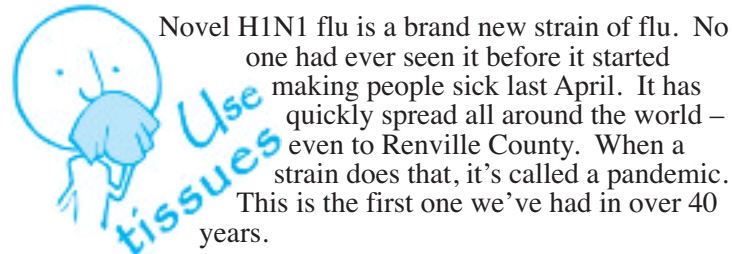


# Novel H1N1 Flu: Protecting Yourself & Your Community

By Jill Bruns, Public Health Director



- Wash your hands, thoroughly and frequently
- If you get sick with symptoms of the flu, stay home from work, school, or other places where you could spread the virus



The novel H1N1 flu doesn't make most people any sicker than regular, "seasonal" flu. But seasonal flu is a serious disease. Every year, seasonal flu kills people nationwide. Unlike seasonal flu, this new flu seems to target young adults and children more than older people. Young children are especially at risk. So are pregnant women and people with underlying health problems, like asthma or diabetes.

To be ready for the flu this year, get vaccinated and get your family vaccinated – for both seasonal flu and novel H1N1. You'll need both kinds of vaccine to be protected. Some H1N1 vaccine has been given to those at highest risk and should be available for everyone by the end of the year.

It's especially important to get the H1N1 vaccine if you are:

- Pregnant
- A child or young adult
- A health care worker or emergency worker
- Someone who lives with or cares for a child under the age of 6 months (infants that age can't be vaccinated)
- Someone with an underlying health condition

Both kinds of vaccine have been tested for effectiveness and safety. The novel H1N1 vaccine is made exactly the same way as the seasonal vaccine.

There are other simple things you can do to help prevent the spread of the virus.

- Cover your face with a sleeve or a tissue when you cough or sneeze

Flu symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people may also have vomiting and diarrhea with novel H1N1.



If you have flu symptoms and you get very sick – or you're pregnant or have an underlying health problem – call your clinic. You may be given an anti-viral drug, to keep you from becoming severely ill. But call first before you visit a clinic—so you can be seen without exposing others to the flu.

If enough people get sick with the flu in a community, people could be asked to stay at home for awhile – even if they are well – to help stop the spread of the flu. To be ready for that, make a family emergency plan. Stock a kit with food, water and other supplies you'll need if you have to stay home for awhile.

For more information, contact Renville County Public Health at 320- 523-2570. For the most current updates follow the flu link on [www.co.renville.mn.us](http://www.co.renville.mn.us).

## FREEZING FOR FOOD!

Please plan to contribute to the **DONATION DRIVE** for The Renville County Food Shelf **December 2nd & 3rd from 9-7 and 4th from 9-2** at Terry's Grocery Store Olivia, MN. For every \$1.00 donated \$9.00 worth of food is purchased and donated.

*You may donate cash or food!*

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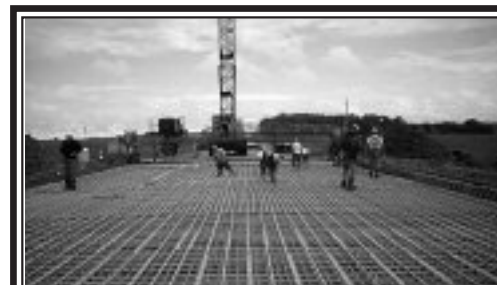
## Chemtamba Creek Bridge Replacement



Old Bridge



Driving South Pier Line



Bridge Deck Work



Newly Completed Bridge

## Renville County Receives ARRA Funds

On February 13, 2009, Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Four days later, the President signed the legislation into law. The Recovery Act's three main goals are to create and save jobs, spur economic activity and invest in long-term economic growth, and foster unprecedented levels of accountability and transparency in government spending. Renville County was the recipient of \$3+ million in ARRA funds. These ARRA funds are being used throughout Renville County on several diverse projects, including the replacement of a county highway bridge, rail replacement and track improvement, the creation of a business revolving loan fund, and public housing improvements.

Renville County was one of seven counties in Minnesota Department of Transportation District Number 8 to receive ARRA funds through the Federal Department of Transportation for two road projects. One project was the replacement of a county highway bridge over Chemtamba Creek located on County State Aid Highway No. 9 in Ericson Township. The new bridge was completed in October 2009 at a cost of \$332,000. The second project involves the reconstruction of curves on County State Aid Highway No. 16 at the Renville and Kandiyohi county lines. Renville County was awarded \$202,000 in ARRA funds for the county's portion of the project. This project is ongoing and is anticipated to be completed during the summer of 2010. There were many more county road needs than money was available for road projects, but the ARRA money helped defer funds to other road projects.

The Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority (MVRRA) will receive \$2.5 million for rail replacement, other track improvements, and safety upgrades. The MVRRA is a five-county regional rail authority that includes Renville, Carver, Sibley, Redwood, and Yellow Medicine counties. The 94-mile rail line, operated by the Minnesota Prairie Line Railroad, runs from Norwood Young America to Hanley Falls. The new rail will support heavier rail cars and higher train speeds, providing operational efficiencies and faster deliveries. The Minnesota Prairie Line supports rural economic development by carrying agricultural and other products to market including corn, biodiesel, and ethanol.

The Renville County Economic Development Authority (EDA) applied for and received \$99,999 in ARRA grant funds through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The EDA/HRA board is matching these funds for a total of \$200,000 available as a revolving loan fund. Renville County businesses may apply for a loan from the revolving fund to grow and expand their business. When the loan is repaid the funds will then be loaned again to other businesses.

The Renville County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) applied for and received a \$42,105 ARRA public housing grant through the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD). The HRA is utilizing the grant funds to reroof the local HRA's eight single family homes, and is in the process of replacing appliances in twenty-five of their rental units with energy efficient models. The ARRA grant guidelines require that all roofing materials and appliances must be manufactured in the United States. All funds must be obligated in twelve months and spent within 24 months from the effective date of the grant. The ARRA grants require the HRA to produce quarterly reports that account for the number of people employed and the associated expenditures.

In addition to the county projects local schools received ARRA grant funds through the US Department of Education.



# Food Shelf Needs Up in 2009



Thank you to all the families, churches, and organizations who have generously donated money, food, clothing and small household items to the Renville County Food Shelf and Clothing & More Store. The proceeds from the Clothing & More sales go toward the rent and utilities for the Food Shelf and the Clothing & More store. In 2008 the food shelf provided 9,178 individuals in need. From January through September of 2008 6,652 individuals were assisted by the food shelf and this year during that same time period 7,118 individuals have been assisted.

The missions for the two are “Reaching out to hungry people” and “To provide our area with a source of inexpensive, good, used clothing, and small household items.” The Food Shelf and the Clothing & More store are located next to the beauty shop north across the street from the Methodist Church in Olivia. The hours for the food shelf and the clothing store are Monday 1pm -3 pm, Wednesday 10am-3pm, Thursday 5pm -7pm, and Friday 1-3 pm. It is best to drop off donations for the clothing store during the hours it is open, but items can be dropped off outside anytime. All customers are welcome!

There are 50+ volunteers, but more are needed especially on the second Tuesdays when food is delivered. Even two hours a month would be appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, contact Ardis Wertish at 320-523-1515. **Volunteers are also needed for this year’s Freezen for Food Drive to be held from December 2 through December 4.** Contact Ardis at 320-523-1515 or Mary at 320-523-2822. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered and donated in the past!

## Energy Assistance Program/Programa de Asistencia Energética

The rising heating costs for the upcoming heating season is a concern for all of us. The Energy Assistance Program assists households with some of the costs of heating their homes. The program can also use 30% of the assistance to pay toward the electric bill. Energy Assistance Program Staff are encouraging households to set up a monthly payment plan with their heating company.

The Energy Assistance Program is taking applications for the upcoming heating season. If you own your home, the program may pay for emergency home furnace repairs or replacements. The program may also pay up to \$500 in emergency benefits. The program is based on how much it costs to heat your home, the number of people in your home and the amount of gross income all household members received in the previous three months from the month you apply. For an application, please call Renville County Energy Assistance at 320-523-5522 or 320-523-2202. The gross income guidelines are shown on the right.

La cuesta de caliente esta ascendiendo por la estacion de invierno afectan todos. La programa de energia ayuda casas con parte de la cuesta de caliente para su casa. Podemos usar 30 porcentaje de asistencia a pagar la cuenta de eléctrica. Nosotros estamos promover todas casas pagan cada mes con una planea de pagos entre su compania de caliente.

El Programa de la Ayuda de la Energía toma las aplicaciones para la temporada que calienta.. La programa puede pagar \$500 en beneficios emergencias. Si usted posee su hogar, la programa puede pagar para las reparaciones de horno de hogar de emergencia o reemplazos. El programa se basa en cuánto cuesta para calentar su hogar, **el número de gente en su hogar y la cantidad de los ingresos que todos recibieron en los previos** tres meses del mes que usted aplica. Para una aplicación, por favor llamada Renville County Energy Assistance en 320-523-5522 o 320-523-2202.

The gross income guidelines are: Las pautas brutas de ingresos son:	
Household Size la Casa	Three Months Income Tres Ingresos del Tamano de Meses
1	\$5423
2	\$7,092
3	\$8,761
4	\$10,430
5	\$12,099
6	\$13,768

### Local Cities Donate to Renville County Heartland Express

Renville County Heartland Express wishes to **THANK** the following Renville County cities for their continued financial support of the local transit system. Assistance from local cities helps to make the County Transit system a reality. Contributions were an all time high in 2009 for a total of \$15,633!



**Bird Island  
Buffalo Lake • Danube  
Fairfax • Franklin  
Olivia • Renville  
Sacred Heart**

**Remember Save Gas! Ride the Heartland Express!**

**Renville County Community Earth Council on**

**facebook** and **twitter**

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)  
[www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) – search **RenvilleCEC**

Meetings of the Renville County Community Earth Council are held the last Wednesday of the month at 3:30 in the lower level of the Renville County Office Building.

# Attention Buyers and Sellers!

**ESCROW AGREEMENTS ARE NOW REQUIRED FOR THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF PROPERTY**

As a buyer or seller, you need to be aware that effective April 15, 2009, Renville County has amended its Land Use Ordinance and now requires an escrow agreement, between the buyer and the seller, to insure that money is set aside at the time of a property sale or transfer to be used to upgrade a noncompliant septic system.

### What is an escrow agreement?

An escrow agreement is a contract between the buyer and seller that sets aside an amount of money, deposited in an escrow account, which is held by a real estate closer, licensed attorney, or federal or state chartered financial institution and can only be released when a new certified septic system has been installed.

### Why are escrow agreements required for failing septic systems?

Escrow agreements are required to ensure that failing septic systems are upgraded within 10 to 12 months after they are found to be noncompliant.

### When is an escrow agreement required?

Escrow agreements are required whenever there is a sale or transfer of property where there are buildings that have a septic system that is failing, as determined by a licensed inspector. An application for septic loan funds does not satisfy the escrow agreement requirement.

### Who is responsible to place the funds in an escrow account?

It is the responsibility of the seller to set aside the funds in an escrow account to ensure the construction of a compliant septic system.

### How much money needs to be side aside in an escrow account?

The escrow agreement requires escrow funds to be set aside in the amount of 150% of the written cost estimate to construct a certified septic system. The cost estimate must be determined by a licensed installation business or a certified installer. If a cost estimate cannot be completed due to frozen soil

conditions, the amount to be escrowed is estimated at 150% of the annual average cost of a mound septic system as determined by the Renville County Division of Environment and Community Development.

### When are the escrow funds released?

Once the new certified septic system is installed and inspected by the Renville County Division of Environment and Community Development, a letter and certificate of compliance will be sent to the escrow holder to release the escrow funds to the seller.

For more information about the escrow requirements or to obtain more information about upgrading septic systems, please contact the Renville County Division of Environment and Community Development at 320-523-3768.



## COUNTY PARKS OPEN FOR WINTER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Citizens are welcome to enter any of the seven county parks by foot to enjoy hiking, cross country skiing, bird watching, and fishing as well as any other winter recreational activity. Skalbekken and Vicksburg parks have designated

winter parking areas located inside the parks. Lake Allie Park has a driveway for access onto the lake. All other county parks will be closed to all motorized vehicles from November 1, 2009, through April 15, 2010. ***Snowmobiling is allowed on signed trails specifically designated for such use within each park.*** Services such as restrooms and trash pick up will not be available during these months, and remember **“NO HUNTING”** in any county park at any time of the year. If you have any questions regarding use of the parks during the winter and early spring, please contact:

**Renville County  
Division of Environment and Community Development  
320-523-3768**

### COUNTY PHONE NUMBERS

<b>Administrator</b>	<b>320-523-3710</b>
<b>Assessor</b>	<b>320-523-3645</b>
<b>Attorney</b>	<b>320-523-2661</b>
<b>Auditor/Treasurer</b>	<b>320-523-2071</b>
<b>Court Services/Probation</b>	<b>320-523-3663</b>
<b>Court Administration</b>	<b>320-523-3680</b>
<b>Environment &amp; Community Development</b>	<b>320-523-3768</b>
<b>Extension</b>	<b>320-523-3713</b>
<b>Hawk Creek</b>	<b>320-523-3666</b>
<b>Heartland Express</b>	<b>320-523-3589</b>
	<b>or 800-450-7964</b>
<b>Heartland Community</b>	<b>320-523-1842</b>
<b>Action Agency Inc.</b>	<b>or 877-523-1842</b>
<b>Hospital</b>	<b>320-523-1261</b>
<b>HRA/EDA</b>	<b>320-523-3656</b>
<b>Human Services</b>	<b>320-523-2202</b>
<b>Jail</b>	<b>320-523-3600</b>
<b>Landfill/Solid Waste</b>	<b>320-523-1505</b>
<b>License</b>	<b>320-523-3612</b>
<b>Olivia Police Department</b>	<b>320-523-2700</b>
<b>Public Health Nursing</b>	<b>320-523-2570</b>
<b>Public Works</b>	<b>320-523-3759</b>
<b>Recorder/Abstractor</b>	<b>320-523-3669</b>
<b>Sheriff</b>	<b>320-523-1161</b>
<b>Veterans Service</b>	<b>320-523-3763</b>
<b>Water Planning &amp; HHW</b>	<b>320-523-3706</b>

### County Commissioners:

<b>Ralph Novotny, District #1</b>	<b>320-848-6392</b>
<b>Bob Fox, District #2</b>	<b>507-557-8265</b>
<b>Paul Setzepfandt, District #3</b>	<b>320-365-3270</b>
<b>John Stahl, District #4</b>	<b>320-523-1283</b>
<b>LaMont Jacobson, District #5</b>	<b>320-765-2578</b>



## '09 COMMUNITY EVENTS

**BIRD ISLAND**  
December 4 / Old Fashioned Christmas

**FAIRFAX**  
December 4 / Santa Day  
Santa will appear at the Fairfax Auditorium.

**HECTOR**  
December 3 / Unforgettable Christmas  
Downtown open house & prize drawings at businesses, visits from Santa & the Grinch, horse drawn sleigh rides and much more.

**MORTON**  
November 20-23 / Beneath the Village Wreath  
Hospice Tree of Lights, Firemen's Steak Fry, Bake & Craft Sale at City Hall, Santa & Carolers, Horse & Buggy Sleigh Rides, Museum Activities & More

**December 3 / Mistletoe Madness**  
Retail stores open late, Holiday home decorating contest, Holiday treats & music, pre-holiday ladies' pampering.

**OLIVIA**  
December 3-5 / Holiday Happenings  
**Thursday:** Electric Light Parade 5:15 pm, free hot cocoa at Thaw Zones, light supper at the Methodist Church 4:30-6:45 pm, Christmas Cantata at St. Al's 7 pm.

**Friday:** The Spirit of the Season Roams Olivia Businesses – throughout December a portion of your bill may be paid for by a charitable stranger! Shelter House Inc. gala at Max's Grill 5:30 pm-midnight.

**Saturday:** Two mile Reindeer Walk/Run registration at Page Snyder Drug starting at 9:30 am, entry fee is one new unwrapped toy for Santa's Closet, lunch with Santa & Mrs. Claus at Cross of Calvary Church 11-12:30 pm.

**SACRED HEART**  
December 12 / Santa Day  
Santa will appear in downtown Sacred Heart. There will be treats and a turkey drawing, with some activities held at the Sacred Heart Area Museum.

## New Loan Fund for County Businesses



Photo courtesy of Renville County Register

Susie Lang ~ Renville County HRA/EDA, Chris Hettig ~ Executive Director Renville County HRA/EDA, Colleen Landkamer ~ State Director of USDA Rural Development, Mark Glesener ~ HRA/EDA Board President, Blair Anderson ~ HRA/EDA Board Vice President, Gale Dahlager ~ HRA/EDA Board Member, Paul Pierson ~ USDA gathered September 23rd, at Max's Grill in Olivia. Landkamer presented a plaque to the HRA/EDA to recognize their success in organizing a \$200,000 Revolving Loan Fund for Renville County Businesses.

Renville County Housing and Economic Development Authority is pleased to announce its newest program, the Business Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). This is a unique and flexible source of supplemental financing for businesses that have a positive economic impact on Renville County.

The program's initial funding is \$200,000. The fund was capitalized by a \$99,999 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant from the USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grants (RBEG) program and matching funds from the HRA/EDA.

The fund was created to stimulate the economic growth potential in Renville County. RLF funds are awarded for the purpose of creating new permanent jobs or permanently retaining existing jobs to allow businesses to grow and improve the local economy. Business RLF financing can be used for start-up and working capital loans, building and plant renovations, transportation improvements, project planning and other business needs. The HRA/EDA has a goal of creating or retaining at least one full time job for each \$10,000 loaned from the Business RLF.

If you'd like more information about Renville County's Business Revolving Loan fund, or to schedule an appointment with HRA/EDA Executive Director Chris Hettig, please call (320)523-3656 or e-mail Chris at [chris@mail.renville.com](mailto:chris@mail.renville.com).

## Area Communities Developing Wellhead Protection Plans

The communities of Hector and Morton are in the process of developing a Wellhead Protection Plan for each of their drinking water supply wells. Wellhead protection is a method of preventing contamination of a public water supply well by managing potential contaminate sources in the area which contribute water to a well. Wellhead protection is the emphasis on the *prevention* of drinking water contamination versus the remediation of a contaminated drinking water supply, which can be very costly to a community.

A Wellhead Protection Plan is a detailed document which often includes:

- A map showing the boundaries of the delineated wellhead protection area.
- A vulnerability assessment of the well and the protection area.
- An inventory of potential sources of contamination based on the vulnerability assessment. Potential sources of contamination could include leaking tanks, facilities that may have spills, failing septic systems, and abandoned wells.
- A plan to manage and monitor existing and proposed potential sources of contamination.
- A contingency plan for an alternate water supply should the water supply be disrupted by contamination or mechanical failure.

"Wellhead Protection Plans" continued on back



City of Hector Water Treatment Plant

## Public Invited to Comment on Proposed Wellhead Protection Plans

Public hearings to discuss proposed Wellhead Protection Plans will be held at:

**City of Hector** – December 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.  
Hector Community Center Phone: (320) 848-2122

**City of Morton** – January 12, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.  
Morton City Hall Phone: (507) 697-6912

Please contact city offices for additional information.

## Cold Weather Reminder: Properly Store Chemicals



Each year numerous household chemicals such as paints, stains, and driveway sealants become household hazardous waste (HHW) simply because they were exposed to freezing temperatures. Remember to read the product label to ensure proper storage. If you are not able to use a product, check with a neighbor to see if they have a use for the chemical or bring it to the Renville County or Kandiyohi County HHW Facility.

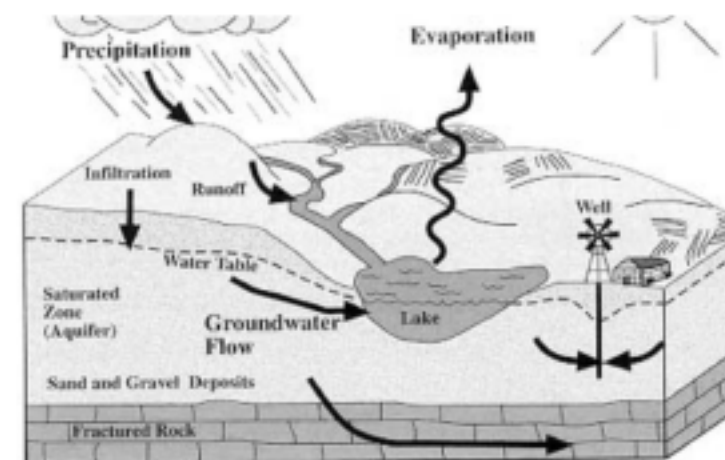
If the product is usable, it will be placed on a Product Exchange for others to use. If the chemical can no longer be used, it will be properly disposed of at "no cost" to Renville County residents. For additional information on HHW disposal options, visit [www.co.renville.mn.us](http://www.co.renville.mn.us) or call (320) 523-1144.

## Renville County Begins Groundwater Assessment

Little is known about our groundwater supplies and the aquifers that store our water resources. Renville County recently started the initial steps toward a two-year study to complete a County Geologic Atlas. The County Geologic Atlas project is a study of a county's geology and its groundwater resources. The Atlas project is a collaborative effort between Renville County, the Minnesota Geological Survey (MGS), and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Geologists from the MGS investigate the earth materials beneath the land surface which contain groundwater and control the flow from the land surface to aquifers. Hydrologists from the DNR investigate the quantity, quality, and pollution sensitivity of the county's groundwater. The information developed during an Atlas project is compiled and printed as maps. An understanding of the groundwater system enables better decision making. A County Geologic Atlas can be used

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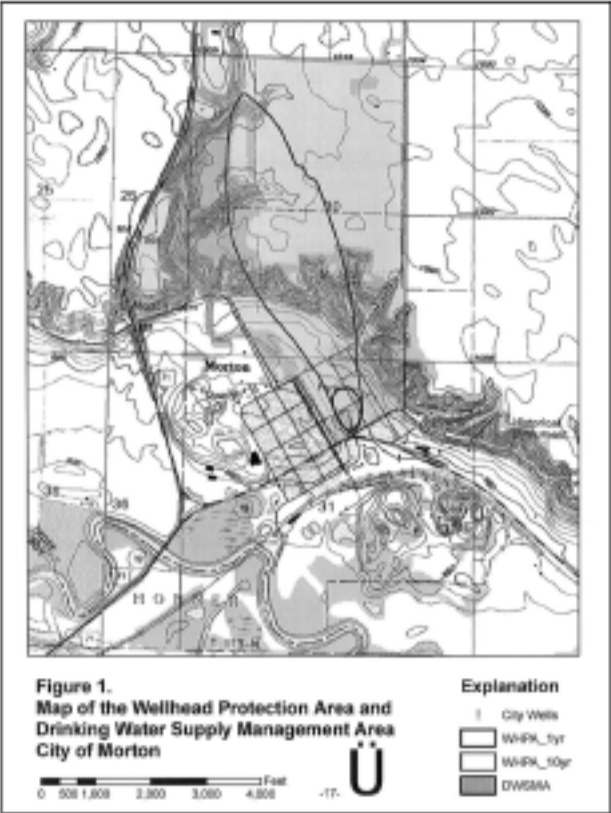


“Wellhead Protection Plans” continued from front

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) administers the rules that set the standards for wellhead protection planning. MDH assists communities in the preparation and implementation of their Wellhead Protection Plans. The Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA) is also available to provide additional technical assistance to communities for Plan development and has been working with the cities of Hector and Morton. Once a draft of the Plan is completed, a community provides a 60-day review and comment period of the proposed Wellhead Protection Plan. Following the 60-day period, and prior to submitting the Plan to the MDH, a public hearing is held to invite the public to discuss the proposed Plan and to address any comments.

For additional information on the Wellhead Protection program, visit the following websites:

- Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) – [www.health.state.mn.us](http://www.health.state.mn.us)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) – [www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us)
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us)
- Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA) – [www.mrwa.com](http://www.mrwa.com)



Map of the City of Morton Wellhead Protection Area

*“When the well is dry,  
we know the value of water.”*  
-Benjamin Franklin, Poor Richard's Almanack, 1746

“Groundwater Assessment” continued from front



Tyler Reiner, Renville County Research Assistant, verifies the location of a well with Bruce Bloomgren, a Geologist with the Minnesota Geological Survey (MGS).

by land use planners to site environmentally sensitive facilities; water resource planners to understand groundwater movement, evaluate water supply, and source issues; and local communities to assist in preparing Wellhead Protection Plans and recharge zones. A Geologic Atlas can also serve as an information source for state agencies, economic development agencies, well drillers, and land owners.

Funding for the estimated \$600,000 to \$700,000 project is provided to the MGS and the DNR from the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR). Renville County's contribution to the Atlas project is to identify nearly 900 wells located throughout the County that have incomplete or inaccurate information recorded on the well construction records. Information from these wells such as geologic material, elevations, and well depth cannot be used for the study unless an accurate location can be verified.

The data collected from the well construction records will assist in producing more detailed maps for Renville County. Tyler Reiner, a recent graduate from the University of Minnesota-Crookston with a degree in natural resources, has been working for Renville County as a Research Assistant researching each of the incomplete well records. Reiner will then visit each site to verify the location of the well with the well records. When the County Geologic Atlas is complete, a public informational meeting will be held to present the results of the study.

For additional information about the County Geologic Atlas Program, visit: Minnesota Geological Survey (MGS) – [www.geo.umn.edu/mgs](http://www.geo.umn.edu/mgs) Department of Natural Resources – [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us) (search “water”) Renville County Water Management – (320) 523-3706

Around the County...

FAIRFAX

The First National Bank of Fairfax broke ground for its new facility north of its current location.

Dave and Anna Dustin and family have been picked for a Habitat for Humanity home. Kevin Hagen was named Fairfax Chief of Police upon retirement of Chief Larry Dallmann. Fairfax Santa Day will be December 4th at the Fairfax Auditorium. The annual Fairfax Civic and Commerce Banquet will be January 30, 2010 at the Fairfax Auditorium.

FRANKLIN

The school year is well under way and the Cedar Mountain School district enrollment is up. New this year is the transition of the middle school to the high school building in Morgan, with the Franklin building housing preschool through fifth grades. Now open for business is “Wayne’s Wood Shop” owned and operated by Wayne Miller. Wayne does custom woodworking from signs to furniture to architectural molding. Wayne’s building recently received a facelift and is located on 2nd Avenue in Franklin.

HECTOR

The 67th Annual Hector Fly In was a huge success. 175 pilots flew in and the Hector Lions served 1,600 people breakfast. December 3rd marks the 3rd annual Unforgettable Christmas. Activities such as Santa, DNA Kits put on by the Hector Lions and Police

Department. The Grinch will be in town, and there will be horse drawn rides and open house and prize drawings in the businesses. The Hector EDA has funds available for industrial or manufacturing expansion. Call 320-848-2122.

MORTON

Beneath the Village Wreath Celebration is Nov 20-22. It features an art show, craft show, Santa and more! Mistletoe Madness is set for Dec 3 and includes a pre-holiday Ladies’ Pampering night. Call City Hall for details on these events. Morton welcomes Joan Brown as the new Chamber staff person and thanks Angie Colwell for all her hard work and help. Morton is proud to welcome some new businesses: Prinzig Motor and Detail Plus. The city has a newly remodeled rental space available for commercial development. Call City Hall for information.

STAFF MEMBERS

Christina Hettig, Executive Director  
Linda Larsen, Housing Coordinator  
Susie Lang, Development Assistant  
Ron Louisiana, Maintenance

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Carolyn Pitts, At-Large  
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Provide the HRA/EDA with the  
basic information: square footage,  
description of property, price, and  
contact person information & we  
will post it on our web site at  
**[www.renville.com](http://www.renville.com).**

Call 320-523-3656 or e-mail  
[hra\\_eda@mail.renville.com](mailto:hra_eda@mail.renville.com) for  
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