

MORTON AREA NEWSLETTER

June, 2017

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MORTON INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION July 4, 2017

8:00 am	FIRECRACKER RUN SPONSORED by Lower Sioux Healthcare Center (@Koch Shelter)
10 am	PARADE
10 am-6 pm	VISIT RENV. CO. MUSEUM
Throughout the day	SOFTBALL GAMES
10 am-10 pm	MORTON AREA CHAMBER BEER STAND
10 am-6 pm	MUSEUM FOOD STAND
10:00 am-8:00 p.m.	CRAFTS, FLEA MARKET, FOOD
NOON	FLAG BURNING CEREMONY @ Koch Shelter (Bring your weathered/damaged flags)
NOON	SIGN UP FOR MORTON OPEN BEGINS @ Cousin's Saloon
NOON	SIGN UP FOR BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT @Cousin's Saloon
1:00 pm	BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT BEGINS @Cousin's Saloon
1:00 pm	BINGO @ Senior Center on Main Street
11 am-4 pm	KIDDIE TRAIN-Sponsored by Morton Chamber
11 am-4 pm	BOUNCY HOUSE-Sponsored by Morton Chamber
1:00-3:00 p.m.	VETERANS' ROUND TABLE/MUSIC BY BILLY UNDERWOOD & SPEAKER @Renv. Co. Museum Heritage Bldg.
Throughout the day	MEET THE RENVILLE COUNTY DEPUTIES
4-7 pm	PORK CHOP SUPPER BY MORTON FIRE DEPT.
7:00 pm	KIDS' PEDAL PULL SPONSORED BY HARVESTLAND
7:00 P.M.	PATRIOTIC SING ALONG @St. John's Church on Museum Grounds
8:00 pm	RAFFLE DRAWING
DUSK	FIREWORKS

~For everyones' safety, no personal fireworks are permitted on park premises~

~No pets please~

Thank you to our sponsors!



AND

Our Local Businesses
&

Attention Veterans!

Lee Stock of
Renville County Veterans' Services is at
Morton City Hall
on the
2nd Tuesday of each month
(or other dates if necessary)
to assist you with any of your veteran
service needs.

Please contact Lee to schedule an
appointment

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.

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 docu-
ment that has your name and street ad-
dress.

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

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

Women, Infant & Children

Nutrition Program (WIC)

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

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

Next visit will be

Wednesday, July 5th

*Beginning in January, WIC
will be in Morton on the 1st
Wednesday of January, April,
July & October.*

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.

ALCOHOLICS

ANONYMOUS

MEETS AT

MORTON CITY HALL

EACH MONDAY

EVENING,

BEGINNING AT

7:00 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**



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 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

CHURCH SERVICES ARE AIRED ON
MEDIACOM CUSTOMERS'
CHANNEL 8

Tuesdays & Fridays at 10:00 and 1:00

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 (at no charge!)

Council Meetings

Next Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

starting at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are aired live on Mediacom's local access channel and again the day following the meeting at noon.

If you are experiencing issues with the broadcast, please contact city hall so improvements and changes can be made.

We will be trying to "go live" on facebook..

Please be patient as we work through this!

CIVIL DEFENSE

SIREN TESTING

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

BONE BUILDERS

Our group meets on Tuesday & Friday at 8:45 a.m. at the Senior Center.

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

Commercial Tailor

- ⇒ Men's and women's alterations
- ⇒ Mending
- ⇒ Darning socks and
- ⇒ Sweater repairs
- ⇒ Work on some ladies gowns.

Additional charge on rush orders.

Call Lin at 530 1335.

40 years of experience.



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Dine in or take out!

6/21/17 Cover Crop Meeting News Release

The Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District, Hawk Creek Watershed Project (HCWP), and Renville County Water Management are hosting a benefits of cover crops meeting on Wednesday, June 21 from 8 am to 12:30 pm at the Renville Community Center in Renville, MN. RSVPs are required if you are attending by 4 pm, Monday, June 19 by contacting the HCWP at (320) 523-3666 or heidi@hawkcreekwatershed.org. A free lunch will be served to those who RSVP'd. Local producers from Renville, Redwood, and Yellow Medicine Counties who are using cover crops in their corn, soybean, sugar beet, small grain, and livestock rotations will give presentations and be part of a panel discussion on how they make cover crops work, develop a diverse cover crop seed mix, control weeds, terminate cover crops, adjust fertilizer application rates, convert and adapt equipment for seed application, and use strip-till/reduced tillage/no till. Local representatives from cover crop seed suppliers, consultants, applicators, and equipment suppliers will have displays and be available to answer your questions. A large-scale self-contained rain simulator trailer will be on site to demonstrate how cover crops and soil health affect rain infiltration rates. Information on funding sources to help with cover crop costs and cost-share programs will be available. A detailed agenda is available on hawkcreekwatershed.org and renvilleswcd.com.

**GARBAGE DAY IS
EACH TUESDAY MORNING**

PLEASE HAVE CONTAINERS AT THE CURB NO LATER THAN 7:00 A.M.
PLEASE 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.

UPCOMING

CURBSIDE RECYCLING DATES:

June 27, July 11 & 25

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



River Valley Groom & Spa

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**

April 5, 2017

May 3, 2017

June 7, 2017

July 5, 2017

August 2, 2017

September 6, 2017

October 4, 2017

"The Oldest Story in North America"

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

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AMENDMENTS TO THE MEETING OF MAY 10: NONE

The following are the NOTES from the most recent council meeting (JUNE 14TH)

These NOTES have not been approved by the council as of this publication.

Any changes will be noted in the next newsletter.

JUNE 14, 2017:

Regular meeting called to order in open session at 7:00 p.m. with all members present. Others present: Harry Carruth, Ray Sweetman (West Central Sanitation), Jay Nieson (Waste Management), Bob & Randy Prescott (R & E Sanitation) Don Archibeque and Alec Boyce (SHE), David Suppes (CapFirst Equipment Financing), Ben Mammen, Mike Rasmussen, Greg Deinken, Gary Cornwell, Tony Mages, Tyler Serbus, Aaron Walton (City Attorney).

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

11 A (a) Authorize purchase of UV Lamps for sewer facility

13 B Contracting LP for upcoming heating season

PRESENTERS:

POLICE-CONTRACT RENEWAL: Scott Hable present. Review of the monthly summary report and the hours of coverage received during the past month, year to date and contract to date. While we contract for 20 hours per week, the hours that there is coverage is more. Review of the contract proposal for the next three years. There is no increase in the contract price for 2018 and a 2% increase per year for 2019 and 2020. The contract is for a .5 equivalent rather than 20 hours per week-intentionally so that during the periods of time when more than 20 hours a week is needed, there is not additional costs incurred. Motion by Walker to approve the law enforcement contract with Renville County for a three year period. Second by Henning. Motion carried.

GARBAGE CONTRACTS: Three proposals were received and all three are represented at the meeting. Jay Nieson (Waste Management) summarized their proposal and pointed out that the proposal has a significant increase from the rate we currently are charged because of some oversights when the contract was done five years ago. Ray Sweetman (West Central Sanitation) summarized their proposal and added that they just signed the new contracts for recycling with Redwood/Renville County. Bob & Randy Prescott (R & E Sanitation) summarized their proposal and added that they are a small local company just starting out and are able to offer a lower price due to less overhead. All three would offer pick up on the same day (Tuesday). Discussion on clean up days and the costs associated with this service. All three would offer carts as customers are accustomed to now. Input received from city attorney regarding Jorey Prescott's ability to discuss and vote on the issue, since R & E are family. Legal input is that if there is no financial gain to Jorey, he is allowed to participate. Motion by Prescott to accept the proposal as presented from R & E Sanitation for garbage collection for the next five years, beginning on January 1, 2018. Second by Jacobson. Motion carried.

FIRE: Don Archibeque and Alec Boyce (SEH) present to discuss Public-Private Partnerships. It is a market rate financed project with a landlord/tenant relationship. At the end of the term, which is proposed to be 20 years, the city would own the building. SEH handles the engineering, bid review, construction and maintenance (during the 20 year period). Their time frame is 6-9 months from start to finish. They have not done projects like this in Minnesota. Advantages of this concept: (1) Higher quality control (2) No city funds are needed to be expended upfront (3) Maintenance of the building are covered by SEH for 20 years (4) The City has no risk with construction or design (5) the facility will generate property taxes for the first 20 years.

David Suppes from CapFirst Financing: His proposal is for tax exempt municipal financing. They do the financing only. The city would need to work with an engineer to complete the bidding process.

Legal input: It is recommended by the League that a right to non-appropriation of fund clause be included in the documents. A public hearing is not required, however it may be advisable to conduct one anyway.

Some questions the council has: (1) We need an amortization schedule from SHE (2) Need to determine what SEH's fee is (3) what the cost of bringing an engineer in at this point would cost. More information will be obtained for the next meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion by Prescott and second by Walker to approve as presented. Motion carried.

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

BUSINESS/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT:

TIF EXPANSION: Motion by Walker and second by Henning to schedule a public hearing for July 12 to receive input regarding expanding the Tax Increment Financing District. Motion carried. The proposal would be to include the properties from Highway 19 south along either side of Centennial Drive.

Discussion on use of TIF for removal of the hardware store building. Prescott recalled that the council had voted to move forward with removal of the building earlier this year. This question had come up at the last meeting and following the meeting, the minutes were reviewed. It was found that there was no motion on record to move forward with the demolition and further discussion would take place during the budget process. Other council also recalled that there was no decision made at that time. This project will become part of the discussion through the budget process from June-September.

BUILDING PERMITS: Motion by Walker and second by Prescott to approve the permit application as presented for a storage shed for David Eischens property. Motion carried.

PROPERTY FOR SALE: Parcel 1190 and 00490 were advertised for sale and adjoining property owners were sent notice. Motion by Henning to accept the offer from Sarah Hogy to purchase parcel #1190 for \$210. Second by Prescott. Motion carried.

Motion by Prescott to sell parcel #00490 to Mark Vangness for \$156. Second by Jacobson. Motion carried.

TILING PROJECT : Two proposals: Mathiowetz Construction and Affordable Dirt Works. Review of both proposals and discussion with Mike Rasmussen on his proposal. Motion by Prescott to approve proceeding with Affordable Dirt Works for Job #1 in the amount of \$36,880 as proposed. Second by Jacobson. Motion carried.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS-CENTENNIAL DRIVE: Further discussion after the public hearing regarding Tax Increment Financing.

HOUSING REHAB. UPDATE: Funds will not be released until possibly late July.

SUPPORT TO KIDS/COMMUNITY PRIDE:

JULY 4: Schedule of activities included. No changes presented.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: Same location being used. Garden is planted and growing.

SUMMER YOUTH ACITIVITIES:

MVHLC Program: Request for funding. Motion by Prescott to contribute \$70/child with City of Morton address. Second by Henning. Motion carried.

PROVIDING MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

WATER/SEWER: Motion by Prescott and second by Henning to approve the purchase of UV lamps for the sewer facility at an estimated cost of \$1500. Motion carried.

STREETS: Street repairs are underway. There are some issues that the contractor will be back to address.

PARK & REC – CANOE LANDING: The project is within \$3,000 of completion.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

FIRE: \$2500 grant received from Monsanto for tank replacement.

MANAGEMENT:

ACTION TRACKING PROGRESS: None. Council should get their ideas together for budget process beginning in July.

CONTRACTING FOR LP: Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to not enter into an agreement for contracting LP for the upcoming season. Motion carried. We currently have a balance that was not used. Once that is used we will pay the price at that time.

OTHER BUSINESS: Council was asked what advantages there are to continuing to expand the TIF district rather than allowing the development to offset the taxes for the remainder of the community. This question will be addressed at the hearing.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017

7:00 P.M.

PURPOSE: TO CONSIDER MODIFICATIONS TO THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT

4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES WITH
COUSIN'S SALOON....

Noon—Sign up BEGINS for MORTON OPEN

Noon-Sign up for Bean Bag Tournament

1:00 p.m. Bean Bag Tournament Begins!

8:00-MIDNIGHT—ENTERTAINMENT BY LONG ROAD DOWN

Cousins will also be paying out \$1,000 first place and \$500 second place for the softball tournament !!

RENVILLE COUNTY HISTORICAL EVENTS



Food Stand in Morton City Park

8 AM - 10 AM Rolls & Coffee
10 AM - 6 PM Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans,
Chips & Pop or Water available as a meal deal or a la carte!

Renville County Historical Society & Museum

Open Extended Hours 10 AM - 6 PM Admission 18 & Older \$5, Ages 6-17 \$3, 5 & Under FREE

4th Annual Veterans Round Table

1 PM - 3 PM

Heritage Building on the Museum Grounds

Music by Billy Underwood and a presentation by Alan Koenig!

Refreshments Served! FREE WILL DONATIONS!

Patriotic Sing-a-Long

7 PM - 7:45 PM

St. John's Church on Museum Grounds! FREE WILL DONATIONS!



World War I - The Great War

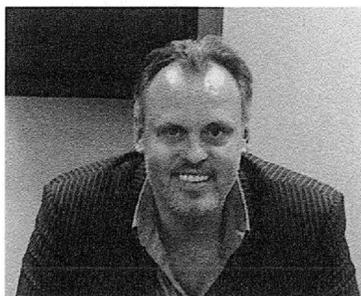
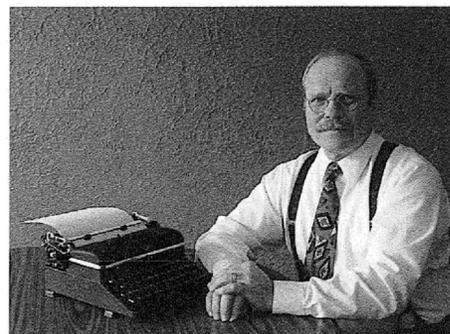
Presented by Michael Eckers

Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 7 PM

Heritage Building on the Museum Grounds

**FREE WILL DONATIONS plus a
non-perishable food item for the
Renville County Food Shelf.**

Please RSVP 507.697.6147! Your name will be entered
into a drawing for a Museum Gift Bag! Must be in atten-
dance to win!



Mysterious & Haunted Bus Tour with Adrian Lee

Saturday, July 22, 2017

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

3 pick-up locations

Redwood CHS leave 8:30 AM, Renville CHS leave 8:45 AM

& Olivia Courthouse leave at 9:05 AM

Mystery Tour in Sauk Centre & the Christie House in Long Prairie

Lunch Provided!

\$50 per person / Limited Seating / Pre-payment required!

Send checks to RCHS, Attn. Bus Tour, 441 N Park Dr., Morton, MN 56270

Sign-up Deadline Thursday, July 13, 2017

Questions: 507.697.6147 or director@renvillecountyhistory.com

Partnership Event with Redwood County Historical Society

The Church Cash Concert

Thursday, August 17, 2017

Gilfillan Estates

7 PM - 9 PM

Tickets \$10 each at the door!

Partnership event with the Redwood County Historical Society. Refreshments
served by *Friends of Gilfillan*.



Saturday, June 24, 2017



Beaver Falls Town Hall Site

NOON - POTLUCK Open to the Public!

1:15 PM - Beaver Falls History Presentation

2 PM - Dakota Drummers (Red Tree Singers)

& Dakota History with Darlene St. Clair

3 PM - Silent Auction Ends

Renville County Historical Society In Morton

4 PM - 7 PM

Hot Dogs, Cajun Curly Fries & Dessert!

FREE WILL DONATIONS support RCHS & the Beaver Falls 150!

4:00 PM & 5:30 PM Sing-A-Long with Myron Lindeman

4:30 PM & 6:00 PM Music by Minnesota Blue Grass Legend, Dick Kimmel



Come home to Beaver Falls and help celebrate the sesquicentennial of the township June 24, 2017! Did your ancestors live in Beaver Falls? Do you live there now? If so, the reunion planning committee is asking for your submissions of recipes, family histories and photos for a commemorative cookbook and commemorative history of Beaver Falls.

Mail submissions to: Attn. Beaver Falls 150th, 30667 County Road 2, Redwood Falls, MN 56283. Email submissions to: beaverfalls150@gmail.com. Be sure to explain your Beaver Falls connection in your submissions. Follow us on Facebook for updates and announcements @beaverfalls150. Help spread the word on this event.





Thank you to all that attended the May 25th Paranormal Investigations of Renville County presentation by Adrian Lee. 177 people attended and 276 pounds of food & supplies were collected for the Renville County Food Shelf. When Adrian's new book on his investigations on Renville County is complete we will be hosting another event. Projection for his book release is December 2017! Please be sure to LIKE our FACEBOOK page @RCHSMuseum and we are also on TWITTER @RenvilleCoMNHis

4th of July is around the corner and RCHS is seeking volunteers to help with our events. The Fundraising Food Stand in the Morton City Park hours will be 8 AM - 10 AM for rolls & coffee 10 AM - 6 PM Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips & Pop or Water! Set-up is at 7 AM with 3 hour shifts 7 AM - 10 AM, 10 AM - 1 PM, 1 PM - 4 PM, 4 PM - 6:30 PM. We need volunteers to assist in the Main Museum 10 AM - 6 PM with 3 Hour Shifts taking admission for the Museum 10 AM - 1 PM, 1 PM - 4 PM, 4 PM - 6 PM (help at church after). Our 4th Annual Veterans Round Table is 1 PM - 3 PM with Music by Billy Underwood, a presentation by Alan Koenig and we would like volunteers to serve veterans treats and assist them in filling out the Veteran Information Bios. The Patriotic Sing-a-Long is in the St. John's Church on the Museum Grounds 7 PM - 7:45 PM. There are several volunteer areas including handing out programs, do a reading during the presentation and participate in the sing-a-long. We had 50 people last year, I'd like to have more than that this year! If you would like to volunteer please contact Nicole at the Museum 507-697-6147 or stop by the Museum Hours June-August Monday-Saturday 10 AM - 4 PM with extended hours on the 4th of July.

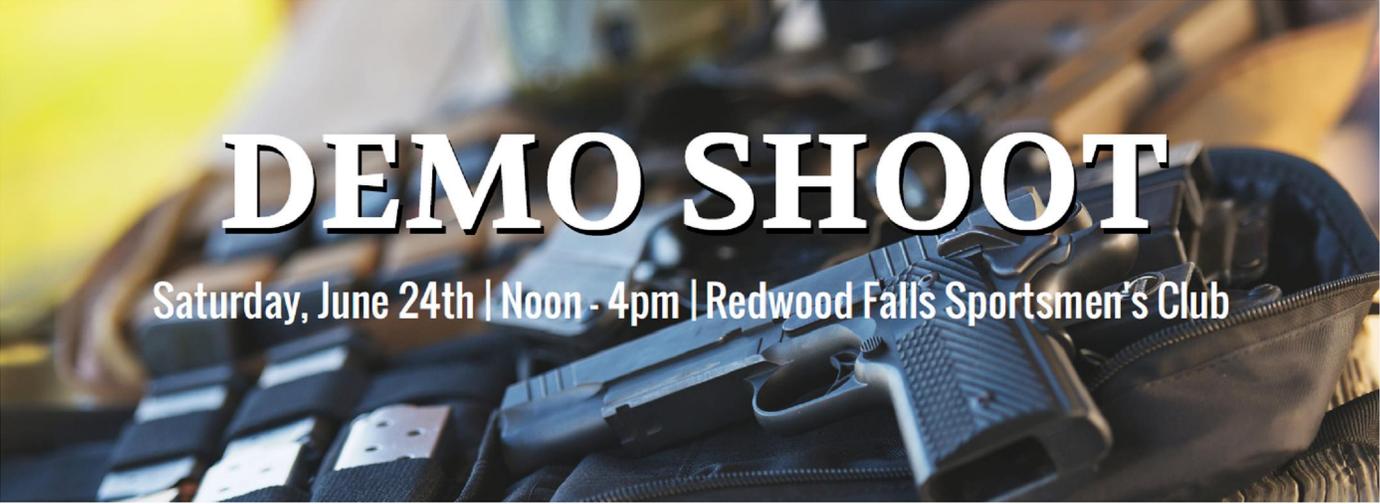


There are other ways of volunteering at RCHS! The TOP TEN include:

- Volunteer in assisting with annual fundraisers
- Volunteer to assist in research, genealogy or indexing the newspapers
- Volunteer to assist in inventory of collections and the rehousing program
- Volunteer to design & implement new exhibits
- Volunteer to assist in cataloging incoming donations
- Volunteer to bring people together
- Volunteer to work with our youth doing tours, programs, and more.
- Volunteer to work with our adults doing tours, programs, and more
- Volunteer to help our gardens grow
- Volunteer to assist in data entry of obituaries, marriages & other items

If something on the list above interests you please contact Nicole at the Museum for more information! The mission of the Renville County Historical Society is to serve as the steward for county history by collecting, preserving, and promoting the natural and cultural history of Renville County and its people. We need your help in continuing the preservation of our history.

Renville County Historical Society would like to extend an invitation to you to become a MEMBER of the Renville County Historical Society. Membership dues and donations are essential to the continuation of the preservation of Renville County history. RCHS has been preserving the County's history since 1940. Please use the form on the backside of this letter to become a member today! Membership dues are very reasonable: Annual Individual \$15.00, Annual Family \$25.00, Lifetime \$200.00! Your membership dues are tax-deductible. Membership Benefits Include: FREE Admission to the Museum, 10% off items in the gift store, 4 newsletters a year and 2 FREE assisted hours in the Research Library. Your support helps the Museum and Research Center to continue to grow. Your membership starts the day you join through the end of the month you joined of the following year, for example June 16, 2017 - June 31, 2018. Your dues go towards the general fund and other essential projects RCHS does annually. Sign up today via our website or send your checks to RCHS Attn. Membership 441 N Park Dr, Morton, MN 56270. Questions email info@renvillecountyhistory.com



DEMO SHOOT

Saturday, June 24th | Noon - 4pm | Redwood Falls Sportsmen's Club

Upcoming Events

River Valley Arms & Ammo Demo Shoot

Saturday, June 24th | Noon - 4pm | Redwood Falls Sportsmen's Club

Join us to shoot other people's guns! This event is free to attend and free to rent firearms however, ammunition must be purchased at the range. No RSVP required. We're excited to feature Bergara, CVA and Glock at our June Demo Shoot! For more information, visit the Events tab at facebook.com/rivervalleyarmsandammo.

We Like Shooting Civilian Medical

Saturday, July 8th | 9am - 5pm | River Valley Arms & Ammo

What would you do if a loved one or someone at the range suffered a traumatic injury? Get trained and potentially save a life! This class is for civilian students that understand the world can be a dangerous place. Medical skills are imperative. This is NOT a basic first aid class rather covers traumatic injuries and treatments. For more information, visit <https://welikeshooting.com/product/civilian-medical-class-hosted-jcaa-ammunition/>.

MN Permit to Carry

Saturday, July 8th | 10am - 5pm | River Valley Arms & Ammo

All paperwork, applications and course materials are provided. Students must bring a handgun, 60 rounds of ammo, and eye & ear protection for the shooting qualifier. This course will allow you to apply for the MN, WI, IA and FL Permits to Carry. You do NOT need to have any previous firearms training or experience to take this course, ALL are welcome. For more information, visit the Events tab at facebook.com/rivervalleyarmsandammo.

Intro to Defensive Handgun

Sunday, July 9th | 10am - 4pm | Redwood Falls Sportsmen's Club

Developing your defensive handgun skills are a necessity to protect yourself and your family. This course is a 6 hour course that includes but is not limited to: grip, stance, trigger control, draws, hard front site, hard target focus, point shooting, reloading (administrative, emergency, tactical, and retention), barricades, movement and multiple targets. For more information, visit the Events tab at facebook.com/rivervalleyarmsandammo.



Morton Apple Gourd Community Garden

growing food,  growing families,  growing community

The Morton Apple Gourd Community Garden is for any family or individual who may not have space for a garden or would like to learn more about gardening (or eat vegetables!). We spend an hour or two together each week planting, weeding, and harvesting. Participants enjoy family fun, community involvement and free vegetables.

It is never too late to join our garden!
We meet Wednesday nights in the garden at 6:30!

Contact:
Connie at clbentson@gmail.com
Shirley Dove at 507-697-6912



The Garden is on the corner of Brook & 3rd St., east of Morton City Park

THANK YOU!

*THANK YOU TO STEVE
MADSEN FOR TILLING
THE GARDEN!*

THANK YOU!

Pop Tab Program

What is the Pop Tab Program? Our Pop Tab Program is a great way for families, schools, organizations, businesses and individuals to support the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota's mission. When pop tabs are donated, volunteers bring them to a local recycling facility and exchange the aluminum for cash. All proceeds directly support the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota.

What exactly is a pop tab? A pop tab is the flip top on aluminum cans. You can collect them from soda cans, sparkling water cans and various other beverage cans. We also take tabs from soup, fruit, vegetable and pet food cans that have tabs.

Where do I drop my pop tabs off? Drop your collected tabs off at Morton City Hall. From here they will be forwarded to Rochester, Minnesota



Annie Tepfer ~ DFC Coalition Coordinator
 RAPAD ~ Renville Alliance for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drugs
 Olivia, MN 56277 ~ Office # 320-523-3845 ~ Cell # 320-212-0484
anniet@renvillecountymn.com www.rapad.org

Most middle school

students don't drink. But some do, and this can lead to serious troubles.

By drinking too much at any age, people can dig themselves into holes of trouble. Some dig faster than others and have problems more quickly. They can lose friends, fall behind at school or work, cause family tension, harm their health, and bring on money problems, as you can see below

Hole #1—Losing friends: Friends start pulling back or drifting away. Only friends who are heavy drinkers will remain.

Hole #2—Problems at work or at school: Being late, missing days, not working up to abilities, and putting off responsibilities are just a few of the problems. Falling behind comes first, which can lead to losing a job or failing school

Hole #3—Tension builds up in the family: Homes with heavy drinkers have less fun and closeness, more arguments, and higher rates of divorce and child abuse.

Hole #4—Fitness and health: Heavy drinking can weaken the heart muscle and contribute to weight gain. It can also cause many other serious, life-threatening health problems, including addiction.

Hole #5—Money problems: Troubles with money grow when too much is spent on alcohol and on paying for problems or poor decisions caused by drinking.

Digging deeper and deeper

Since alcohol can cloud a person's judgment, heavy drinkers often feel misunderstood, unfairly treated, harassed, or just plain unlucky. As things get worse they may be more likely to drink, and dig their holes even deeper.

Work it out

It's easy to see why using alcohol as a solution to problems, or a way of trying to cope, is trouble. Drinking should never take the place of talking things through and working out difficulties in other ways



CANCELLED STAMP COLLECTION PROGRAM



If you have stamps and you don't know what to do with them. But you would rather not throw them away here is a nice option for you. You can collect them and drop them off at City Hall to be donated to a Veterans Organization. The Veterans' National Stamp and Coin Club is a wonderful organization. They collect U.S. and foreign stamps and coins, postcards, sports cards and much more. This group then passes the items on to other Veterans Affairs support centers across the nation. The stamps and coins, etc., are supplied for therapeutic use helping veterans.



Minnesota Valley History Learning Center



The MVHLC is busy getting ready for a **2017 Explorer Program Days** taking place this summer. The Prairie Ecology Bus Center will be rolling into town! Watch for future programs as year round Explorer Programs are in the planning stages!

Morton
July 20-21, Thursday & Friday
Start time: 9am- 3pm

The Summer Explorer Program is a two day learning adventure for kids in grades 3-8! The programs will be held at the Morton City Park and at Birch Coulee Park. Students will be organized into small groups and shuttled from the park on the Prairie Eco bus. The Prairie Ecology bus is a custom built, mobile classroom designed to bring the nature center to youth and help them to understand their “own backyards”. Children are supervised by the professional naturalists teaching staff and trained adult volunteers. Each day of the Explorer Program is packed with fun, hands-on activities related to local ecology in our Minnesota River Valley. **Drop off- Morton City Park**

THE MVHLC IS SEEKING BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUAL SPONSORSHIPS

It will cost the MVHLC **\$70** per explorer to present this incredible two-day experience to local children. We are limited to 60 children participating in the four offered summer program sessions. To keep **the program FREE**, the MVHLC is seeking contributions and sponsorships from local businesses. **Please help us do that by making a contribution today.** We are an IRS-designated, 501(c)3 organization and your donation is tax-deductible. You can send a check made out to the MVHLC to PO Box 127, Morton, MN 56266 and a receipt for your donation will be sent to you.

Explorer Program Fee: FREE

*Fundraising is underway to cover the fee.

Explorers are issued a program t-shirt, name badge, water bottle and backpack. These items are for identification and safety and must be with them daily.

Explorers must bring a lunch each day.
Beverages and snacks will be provided.

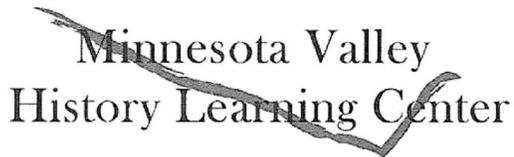
Day 1: Insects & Other Things That Bug Us
(Insect Safari to capture mini beasts!)
Nature Interpretation Through Art
(Wear paint clothes!)

Day 2: Avian Adventure (Bird Ecology)
(Use binoculars & learn bird calls!)
Introduction to Microscopes
(Look at bug guts, feathers and more!)



To Register -

Call Morton
City Hall @
507-697-6912



STAFF USE ONLY

Date received: _____
 Check #: _____

2017 MVHLC SUMMER EXPLORER PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name _____ Gender: M / F circle one

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Grade in School Year 2017/2018 _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian First and Last Name _____

Email _____

*This is our primary means of communicating with you for program updates and important information. A confirmation email will be sent to this address once registration is complete.

Parent/Guardian Phone _____ cell/home/work (circle one)

Additional Parent/Guardian (optional) _____

Email _____

Parent/Guardian Phone _____ cell/home/work (circle one)

ALTERNATIVE CONTACT ~ In case of emergency and adult from above cannot be contacted

Name _____ Relationship to Child _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Explorers will need to wear their MVHLC t-shirt each day.

T-Shirt Size: (Circle One) Youth Small Youth Medium Youth Large Youth X-Large
 Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult X-Large

Mail completed forms to:
 MVHLC, PO Box 127, Morton, MN 56270

Or deliver this form to the MVHLC Office at 220 West Second Street in Morton

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please provide a current copy of immunization record of the following immunizations:

MMR, DPT, Polio, Chicken Pox, Tetanus, Hep B and HIB

ALLERGIES: (Please write none if no allergies) _____

Please send allergy medication and/or an EpiPen with your child each day.

MEDICATIONS TO BE ADMINISTERED AT THE PROGRAM:

(Please write none if no medications) _____

Name of Medication: _____ Dosage _____ Time Needed _____

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MEDICAL CONDITIONS (including Asthma, Epilepsy, ADHD, Asperger's Syndrome, Autism): (Please write "none" if no medical conditions) _____

It is our policy that if the child has a one-on-one paraprofessional at school, we require an adult to be one-on-one during the program as well. It is the family's responsibility to supply an adult.

Check here if your child will be accompanied by an adult each day as per the policy stated above.

Physician name & phone number _____

Insurance name and policy number _____

MVHLC Summer Day Camp Waiver/Permission Form

I give permission for my child to take part in the MVHLC Summer Explorer Program presentations and field trips. I authorize the release and distribution of photographs and media information related to program events.

This child, to the best of my knowledge, is in good physical condition and is capable of walking, hiking, or climbing in the designated areas of the park.

I understand that hiking and other activities associated with an outdoor program have an inherent risk factor, and that all appropriate precautions will be taken for the safety of my child.

I give my permission to the MVHLC staff and volunteers and/or hospital staff to administer proper medical assistance to the above named participant.

I agree not to hold the MVHLC Summer Explorer Program or any of their agents responsible in the event of injury to my child.

Parent or Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



FIVE GARDENS TOUR



Thursday, June 29, 2017
5:30-8:30 p.m.
Tour begins at the
United Farm Credit Services parking lot
West end of Olivia (on Hwy. 212 & 71)

**\$5.00 donation for county education purposes and
Renville County Fairgrounds gardens**

Refreshments served at gardens

Gardens included in the evening tour are:

- **United Farm Credit Services Garden**, led by Lyle Lundstrom, is a community garden.
- **Guy Hughes & Theresa Steffel** grow onions, carrots, cabbage, green peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, radishes, okra, jalapenos, banana peppers, and brussel sprouts in a garden behind their home.
- **Linda and Jim Wagemaker** make the most of their urban garden by adding colorful annuals in interesting pots. Linda's artistry comes forth with unique garden art found at art fairs.
- **Terry and Lora Mathison's** garden is mainly behind their home featuring many varieties of hosta, which are labeled with variety name. Their yard also includes a couple unusual trees, many varieties of shrubs and grasses.
- **Chuck & Tony Baumgartner** (ASB Vineyard) produces Marquette grapes in a non-chemical environment. The grapes produce a medium bodied red wine that exhibits cherry and black currant flavors and aromas.



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New faces at your Sheriff's Office,

As announced in the April edition of the Morton newsletter, there were some staffing changes that took place at the Renville County Sheriff's Office following the retirement of Chief Deputy Doug Pomplun. After Investigator Jason Mathwig's promotion into the Chief Deputy position, his previous position as a general investigator was filled by Deputy Jeff Nelson. Jeff has been with the Renville County Sheriff's Office for nearly 9 years and is excited about his new role at the Sheriff's Office. As is the case with many of our staff members, Jeff has a passion for working with our youth and using his technological knowledge and communication skills in serving the community.



With Deputy Nelson being promoted to investigations, his position as a patrol deputy was vacated and needed to be filled. Following a thorough hiring and vetting process, a Renville County native, Joel Hennager, was chosen to fill the vacated patrol deputy position. Joel grew up in the Buffalo Lake area and graduated from Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart High School. Following 6 years of active duty in the U.S. Air Force, Joel has returned to Renville County to serve its residents as a Deputy Sheriff with the Renville County Sheriff's Office. On June 6th, Deputy Hennager was sworn in by Sheriff Hable and is currently in field training. We hope to have Deputy Hennager through training, on his own and patrolling by late July. We are thankful that he has joined our team and we are excited to work alongside him in protecting and serving our community. Prior to Deputy Hennager, the last Deputy Sheriff hired was Deputy Brady Nesburg, another Renville County native and Morton resident. Promoted from a Corrections Officer position in the jail, Deputy Nesburg, too, was a great addition to our team!

At your Sheriff's Office, like most other professional organizations, we strive to find and hire the very best candidates to protect and serve our residents. We endeavor to provide professional, high quality and effective public safety to our citizens. That is best accomplished through, among other things, close working relationships with our communities and our public safety partners. At



the Sheriff's Office, we treasure the bonds and working relationships that have been developed with the residents of Morton and other communities. What's more, we value your information and feedback! Please give us a call with any questions, concerns or other information that you may have! Remember, we can't be everywhere at once; we also rely on your eyes and ears! If you: %See it, Hear it - Report it+.

With warm weather upon us, we wish all the residents of Morton a safe and joyful summer!!

Batting for Brent

Sunday, June 25th, 2017

- Brent Weber Day -

Hosted by the Springfield Baseball Association
Springfield Tigers vs. Gibbon Reds

Riverside Park, Springfield, MN

1 PM — Bob's Burgers & Pulled
Pork Sandwiches

1 PM — Silent Auction

2 PM — Baseball Game

#strikeoutALS



4TH OF
JULY

DOG WALKING IN THE PARADE

Come join us in this years 4th of July
parade! We will once again be
walking our furry friends in the
parade! Call Myranda at **763-587-
1374** if you would like to participate!

Everyone who does gets goodies!

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JUST CHATTIN'

Doggone it! Chuck, you're covering up all my walking paths! If you can't be more careful. I'll have to stop walking on your property!

I had a *Bluebird* under the feeders. It was a sight to behold! I also have squirrels in the grape jelly!! I've got them in my sights also!

Points to Ponder...Reader's Digest: Why does anyone go on spring vacation? It seems odd to fly to a tropical destination at the very moment one of the great astonishments of life on Earth is taking place right at home. When friends tell me their spring vacation plans, they mention "escape". Really? You want to escape spring? That's like fleeing paradise!

Do you watch the *Lawrence Welk Show* on Saturday nite (6:00p.m.PBS)? Last week the orchestra played "In The Mood"! Believe me....we cut up a few rugs at the Hilltop with that number!! Right, Willie!!

Congratulations to Mikala Colwell on all her awards on the Lady Rebel Varsity Team in North Richland, Texas. (We miss you Colwells) and how about that Luke Mages who was one of the Top Ten Welders at an event held at the Willmar High School.

Around 50 Years Ago(Morton Reminder)Paul Frank broke his leg when he fell from a rope swing.....Janet Hogan was selected to wear the coveted crown of 1962 at the Coronation Ceremony in the school auditorium.....Joseph's Hairdressing Salon is opening in Morton.....Larry Loken had 6 stitches on a finger when he was playing with a push-type lawn mower (a push-type lawn mower?).....Four high school athletic careers ended: Denny Smith, Denny Sullivan, Rick Bregel and Chuck Hellie received their senior letters.....Mary Colwell was elected secretary and treasurer of the Junior Class at St. Gabriel's School of Nursing in Little Falls.....Mike Dallenbach carried the ball eight yards across the line - a play set up by a 25 yard pass from Peach Hennen to Mike Tate with 3 minutes left to play Mike Tate made a great 40 yard run for the Morton Indians 3rd touchdown.....Mary Lou Hennen and Sylvester Moelter were married in St. John's Catholic Church.....JoAnn Sindelir was selected as the Sweetheart Queen at the FHA Ball. Denny Robinson was her escort.....Thanks to the neighbors for helping us look for Shirley when she decided to take a walk in the rain last Thursday. Night.

From the Senior Center: Thank you to the Franklin Rehabilitation and Health Care for the beautiful Cyclamen plant.....We helped Margaret Bartz celebrate her 92nd birthday with **homemade pie** courtesy of Lyle Witte. Did someone say TACO TUESDAY at the Cousins!!!. Thanks, Jon!!....

Our condolences to the Lussenhop, Rebstock, Deinken, Menk, Christopherson, Paul, families on the death of Margaret, Dorothy, Becky, Jerry and Dorothea.

Mother's Day is over but I loved this one:*Mothers are cops that love you!*
Memorial Day: Thank You for your service!

Lutheran Social Service

JULY 2017

MORTON Senior Nutrition Program

Monday, July 3	4 oz. Beef Tips/Gravy 1/2 c. Noodles/1/2 Peaches 1/2 c. Country Blend Veget. Bread/Margarine Cookie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, July 4	3 oz. Liver or Pepper Steak 1/2 c. Buttered Boiled Potatoes 1/2 c. Peas Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Apricots 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Wednesday, July 5	3 oz. Country Steak 1/2 c. Whole Potatoes 1/2 c. Squash Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pudding 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, July 6	3 oz. Sloppy Joes 1/2c. Potato Salad 1/2c. Corn Bun/Margarine 2"x2" Frosted Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Friday, July 7	4 oz. Tuna Salad on Bun 1/2 c. Creamy Cucumber Salad 1/2 c. Fresh Fruit Bun/Margarine 2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, July 10	4 oz. Swedish Meatballs 1/2 c. Paprika Potatoes 1/2 c Spinach Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Ice Cream 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, July 11 Happy July 4th! \$2.00 DAY	Wednesday, July 12	Chef Salad 1 oz. each Turkey, Ham, Cheese on 1 cup Lettuce/Salad Drsg. 1/2 c. Tomato & Cucum. Slices Muffin/Marg./2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Thursday, July 13	3 oz. Roast Beef 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Carrots Dinner Roll/Margarine 2"x2" Pudding Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Friday, July 14	6 oz. Chicken Chow Mein 1/2c. Rice/Chow Mein Noodles 1/2 c. Oriental Vegetables 1/2 c. Mandarin Oranges Cookie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	
Monday, July 17	Stuffed Baked Potato: 2 oz. Ham, 1oz. Cheese 1/2 c. Broccoli Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pudding 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, July 18	Wednesday, July 19	Thursday, July 20 \$2.00 DAY	Friday, July 21				
Monday, July 24	3 oz. Swiss Steak 1/2 c. Corn Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pineapple 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, July 25 \$2.00 DAY	Wednesday, July 26	Thursday, July 27	Friday, July 28				
Monday, July 31	6 oz. Chicken Tetrazzini 1/2 c. Broccoli 1/2 c. Lettuce/Drsg. Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Tropical Fruit 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.	8oz. Mandarin Chicken Salad 1/2 c. Fresh Fruit 1/2 c. Tomato Cucumber Salad Margarine Muffin 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. Pork Chop/Gravy 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Green Beans Dinner Roll/Margarine 2"x2" Fruit Crisp 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. Salmon 1/2 c. Rice Pilaf 1/2 c. California Blend Veg 1/2 c. Fruit Salad 1/2 c. Rosy Applesauce 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	6 oz. Lasagna 1/2 c. Country Blend Veget. 1/2 c. Lettuce Salad/Drsg Garlic Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk			



Contact Site Manager
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to reserve your meal.
Call JOANNE at 697-6112

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for meals available at
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purchase on line
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www.lssmn.org/nutrition

This service is funded in part by a contract from the Area Agency on Aging with funding from the Federal Older Americans Act through the Minnesota Board on Aging. Additional funds are provided by the State of Minnesota, United Ways, local communities, and other adult contributions. Approved by: Terri Weyer, RD, LD
Posted menu is regular diet & provides average of 700-800 calories. Diabetic, sodium and fat restricted menus available upon request.
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Honey Chipotle Ribs

Ingredients:

- 6 pounds pork baby back ribs

Barbeque Sauce:

- 3 cups ketchup
- 2 bottles (11.2 ounces each) Guinness **beer**
- 2 cups barbecue sauce
- 2/3 cup honey
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons chopped chipotle peppers in adobo sauce
- 4 teaspoons ground chipotle pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Directions:

- **1.** Wrap ribs in large pieces of heavy-duty foil; seal edges of foil. Grill, covered, over indirect medium heat for 1 to 1-1/2 hours or until tender.
- **2.** In a large saucepan, combine sauce ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for about 45 minutes or until thickened, stirring occasionally.
- **3.** Carefully remove ribs from foil. Place over direct heat; baste with some of the sauce. Grill, covered, over medium heat for about 30 minutes or until browned, turning once and basting occasionally with additional sauce. Serve with remaining sauce.

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