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(Classified Ad deadline is Thursday at Noon)

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watch the oregano as it is a very pungent herb.

Pre heat oven to 350°.

Wash thoroughly and slice ends from zucchini then slice in 1/2-inch rounds. Remove cores from tomatoes and slice about 1/2-inch thick. Cut each slice into quarters. Combine the zucchini and tomatoes with the onion, garlic, salt, basil, and pepper. Toss to blend. Drizzle with the olive oil and toss to coat the vegetables. Turn the vegetables into greased (or sprayed) 2 1/2 to 3-quart baking dish. Bake for 10-15 minutes, then check zucchini tenderness. If zucchini is still quite firm, bake for an additional 5-10 minutes. Zucchini should be firm, not mushy. Top with cheese and continue baking for 10 to 15 or until cheese has melted and bubbled a bit!

Enjoy as a side dish or add leftover chicken, seafood or fish as a main dish!

Take Due Care on the Water!

The summer boating season is at its peak! The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds boat operators who create a wake to be mindful of the potential risks to other water users and the environment. Improper watercraft operation can put other others at risk, damage docks and moored watercraft, create shoreline erosion, degrade water quality, and harm habitat essential for many species of fish and wildlife.

Personal watercraft users are required by law to operate at slow/no-wake speed within 150 feet of shorelines. In addition, the DNR recommends the following:

- Be courteous at public water access sites: launch and load efficiently, keep the ramp area clear, and follow posted guidance to ensure everyone can access the water safely and smoothly.
- Stay at least 200 feet from shore or other watercraft and structures, as this distance reduces the likelihood of wakes posing a public safety risk, harm to property, or damaging natural resources. Wake boats or other watercraft that are engineered to create an enhanced wake should be operated even farther away — far enough to prevent adverse effects on natural resources and ensure a safe, enjoyable experience for all water users — and should use deep, open-water areas whenever possible.
- Reduce speed near shorelines, marinas, channels, and other congested areas. This is for safety, but also to prevent wakes in shallow areas from creating suspended sediment and affecting habitat.
- Minimize repetitive passes. Even small, continuous wakes can interfere with other water users and erode the shoreline.
- Always be respectful of others. People enjoy Minnesota's lakes and rivers in many ways — including canoeing, cruising, fishing, kayaking, paddleboarding, skiing, tubing and swimming — and it's up to everyone to be aware of how their activity might affect others.

Misc. Sales

ESTATE SALE

August 6th, 7th, & 8th, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 25498 Island Lake Road, Cold Spring. Woodworking shop hand tools, saws, lawn moving grass sweeper, gardening tools, small trailer, flower pots, shovels, rakes. Household items, furniture, glassware, kitchen utensils, towels, house and Christmas decorations, Redwing Pottery, antique blue mason jars. Something for everyone. Also selling Cub Cadet SC2400 diesel with snow blower and Grasshopper 60" deck — both located at River Power in Richmond — contact Joe.

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Attention Stargazers: Perseid Meteor Shower to Peak August 12th - 13th!

The very best thing you can do to maximize your meteor shower enjoyment is get as far away from light pollution (city lights, etc.) as you can and find a location with a clear, unclouded view of the night sky that is not obstructed by trees, hills or other objects. Once you get there, search for the darkest patch of sky you can find, as meteors can appear anywhere overhead.

Meteor showers are named for the constellations that they appear to be created from at the time the Earth crosses a comet trail. When the Earth orbits around the sun, it will from time to time pass through debris fragments left by comets, for instance, in the case of the Perseid showers, the earth will pass through the debris of the Swift-Tuttle comet! Please Note: this is an optical illusion, and the constellation only serves as a useful guide in the night's sky. The constellation is not the actual source of the meteors.

Now a word about the moon. Light reflecting off a bright moon can be just as detrimental to good meteor viewing as those bright lights of the big city. There is nothing you can do except put up with it or wait until the next favorable date. Even though the 2015 Perseids and Geminids will be sharing the night sky with the moon, they are still expected to produce more visible meteor activity than other major showers without a moon.

The meteor showers listed below will provide casual meteor observers with the most bang for their buck. They are easiest to observe and provide the most activity. All these showers can be best enjoyed in the hours after midnight.

Perseids
Comet of origin: 109P/Swift-Tuttle
Point of Origin: constellation Perseus

Active: Perseids begin to rise early August.
Peak Activity: Very early morning or night of August 12th & 13th

Peak Activity Meteor Count: Approximately 50 meteors per hour, but as many as 100 per hour!

Time of optimal viewing: Crescent moon will set early in the evening, allowing for dark skies all the way up until peak viewing just before dawn

Meteor Velocity: 38 miles per second

Note: The Perseid meteor shower is one of the most consistent performers and considered by many as this year's best shower. The meteors they produce are among the brightest of all meteor showers.

Orionids
Comet of origin: 1P/Halley

Point of Origin: just to

Miscellaneous

WANTED — Richmond and Torah items. Any size, any amount, to preserve history. Call or text Terry 320-291-7111.

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the north of constellation Orion's bright star Betelgeuse.

Active: October 4th-November 14th

Peak Activity: Night of October 21st & 22nd.

Peak Activity Meteor Count: Approximately 15 meteors per hour, if the sky is dark

Time of optimal viewing: An hour or two before dawn
Meteor Velocity: 68 kilometers (42 miles) per second

Note: With the second-fastest entry velocity of the annual meteor showers, meteors from the Orionids produce yellow and green colors and have been known to produce an odd fireball from time to time.

Leonids
Comet of origin: 55P/Tempel-Tuttle
Point of Origin: constellation Leo

Active: November 7th-28th

Peak Activity: Night of November 17th & 18th

Peak Activity Meteor Count: Approximately 15 per hour

Time of optimal viewing: A half-full moon sets after midnight, allowing for a dark sky. Best viewing time will be just before dawn.

Meteor Velocity: 71 kilometers (44 miles) per second

Note: The Leonids have not only produced some of the best meteor showers in history, but have sometimes achieved the status of meteor storm. During a Leonid meteor storm, many thousands of meteors per hour can shoot across the sky. Scientists believe these storms recur in cycles of about 33 years, though the reason is unknown. The last documented Leonid meteor storm occurred in 2002.

Geminids
Comet of origin: 3200 Phaethon
Point of Origin: constellation Gemini

Active: December 4th-16th

Peak Activity: Night of December 13th & 14th

Peak Activity Meteor Count: Approximately 50 meteors per hour

Time of optimal viewing: 2 a.m.

Meteor Velocity: 35 kilometers (22 miles) per second

Note: Generally, the Geminids or August's Perseids provide the best meteor shower show of the year. Geminids are usually considered the best opportunity for younger viewers because the show gets going around 9 or 10 p.m. Unfortunately, the moon does not set until after midnight this year, making for the possibility of drooping eyelids from the pre-teen set

Out and About!

124th Annual Stearns County Fair July 29th-August 2nd!

FREE gate admission!

Help Wanted

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – COLD SPRING

The City of Cold Spring is seeking an experienced, collaborative leader to serve as its next City Administrator. This position will oversee direction and coordination of City planning, administration, and operations of all City departments. Minimum requirements include a bachelor's degree and related experience. The Mayor and City Council notwithstanding, this position has supervisory responsibility over all employees, including full-time, part-time, seasonal, temporary and volunteer employees; contractors; and consultants.

The salary range for this position is \$95,264.00 – \$121,368.00 annually, along with a comprehensive benefits package.

Application packets can be obtained by contacting City Hall at (320) 685-3653, in person at 109 Main St., Cold Spring, MN, or at www.cold-springmn.gov. All applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

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Parking only \$5.00 for the day! 4-H events, Midway rides, food, Grandstand music, Demo Derby Thursday-Saturday. Sunday will be the Tractor Pull. Lots to see and do! For more information, please call: During Fair: 320-352-2482 or Off Season: 320-248-5511!

The 2026 Benton County Fair, August 4th-9th!

The Benton County Annual County Fair held in Sauk Rapids, MN the beginning of August. 4-H, animals, Midway, Grandstand, commercial exhibits, entertainment and awesome fair food. No admission charge-free gate fair!

Bluegrass Weekend!

Our local favorite, Minnesota Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Festival held at El Rancho Manana, will be held August 6th - 9th Mark your calendars! For more information, please visit www.minnesotabluegrass.org or call 651-456-8919.

Young Life Triathlon in Detroit Lakes, August 15th!

This triathlon offers two course lengths. The Olympic length course is a 1.5K swim in Detroit Lake, 40K bike through the Detroit Lakes countryside and 10K scenic run to the county park. The sprint course is a 1/2k swim, 20K bike and 5K run. Awards and lunch after the race. Packet pickup at Detroit Lakes Pavilion 4:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, August 14th. Visit www.younglifetriathlon.com for more information!

2026 Minnesota Senior Games!

The Minnesota Senior Games exists today as a

non-profit organization dedicated to motivating active adults to lead a healthy lifestyle through the senior games movement. The Games, a 15 plus sport, annual competition for men and women 50 and over, is a statewide competition but also brings in athletes from all over the country. Greater St. Cloud is the proud host of the 2026 Minnesota Senior Games August 6-9, 2026!

For more information, visit: www.mnseniorgames.com.

The 19th Annual Minnesota Garlic Festival-August 15, 2026!

McCleod County Fairgrounds from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Adults: \$10, Kids under 12: free. Can buy online or at the gate. This is an ALL WEATHER EVENT. The Minnesota Garlic Festival is the premier event for lovers of garlic, great local foods and good times! Family friendly, fun filled and fragrant, this festival features fantastic foods, celebrity chefs, marvelous music, area artisans, goofy games...and lots of GARLIC — all in support of a healthy environment, sustainable farms and vital rural communities in Minnesota.

Barnesville Potato Days Festival August 22, 2026!

Visitors from across the country will flock to Barnesville, Minnesota in August to experience two days of zany potato activities, taste tempting potato specialties and small town hospitality. Each year, over 20,000 tater lovers from across the country descend on this town of 2,400 to enjoy bushels of free fun for the whole family. Barnesville Potato Festival is always a'peel'ing because of its many unique activities, such as mashed potato wrestling or the Miss Tator Tot Pageant. It is events like that and the unlikely mix of picking and peeling, carving, car races and cooking, sacking and sculpting that continue to attract and intrigue festival goers each and every year. Add to that a menu that includes Norwegian lefse, potato pancakes, french fries, potato sausage, German potato dumplings and you've got an award winning combination sure to please young and old alike. For more information, please call 218-354-2888.

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

Have a Great Week! If you drink, please don't drive a vehicle or watercraft! Til Next Time~

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Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your bold approach is magnetic right now. If you have a big idea that you've been waiting to share, present it now. Everyone is ready to listen.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Think about how you can treat someone else to something nice, whether it is a gift, time spent with you or whatever it is that they desire. Build the foundation for a stronger friendship.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

This week is all about clearing out the old to make room for the new, Gemini. Begin decluttering your physical space and then move on to clearing out your mind.

CANCER - Jun 22/July 22

Cancer, your social circle is a great asset this week. Reach out to a friend you haven't spoken to in a while. You might find the conversation sparks a great new collaborative idea.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Leo, your hard work is finally getting the recognition it deserves. Don't be afraid to accept any praise that comes your way. You will inspire others with your natural leadership and confidence.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, whether it is picking up a new hobby or diving into a book you have been meaning to read, you are craving knowledge this week. Your mind is hungry for growth, so feed it.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Right now you are able to resolve lingering tensions with ease, Libra. Lean into your diplomatic nature; you have the power to turn a complicated situation into a win-win for everyone.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

The connections you nurture this week will prove incredibly lucky for you, Scorpio. You will come across as deeply authentic, which can draw people to you like a magnet.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Getting details handled early on will clear the path for a much more open week as the weekend approaches, Sagittarius. Take to the task at hand now and reap the rewards later.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Your creativity is off the charts right now, Capricorn. You might find that you are better positioned to problem-solve when you're doing things unrelated to the task at hand.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

It is a wonderful time to redecorate the garden or spend quality time with family, Aquarius. Nurturing yourself will give you the stamina to tackle the world outside of your home.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, people are generally interested in what you have to say this week, so be sure to speak up. Your message may inspire others.

Rockville Remember...



Some current Rockville kids were wondering what a "Mill Pond" was and where it was and what did you do there? Well here is a picture from about 1920. These Rockville kids lived on Main Street and the Mill was a big building on the west side of the dam (what's now the Church parking lot). Behind the dam is a swamp (now) then because the dam was "higher" it was a Pond...ice skating on it in winter and picnicking in the summer. The kids are with one of the mothers: Sue (Dockendorf) Hansen. The kids are left-right: Orlyn Kraemer, Wally Theisen, Louis Rothstein, Sonny Hansen, Ervin Theisen, Richard Hansen, Leander Eichoff, Larry Taufen. Front: Charlotte Hansen, Art and Jackie Hansen. This is over 100 years ago; there's probably only one person "alive now" that remembers all of these kids. even though she's not even 100 years old YET! Call her, Doris Smith. Enjoy! Tudie 320-252-3017.