

MORTON AREA NEWSLETTER

August 2016

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NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR CITY OF MORTON

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

NOTICE is hereby given that Candidates can file Affidavits of Candidacy for the office of Mayor and Council Members

beginning at 7:00 AM on August 2, 2016

in the office of the City Clerk/Administrator,

City of Morton, 220 West Second Street, Morton, Minnesota.

The last day on which affidavits may be filed is

August 16, 2016 until 5:00 PM.

Filing Fee: \$2.00

The offices for which Affidavits of Candidacy can be filed are as follows:

Mayor

Two Year Term

(2) Council Positions

Four Year Terms

ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

POLLS WILL BE OPEN

7:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M.

RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF
MORTON VOTE AT CITY HALL.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO VOTE
ON THIS DATE, PLEASE MAKE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR
ABSENTEE VOTING

FIRST PLACE



CONGRATULATIONS

MORTON OPEN FIRST PLACE TEAM!!

RICHARD ANDREEN

JENNY KOERNER

THOMAS MINKEL

DICK REBSTOCK

Need a Job?

Low income,
unemployed, age
55 and over?

- ▶ Receive paid community service assignments at local public and nonprofit organizations
- ▶ Access needed services and assistance
- ▶ Update skills and obtain training
- ▶ Obtain job search assistance

Contact us

1-855-270-9660

www.experienceworks.org

Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution

The 3rd Tuesday of the month
at the National Guard Armory in Red-
wood Falls

Registration begins at 4:00

Distribution runs from 4:30-6:00
a \$20 cash donation gets you a share
bring 2 laundry baskets for your food

contact rubysredwoodfalls@gmail.com
for information especially those who
want to volunteer.

Want to start a business? Or expand a business?

Morton welcomes you!

*For assistance with financing, business plans,
available lots, building and zoning criteria*

Call Shirley at 507-697-6912

*We will work with you to build and develop your business in
Morton!*

Attention Veterans!

Lee Stock of

Renville County Veterans' Services will be
at Morton City Hall

Tuesday, September 13

to assist you with any of your veteran
service needs.

Would your house like a little TLC?



Maximum incomes

1 person	\$41,450
2 people	\$47,350
3 people	\$53,300
4 people	\$59,200
5 people	\$63,950
6 people	\$68,650
7 people	\$73,400
8 people	\$78,150

Do you need a new furnace,
or maybe some
insulation or windows?

Those are just some
of the eligible
improvements

under the Renville County
Homeownership Program.
If you are a homeowner in
Renville County
you may qualify for a
0% interest matching loan of
up to \$5,000.

Down payment assistance is
also available to first time
homebuyers.

For more information call
Renville County
HRA/EDA

at 320-523-3656 or
888-665-3745.



Newsletter/Local Access

Information

If you have items you wish to have in the newsletter or posted on the access channel, please drop them off at city hall and we will be happy to include them!

Church Service Schedule

Zion Lutheran

9:00 a.m. Sundays

Bible Study & Sunday school following services

St. John's Catholic

Mass at 8:00 a.m. Sundays

Council Meetings

Next Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 14

starting at 6:30 p.m.

The official newspaper for the City of Morton is the Renville County Register. All notices and publications as required by law are printed in that paper and as an additional means of providing public information, such notices will be printed in this newsletter when possible. All other publications and postings are done as a courtesy and means of informing residents of activities.

CHURCH SERVICES ARE AIRED ON
MEDIACOM CUSTOMERS'
CHANNEL 8

CHECK THE CHANNEL FOR DAYS AND
TIMES

BONE BUILDERS

Our group is continuing to meet on Wednesday & Friday at 9:30 am at the Senior Center. Everyone has a great time, sharing news, joking & laughing. Be sure to listen to KLGR for cancellations and changes

CIVIL DEFENSE

SIREN TESTING

Civil Defense sirens are tested each month on the first Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

CENTRAL COMMUNITY TRANSIT

The Central Community Transit serves all of Renville County

Monday . Friday and all your Transportation needs.

For more information call:

Central Community Transit at:

320-523-3589 or 1-800-450-7964



Women, Infant & Children

Nutrition Program (WIC)

WIC is in Morton on the 3rd Wednesday every 4 months

from 9:30am-11am at City Hall.

Next visit will be

October 19, 2016

Call 1-800-942-4030 for Information & Details

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

MEETS AT

MORTON CITY HALL

EACH MONDAY EVENING,

BEGINNING AT

7:00 P.M.

WIC provides nutrition tips and advice, support for breastfeeding, healthy foods such as milk, cheese, juice, cereals and infant formula, caring and supportive staff.

You may qualify if you are pregnant, nursing or have a child under age 5.

If you are doing home projects and improvements, please check with city hall to be sure you are complying with local requirements.

Centennial Mini-Storage

10 x 15 and 10 x 20 Units

Clean and Dry, Your Lock & Key!

Call Wes for Availability

507-627-6282

WOOD PILE FOR SALE

CALL JAN MCGOWAN

697-6971

Redwood/Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority – (RRRSWA) Guidelines

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING GUIDELINES PERMITTED RECYCLABLE ITEMS:

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE EMPTY, CLEAN
AND RINSED (CONTAINERS)**



Plastic containers - #1 thru #5 (excluding caps)
No larger than 5 Gallons. **Must be removed from bags - No Styrofoam - No loose bags – No toys, pools, siding, PVC pipe, etc.**



Glass - Clear, green and brown bottles and jars (food and beverage containers only.) **No light bulbs, mirrors, ceramics or dishes. Must be empty and clean - Do Not remove labels.**



Steel and Aluminum - Food and beverage cans aluminum foil and pie pans, aerosol cans.
No food remaining - empty and clean. No need to remove labels on food cans.



Paper - Newspaper, junk mail, magazines, paperbacks, catalogs, phone books, envelopes (including windowed) paper egg cartons.
Do Not bundle or tie - place in cart loose.



Cardboard - (folded flat), paper bags, boxboard (e.g. cereal, cracker, pasta and shoe boxes.)
No frozen food or refrigerated food boxes. No packing foam – No waxed cardboard.

Plastic bags

Knot it, Bag it

Put only full bags of clean knotted plastic bags in the Mixed Recycling bin.

NO LOOSE BAGS!

ADDITIONAL NON-RECYCLABLE ITEMS: APPLIANCES, ELECTRONICS, SYRINGES, NEEDLES, YARD WASTE, MEDICAL WASTE, GARBAGE, BUILDING MATERIALS, KLEENEX, HAZARDOUS WASTE, ETC.

For more information log on to:

www.renvillecountymn.com or www.co.redwood.mn.us

And follow the Redwood/Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority (RRRSWA) Link

UPCOMING CURBSIDE

RECYCLING DATES:

Aug. 23, Sept. 7 & 20

Have your container at the location of your garbage pick up by **6:00 a.m.**

GARBAGE DAY IS EACH TUESDAY MORNING

PLEASE HAVE CONTAINERS AT THE CURB NO LATER THAN **7:00 A.M.**
AND ALLOW FOR ADEQUATE ROOM FOR THE ARM OF THE TRUCK TO ATTACH TO YOUR CONTAINER.. ALL GARBAGE MUST IN THE CONTAINER AND THE CONTAINER MUST BE ACCESSIBLE.

YEAR –AROUND
RECYCLE HANDHELD
ELECTRONICS,
EXTENSION CORDS &
STRING LIGHTS
DROP OFF AT CITY

Electronics and Appliance Recycling!!

The first Wednesday of each month April-October:

2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Located behind the Redwood County Museum

*This collection is for Redwood and Renville County Residents ONLY

July 6, 2016

August 3, 2016

September 7, 2016

October 5, 2016

PLEASE SAVE THIS FLYER!

For more information, contact S.W. Recycling at
1-800-366-8665 or www.swrecycling.com

Electronics

Appliances

FREE

COST

FREE

COST

CPUs, mice, cell phones, keyboards, speakers, iPods, cameras, GPS units, laptops, CD players, MP3 players, etc.

\$15.00: TVs and computer monitors
\$10.00: scanners, printers, copiers, fax machines, VCRs, DVD players and stereos

Washers, dryers, dehumidifiers, grills, fans, water heaters, toasters, vacuum cleaners, stoves/ovens, microwaves, water softeners, refrigerators, etc.

\$50.00:
RV Refrigerators

The following will NOT be accepted at this collection: Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), standard recyclable materials, fluorescent bulbs. Tires will NOT be accepted.

"The Oldest Story in North America"

220 West Second Street – P.O. Box 127 – Morton, MN 56270-0127 Phone: (507) 697-6912 Fax: (507) 697-6118
E-Mail: mortoncityhall@mchsi.com

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TDD/TTY: 651-602-7830

AMENDMENTS TO THE July 13 meeting: None

The following are the NOTES from the most recent council meetings (August 10th)

These NOTES have not been approved by the council as of this publication. Any changes will be noted in the next newsletter.

AUGUST 10, 2016:

Regular meeting called to order in open session at 6:30 p.m. Jorey Prescott absent. Others present: None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

7C) Chamber letter

13A) Auditor letter

CITIZEN ISSUES: None

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: None

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion by Jacobson to approve as presented. Second by Walker. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Walker to approve as presented. Second by Jacobson. Motion carried.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:

CANOE ACCESS PROJECT: The posts for the shelter are in and construction of the remainder of the shelter will be completed soon. The sign has been ordered. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for September 10. Jason has sprayed weeds and will need to do some maintenance along the trails prior to the dedication.

TIF REPORTING: The annual Tax Increment Financing Report has been completed and submitted. A copy of the report is available for review at city hall and the summary is being published as required.

CHAMBER: A letter from Chamber President, Wes Ovre, was presented for council review and discussion. The letter is in regard to the need for a community center, for establishing a committee to explore options and ideas for a facility. A meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 24 to meet with an organization regarding grants that may be available. Review of the steps that have been taken up until this point. The council discussed financing and affordability. The council has identified the Fire Hall needs as #1 priority due to safety concerns, a community facility as priority #2. Tom Jacobson and Shirley Dove will plan to attend the August 24 meeting. The council authorized Shirley to meet with Rebecca Kurtz of Ehlers & Associates to explore options for addressing the two top priority projects. The council also agreed that forming a committee at this point may be premature and recommends holding off until feasible options are identified.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT: Nothing to present

SUPPORT TO KIDS: No one has stepped forward to take on DAFY. Discussion on the number of kids that participate in activities in Redwood Falls and the possibility of providing transportation. Additional discussions at a later date if more information can be obtained.

COMMUNITY PRIDE: No update at this time.

PROVIDING MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

WATER/SEWER: Two proposals for televising the storm sewer on Quarry Drive were presented. Hydro Klean \$1375 and Empire Pipe for \$925. Discussion on the proposal from Empire Pipe. Their proposal included cost estimates for bringing equipment to complete the repairs once televising is done. Motion by Jacobson to authorize Empire Pipe to televise only the storm sewer on Quarry Drive per their estimate of \$925. Motion carried.

Motion by Walker to approve the repair of the backflow preventer at the sewer facility per estimate from Alden Pool. Second by Jacobson. Motion carried.

SANITATION: Nothing

STREETS: We will be receiving an estimate soon for some repair to streets where work had been done previously (digging up storm sewers, wash outs, potholes). Plans are to have the proposal for the next meeting.

PARK: Harold Block is working out very well and doing an excellent job.

CEMETERY: Nothing.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

POLICE: Summary report for July was presented for council review. No issues.

FIRE: Motion by Walker to approve the membership of Brady Nesburg and Brandon Hyatt to the fire department pending successful completion of the background checks. Second by Jacobson. Motion carried.

The location for holding the steak fry for Beneath the Wreath is being discussed. This is an example of an event that we could utilize a community center for.

MANAGEMENT:

ANNUAL AUDIT: The 2015 audit is not completed yet (due date was June 30th). Council expressed concern about getting it done. A special meeting will be scheduled as soon as we have the draft in hand.

AUDITOR LETTER: A letter was received from Mike Uhlenkamp stating he will be closing his audit practice at the conclusion of this year's audit. In the letter he provided the name of a firm that would be able to complete our audit. Council agreed that we should get some estimates and review them at a future meeting.

PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS: 12 ballots were cast. Results: 8 Republican, 3 DLF and 1 No Party. Motion by Walker and second by Jacobson to approve the primary election results as presented. Motion carried. Discussion on the costs of these elections.

BUDGET 2017:

Contract Review: Review of the contracts in place and their renewal dates. There are none that are due to be renewed at this time. The auditor contract was addressed earlier in the meeting.

Discussion on the contract for prepaying LP for city buildings. Motion by Walker and second by Jacobson to use the carry-over from the last heating season and contract an additional 1,000 gallons at \$.95 per gallon for the upcoming heating season. Motion carried.

Goals & Projects: Review of the goals and projects that were identified for 2016 and the five year plan. Discussion on progress made on these goals. Council will review the list and be prepared to identify the projects for 2017 and modify, if necessary the goals and projects for the 5 year period. The need for the fire hall and community center have been addressed earlier in the meeting.

Needs of the Departments: These needs will be identified in the draft budget

Salary and Benefit Review and Adjustments: Review of current salaries, what increases were given last year and benefits that are provided. The council made an adjustment about a year ago because of insurance changes. Discussion on what the cost of living rate is at this time. Ben recommended leaving the salaries at the current rate with no changes. Discussion on vacation time, on the amount of vacation that can be accrued and on cashing it in. Council agreed to table until the next meeting for further consideration.

Review of Enterprise Funds, Fund Balances and Rates: Enterprise funds and rates can be reviewed when the draft budget is presented. Fund Balances are reviewed each month with the treasurer's report.

PAY BILLS: Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to pay bills as presented. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS FOR MORTON :

August 9, 2016

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST:	12
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 7 (Republican)	
Amanda Lynn Hinson	3
Dave Hughes	5
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 7 (DFL)	
Collin Peterson	3
ASSOC. JUSTICE 6-SUPREME COURT-RENNVILLE	
Craig Foss	3
Natalie Hudson	7
Under Votes	2

UTILITY BILLING SCHEDULE:

- ◆ We bill MONTHLY. Bills are mailed on the 1st of the month
- ◆ Delinquent Notices are sent-1st of the month
- ◆ Shut off date for delinquent accounts: 16th of the month
- ◆ Current bills are due on the 20th of the month
- ◆ Meters are read electronically around the 25th of the month

Please comply with this policy.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED CAN YOU HELP??

If you like to drive, meet new people, and have time to help
Consider serving as a

Volunteer Driver

Volunteer Drivers provide an
important service for area residents who can not
drive or have no one to turn to for transportation.

Volunteers are not obligated to drive — tell us
where and when you are available.

Mileage is reimbursed .54/mile and other eligible expenses.
(not considered taxable income)

Volunteers are part of a great network
JOIN OUR TEAM



Call Community Transit of
Western Community Action

1-507-847-2632 or 1-507-537-1416

St. Andrew's Fun Fest – Fairfax, MN—Sunday, August 21, 2016

Polka Mass 9:30 – by St. A's Polka Teers

10:30 – 1:00 Deep Fried Chicken Dinner

**BIG CASH Raffle & BIG Wheel, Games, Bingo, Pull Tabs Beer, Lunch Stand, Authentic Mexican
Tacos – 10:30 – 4:00**



Community Garden

The Morton Community Garden is growing strong! If you would like to join in the fun, please join us at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Everyone is welcome!

HOG Roast

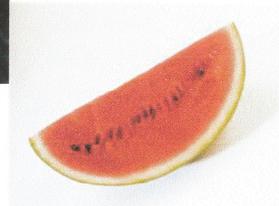
To Support Local Veterans

Sponsored by the American Legion and Boy Scout Troop 70

Saturday August 27, 2016

@

American Legion
Redwood Falls
4pm-8pm



Cost Per Person
Adults -- \$15
6-12 years -- \$7
5 and under -- Free

Held rain or shine

MUSEUM HOURS

June, July & August

Monday – Saturday: 10 AM – 4 PM

2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month: 1 PM – 4 PM

September – May (closed Memorial Day)

Monday – Friday 10 AM – 4 PM

Closed Saturday & Sunday

Call to make an appointment

outside the posted hours above. 507.697.6147

Museum Admission: \$3.00 per person
(5 & Under FREE)!



Renville County Historical Society News August 2016

Be sure to stop by Building # 4 on the Renville County Fairgrounds in Bird Island on August 10-12, 2016. RCHS is celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Renville County with special exhibits. Also featured in Building # 4 is the town of Morton, two of the Old Villages Beaver Falls and Eddsville!

Attention Morton Graduates, the framed graduation classes that used to hang in the hallways of the Morton School will be on display this year at the fair along with the first Morton School Bell and the Map from the Morton gym floor. \$1 donation to ring the bell!

Be sure to LIKE us on Facebook www.facebook/rchsmuseum and FOLLOW us on Twitter @RenvilleCoMNHIS. For more information visit our website www.renvillecountyhistory.com or stop on by the Museum. August Hours: Monday - Saturday 10 AM . 4 PM Open Sunday, August 28th 1 PM . 4 PM. September . May Hours: Monday . Friday 10 AM . 4 PM.

It is time to vote for your FAVORITE Renville County town again! There are 8 towns in the running for the 2017 exhibit: Bird Island, Buffalo Lake, Danube, Fairfax, Hector, Olivia, Renville and Sacred Heart. The town who gets the most donations prior to the closing of the Renville County Fair on August 12th at 10 PM WINS the 2017 exhibit area. Send your donation to RCHS, Attn. 2017 Vote, 441 N Park Dr., Morton, MN 56270. Be sure to include the name of the town you are voting for in the memo line of your check. You can also stop by the Museum to place your donation vote. Stop by Building # 4 during the Renville County Fair in Bird Island to place your donation vote August 10 - 12th, 10 AM - 10 PM in your town's donation jug. Voting closes at 10 PM Friday, August 12th, mailed donations must be postmarked 8/12/2016. Good luck to the lucky town!

Photograph Information: Overview photograph of Beaver Falls, Painting of the Old Mill at Beaver Falls 1905 (Painted by Charlotte Erikson Paulson), Petition signed by over 3000 Renville County residents to move the county seat from Beaver Falls to Olivia, Morton High School Class of 1946, Tomahawk Yearbooks 1946, 1966, 1976 and a few of Gladys Gooderum's scrapbooks. These items and more will be at the Renville County Fair in Building #4.





Renville County 150th Anniversary 1866-2016

Schedule of events for the 150th Celebration!

Saturday, August 20th: East Loop Historic Bus Tour \$20 per person, meet at 8:15 AM at the Courthouse parking lot in Olivia, bus leaves at 8:30 AM. The bus will travel the east side of the County stopping at Hector's Museum & Airport, lunch and a tour of Swedlanda Lutheran Church, Fairfax Depot, Stagecoach Stop in Camp Township, the Birch Coulee Battlefield, and at the Renville County Historical Society & Museum in Morton returning to Olivia around 4:30 PM.

Sunday, September 11th: 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM 150th Anniversary Celebration at the Courthouse in Olivia. Tour the Courthouse 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM, program outside the Courthouse at 2:30 PM, refreshments & entertainment throughout the event.

Saturday, October 1st: West Loop Historic Bus Store, \$20 per person, meet at 8:15 AM at the Courthouse parking lot in Olivia, bus leaves at 8:30 AM. The bus will travel the west side of the County taking in the fall foliage with stops at the Danube Depot Museum, Renville City Museum, Sacred Heart Area Historical Society, traveling south to Skalbekken County Park along the Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway with lunch at Vicksburg County Park, stop at Beaver Falls County Park and a visit to Bechyn to tour St. Mary's Church returning to Olivia around 4:30 PM.

Buy your tickets for the **August 20th bus tour by Monday, August 15th and the October 1st tour by September 26th.** Buy online at www.renvillecountymn.com or stop in at the County Recorder's Office in the Courthouse.

For more details follow the **Celebration Events on the 150th and 100th Anniversaries** at the County's website at www.renvillecountymn.com and be sure to like our Facebook page www.facebook.com/renvillecountymn150.

Morton

Annual Disclosure of Tax Increment Districts for the Year Ended December 31, 2015

TIF District Name:	TIF 1-3
Current net tax capacity	56,739
Original net tax capacity	21,480
Captured net tax capacity	35,259
Principal and interest payments due during current year	53,802
Tax increment received	69,265
Tax increment expended	47,927
Month and year of first tax increment receipt	June 2015
Date of required decertification	12-31-2040

Additional information regarding each district may be obtained from: Shirley Dove, City Clerk/Administrator
 220 West 2nd Street Morton, MN 56270
 (507) 697-6912
 mortoncityhall@mchsi.com

Czech Heritage Festival Bechyn, Minnesota August 14, 2016

10:00 Polka Mass
 11:00 - 2:00 Pork Dinner
 Takeout available 10:30 - 1:00

Afternoon Entertainment

Wendinger Band*
 Malek Fishermen Band*
 Sleepy Eye Area Concertina Club
 Bechyn Czech Folk Dancers
Special Presentation
 Peter Vodenka - Journey to Freedom

**Bands sponsored by Leonard Malecek*

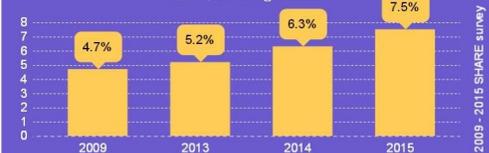
Children's Activities	Benefit Raffle
Quilt Raffle	Silent Auction
Farmers Market	Souvenirs
Childrens Games	Ethnic Foods
Kolache	Beer Garden
<i>Held Rain or Shine</i>	<i>Free Admission</i>



**BY THE
 NUMB3RS**

CHALLENGES

Renville County Student Marijuana Use
 7th, 9th, & 11th graders



**ONLY
 55.5%**
 of Renville county 11th graders say smoking pot is harmful

of Renville county students who took the 2015 PACT for Families SHARE Survey; identifying student needs and concerns

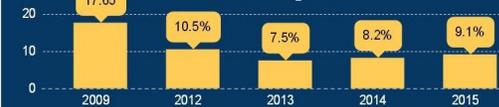
789

97.8%

of 7th graders reported NOT drinking in the last 30 days

SUCCESSSES

Renville County Student Alcohol Use
 7th, 9th, & 11th graders



5% fewer students smoke now than they did in 2012

RAPAD wins the Minnesota Prevention "Prepared and Aware" Award

2015

please call us to learn more, get involved, or join us at our monthly meetings

320.523.3845



Morton Area Chamber & Tourism
PO Box 316
Morton, MN 56270

Dear Morton Area Businesses and Residents,

The Morton Area Chamber has been evolving throughout 2016 and we want to share our changes with you!

Meet Our Board Members

President, Wes Ovre
Centennial Storage
wes@easystand.com

Secretary, Ann Vote
Minnesota Valley History Learning Center
MVHLC.explorerprogram@gmail.com

Jo Ann Dehncke
Dehncke Planning
jdehncke@mchsi.com

Heather Koffler
River Valley Arms & Ammo
heather@rivervalleyarms.com

Vice President, Nicole Elzenga
Renville County Historical Society & Museum
director@renvillecountyhistory.com

Treasurer, Bonnie Green
Green Lighthouse Photo & Frame
greenlighthousephoto@gmail.com

JoAnn Jacobson
Hairstop
tjake@mchsi.com

Darin Prescott
Lower Sioux Health Care Center
Darin.prescott@lowersiouxhealth.com

Morton Area Chamber Board Meetings

The Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 am at the Renville County Museum. The public is invited to attend our monthly Board meetings. With Board meeting questions, contact President Wes Ovre.

AUGUST

18

Chamber Connections

Our next Chamber Connection will take place on Thursday, August 18 at *Altimate Medical* starting at 7:30 am. Our Chamber Connection now has a new twist! We'd like to invite all to come and check it out! We will also have a tour of *Altimate Medical* and enjoy some morning treats!

We are looking for Chamber Connection hosts for September and October. Contact Ann Vote if your business would be interested in hosting a connection on the third Thursday of the month.

Beneath the Village Wreath Celebration

The Morton Area Chamber has some fun, new changes coming to our Beneath the Village Wreath celebration in November! More information and events coming soon! Do you have a new idea for this event? Contact Vice President, Nicole Elzenga, with new suggestions or ideas.

Thank You

The Morton Area Chamber Board thanks all of our 2016 Morton Area Chamber Members! Your \$50 membership has allowed for positive community and business relationships including supporting the following: Senior Center \$2 Days, Fourth of July Kiddie Train and Bouncy House, children's activities at Morton Area Events, and sponsorship of the Morton Open.

2016 Morton Area Chamber Members

<i>Allimate Medical</i>	<i>Kristi Kay Designs</i>	<i>Northstar Plumbing & Heating</i>
<i>Cold Springs Granite Company</i>	<i>Lower Sioux Health Care</i>	<i>Palmyra Insurance</i>
<i>Dehncke Planning</i>	<i>Mama's Massage</i>	<i>R & E Sanitation/Cousin's Saloon</i>
<i>Everstrong Construction</i>	<i>Margaret Keller, Creative Memories</i>	<i>Renville County Museum</i>
<i>Franklin State Bank</i>	<i>Mediacom</i>	<i>River Valley Arms & Ammo</i>
<i>Green Lighthouse Photo & Frame</i>	<i>Minnwest Bank</i>	<i>Step Saver</i>
<i>Hairstop</i>	<i>MN Prairie Line</i>	<i>Wes Ovre, Centennial Storage</i>
<i>Harvestland Cooperative</i>	<i>MN Valley History Learning Center</i>	<i>Xcel Energy</i>
<i>Hometown Bank</i>	<i>Morton BP</i>	
<i>Jackpot Junction</i>	<i>Morton Senior Citizens</i>	

Planning and Growing

The Chamber Board will be strategic planning with *VantagePoint Marketing Consultants* to create a more succinct vision in order to provide for our growing business community. We invite any input you may have in how the Morton Area Chamber can serve your businesses. We look forward to sharing with you what we accomplish during these planning sessions. Stay tuned!

Morton Area Chamber Promotion

To help spread the word about the many successful businesses in Morton, the Morton Area Chamber purchased two full-page ads in the *Redwood Falls Visitors Guide* and *Discover Tatanka Bluffs* publication and a half page ad in the *Minnesota River Valley Scenic Byway Guide*. These publications cover the 5 state region!

Our Facebook page has been reaching more and more people thanks to those of you who support us through a like or a share! Please continue spreading our information by sharing to your business sites or personal pages. We appreciate it!

With appreciation,

The Morton Chamber of Commerce

Join our membership today and help us continue to build a thriving environment for the Morton Area community and businesses! We look forward to meeting your business needs and working together to support one another.

Contact Treasurer Bonnie Green to become a Morton Area Chamber Member!

Another option now available for payment of utility bills
in the City of Morton:



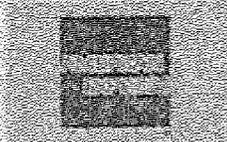
Make Payments Simply.

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

www.GovPayNow.com

1-(888) 604-7888

GovPayNet accepts the following credit, debit & prepaid debit card brands (or any combination):



A service fee is charged for the transaction.

Options for making payments for utilities include:

1. Pay by cash in person at City Hall during business hours
2. Pay by check at City Hall, by US Mail or by using the drop box outside of City Hall
3. Set up automatic withdrawal from your bank account (free service)
4. Utilizing GovPay as outlined above

PROHIBITIONS

FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS:

- Making any false statements including falsely claiming to be a citizen of the United States in order to register or vote in any Federal or State elections
- Voting more than once in any election
- Providing false, fraudulent or fictitious name, address, or period of residence in a voting district for the purpose of establishing eligibility to register to vote
- Casting or tabulating a false, fraudulent or fictitious ballot in any election
- Paying, or offering to pay someone to vote, register to vote, withhold a vote, or vote for or against any candidate
- Accepting payment (or anything of value) to vote, register to vote, withhold a vote, or vote for or against any candidate

18 U.S.C. 241, 18 U.S.C. 242, 42 U.S.C. 1973 i(C) and 42 U.S.C. 1973 i(E)

STATE LAW PROHIBITS:

- Causing or attempting to cause an individual's name to be registered in any precinct if the individual is not eligible to vote
- Causing or attempting to cause an individual's name to be registered for the purpose of voting in more than one precinct
- Misrepresenting an individual's identity when attempting to register to vote
- Voting in a precinct in which a voter does not maintain residence
- Aiding, abetting, counseling, or procuring any other individual to violate any of the above
- Campaigning or displaying of campaign materials in or about the polling place
- Knowingly deceiving or providing false information regarding time, place, or manner of elections

Minn. Stat. 201.016, 201.054, 211B.11, 204C.035, 204C.14

FELONY RECORD AND VOTING

Your felony criminal record does not affect your right to vote in Minnesota unless you are currently serving a felony conviction sentence, including probation or parole.

Can I vote today if...

I am currently serving a felony sentence, including probation or parole?	NO
My stay of adjudication was revoked and I'm currently serving a felony sentence?	NO
I finished all parts of my felony sentence, including probation or parole (I'm 'off-paper')?	YES
I've been charged with a felony, but I haven't been convicted?	YES
I've been given a stay of adjudication?	YES
I finished all parts of my felony sentence in another state?	YES
I was charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor?	YES

VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

For all persons residing in this state who meet federal voting eligibility requirements:

1. You have the right to be absent from work for the purpose of voting in a state, federal, or regularly scheduled election without reduction to your pay, personal leave, or vacation time on election day for the time necessary to appear at your polling place, cast a ballot, and return to work.
2. If you are in line at your polling place any time before 8:00 p.m., you have the right to vote.
3. If you can provide the required proof of residence, you have the right to register to vote and to vote on election day.
4. If you are unable to sign your name, you have the right to orally confirm your identity with an election judge and to direct another person to sign your name for you.
5. You have the right to request special assistance when voting.
6. If you need assistance, you may be accompanied into the voting booth by a person of your choice, except by an agent of your employer or union or a candidate.
7. You have the right to bring your minor children into the polling place and into the voting booth with you.
8. If you have been convicted of a felony but your felony sentence has expired (been completed) or you have been discharged from your sentence, you have the right to vote.
9. If you are under a guardianship, you have the right to vote, unless the court order revokes your right to vote.
10. You have the right to vote without anyone in the polling place trying to influence your vote.
11. If you make a mistake or spoil your ballot before it is submitted, you have the right to receive a replacement ballot and vote.
12. You have the right to file a written complaint at your polling place if you are dissatisfied with the way an election is being run.
13. You have the right to take a sample ballot into the voting booth with you.
14. You have the right to take a copy of this Voter's Bill of Rights into the voting booth with you.

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In all matters, the law and rule are the final authority.

Secretary of State, Elections Division, 100 State Office Bldg., 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155-1298, (612)215-1440, Web site: www.sos.state.mn.us

ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION

Show Proof of Residence

1. ID with Current Name and Address

- Valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit or ID; or a receipt for any of these.
- Tribal ID with name, address, photo and signature.

2. Photo ID Plus a Document with Current Name and Address

Approved photo IDs Choose one.
Can be expired.

- Driver's license, state ID or learner's permit issued by any state
- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Military or Veteran ID
- Tribal ID with name, signature and photo
- Minnesota university, college or technical college ID
- Minnesota high school ID

Approved documents Choose one.
Can be shown on electronic device.

- Bill, account or start-of-service statement due or dated within 30 days of the election for:
 - Phone, TV or internet
 - Solid waste, sewer, electric, gas or water
 - Banking or credit card
 - Rent or mortgage
- Residential lease or rent agreement valid through Election Day
- Current student fee statement

3. Registered Voter Who Can Confirm Your Address

A registered voter from your precinct can go with you to the polling place to sign an oath confirming your address. This is known as 'vouching.' A registered voter can vouch for up to eight voters. You cannot vouch for others if someone vouched for you.

4. College Student ID with Housing List

Colleges and universities send election officials a student housing list. If you are on the list, show your college photo ID to complete your registration.

5. Valid Registration in Same Precinct

If you are registered in the precinct but changed names or moved within the same precinct, you only need to tell the election judge your previous name or address.

6. Notice of Late Registration

If you registered to vote within 20 days of the election, you may get a Notice of Late Registration in the mail. Use it as your proof of residence to register.

7. Staff Person of a Residential Facility

If you live in a residential facility, a staff person can go with you to the polling place to confirm your address. This is known as 'vouching.' A staff person can vouch for all eligible voters living in the facility.

“SEE ID” ON ROSTER

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6. Or, complete a voter registration application and have a voucher confirm your address with a signed oath.

Join us for the River Valley Arms & Ammo
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WHEN

**Saturday,
September 10th
12p-4p**

WHERE

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WHEN

September 10th-25th, 2016

WHERE

**River Valley Arms & Ammo
221 West 2nd Street, Morton, MN 56270**

Hours: Wed 11-4, Thurs & Fri 10-8, Sat 10-5, Sun 11-4 | www.rivervalleyarms.com | 507-829-2439



MN DNR FIREARM SAFETY

Online Field Day
Sunday, August 28th 10am
Redwood Falls Sportsmen's Club



Requirements: Must be 11 years of age before class start date listed above in order to be eligible to take this class.

The class is open to the youth 12 years and older (you must be 12 years of age prior to November 1, 2016), must show copy of birth certificate and the certificate from the completion of the online course. Adults are also welcome. If you are not interested in Hunting, but are interested in the shooting sports or need to learn how to safely operate a firearms, please attend.

The class fee is \$7.50

Three Ways to Register:
Stop in to River Valley Arms & Ammo in Morton, MN
Contact Heather by phone or text at 701-388-8659
Email at heather@rivervalleyarms.com.

River Valley Arms & Ammo
UPCOMING CLASSES



MN Permit to Carry
Saturday, August 13th 10am
River Valley Arms & Ammo

Intro to Defensive Handgun
Sunday, August 14th 10am
Redwood Falls Sportsmen's Club



MN DNR Firearm Safety Online Field Day
Sunday, August 28th 10am
Redwood Falls Sportsmen's Club

Demo Shoot
Saturday, September 10th Noon - 4pm
Redwood Falls Sportsmen's Club



MN Permit to Carry
Sunday, September 11th 10am
River Valley Arms & Ammo

Women Only Weekend (WOW)
Firearms 101
Saturday, September 17th 8am
River Valley Arms & Ammo



Women Only Weekend (WOW)
Handguns 101
Saturday, September 17th 1pm
River Valley Arms & Ammo

Women Only Weekend (WOW)
Intro to Personal Defense
Sunday, September 18th 8am
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Women Only Weekend (WOW)
MN Permit to Carry
Sunday, September 18th 10:30am
River Valley Arms & Ammo

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West Central Antique Power Collectors'

6th Annual Antique Plowing Bee

Contact: Randy Mertz, Chairman 320-522-0776
mertzmail_56277@yahoo.com

Date: Saturday, August 27th, 2016

Where: From Olivia go north on County Road 14 for one mile. Site is on the *West* side of the road. Watch for signs. *ENTER ON North Gravel Road.*

When: 8-10 am: Coffee and rolls for plowers and public.

Unload tractors/plows (Tractor and loader available to unload and load plows)

10 am: Plowing starts

Noon: free field lunch and door prize drawings

1 pm: Plowing until done.



Enjoy some old time fun with your family and friends and help WCAPC raise funds to support show site improvements.

Free Will Donations appreciated

www.wcapc.org

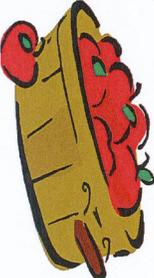


Morton Senior Dining Menu

Lutheran Social Service

SEPTEMBER 2016

Senior Nutrition Program

GIFT CERTIFICATES for meals available at your site or purchase on line at our website: www.lssmn.org/nutrition	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or EBT/Food Stamps) payment is accepted in lieu of donation. Contact Site Manager for more information.			
Monday, Sept. 5 Closed for Labor Day Holiday	Tuesday, Sept. 6 \$2.00 Day 3 oz. Roast Turkey 1/2c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Peas & Carrots Cranberry Garnish/Bread/Marg 2"x2" Fruit Shortcake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Wednesday, Sept. 7 Brat 1/2 c. Fresh Fruit, 1/2 c. Baked Beans 1/2 c. Coleslaw Margarine Bun 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, Sept. 8 4 oz. Pork Chop/Gravy 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Carrots Dinner Roll/Margarine 2"x2" Fruit Crisp 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Friday, Sept. 9 6 oz. Lasagna 1/2 c. Green Beans 1/2 c. Lettuce Salad/Drsg Garlic Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, Sept. 12 6 oz. Chicken Tetrastzini 1/2 c. Broccoli 1/2 c. Lettuce/Drsg. Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Tropical Fruit 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, Sept. 13 4 oz. Lemon Pepper Fish med. Baked Potato/Sr. Crm. 1/2 c. Creamed Peas Bread/Margarine 1/8 Slice Pie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Wednesday, Sept. 14 6 oz. Sweet & Sour Pork 1/2c. Rice 1/2 c. Oriental Vegetables 1/2 c. Fruit 2"x2" Gelatin/Wh. Topping 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, Sept. 15 \$2.00 Day 4 oz. Meatballs/Gravy 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Beets Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Angel Food Cake w/Fruit Sc. 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Friday, Sept. 16 5 oz. Baked Chicken 1/2 c. Potato Salad 1/2 c. Carrots Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Fresh Melon Cubes 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, Sept. 19 3 oz. Hamburger 1/2 c. Oven Brown Potatoes 1/2 c. Baked Beans Bun/Margarine 1/2 c. Rhubarb Sauce 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, Sept. 20 \$2.00 Day 3 oz. Pork Loin 1/2 c. Buttered Boiled Potatoes 1/2 c. Creamed Carrots Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Poke Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Wednesday, Sept. 21 6oz. Chicken in Cream Sauce 1/2 c. Rice Pilaf 1/2 c. Peas & Carrots 1/2 c. Peaches 2"x2" Cream Puff Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, Sept. 22 Taco Salad: 3ozTaco Meat 1/2oz.Cheese,2 Tbsp Salsa 1 c. Shredded Lettuce 1/2 c Tomatoes,1Tbsp Sr.Crm. Dinner Roll/Margarine 1/2 c Fresh Fruit/2"x2" Bar	Friday, Sept. 23 4 oz. Italian Meat Sauce 4 oz. Spaghetti Noodles 1/2c. Lettuce/Dressing 1/2 c. Green Beans Garlic Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Ice Cream
Monday, Sept. 26 3 oz. Salisbury Steak 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Carrots Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pineapple 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, Sept. 27 3 oz. BBQ Pork 1/2 c. Potato Salad 1/2 c. Cauliflower Bun/Margarine 2"x2" Fruit Crisp 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Wednesday, Sept. 28 6 oz. Baked Rigatoni & Beef 1/2 c. Corn 1/2 c. Fruit Salad Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pudding 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, Sept. 29 4 oz. Pub House Fish 1/2c. Macaroni & Cheese 1/2 c. Peas 1/2 c. Pears 2"x2" Raspberry Parfait Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Friday, Sept. 30 3 oz. Chicken Salad 1 c. Tossed Salad/Dressing 1/2 c. Fresh Fruit Bun/Margarine 2"x2" Blonde 8 oz. Low Fat Milk

Call JOANIE
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To reserve your meal
Please call one day in advance

This service is funded in part by a contract from the Area Agency on Aging with funding from the Federal Older Americans Act through the Minnesota Board on Aging. Additional funds are provided by the State of Minnesota, United Ways, local communities, and other adult contributions. Approved by: Terri Weyer, RD, LD
Posted menu is regular diet. Diabetic, sodium and fat restricted menus available upon request. **MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

Lemony Raspberry Zucchini Bread with a Lemony Glaze

For the Bread:

2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
2 eggs
1/2 cup vegetable oil
2/3 cup sugar
1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
Zest of 1 lemon
1 cup grated zucchini
1 cup of raspberries

For the Glaze:

1 cup powdered sugar
2 Tablespoons fresh lemon juice

Preheat oven to 350 °F. Grease and flour a 9×5" loaf pan, set aside.

In large bowl, blend flour, baking powder, and salt.

In the mixer bowl of a stand mixer/medium-sized bowl, beat 2 eggs well. Then add oil and sugar, and beat on low until well combined. Add the milk, lemon juice, and lemon zest; blend everything well.

Gently mix in the zucchini until just evenly distributed in mixture.

Add dry ingredients and fold everything together, but don't over mix.

Fold in the raspberries.

Pour the batter into the loaf pan. Bake for 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes then remove to a wire rack and cool completely.

While the loaf is cooling, in small bowl, mix the powdered sugar and lemon juice until well blended. Spoon the glaze over the cooled loaf. Let the glaze set prior to slicing and serving.

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