

Classifieds

For Rent

APARTMENT FOR RENT

ALBANY

• 2 Bedroom \$800/month

Miscellaneous

Help Wanted **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Backes Wood Products is look-

ing for someone to fill a full-

time woodworking position.

Some experience required.

Good pay, paid insurance, paid

vacation and holidays. Monday

through Friday, 40 hours per

week with no overtime. If in-

terested please call 320-597-

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THE CLASSIFIEDS!

• \$100 Deposit • Cat ok (\$20/month Pet Rent) • NO DOGS! Call for Availability Loreen 763-238-0616

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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!

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 7:00 p.m. For information, please call the Township Clerk at 597-

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-

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: farmingtownship@gmail.com.

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 \$1000.00! Come and enjoy an afternoon playing Bingo with the Farming Lions!

Youth Bowling!

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 in-

cludes equipment • \$9.00 for 3 games in-

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

Richmond City Council **November 5, 2025**

Mayor Hemmesch called the meeting to order and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hemmesch asked if there was anyone that would like to address council for the Open Forum. There were none.

Approval of Agenda with any additions/deletions - Mayor Hemmesch noted three additions to the agenda. CouncilmanPaczkowski made motion, seconded by Evens. Passed

unanimously. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of October 1,

5th Annual Holiday Boutique

Saturday, November 22nd 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Gresser Mancave** 15892 County Rd. 49 Cold Spring, MN What to expect: Artisan Gifts & Decor, Pottery, Jewelry, Candles, Wall Art, Ornaments, Art Resin Tumblers, Gift Basket Raffle & so much more!

2025 (October 16th meeting was cancelled) Motion made by Merten, seconded by Evens. Passed unanimously.

Approval of October Bills Paid - Motion made by Paczkowski, seconded by Evens. Approved unani-

Consent Agenda (approved by one motion) Mayor Hemmesch asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Evens to approve the consent agenda and was seconded by Bartz. Approved unanimously.

A. Resolution 160-25: Approval of October 2025 Journal Entries

B. Resolution 161-25: Approval of Seasonal Workers for the River Lakes Civic Arena 2025-2026 Ice Season

C. Resolution 162-25: Approval of LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for Midwest Outdoors Unlimited at Haffley's Bar on Jan-

uary 20, 2026 Resolution 163-25: Consideration of approving a variance from sec. 105-60 and sec. 107-223 for 22 Central Ave. S. and 43 Main Street - Kendra Ellner the City Planner was present via zoom to discuss the variance request with City Council to ensure legal conformity. The matter was reviewed by the City Planning Commission on October 23rd and agreed with the variance request. Motion made by Bartz, seconded by Paczkowski. Approved unanimously.

Department Reports

Police Department Officer Goebel reported the activities of the department for the month of October. Officer Goebel reports of an increase in "door to door' salesman and reminds residents that these companies need to have a permit from the city. Officer Goebel stated that the speed truck will be out until the snow falls and if anyone has an area of concern that they would like to see the truck to please contact their office or City Hall. Officer Goebel also thanked those responsible for the Trunk or Treat this year!

Fire Department Mayor Hemmesch read a written report by Chief Mueller. Training included medical refresher for CPR. The department is going to send the "red truck" out 1st for calls instead of the big white truck to see how it goes. Trunk or Treat at Gilks and at the Fire Hall for Halloween trick or treaters. Tickets are on sale now for upcoming Catfish Fest February 13-14, 2026. Extra calendars are available at City Hall.

People Service - Written report, read by Mayor Hemmesch for the month of October. On the water side, Mayor Hemmesch reported that for the month of October, the city was averaging 100,000 gallons daily, running very well using very little chemicals. The water

JOIN THE WOOHOO! **MOVEMENT**

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tower was inspected a couple of weeks ago and a few things will be worked on in spring. Working on grants, Greg Stang will be present at the next meeting to discuss new wells in the area. Wastewater plant is run-

ning chemical free. Fall cleanup has started and is winterized for the season. Have been approved for another site for sludge haul-

Administrator a) Richmond Fire Dept. letters for on building - Ad-

ministrator Kalthoff reported that City Council had previous discussion for lettering on the building distinguishing the Fire department. She presented Council with information and pictures of two different options and pricing for the project. Following much discussion, Council asked Administrator Kalthoff to obtain a few more examples, with some of the op-

tion they discussed. b) Sand salt shelter quote - Discussion on a small sand/salt shelter and quotes/options obtained for project. Will be discussed

further at the workshop. c) Xcel Energy Update -The company has been working on easements, locates and will be getting with property owners with offers mid-late November. They will be coming to a

meeting in the near future. d) MNDOT - MNDOT will be conducting a traffic study of Hwy 23, between Rockville and Richmond. In Richmond area they will be focusing on the area between Hwy. 71 and 191st Ave., pedestrian, bicycle

and ADA accommodations. e) Quotes for health insurance - will come after the new year-Health insurance runs March to March every year. So will be able to obtain quotes and compare after the first of the

Consideration of approval of Paid Family and Medical Leave Policy for 2025 - Administrator Kalthoff reported that a new MN law goes into effect on January 1, 2026 regarding medical and family leave for employees. The new law requires ALL employers to provide Paid Family and Medical Leave and can be acquired through the State. Ms. Kalthoff discussed that other companies will be providing that insurance and suggests looking into options and costs with other companies to compare. This law is for seasonal and regular employees. Administrator Kalthoff asked Council to consider how they would like it would be

utilized and if the employee would be able to supplement their sick and/or vacation time. Following discussion about the matter, Councilman Bartz made motion to approve and to then reassess, explore other companies and options next year and using 50/50 premiums (50% as required by law), seconded by Evens. Passed unanimously. Will be reviewed again next

Discussion of Stearns County approval of plat north of 7th street - Members of City Council, Mayor and Administrator attended a public hearing held by Stearns County regarding the building of 9 homes on north 7th street. There is concern because the builder is looking to use well and septic, and the city concern is protecting water sources. Commissioners voted and approved, though not unanimously. One property did test at 12.6% for nitrates in the earlier 2000's, above state allowance. Concerns for need for water service in the future to these properties is what was discussed at that meeting. City Council members and Mayor attending expressed their concerns to the commission. Builder didn't want to be part of the city because of "costs". Councilman Evens stated that it was expressed at that meeting that with all the additional wells and septic systems, the builder should look elsewhere to build as this area is near the city aquifer. Councilman Evens stated that he thought some of the testimony from some township residents was misleading and that the city wasn't looking to annex, but to provide services. Administrator Kalthoff stated that the 2026 Comprehensive plan is available for viewing on the City website, then click PUBLIC NOTICE. Please comment on the plan. Mayor Hemmesch stated that head of the Planning Commission and Chuck Merten will be reaching out to Wakefield and Munson townships to work toward a working relationship. Mayor Hemmesch as Council

Council Reports a) EDA - Next Meeting: November 18, 2025

committee.

for another volunteer,

Councilman Evens stated

he would like to be on that

Discussed the painting program and the next State of the Community event to be held January 9, 2026. They also discussed the "pontoon" project. A member of EDA has resigned and the committee is looking to fill that open posib) Planning Commission

 Next Meeting: November 20, 2025

c) ROCORI Trail - Next Meeting: December 4, 2025

Prepare Trees for Winter!

As temperatures drop, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages homeowners to take simple steps to keep their yard trees healthy through fall and winter.

"Trees face extra stress as the seasons change, from hungry wildlife to harsh winter winds, especially in an urban environment," said Mark Kruse, DNR Urand Community ban Forestry Project Specialist. "A little care now can go a long way toward protecting your trees and ensuring they thrive next spring."

Fall Care

Water trees until the ground freezes, especially newly planted or young trees. A typical yard tree that was recently planted needs around 15 to 20 gallons once a week if it doesn't rain more than 1 inch. Maintaining soil moisture helps keep trees healthy.

Mulch helps insulate tree roots, especially on extremely cold days with no snow. Apply a layer of mulch three inches deep around the base of the tree, keeping it three inches away from the trunk and three feet wide.

Winter Care

Winter may be a time of rest for trees, but it's a great time to give them some attention. Protect young trees from wildlife and prepare them for healthy growth come spring

 Clearing tall grass, brush, or other materials that could shelter small animals near the tree bases you want to protect.

 Placing wire fencing two to three inches below ground and extending at least two feet above the expected snow depth. Check regularly to make sure wildlife isn't trapped in-

 Wrapping trees or adding guards to help protect bark from cracking caused by daytime sun and overnight freezing. Remove guards in late spring.

In areas with frequent deer activity, consider fencing large areas with 10-foot woven wire fence, or bud

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Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you understand that when you're working hard toward a goal, the process isn't always straightforward. You may tolerate a fair amount of challenges along the path this week. TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, it may seem like others around you do not get your sense of humor. While you're confident at telling stories, it takes others a bit of time to appreciate your funny side.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21 Gemini, you may be tempted to look past a recent challenge. But reflecting on that adversity and your ability to overcome it will soon pay dividends.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22 Keeping an open mind is one of your strong suits, Cancer. Your willingness to see all sides has benefitted you in numerous ways, and that outlook will continue to bear fruit.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Dramatic occasions and grand gestures draw your attention this week, Leo. But don't forget to focus on some of the little things that make up most of your days. VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you notice everything that goes on around you, and you're aware of your own moods, too. That selfawareness serves you well in your relationships.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, even though you generally do not like dealing with uncertainty, this week you're stuck operating without a lot of advanced infor-

mation. Trust your instincts. SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 Sometimes you are hesitant to share your opinions until you feel certain that they are correct, Scorpio. But this week you may miss out if

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

you're being too cautious.

You're impressed when others carry themselves with confidence, Sagittarius. Learn from their behavior and emulate what you see. You will like the results. **CAPRICORN**

22/Jan 20

Real life requires compromise, Capricorn. Lately it's been your way or the highway, and those around you are taking notice. Don't risk alienating them for good.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb

Aquarius, try not to linger on others' innocent mistakes. People make little missteps all the time. Be gracious in letting those close to you get another shot at your good graces.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 Pisces, when you've already made up your mind about something, it can be hard to dissuade you. Do not overlook other people's concerns. There is value in seeing things through others' eyes.

