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May, 2016

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*New Businesses:
Welcome to Morton!*

**Morton Pub now under new ownership
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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, June 7th

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, June 8, 2016

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

July 20, 2016

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

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.

MORTON LIONS' CLUB

MEETING

3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

6:00 P.M. at Cousins Saloon

Centennial Mini-Storage

10 x 15 and 10 x 20 Units

Clean and Dry, Your Lock & Key!

Call Wes for Availability

507-627-6282

Farm Safety/Wellness/ Emergency Response Day

Morton City Park
June 30 12:30-2:30 PM



Redwood Falls Public Library

This summer is going to be fantastic at the Redwood Falls Public Library. While schools and teachers are gearing down and looking forward to a summer break, we are gearing up for the Summer Reading Program. Statistics show that students who participate in summer reading programs score higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than those who do not participate. We also know that students typically score lower on standardized tests in reading AND math at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer (they can lose up to 2 months of learning). We call this the Summer Slide and it is VERY real. The library is doing what we can to decrease the Summer Slide.



The theme for the Summer Reading Program this year is "Read for the Win". We will be having programming that focuses on sports, lawn games, board & card games, gaming in all its forms and learning to be the best you! We typically have 3 groups: K-4, 5-8, 9-12. They each have different ways to document their summer reading as well as programming tailored to them.

Adventure Club is for kids who have completed grades K-4. It is EVERY Tuesday at 3:30 at the library. We have been fortunate to collaborate with the Redwood County Extension 4-H program. They have a fabulous curriculum that tends to focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math). Recently the kids learned about cause and effect through Rube Goldberg inspired activities. On days she is not here we will have activities like Minute-to-Win-It, creating their own board games, playing board & card games, playing yard games, etc.

Middle Maniacs, grades 5-8, have lots of really great new opportunities. We are going to be collaborating with the Redwood County Extension SNAP program & Homestead on a program called "Cooking Matters for Kids". It will be lead by a professional chef who will teach kids proper knife usage, creating menus, safe food handling, making healthy choices, reading recipes... Each week they will have a "theme" where they will prepare AND taste a wide variety of foods. This program will run June 1-July 6, every Wednesday from 3-5. It will be held at the Homestead Cooperative across the street from the library.

The other new program is going to be a "Battle of the Books". Kids will read from a selected list of books (they can read all or some) throughout the summer. Then on August 8 there will be a Jeopardy style "battle" where the kids are placed on teams to compete. All questions will be generated from the book list provided. Some of the books are: Flora & Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo, Lunch Lady & the Cyborg Substitute, Magic Marks the Spot by Caroline Carlson, Firestorm by Joan Hiatt Harlow, Mission Unstoppable by Dan Gutman and others.

There will be professional performers: Mr. Fun, Patrick Mader, Prairie Ecology Bus, Margo McCreary puppets, weekly crafts on Thursdays and weekly movies on Fridays. Come check out all the great FREE things that are going on at the Redwood Falls Public Library.

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:

May 17, June 14 & 28

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

Notice!

Options for clean up days are made available to residents for the primary purpose of providing opportunities for residents to improve the appearance of their property in the most affordable and convenient methods.

Now that the extra clean up days have passed, the Renville County Sheriff's Office will assist with enforcement of the nuisance ordinance and will proceed with citations if necessary.

YEAR –AROUND RECYCLE
HANDHELD ELECTRONICS,
EXTENSION CORDS AND
STRING LIGHTS

DROP OFF AT CITY HALL

**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.

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

Electronics

Appliances

FREE

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

COST

\$8.00: TVs, laptops, anything with a screen or monitor

\$4.00: scanners, printers, copiers and fax machines

FREE

Washers, dryers, dehumidifiers, grills, fans, water heaters, vacuum cleaners, water softeners, stove/ovens, etc.

COST

\$50.00:
RV Refrigerators

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

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AMENDMENTS TO THE April 13, 2016 Notes:

The following are the NOTES from the most recent council meetings (April 19, May 11)

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

APRIL 19, 2016:

Special meeting called to order in joint session with the EDA at 6:30 p.m. with all members present (Mammen, Walker, Jacobson, Balsley, Abrahamson, Robinson and Cornwell). The purpose of the meeting is to review and consider a business loan application. Others present: Robert, Randy and Tyler Prescott.

Both boards agreed to dispense with secretary and treasurer's reports of both groups.

Because of discussions to take place regarding personal finances, it was agreed that this meeting would not be televised.

Members received an application packet including the following information:

An outline of total project costs with where the funds are proposed to come from

Fund Recipient Page and requested terms and financing

EDA Application

Commercial Development Incentive Application (TIF)

Business plan

Randy, Robert and Tyler Prescott are proposing purchasing the Morton Pub from Brandon Koerner:

(a) 48,939.54 –current balance on the EDA loan held by Brandon Koerner

(b) 38,344.67-anticipated balance of the loan with Wes Ovre held by Brandon

(c) 37,200.00-TIF assistance that was provided to Brandon

(d) 12,000.00-Cash to be provided by the Prescottsto Brandon to complete the sale of the property

(e) 8,000.00-Closing costs, legal, insurance and business organization expense to be covered by the Prescotts.

(a) The EDA loan balance would remain at 2% for a ten year period

(b) The loan with Wes Ovre would be satisfied and that balance would be added to the EDA loan for a total EDA loan of \$87,284.21 at 2% for 10 years

(c) The TIF assistance was set up with Brandon for a 5 year period. With the new owners there would be no transfer of TIF cash. The current agreement was that if ownership changed during the first five years, a prorated amount would be required to be paid back. The proposal is that the payback be waived and the five year period start back to year one; with payback required if the new owners would discontinue operation or sell.

(d) The \$12,000 will be paid by the proposed owner to Brandon.

(e) All costs related to completing the sale will be the responsibility of the new owners.

EDA Criteria:

This proposal would improve the position of the EDA by combining the loans to allow for the EDA to hold first mortgage on the property.

It will assist with keeping a business operating at this location and paying taxes

It will retain and create job opportunities

Plans would be to complete and submit the necessary paperwork and close on the financing on April 29. They will close for a couple of days to complete the final inventory and organize. They plan to keep the same hours (11:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.) and will consider being open on Sunday.

EDA Action: Motion by Cornwell to recommend to the city council approving the loan as proposed and discussed. Second by Abrahamson. Motion carried.

Council Action: Motion by Walker to reinstate the Tax Increment Financing on the Pub property (185 N. Main) with a new start date for a five year period. Second by Jacobson. Motion carried.

Motion by Jacobson and second by Balsley to accept the EDA recommendation for financing of the sale of the Morton Pub from Brandon Koerner to Randy, Robert and Tyler Prescott as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to approve a liquor license for the new owners of the Morton Pub. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

MAY 11, 2016:

Regular meeting called to order in open session at 6:30 p.m. Balsley absent. Hogy vacancy.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Citizen Issues: 3A) Bob Baune-railroad crossing 3B) Sue & Kevin Helget-access to property 3C)Mike Rasmussen 3D)Jorey Prescott. 7B(a) Saloon-Approve DJ, 8B Permits-Application from Ryan Becklund 10C Approve Gambling Permit for July 4

CITIZENS' ISSUES:

BOB BAUNE-RAILROAD CROSSING: Photos taken by Bob Baune were presented for council review. The railroad improvements that were done left the crossing narrower and in worse condition than it was prior to the improvement project. Input from the railroad was that the improvements made as they were could be justified by the traffic on that portion of the street. The council agreed that contact should be made with the railroad to discuss the concerns and determine if any additional improvements can be made.

MIKE RASMUSSEN-INQUIRY ABOUT ORDINANCES AND POLICIES REGARDING THE PROCEDURE FOR FILING COMPLAINTS: Mike explained that there have been several complaints about him made to elected officials and he asked for clarification on the process of how complaints are to be made. People are encouraged to contact city hall with any concerns or issues they have. The complaint will be documented and looked into. Depending on the issue, the Sheriff's Department may be contacted to address the issue. If the complaint is valid and cannot be resolved, it will be brought to the council and/or city attorney.

Parking of vehicles: Vehicles parked on Main Street are done so in accordance with the policy. There are current tabs on all the vehicles and insurance is valid and current. A copy of the insurance declaration is on file at city hall in accordance with the lease agreement with Mike.

Update on the "Brockway building, café building and B. Original Buildings" The work in the shop is completed, B.Original doors have been open to ventilate it, roof work will begin soon. The demolition of the former Brockway building will be done once the PCA inspector has completed his inspection.

SUE & KEVIN HELGET: Sue & Kevin have purchased the "Sullivan" property up by the reservoir. They have requested that the road access the city has to the reservoir have crushed rock added to it so will have better access to their property. Council agreed that the city portion of the street will be improved by the city once Helgets begin construction of their road.

JOREY PRESCOTT: The alley behind Jolene's house – This is on the agenda for later in the meeting to approve the improvement of the alley.

Council Vacancy: Jorey is interested in filling this vacancy. Council agreed that Jeff should be contacted to determine if he intends to be present at meetings and if he plans to be present, they may consider delaying appointment until later in the year when outcome of the election in November is known.

Park Improvements: Jorey is requesting that a grant be pursued to develop the park for softball leagues to be organized and played on the field. Jorey will assist with cost estimate and plan for council discussion at the next meeting.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to approve the Secretary's report for April 13 and April 19 as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Walker and second by Jacobson to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:

GRANT FINDER RESOURCE UPDATE: The County is looking at providing the resource to cities within the county. Further updates at the next meeting.

COUSINS SALOON UPDATE: Financing arrangements and sale have been completed. After much work, the new owners opened on May 9th. Food will not be served until a later date.

APPROVE ENTERTAINMENT: Cousins Saloon is requesting approval for a DJ on May 25 to play outside. Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to approve. Motion carried.

CANOE PROJECT: Estimates presented as follows: Affordable Dirt Works-Posts for the structure, landscaping \$ 16,500, E & K Construction: Material for the shelter \$21,831.20, E & K Construction: Labor for the shelter roof \$16,500. Motion by Walker and second by Jacobson to approve the above listed proposals per estimate contingent on availability of grant funds and approval by the project manager. Motion carried.

CATCH BASIN REPAIRS: Three estimates were presented, Schmoll's being the low estimate. Motion by Jacobson to approve and authorize replacement of catch basins as proposed by Schmoll's at a cost of \$145 each for four basins. Motion carried.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT:

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Review of the complaints received regarding Mike Rasmussen (as discussed earlier in the meeting). Concern was expressed about the buildings not being secured and creating a possible liability. The property is still owned by the City until he satisfactorily completes tasks that warrant transfer of the property to him.

PERMIT APPLICATIONS: Engineering Vang application for construction of a deck on the back of the property. There are no issues with setbacks. Motion by Jacobson to approve as presented. Second by Walker. Motion carried.

RYAN & BRENDA BECKLUND APPLICATION: Plan presented for construction of a shed and a deck. All setback requirements are met. Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to approve as presented. Motion carried.

SUPPORT TO KIDS:

EXPLORE PROGRAM: Registrations are completed and plans for the program are well underway. Council will be updated on the number of Morton kids participating in the very near future.

COMMUNITY PRIDE:

CLEAN UP NOTICES: Due to conflict with schedules, the drive around has not been completed yet. As soon as it is completed, notices will be sent.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: A planning meeting was held and several families are participating. Registration forms are available at city hall and families are still encouraged to join in.

JULY 4 PERMITS: Motion by Walker and second by Jacobson to approve a beer license and gambling permit for July 4. Motion carried.

CHAMBER: Effective June 1, 2016 the duties of Chamber activities will no longer be assumed by the City Administrator. Discussion on July 4th – This is a city event with sponsorship by the local organizations. The other events are Chamber events.

PROVIDING MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

WATER/SEWER:

Calibration Estimate: Annual calibration of the flow meter estimate presented in the amount of \$375 per time. Calibration is required twice a year. Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to approve. Motion carried.

Software Upgrade: Cost of the upgrade is \$295. Motion by Walker and second by Jacobson to approve. Motion carried.

STREETS:

Alley Improvements: Council agreed to apply granite fines to the alley from Carl Lund's property to Monument Drive and discuss same improvement to the remainder of the alley going to Walnut Drive. Improvements to the alley on the west side of the park will be discussed at the next meeting.

Highway Project Update: Work has begun. Storage of their materials and equipment is being done on the lot by the recycling.

Ditch Improvements: Maintenance has been done to the ditch on the south side of Highway 19. Council agreed that it was a job well done and a good example of the benefits we are seeing from the Experience Works Program.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

POLICE:

Summary Report: Report included in the council packets. No issues. The council continues to be pleased with the service we receive.

FIRE:

Commissioner Report: Fire Department members will be attending a conference on May 18. They will be attending a Fireworks Demonstration and have plans to do two grass burns.

MANAGEMENT:

Assessment Agreement: Motion by Walker and second by Jacobson to approve the assessment agreement with Renville County for the 2017-18 assessment years at the same rate as 2015-16. Motion carried.

Council Vacancy: Council agreed that Jeff should be contacted to see if he intends to remain on the council – update at the next meeting.

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 8:20 p.m.

Just Chattin'

Did you hear Prince died!

Go stick your head in a lilac bush! I mean it! Stick your head in a lilac bush...and smell
The hummingbirds and Baltimore Orioles are here. Right on time. First it was 150 lbs. of birdseed now
its 150 lbs. of sugar and grape jelly. I complain about this every year and I'm the first one glued to the
window waiting for their return.

I was so excited I got a letter from Jay! Do you know what was in it? An ad for a hearing aid! I'm not
hard of hearing! What was that you said?

Among one of my favorite walks is in the Birch Coulee battle grounds. Boy, you talk about prairie and
history. And another treat in store on Walnut Drive. David Dworshak has built the neatest flower
planter on his front lawn. Boy, he missed his calling...he should have been a lawn designer.
You've heard about the pony express and the mail must go through and all that stuff..well, it literally
happened to me! I forgot a package and here comes the post mistress running down the street after
me. "Joanie, Joanie, you left this! The Post Office must have an app for something like that! Well, you
know, the mail must go through. But really, on foot and no horse! Thanks, Barb!

On May 13, 1942 at around 12:30 p.m. a tornado swept through Morton. It ruined 10 homes and dam-
aged twenty. Also the Catholic and Methodist churches were damaged. The destruction was heavy
but fortunately there were no deaths. (Morton Centennial Book). On May 27, 1945 the United States
dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

Morton Reminder (around 50 years ago): Six foot two Tom Colwell, Junior at Morton High School made
the Tomahawk All-Conference team..Pat O'Neil daughter of Mr. & Mrs. O'Neil, graduated from Voca-
tional Practical Nursing School.. One man to another as they play cards in a coin laundry: Hurry up and
deal the cards, I'm, on rinse...Ann Simmons daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bob Simmons underwent an appen-
dectomy last week in the Redwood Falls Hospital. She came down with the mumps while there....Bill
Bidinger has been moved from Can To in Vietnam to Soc Trang... Boy proposing to girl: "I'm not too
much to look at." Girl: "Oh, That's all right You'll be at work most of the time." Ad: Baked Goods to
go..Let Norman do your baking (HiWay Café). Chris Lussenhop, brother of Jon Lussenhop was a pneu-
monia patient at the Redwood Falls Hospital last week. Tom Keaveny was 2nd place winner of the best
spellers at Redwood School of the Precious Blood...where does a three ton gorilla sleep? Anywhere he
wants to@

(From the Senior Center): Thanks to the 89 people who came to our Spring Garden Party lunch. Win-
ner of the lap robe: Arliss Vollbrecht, Birdhouse Motel: Arliss Becker, Bird Cage: Mary Lou Butzer, King-
size Bedsread: Joanie Brown. We will be closed on Memorial Day (Monday, May 30th)



PADDLE THE MINNESOTA RIVER IN A DAY

June 11, 2016

Can a 318 mile river be paddled in a day? If we all work together it can! The Minnesota DNR has created this challenge to get as many paddlers as possible on the river on June 11. The Minnesota Valley History Learning Center wants to help make this challenge a reality! Join us for one of the paddle events below!

STRETCH #1

North Redwood to Morton

Put-in: North Redwood Boat Landing

Arrive: 8:30 am

Launch: 9:00 am

Length of trip: Approx. 3-4 hours

Bring your own canoe/kayak/lifejacket

Bring your own sack lunch

Pull out at Morton Canoe Access

STRETCH #2

Morton to Franklin

Put-in: Morton Canoe Access

Arrive: 3:00 pm

Launch: 3:30 pm

Length of trip: Approx 4-5 hours

Bring your own canoe/kayak/lifejacket

Bring your own sack supper

Pull out at Franklin Boat Landing

This is a family-friendly event! Everyone is welcome!

Please register with us so we plan on you joining us!

Register with Ann Vote, Program Director
Phone: 507-697-6119
Email: MVHLC.explorerprogram@gmail.com

Need a canoe? Reserve one by June 4
Contact Dick Gewerth, Scout Leader
Phone: 507-430-2414

Check out the DNR's Paddle in a Day challenge: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/watertrails/riverinaday.html>

For more information on the Minnesota Valley History Learning Center, check us out online!

Website: www.mvhlc.org



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CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

PWSID: 1650010

City of Morton 2015 Drinking Water Report

The City of Morton is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2015. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

Source of Water

The City of Morton provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: two wells ranging from 46 to 48 feet deep, that draw water from the Quat. Buried Artes. aquifer.

The Minnesota Department of Health has made a determination as to how vulnerable our systems' source(s) of water may be to future contamination incidents. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 (and press 5) during normal business hours. Also, you can view it on line at www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa.

Call 507-697-6912 if you have questions about the City of Morton drinking water or would like information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of the water.

Results of Monitoring

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2015. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date that the detection occurred.)

Key to abbreviations:

MCLG—Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MCL—Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MRDL—Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level.

MRDLG—Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal.

AL—Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.

90th Percentile Level—This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. (For example, in a situation in which 10 samples were taken, the 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.) Note: In situations in which only 5 samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

PWSID: 1650010

ppm—Parts per million, which can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

ppb—Parts per billion, which can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

N/A—Not Applicable (does not apply).

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
			Range (2015)	Average /Result*	
Arsenic (ppb) (12/20/2012)	0	10	N/A	1.04	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium (ppm) (12/20/2012)	2	2	N/A	.03	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.63-1.1	1.14	State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb) (09/17/2013)	0	60	N/A	7.1	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	10.4	10.4	N/A	.53	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
TTHM (Total trihalomethanes) (ppb) (09/17/2013)	0	80	N/A	36.2	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

*This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all the detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

Contaminant (units)	MRDLG	MRDL	****	*****	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	.61-.92	.78	Water additive used to control microbes.

****Highest and Lowest Monthly Average.

*****Highest Quarterly Average.

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	AL	90% Level	# sites over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper (ppm) (06/10/2014)	1.3	1.3	.87	1 out of 5	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

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Contaminant (units)	MCLG	AL	90% Level	# sites over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb) (06/10/2014)	0	15	5	0 out of 5	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Morton is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Monitoring may have been done for additional contaminants that do not have MCLs established for them and are not required to be monitored under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Results may be available by calling 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 during normal business hours.

Compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

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Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The preceding drinking water report, known as the Consumer Confidence Report is required to be distributed to residents before July 1 of each year. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Morton City Hall.

River Valley Groom & Spa

I offer a full-service pet styling spa and bath, as well as a wide range of retail items. We are located at 440 W, Second Street in Morton, (Mama's Massage Building). River Valley groom & Spa was established in December of 2015 and looks forward to the many years to come! Contact Myranda today @ 763-

587-1374 to book an appointment!



HOURS
8am-6pm WED-FRI

Morton Chamber Meeting Schedule/Location

June 14: River Valley Arms & Ammo
July 12: Altimate Medical
August 9: The Hairstop
September 13: Step Saver
October 11: Morton BP
November ?: Harvestland Co-op
December 13: Morton Pub

Start Time
7:30 a.m.



Morton Apple Gourd Community Garden



growing food,



growing

families, growing friendships

If you missed the planning meeting ~ NO WORRIES~ Registration forms are available at City Hall. Please stop by and complete one at your earliest convenience!

We look forward to another successful season with YOU!

Memorial Day is approaching.
Here is a reminder of the policy in place

MORTON CITY CEMETERY
DECORATION OF LOTS POLICY

1. GROUND PLANTING OF FLOWERS, PLANTS, SHRUBS, TREES BY THE LOT OWNER IS NOT PERMITTED
2. PLACING OF BOXES, SHELLS, TOYS, METAL DESIGNS, ORNAMENTS, ETC. SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED
3. BALLOONS, BANNERS, FOOD, BEVERAGES, KNICK KNACKS, SHEPHERD HOOKS, SOLAR LIGHTS, LANTERNS, STUFFED ANIMALS, WIND CHIMES, WINDSOCKS AND STATUARY NOT INCORPORATED INTO THE MONUMENT ARE NOT PERMITTED.
4. FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS IN PLANTERS OR POTS OR THOSE INCORPORATED INTO THE MONUMENT ARE ALLOWED DURING ANY TIME OF THE YEAR.
5. DECORATIONS PLACED FOR MEMORIAL DAY ON THE GRAVE SITE MAY BE PLACED ON THE GRAVE SITE NO SOONER THAN THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO MEMORIAL DAY AND WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN NO LONGER THAN THREE (3) DAYS FOLLOWING MEMORIAL DAY.
6. SPECIAL ORNAMENTATION IS ALLOWED DURING FUNERALS BUT MUST BE REMOVED WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF THE SERVICES.
7. DECORATIONS, FLOWERS, ETC. NOT CONFORMING WITH THE POLICY WILL BE REMOVED AND DISPOSED OF.
8. THE LOSS OR DISPOSAL OF ANY FLOWERS OR DECORATIONS WILL NOT BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CITY OF MORTON.

The History of Memorial Day

Originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union sailors and soldiers. During that first national celebration, former Union Gen. and sitting Ohio Congressman James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried there.

“We do not know one promise these men made, one pledge they gave, one word they spoke; but we do know they summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue.”

• James A. Garfield
May 30, 1868 Arlington National Cemetery

This event was inspired by local observances of the day that had taken place in several towns throughout America in the three years after the Civil War. In 1873, New York was the first state to designate Memorial Day as a legal holiday. By the late 1800s, many more cities and communities observed Memorial Day, and several states had declared it a legal holiday. After World War I, it became an occasion for honoring those who died in all of America's wars and was then more widely established as a national holiday throughout the United States.

Open House
Baby Shower
For
Amber Picka-Hoffman

Saturday, May 14

1:00 p.m.

St. John's Catholic Church

Social Hall

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

MEETS AT

MORTON CITY HALL

EACH MONDAY EVENING, BEGINNING AT

7:00 P.M.

PLANS ARE NOW UNDERWAY FOR THE JULY 4TH CELEBRATION!
CONTACT CITY HALL TO LET US KNOW HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP!



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Dear Morton Area Business,

The City of Morton, along with the local organizations are preparing for Morton's Annual July 4th Celebration and we need your help.

The July 4th celebration is a day full of family fun, park activities, softball tournaments, vendors, various food options, beer garden, a parade, spectacular fireworks and more. With your help of a donation and your participation, we'll be able to continue this annual tradition.

This event can help promote your organization and community.

Raffle: Raffle proceeds go toward costs incurred from the event such as fireworks, kids' activities, and more. Please mail or drop your cash or item(s) to the Morton City Office.

Donations may be mailed to:

City of Morton
PO Box 127
Morton, MN 56270

Or dropped off in person at:

Morton City Hall
220 West 2nd Street
Morton, MN 56270

For raffle ideas, visit mortonmn.com and click on the events banner.

Parade: Represent your organization in our parade beginning at 10am in front of the school. Parade position is first come, first serve. **Register your unit(s) by June 30th:**

Email: mortoncityhall@mchsi.com

Phone: 507-697-6912

Online: <http://goo.gl/forms/VSkkhB9jsD>

In-Kind: Fireworks cost upwards of \$5,000. Sponsor the display by sending a check for any amount to Morton City Hall. All donations are appreciated. Donations of \$1,000 or more will be showcased on event advertising. Please make checks payable to City of Morton and remit to:

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Volunteer: Volunteer shifts are available for many activities including the beer garden, parade, and raffle. If you or others can volunteer, fill out this [online form](#) or contact Shirley Dove at the City of Morton.

All donations are greatly appreciated and welcomed! Thank you for your support!



NingXia Red is one of Young Living's most popular wellness supplements. It's a nutrient-rich drink infused with antioxidant-providing superfruits and powerful essential oils. NingXia Red contains vital nutrients that may be missing or low in many modern diets and that could be the key to experiencing abundant wellness and energy. NingXia Red energizes, fortifies, and replenishes the body and mind with a proprietary blend of pure essential oils and wolfberry, a known provider of antioxidants. Other vitamin-rich superfruits in NingXia Red supply the body with vital antioxidants and phytonutrients for a whole-body nutrient infusion, while helping prevent oxidative stress.

NingXia Red contains the puree from the whole Ningxia wolfberries. Young Living uses all of the valuable parts—the juice, peel, seeds, and fruit—to ensure that each bottle contains the optimal blend of nutrients offered by this extraordinary fruit. Our wolfberry comes from the Ningxia Province in northern China, where it has been revered for centuries. The Ningxia Wolfberry comes from the Yellow River flood plain which derives its water from the foot hills of the Himalayan range, the Bayan Har Mountains in Qinghai Province. Water flows through the mountains becoming charged with minerals. Vitamins and minerals often work in pairs, one needing the other to be assimilated into the body. The Ningxia wolfberry contains many of these vitamin-mineral pairs. The wolfberry fruit has been used in traditional Chinese medicine for more than 2000 years. NingXia Red contains many nutrient-dense fruits in addition to wolfberry: aronia, blueberry, cherry, pomegranate, and plum. Together, they provide a wide spectrum of antioxidant activity that will energize, fortify, and replenish your body.

One of the many reasons to drink NingXia Red is that it supplies the body with important antioxidants. Antioxidants are nutrients, such as vitamins, minerals, and enzymes, that help fight off the damaging effects of free radicals. The body experiences a natural phenomenon called oxidation every day, which can produce harmful by-products called free radicals. If left uncontrolled, these free radicals can damage cells, much like the chemical reaction that takes place when a half-eaten apple turns brown. Free radical damage can be accelerated by pollution, stress, toxins, smoking, and alcohol. Just ONE little ounce of NingXia Red contains as many antioxidants as all 100 oranges, almost 11 pounds of spinach, or 22 carrots!!

When you infuse your body with the right nutrients and antioxidants, instead of things that deplete nutrients from your body, your body gets the most natural kind of energy! Not the kind of energy that comes from forcing your body's adrenal glands to produce an unnatural, constant amount of energy from high amounts of caffeine and sugar. That kind of energy leaves one dependent on caffeine and sugar, leaving one more prone to chronic fatigue in the long run. Natural energy that comes from nourishing your body with NingXia Red is the best way to get the energy you need to be victorious in your daily life!

If you would like more information about NingXia Red or other Young Living products, I would love to visit with you! Give me a call at 507-829-8647 or shoot me an email at oidrops4health@outlook.com. You can also join me at the city hall on May 25th for Men's & Women's Health or June 7th for an Introduction to Essential oils. All classes start at 7pm and anyone who attends will receive a free gift! I hope you have a safe and happy summer!

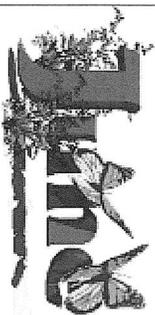
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Morton Senior Dining Menu

Lutheran Social Service

JUNE 2016

Senior Nutrition Program

	Call Joanie 697-6112 To reserve your meal (please call one day in advance)	Wednesday, June 1	Thursday, June 2	Friday, June 3
		6 oz. Lasagna 1/2 c. Carrots 1/2 c. Lettuce Salad/Drsg Garlic Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	5 oz. Oven Crispy Chicken 1/2 c. Sweet Potatoes 1/2 c. Mixed Vegetables Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. Baked Fish 1/2 c. Rice Pilaf 1/2 c. California Blend Veg 1/2 c. Gelatin with Fruit 2"x2" Fruit Cobbler 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, June 6	Tuesday, June 7	Wednesday, June 8	Thursday, June 9	Friday, June 10
3 oz. Swiss Steak 1/2 c. Buttered Boiled Potatoes 1/2 c. Corn Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pineapple 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	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 \$2.00 Day	3 oz. Grilled Chicken 1/2 c. Fresh Fruit 1/2 c. Cloeslaw Margarine Bun 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. Pork Chop/Gravy 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Carrots Dinner Roll/Margarine 2"x2" Angel Food Cake w/Fruit Sc 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. Meatloaf/Catsup 1/2 c. Whole Parslled Potatoes 1/2 c. Country Blend Veg Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pears 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, June 13	Tuesday, June 14	Wednesday, June 15	Thursday, June 16	Friday, June 17
6 oz. Chicken Tetrizzini 1/2 c. Beets 1/2 c. Lettuce/Drsg. Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Tropical Fruit 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	5 oz. Baked Chicken 1/2 c. Potato Salad 1/2 c. Mixed Vegetables Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Fresh Melon Cubes 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	6 oz. Sweet & Sour Pork 1/2c. Rice 1/2 c. Oriental Vegetables 1/2 c. Fruit 2"x2" Gelatin/W. Topping 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. Meatballs/Gravy 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Beets Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Fruit Crisp 8 oz. Low Fat Milk \$2.00 Day	4 oz. Lemon Pepper Fish 1 med. Baked Potato/Sr. Crm. 1/2 c. Creamed Peas Bread/Margarine 1/8 Slice Pie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, June 20	Tuesday, June 21	Wednesday, June 22	Thursday, June 23	Friday, June 24
3 oz. Hamburger 1/2 c. Oven Brown Potatoes 1/2 c. Creamed Corn Bun/Margarine 1/2 c. Rhubarb Sauce 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Taco Salad: 3oz Taco Meat 1/2oz. Cheese, 2 Tbsp Salsa c. Shred lettuce & chopped Tomatoe 1Tb. Sour Crm, Dinner Roll/Marg 1/2 c. Fresh Fruit, 2"x2" Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	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	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 \$2.00 Day	4 oz. Italian Meat Sauce 4 oz. Spaghetti Noodles 1/2 c. Fruit/1/2 c. Green Beans Garlic Bread/Margarine 8 oz. Low Fat Milk 1/2 c. Ice Cream
Monday, June 27	Tuesday, June 28	Wednesday, June 29	Thursday, June 30	
3 oz. Salisbury Steak 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Carrots Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pineapple 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. BBQ Pork 1/2 c. Potato Salad 1/2 c. Cauliflower Bun/Margarine 2"x2" Fruit Crisp 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	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	4 oz. Baked Fish 1/2c. Macaroni & Cheese 1/2 c. Peas 1/2 c. Pears 2"x2" Raspberry Parfait Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	GIFT CERTIFICATES for meals available at your site or purchase on line at our website: www.lssmn.org/nutrition

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.

Stone Fruit Pouches

Ingredients

- 2 cups crushed gingersnaps
- 4 apricots, pit removed and cut into eighths
- 4 plums, pit removed and cut into fourths
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons sugar
- Pinch salt
- 4 teaspoons lime zest
- 2 limes, juiced
- 4 teaspoons brandy

Heat coals of grill or fire pit. Cut 8 (18 by 18-inch) squares of aluminum foil. Lay down double thickness of foil and divide gingersnaps evenly among the 4 squares. Divide fruit evenly and place on top of gingersnaps. Dot with butter. In small bowl mix sugar, salt, and lime zest. Sprinkle sugar mixture evenly over fruit, drizzle with juice and brandy and seal packets. Once coals are ash covered, lay packets over them and cover with lid of grill. If cooking in a fire pit carefully try to partially bury packets in hot coals. Cook for 10 minutes. Remove from heat and open carefully, as steam inside packet is very hot. Serve on plates as is or spoon into shallow bowls and top with creme fraiche or ice cream.

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