



For Sale

FOR SALE
B's Liquor & Quick Mart in Rockville. Family owned since 2006. Inquire within, call or text 320-492-0839 or email rockvillebeer@gmail.com.

Miscellaneous

We pay top dollar for junk cars, trucks and late model repairables!
Call 320-236-7477

Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE
14799 Patch Lake Circle Cold Spring
Thursday through Saturday, October 17th-19th. Table lamps, household items, smoker grill with offset, NorthStar ATV boomless 26 gallon sprayer, tabletop popcorn machine and miscellaneous items.

For Rent

FOR RENT
Three bedroom patio home in North Pointe, Cold Spring. \$2000/month - available December 1st. If interested please call 320-761-8719.

APARTMENT FOR RENT
ALBANY
• 2 Bedroom \$750/month
• \$100 Deposit
• Cat ok (\$20/month Pet Rent)
• NO DOGS!
Call for Availability
Loreen 763-238-0616

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If you are not a Richmond resident, permits can be obtained through City Hall during normal business hours. The compost area is monitored. Again, please do not leave plastic bags in the dumpsters and no garbage. The compost is for lawn refuse only!! There is a \$100.00 fine for violations that will be strictly enforced!

Hours:
Monday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday

Non-Residents: Non-residents of Richmond can purchase a permit for \$75.00 and is valid for one year. Non-resident permits can be obtained through City Hall during normal business hours. Again, there is a \$100.00 fine for violations. Please contact Stacy at 597-2075 for questions or to obtain a permit.

Reminder

Please take due care in securing your property; do not leave doors and windows unlocked. Close your garage door. Heighten your awareness of your surroundings. If someone or something is suspicious, call your proper authorities. Neighbors watch over neighbors. This includes those in the business community.

Reserve Your Tables and Chairs

Reserve your extra tables and chairs for "get-togethers". They are available through the Civic Arena for a modest cost! Metal folding chairs rent for \$1.00 per chair and 8 ft. tables are \$8.00 per table. Please call Kevin Mooney at 320-597-7522 or email him at riverlakesarena@ci-richmond.mn.us.

For Pet Owners

Keep your animals under your control. Leashed, fenced, or indoors.

All dogs residing in Richmond; "inside dogs" or "outside dogs" must be licensed.

Responsibilities of pet owners according to City Ordinance's, cats, as well as dogs, need to be kept under the control of the owner at all times, whether by leash, fence, chain or within the property. Apparently, there are some feline owners that feel that their pets are not held to the same rules as dogs. City Codes pertaining to dogs and cats can be read online at the City website under the "City Code" section or obtained from City Hall.

Another Important Reminder! Please be sure to bring along something to "cleanup" after "Fido" or "Fifi". Don't let a fellow resident have to pick up your pet's calling card in their yards or in the area parks!

Dogs Need to be Licensed!

Dogs need to be licensed in the City of Richmond! Please make plans to get your pet's vaccinations brought up to date so that licenses can be processed without delay.

In order to have your license processed, you will need to provide a copy of your pet's rabies and distemper vaccination records. You can have your vet fax your records directly to

Richmond City Hall (597-2975) for added convenience.

Residents found to have dogs that are not licensed are subject to a \$75 fine (plus the required \$20 license for each unlicensed dog). There have had several dog bite issues in the past few years and unlicensed dogs involved in such matters are subject to quarantine at the owner's expense. Getting your dog registered is far less costly than the fines and associated fees by not having your animals registered. Should you have questions about dog licenses, please call Stacy at 597-2075 for more information.

It's Game On! Sunday Afternoon Fun with Farming Lions Bingo!

Every Sunday, enjoy playing BINGO at 1:30 p.m. at MD's Bar and Grill in downtown Roscoe! Jackpots up to \$1,000! Come and enjoy an afternoon playing Bingo with the Farming Lions!

Township News

Collegeville - Joe Pohl, Town Clerk - 320-293-5009
Farming - Linda Theisen, Town Clerk - 320-249-3710

Wakefield - Heidi Stalboerger, Town Clerk - 320-597-8155

Munson - Kathy Hemmesch, Town Clerk - 320-250-4631

Township Meetings

Wakefield - Wakefield Township Hall is located at 22295 Frostview Road, Cold Spring, MN. For meeting information go to www.wakefieldtownship.net. Should you wish to address the Board, please contact the township clerk, Heidi Stalboerger, at 597-8155. Should you wish to be on the agenda, deadline is one week prior to the Board Meeting.

Munson - Meets the third Monday of the month at Munson Town Hall, 23857 Co. Rd. 23, Richmond at 8:00 p.m. For information, please call the Township Clerk at 597-3068.

Collegeville - Meets the last Tuesday of each month at the Township Hall located at 27724 County Road 50 (east of Big Fish Lake) at 7:00 p.m. For information, please call 320-293-5009.

Farming - Meets at 8:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at Farming Community Center, 23801 Co. Rd. 42, Richmond, MN 56368. For information, please contact the Township Clerk at 320-249-3710 or email: farming-township@gmail.com.

Youth Bowling

Richmond Lanes Youth Bowling begins! Youth Bowling will be held at 9 a.m. every Saturday for K-8th Grade.

Cost:
One time League/Trophy Fee-\$10.00
Instruction available!

Each session:
• \$7.00 for 2 games includes equipment
• \$9.00 for 3 games includes equipment

For more information, please call Jim at 597-2295 or 420-3625.

PFAS Prevention Act Takes Effect January 1, 2025!

Minnesotans will have safer options when they purchase everyday products that are required to be made without PFAS. Recently, state leaders celebrated the work of three Minnesota-based companies already making their products without PFAS ahead of the 2023 PFAS Prevention Act that takes effect January 1, 2025.

During an event at Sigma Beauty in Mendota Heights, leaders from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Minnesota Department of Health joined company leaders from Sigma Beauty, Nordic Ware, and Faribault Mill to highlight benefits and business opportunities ahead of the new law.

"Phasing out 'forever chemicals' in consumer products is a change that will help protect Minnesotan's health, environment, and economy for generations to come," said Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Commissioner Katrina Kessler.

PFAS, short for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, are nicknamed "forever chemicals" due to their longevity in the environment. Widespread use of PFAS in consumer products began in the 1950s. Long-term exposure to PFAS in even small amounts can affect human health. Reducing the nonessential use of PFAS in products is important given the risk of human exposure and pollution whenever a product containing PFAS is made, used, and even decades after it is disposed of. PFAS pollution cleanup is costly, so preventing pollution also protects the economy.

Thousands of products made without PFAS are already available to consumers, and Minnesota businesses see growing national demand for their products made without PFAS.

Manufacturing makeup without PFAS is aligned with Sigma Beauty's mission to "being clean and to be doing right by our clients," said Simone Xavier, CEO of the Mendota Heights-based company.

Customer demand for products made without PFAS has been good for St. Louis Park-based Nordic Ware, a bakeware and cookware company. "Making products without PFAS turned out to be a silver lining as our retail partners started coming to us and asking: 'Do you have anything that doesn't have PFAS in it?'" said David Dalquist, CEO of Nordic Ware.

Faribault Mill has consistently seen customers looking for products made without PFAS, said Stevie Brown, director of product making at Faribault Mill, a Faribault-based company that makes blankets, throws, and accessories.

Beginning on January 1, 2025, the PFAS pollution prevention law, also known as Amara's Law, mandates that 11 categories of consumer products must be made without PFAS in order to be sold in or distributed for sale in Minnesota. Those product categories

are:

- Carpets and rugs
- Cleaning products
- Cookware
- Cosmetics
- Dental floss
- Fabric treatments
- Children's products (designed for infants and children under age 12, except electronics)
- Menstruation products

• Textile furnishings
• Ski wax
• Upholstered furniture

Ahead of the January 1, 2025, deadline, Minnesotans should know that:

- This PFAS law applies to in-person and online sales of new products and not the continued use of products Minnesotans already own.

- Product shortages aren't expected. Consumers may see changes to inventory or product performance.
- Manufacturers and retailers with questions are encouraged to visit the MPCA's PFAS use prohibitions webpage and contact the agency with questions about requirements in these 11 categories.

The final stage of this PFAS pollution prevention law takes effect in 2032 when nonessential use of PFAS in other products will end. Details of that phase are being informed through a public rulemaking process.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week October 20-26, 2025!

Lead free kids for a healthy future! Childhood lead poisoning is considered one of the most preventable environmental diseases among young children and yet an estimated 250,000 children in the U.S. have elevated blood lead levels every year. National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week will be October 20th-26th and is earmarked to raise national awareness.

Children who are exposed to lead and have elevated blood lead levels can face a myriad of potential health issues. Even at relatively low levels, lead can slow a child's growth, damage hearing, cause behavior problems and make it harder for children to concentrate or do well in school. At higher levels, children can face irreversible, serious neurological and other health effects and even death.

There has been a significant decline over the last 15 years in the number of children with high blood lead levels, but we need to recognize that there is more that can be done to reduce and eliminate lead hazards for children. Minnesota Health Commissioner Dr. Sanne Magnan stated that "We're not at zero yet, and if even one child has elevated blood lead levels, it's one child too many. Lead poisoning remains a significant, yet entirely preventable, health problem facing children in our state and nation."

The overall aim of Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

is to build awareness about childhood lead poisoning and to get parents, health care providers, housing authorities, building and construction interests, educators and others working together to prevent children from being exposed to lead in the environment.

Lead-based paint in older homes remains the primary source of lead poisoning for children. In Minnesota, there are an estimated 1 million homes that contain lead paint. But other sources exist as well: lead in toys, chalk, plumbing and even some foods. As a matter of fact a few years ago the Ad Council, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness through public service announcements on anything from wildfires to literacy, released results from a national survey and found that when parents were asked what they were concerned about, only less than 10% mentioned that lead poses a risk to their children's health. The majority of respondents rated cleaners and solvents, electrical outlets and prescription medicines as the home hazards they are most concerned about, while lead poisoning ranked second to last. Furthermore, among those respondents who used contractors to do renovations, only 38 percent were confident that they used a lead-safe contractor.

Listed below are Lead-Safe Renovators located in our immediate area. They are certified by the Minnesota Division of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). When considering hiring any contractor for any project, it is always recommended to double-check their license status with the license board.

• Kerzman Siding and Construction, Inc.
20208 Langevin Dr.
Richmond, MN 56368
320-290-7906

• Roger Schlangen Construction
1220 5th St. South
Cold Spring, MN 56320
320-685-4112

• DunRight Remodeling LLC
1400 2nd St. S. #14
Cold Spring, MN 56320
320-492-0462

• George R Dingmann Construction
403 11th St N
Cold Spring, MN 56320
320-685-8586

• Lumber One, Cold Spring
Cold Spring, MN
Phone: 320-685-3631

If you're concerned your child may be at risk for lead poisoning, consult your local public health agency or your doctor to determine your child's lead exposure and whether you need to have your child tested. Your local public health agency can also help you learn how to reduce and prevent lead exposures in your home or neighborhood.

Parents can reduce a child's exposure to lead in many ways. Here are some simple things you can do to help protect your family:

1. Get Your Home Tested. Before you buy an older home, ask for a lead inspection.
2. Get Your Child Tested. Even if your young children seem healthy, ask your doctor to test them for lead.
3. Get The Facts! Your local health department can provide you with helpful information about preventing childhood lead poisoning.
4. Keep the area where your children play as dust-free and clean as possible.
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Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you might find it challenging to assess a situation this week. Always stick to what your instincts are telling you as they are rarely wrong. Try not to get sidetracked by small details.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

You may find a need to be more assertive at work, Taurus. Your ideas are sound, so don't hesitate to share them with colleagues. Others will appreciate your insight.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Communication may be the key for you this week, Gemini. It is an excellent time to network and share your ideas. Be concise in your interactions to avoid misunderstandings.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, consider new habits that promote well-being and balance. It is important to focus on your health and tailor routines to that end. Find time to reflect on your goals and ambitions.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

It's a great time to express yourself through art, hobbies, or social activities, Leo. Romance also could be in the cards, so make space for some fun and connection in your personal life.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

This week could be focused on family matters and your home life, Virgo. It's an excellent time to organize your space and strengthen family bonds. You also can work on personal goals.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Social interactions this week are bound to be lively and stimulating, Libra. It can be easy to get carried away, so balance your social life with some quiet time to recharge.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Financial matters might be in focus this week, Scorpio. Make a plan to review your budget and figure out how to save more. You may want to consider new investments.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You might experience a boost in energy and optimism this week, Sagittarius. It's always a good idea to focus on personal goals and any ambitions that you might have.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, an exercise in reflection and introspection might be a good idea this week. It is time for some personal growth, including figuring out ways to be more receptive to feedback.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, your innovative ideas may receive some positive attention, so don't be afraid to share with others. Social interactions rev up, but be sure to balance social life with downtime.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

This is a good week to reassess your professional aspirations and take practical steps toward achieving them, Pisces. Put out some feelers to your employment network.