

MORTON AREA NEWSLETTER

November, 2015

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BENEATH THE VILLAGE WREATH NOVEMBER 20-21-22 Morton, MN

Friday, November 20th:

Firemens ' Steak Fry & Raffle	RVAA Community Room	5-8pm
Hospice Tree Lighting Ceremony	Front of City Hall	7 pm

Saturday, November 21st:

Coffee, Rolls & Lunch with Seniors	Senior Center	Starting at 9am
Bake Sale, Crafts & Gifts	RVAA Community Room (Former City Hall)	10 am- 3 pm
Customer Appreciation	Mama ' s Massage	Noon-4 pm
Local Business Holiday special	Local Businesses	All Day
Quilt Exhibit & Crafts/		
Holiday Entertainment	City Hall	10 am-3pm
Horse & Buggy Rides	Downtown	10:30 am -2pm
Kids ' Crafts at the Museum	Museum	11 am - 1 pm
Holiday Sing Along	Church by Museum	11:00 am
Scavenger Hunt	City Hall	Register:10 am
Ornament Hunt	Clues posted at RVAA starting Friday night	
Cookie Baking	City Hall	10 am - Noon
(Bring us a sample of your best recipe)		
Ornament Decorating	City Hall	10 am - Noon
(Submit a sample of your talent)		
Christmas House Tour	321 N. Park Drive	1:00 pm-4 pm
Contest Judging	City Hall	3:00 p.m
Santa & goodie bags	Green Lighthouse Photography	1 pm - 3 pm
Pics with Santa	Green Lighthouse	1 pm -3pm
Turkey Bingo	RVAA Community Room	6:30 p.m. .

Sunday, November 22nd:

Lions ' Club Brunch	Senior Center	9:00 am -11:30 am
Award Presentation	Senior Center	10:00 am
Paint Party	RVAA Community Room	2:00 pm
	(Preregister at City Hall, Cost \$35)	

Full Time Position for a friendly, outgoing, hard working person. Must have good customer relations, retail experience and computer knowledge preferred.

Shifts include 2:00-10:00 p.m. and weekends, some day shifts possible

Apply at:

Morton BP
America's Best Value Inn

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!



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

Attention Veterans!

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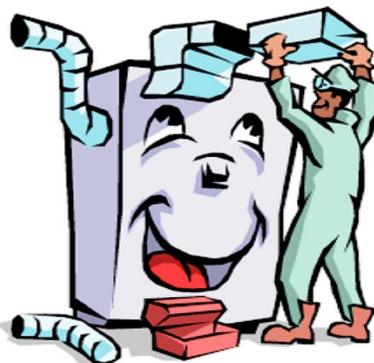
Renville County Veterans' Services

Will be at Morton City Hall

Tuesday, December 8

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 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, December 9

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

Morton Chamber Meeting and Chamber Connection for December are cancelled.
Happy Holidays Everyone!

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

JANUARY 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.

CIVIL DEFENSE SIREN TESTING

Civil Defense sirens are tested each month on the first Wednesday at

1:00 p.m.

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

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Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution

The 3rd Tuesday of the month

at the National Guard Armory in Redwood 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.



North Star Plumbing and Heating would like to wish each and every family a very Happy Thanksgiving. We are here to help you with all your plumbing and heating needs, if you have a dripping faucet or you have a remodel job in your future or if that old furnace is not doing it's job, please give North Star Plumbing and Heating a call.

North Star Plumbing & Heating

507-697-6405

William Grant Greenslit

1939-2015

Born 1 August, 1939 in Minneapolis, passed into eternal rest on 17 October, 2015. Bill was predeceased by his parents, John and Gracie Mae Greenslit of Morton, MN. He is survived by his wife, Karen Pavloff and her son Michael, children Dr. Mark Greenslit (Lisa), Heather (Scott) Rosenfeld and Dr. Sara (Sue) Greenslit, as well as his grandchildren Katie, Nathan, Faya and Lily Greenslit, Emily and Hannah Rosenfeld, Caroline and Katherine Pavloff, and his older brothers, John and Leon Greenslit and their families. The memorial service for Bill will be at 12:00 on Sunday, 1 November at Peace Lutheran Church in Lauderdale, corner of Walnut and Ione Streets. Luncheon after the service will be followed by family-only interment in Morton. A special thank you to Dr. Daniel Larkin and Dr. Puneet Cheema and all the hospice caregivers who attended Bill in his final illness. We deeply appreciate your skill and kindness.

Morton Dining Center

Don't eat alone! Lutheran Social Service is pleased to provide nutritious meals served Monday through Friday, 12 pm, at the Morton Senior Center for adults 60+. There is a suggested donation requested for those 60 and older; for those younger than 60, there is a charge of \$7.00. Come as often as you like! Our meals are affordable and take the work out of eating healthy. Please call Joanie, Site Manager, at 697-6112 one day in advance to reserve your meal. Senior Dining/Meals on Wheels Welcomes You! ***We have room for you at our table!***

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.

RECYCLE HANDHELD ELECTRONICS,
EXTENSION CORDS AND STRING LIGHTS
DROP OFF AT CITY HALL

UPCOMING CURBSIDE RECYCLING DATES:

Nov. 24, Dec. 8 & 22nd

FROM MULTI-SORT.....



TO SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING.....

- BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016
- CART DELIVERY – DECEMBER
- 95 GALLON WHEELED CART
- BI-WEEKLY PICKUP
- LOCAL PROCESSING



RECYCLING

Recycling Cardboard Boxes In Morton, the recycling containers for cardboard and paper, please remember, the cardboard box, MUST be, broken down, or made flat. And they can not contain anything else. Styrofoam is NOT, a Recyclable material. In the "Cardboard" recycling box, which are the, EXTRA, smaller steel Boxes, which say: "Cardboard ONLY", on them please put in ONLY, FLAT, (Boxes broke down) Corrugated Cardboard. In the Larger Container, which is divided, in the 'paper section' please put, ONLY: Paperboard; White Office Paper; Shredded Paper; Newspapers; Phone Books; Glossy Magazines.

Materials Not Acceptable: Absolutely No Garbage; Hanging File Folders; Wax-Covered Cardboard; Styrofoam; Hazardous Waste (Batteries, Tires, Electronics, Etc) Other Recyclable Materials: Cans, Plastic (ONLY #1 & 2), Glass.

CURBSIDE PICKUP:

Every Other Tuesday

Blue recycling bins are available to commercial and residential users and can be obtained from City Hall.

MOBILE SITE LOCATION

The mobile recycling site is on the lot across from the school and is accessible to you at your convenience.

1. The carts will be delivered to ALL of the communities in both counties sometime in the first ½ of December 2015.
2. West Central Sanitation will begin collecting recyclables from these carts AFTER January 1, 2016, so that is when residents should begin putting their carts out.
3. The recycling schedule has changed for some of your communities, so residents may need to adapt.
4. All carts are 95 gallons and there will not be any other size options.
5. After the first of the year, people will no longer need to sort their recyclables into separate categories, (paper included). All recycling goes into the cart.
6. Residents are still not allowed to co-mingle their garbage with recyclables. The carts are not inter-changeable, so please keep MSW (garbage) separated and in its own cart.
7. The Redwood/Renville Regional Material Recovery and Transfer Facility (RRRMRF) will not begin taking MSW until after 01/01/2016.
8. The same items that were accepted for recycling in the past are the same items that will be accepted at the new facility. (There will be a guide on the lid of the new cart.)

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The council meeting notes that were included in the last newsletter were approved at the November 10 meeting with no corrections.

The following are the NOTES from the most recent council meeting (November 10).

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

November 10, 2015:

Meeting called to order in open session at 6:30 p.m. Balsley and Hogy absent. Others present: Mike Rasmussen, Gary Cornwell.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: 8F) EDA Recommendations, 8G) Building Permits

PRESENTERS:

Mike Rasmussen-Business Development: Mike is interested in acquiring the property from Highway 19 to the Brockway building. His proposal, as presented to the EDA, is to remove the Brockway building (estimated demolition cost of \$20-25,000) in exchange for title to all the properties up to the Highway. He would make improvements to one side of the corner building to accommodate two-three offices and the other portion would be improved for use as a motorcycle storage facility and a laundromat in the back portion.

MACF – Project: The Morton Foundation is requesting that the property owned by city and EDA on Main Street be reserved for the purpose of pursuing funding and construction of a community center in that location.

CITIZEN ISSUES:

Assessment Notices: Gary Cornwell present. Gary inquired how the ordinance was enforced, what method of notification was used, and if the method was done in accordance with the ordinances. Letters were sent. Confirmation from the Deputy was that they were sent via regular mail, not certified. There was personal contact made at one point or another with the deputy and the homeowners. Motion by Jacobson to determine if the ordinance was followed regarding the delivery method and process and if not, the assessments for nuisance violations will be removed from the list to be certified. Second by Walker. Motion carried.

Discussion on ordinances. How is it determined which ordinances are enforced and which are not and how is enforcement done. Some examples of noncompliance are golf carts and dead trees on properties. The sheriff's office is contracted with the city for 20 hours per week. The contract says that upon direction from the city council, they will assist with ordinance enforcement. Discussion on what ordinances are required. Discussion on why have them if we aren't going to use them. Council requested that review of the ordinances be done and have available at the next meeting a list of the ordinances that are required.

Motion by Jacobson to approve the assessment list for unpaid utilities and authorize certification of them to the county auditor. Second by Walker. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion by Walker and second by Jacobson to approve the secretary's report as presented. Motion carried. A change was made to the newsletter. We will now be printing the notes from the current council meeting, followed by any amendments or changes to be printed the following month. This change will also move up the distribution date of the newsletter by a week. This provides the residents with more timely receipt of council activity.

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

BUSINESS & RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT:

CANOE ACCESS UPDATE: The roads are in and the trail is being worked on. Cement will be poured yet this fall. Further updates as they become available.

TAX FORFEITURE PROPERTIES: The county has established a price on the properties that the city expressed interest in. Parcel #34-00400-00 for \$100 and Parcel #34-01190-00 for \$100. Motion by Walker and second by Jacobson to purchase the parcels as noted for \$100 per parcel. Motion carried.

MEDIACOM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT. Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to approve renewal of the Mediacom Franchise Agreement as presented; subject to review by the city attorney. Motion carried.

CHAMBER UPDATES: Chamber Connection will be hosted by MN Valley History Learning Center on November 19. Details for Beneath the Wreath are being worked on.

BUILDING PERMITS: Motion by Walker and second by Jacobson to approve the permit application as presented for Don Dehncke Jr. for moving in a storage shed. Motion carried.

SUPPORT TO KIDS/COMMUNITY PRIDE:

BENEATH THE WREATH: Review of the activities being planned for Beneath the Wreath that are planned for the youth and for family participation. Beneath the Wreath weekend is November 20-21-22. Council received a copy of the events that are taking place and are encouraged to participate. The Experience Works person is now qualified and has begun working.

PROVIDING MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

WATER:

Meter Reading Software/Hardware Support: Annual cost of support is \$360 for phone support and \$1312.80 for equipment support. This is an annual expense and due to sensitivity of the electronics equipment, it is recommended since service calls would far exceed the annual fee if it were needed. Motion by Jacobson and second by Mammen to approve. Motion carried.

Meter Setter Warranty: Council received a copy of the extended warranty that was granted for the meter setters that we had issues with.

SEWER:

Storm Sewer Repair Update: The storm sewer that was approved to be repaired on Quarry Drive will be reconsidered in Spring due to issues that were identified prior to work beginning.

STREETS:

The work on the southern part of Main Street has been completed. It was suggested that there be No Truck signs placed on the street to reduce the possibility of damage to the street in the spring. Discussion on how the signage will be enforced.

Motion by Walker and second by Jacobson to approve cleaning the ditch/culvert area on Main Street south of First Street at a cost estimated at \$500. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

POLICE: Discussion again on ordinances; which ones it is recommended we have, which ones are required, how to enforce. Discussion on updating what we have and a timetable for completion. This project was presented to council approximately a year ago and has not moved forward. Council will begin with discussions at the December 9 meeting and hopefully determine a direction at that time.

Activity Report: Report for the previous month was included in the council packet for their review.

FIRE:

Commissioner Report: Due to schedule conflicts, Tom was unable to attend the last meeting; however the Chief has not contacted him with any issues.

Fire Hall Funding Updates: Renville Sibley Cooperative funding guidelines are that the funds can only be reserved for a project for so long if progress toward construction has not moved forward. The funds for this project were originally approved for Senior Housing. When that was not feasible to move forward with, it was repurposed for a community center, when those plans did not materialize it was repurposed for a fire hall. With the referendum failing, planning for a fire hall went backwards and is now not in a "shovel ready" position, the funds will not be utilized in the near future. With the delays incurred, notice was given that the funds will be dedicated to another project. If we get a plan together and are in need of financing once the project is ready to move forward, we are encouraged to apply again. Applying again will require a completely new application and review by their board.

Plans and suggestions have been discussed and reviewed with Morton Buildings. They will be developing a government program soon and will be reviewing that with us once it is available. This may be a more cost effective way to build a building. Further discussion as it becomes available.

MANAGEMENT:

Insurance Loss Control Recommendations: Tom will review the fire department portion with Tony. The park and maintenance sections will be reviewed with Jason with corrective action to be completed during winter months.

Budget Schedule – Budget 2016/Truth in Taxation Hearing: Discussion on what the council is anticipating for the 2016 budget and levy. The levy has remained the same since 2012. Continuing to keep the levy the same from year to year, with other costs continuing to increase will eventually catch up to us. At the time that happens there will need to be a large increase in the levy or a drastic cut in services. Increasing slightly from year to year to keep up with other costs tends to be less of a burden for the taxpayers. Discussion on where the council wants the 2016 levy to be so that a draft budget can be prepared and ready for adoption at the December 9 meeting. By having an idea where they want the final to be may eliminate the need for a special meeting. Council agreed that they would like to have no more than a 2% increase in the levy and want to include improvements for the fire hall facility. Council should try to schedule a time to come in and review the draft budget prior to the December 9 meeting so they are familiar with it and able to address questions, comments and concerns that the residents may bring forward.

Ben explained that a 2% increase in the levy does not mean that each household's taxes will go up 2%. The properties with higher valuations will see a larger increase than some of the lower valued properties.

Review of tax increment financing is working for us and what effect levy increases have on those parcels if any.

Survey Results: A summary of each council member's input of the community surveys was compiled and made available to the council for review and discussion.

Citizen Issues: This will be a new agenda item. Residents who have concerns but are unable to attend meetings or are uncomfortable attending will have their concerns voiced during this portion of the meeting. People having issues should contact city hall and explain what their concern is. A response will be provided to the individual and the items of concern will be brought to the council on their behalf anonymously along with the response that was given. If additional response from the council is needed, it will be forwarded on to the resident following the meeting.

Review of the issues presented 101-27-15 and the responses given. All issues were addressed with no further input from the council.

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

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



**STEP SAVER
Cement work in the former gym**

Renville County Historical Museum

Renville County Historical Society News

As you may have noticed the corner of North Park Drive and 4th Street has had some changes. RCHS purchased the house and property from Tom Jones in August and with the county's help the house was razed and all the trees have been removed.

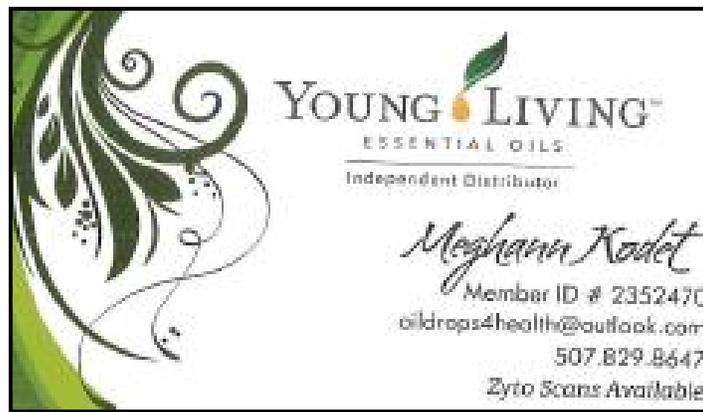
Currently RCHS does not have any plans for the new property besides green space and a new view of the beautiful St. John's Church.

Please join RCHS for the Beneath the Village Wreath on Saturday, September 21st. There will be Kids' Ornament Decorating 11 AM – 1 PM in the Main Museum and join us at 11 AM in the St. John's Church Sing-Along program. Myron Lindeman will be playing the organ with a solo by Gene Kohout.

RCHS is still collecting Renville County related artifacts, photographs, and more. Please contact Nicole at the Museum (697-6147) if you have something to donate.

Remember the Keurig is always on! Stop by and have a cup and share a chat. Check out RCHS's website www.renvillecountyhistory.com or find us on FACEBOOK or follow us on TWITTER. Preserving Renville County history since 1940!





The school buses have been in operation, the leaves have mostly fallen, and there still may be pumpkins on the front steps. Fall is in full swing and it's time to get ready for the winter season.

I wanted to share with you my top 10 Young Living products that are an absolute "must have" in our household over the winter.

- #1 Thieves – Thieves essential oil blend is amazing for supporting the immune system. Take internally every day as a dietary supplement to support your body's natural defenses. You can take in a vegetable capsule, Thieves Tea, Thieves Oat Rolls, Immune supporting Gummies, and more!
- #2 Purification – Purification is a great oil to diffuse to cleanse and purify the air to protect your family. We also apply this oil over our lymph nodes in the neck to support the immune system.
- #3 Oregano – Oregano is a powerhouse for supporting the immune system. This is a spicy oil so make sure to always dilute with a carrier oil such as Young Living's V-6 or olive oil. Oregano is yummy in your soups or Italian recipes, or added to a capsule with carrier oil.
- #4 R.C. – R.C. stands for Respiratory Care and is a must-have to support the respiratory system. Breathe easy by applying R.C. over the chest or diffusing.
- #5 DiGize – DiGize is a blend of oils formulated to specifically support the digestive system. This one is a necessity to support regularity, minor digestive upset, to take in a capsule after spicy foods, and travel. Works like a charm every time!
- #6 Ningxia Red – Ningxia Red is Young Living's superfood juice made from wolfberries and essential oils. 1-2 ounces a day is a serving size and great for supporting all body systems especially the immune system and consistent energy levels throughout the day.
- #7 Frankincense – Frankincense is known as "the prize of all oils" and for good reason. This oil is very high in sesquiterpenes and is great for supporting the immune system, nervous system, skin, respiratory system, and more. We like to diffuse or apply this oil topically.
- #8 Inner Defense – Many Young Living essential oils can be taken internally for great physical benefits, but we don't all have time to stop and put together our capsules on-the-go. Inner Defense are pre-made capsules filled with a variety of immune-supporting essential oils. These are a must-have for holiday travels or to keep at the office.
- #9 Thieves Spray – One way to support the health of your family is to keep a safe home. Thieves spray is great to spray on counters, tables, keyboards, phones, fabrics, and more to cleanse and protect. The small bottle is even great to keep in your purse for on-the-go like public bathrooms, doorknobs, and more.
- #10 Thieves Lozenges – Take the power of Thieves essential oil with you anywhere with these yummy lozenges. Great for soothing the throat, supporting the immune system, and freshening breath wherever you go.

Want to learn more about the power of essential oils? I would love to share them with you! Visit me at River Valley Arms and Ammo during "Beneath the Village Wreath!" Join me on November 24th at 7pm at the City Hall for "Meditation and Oils." We will be having a facilitated meditation and learn what oils can be used to increase our experiences. Don't want to venture out? Log onto Facebook on Nov 17th for a class on oils for pets and Nov 19th for an introduction to essential oils. Contact me for more details. Want to learn more about the Thieves line of products? I will be having a class on December 3rd at 7pm at the city hall all about Thieves! Homemade gifts are so special to those who receive them. Come and make some chemical-free oily gifts at my Holiday Make & Take event on December 11th at 7pm also at the city hall. In honor of the Christmas season, I will be presenting the 12 Oils of Ancient Scripture on December 15th at 7pm at the city hall. Come and experience the oils that were used in Biblical times. As always, please contact me with any questions you might have about essential oils. I am here to educate and empower you to take control of your health! May you have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!



Trunk or Treat
2015
At Zion Lutheran Church



Annie Tepfer, RAPAD Coalition Coordinator
Renville Alliance for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drugs
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Syrup, Purple Drank, Sizzurp, Lean

Drinking prescription-strength cough syrup containing codeine and promethazine mixed with soda was referenced frequently in some popular music beginning in the late 90s and has now become increasingly popular among youth in several areas of the country.

Codeine is an opioid that can produce relaxation and euphoria when consumed in sufficient quantities. Promethazine is an antihistamine that also acts as a sedative. Users may also flavor the mixture with the addition of hard candies.

RENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Renville County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone to be extremely cautious while driving! There have been numerous crashes involving deer.

While driving to your destination, be cautious of your speed. You never know when a deer might run out in front of you. The faster you are driving, the longer it takes to stop. The Renville County Sheriff's Office recommends using your cruise control if you have it in your vehicle.

According to the Minnesota Department of Traffic Safety, there are numerous dangers and consequences of speeding. They are as follows:

- Greater potential for loss of vehicle control.

- Increased stopping distance . It takes more than the length of a football field to stop when traveling 60 miles per hour.

- Less time available for driver response for crash avoidance.

- Increased crash severity leading to more numerous and sever injuries.

- An average speeding citation for 10 mph over the limit is typically more than \$120. Motorists stopped at 20 mph over the speed limit face double the fine, and those ticketed traveling more than 100 mph can lose their license for six months.

- Unsafe and illegal speed is the commonly reported contributing factor in fatal crashes.

The last thing anyone wants is to hit a deer (or any animal for that matter) or get a speeding ticket.

GUN SHOW

221 WEST 2ND STREET MORTON, MN 56270

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23TH 9AM-5PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH 9AM-3PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Admission \$3

Children Under 12 FREE

(must be accompanied by an adult)

GUNS, KNIVES, ETC.

FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Heather Koffler

River Valley Arms & Ammo

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TABLES:

Tables \$10 Each

30 Tables (8ft) Available

No One-Day Rentals

All tables are reserved on a first come, first served basis.

BUILDING SECURED BY SPECTRUM SYSTEMS

Not responsible for theft, accident or injury. All federal & local firearms laws & regulations must be observed.

SET-UP TIMES:

Friday 12pm-8pm

Saturday 7am-9am



Why Small Business Saturday?

When locally-owned businesses thrive, the communities they are a part of benefit too. That's why River Valley Arms & Ammo is participating in Small Business Saturday. When you shop this November 28th at local, small businesses you are making an investment in your community. For every \$100 you spend at a local business, approximately \$68 stays in your local economy, whereas with a large business only \$43 stays in the local economy. Join us in shopping small this season, because shopping small makes a big difference!

River Valley Arms & Ammo is Celebrating with Big Holiday Sales, Black Friday Exclusives and Small Business Saturday Specials!

River Valley Arms & Ammo Holiday Sale! November 25th-29th



RVAA Apparel



10% Off

Slide Fire



\$299.99

Champion Targets



50% Off

NexPack Bags



65% Off

Small Biz Saturday



Check our website for a sneak peek!

Howard Leight: Teal



\$49.99

Phalanx Holster



\$29.99

Winchester Safes



\$50 Off

Conceal & Carry Purses

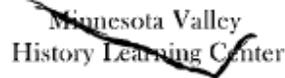


10% Off

Offer valid on in stock items only November 25th, 2015 - November 29th, 2015

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The Minnesota Valley History Learning Center now has programs for ADULTS! The Lunch and Learn Series was created to bring engaging programs to our community, not just to our youth through the Summer Explorer Program. With a 2016 MVHLC Membership you can help support the MVHLC and enjoy 3 Lunch and Learn programs throughout the year. Each program is unique and delves into the natural and cultural history of the river valley. See our schedule below.



Lunch & Learn Ticket Prices

Individual Ticket: \$25 adults

Student Ticket: \$5 (Ages 12 and up)

Each student under age 12 are free with a paid adult.

Purchase your membership at our website:
www.mvhlc.org

2016 Lunch & Learn Annual Memberships

Bronze Membership: \$60

Includes 1 pass per event

Silver Membership: \$110

Includes 2 passes per event

Gold Membership: \$250

Includes 2 passes per event and recognition for MVHLC Explorer Program sponsorship

2016 Lunch & Learn Series Schedule

May 7, 2016 – Prohibition Tour of Granite Falls

Explore the city of Granite Falls through a round-the-town tour, getting acquainted with the history of Prohibition, how it affected Minnesota small towns and learn about Andrew Volstead and his role in the 18th Amendment.

Presenter: Mary Gillespie Location: Andrew J Volstead House, Granite Falls

July 9, 2016 – What? Cactus in Minnesota?

During this presentation we will be walking all around the Gneiss Outcrops in the Minnesota River Valley and discovering the different varieties of cacti in the state of Minnesota. This is a physically intensive program due to the lack of trails at the SNA.

Presenter: Fred Harris Location: Gneiss Outcrop SNA, Lunch at Grand View Winery, Belview, MN

September 2016 – Sundanka Play (Dakota Language)

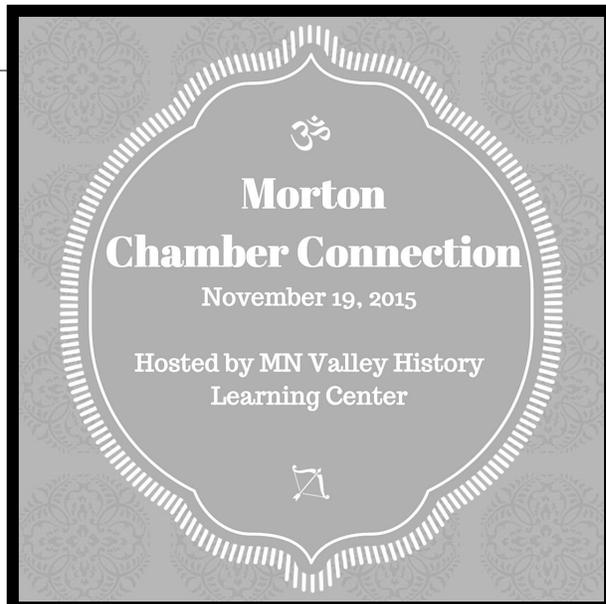
"How the Sunktanka Came to the Dakota Oyate" is a play performed entirely in the Dakota language. Viewers watch intently as the Dakota Wicohan actors entice them into a traditional story. Following the play, the audience is educated on specific words and meaning of the play.

Presenter: Dakota Wicohan Location: Morton City Park, Morton, MN

With questions or for more information, contact Ann Vate

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The Minnesota Valley History Learning Center is a non-profit organization focused on educating people of all ages on the cultural and natural history of the Minnesota River Valley. They provide curriculum training for teachers, the Summer Explorer Program for area youth and Lunch and Learn Presentations for life-long learners. To learn more about the MVHLC go to www.mvhlc.org. Become a Gold Member to sponsor the Summer Explorer Program which is a 3-week program that gives area youth a chance to explore the river valley and experience its history through hands-on learning.



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December 2015~Dates to Remember

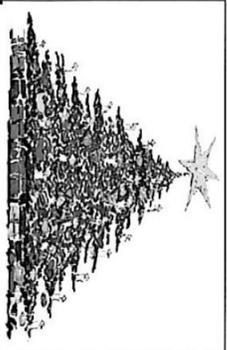
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Connie Benson	2 Charles Bethke Cathy Crain Eileen Hollmann Dana McGowan Joann Made Rick & Beth O'Neil	3 Mike Hennen Kim Nemitz Ken Robinson	4 Lynette Lothert Linda Nissen Jeremy Sullivan	5 Kris Beran John Hennen Bob Landgraff Lake Magers Tim Scharfencamp
6 Nick Frank Louise Goetz Matt Robinson Ray Schroeder Terry & Sue Dallenbach Tom & Becky Olson	7 Linda Freitag Cindy Hennen Jeremy Hennen Rick O'Neil	8 Stacy Quimette Travis Rebstock Bob Schlicht	9 Elva Bethke Pat & Jolynn Sullivan	10 Mindy Anderson Jeff Haas Patrick Kojeth Tony Lussenhopp	11 Erica Bock Tammy Distad Alene Pass Marilyn Vogl	12 Jeremiah John Lothert John Sullivan Paul Swoboda
13 Keegan Lorang	14 Lisa Cornwell Jim Inman Shawn Kodel Kally Koupal	15 Jenny Franklin Kendra Krasse John Seehausen	16 Mary Blue Dawn Goodlander Deb Schegler Evan Schemmel Bob Weimore Denny & Bev Koper	17 Justin Anderson Derek Carruth Tammy Land Mandi Robinson Samuel Sullivan Cory & Natalie Seehausen	18 Donnie Dehncke Lydia Sullivan	19 Mckenzie Alonzo Jesse Kodel Dennis Lothert
20 Tyler Kuehln Diane & Al VonBargen	21 Kyson Ahrens Margarete Baisley Ann Brazill Branddon Pendleton Kaylee Robinson Kody Robinson	22 Laurin Dolzal Larry Goetz Jenn Kuehn Chris Nelson Gary Ranck	23 Conner Sullivan Michael Jay U'Ren	24 Tristan Nesburg Steve Whitaker	25 Mary Drexler Joe Hennen Mitchell Tonak	26 Mike McCorqudale
27 Mason Nesburg Grace Sullivan Mary Jean Thiner	28 Alex Carruth Linda Drexler Josh Sindleir Makayla Walker Karen Wilman Dick & Lois Rehslock	29 Jerry Brockway Jr. Dawson Frost Brian Jacobson Tim & Sarah Sullivan	30 Timothy Baune Tamara Bunting Jeff McColey Claire Murphy Jack Murphy Paul Telander	31 Megan O'Neil Peters Bernard Schultz Kevin Thompson Noah U'Ren		

The Special Events Calendar Continues!! We will print the following month's events in our news letter. If you have items to add or delete—please contact city hall at 697-6912 or email: mortoncityhall@mchsi.com

Lutheran Social Service

DECEMBER 2015

Senior Nutrition Program

	<p>Tuesday, December 1</p> <p>3 oz. Pork Steak 1/2 c. Sweet Potatoes 1/2 c. Winter Blend Veget. Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Scalloped Apples 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 2</p> <p>4 oz. Meatloaf/Catsup 1/2c. Whole Parslied Potatoes 1/2 c. Creamed Corn Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Mandarin Oranges 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>Thursday, December 3</p> <p>\$2.00 DAY</p> <p>5 oz. Oven Crispy Chicken 1/2c. Mashed Potatoes/Gravy 1/2 c. Carrots Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Poke Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>Friday, December 4</p> <p>8 oz. Meaty Beef Stew with Carrots & Potatoes 1/2 c. Cole Slaw Biscuit/Margarine 2"x2" Cheesecake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>
	<p>Monday, December 7</p> <p>\$2.00 DAY</p> <p>3 oz. Swiss Steak 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Seasoned Peas Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pineapple 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 8</p> <p>3 oz. Honey Mustard Chicken Brst 1med. Baked Potato/Sr. Crm 1/2 c. Green Beans Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 9</p> <p>6 oz. Lasagna 1/2 c. California Blend Veg. 1/2 c. Peaches Garlic Bread/Margarine Cookie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>Thursday, December 10</p> <p>3 oz. Pork Loin 1/2 c. Whole Potatoes 1/2 c. Buttered Cabbage Dinner Roll/Margarine 2"x2" Fruit Crisp 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>
<p>Monday, December 14</p> <p>3 oz. Sausage Egg Bake 1/2 c. Oven Baked Potatoes 1/2 c. Tropical Fruit Coffeecake/Margarine 1/2 c. Sherbet 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 15</p> <p>5 oz. Baked Chicken 1med. Baked Potato/Sr. Crm 1/2 c. Squash Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 16</p> <p>8 oz. Chili 1/2 c. Pears 1/2 c. Lettuce/Dressing Cornbread/Margarine 2"x2" Gelatin with Fruit/Wh. Topping 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>Thursday, December 17</p> <p>4 oz. BBQ Meatballs 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Beets Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Lemon Sponge Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>Friday, December 18</p> <p>8 oz. Ham Boiled Dinner with Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots 1/2 c. Fruit Salad Breadstick/Margarine 2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>
<p>Monday, December 21</p> <p>\$2.00 DAY</p> <p>3 oz. Hamburger 1/2 c. Baked Beans 1/2 c. Tart Cole Slaw Bun/Margarine 1/2 c. Ice Cream 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 22</p> <p>\$2.00 DAY</p> <p>3 oz. Roast Beef 1/2c. Mashed Potatoes/Gravy 1/2 c. Stewed Tomatoes Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pudding 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 23</p> <p>4 oz. Italian Meat Sauce 4 oz. Spaghetti Noodles 1/2 c. Lettuce/Drsg/1/2c Cauliflower Garlic Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Apricots 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>Thursday, December 24</p> <p>3 oz. Pork Loin 1/2 c. Whole Parslied Potatoes 1/2 c. Glazed Carrots Dinner Roll/Margarine 2"x2" Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>Friday, December 25</p> <p>Merry Christmas!</p>
<p>Monday, December 28</p> <p>3 oz. Cranberry Glazed Chicken Baked Potato/Sr. Cream 1/2 c. Broccoli Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Fruit Cocktail 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 29</p> <p>6oz. Hamburger Tomato Cass. 1/2 c. Green Beans 1/2 c. Fruit Cup Bread/Margarine Cookie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 30</p> <p>8 oz. Vegetable Beef Soup 3 oz. Meat Salad Sandwich 1/2 c. Pineapple Crackers/Margarine 2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>Thursday, December 31</p> <p>4 oz. Lemon Pepper Fish 1/2 c. Rice Pilaf/1/2c. Cole Slaw 1/2 c. Mixed Vegetables Dinner Roll/Margarine 2"x2" Fruit Cobbler 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>The Perfect Holiday Gift GIFT CERTIFICATES for meals available at your site or purchase on line at our website: www.lssmn.org/nutrition</p>

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TLC (Thanksgiving Leftover Casserole) Recipe

- 4 cups seasoned stuffing cubes
 - 4 cups cubed cooked turkey
 - 2 celery ribs, finely chopped
 - 1 cup frozen peas
 - 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries
 - 1/2 cup chopped sweet onion
 - 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
 - 4 large eggs
 - 3 cups 2% milk
 - 1 can (8-1/4 ounces) cream-style corn
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 1/3 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- Preheat oven to 350°. Layer first six ingredients in a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. In a large bowl, whisk flour, eggs and milk until smooth. Add corn, salt and pepper; mix well. Pour over top; let stand 15 minutes. Dot with butter and sprinkle with pecans.
 - **2.** Cover and bake 35 minutes. Uncover and bake 30-35 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean

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