

# Public Notices

City of Cold Spring 2026 Budget Summary		
	2025	2026
<b>Revenues</b>		
Property Taxes	2,652,522	2,826,161
Tax Increments	574,000	560,500
Special Assessments	217,417	177,980
Licenses and Permits	143,983	148,741
State General Purpose Aid	885,451	887,470
State Categorical Aid	188,000	202,000
Grants from Other Governments	81,912	66,981
Charges for Services	491,459	492,469
Fines and Forfeits	33,500	37,500
Interest on Investments	94,253	124,167
Misc. Revenues	281,785	272,653
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>5,644,282</b>	<b>5,796,622</b>
Proceeds from Bond Sales	0	0
Transfers from Other Funds	185,391	187,946
<b>Total Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>5,829,673</b>	<b>5,984,568</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
General Government	509,172	551,563
Public Safety	2,177,465	2,312,209
Streets and Highways	588,275	589,015
Culture and Recreation	266,202	271,705
Economic Development	4,395	3,695
Miscellaneous Expenditures	617,404	685,145
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>4,162,913</b>	<b>4,413,332</b>
Debt Service - Principal	640,000	790,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	586,130	646,147
Streets and Highways Const.	10,000	0
Capital Outlay	7,089,875	3,392,483
Transfers to Other Funds	46,395	62,089
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>12,535,313</b>	<b>9,304,051</b>
General Fund - Beginning Balance	3,626,673	3,427,414
General Fund - Ending Balance	3,297,273	3,443,011
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	-6,705,640	-3,319,483
Total Property Tax Levy - All Funds	<b>2,685,014</b>	<b>2,861,336</b>
(Publish February 10, 2026)		

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Eden Lake Township that absentee voting for town office will be effective February 6, 2026. Absentee voting will be Saturday, March 7, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Monday, March 9, 2026 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fire Hall in Eden Valley or at any time by contacting Stacey Thielen, Town Clerk at 320-420-0635.

Stacey Thielen, Clerk  
17085 Patricia Street  
Paynesville, MN 56362

(Publish Feb. 3 & 10, 2026)

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION OF OFFICERS and BOARD OF CANVASS MEETING**  
Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Eden Lake Township, County of Stearns, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at the Fire Hall in Eden Valley, 450 Smith Street South. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

The election poll hours will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the voters will elect:

- One Supervisor for a term of three (3) years;
- One Clerk for a term of two (2) years.

The Annual Meeting will commence at approximately 8:15 p.m. following the annual election and counting of ballots to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Board of Canvass will meet on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, to certify the election results.

The Town Hall office will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for absentee voting on Saturday, March 7, 2026 and 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday, March 9, 2026 or by contacting Stacey Thielen, Township Clerk at 320-420-0635.

Stacey Thielen  
Eden Lake Township Clerk  
17085 Patricia Street  
Paynesville, MN 56362

(Publish Feb. 3 & 10, 2026)

**EDEN LAKE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST**  
To the residents of Eden Lake Township: Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test for the voting equipment will be conducted on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 7 p.m. at the Eden Valley Fire Hall, 450 Smith Street South, in preparation for the March 10, 2026 Township Election.

Stacey Thielen, Clerk  
Eden Lake Township

(Publish Feb. 3 & 10, 2026)

**STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS**

**DISTRICT COURT 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
Court File No: **73-PR-26-588**

**NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of  
**Alice Doubek, (a/k/a Alice Caroline Doubek), Decedent**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on February 27, 2026, at 8:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 725 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, MN, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated August 4, 2021, and for the appointment of Karen L. Gavin, whose address is 504 7th Avenue N, Cold Spring, MN 56320, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate. The hearing will be held administratively and no appearances are required unless objections are filed.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

**BY THE COURT**

Dated: January 23, 2026  
Shan C. Wang  
Judge of District Court

Dated: January 23, 2026  
George Lock  
Court Administrator

Filed in District Court  
State of Minnesota  
Dated January 23, 2026

Attorney for Petitioner  
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(Publish Feb. 3 & 10, 2026)

**STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS**

**DISTRICT COURT 7th JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
Court File Number: **73-FA-23-5369**  
Case Type: **Dissolution with Child**

CODY DERICK ENSTAD  
17874 Fieldcrest RD  
Cold Spring, MN 56320

**Notice of Remote Zoom Hearing**

In re the Marriage of Erica P. Enstad and Cody Derick Enstad

You are notified this matter is set for a remote hearing. This hearing will not be in person at the courthouse.

**Hearing Information**  
**Order to Show Cause Hearing**  
**March 16, 2026**  
**2:00 PM**

**The hearing will be held via Zoom and appearance shall be by video unless otherwise directed with Judicial Officer Shan C. Wang, Stearns County District Court.**

The Minnesota Judicial Branch uses strict security controls for all remote technology when conducting remote hearings.

**You must:**

- Notify the court if your address, email, or phone number changes.
- Be fully prepared for the remote hearing. If you have exhibits you want the court to see, you must give them to the court before the hearing. Visit <https://www.mncourts.gov/Remote-Hearings> for more information and options for joining remote hearings, including how to submit exhibits.
- Contact the court at 320-656-3620 if you do not have access to the internet, or are unable to connect by video.
- If you need an interpreter, contact the court before the hearing date to ask for one.

**To join by internet:**

- Type <https://zoomgov.com/join> in your browser's address bar.
- Enter the Meeting ID and Meeting Passcode (if asked): Meeting ID: 161 196 5595 Passcode: 542100
- Update your name by clicking on your profile picture. If you are representing a party, add your role to your name, for example, John Smith, Attorney for Defendant.
- Click the Join Audio icon in the lower left-hand corner of your screen.
- Click Start Video.

Para obtener más información y conocer las opciones para participar en audiencias remotas, incluido cómo enviar pruebas, visite [www.mn-courts.gov/Remote-Hearings](http://www.mn-courts.gov/Remote-Hearings).

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**To receive an eReminder for future court dates via e-mail or text, visit <https://mncourts.gov/hearing-ereminders> to enroll.**

Dated: January 28, 2026

George Lock  
Stearns County Court Administrator

Filed in District Court  
State of Minnesota  
Dated: January 28, 2026

(Publish Feb. 10 - 24, 2026)

**COLLEGEVILLE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday February 17, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. at the Collegeville Town Hall, 27724 County Road 50, Cold Spring, MN. 56320. The Collegeville Township Planning Board will hear a request for a Variance Permit submitted by Tom & Trish Bruce, Cold Spring, MN. Property is described as: Section 33, Twp. 124, Range 30, Lots 23, 24 & 25 Sunset View Addition, Collegeville Township, Stearns County. Parcel # 05.03390.0000. Property address: 27287 Hidden Cove Road, Cold Spring, MN. 56320. The Variance Permit request is to construct a New 34.5 feet X 38 feet Garage attached to front of existing lake home 57.6 feet to the centerline of Hidden Cove Road as the road is traveled. Section 9.9.9 of Collegeville Township Land Use/Zoning Ordinance #439 the road setback is 63 feet to centerline of township road as the road is traveled. All parties may attend the public hearing or submit written testimony prior to the hearing date, either in support of or in opposition to the proposed request. Submit to: Collegeville Township, 27724 County Road 50, Cold Spring, MN. 56320

By: Allan Eisenschenk,  
Ordinance Administrator

(Publish February 10, 2026)

**Collegeville Township Notice to Voters**  
Notice is hereby given that Collegeville Township of Stearns County will conduct a public accuracy test of electronic voting equipment on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 10:00am. The testing is for the Township Election and will be conducted at the Collegeville Township Hall, located at 27724 County Road 50, Cold Spring, MN.

Joe Pohl  
Collegeville Township Clerk

(Publish February 10, 2026)

**STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS**

**DISTRICT COURT 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
Court File Number: **73-CV-25-7592**  
Case Type: **Harassment**

**Notice of Issuance of Harassment Restraining Order by Publication**

In the Matter of:

Tiffany Ann McKay  
Petitioner

vs.

Shawn Michael Vennemann  
Respondent

**To Respondent:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that a Harassment Restraining Order has been issued on December 17, 2025.

You may get a copy of the HRO from the court administrator's office at the following address:  
725 Courthouse Square  
Room 134  
St. Cloud, MN 56303

Failure to appear at a scheduled hearing or to get a copy of the Harassment Restraining Order will not be a defense to prosecution for violation of the Court's order.

Date: February 4, 2026

Tiffanie R.  
Court Administrator/Deputy

(Publish February 10, 2026)

**Notice of Public Hearing Stearns County, Planning Commission**  
Notice is hereby given that the Stearns County Planning Commission, in and for the County of Stearns, will conduct certain public hearings as follows:

1. To consider an interim use permit request submitted by **Knife River Corporation - North Central, Sauk Rapids MN** according to Sections 4.18, 6.17 and 9.3.6C of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439. The request is to continue operating a concrete batch plant and asphalt mixing facility until December 31, 2035. The property is in the Agricultural 40 (A-40) zoning district. The property is in part of the N1/2NE1/4 in Section 11 and in part of the S1/2SE1/4 lying west of Island Lake Road and northwest of County Road 2, in Section 2 of Wakefield Township (123/30). The property address is 24993 Island Lake Road, Cold Spring MN.
2. To consider an interim use permit request submitted by **Trent & Crista Pauls, Belgrade MN** according to Sections 4.18, 6.17, 9.3.10 D, and 9.6.6 C of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439. The request is to operate a ready mix concrete plant until November 2028. The property is in the Agricultural 40 (A-40) zoning district. The property is in part of the NE1/4SE1/4 and in part of the SE1/4NE1/4 lying east of State Highway 4, in Section 3 of Lake Henry Township (123/33). The property address is 25536 State Highway 4, Belgrade MN.
3. To consider an interim use permit request submitted by **Scepaniak Properties LLC, Holdingford MN** according to Sections 4.18, 7.17, and 9.3.6 F of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439. The request is to have a mining operation on approximately 39 acres for 10 years in the Agricultural 40 (A-40) zoning district. The property is in part of the SE1/4SW1/4 and part of the SW1/4SE1/4, lying north and west of 330th Street in Section 25 of Albany Township (125/31). The property address is 20008 330th St, Albany MN.

**When and where is the meeting?**  
**Date and Time: February 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Location:** Stearns County Service Center  
3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387  
**How do I participate?**  
**Public Testimony:** If you would like to provide public testimony, you may do so by appearing at the above hearing, by telephone or other electronic means, please contact Heidi Winskowski at Heidi.Winskowski@stearnscountymn.gov, or by calling (320) 656-3613.  
**Written Testimony:** You may submit written testimony by emailing Heidi Winskowski at Heidi.Winskowski@stearnscountymn.gov by **3 p.m. on February 25, 2026**. Written testimony may also be mailed to the Stearns County Environmental Services Department, Service Center, 3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387.  
Comments on this public hearing are not limited to those persons receiving copies of this notice. If you know of any interested person who for any reason has not received a copy of this notice, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this public hearing.

**Where can I view the application?**  
A copy of the application can be viewed approximately one week prior to the meeting at <https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal/>. Action taken on this request will be available shortly after the meeting at the same website location.

**What if the meeting changes?**  
This meeting is subject to change. Please sign up for automatic updates for this meeting at <https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal/>. Call the Department for assistance.  
**What is the next step?**  
The Stearns County Board of Commissioners will consider this request on **March 10, 2026**. The agenda can be found at: <https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal/>. Interim Use and Conditional Use Permits will be placed on the consent agenda which is heard at the beginning of the agenda. To inquire how to request an item be placed under the regular agenda for discussion, please contact the Department. If the Board of Commissioners do not concur with the Planning Commission, they will hold another public hearing and new notice will be sent.

Stearns County Planning Commission  
Barrier Free Status: This meeting will be accessible to the handicapped. Attempts will be made to accommodate any other individual need for special services. Please call (320) 656-3613 early so arrangements can be made.

(Publish February 10, 2026)

**STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS**

**DISTRICT COURT 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**  
Court File No: **73-PR-26-858**

Estate of  
**William Frank Bruemmer, a/k/a William F. Bruemmer, Decedent**

**NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on March 13, 2026, at 8:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 725 Courthouse Square, Room 134, St. Cloud, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirs of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Patricia A. Oehrlein, whose address is 32076 Narnia Lane, Avon, MN 56310 and Annella Mergen whose address is 21808 Fellows Road, Richmond, MN 56368 as Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate. **NOTE: This hearing will be held administratively and your appearance is not required, unless objections are filed.**

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**BY THE COURT**

Dated: February 3, 2026  
Ole Tvedten  
Judge of District Court

Dated: February 3, 2026  
George Lock  
Court Administrator

Filed in District Court  
State of Minnesota  
Dated February 3, 2026

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(Pub. Feb. 10 & 17, 2026)

**WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP Notice of Public Hearing**  
Notice is hereby given that the Wakefield Township Planning Commission, in and for the Township of Wakefield, will conduct a public hearing to consider a Variance Request submitted by **Trevor Lucking, Raymond Lucking and Adam Lucking**, Prior Lake, MN according to the requirements of Section 7.21.A of the Wakefield Township Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Number 7 to use a 9' X 44' Recreational Vehicle as a principal structure. Said Ordinance requires that the minimum width of any principal structure shall be twenty-two feet (22') and the minimum ground floor square footage of the principal structure shall be 820 square feet.

Affected property: Lots 1, less SW triangle, and Lot 2, Block 1 of JODY ESTATES FIRST ADDITION, Section 32, T123N, R30W, Wakefield Township.

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# Classifieds

(Classified Ad deadline is Thursday at Noon)

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## Miscellaneous

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

## Public Notices

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Property address is: **20539 Langevin Drive.**

Notice is further given that the above hearing will be held on **Tuesday, February 24, 2026**, beginning at, or as soon as possible after, **6:30 p.m.** at the Wakefield Town Hall, 22295 Frostview Road, Cold Spring, MN. The application for variance is on file with the Wakefield Town Clerk and is available for review upon request. If you would like to participate in public testimony in person, in writing or by other means, please contact Heidi Stalboerger at clerk@wakefieldtownship.net or (320) 597-8155. Comments received are not limited to those persons receiving a public hearing notice. Written testimony will be accepted until 5:00 pm on the hearing date.

/s/ Heidi M. Stalboerger,  
Zoning Administrator  
Wakefield Township

(Publish February 10, 2026)

### WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

All Wakefield Township residents are hereby notified that Wakefield Township will hold a Public Accuracy Test on **Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 6:00 pm.** This test will be conducted at the Wakefield Town Hall located at 22295 Frostview Road, Cold Spring, Minnesota.

Two election judges will oversee this process to ensure accuracy of the voting equipment for the upcoming Township Election to be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at the Wakefield Town Hall, 22295 Frostview Road, Cold Spring, Minnesota from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm.

This test is open to the public.

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP  
Heidi M. Stalboerger, Clerk

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## Richmond News

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cold. Keep a pitcher of cold water in the fridge instead.

**5. Fix the Drip:** Check all the faucets, fixtures, toilets, and taps in your home for leaks and fix them right away, or install water conserving models.

**6. Wash Smarter:** Limit yourself to just a five minute shower, and challenge your family members to do the same! Also, make sure to only run full loads in the dish and clothes washer.

**7. Water Wisely:** Water the lawn and plants during the coolest parts of the day and only when they truly need it. Make sure you, your family, and your neighbors obey any watering restrictions during dry periods.

**8. Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle:** Reduce the amount of “stuff” you use and reuse what you can. Recycle paper, plastic, cardboard, glass, aluminum and other materials.

**9. Natural Alternatives:** Use all natural/non-toxic household cleaners whenever possible. Materials such as lemon juice, baking soda, and vinegar make great cleaning products, are inexpensive, and environmentally-friendly.

**Learn and Do More!** Get involved in water education! Learn more about groundwater and share your knowledge with others.

The Minnesota Depart-

## Help Wanted

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Backes Wood Products is looking 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 interested please call 320-597-9663.

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ment of Health (MDH) recommends that private wells be tested once a year for total coli forms bacteria. Testing for nitrate is recommended every two to three years or more often if nitrate has been detected previously in the well or if an infant under the age of six months will be consuming the water. In addition, MDH recommends that every well be tested for arsenic at least once. Testing your well is up to you. Getting your well tested is a relatively simple process. The local county health department may provide or arrange for testing services. Commercial (or private) laboratories providing water testing services are usually listed in the Yellow Pages under “Laboratories - Testing.” You should check to make sure the laboratory is certified to perform tests that you want. The laboratory will provide directions for collecting and submitting water samples for testing. The costs for analysis are usually in the range of \$20 to \$40 per test, depending on what is tested. More information on well testing can be found at: www.health.state.mn.us. People with questions about well water contaminants, or other well-related issues, can obtain advice from MDH, or local MDH-licensed well contractors. Well specialists are available to answer questions at MDH district offices in St. Cloud 320-223-7300.

### Salmonella Outbreak - Moringa Leaf Powder

Why Not Natural Pure Organic Moringa Green Superfood capsules with lot # A25G051 and expiration date 07/2028 marked on the bottom of the bottle have been recalled.

All Live it Up-brand Super Greens dietary supplement powder, including both original and wild berry flavors, with lots beginning with the letter “A” and all stick pack products with expiration dates from 08/2026 to 01/2028 have been recalled.

Additional products may be identified through FDA’s investigation. This advisory will be updated as more information becomes available.

Illness usually occurs within 12 to 72 hours after eating food that is contaminated with Salmonella, and the symptoms usually last four to seven days. Symptoms include diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps. Children younger than five, the elderly, and people with weakened immune systems are more likely to have severe infections. As of January 29, 2026, CDC reported a total of 65 people from 28 states that have been infected with one of the outbreak strains of Salmonella. Of the 40 people interviewed, 35 (88%) reported eating a product containing moringa leaf powder, including 31 who reported Live it Up Super Greens supplement powders only, three who reported Why Not Natural moringa powder capsules only, and one person who reported consuming both products. There have been 14 hospitalizations, and no deaths have been reported.

This includes three cases in Minnesota and 12 in Wisconsin!

Recalled Why Not Natural Pure Organic Moringa Green Superfood capsules and Live it Up-brand Super Greens dietary supplement powder were primarily sold online on their company websites and other online sites including Amazon, eBay, and Walmart.

#### Recommendations

- Consumers and retailers should not eat, sell, or serve recalled Why Not Natural Pure Organic Moringa Green Superfood capsules (lot # A25G051 and expiration date 07/2028) or recalled Live it Up-brand Super Greens dietary supplement powder (original or wild berry flavor) with expiration dates from 08/2026 to 01/2028. Consumers should throw these products away and may request a refund by contacting the respective company.

- Consumers and retailers who purchased or received recalled dietary supplements should carefully clean and sanitize any surfaces or containers that the products touched. Follow FDA’s safe handling and cleaning advice and use extra care in cleaning and sanitizing any surfaces and containers that may have come in contact with these products to reduce the risk of cross-contamination.

- Contact your health-care provider if you think you may have developed symptoms of a Salmonella infection after consuming recalled dietary supplements.

## Out and About!

**Kites on Ice Kite Festival!**

A sight like never seen before! The 8th Annual Kites on Ice Kite Festival will be held February 14, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Kites of all shapes, sizes and colors fill the sky above Buffalo Lake in beautiful downtown Buffalo, MN. There will be a kite building workshop for kids, corn hole tournament, food/beer trucks and a view for all to enjoy! Best of all, it free! Go to BuffaloChamber.org for more information.

**The 37th Annual Farm Toy Show!**

The 37th Annual Farm Toy Show will be held on February 14, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hundreds of Toys related to Farming - antiques and new! Admission is \$4.00, children under 5 are free. Food, crafts and more. Event will be held at the Sauk Centre Armory – 628 Sinclair Lewis Avenue in Sauk Centre, MN. Parking is available across the street in the First Lutheran Church. Proceeds go to the Dollars for Scholars Scholarships!

**2026 National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic!**

The 2026 National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic will be held on February 20-22, 2026 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Whatever your passion - whether it’s pheasants or quail, conservation, bird dogs, shooting, cooking wild game, or passing on our hunting heritage to the next generation, 2026 National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic has something for you!

Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic is a trade show that will focus on wildlife conservation, upland game bird hunting (pheasant and quail), dog training, and wildlife habitat management and restoration. In connection with the trade show, Pheasants Forever will hold seminars on habitat improvement, pheasant hunting, shooting sports, wild game cooking, dog training, and conservation and lots more!

#### Hours:

**February 20, 2026**  
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**February 21, 2026**

9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**February 22, 2026**

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please call toll free at 1-877-773-2070 or visit pheasantsforever.org!

**33rd Annual Grumpy Old Men Festival-February 27-28, 2026!**

Join in the fun with an Ice fishing contest, Ice Shacks n’ Plaid Parade, cribbage tournament, bingo, minnow races, 17th Annual Grumpy Plunge and more! Channel your inner grumpy old man during the 2026 Grumpy Old Men Fishing Tournament on February 28th, **Tournament:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Awards and fishing tournament Rules:** Largest weight per species, in case of a tie there will be a coin flip, weigh in will be located at the registration tent on the 200 boom, no vehicles or oversized fish houses will be permitted on the ice unless the vehicle is designated as handicap (portable ice shacks only). All participants must follow state of MN fishing laws, and have a valid MN or WI fishing license, Officials have the right to check participants gear prior to and during the event. All fish will be returned to the water after weigh in. In case of dead loss participant may keep or donate the species. There will be a 50/50 Raffle and a host of other activities including a parade! Fun for the entire family. For more information, please call 651-565-4158 or visit www.wabashamn.org.

**Winter Bluegrass Weekend!**

The 2026 Winter Bluegrass Weekend will be held

March 6-8, 2026 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Minneapolis. The three day indoor music festival features the MBOTMA Showcase of Bands, more than 40 groups performing bluegrass, old-time stringband, and related forms of acoustic music. The Saturday Headline Concert will feature the Po’ Ramblin’ Boys and special guests No Man’s String Band and many, many more throughout the weekend! The festival also hosts dances, workshops, instrument exhibitors, swap meet, and jam sessions around the clock.

Our local favorite, Minnesota Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Festival held at El Rancho Manana, will be held August 6-9, 2026! Mark your calendars!

For more information, please visit www.minnesotabluegrass.org or call 651-456-8919.

**Maple Syrup Festival-St. Johns University!**

On Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. In a time honored tradition spanning 80+ years, join the Saint John’s Abbey Arboretum and Outdoor University in a maple tapping festival! Sap collecting, syrup cooking, demonstrations, and hot maple syrup sundaes await the whole family!

**Please Continue  
to Support Our  
Businesses!  
It is Greatly  
Appreciated!**

**Have a Great Week! If  
You Drink, Please, Don't  
Drive! Til' Next Time~**

## Rockvillites Travel to Iowa to See Pope in 1979

On October 4, 1979 Pope John II was in Iowa!! Rockvillites joined others on busses in Cold Spring for the long bus ride through the night. Remember the arm bands that said “Long Live the Pope?” The sight of all those people spread all over the place? Over one third of a million! And the cold? The cold mumbling wind that chilled to the bone? The people in plastic bags to keep warm? Waiting over six hours under the clouds on a hillside near Des Moines?!

There was great anticipation as the speakers picked up the Pope’s landing in the state. Then the hush of that great crowd of people listening to his visit to the small parish of St. Patrick’s not too far away. The two helicopters approached, whispers spread the news that no one was sure which carried the Pope - for security reasons. Wild waving and cheering as each landed and the

Pope John Paul II touched mid-western soil, our Pope in our part of the country! Remember the mind popping with the enormity of it all? It seemed so unreal, the sun was shining now, in more ways than one!

There he was the leader of our Church - come to share the Eucharist, the Center of our Faith, with each and everyone of us. He was so direct, so simple, his English understandable, the familiar words and actions of the Mass seemed to be magnified by his presence rather than diminished by the distance from us to the altar. His message is well worth remembering - “the dignity of each person, the necessity of loving families, and the land as God’s gift to all mankind!” How about that final lift-off? As we all ran to get closer? Some got a peek at the Pope as all chanted “John Paul II, we Love You”!



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## Horoscopes

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**

A spark of excitement brightens your week, Aries. You may rediscover enthusiasm for a goal you set aside. Take one confident step and watch momentum gather. **TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21** This week brings steady comfort and satisfying progress, Taurus. Something you’ve been nurturing starts to show real signs of growth. You’re building something meaningful.

**GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21**

Your mind is in full brilliance mode, Gemini. New insights, clever connections and energizing conversations fill your days. A fun invitation or unexpected message may lift your spirits. **CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22** Your emotional intuition is your superpower this week, Cancer. You may find a simple solution to a situation that once felt complex. Supportive people drift into your orbit.

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**

Leo, your confidence is glowing, and others notice. This week favors bold creativity and joyful self-expression. A moment of recognition or praise may remind you of your natural leadership.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**

Organization comes naturally, and your clarity is on point, Virgo. You’ll wrap up tasks with surprising ease. A shift in priorities may free up space for something you genuinely enjoy.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**

Balance returns in a way that feels refreshing, Libra. Your relationships flow smoothly, and you’ll find harmony even in busy moments. An inspiring experience may uplift you.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**

Determination meets opportunity this week, Scorpio. You’re sharper, more focused and ready to move forward with confidence.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**

Optimism fuels everything you touch, Sagittarius. You may stumble upon a new interest, adventure or opportunity that fills you with excitement.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**

Your efforts align perfectly with your goals, Capricorn. This week rewards patience and consistency. You may receive encouragement from someone who truly understands you.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**

Innovation thrives in your world right now, Aquarius. You’ll devise unique solutions, unexpected shortcuts or refreshing ideas with ease. Stay open to teamwork.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**

A creative wave washes over you, Pisces. Inspiration feels effortless, and small moments carry extra meaning. A heartwarming interaction or sweet surprise brightens your week.

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