

MORTON AREA NEWSLETTER

September 2016

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The first ever event at the new Charles Eastman Trailhead, Campground and Canoe Landing in Morton Minnesota was held at the site on September 10, 2016

Morton Residents:

Included with the utility bill for August is a short survey to determine need for a housing rehabilitation program.

Please complete the survey and return it to city hall at your earliest convenience.

Reminder!

The Morton
Compost/Burn site
is for
brush and lawn debris
ONLY!

Morton Residents!

As part of routine maintenance, hydrants will be flushed in the near future. During this period of time, you may experience some discoloration of your water.

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

MORTON RESIDENTS WILL
BE ELECTING:

1 MAYOR

No one has filed for the position

2 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Persons filing: Jorey Prescott, Lacey
Henning and Tim Schablin

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, October 11th

to assist you with any of your veteran
service needs.

Would your house like a little TLC?



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.

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



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, October 12, 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 meets on Wednesday & Friday at 9:30 am at the Senior Center.

Everyone has a great time, sharing news, joking & laughing. Join us!

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.

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

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.

Thank you!

The residents of Morton would like to thank the community garden people and other residents who have shared their garden produce with the community. It is greatly appreciated!



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:

October 4 & 18

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
HALL*

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**

Trevor Walberg Benefit Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday Sept. 24th 5:00-8:00pm
Assembly of God Church
701 Northwood Drive
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

Please join us to help raise money and support Trevor and his family

On Saturday, July 30th, Trevor was involved in an accident on his farm and was burned on over 20% of his body. He was transferred from the Redwood Area Hospital to Regions Hospital's burn unit in St. Paul. He will be at Regions for a minimum of four weeks before being able to go home to recover. Trevor is in need of skin grafting and had the first of two surgeries on August 4th where the surgeons removed the burned skin and put in Integra, which will give more elasticity and flexibility. He will then recover for 10-15 days before finally having the skin graft surgery.

Donations can be sent to or dropped at:

Assembly of God Church

Or:

HomeTown Bank

1000 E. Cook Street

Redwood Falls, MN 56283

Or:

gofundme link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/23d2b83w>

For Silent Auction donations

Please contact Debbi Walberg at

763-486-3361 or debraj224@yahoo.com

Notice to Residents with Sump Pumps!

There are several residents who may be pumping from their sump pumps into the sanitary sewer system. This is an illegal activity and can be punishable with fines.

This is a courtesy reminder that if this is YOU, please make the changes at your earliest convenience.

"The Oldest Story in North America"

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AMENDMENTS TO THE August 10 meeting: None

The following are the NOTES from the most recent council meetings (September 14th)

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

September 14, 2016:

Regular meeting called to order in open session at 6:30 p.m. with all members present. Others present: Aaron Scheffler, Greg Deinken, John Gallery and Tony Mages.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

7B) Broadband Grant Application

8C) Permit Application-Jim Paulson

8D) Request for a street light

CITIZEN ISSUES:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZONING: Public hearing opened at 6:30 p.m. as scheduled and posted for the purpose of considering rezoning Lots 1-4, Block 9 from Residential to Commercial. Dan Haase and Aaron Scheffler present to discuss their plans for Lot 1 & 2. Aaron explained that they would like to purchase lot 1 & 2 and construct a building to house their materials for their spray foam insulating business. All residents within 350' were sent notice of the meeting.

Ben outlined the items the council will need to consider:

1) Rezone the property

2) Agree to sell the property

3) Survey the property to determine the property line

4) Provide sewer and water to connect to

Motion by Prescott and second by Sandra to rezone Lots 1-4 of Block 9 from R2 to B1. Motion carried.

Motion by Walker to offer to sell Lot 1 & 2, Block 9 to Aaron Scheffler and Dan Haase with the cost of the survey and digging in water and sewer to be included in the sale price of the property. Second by Prescott. Motion carried.

Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to approve a building permit for Dan Haase and Aaron Scheffler as presented, contingent on their acceptance of our offer to sell them the property. Motion carried.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT:

BUILDING PERMIT: Permit application presented from Jim Paulson for extension of his privacy fence. Motion by Prescott and second by Walker to approve as presented. Motion carried.

FIRE:

FIRE HALL OPTIONS: Greg Deinken present. Greg explained the cost to the city if there were to be accident at the fire hall since we have acknowledged that there are safety issues in the building now. He added that now is the time to do something. As directed by council, fire hall options were to begin being explored, with discussions to begin again. Some options for financing have been looked into and were included in the council packet for their review. Lease-to-own proposals were also included. Discussion on needs and affordability. Greg suggested that estimates be obtained from contractors, rather than engineers to get a realistic price to work with. Contractors will be contacted for cost estimates with review by the council at the next meeting.

CITIZEN ISSUES:

ORDINANCE REGARDING RAISING OF CHICKENS: A request was made by a resident for the council to consider adopting an ordinance allowing raising of chickens in town. Motion by Prescott to deny consideration of an ordinance for raising chickens. Second by Jacobson. Motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: A plan is being developed to address some of the water coming into town and through the ditch in the center of town. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion by Walker and second by Prescott to approve the secretary's report for August 10 and 24. Second by Prescott. Motion carried.

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

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:

CANOE ACCESS PROJECT: Update by Jacobson on the dedication that took place on September 10. Update on balance of grant funds remaining provided and discussed.

BROADBAND GRANT APPLICATION: Motion by Walker and second by Prescott to provide a letter of support to Renville County for the Broadband Grant application that is being pursued. Motion carried.

HOUSING PROJECT: Motion by Jacobson to work with Western Community Action on a housing rehab. project as outlined, with a total cost of approximately \$2200. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR A STREET LIGHT: A request has been made for installation of a street light on Third Street between Quarry and Valley Drive. Motion by Prescott to approve. Second by Walker. Motion carried.

SUPPORT TO KIDS:

LETTERS OF APOLOGY: Letters of apology were received from the kids that caused the damage in the park bathrooms. Restitution has been made and community service hours have been completed.

Discussion on continued use of the bathrooms. They are currently locked up and will only be used for large activities.

PROVIDING MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

WATER/SEWER: Storm Sewer Cleaning Estimate: An estimate for cleaning and televising the storm sewer on Quarry Drive was presented from Empire Pipe. Council previously approved televising the line, however when they got here they found the line to be completely plugged and were unable to proceed. Motion by Prescott and second by Jacobson to approve the estimate from Empire Pipe for storm sewer cleaning and televising as presented at a cost of approximately \$5,000 and authorize proceeding. Motion carried.

STREETS: Repair Estimates: Prices for repair on various streets were presented from Duininck's and Bargaen. Discussion on each area and the need for completing the repair. Motion by Prescott and second by Jacobson to approve the estimate from Duininck for street repair as presented and authorize proceeding with all of the items as presented. Motion carried.

CEMETERY: There was an issue with removal of some luminaries and that has been resolved. The cemetery is looking good at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

POLICE: Summary Report: The monthly summary report was presented for council review. No issues.

MANAGEMENT:

AUDITOR PROPOSALS: Three proposals were received. Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to accept the low cost proposal as presented from Oberloh & Associates. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Discussion on the options included in the packet. Discussion on how much tax burden the residents can withstand. We need to make good decisions in the best interest of the community and the residents that live here.

BUDGET: A rough draft budget was presented with a minimum budget and a high end budget. In light of the discussions regarding the fire hall, council should be looking at the numbers closely to be sure they reflect the plans they have for the next year. Council has most often approved a high budget in September with the plan to reduce it by December. The levy cannot be increased after September but it can be decreased. Council agreed to hold a special meeting on September 21 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the budget and adopting the draft. Council was reminded that the draft levy needs to be submitted by September 30th.

CLOSE HEARING: Motion by Jacobson and second by Prescott to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

JUST CHATTIN'

Took a detour on my walk and went down Park Drive. What a treat! Mammen's and Cornwell's gardens are beautiful *Walking is already a study proven way to lower blood pressure and keep your blood sugar in check. Now a British study suggests that taking a 30 minute walk each day also slows brain aging as much as 10 years! How? By keeping oxygen and healing nutrients flowing to your hard-working brain cells... It's not working!*

Do you know what I like to do... stand by the old Morton Drugstore Building and look at the hundreds of names that are carved in the brick. This one is really interesting: *I Love Connie Swoboda.*

Had a little run in with Dick Gallery...I wanted to deliver meals to his home: "I can cook my own meals. I'm not dead yet!" Would you argue with Dick?

The Morton Lions Club was organized on June 15, 1976: President- Harold Wahidick; Secretary-Carl Lokker; 1st Vice President-Marvin O'Neil; 2nd Vice President-David Reitter; 3rd Vice President Lyle Witte; Treasurer-Jack Mahlum. They met every second and fourth Monday of the month at the Hilltop The Lions Club is no longer meeting. Outgoing officers President-Harriet Cornwell; Vice President-Al Liebl; Treasurer-Connie Liebl and Secretary- JoAnn Dehncke Thanks to the Lions and Lioness for all the delicious Breakfasts!

Jay is 57 and retiring at the end of the year. I'm 86 and retiring at 8:00p.m.

Lonnie came into the Senior Center to pick up Jeanette's lunch. Said he wasn't feeling good. His diagnosis: loss of blood from mesquite bites

My friend, Margaret, and I went to the delicious Pancake Breakfast at the Renville County Historical Center. Margaret had 3 pancakes and 5 sausages.....I wonder if she's still my friend!

Morton Reminder 50 years ago: School will open September 6th with a full day schedule: Am. History and Boys P.E.: Mr. Larsen; Ind. Arts: Mr. Tate; Science: Ms. Gunelson; Band and Vocal: Mr. Wittgraf; Commercial: Ms. Anderson; Social Studies: Mr. Zetah; Home Ec.: Mrs. Ludtke; Principal: Mr. Halliday; Superintendent: Mr. Anderson.....There were 126 students enrolled in grades 9-12.....William Greenslist received a Master of Science degree at Mankato State College.....FHA met to plan programs for the coming year. The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Caven.....Lisa Tisdell celebrated her 4th birthday;.....the kids come home from having a Suicide (that's a mixture of pops) at the HiWay Café and ask "Mother, how come you can't make caramel rolls like Norma?"Mike Dallenbach ran for Morton's 4th touchdown to make the score Morton 26, Sleepy Eye 0. Bill Shaw kicked the extra pointthere will be no paper the week of October 17th. The staff is going on vacation (I wonder where I went?)Linda Kodet was crowned 1966 Homecoming Queen.....

From the Senior Center: In addition to the good meals at the Center(from the Wabasso Roadhouse) we enjoyed watermelon and tomatoes and cantaloupe from Lyle, tomatoes from Peach and Mary Lou, Bakery bread from Mary, and pie from Beulah (that I don't share). We celebrated birthdays: Beulah(9), Margaret L.(5), Sandy B.(15), Harry (16) Joanie (24). This month we celebrated Wencel's birthday on the 16th and Keith's on the 21st and Ron and Margaret's anniversary on the 5th. September is National Senior Center Month **Stop in for a cup of coffee.** The Senior Center was started in 1976. We are 40 years old. Adella Mages worked with a group called MRS Community Action. This group helped set up Senior Dining sites in McCloud, Renville and Sibley counties in 1976 resulting from a huge Federal Grant. Which was followed by Site Managers: Tracy Siegfried, Bernice Witte, Phyllis Robinson, Liz Roper and Norm and Marie Bailey. Mary Lou has been Treasurer since 1993 and Norma was Site Manager from 1993 until 2013 and then they scraped the bottom of the barrel.

Thank You! Joann S. for the generous monetary donation for the Morton Newsletter. Yes, Shirley does a great job

Mother's Saying

Don't put your tongue on a frozen pump handle.....Never lend money to friends. It ruins their memories.....Keep smiling. It makes people wonder what you have been up to. (Courtesy of Ron Keller)

MUSEUM HOURS

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)!



A Day in the Life of a Researcher by Linda Balk, Renville County Historical Society Volunteer

My day, most of the time, starts at 10:00 AM when the Renville County Historical Society & Museum (RCHS) opens, though on days when I have a deadline to meet or have a lot of research to do I am at the Museum at 8:00 AM. A typical day starts with checking the emails at info@renvillecountyhistory.com to see if there are any new genealogy requests., I print them out and start my hunt. There are several places I can search for answers:

- **Family files - RCHS has 19 file drawers filled with snippets of information, newspaper clippings, family histories, wedding & birth announcement and obituaries on Renville County related families. These files are arranged alphabetically by surname.**
- **Early tax records - RCHS has three file cabinets filled with the tax records of the late 1860s early 1870s tax records. Not all years are there.**
- **Church records - RCHS has files on the Renville County churches and some are gold mines of information and others not so much. RCHS is always trying to increase its information.**
- **Microfilm - RCHS & the Renville County Genealogical Society (RCGS), based at the Renville Public Library, have microfilm on nearly all of the newspapers that can be found for Renville County. The microfilm collection includes various township records. RCHS & RCGS are continually adding to their microfilm collections. RCHS has hard copies of the Renville County newspaper after 2009 when the Minnesota Historical Society stopped making microfilm.**
- **Photos - Both facilities have family photos, unfortunately not all of them are identified. RCHS has 3 binders of unidentified photographs, stop on by and help us identify these lost precious souls.**
- **Computer - I have accounts on several sites such as ancestry.com, archives.com, fold3.com, newspapers.com and know of many other free sites that I can use for my hunt.**
- **Books - Both facilities have county history books, cemetery books and other books to help glean information of families and the history of the area when they lived in the county.**
- **Notebooks - Both facilities have notebooks on Renville County Servicemen which we are constantly updating as families share their information. If you have any servicemen in your family we would love to have more information on these wonderful people.**

If a visitor stops in the Museum to do research, I do all I can do to assist them on their hunt. Sometimes I can help them find things on their family although there are times when the information is just not there to find. This is especially true if they were only in the area for a short period of time.

Information on what you know about each of them will help me find your elusive ancestors easier. Please remember though that if your ancestors were passing through Renville County and only stayed for a few years it will be much harder to find any trace of them as they usually didn't leave behind many fingerprints to find.

Bear in mind that I am a volunteer and only work a couple of days a week so it might take a while before I get back to you. I try to get to the research as soon as I can. Also, since I am in the Museum I am also doing research for the Museum. My research right now is finding out more about the servicemen of World War I. This is a huge undertaking that is taking a lot of my time. It started small and like a rolling snowball has grown into a large project of which we are excited about all the information we have located!

While the Museum closes at 4:00 PM, I am normally there until 5:00 PM cleaning up the mess that I made doing research whether it be on the computer or on my desk.

The Renville County Historical Society does charge for research, \$20 per hour with a minimum 1/2 hour \$10 search and RCHS charges for copies, postage and digital copies. Please refer to our website www.renvillecountyhistory.com for more information on our fees. Visited the [Share Your Story](#) section on our website www.renvillecountyhistory.com.

RENVILLE COUNTY FOOD SHELF

Any resident of Renville County may visit the
Renville County Food Shelf located on Main Street in downtown Olivia.*

Hours of Operation

Monday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday	5:00 – 7 p.m.
Friday	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.



Located at 108 S. 9th Street, Olivia, MN 56277

Telephone: 320-523-5339

e-mail: rcfoodshelf@gmail.com

* Bring a current utility bill or other document that has your name and street address.

The Second Harvest Heartland guideline is 25 lbs. of food per person once a month or twelve times a year.



**Happy hour while the Vikings are playing on Sundays, so come on down
to watch your MN Vikings on Sundays.**

Let us cook for you ~ Dine in or take out ... Call 697-2004

Minnesota River Valley Recreation and Conservation Master Plan

Please join us for a public workshop to discuss opportunities to expand outdoor recreation and conserve natural & cultural resources in the Minnesota River Valley (MRV) area within Redwood and Renville Counties. This project seeks to strengthen and diversify the local economy while respecting private lands and the heritage of the region. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Redwood and Renville Counties are collaborating to create the first MRV Recreation and Conservation Master Plan. We're very interested in your ideas and participation!

Workshop Agenda

- Welcome and Review Exhibits
- Project Overview Presentation
- Discuss Project Goals and Solutions

The same workshop will be held on two consecutive days. If you're not able to attend one of the workshops in person, all workshop materials will be available on the project webpage. An online survey will also be distributed after the workshop to request additional input and your ideas.

Workshop Times and Locations

- Tuesday, September 27, 6-8PM – Renville County Government Services Center, Room 116/117, 105 South 5th Street, Olivia, MN
- Wednesday, September 28, 6-8PM – Redwood Area Community Center, 901 E Cook St, Redwood Falls, MN

Please check out the MRV Project Webpage: www.mnrivervalleymasterplan.org

Send comments and questions to: Comment@MNRiverValleyMasterPlan.org

We hope you'll join us for this workshop which will help create a framework for improvement and conservation of the beautiful Minnesota River Valley!

Child Safety Seats Save Lives



Every 15 minutes, someone is killed in a motor vehicle crash in the United States. Renville County also ranks poorly in traffic fatalities per capita as compared to the rest of Minnesota.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional death among children under the age of 14. Annual cost of childhood motor vehicle crash deaths/injuries exceeds \$36 billion! Approximately 400 people die every year on Minnesota roads. About 70% of all fatal crashes occur in rural areas. The 7-county metro area, with over ½ of the state's population, only accounts for approximately 28% of fatal crashes.

Child safety seats and safety belts, when installed and used correctly, can prevent injuries and save lives. Statistics show that 90% of car seats and 40% of booster seats are not used correctly. Public Health receives grants from the Department of Public Safety and from PrimeWest Health to distribute car seats to families in Renville County. Nurses certified in Child Passenger Safety provide training and one-to-one demonstrations to install the car seats. This past year, 77 car seats were distributed to families meeting income guidelines.

Minnesota state law requires children to ride rear-facing until they are both 20 pounds and at least one year old. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends children remain rear-facing until at least 2 years old or as long as the car seat allows. It is strongly recommended that children remain in a 5-point harness system as long as the car seat allows.

The law also requires children to ride in a car seat or booster seat with a lap and shoulder belt until 8 years old. Children should then remain in a booster seat until they reach 49+(57 inches), even if they are older than 8 years. Until they reach that height, the vehicle's seat belt does not hit them in the correct body places for protection.

Renville County Public Health offers monthly car seat classes free of charge to the public. Renville County, along with Kandiyohi County, provides training to daycare and foster care providers.

For questions regarding car seat safety, installation or car seat class dates, visit www.renvillecountymn.com or call 320-523-2570.

Rules regarding write ins, which ones count, which ones cannot be counted, how to complete your ballot with write ins.

Determining Voter Intent

Minnesota law requires that every effort be made to accurately count all votes on a ballot. Never reject a ballot for a technicality if it is possible to decide what the voter intended, even if the voter made a mistake or damaged the ballot. Count only those offices for which you can decide voter intent, using these rules:

- **A ballot may be marked with a pencil or a pen or both.**
- **Voter marked too many candidates for the same office, including write-in candidates.** Do not count any of the votes for that office but count the rest of the ballot.
- **Voter voted both 'Yes' and 'No' on a question.** Do not count any of the votes for that question but count the rest of the ballot.
- **Two candidates were marked, and the ballot shows the voter tried to erase one of the marks.** Count the vote for the remaining marked candidate.
- **Voter wrote a write-in candidate in the proper place on a general election ballot but did not fill in the mark.** Count the vote. Remember, write-in votes are not allowed in primary elections
- **A write-in vote was misspelled or abbreviated.** Count the vote if the intended candidate's identity is clear. An oval by the write-in line need not be marked to be counted.
- **Voter voted for candidates from more than one party in a primary election.** Voter intent cannot be determined, so the entire partisan portion of the ballot is defective. Do not count any of the partisan votes on the ballot.
- **Two or more persons are to be elected to an office but the voter did not choose the maximum number allowed.** Count only those that are marked.
- **Voter wrote an identification number or signed their name anywhere on the ballot; or wrote someone else's name on the ballot completely outside of a write-in space.** The voter has identified the ballot, and the entire ballot is defective. Do not count any of the votes on the ballot.
- **Voter used a mark other than filling the oval but the intention is clear.** Count the votes for each candidate. If the voter used two or more different marks, for example an 'x' and a check-mark, count the votes unless it is evident the voter intended to make the ballot identifiable.
- **Ballot has extraneous marks outside the ovals.** Count the ballot.
- **Ballot is slightly soiled.** Count the ballot.
- **Voter's mark is outside of the oval, but on or so near a name or space that it is clear the voter intended to mark the name.** Count the vote. (M.S. 204C.22)

Defective Ballots

For hand-counting, a ballot is completely defective if you cannot decide the voter's intent for any of the offices or questions on the ballot; or, the voter wrote a name on the ballot completely outside of a write-in space, signed their name or wrote an identification number on the ballot.

Print 'Defective' on the back of the ballot. If only part is defective, print 'Defective as to ...' and the office or question for which the vote is defective. Keep defective ballots with the other voted ballots.

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.sosstate.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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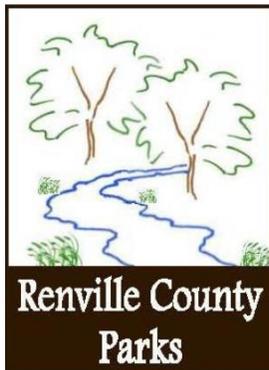
The Red Cross bloodmobile will again visit Morton on October 10th from noon until 6PM.

Morton has two blood drives each year, July and October. We strongly support the Franklin Carl Robinson Blood Drive held every year on Dr. Martin Luther King Day.

If you donate at both Morton drives you are certainly eligible to donate again in January. You may donate every 56 days.

Go online to redcrossblood.org to sign up for an appointment to give blood and it will shorten the waiting period. Also, if you go online prior to your donation and answer the questions for a donor and print them out or email them to yourself, you can eliminate all waiting. redcrossblood.org/RapidPass

Save lives. Give blood.



2016 Renville County Parks Archery Deer Hunt

November 1-December 31, 2016

**NOW TAKING
APPLICATIONS**



All information and the application can be found online at www.renvillecountymn.com, by calling (320) 523-3768, or send an email to parksdept@renvillecountymn.com

***Application Deadline is 4:30pm on
Friday, September 30, 2016***



Redwood Falls Public Library

Upcoming Fall Events:

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| Wednesdays for 6 weeks
Beginning September 7th- | The Tatanka Arts group will be hosting a Writers' Workshop at the library from 9 - 11. Cost is \$25. |
| Thursday, September 15th- | Nature photographer and Curator of the Riverside History & Nature Learning Center of New Ulm, Ron Balduan , will speak on Antlers & Horns/Critters Fact & Features. 6:30 p.m. |
| Monday, September 26th- | Author Barbara Kodet Mages will be at the library to speak about her book, <i>To Bechyn and Back</i> . 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, September 27th- | Author Lisa Bullard will be at DUFFY'S speaking about children and writing. This is sponsored by the SWMN Reading Council. |
| Tuesday, October 11th- | Once Upon a Reader event, <i>Ten Pigs: An Epic Bath Adventure</i> , will be presented by Author Derek Anderson . 10:30 a.m. @ Reede Gray Elementary School. All are welcome. |

Matter of Balance Classes:
Many older adults experience concern about falling. This is a program designed to help.

Mondays and Wednesdays/ Sept. 26 - Oct. 19
Redwood Falls Public Library Meeting Room
Please register with A.C.E.- 507-627-1016

Glen Campbell Movie- I'll Be Me
Monday, October 10, 2016 at 5:15 p.m.

(Popcorn and Refreshments served)

This is the story of Glen Campbell's Goodbye Tour while dealing with Alzheimer's disease. FREE!
Registration is required.
Call Karen at 507-627-1016.

NEW PROGRAM!
Middle School Madness
Engineering Club

Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Grades 5 - 8

Session 1: October 5 - November 2
Session 2: January 11 - February 15
Session 3: April 5 - May 10

Snack, Stories, Games, Concept, and Projects!
Please call Jill for more information and to register.

Preschool Story Hour

Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.
Preschool children and an adult will enjoy lots of books, games, songs, and crafts. For ages up to 5.
No registration required ó **join us when you can.**

Adventure Club

Every Tues. at 3:30 p.m. for Grades K-4

We will be having lots of fun exploring books, science, math and so much more.
There will be lots of activities, games, experiments and crafts.

Middle Maniacs

EVERY THURSDAY 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Join us every Thursday for fun- games, books, crafts and activities for middle schoolers! Let Jill know what you would like to see.



FLAVORED PRODUCTS ARE INCREASINGLY POPULAR, AND ONCE KIDS START USING ONE TOBACCO PRODUCT, THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIMENT WITH OTHERS.⁷

- Nearly 13 percent of Minnesota kids use e-cigarettes, which come in kid-friendly flavors like gummy bear and cotton candy.⁸
- 42 percent of students who smoke use flavored products.⁹
- In Minnesota, more than 35 percent of Minnesota students have tried flavored cigars.⁸



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Fall is here again. Kids are going back to school. Let's not let the kids be the only ones to learn something new! Essential oils are gaining major momentum around the world so why not learn a little about them? There is a plant-human symbiotic synergy that happens every second of every single day. It is estimated that humans would only be able to survive for 3 days if every plant on this earth died today. On the flip side, if every human died today, all plant life would only live for about 3 days. Trees and plants need us as much as we need them, and one major health-enhancing way to harness this synergy is through the use of essential oils.

People will readily consume fast food and processed meals from the grocery store, gallons and gallons of coffee or soda, and medications on top of medications; however, when confronted with an essential oil option for better health and wellness, they put up their hands in protest and may even roll their eyes. We trust industry and production rather than nature. That is why it is important to help everyone understand the questions, starting with the basics.

The first question many people ask is "what are essential oils?" Essential oils are the life-force of the plant they come from. They are much like human blood in that they help to regulate the various functions of the plant and promote the overall health of the plant. You use them topically, aromatically, or internally. Just like our blood helps to oxygenate, regulate, and heal our bodies, essential oils do the same for the plant source they are extracted from. Within the plant, the juices are called the oleo-resin-gum. The oleo (Latin word for "oil") is the lipid-soluble and volatile part of the plant juices—it mostly makes up essential oils. Resin is the alcohol-soluble part and gum is the water-soluble part. Volatility means a substance's ability to leap into the air, and it's why all essential oils are fragrant. Due to our symbiotic relationship with plants, the constituents extracted from them help support and regulate our body systems much like they do for the plant.

Our bodies are composed of around 100 trillion cells. Essential oils are composed of around 40 million trillion molecules per single drop. That's 40,000,000,000,000,000,000. Why and how can that many molecules fit into one single drop of essential oil? Simply because their molecules are extraordinarily small, less than 300-500 amu (atomic mass units) in weight. This matters to use because the molecules are able to pass through all of our tissues and directly into our cells. The body's transportation system, along with the volatility of the oils, creates an extremely effective highway for these molecules to get into the entire body within minutes when placed anywhere on the body. By simply placing a drop of essential oil on the soles of your feet, your entire body will be infiltrated by 40 million trillion molecules in 20 minutes. Every cell in your body will be covered with 400,000 molecules of essential oil! Because of this, you need to find a company that creates above standard quality oils that are truly authentic, and that uses above organic grade standards in their seed selection, farming, cultivation, and distillation methods.

The next question is "who should use essential oils?" Realistically, animals and humans of every age should use them. Essential oils are strong but with the proper understanding and respect for what God has given us, we can easily incorporate them into the daily lives of our family. They raise the health of our body functions, thereby supporting better health and wellness. Another question many people have is "how often should they be used?" With proper understanding you can use them every day and often. Essential oils should not be single-use fixes, although many people use them this way and then wonder why they aren't working like they thought they would. They should be viewed as another wellness regimen that we practice. You don't brush your teeth or take a shower only when you feel like it. When you want results and overall wellness, you do something long-term and with deliberate dedication.

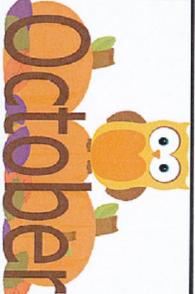
If you would like to learn more about essential oils and how they can benefit your overall health and wellness, give me a shout. I love to share my love of essential oils! These little gems have been put here for our benefit. God placed plants on this earth for food and for healing (Ezekial 47:12).

Morton Senior Dining Menu

Lutheran Social Service

OCTOBER 2016

Senior Nutrition Program

Monday, October 3	Tuesday, October 4	Wednesday, October 5	Thursday, October 6	Friday, October 7
\$2 Day 8 oz. Creamy Vegetable Soup 2 1/2 oz. Turkey Sandwich 1/2 c. Fruit Cup Crackers/Margarine Cookie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	\$2 Day 3 oz. Liver or Pepper Steak 1/2c. Buttered Boiled Potatoes 1/2 c. Carrots Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Fruit Crisp 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. Roast Beef 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Peas Dinner Roll/Margarine 2"x2" Pudding Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	6 oz. Chicken Lasagna 1/2 c. Tropical Fruit 1/2 c. Lettuce/Drsq. Breadstick/Margarine 2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. Swedish Meatballs 1/2 c. Paprika Potatoes 1/2 c. Corn Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Ice Cream 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, October 10 6 oz. Cabbage Roll Casserole 1/2 c. Green Beans 1/2 c. Peaches Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pudding 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, October 11 4 oz. Pork Chop 1/2 c. Sweet Potatoes 1/2 c. Winter Blend Veget. Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Scalloped Apples 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Wednesday, October 12 4 oz. Meatloaf/Catsup 1/2 c. Whole Parsiled Potatoes 1/2 c. Creamed Corn Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Mandarin Oranges 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, October 13 \$2 Day 5 oz. Oven Crispy Chicken 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes/Gravy 1/2 c. Carrots Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Poke Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Friday, October 14 8 oz. Meaty Beef Stew with Carrots & Potatoes 1/2 c. Cole Slaw Biscuit/Margarine 2"x2" Cheesecake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, October 17 \$2 Day 3 oz. Swiss Steak 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Peas & Carrots Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pineapple 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, October 18 3oz. Honey Mustard Chicken Brst Baked Potato/Sr. Crm 1/2 c. Green Bean Casserole Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Wednesday, October 19 6 oz. Lasagna 1/2 c. California Blend Veg. 1/2 c. Peaches Garlic Bread/Margarine Cookie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, October 20 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	Friday, October 21 4oz. Pub House Fish/Tartar Sc. 1/2 c. AuGratin Potatoes 1/2 c. Mixed Vegetables Bread/Margarine 1/8 slice Pie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, October 24 5 oz. Baked Chicken Baked Potato/Sr. Crm 1/2 c. Squash Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Sherbet 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, October 25 3 oz. Sausage Egg Bake 1/2 c. Oven Baked Potatoes 1/2 c. Fruit Cocktail Coffeecake/Margarine 1/2 c. Pumpkin Custard 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Wednesday, October 26 8 oz. Chili 1/2 c. Peas 2 oz. Cheese Sandwich Bun/Margarine/Crackers 2"x2" Apple Brown Betty 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, October 27 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	Friday, October 28 8 oz. Ham Boiled Dinner w/ Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots 1/2 c. Fruit Salad Breadstick/Margarine 2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, October 31 3 oz. Hamburger 1/2 c. Baked Beans 1/2 c. Tart Cole Slaw Bun/Margarine 1/2 c. Pudding 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or EBT/Food Stamps) payment is accepted in lieu of donation. Contact Site Manager for more information.		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.

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Posted menu is regular diet. Diabetic, sodium, and fat restricted diets available upon request. Regular menu provides average of 700-800 calories.

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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

Apple Chunkies

Ingredients:

¼ cup unsalted butter
¾ cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
1 whole egg
1 peeled and cored Gala apple, cut into ½ inch pieces
(or any hard baking apple will also work)
½ cup coarsely chopped walnuts

For the Glaze (optional)

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
½ cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons whole milk

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
In a medium pan melt butter and remove from heat. With a wooden spoon, stir in sugar to dissolve. Add vanilla and stir again.
In a small bowl, sift flour, baking powder and salt.
Once the sugar mixture is cool, blend in the egg and mix thoroughly.
Add the dry mix to the sugar mixture and stir to combine.
Add the apples and nuts and stir.
Butter an 8X8 pan and spread batter in evenly.
Bake for 30 minutes until golden brown.
Five minutes before the pan comes out of oven, place glaze mixture in a sauce pan and bring to a boil. Boil on medium and stir for one minute.
As soon as the pan comes out of the oven, pour over glaze then with a sharp knife, cut 4 rows x 4 rows into 16 pieces.
With a spatula, remove each piece to a platter and cool, or serve warm.

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