

MORTON AREA NEWSLETTER

September, 2017

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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,
October 4th**

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.

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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, October 11, 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.

Meetings are live on facebook as well
If you are experiencing issues with the broadcast, please contact city hall so improvements and changes can be made.

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!

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
1-4 P.M.
ZEB GRAY SHELTER AT RAMSEY PARK

**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 GAR-
BAGE MUST IN THE CONTAINER AND THE
CONTAINER MUST BE
ACCESSIBLE.

UPCOMING

CURBSIDE RECYCLING DATES:

September 19,

October 9 & 23

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

Mobile Recycling Unit

The MOBILE RECYCLING UNIT HAS
MOVED!!

The mobile recycling unit has moved FROM
the lot across from the old school TO the
back of the parking lot next to River Valley
Arms & Ammo

*As a reminder, residents that have the curb-
side service available to them are encour-
aged to use it.*

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017

7:00 P.M.

MORTON CITY HALL

Purpose: To address any and all comments, questions and
concerns regarding the budget being proposed for the fol-
lowing year. Property valuations are not addressed at this
time.

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

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AMENDMENTS TO THE MEETING OF JULY 26: NONE

The following are the NOTES from the most recent council meeting (September 13)

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

Any changes will be noted in the next newsletter.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017:

Regular meeting called to order in open session at 7:00 p.m. Lacey Henning absent. Others present: Roger Vaske (Farmward/Harvestland), Rebecca Kurtz (Ehlers & Associates), Cody Dale (Renville County Soil & Water), Rick O'Neil, Ben & Deb Mammen.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

8F) Engine Noise Signs/Policy (Jake Braking)

8G) Water Extension East Morton

CITIZEN ISSUES: None

PRESENTERS:

(A) PUBLIC HEARING –PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE TIF DISTRICT: As scheduled, posted and published public hearing opened at 7:00 p.m. to consider adding three parcels (#1151, #1150, #1145) to the TIF District.

Rebecca gave a short review of what Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is and what its purpose is. TIF is the tool cities can use to capture and use most of the increased local property tax revenues from new development within a defined area for a specific period of time without approval of the other taxing jurisdictions.

The proposal at this time is to add three parcels. It does not extend the 26 year term. The budget has not been adjusted and there is no plan to do so at this time.

Upon request, Rebecca explained what the 4 year Activity Rule is and how it works.

Review of the development that has occurred as a result of using TIF.

There being no further questions or comments, a motion was made by Jacobson to approve Resolution #04-2017 modifying the TIF district to include parcel #1145,1150,1151. Second by Walker. Motion carried.

There being no further input, a motion was made by Prescott and second by Walker to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Rebecca explained and reviewed the Estimated Flow of Funds with our TIF District. Upon request, she explained that 2027 is the earliest the TIF district can be decertified and 2027 is the latest. At the time the district is decertified, the taxes will go into the general fund.

(B) BUSINESS SUBSIDY POLICY: Rebecca reviewed briefly the purpose and intent of having a subsidy policy in place. She asked that the council review it and make it a tool that works for our community. Further review at the October meeting.

(C) CODY DALE – RENVILLE COUNTY SOIL & WATER: Plans are to rebuild the retention pond north of town on private property. Construction should begin yet this fall. This structure should help control the water coming through the center of town.

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

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

BUSINESS/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT:

WATER DRAINAGE UPDATE: The work has been completed by TNT and water continues to be pumped into the ditch. Concern by Affordable Dirt Works about not being given an opportunity to provide a price. Additional work to be done on the project – the pipe needs to be buried. Maintenance will complete this yet this fall.

Proposal for Additional Work: Ben & Deb Mammen presented a proposal from Sanders to tile the community garden and surrounding area. Ben indicated he has lost 15 trees, his backyard is useless and not marketable if he were to sell it as is. Cost of the proposal, tiling down 3' is \$2025 however if it were to be installed 7' down, it would provide some benefit to the surrounding neighbors. Motion by Prescott and second by Walker to table until the October meeting with a price on the line being down 7'. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS: Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to approve the building permit for Harvestland (Farmward) as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion on the sidewalk on Third and Centennial. Council agreed it would be acceptable for SFS to remove the sidewalk and landscape to the curb.

SMALL CITIES HOUSING: Applications for assistance are available at city hall.

SCHOOL DEMOLITION: A proposal has been prepared and reviewed with state elected officials with the hopes of obtaining financing for demolition.

ENGINEERING PROPOSAL: Motion by Prescott and second by Jacobson to approve the engineering proposal from Bolten & Menk as presented. Motion carried.

ENGINE NOISE POLICY: Motion by Jacobson and second by Prescott to authorize MNDOT to install the proper signs, with permits and suitable location in accordance with our policy and MNDOT guidelines. Motion carried.

UTILITY EXTENSION-EAST MORTON: Grant funds were applied for to extend water and sewer to the former city shop. The grant would cover 50% of the costs and the city would be responsible for the remainder. However, prevailing wage rates apply so the cost of the project would increase making it more feasible for the city to proceed without the grant. Motion by Prescott to proceed with water and sewer extension to the former city shop at an estimated cost of \$10,000. Second by Farmer. Walker abstains, Jacobson opposed. Motion carried.

SUPPORT TO KIDS: The MN River Valley Art Center is doing a fall festival. Information is in the newsletter.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

Water/Sewer: None

Sanitation: Mobile Recycling bins have moved to the north part of the lot next to River Valley Arms & Ammo.

Streets: None

Park & Rec: Removal of the Ice Rink Birm: Motion by Jacobson and second by Prescott to approve removal of the birm at a cost estimated at \$800. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

POLICE: Activity Report: Council review and discussion. No concerns.

FIRE: Fire Hall: The preliminary cost estimate was received from the Illinois office and now will be revised at the local branch. Further discussion at the next meeting.

Thank you to the Fire Department for their response and service during the recent past rain storms.

MANAGEMENT:

BUDGET 2018:

Salaries: Motion by Prescott to increase the part time rate of pay from \$10.00/hour to \$10.25 per hour and keep the full time rate as is. Second by Jacobson. Motion carried.

Rate Adjustments: Motion by Walker and second by Prescott to approve rate increases for utilities as follows: Water: No increase, Sewer: Base rate remains the same, cost per gallon increase from \$.27/gallon to \$.32/gallon and Sanitation from \$6.50 per month to \$11/month. Second by Prescott. Motion carried.

Fire Township Contracts: Motion by Jacobson to keep the fire contract rates as is for 2018 with the plan of an increase for 2019 to be proposed to the townships at their 2017 annual meetings. Second by Walker. Motion carried.

Review of levies: Discussion on levies proposed and adopted during the past several years.

Draft Budget: Motion by Prescott to approve the draft budget with a proposed levy of \$203,382 (increase of \$17,638) with the intent to reduce that increase by at least 50% by December. Second by Jacobson. Walker opposed. Motion carried. Walker opposed because she felt the lower number should have been approved at this time.

Motion by Prescott and second by Walker to schedule the Truth in Taxation Hearing for December 13 at 7 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Prescott to pay bills. Second by Walker. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Contact Information:

Rhonda Hiller Fjeldberg

Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging®, Inc.

507-387-1256 x105



10th Annual Falls Prevention Awareness Day is September 22, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mankato, MN, September 11, 2017 ó As the designated area agency on aging for 27 counties in southwest Minnesota, the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging (MNRAAA) announces the National Council on Aging's 10th annual Falls Prevention Awareness Day on September 22, 2017ó the first day of fall. In honor of this notable milestone, the theme of the event will be 10 Years Standing Together to Prevent Falls. This event raises awareness about how to prevent fall-related injuries among older adults.

Did you know that 1 in 3 older Americans fall every year? Falls are the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries for people aged 65+.

Falls can result in hip fractures, broken bones, and head injuries. And even falls without a major injury can cause an older adult to become fearful or depressed, making it difficult for them to stay active.

The good news about falls is that most of them can be prevented. The key is to know where to look. Here are some common factors that can lead to a fall:

Balance and gait: As we age, most of us lose some coordination, flexibility, and balanceó primarily through inactivity, making it easier to fall.

Vision: In the aging eye, less light reaches the retinaó making contrasting edges, tripping hazards, and obstacles harder to see.

Medications: Some prescriptions and over-the-counter medications can cause dizziness, dehydration or interactions with each other that can lead to a fall.

Environment: Most seniors have lived in their homes for a long time and have never thought about simple modifications that might keep it safer as they age.

Chronic conditions: More than 90% of older adults have at least one chronic condition like diabetes, stroke, or arthritis. Often, these increase the risk of falling because they result in lost function, inactivity, depression, pain, or multiple medications.

One of the first steps that can be taken to prevent falls is to find and participate in a good balance and exercise program. In the MNRAAA service area, evidence-based programs are available to help older adults improve their strength and balance and decrease their risk of falling. A Matter of Balance is an eight-session class that is designed to reduce the fear of falling, stop the fear of falling cycle and increase activity levels among community-dwelling older adults. Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance meets for two consecutive twelve-week sessions and is designed to improve balance deficits and fall risks by transforming martial arts movements into a therapeutic regimen.

To learn more about Matter of Balance or Tai Ji Quan visit mnraaa.org/training-opportunities

Just Chattin'
By Joan Brown

On my walk...there was this duck sitting in a puddle of water behind the Centennial storage sheds. Good grief! It's got the whole Minnesota River to sit in! There's a moral to this: *Happiness is having your very own puddle to sit in!*

Beulah sez: These are the 5 things you need to eat and drink to slow dementia: salmon, eggs, blueberries, red wine and green tea and if you drink enough wine—whoopee! Who cares!

From Morton Reminder (1959-66) School will open September 8th: The dress code will be more strictly enforced than last year. No boots or cleats. This footwear is hard on the floors and we are striving for a neater student body and feel that their appearance adds to a more studying atmosphere...a car driven by Mrs. Rollie Blank was forced into the ditch on top of the Indian Hill due to a road cave-in...Bill Greenslit received a Master of Science degree at Mankato State College.... Mr. E.R. Anderson has been hired as Superintendent of Schools at Morton....Redwood wins over Morton 62-60. The five starting regulars are Terry Dallenbach, Greg Kuglin, Randy Lothert, Tom Colwell and Terry Baadsgaard...A boy, Duane Alan, to Mr. & Mrs. Albert Panitzke, born October 26, 9 lbs, 7 1/2 oz., JoAnn Steinbeisser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Steinbeisser and Airman 3/c Paul Neudecker, son of Aloy Neudecker of Clements were married on October 8th.

From the Senior Center...Thanks for the tomatoes, Harry!! This month we celebrate Wencel's birthday on the 16th and Keith's on the 21st. Kellers have a wedding anniversary on the 5th. A little about the Senior Center: The delicious dinners come from the Wabasso Road House (thank God for that) the dinners are entertaining and "you're on your own"...the coffee is hot and the milk is cold (when you finally get it), thanks to the ladies who help with the dishes (you cut my work in half), so that I can leave before 1:00! And the price is right! If you have a broken leg or a broken heart, Jim will deliver..You just have to call a day in advance. Also, Thanks to City Hall, Shirley for jazzing up the menu calendars.

I have a wonderful suggestion. If anyone would like to contribute a guest *Just Chattin'* article to the Newsletter just give it to Shirley at the first of the month.

Go outside as often as you can without your phone or headphones and soak up your surroundings. Try to see the smallest, most unique part of your environment. Then look for the most majestic. When we rush through our days, we miss so much of what's around us. There is strength in the smallest details of our experience. Amen.



RIVER VALLEY ARMS & AMMO ANNIVERSARY



DEMO SHOOT

NOON - 4PM SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

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**TODAY
NOON-6**



THANK YOU!

Thank you to Chad Zachariason and Lonny Schottenbauer who volunteered to make these sidewalk signs for the Morton Community Red Cross Blood Drive. Also, thanks to RBC who donated the supplies. Be sure to thank them the next time you visit RBC.

Our next drive is Tues, Oct 10th from noon to 6PM. We are collecting Power Red (Double Reds) for the first time. If you are eligible for Power Red, PLEASE sign up ... online or call Julie.

We are so fortunate to have the strong support of the Morton area residents. Many people who aren't able to give blood volunteer to help. Volunteers assist the Red Cross staff by registering donors, providing lunch, and setting up the basement of the church and cleaning up. If you would like to be a part of our team of volunteers, **give Julie a call or text at 507-640-0083**

Donors:

Please continue to register online at:

redcrossblood.org

Your gift of blood is priceless!

08/14/17

Olivia, MN

Renville County has \$75,000 dollars now available to support landowners in meeting the requirements of Minnesota's buffer law. The buffer cost-share program funds were approved at the June meeting of the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). These Clean Water Funds, passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Dayton at the end of the 2017 legislative session, provide important support to the Governor's Buffer Initiative.

The funds have been distributed to Renville County Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and are to be used for cost-sharing contracts with landowners or their authorized agents to implement riparian buffers or alternative practices on public waters and public drainage ditches.

The 2017 legislation also recognizes that some landowners may have hardships (such as weather) in meeting the public waters deadline. The added language allows for an eight-month extension for implementation when a landowner or authorized agent has filed a riparian protection "compliance plan" with their local SWCD by **November 1, 2017**. Compliance waivers offer a buffer deadline extension until **July 1, 2018**.

öWe think our new SWCD cost-share program will be an option for landowners seeking hands-on management options, which includes managed haying, and still be in compliance with the law.öó Administrator Hatlewick

The state buffer law requires a buffer on public waters by November 1, 2017 and a buffer on public drainage ditches by November 1, 2018.

For more information on the buffer law, including the cost-share program, contact Mike Sandager at 320-523-1550 ext. 3, <http://www.renvilleswcd.com/> or visit the BWSR webpage at www.bwsr.state.mn.us/buffers.

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The Cities of Vesta, Lucan and Morton have received a grant to provide housing repair loans to eligible homeowners living within the city limits of any of these three communities/ Eligibility requirements are as follows:

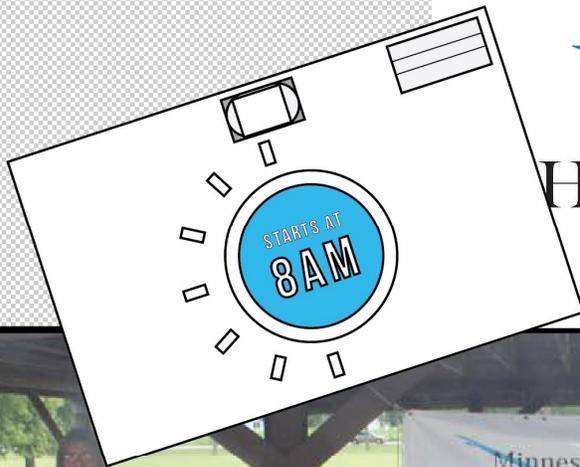
- ⇒ Applicants must own or be purchasing a property
- ⇒ The home being improved must be the applicants principal place of residency
- ⇒ Repairs that are permanent and necessary are eligible
- ⇒ Applicant must be current on real estate taxes
- ⇒ The home must be insured
- ⇒ Homeowner must be classified as low to moderate income per the income guidelines of the program.

Applications are available at Morton City Hall

Santa's Closet of Renville County

While it may still be summer, Santa's Closet in Renville County is busy working to help make the holidays just a little bit better for those less fortunate. Collection of gently used Christmas Trees and all kinds of Christmas decorations are now being collected through the end of September. If you have Christmas decoration items you no longer have a use for, please drop them off at Morton City Hall.

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Spend a day scavenging the river valley for a list of objects to complete your mission

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Harvest Land and Co-op Country Announce New Cooperative Name

Morgan, MN & Renville, MN – August 9, 2019 – Harvest Land Cooperative (HLC) and Co-op Country Farmers Elevator (CCFE) announced today that Farmward Cooperative would be the new name of their merged companies. The name Farmward Cooperative was approved by the Board of Directors on August 8, 2017 and will take effect on their merger date, September 1, 2017.

The merger of the two cooperatives was approved by the membership on April 6, 2017. As stated to members in the merger agreement, the unified organization would be renamed.

“In naming the new company, we tried to look beyond the here and now to project where we would like to be three to five years down the road,” said HLC CEO, Dave Stuk. “Through that process we looked at different ways to position ourselves in the marketplace. We felt the name *Farmward* spoke well to who we are, as it is our focus and goal to help our growers move their farming operation forward, into the future.”

The name Farmward was formed from two words: Farming and Forward. To help communicate the meaning and purpose behind the name, they will use the tagline: *Advancing farming for generations*.

“As we look to the future,” added Craig Hebrink, CCFE President & CEO, “We understand that the advancement of data and information tools, modern facilities, and cutting edge equipment presents new opportunities for our growers, while also adding a lot of pressure. We want to be here to support farmers through the challenges of new technology, while also helping them reap the benefits.”

In the unification study done in September 2016, the boards identified ways in which a merger of the two companies would create value to members, this included enhancing, expanding and extending product and service options, market access, and risk management tools.

“With the merger of our two companies, we have the opportunity to offer our members new innovations, convenience and technology in all areas of our business,” stated Roger Kettner, HLC Board Chairman.

Calvin Aarons, CCFE Board Chairman added, “Rebranding our cooperative gives us the opportunity to have a fresh start as a unified company and we, as a board, are excited to see what the future holds for Farmward.”

Until the completion of the merger on September 1, 2017, HLC and CCFE will continue to operate under their current leadership structures as two separate organizations.

About Harvest Land Cooperative

Headquartered in Morgan, MN, Harvest Land Cooperative (HLC), was formed in 1984 with the merger of Morgan Farmers Elevator and Springfield Farmers Elevator. Through growth and expansion over the years, the cooperative is diversified in its offerings, which include grain merchandising and marketing, crop production products and services, bulk feed manufacturing and delivery, and bulk delivery of energy products, including refined fuels, propane, and lubricants. HLC also provides producer financing, leasing, crop insurance, and property & casualty insurance through their subsidiary companies, AgQuest Financial and Northland Capital.

About Co-op Country Farmers Elevator

Headquartered in Renville, MN, Co-op Country Farmers Elevator (CCFE), as it is known today, is the result of the consolidation of many different businesses, including: Sacred Heart Farmers Elevator, Renville Farmers Elevator, Danube Farmers Elevator, Renville Co-op Fertilizer Company, Olivia Farmers Elevator, and Vigaro Farm Market fertilizer. CCFE's core business revolves around grain, agronomy and feed. In addition to its core business units, CCFE also provides financing, leasing and crop insurance to its producers through its investment in AgQuest Financial Services.



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SAVE THE DATE: Week of the Young Child April 16 - 20, 2018
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Morton City Park

Pot-luck dinner for all families with children any age

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a campaign for our youngest children

Low Income Energy Assistance Program

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households.

EAP is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Grants are:

- For renters or homeowners
- For households with income at or below 50 percent of the state median income
- Based on energy cost, household size, and income

Services may include:

- Payment of energy bills
- Help with utility disconnections or fuel deliveries.
- Education on efficient and safe use of energy.
- Advocacy with energy suppliers and human service providers.
- Repair or replacement of homeowners' broken heating systems.

2018 Maximum Energy Assistance Program Income Guidelines

EAP eligibility is based on the three most recent months of income.

Household Size	Three Month Maximum	Annual Income
1	\$6,250	\$25,000
2	\$8,173	\$32,692
3	\$10,096	\$40,385
4	\$12,019	\$48,077
5	\$13,942	\$55,769
6	\$15,865	\$63,462

APPLICATIONS AND ASSISTANCE WITH COMPLETING THE APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL



REDWOOD FALLS

Redwood Area Farmers Market Kids Club

HOP: Hand On Produce is officially a pilot year success. A vast team of volunteers and partnering organizations came together to raise \$1500 to put fresh produce into the hands of kids, while paying local farmers. We have had kids visit from 31 different towns/ cities! The library & Early Childhood Coalition collaborated to encourage literacy, giving away 50 books to families. Thus far, we have had 455+ HOP visits at the Farmers Market! We are also increasing access to local produce through SNAP-EBT at the market.

Come visit to find out more: Corner of S. Washington St & E Bridge RWF. Tuesdays 2-6pm & Saturdays 9a - Noon.



This great community asset offered due to generous donations/volunteers from: Rotary of Redwood Falls, Redwood Falls Lions Club, Redwood Area Communities Foundation, Redwood Falls Public Library, Redwood Area Food Shelf, Redwood Area Farmers Market, Redwood Area Early Childhood Coalition, SWIF, Vantage Point Marketing, and University of Minnesota Extension SNAP-Ed



Renville County Historical Society News September 2017

Thank you to all that attended the 3rd Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday! It was a good turn out! Please save the date for the next pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 19, 2017 9 AM – 11:30 AM at the Morton Senior Center during the Beneath the Village Wreath celebration weekend!



The summer has gone by very fast. June is a blur, with July & August following it. We had a good crowd at the 2017 Renville County Fair. The 2018 Featured town will be Bird Island who brought in \$105.61 in donations for the 'Donate to Vote' contest. It was a very close race as Fairfax raised \$102. The other towns in the running: Danube raised \$25.12, Sacred Heart raised \$7, Buffalo Lake raised \$4, Hector raised \$3.68 and Renville raised \$1. Total donations for 2017 Donate to Vote \$248.41. We will begin accepting loans & donations for the Bird Island exhibit in December 2017.

Olivia, Minnesota is the 2017 featured Renville County town in the Main Museum. This exhibit will be up until the end of January! Renville County in World War I, Beaver Falls and Eddsville are also on exhibit in the Main Museum for the remaining of 2017. Does your family have a World War I connection? Please contact Nicole at the Museum! We are still seeking more stories, photographs and artifacts for the next 2 years of this exhibit.

Our next event will be UFOs of Southwest Minnesota presented by Adrian Lee at the Renville County Historical Society in Morton, Minnesota in the Heritage Building on the Museum Grounds Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 6:30 PM! \$5 admission paid at the door plus a non-perishable food or household item for the Renville County Food Shelf RSVP REQUIRED limited to 150 people 507-697-6147 or register online www.renvillecountyhistory.com/events/ or email director@renvillecountyhistory.com Proceeds benefit the Renville County Historical Society! Refreshments served after the presentation. Adrian Lee has given lectures to the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) for many years, and is held in high regard by Ufologists. With his extensive studies and background in paranormal investigating, art history, and the early Renaissance period, he is able to bring together this compelling and intriguing talk on why UFOs appear in famous Renaissance paintings throughout Europe. Adrian will also be talking about his UFO sighting in Birch Coulee in 2016, and his recent famous sighting over Redwood Falls in the summer of 2017. A sighting that MUFON called one of the most significant UFO incidents in modern American history. Adrian will be showing this film in full for the first time publicly at the end of his talk.

September – May Hours: Monday – Friday 10 AM – 4 PM. If you want to make an appointment outside the hours please call 507-697-6147. Visit our website www.renvillecountyhistory.com and check out our new online gift store! LIKE us on Facebook @RCHSMuseum & Follow us on Twitter @RenvilleCoMNHIS

UFOs of Southwest Minnesota

Presented by Adrian Lee

at the Renville County Historical Society

441 N Park Dr, Morton, Minnesota

In the Heritage Building on the Museum Grounds

Thursday, September 28, 2017

Presentation: 6:30 PM

\$5 Admission *plus a non-perishable food item for the Renville County Food Shelf!* **RSVP REQUIRED!**

www.renvillecountyhistory/events/ to register online or
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AMERICAN PICKERS to Film in Minnesota!

Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are excited to return to **Minnesota!** They plan to film episodes of the hit series **AMERICAN PICKERS** throughout the region **in October 2017!**

AMERICAN PICKERS is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique 'picking' on History. The hit show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. **They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.**

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

AMERICAN PICKERS is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If **you or someone you know** has a **large, private collection or accumulation of antiques** that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us **your name, phone number, location and description of the collection** with **photos** to:

americanpickers@cineflix.com or call **855-OLD-RUST.**

facebook: [@GotAPick](https://www.facebook.com/GotAPick)

AMERICAN PICKERS



Morton Chamber ... Beneath the Wreath.... Seeking Vendors

Seeking Vendors for the Beneath the Village Wreath event on Saturday, November 18, 2017!

Please contact Nicole info@mortonareachamber.org or 507-697-1884!



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

September is Suicide Prevention Month

#BeThe1To Ask.

Don't be afraid to ask the tough question.

**When somebody you know is in emotional pain,
ask them directly:**

“Are you thinking about killing yourself?”

Find out why this can save a life at BeThe1To.com.
If you're struggling, call the Lifeline at

1-800-273-TALK (8255)



National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

We can all help prevent suicide.

The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.

1-800-273-8255

2017 RENVILLE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY DATES TO REMEMBER

September 19th: RCHS Board Meeting 7 PM @ RCHS Museum in Morton.

September 28th: Adrian Lee presents about UFO's in the Southwest Minnesota area at 6:30 PM in the Heritage Building on the Museum Grounds. \$5 per person along with a non-perishable food/household item for the Renville County Food Shelf. Please RSVP 507-697-6147 space limited to the first 150 people who RSVP.

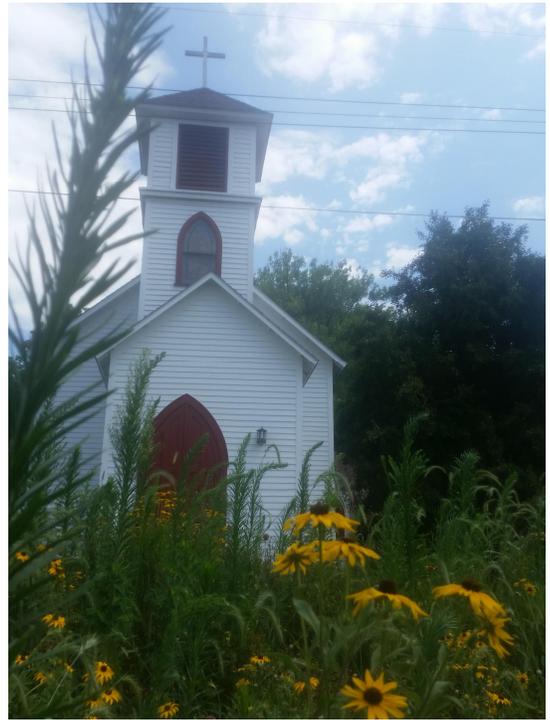
October 17: RCHS Board Meeting 7 PM @ RCHS Museum in Morton.

November 17-19: Morton Chamber Beneath the Village Wreath Event

November 18th: RCHS Bake Sale Fundraiser 10 AM - 3 PM (Location TBD).

November 19th: RCHS Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 9 AM - 11:30 AM @ Morton Senior Center. Ages 13 & Older \$8, Ages 3-12 \$5 Ages 2 & Under FREE

November 21: RCHS Board Meeting 7 PM @ RCHS Museum in Morton.



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

CANCELLED STAMP COLLECTION PROGRAM

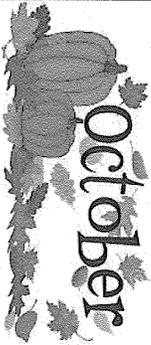
If you have stamps and you don't know what to do with them. But you would rather not throw them away here is a nice option for you. You can collect them and drop them off at City Hall to be donated to a Veterans Organization. The Veterans' National Stamp and Coin Club is a wonderful organization. They 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.



Lutheran Social Service

OCTOBER 2017

Morton Senior Nutrition Program

Monday, October 2	Tuesday, October 3	Wednesday, October 4	Thursday, October 5	Friday, October 6
8oz.Creamy Vegetable Soup 2 1/2 oz. Turkey Sandwich 1/2 c. Fruit Cup Crackers/Margarine Cookie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	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/Drsg. Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. Swedish Meatballs 1/2 c. Paprika Potatoes 1/2 c. Country Blend Veg Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Ice Cream 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, October 9	Tuesday, October 10	Wednesday, October 11	Thursday, October 12	Friday, October 13
6 oz. Beef Noodle Casserole 1/2 c. Green Beans 1/2 c. Peaches Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pudding 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. BBQ 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	4 oz. Meatloaf/Catsup 1/2 c. Whole Parslied Potatoes 1/2 c. Creamed Corn Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Mandarin Oranges 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	\$2.00 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	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 16	Tuesday, October 17	Wednesday, October 18	Thursday, October 19	Friday, October 20
3 oz. Swiss Steak 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Peas Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pineapple 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4oz. Honey Mustard Chicken Brist Baked Potato/Sr. Crm 1/2 c. Green Bean Casserole Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	6 oz. Lasagna 1/2 c. California Blend Veg. 1/2 c. Pears Garlic Bread/Margarine Cookie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. Hamburger Gravy 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Corn Dinner Roll/Margarine 2"x2" Fruit Crisp 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	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 23	Tuesday, October 24	Wednesday, October 25	Thursday, October 26	Friday, October 27
8 oz. Chili 1/2 c. Lettuce/Drsg 2 oz. Cheese Sandwich Bun/Margarine/Crackers 1/2 c. Sherbet 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. Egg Bake w/Sausage or Ham 1/2 c. Oven Baked Potatoes 1/2 c. Fruit Cocktail Bread/Margarine Coffeecake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	5 oz. Baked Chicken Baked Potato/Sr. Crm 1/2 c. Squash Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Apple Brown Betty 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	\$2.00 Day! 4 oz. Meatballs/Gravy 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Beets Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Lemon Sponge Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Ham Boiled Dinner w/ Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots 1/2 c. Peaches Cornbread /Margarine 2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, October 30	Tuesday, October 31			
3 oz. Sloppy Joe 1/2 c. Potato Salad 1/2 cup Fruit Salad Bun/Margarine Cookie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. Salmon Baked Potato/Sour Cream 1/2 c. Mixed Vegetables Bread/Margarine 1/8 slice Pie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	<p>Contact Site Manager <i>for information</i> & to reserve your meal. Call JOANIE at 697-6112</p>		
<p>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or EBT/Food Stamps) payment is accepted in lieu of donation. Contact Site Manager for more information.</p>				

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

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

GIFT CERTIFICATES
for meals available at
your site or
purchase on line
at our website:
www.lssmn.org/nutrition

Root Stew Recipe

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons canola oil, divided
- 1-1/2 pounds beef stew meat
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 3 cups reduced-sodium beef broth
- 3 medium carrots
- 2 medium turnips
- 2 medium parsnips
- 1 small rutabaga
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup cold water

Directions

- **1.** Preheat oven to 325°. In an ovenproof Dutch oven, heat 1 tablespoon oil over medium heat. Brown beef in batches. Remove from pan; sprinkle with salt and pepper.
- **2.** In same pan, heat remaining oil over medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir until tender, 4-6 minutes. Add garlic; cook and stir 1 minute. Stir in bay leaves, thyme, beef and broth; bring to a boil. Bake, covered, 1 hour.
- **3.** Peel and cut remaining vegetables into 1-in. pieces; add to Dutch oven. Bake, covered, until beef and vegetables are tender, 1 to 1-1/4 hours.
- **4.** In a small bowl, mix cornstarch and water until smooth; stir into stew. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened, 1-2 minutes. Discard bay leaves.

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