comets 4H









Trunk or Treat

In the City Center Parking Lot















By Janice Blum

Wondering how to clean your Venetian blinds? Hang the blinds in the shower, turn on the water and let the shower do the work! No more hours of work or painful cuts, and best of all, you can let them drip dry.

How to find the studs in your wall when you are hanging pictures? Moving out from the corner, just tap lightly with your hammer. The wall will sound hollow between studs. Remember most studs are placed 16 or 24 inches apart. Once you've found one, the rest are easy.

Clogged up sink or tub? To increase the power of your plunger, cover the overflow opening with a cloth. It will provide improved suction.

Pastor Sarah Called



Pic and commentary by Mark Minnick

The **Peace Lutheran Church of Cosmos** congregation heard **Pastor Sarah Jones** preach her last Sunday sermon in Cosmos on Sunday, November 2nd.

It was a packed house, with a bunch of smiles and even a few tears, from both the congregation and pastor.

Pastor Sarah answered the call to preach at the **Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cokato**. Godspeed Sarah and good luck.

NEITHER RAIN, NOR SNOW, NOR GLÒÓM OF NIGHT...



By Mark Minnick

I chatted with our local UPS driver **Lori Anderson** at 4:30 on a cold December afternoon, as her truck was parked near my mancave. I asked her how her day was going and she cheerfully responded with, "The heater in the truck went out right away this morning". So she was outfitted in insulated bibs and a jacket over multiple layers of other garments.

She had the little UPS 'computer' inside her clothes so body heat would warm it up enough to let the battery take a charge. Yea, batteries don't work too well when they're cold, for sure.

With a bunch of stops to go, she still planned on completing her deliveries once the device warmed up. You go girl! Looks like you may be getting an extra present in your stocking this year.



By Beth Cronk, Meeker County Librarian

Cosmos Library News for December 2025

It's the holiday season! Make the library part of your holiday fun this month with craft programs, button making, and good things to check out.

On Saturday, December 6, the Cosmos library is offering a class on stamped metal bracelets. In this free class, participants will learn how to create hand-stamped metal jewelry from instructor Jen Anfinson. All supplies are provided, but space is limited, so call the library at 320-440-1012 to sign up. Open to adults and teens aged 15 and up. You could make a unique gift, or have a new bracelet to wear!

The monthly Craft Circle program will be held two weeks early, on Saturday, December 13. This bring-your-own craft program will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the library. Please leave any messy crafts at home that may damage the library's carpet. For adults and teens age 16 and up. No need to sign up. This could be a good opportunity to work on a gift while you're out of the house!

During the week of December 8th to 13th, the button maker will be back. This time you can make some stocking stuffers for the people in your life, or just make something fun for yourself. Drop in any time during library hours that week to do this fun activity.

Pokémon Trading Card Game continues every Thursday this month, except for the 25th when the library will be closed for Christmas. Kids ages 7 to 18 can drop in between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. to play Pokémon, or learn how in an encouraging environment. The library has cards to play, and players can bring their own cards if they wish. Kids under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult or teen caregiver. Kids can attend every session or just the ones that work for your family's schedule. No need to sign up. Free to attend.

Looking for something to put you in the holiday spirit? Look for these new Christmas books and movies at the Cosmos library:

Picture books:

"Christmas Under Construction" by Frank Tupta
"Dasher and the Polar Bear" by Matt Tavares
"The 13th Day of Christmas" by Adam Rex
"Santa Claws" by Bridget Heos



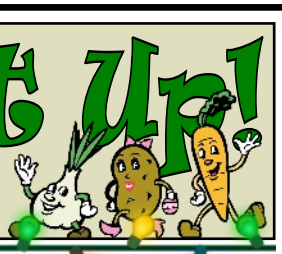
Adult novels:
"Snow Kissed" by RaeAnne Thayne
"Sharp Force" by Patricia Cornwell
DVD:
"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

****Cosmos Library is always closed on Wednesdays, so hours won't change for Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve this year. The library will be closed on Thursday, December 25, for Christmas, and on Thursday, January 1, for New Year's Day.***

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.

Chef It Up!

"Food and spices, together. What a concept"



Cranberry Christmas Cake

By Grace Kamrath

Greetings and Blessed Advent and Christmas season to all of you. It has been a great November. Hope you all got your outdoors tasks done.

This month I chose to do a dessert . If you like cranberries, I think you will enjoy the cake.

CRANBERRY CHRISTMAS CAKE



- 3 T. butter
- 1 c, sugar
- 3 t. baking powder
- 1/4 t. salt
- 2 c. flour
- 1 c. milk
- 2 c. cranberries (raw)

Beat together all cake ingredients except cranberries. Fold in berries. Spread evenly greased 8 or 9 inch square pan. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 35 to 40 minutes.

BUTTER SAUCE

- 1c. sugar
- 1 T. flour
- 1/2 c. butter
- 1/2 c. cream (or half and half)
- 1 T. vinegar
- 1 t. vanilla

Mix sauce ingredients except vanilla. Heat for sauce to thicken. Add vanilla and serve on cake.

Now, three very difficult holiday questions;

1. What do snowmen eat for breakfast? *Snowflakes*
2. What do snow women eat for breakfast? *Same thing, silly.*





3. What do reindeer hang on their Christmas trees?
Horn-aments



Merry Christmas!



and from the ashes...

Pic by Theresa Nelson, commentary by Mark Minnick

It's amazing what you find when you are not expecting it. First Lutheran parishioner **Theresa Nelson** rummaged through what remains of a burned down First Lutheran Church building, just for the heck of it. "One more time", she told herself, before everything was gone and the hole filled.

She came upon what was left of a cabinet and rummaged through it a bit. Found in the lower drawer were a few solid items that were fire blackened and still wet. Pulling them out of the charred drawer led to a pleasant surprise. Lo and behold; the church communion trays, complete with the lid and two pottery chalices; all still intact, albeit a little grubby. Considering the total destruction near her feet, it was quite the nice find.

I wasn't there when she found the items, but I bet the discovery put a smile on her face. It did mine when she showed them to me after church. Pretty cool, maybe even inspirational, yessiree Bob.



CHS Class of '75 Reunion

Saturday November 1st at Oakdale Golf Club - 50 Years!





Seated: **Marlene (Peterson) Remmel, Julie (Kelbing) Fischer, Harry Weseloh, Becky (Thomas) Macik & Marilyn (Mert) (Kiecker) Reitsma**

Middle: **Valerie (Ryti) Cunningham, Cheryl (Hoff) Fisher, Chellie (Schmeling) Nelson, Nancy (Lietzau) Pages, Brenda (Garberich) DeMeyer & Marie (Stueber) Block**

Back: **Sandy (Schlueter) Martin, Steve Ulrich, Randy Kruse, Chuck Raske & Ross Kaping.**

Right picture: Late arrival, **Rick Schaefer**

Science, Tech & Just Plain Cool Stuff

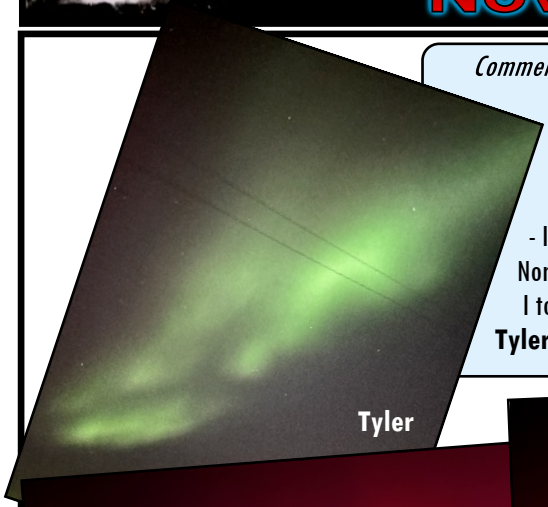
November Aurora Wows 'Em

Commentary by Mark Minnick

This writer has never seen the Aurora Borealis dance around and shine as brightly as it did on November 11th. *And I've been around for awhile.* Most times there's just faint green glow in diminutive sheets of light when viewing it this far south in Minnesota.

But this year, it looked pretty wild. I was seeing red hues dancing in the sky right overhead - In Cosmos, no less! These kinds of light shows are normally only visible in places like Alaska, Norway or Iceland. People in FLORIDA were even seeing this 'northern' lights show - Wowsers!

I took pictures right on the street in front of my house - I couldn't believe it. Number One Son **Tyler** sent me some GREAT shots from the rural Lakeville area. Really nice stuff kid, I'm jealous.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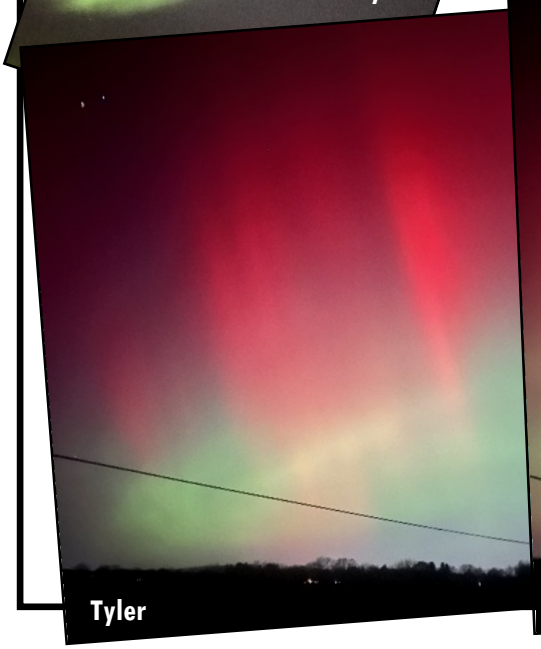
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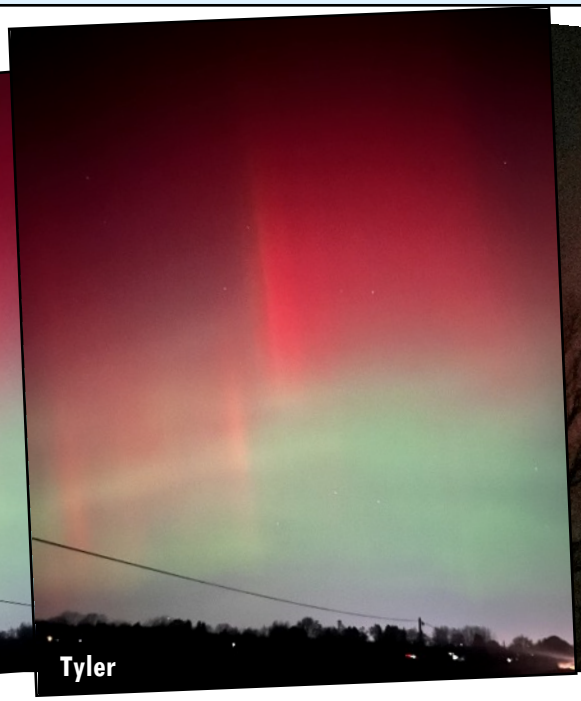
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Mark

Nature and the Great Outdoors

Hey, it's nice outside!



Bald Eagle

Pic and commentary by Mark Minnick

I spotted this Bald Eagle perched on a branch overhanging the south shore of scenic Lake Lillian. Nice.



Brent tied into a nice 35 inch October spinnerbait pike on Lake Erie. The fish was released.

Still Fishin'

Pics by Brent Stewart, commentary by Mark Minnick

Husband and wife team **Brent & Kim Stewart** from Darwin, showing that you can still catch fish after everyone else has put the boat away. Way to go you two!



Kim shows off a nice (18 inch?) late November largemouth she nabbed and released on **Stahl's Lake**.







Minnesota Buck

Pic and info from Ramona Wright

Larry Lietzau, on the right, and his son **Kevin** spent two weeks at Kevin's cabin near Aitkin. MN. Larry got this 8 point buck with a bow and arrow. Larry and his wife reside in Wickenberg, Arizona.



Currier & Ives Winter Scenes

Since I was a kid in grade school, I've been fascinated by the artwork of **Currier & Ives.** I decided to give the reader a look at a couple of winter scenes that I really like. Hope you enjoy them as much as I do. *Editor, Mark Minnick*



***Created in 1870**



***Created in 1858**

Where's the Gazette?



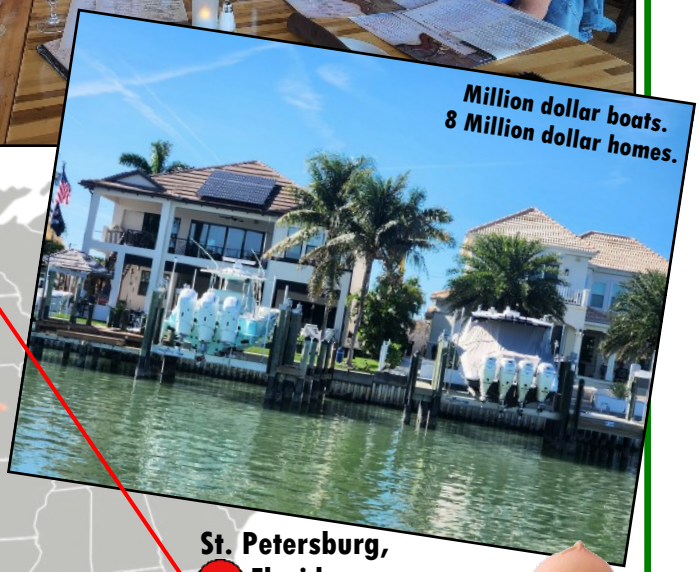
THE BEACH BY THE OCEAN – THAT'S WHERE!

Pics by Deb Minnick, commentary by geezer hubby.
Wife Deb was at it again; at a Florida vacation that is. Her and four girlfriends enjoyed a condo in **St. Petersburg** this November. The weather was pretty darned good and them beaches were nice and sandy. Of course, Deb had to bring a Gazette with on the trip. "Never leave home without it", I say.
L-r: Sue Frikken, Deb Minnick, Diana Olson, Gayle Payne, Kathy Svingen.

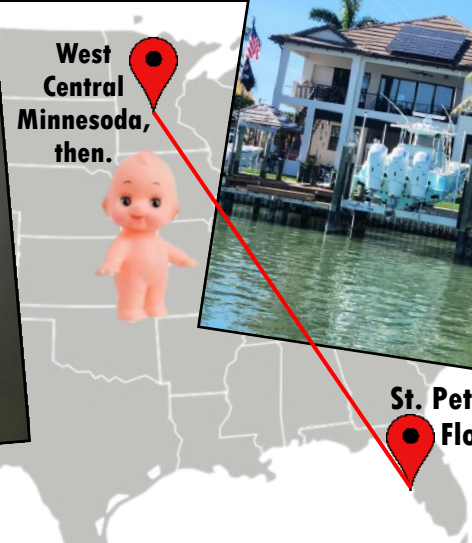




St. Pete Sunset



Million dollar boats.
8 Million dollar homes.



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Thoughts & Observations

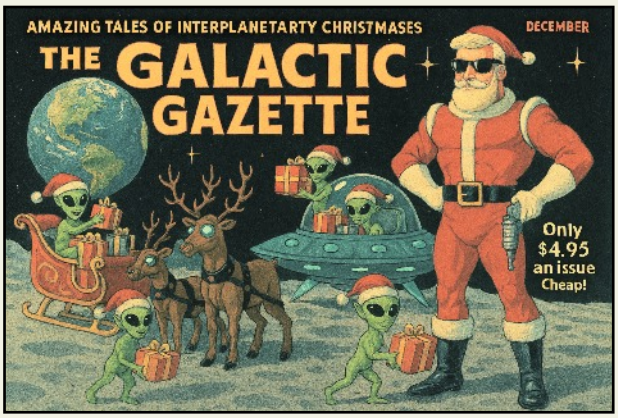
By Mark Minnick
"Insect Loving Idiot" Editor of **The Galactic Gazette**

Holy cow Eunice, it seems like we just got done with celebrating Thanksgiving! Man it was great, I enjoyed it and hope you did too. Now Christmas is coming and coming fast. We've got a little snow on the ground, it's getting a bunch colder and the days are really short. I used to like this time of year a lot cuz of ice fishing and snowmobiling, but not so much anymore. Oh well, I still enjoy the season, winter or not. I roll with it, literally…



I hope you got a chuckle out of this month's Gazette front page header. This is the second time I have used Microsoft's Copilot AI to conjure up the image. There was last month's Thanksgiving issue and now this month's Christmas issue. Here's what I typed into Copilot:

"Santa Claus and his elves are loading the sleigh and a flying saucer with toys on Christmas eve. the elves are actually aliens, wearing Santa caps. this is taking place on the surface of the moon, with the earth in the background sky. the reindeer are robotic, with lit up eyes. A svelt, manly Santa is wearing cool sunglasses and a red Buck Rogers style outfit. He also has a 1950's style ray gun on his belt. Done in a pulp sci-fi magazine cover style, in landscape layout."



After I asked Copilot for a few more tweaks, you can see what the AI finally came up with. It made me smile with it's vintage comic book sensationalism and style. So I decided to run it. I hope it gives the reader a few smiles too. Who doesn't like alien elves? Or a svelt Santa?

I saw that spending on this years Black Friday was almost **$12 billion** in online sales, up from almost $11 billion in 2024.

The entire holiday shopping season from November 1 to December 31 is projected to exceed **$253 billion** in online sales for the first time, reflecting a 5% increase over last year. ***Boy, that's a lot of minnow money.***

For those readers from far away or those who just haven't noticed, I got myself a zoomy new electric wheelchair. I was pretty pumped when it showed up via the UPS truck one day. **(Thanks Lori!)** It was a three month wait, but what's an old cripple to do? Be angry and curse at the clouds while shaking my fist? Doesn't work. Don't ask me how I know.



The old saying I heard when I was a kid kind of applies here; "That thing must be on a slow boat from China." Actually, from what I hear, they can't make the darned things fast enough. Good business to be in I guess.

Quick note; *I have been walking more and more with my cane, but I'm really slow and can't go too far. This summer a turtle passed me and smirked. I hollered, "Wait 'till next summer you dirty reptile".*

Anyway, the powered wheelchair gives me great mobility that I wouldn't have in it's absence. So I'm very grateful for this great technology.

One last item; I attended the **Hotdish Happening** at Peace Lutheran, as noted in the front page article. The article and my food experience happened because the elevator worked! I didn't get stuck! This old Catholic made 'er down to the basement and back up, no problem. Will miracles ever cease? Thank you God. ***And Merry Christmas!***





TIME WARP

December 1974



EBENEZER SCROOGE finally catches on to the real meaning of Christmas and makes a complete change in his attitude. Here he buys a huge turkey for the family of his employee, Bob Cratchit. The play "A Christmas Carol" was presented by Mrs. Rindahl's reading group, consisting of some fourth, fifth and sixth graders, at Cosmos school during the past week.

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SHINING A POWERFUL LIGHT ON THE LOCAL SCENE

VOLUME 20 NUMBER 41 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26,1974

Santa visits, toys given away in Cosmos

COSMOS--Saturday was an exciting day in Cosmos--for children expecially! Santa was here for his annual visit and bags of candy were given to all who came by to visit with him; and ten toys were given away in a drawing.

Winners of stuffed toys and basketballs in Saturday's Commerical Club drawing, the last of a series of Christmas drawings, were Sandy Lietzau, Pat Foster, Kevin Inselmann, Wade Miller, Paulette Foster, Kaloni Inselmann, Corine Miller, Joy Loveland, Larry Jackson, and Mike Kutzke.

Santa was in the Legion Clubrooms beginning at 2 p.m. and until about 4 p.m. to visit with children and hand out bags of candy and other treats to children, courtesy of the Commerical Club.

Coffee was served all day long at Sathre's Market.



TANNA RAE GILBERT'S was one of many, many Cosmos area children to take time out on Saturday to visit with Santa Claus during his annual stop-over in Cosmos. While here, in addition to taking orders for various Christmas gifts, he also handed out bags of candy and Christmas treats. Tanna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gilberts.

Students present "Christmas Carol"



THE CRATCHIT family welcomes Scrooge into their home for Christmas in spite of his history of meanness. Here, Scrooge, with Cratchit by his side, holds Tiny Tim in his lap.

COSMOS--A group of reading students of Mrs. Rindahl at Cosmos Elementary School presented the play "A Christmas Carol" to other classes in the elementary school and at the Cosmos Community Nursing Home this past week.

The play, by Charles Dickens, is about a stingy man named Ebenezer Scrooge (Merl Zimmerman) and how three spirits try to change his life and attitude about Christmas. Eventually he becomes a happy man and celebrates Christmas, which he had always described before as "Humbug!".

Other characters in the play were Troy Johnson, Bob Cratchit; Tim Spreiter, Tiny Tim; Juanita Park, Martha; Mary Lietzau, Mrs. Cratchit; Rod Anderson, Marley; Lori Von Loh, Jeff Johnson and Brad Carlson, the three spirits; Paula Garberich, narrator; Sandy Lietzau, Pat Kaddatz, Todd Anderson, Diane Bluhm, Lisa Krueger, Joy Loveland and Peggy Olson, the Cratchit family; Gary Berghuis, Fred; Todd Reinke and Paul Macik, Fezziwigs; Gary Carlson, butcher; Wade Miller, boy; John Krohn, lighting director; and Susan Krienke, prompter.

Props for the play were brought by the students in the class.

The play was presented at school on Dec. 17, 18 and 19 and at the nursing home on Dec. 13.

Fire Department re-names Del Wiederhoft chief

COSMOS--The Cosmos Fire Department elected new officers recently, among them, Del Wiederhoft for fire chief.

Floyd Murray was elected assistant chief; Gary Martin president; Merle Olsen vice president; Tom Smith secretary; and Del Steinhaus, treasurer.

School music program to be re-aired on KDUZ

COSMOS--The Christmas music of Cosmos School Program which was taped and aired by KDUZ radio of Hutchinson last week, will be presented on AM radio over KDUZ on Dec. 28 at 2:30 p.m.

The second broadcast of the school's program will be sponsored by 3M Company.

Melvin Schiro elected head of Rod, Gun Club

COSMOS--The Cosmos Rod and Gun Club met recently and elected new officers including Melvin Schiro for president.

New vice president is Lamoine Kahmeyer. New secretary-treasurer is Eugene Metesdorf, and Lloyd Housman was elected to the entertainment committee.

Cosmos to host annual Holiday Tournament

COSMOS--Cosmos High School will host another Holiday Basketball Tournament, an annual affair, except that last year the tourney was not held because of the fuel shortage.

The four teams which will participate this year are Cosmos, Sacred Heart, Grove City and Atwater.

The tournament will be Friday and Saturday evenings, beginning at 7 p.m. with Sacred Heart playing against Grove City in the first game and Cosmos playing Atwater in the second game, scheduled for 8:30 p.m.

Saturday evening, at 7 p.m. the losers of the first round from Friday night play will play against each other and winners of the first night of play are scheduled to meet each other for the final, championship game of the tournament at 8:30 p.m.

Admission for the tournament is $1 for adults and 50¢ for students each night.

Trophies will be awarded to winners after the final game.



THERE WAS A GOOD CROWN ON hand Saturday afternoon for the last of the weekly Commerical Club Christmas drawings. Ten toys, suffed animals and basketballs, were given away. (Winners named in adjoining story on Santa's visit.)

Peace Lutheran plans Christmas Eve service

COSMOS--The traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at Peace Lutheran Church at 8 p.m.

Upon entering the sanctuary worshippers will be asked to place a couple pieces of straw in the manger at the front of the church before taking their seats for the service. Seated near the manger will be the mother of the youngest child in the congregation holding her baby, representing Mary and the Christ Child, and standing nearby will be the husband, representing Joseph.

As the service begins the child is placed in the manger, and as the Christmas story is told through Word and song, adults appear, taking parts of the shepherds, angels, and wise men. The service closes with the lighting of the candles and singing "Silent Night" in a darkened church.

The Christmas Day service of Carols will be held at 9:30 a.m. The Children of Peace will be present to sing some special Christmas songs.

All are welcome to attend these beautiful services.

Scott Turner to student teach at Morris High

COSMOS--Scott Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Turner of Cosmos and graduate of Cosmos High School, is among 55 students from the University of Minnesota at Morris who will begin teaching winter quarter in state public schools to fulfill teacher certification requirements.

Scott will teach music at the Senior High School in Morris.



Whozit?

HERE'S A WHOLE group, another school picture, this time District 81, for you to try to identify.

LAST WEEK'S Whozit picture was of Clarence Geier Sr., taken in his earlier years, probably when he was in the fourth grade.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY, Dec. 24--Christmas Eve. The Cosmos Sun office will not be open until 8 a.m. Thursday.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 25--Christmas Day. All Cosmos businesses, including the Post Office, will be closed.

FRIDAY, Dec. 27 and SATURDAY, Dec. 28--The Cosmos Holiday Invitational Basketball Tournament at the Cosmos School will play beginning at 7 p.m. each evening.

TUESDAY, Dec. 31--Senior Citizens Center in Cosmos will be open during the afternoon and Cosmos Seniors will have their New Years party in the evening.



ABOUT 150 PEOPLE CAME to visit with Santa Saturday evening at the Rosendale Store and to recieve bags of candy from old St. Nick during his annual stop at the rural Grove City grocery store. Prizes were given away in a drawing as follows: Mrs. Lloyd Beasley, ½ gallon of ice cream; Vern Campbell, box of candy; Alfred Inselmann Jr. planter; Eldred Behrens, hacksaw; Paul Nelson; Dorothy Rassler, pliers; Alvin Walsh, salad bowl; Kim Kutzke, set of screwdrivers; Debby Kutzke, candles; John Peterson, battery cleaner; Ervil Hopp, mixed nuts; Donald Peterson, scatter rug; Judy Hedtke, box of apples; Virgil Akerman, clothes basket; and Mrs. Hilmer Soder, a turkey.

News From Cosmos

GUESTS OF MR. AND MRS. Gary Kurth recently to help them celebrate their first wedding anniversary were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoff and family, Mrs. Wilferd Nagel and Wendy of Litchfield, and Dorin Martin of Hutchinson. Evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kurth.

MR. AND MRS. TED Wothe and Martha Anderson were visitors of the Ron Wothe family in Hutchinson Sunday. While their they attended the Sunday School Christmas program in which their granddaughter, Jodi, had a part.

COLLEEN WALTER SPENT Christmas Eve and Day in Lafayette with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harland Walter. Other Christmas Eve guests were Nola Walter of Marshall, Mrs. Mae Walter of Clear Lake, S. D., Mrs. Esther Isenberg of Lafayette, Mr. and Mrs. Angele Pergel of Sauk Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Isenberg and Naomi and Lisa of Lafayette.

MRS. EDWARD OLSON flew to Omaha, Neb. this past week to spend a few days with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schlingman, and family. The Schlingmans became parents of their second child, Kimberly Nancy Schlingman, last week.

MR. AND MRS. LARY Serbus and daughter, Tera, of Appleton spent Friday afternoon at the Herb Schiro home. Mrs. Serbus is Mrs. Schiro's granddaughter.

MRS. HERB SCHIRO spent last Monday and Tuesday with her grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Wills in Fairfax.

CHRISTMAS WAS celebrated on Sunday with dinner and supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Meyer. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fleagle and family of Coon Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ullevig, Golden Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss Meyer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Delano Lietzau and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Olsen and Debbie and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lietzau.

MR. AND MRS. MERRILL Meyer will be spending Christmas day at Golden Valley with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ullevig.

MR. AND MRS. DENNIS Meyer are spending Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Meyer. They are from Shakopee.

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS with dinner on Sunday at the Walter Mortenson home were from Cosmos, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mortenson, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mortenson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mortenson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mortenson and Kelly, and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Kolle and Julie and Tim. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Weis of Crystal, Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Mortenson and family, Willmar, James Mortenson, Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Minnick of Bird Island, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Mortenson and family of Montecello, Otto Mortenson, Dassel, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Mortenson and Chaley, Lake Lillian, Douglas Mortenson, Litchfield, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mortenson and Brenda, New Brighton, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schmeling, Lake Lillian, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Minnick and family, Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arthur and sons, Bird Island, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Raitz and Nicole, California, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rawtizer and Jason, New Ulm and Mr. and Mrs. David Minnick and family of Glencoe.

Engagement

COSMOS--Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rusch of rural Hutchinson and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ehlers of rural Buffalo Lake wish to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Karen and Alan.

A Feb. 1 wedding is planned.

CARDS OF THANKS

My sincere thank you to my friends and relatives for their visits, cards and gifts while I was a patient at the Hutchinson Hospital and since I came home. A special thank you to Pastor Freimark for his visits and prayers and to my children for their concern.

Kindness will always be remembered.

Esther O. Anderson (cT41p).

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I would like to thank Pastor Freimark, all friends and relatives for their prayers, visits, cards and gifts, when I was hospitalized recently in Litchfield.

May God bless you all.

Lena Arndt (cT41p).

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I would like to thank all my friends and relatives for gifts and remembrances of all kinds while I was in the Litchfield Hospital. Special thanks to daughter, Norma for all her care and help.

Special holiday greetings to each and everyone.

Elva Meyer (cT41p).

OBITUARIES

Albert A. Schultz

COSMOS--Funeral service for Albert A. Schultz, 78, of Cosmos was Dec. 2 at Peace Lutheran Church in Cosmos with Pastor Ron Freimark officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Schultz died Nov. 28 at the Willmar Hospital.

Vocalist was Mrs. Marvel Weispfennig and organist was Charles Lietzau.

Pallbearers were Deborah Schultz, Cynthia Schultz, LouAnn Schultz Matthews, Connie Schultz, Vicki Schultz, and Susan Schultz, all granddaughters.

Albert Schultz was born in Stewart on Aug. 25, 1896 to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Schultz. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Brookfield and became a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Cosmos when it was organized.

He married Sophie Kriz at Olivia on April 18, 1923. They farmed in the Cosmos area most of their lives.

He is survived by his wife of Cosmos; four sons; Herbert, Ermand and Leo of Cosmos, and Arnold of Ottumwa, Ia; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceeded in death by his parents, two brothers, one sister, one half-brother, and one half-sister.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank all the relatives, friends and neighbors for their kindess shown us in the loss of our dearly beloved, husband, father and grandfather, Albert A. Schultz.

Especially we are grateful to Rev. Freimark for his kind words of consolation; Charles Lietzau, organist; Mrs. Marvel Weispfennig, soloist; the donors of the many beautiful floral offering, many cards received; neighbors and friends for food brought in; Hughes Funeral Home for their efficient management of the funeral and to the ladies who served lunch at the church.

The family of
Albert A. Schultz
(cT40p).

Minnesota Safety Council estimates 5-7 deaths

Peace and goodwill are forgotten on Minnesota highways with more people killed and injured during the Christmas holiday than during the New Year holiday according to the Minnesota Safety Council. Last year, 15 persons died in traffic crashes during the Christmas period while 9 were killed in New Year holiday traffic during 102 hour holiday periods, the worst total in Minnesota history.

During the 30 hour period for 1974, the Minnesota Safety Council estimates that between 5 and 7 deaths will occur in Christmas traffic and that three to five persons will die in New Year crashes. During the last 30-hour holidays in 1968, three persons were killed on Christmas Eve and three died on New Year's Day.

Considering holiday celebrations, it is possible that even more than the normal one-half of fatal accidents may be alcohol-involved. The Council urges motorists to drink in moderation and to allow a one-hour cooling off period for each drink before driving. Approximately one hour is required for the alcohol from one drink to be eliminated from the body.

Over the brief holidays, the Council recommends careful pre-trip planning and taking sufficient time to minimize fatigue and ease the hectic pace of travel. Slippery winter driving conditions necessitate lower speed and extra caution in vehicle handling such as cornering and braking.

News From Rosendale

THE ROSENDALE SERVE Our Savior met at the Glenn J. Nelsen home on Thursday evening the 12th. Games were played, Christmas gifts were exchanged and a pot luck lunch was enjoyed by everyone present.

CLEONE PEARSON AND Janet Holmgren were overnight guests of Kathy Carlson of rural Atwater. The occasion was Kathy's birthday and then on Saturday evening they all went roller skating in Willmar.

THE ROSENDALE CHOIR put on their annual concert, The Miracle of Love. It was nice to have Mark and Karen Pearson and Lowell and Kim Pearson of Hutchinson with us. We had a nice crowd who enjoyed the concert in spite of the weather.

OUR SYMPATHY GOES out to Cheryl Stafford who is mourning the tragic death of her brother Peter Loven of Dassel. Peter was killed in a train car accident in Darwin.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS for the Clifton Nelson's as they moved into their new home this past week.

MR. AND MRS. DAN Dixon spent Sunday in Minneapolis to celebrate a pre-Christmas get together with relatives.

DONALD ROSSELL OF rural Atwater called on the Leslie Pearson's on Wednesday evening.

MRS. SELMA HANSON, Mrs. Rhoda Lundblad and Mrs. Esther Pearson were Friday evening supper guests of the Leslie Pearson's.

MR. AND MRS. ALOIS Schmaltz were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Schmaltz sister of rural Spicer.

MANY EMPLOYEES OF the Rosendale area enjoyed their Christmas party at the Pub in Cedar Mills.

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

CROW RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY

The bookmobile schedule for the Crow River Regional Library Bookmobile for the week of Dec. 30 through Jan. 3 is as follows:

Monday, Dec. 30

Kingston	12:45-1:45
Wheel-In Groc.	2:00-2:30
Watkins	2:45-4:30

Tuesday, Dec. 31

Salem Cov.	9:15-10:00
Sunburg Sch.	10:15-11:15
Sunburg	11:15-11:45
Bob's Store	12:00-12:30
Norway L. Lutheran Church	12:45-1:15
Lake Andrew (Como Beach)	1:30-2:00
Eagle Lake (east)	2:30-3:00
Kandiyohi	3:15-4:15

Wednesday, Jan. 1
New Years Day. No Run.

Thursday, Jan. 2

Eagle Lake	9:15-9:45
Diamond Lake	10:00-10:30
George Lake	10:45-11:10
Dovre	11:45-12:15
Pennock	12:30-2:00
Roseland	2:30-3:15
Blomkest	3:30-4:30

Friday, Jan. 3

Bethesda City Home	9:00
Willmar Nursing Home	9:15
Cedar Inn	9:45-10:15
Lake Andrew	10:30-11:15
Bob's Store	11:30-12:00
Sunburg	12:15-2:00



It's Christmas

May the season shine down its good blessings on all. We're grateful to you.

Farm & City Laundromat
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In the spirit of this holy season our wish is one for joy. With appreciation.

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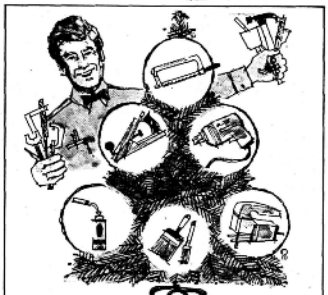

Christmas Greetings

Trim the tree with these holiday wishes! May joy, peace and contentment be yours. With thanks . . .

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At this Holiest of Times

May the gentle spirit of the Prince of Peace gladden the hearts and homes of all our many friends and customers . . .

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Christmas Greetings

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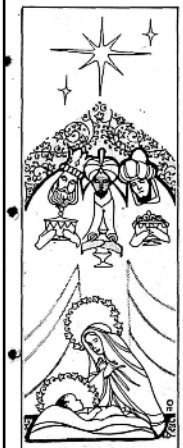

Peace... Love...

Let us rejoice as we celebrate and remember the true meaning of this holy day. Thanks.

Continental Telephone Company



Christmas Greetings

It's all around — that Christmas feeling! May it fill your holiday with warmth, joy and loving thoughts. We hope you enjoy this time to the fullest. Thanks, friends.

HUBBARD Blackwell Farm Supply
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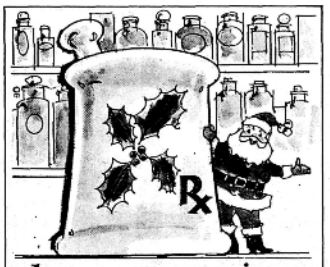

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Cosmos Legion Club



Social Security benefits for those who reach 62

Most men and women who reach 62 in 1975 can collect monthly social security checks if they've worked as little as 6 years in jobs covered by social security, according to Gordon A. Barron, social security district manager in St. Cloud.

People earn retirement benefits by credit for work covered by social security done in or after 1937, the year social security started. The work credit is measured in calendar quarters--January-February-March, April-May-June, July-August-September, or October-November-December.

Most employees get credit for a quarter of work if they're paid $50 or more in that quarter for work covered by social security. Most self-employed people get social security credit for 4 quarters in any year their annual self-employment net income is $400 or more.

Most jobs and self-employment are covered by social security.

To be eligible for social security retirement benefits you need at a minimum, quarters of work equal to the number of years between 1950 and the year you reach 62. So, if you reach 62 in 1975, you need at least 24 quarters--or 6 years--of work credit.

Eligible workers can begin collecting their full social security retirement benefits at 65 or reduced benefits at 62. Dependents can also get payments based on the worker's benefit.

"Quarters of work credit help determine eligibility for social security retirement benefits," Barron said, "but they don't affect the amount of your monthly check. That's based on your average social security earnings over a set period of time."

"You can find out how much work and earnings are credited to your social security record free of charge," he said. "Call any social security office and ask the prople there to send you a 'Request for Statement of Earnings' post card."

Social security now pays over $3 billion a month retired workers and their families. The average monthly payment to retired workers is $181.

The Social Security Administration is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The St. Cloud social security office is in the Federal Building, 720 St. Germain St. The phone number is 251-1383.

Inside the economy

By Harvey N. Daniels
Vice President, Economist and Senior Investment Officer, First National Bank of Minneapolis

More Out of Work But Less Inflation Seen This Winter

Despite increasing unemployment, which will climb to 7 percent in coming months, glimmers of brightness are beginning to appear on the economic horizon.

Principal encouragement is seen in an expected drop in the rate of inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, from the present 10 percent to 8.6 percent during the period January through March of 1975. That is the forecast of Vice President Harvey N. Daniels of the First National Bank of Minneapolis.



Daniels

Daniels, the bank's economist and senior investment officer, sees inflation declining further to 8 percent on rental housing. He sees this as a sign that the housing industry, beset by high interest rates and shortage of mortgage money, could strengthen in coming months. "That is a signal to watch for," says Daniels. "Housing will be the first sector to turn around."

However, even with signs of recovery coming as early as next spring, he warns there will be "no decent growth" until the fourth quarter.

His caution is prompted by the current build-up of business inventories and scaling back of expansion plans. "The days of shortages are all over and inventories are beginning to be a significant problem," he asserts. "Businesses are re-evaluating plant and equipment expenditures, cutting back and even cancelling expansion plans."

He believes an additional hardship could be placed on business, further intensifying the unemployment problem, unless the public takes energy conservation more seriously.

"Consumers have stopped conserving natural gas," he states. "Voluntary efforts to conserve energy haven't worked. As a consequence, we can expect more strenuous steps from the national government. Some or all of a number of actions might be taken, including stricter enforcement of speed limits, Sunday closing of gas stations, pressure for car pooling, even added gasoline taxes and mandatory allocation."

He points out that while reserves of fuel oil and propane are good, prolonged periods of cold weather could produce a shortage to industry, possibly causing some to close down.

County Agent REPORTS

By Ken Olson

SNOWMOBILERS ARE WAITING: At this time of the year the snowmobile enthusiasts are waiting for snow but later in the season, after the snow is here the snowmobiler is often times waiting for the snowmobile. You hear the comment that a snowmobiler "has to be a mechanic to keep one of those things running." Breakdowns are always a problem with mechanical devises but seem to be more frequent with a snowmobile.

Proper maintenance and operation of a snowmobile seems to be the factor most neglected. Before you get that machine out and go a hundred miles a day, check it over, it has sat all summer long without being lubricated or even dusted off. Read the manual and find out what you should check over and what to do. Many machines with boggie suspension systems need to have boggies greased and the mounting shafts lubricated with some light weight lubricant.

Gasoline and spark plugs are the most common problem. Drain the gas tanks in the spring, if you didn't do that last spring, drain and rinse the tank before you start out this fall. Gasoline, especially when it is mixed with oil, will evaporate and become thicker - almost varnish during the summer. If you run this through your engine, imagine the problems. Rinse well to get out all of this "thick" gasoline and to remove water that may have gotten into the tank through condensation.

A good check up of drive chain lubricants, track tension adjustments, carburetor tune ups and electrical system checks can mean a good start on 1974 - 75 snowmobiling but can also mean less waiting for the machine when the snow is waiting for you.

Remember too, that consideration for the machine when riding is important. These are not crawler tractors or stunt vehicles, they are transportation and recreation. Drive safely and we'll all have fun.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Ted: "I thought you said your wife was a pearl?"

Ned: "She is, but the mother-of-pearl is giving me a lot of trouble!"



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Christmas

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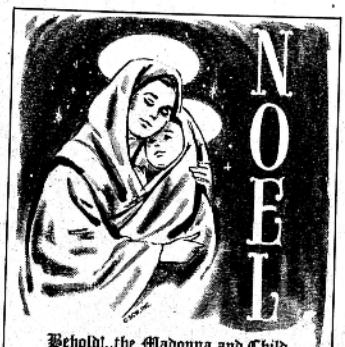

Behold...the Madonna and Child, sacred symbols of the Season, and a reminder of our many blessings.
FROM ALL OF US AT THE
Cosmos Nursing Home



We're joining these carolers in their heartfelt refrain: Peace on earth . . . good will toward men. Season's best to all. To all, our special thanks.

Cosmos Transfer



Christmas Greetings

Happy voices sing out in a chorus of warm wishes. It's been a pleasure serving you.

Dr. David M. Allison


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TREES WREATHES HOLLY
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