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Welcome New District 5 Commissioner

Having experience serving within a variety of boards and organizations, both past and present, is something newly elected Commissioner David Hamre brings to the table. He has been a member of the Sacred Heart Jaycees, Sacred Heart Fire Department, Wang Township Board, Hawk Creek Lutheran Church Council, and Renville County West School Board in the past, and remains active on the RCW School Foundation Board. Hamre's interest in becoming a County Commissioner was driven by the desire to be a strong voice for the people of the 5th District, and all of Renville County.

Born and raised on the Hamre Homestead Century Farm in Wang Township, Hamre currently resides there with his wife of 36 years, Andrea. They have two grown children, Karl [Christine] Hamre (and their children Lincoln and Eleanor) and Laura [Mitch] Agre (and their daughter Savannah and

another child on the way). "I am most proud, at this point in my life, of my wife and I raising our two very successful children and watching them raise their own awesome families," he shared.



**Commissioner
David Hamre**

Hamre graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1981, when he became a lifelong self-employed farmer until his retirement in 2019. Over the years he has also held many part-time jobs, including his favorite of driving Motorcoach for Riley Tours throughout the past three years. In between work hours, Hamre has always enjoyed taking part in his favorite hobbies such as fishing, hunting, golfing, and traveling.



Photo: Commissioner Hamre receiving the Oath of Office from Judge Laurence Stratton, with the support of his wife.

After receiving the results of the November 3, 2020 election, Hamre's first thought was disbelief! "I want to earn the respect of my fellow Commissioners," he expressed as a first-term goal of his as Commissioner. "Without mutual respect within any board, progress is difficult to achieve."

Hamre believes he will contribute a new way of looking at issues. He emphasizes that he is always ready to listen to any thoughts and concerns, and looks forward to serving the people of District 5 and Renville County.

Commissioner Hamre can be contacted at davidh@renvillecountymn.com.

Restorative Justice: Volunteers Needed

Restorative Justice is a fundamental change in approach when working to repair damages caused from crimes or wrongdoings within a community. This is not only a restorative philosophy but a way of life that emphasizes the need to restore the relationships harmed in these situations.

What is a Circle? The Circle process is an intentional way of gathering and organizing effective group communication, building relationships, establishing accountability, problem solving, and healthy decision making. As a group, members work with the family or individual to determine what they can do to repair the harm they have caused by the circumstances that brought them to Circle.



As of January 2021, there are seven Circles being facilitated within Renville County. Circles generally meet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday beginning at Noon and 5:30p.m. While in Circle participants and volunteers discuss what is going well, what is not going well, and potential next steps to head in the right direction

"By volunteers sharing their life experiences and telling their own stories, participants begin to open up to the group which establishes trust; and through these relationships that are formed, healthy changes begin to unfold." shared Andrew Peltz, Restorative Justice Coordinator.

Volunteers are needed

There is a great need for community connection, support, and accountability in Renville County. This is exactly what the Restorative Justice Department aims to provide. The reality is the number of youth, young adults, and families in need of support are certainly not declining. More volunteers mean more Circles and families can be involved in the program. In the midst of COVID, a majority of Circles are being held virtually via Zoom.

If you are interested in volunteering to support individuals and families in your community, please contact Andrew Peltz, Restorative Justice Coordinator at 320-522-1573 or andrewp@renvillecountymn.com.

Volunteer Guardians Needed in Renville County



Renville County is looking for individuals willing to serve as a volunteer guardian to those in need!

A guardian is a person appointed by the court to make personal decisions for the person subject to guardianship. They have the authority to make decisions on behalf of the person, which may include where to live, medical decisions, training, education, etc.

The person subject to guardianship lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to make or communicate responsible personal decisions and has an inability to meet personal needs for medical care, nutrition, clothing, shelter, or safety.

A guardian must complete certain tasks such as submitting timely annual reports, serve copies of paperwork annually, attend team meetings and complete a criminal background study. A monthly stipend is provided to guardians.

Visit mng.courtllms.org to learn more or watch the Guardianship/Conservatorship YouTube video, produced by the 4th Judicial District of Minnesota at bit.ly/2Mw4Vea.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Jen Olson, Social Services Supervisor
Renville County Human Services
320-523-3566 or jeno@renvillecountymn.com

David Torgelson, County Attorney
Renville County Attorney Office
320-523-3683 or davidt@renvillecountymn.com

Open Your Heart. Open Your Home. Steps to Become a Foster Parent

Foster parents are as unique and diverse as any other family! A foster parent may be single or married, have children or not have children, rent or own their home, work full-time or not full-time. What they share is a concern for children and a commitment to help them through tough times.

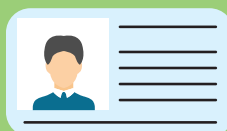


STEPS TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT:

- 1) **Contact Renville County Human Services at 320-523-2202.**
Ask for the Foster Care Licenser.
- 2) **Complete Application and Fact Sheet:**
 - Forms can be obtained by calling Renville County Human Services at 320-523-2202.
- 3) **Initiate Background Study:**
 - A background study is required for everyone in your home 13 years of age and older.
- 4) **Open Home for Visit and Study:**
 - You will be assigned a social worker who will visit you and your family for an interview and to complete a home study assessment.
- 5) **Receive Foster Care License:**
 - When you have successfully completed the process, a license will be issued. This license is good for one or two years.
- 6) **Participate in Training:**
 - Trainings give potential and current foster parents the tools to have a successful foster care experience.

To learn more about becoming a foster parent, contact Rachel, Human Services Social Worker at rachelj@renvillecountymn.com or 320-523-3523 or visit www.renvillecountymn.com. Additional information on foster parenting can be found at www.mnadopt.org/fostering-network/.

Renville County License Office



Appointments are needed for:

- Prorate (offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday)

Appointments can be scheduled at:

www.renvillecountymn.com/departments/license

Appointments are NOT needed for: (Between 8:00a.m. - 4:15p.m.)

- Tab Renewals
- Game & Fish Licenses
- Update your D.O.T Health Card
- Disability Certificates
- Motor Vehicle Title Transfers
- Driver's Licenses (Please note: No Real ID or Enhanced Driver's License applications will be started after 3:45 pm)

Questions? Call 320-523-3612 or email licenses@renvillecountymn.com

JOIN OUR TEAM



If your values are our values, consider a career with Renville County:

- Caring About Quality
- Efficiency and Stewardship
- Encouraging Community Input
- Respectful to Needs
- Ethical Workforce

All regular job openings are posted at www.renvillecountymn.com.

Search for Career Opportunities.
Sign up for notifications of job openings under Menu - Job Categories!



License Plate Recycling

The Redwood/Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority (RRRSWA) began a program in June 2019, which allows you to recycle your old license plates securely and at no charge.



RRRSWA recently collected 73 pounds of license plates from the first (almost) full box, located on the main level of the Renville County Courthouse!

If you'd like to recycle your old license plate, drop boxes are located at:

- Renville County Courthouse
- Redwood County Government Center
- Redwood County Household Hazardous Waste Facility
- RRRMRF Office (Recycling Facility)

To learn more, contact Rachel, RRRSWA Administrative Accountant at 507-637-1802 or rachel@rrrswa.com

COVID-19 Vaccines: Debunking the Myths

A Message from Renville County Public Health

COVERID-19 vaccine has been called a “game changer” and the entire process is a win. This vaccine is going to save lives. The vaccines are essentially 100 percent effective against serious disease.

There's a lot of information swirling about the COVID-19 vaccines but not all of it is true. The following myths and facts address some of the top questions related to the COVID-19 vaccines.

MYTH: This vaccine was developed in record time, which means safety and efficacy are in question

We know more about this virus and vaccine, scientifically, than any other vaccine in history. From both a science and safety standpoint, experts believe this is going to be exceptionally safe.

The regulatory process in the United States is unrivaled. In a heavily regulated process with lots of bureaucracy, the urgency helped. Funding helped vaccine companies run testing and production at the same time, which speeded up the availability of vaccine.

Both Pfizer and Moderna have run tests on many people. An FDA analysis of the vaccine's safety and effectiveness on people age 16 and older found “no specific safety concerns” that would preclude the vaccine's use.

FACT: I will need more than one shot

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine contains two doses that are to be administered 21 days apart for individuals who are at least 16 years old. The Moderna vaccine contains two doses that are to be administered 28 days apart for those at least 18 years old. We are waiting to learn more information regarding other vaccine companies.

MYTH: This vaccine changes your DNA

The COVID-19 vaccine uses messenger RNA to trigger an immune response. According to medical experts, this vaccine does nothing to alter or impact your DNA. This vaccine is a way to code for a protein, just as you would if you get any other infection. We're tricking the body into doing it without getting the infection. This is absolutely as close to anything we could make to what your body would do naturally.

FACT: I will not get COVID-19 from this vaccine

For this vaccine in particular, we're talking about a vaccine that has no virus in it, not dead or alive. It's a message to your immune system about what to look out for. When we get sick, some of you feeling sick is from the virus or bacteria and the other part of it is just your body doing its job. When you get a vaccine and you feel achy, that means your immune system works. It's doing what it does when it's threatened.

MYTH: This vaccine contains egg protein

While most conventional vaccines — including the flu shot — are made with egg protein, the coronavirus vaccine has no trace of nuts, eggs, or any food.

FACT: The most common reaction is pain at the injection site

According to the FDA's report, 84% of any adverse reactions among participants included pain at the injection site. Additionally, 62% of participant reactions were fatigue, 55% included a headache, and less than 40% included muscle pain, chills, joint pain, and fever. Severe adverse reactions occurred in less than 4.6% of participants more frequently after the second dose than the first.



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

If you suspect that a child is undergoing abuse, it is critical to report it — and to continue reporting each separate incidence if it continues to occur. Each report you make is a snapshot of what's going on in the family. The more information you can provide, the better the chance of the child getting the help they deserve.

To report suspected abuse or neglect of children, please call Renville County Child Protection at 320-523-2202 and ask to speak with the intake worker.



CCT's mission is to provide safe, reliable, cost-effective transportation to all residents of Kandiyohi, Renville and Meeker Counties.

SERVICES INCLUDE:

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- Demand Response Rides (*Dial-a-Ride*)
- Fixed Flexible Route
- Same Day Service
- Saturday and Sunday Service

VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION

- Senior Volunteer Program
- Non Emergency Medical Transportation

CCT CARRIAGE TRANSPORTATION

- Transporting groups from long term care facilities, senior living residences, group homes, etc.

Learn More:
www.cctbus.org
320-523-3589

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!

MYTH: This vaccine could make women infertile

There is no indication whatsoever that this vaccine would affect the fertility of females or that it would have other long-term effects.

FACT: The vaccine is not 100% effective against the disease.

The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines have effectiveness rates of about 95 percent after two doses. That's on par with vaccines for chickenpox and measles. However, like the flu vaccine, COVID-19 vaccines prevent severe COVID cases if you happen to contract the disease.


MYTH: I've already had COVID-19 so I don't need the vaccine

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention encourage vaccination even if you've already had the virus. Some people don't develop a durable immune response when they get the virus, and we don't know if the immunity after getting the virus is going to decrease over time. Getting the vaccine is one way we can make sure somebody is walking around knowing they're immune, rather than thinking they're immune and could possibly get sick again.







MYTH: I don't need to wear a face mask once I've been vaccinated

Health care leaders still recommend wearing a mask after getting the vaccine, especially as new variants emerge. In an effort to decrease overall spread into 2021, wearing a face mask along with social distancing are some ways to avoid virus droplets from entering the body. As more of the population gets vaccinated in 2021, the level of immunity will increase and spread of the virus will begin to decrease.

COVID-19 Vaccines



DEBUNKING THE MYTHS

| VACCINE MYTH | | VACCINE FACT | |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------|---|
|  | It was rushed and isn't safe | | Researchers took no safety shortcuts. Large studies show the vaccine is safe. |
|  | It changes your DNA | | It's impossible for the vaccine to change your DNA |
|  | It can give you COVID-19 | | The vaccine doesn't contain a live virus strain |
|  | It contains egg protein | | It doesn't contain egg proteins and can be given to people with egg allergies |
|  | It causes severe side effects | | For most, the vaccine causes mild side effects that resolve in a few days |
|  | It makes women infertile | | There is no evidence that the vaccine causes infertility |

Source: Information adapted from an article published by Sanford Health
<https://news.sanfordhealth.org/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/vaccine-myths-vs-facts/>

Renville County Assessor's Office: Notice of Valuation and Classification

The Renville County Assessor's Office maintains records on the physical characteristics of each property in the county. This includes analyzing your property's location, amount of land you own, square footage of improvements, and the quality of construction. As required by state law, the Assessor's Office is responsible for recording any changes to your property as well.

Appraisers from the Assessor's Office verify classification of properties – whether a property is classified as residential, commercial, or agricultural, for example. Renville County Appraisers are also responsible for maintaining homestead records and receiving and processing homestead applications.

The Assessor's Office uses sales data to estimate the market value of properties on the assessment date of January 2 each year. Each spring, you will be mailed a Notice of Valuation and Classification. This notice will inform you of the market value and the classification of your property. **If you have any questions regarding your property's value, classification, or homestead status, please contact the Assessor's Office at 320-523-3645.**



CodeRED Emergency Notification Service

CodeRED is a **FREE** emergency notification service provided to all residents within Renville County that will notify you of emergency situations and information through phone calls to your home and/or cell phones, text messages, and emails.



The system is used to keep you informed of local events that may immediately impact your safety, including dangerous weather, if you prefer. As a local resident, Renville County encourages you to take action and register your home and cell phones for this service and verify your home location during the enrollment process so we may target notifications that directly impact your home or business.

Renville County Sheriff Scott Hable encourages all Renville County citizens to enroll to receive free CodeRED Warnings. *"The CodeRED system provides our county with numerous benefits; we use it to keep our residents informed by issuing general and emergency related messages. CodeRED Weather Warning is an additional tool that we use to help keep our citizens safe and to provide them with additional time to prepare during severe weather events,"* Sheriff Hable said.

If you subscribed to CodeRED prior to May 2020, YOU MUST RE-ENROLL TO RECEIVE THESE IMPORTANT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS! This required re-enrollment is due to a CodeRED system enhancement that took place last year. The enrollment/re-enrollment process will allow you to choose which events you'd like to be notified about.

ALL RESIDENTS LIVING IN RENVILLE COUNTY ARE ENCOURAGED TO ENROLL VIA ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

1. Visit www.renvillecountymn.com/sheriff. Click on the "CodeRED Community Notification" tab in the lower right of the website to enroll using your home and cell phone numbers, text and email addresses.
2. Text the word "RENVILLE" to 99411 from your smartphone. A sign-up link will immediately be sent to you.
3. Call the Renville County Sheriff's Office at 320-523-1161 and someone will assist you in getting enrolled.

No one should assume they are already included in the emergency contact database. Please enroll today!

Housing Committee Formed to Address Health and Housing Needs in Renville County



Photo: Two Renville County staff participating in a cohort activity.

Renville County was selected (based on a submitted application) to participate in the National Association of Counties (NACo) 2019/2020 Housing and Health Action Learning Cohort. This program supported the county in exploration, learning and action to help understand

the impact of housing quality, stability, and affordability on county health outcomes. Cohort activities were aimed at equipping county officials and staff with the information necessary to make informed decisions towards better housing and health for their residents.

After completion of the program, team members saw value in continuing to explore health and housing issues in Renville County. This led the Renville County HRA/EDA to form a Housing Committee.

The mission of this committee is ***"To facilitate partnerships in the areas of housing and health equity in order to create a thriving community for our neighbors to live, learn, work and play."***

Committee members are comprised of individuals representing the HRA/EDA Board, County Board of Commissioners, Housing Authority, Economic Development Authority, Public Health, Administration, United Community Action Partnership (UCAP), Olivia Hospital & Clinics, a local developer or realtor, a landlord with low income tenants and a large employer representative.

Housing Committee Goals include:

- Address two major social determinants of health: housing and poverty.
- Acknowledge that jobs and housing are interdependent.
- Address the lack of available housing for all income levels and family compositions.
- Promote community investment.
- Find alternatives to current model of mobile home park operation.
- Research and maximize funding opportunities.

If interested in learning more or providing feedback, contact Lisa Herges, County Administrator and Housing Committee Chair, at 320-523-3710 or lisah@renvillecountymn.com.

2020 Renville County Employee Milestones

The Renville County Commissioners and Administration appreciate the dedication and service of employees who have reached their 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, and 45 years of service and those employees who retired in 2020. Thank you!



Retirements

Karen Davis, Veterans Service Technician

Rita Felton, Public Health Nurse

Debra Folkerts, License Supervisor/Assistant Deputy Registrar

Harry Hawkinson, On-Call Veterans Service Technician

Barbara Honzay, Eligibility Worker

Gail Kopel Bute, Deputy Auditor-Treasurer

Joan Okins, Eligibility Worker

Judy Posl, Administrative Assistant

Robert Seidl, Maintenance Worker

Nancy Stahnke, Collections Officer/Case Aide

10 years

Dave Distad, Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Jenny Erickson, Housekeeper/Custodian

Veronica Esquivel, Corrections Officer

Stephanie Malvin, Administrative Technician

Elida Reyes, Office Support Specialist

Ronald Thomson, On-Call Patrol Deputy

Jered Weber, Maintenance Worker

Sandra Zuhlsdorf, County Agency Social Worker

45 years

Gail Kopel Bute, Deputy Auditor-Treasurer

40 years

Barbara Honzay, Eligibility Worker

Joan Okins, Eligibility Worker

Mark Schulte, Chief Mechanic

35 years

Kevin Sing, Maintenance Supervisor

Laurie Thielen, Public Health Nurse

25 years

Heidi Morse, Lead Eligibility Worker

Scott Hable, County Sheriff

20 years

Julie Kohout, Administrative Assistant

Stacy Larson, Public Health Nurse

15 years

Jane Olinger, Community Support Technician

5 years

Sara Benson, Public Health Nurse

Jesse Diehn, Parks Manager

Rachel Ingebretson, Administrative Accountant

Jason Jakobitz, Maintenance Worker

Kim Kirchoff, Appraiser II

Abby Krippner, Dispatcher

Carrie Leal, Paralegal

Jon Mitchell, RRRSWA Executive Director

Craig Nachreiner, Maintenance Worker

Thomas Newville, Highway Engineering Technician

Jennifer Olson, Social Services Supervisor

Yvonne Schafer, County Agency Social Worker

Seth Sparks, Drainage Systems Manager

****Employee Years of Service Recognized as of December 31, 2020**

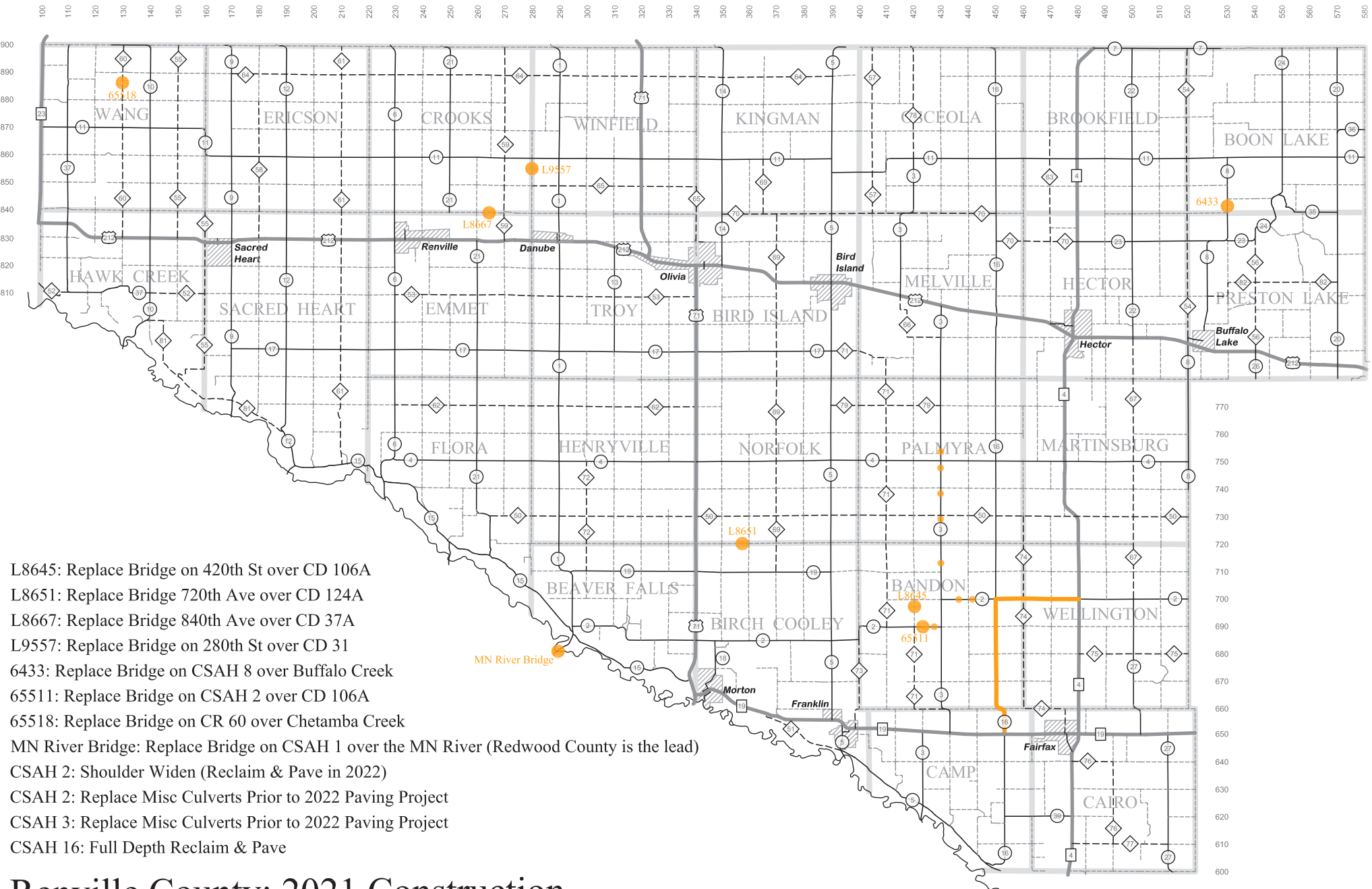
Low-Interest Loan Programs for Well and Septic Improvements



Renville County administers low-interest loan programs to assist property owners with upgrading or replacing a failing septic system or for repairing or replacing a damaged, noncompliant, or contaminated well. Loan terms are for 10 years with an interest rate and fees totaling 3%. This loan amount is added to property taxes as a special assessment with payment due twice a year along with property taxes. The application process is simple, and the loan can be paid in full at any time.

For more information on low-interest septic or well loans, please contact Renville County Environmental Services at 320-523-3768 or ES@renvillecountymn.com.

Renville County 2021 Road and Bridge Construction



Renville County: 2021 Construction



Like "Renville County Highway Department" on Facebook!

Renville County Accepting Grant Applications to Address Aquatic Invasive Species

Renville County is accepting grant funding requests for innovative ideas relating to aquatic invasive species prevention, detection, management, and leadership. Funding requests are open to all Renville County residents, service and non-profit organizations, public and private schools, and local units of government.



There is no minimum or maximum grant funding amount that can be requested. Grant funding allocations may vary based on funding availability and number of applications received.

Questions regarding the grant application can be directed to Scott Refsland, Environmental Services Director, at 320-523-3664 or by email to scottr@renvillecountymn.com.

What are Aquatic Invasive Species?

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are non-native plants, animals, or pathogens that live primarily in water and thrive in their new environment, often out-competing native species. In Minnesota there are many aquatic invasive plants and animals. Well known AIS include: zebra mussels, curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil, and carp.

Morton Gneiss

Submitted by Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District



In Morton, Minnesota lies a very special type of rock; the old and beautiful Morton Gneiss, named after the town. Gneiss is a metamorphic rock with a banded or foliated structure and a typical composition of quartz, mica, and feldspar. When either a sedimentary or igneous rock containing these minerals goes under extreme heat and pressure, it then becomes the metamorphic rock known as gneiss.



Not only is Morton Gneiss a rare type of rock that is only found in the Minnesota River Valley, but the rock itself is also one of the oldest dating rocks at around 3.5 billion years old. The reason we are able to witness this old rock is because, approximately 100 hundred million years ago, geologic forces pushed the gneiss up near the Earth's surface. A vast body of water known as Lake Agassiz formed in southern Canada, Minnesota, and North Dakota. When that water drained to the south, forming the River Warren, it carved out the Minnesota River Valley. This powerful flow washed away hundreds of feet of glacial deposits and exposed some of the Morton Gneiss.

What makes Morton Gneiss so special and unique, other than it being some of the oldest dated rock in the world, is that when it becomes cut and polished the different colored swirls and bands of pink, black, and gray with flecks of white give the impression of a galaxy.

Workers began to quarry Morton Gneiss around 1884. It became very popular for architectural uses in buildings due to its visual appeal. Being durable and tough like granite, it was primarily used for more decorative purposes such as flooring. It enjoyed its greatest popularity in the 1920s and 1930's during the Art Deco Era.

Architectural uses of this rock can be found around the country in places such as New York, Detroit, Des Moines, Milwaukee, Brooklyn, and Washington. Since the mid-twentieth century, Morton Gneiss has been used more for grave markers and mausoleums than for buildings. At the Bird Island Cemetery, in Goodhue County, a free-standing arch of Morton Gneiss greets visitors.

In Morton, the town's welcome signs are made of Gneiss, as are the panels on the old high school. The stone is so plentiful there that it is used as riprap (erosion-reducing rubble) along ditches and streams. Zion Lutheran Church may be the only building made entirely of Morton Gneiss. The State of Minnesota designated a huge outcrop of the stone, in Morton, the Morton Outcrops Scientific and Natural Area. Visitors there can see Minnesota's oldest rocks, eroded but unquarried. To learn more, visit the Minnesota DNR website at www.dnr.state.mn.us and search for "Morton Outcrops SNA."

RENVILLE COUNTY

MORE THAN EXPECTED!

*Poster available in larger print
online at www.renville.com

Whether you choose to visit for a day or stay for a lifetime, you will discover **"More Than Expected"** in Renville County, Minnesota!

You may want to bring your camera, tent, canoe, binoculars, horse, car and a good pair of hiking shoes. We hope to see you soon!

Renville COUNTY PARKS

RENVILLE COUNTY PARKS

- TREE PUSH PINS -

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 - Skalbekken | 4 - Birch Coulee |
| 2 - Vicksburg | 5 - Anderson Lake |
| 3 - Beaver Falls | 6 - Mack Lake |
| | 7 - Lake Allie |

Camping and outdoor adventure trips are filled with simple pleasures and timeless wonders; sleeping under the stars, waking to the sounds of nature, hiking, biking, fishing, horseback riding, canoeing, snowmobiling and more. The perfect trip is waiting. The perfect place is here. Join us for unexpected adventures! **For more information call 320-523-3747.**

MINNESOTA HISTORIC SITES/BUILDINGS

- BLUE PUSH PINS -

- 8 - Birch Coulee Battlefield Historic Site
800-657-3773 | birchcoulee@mnhs.org
- 9 - Fort Ridgely State Park
507-426-7840 | fortridgely.statepark@state.mn.us
- 10 - Joseph R. Brown Historic Site
- 11 - Lower Sioux Agency Historic Site
507-697-8674 | lowersioux@mnhs.org
- 12 - Renville County Courthouse
- 13 - Rudi Memorial
- 14 - Upper Sioux State Park
320-564-4777
upper Sioux Agency.statepark@state.mn.us

SWIMMING POOLS

Fairfax: 507-426-7503 Hector: 320-848-2533
Olivia: 320-523-1031 Renville: 320-329-8368 x1035

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

BIRD ISLAND

- Athmann's Inn: 320-365-9997
- Broaster Cafe: 320-365-4590
- Pelican Pub: 320-365-3091
- Rumors Bar: 320-365-3683

MORTON

- Koerner's Korner: 507-697-6244

MUSEUMS, PARKS, AND OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

- YELLOW PUSH PINS -

- 15 - Danube Historical Society Depot Museum
danubehs@gmail.com
- 16 - Fairfax Depot Museum
- 17 - FairRidge Bike Trail
- 18 - Jackpot Junction Casino Hotel: 800-946-2274
- 19 - Prairie's Edge Casino Resort: 320-564-2121
- 20 - Ramsey Park
- 21 - Redwood Ferry Site
- 22 - Renville County Fairgrounds
320-365-3242 | revillecountyfair@gmail.com

- 23 - Renville County Historical Society Museum
507-697-6147
info@renvillecountyhistory.com
- 24 - Renville Museum
- 25 - Sacred Heart Museum
- 26 - Schwandt Monument
- 27 - Swedes Forest Scientific and Natural Area (SNA)

GOLF COURSES

- GOLF BALL PUSH PINS -

- 27 - Mayflower Country Club (Fairfax): 507-426-9964
- 28 - Oakdale Golf Club (Buffalo Lake): 320-587-0525
- 29 - Olivia Golf Club (Olivia): 320-523-2313
- 30 - Stoney Creek Golf Course (Renville): 320-779-4653

RENVILLE COUNTY HRA/EDA:
320-523-3656
EDA@renvillecountymn.com
www.renville.com

RENVILLE COUNTY PARKS:
320-523-3747
ParksDept@renvillecountymn.com
www.renvillecountymn.com



Know of a Renville County tourism destination that was missed or needs updating? Email your suggestion to EDA@renvillecountymn.com

FAIRFAX

- Neisen Bros Bar & Grill: 507-426-9965
- Squirrels Bar & Grill: 507-596-4155
- Black Cherry Smokehouse: 507-596-1212
- Smokey Hollow: 507-596-1008

HECTOR

- Pete's Grill: 320-848-2200
- The Other Place: 320-848-6421

DANUBE

- JJ's Bar & Grill: 320-826-2606
- Main Street Cafe: 320-826-2390

SACRED HEART

- Kathy's Place: 320-765-2229
- Sacred Heart Liquor: 320-765-2981

RENVILLE

- Bart's Place: 320-329-8145
- Main Street Bar & Grill: 320-329-3290

FRANKLIN

- Franklin Depot: 507-557-2227
- Longbranch Saloon: 507-557-2748

OLIVIA

- American Legion: 320-523-5513
- Bry's Den: 320-523-5300
- Chatter Box Cafe: 320-523-5384
- Dairy Queen: 320-523-2200
- Max's Grill and Sheep Shedde Inn: 320-523-5000 / 320-523-2833
- Subway: 320-523-2724

BUFFALO LAKE

- The Buffalo Range: 320-833-2321

Updated July 2020

2021 Electronics and Appliances Recycling Collections

PLEASE KEEP AND POST



April - October

2nd Wednesday of each month

April 14, 2021

May 12, 2021

June 9, 2021

July 14, 2021

September 8, 2021

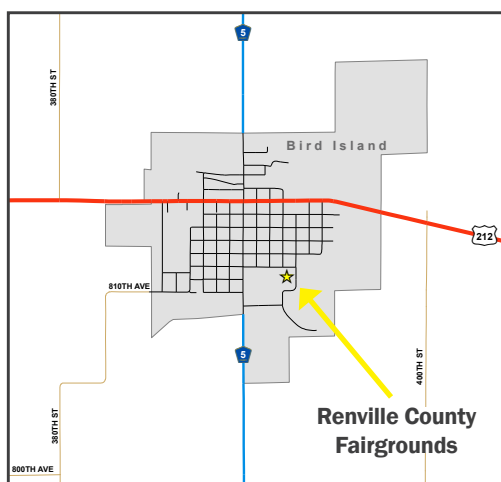
October 13, 2021

***NO August collection due to the Renville County Fair**

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Renville County Fairgrounds, Bird Island

Northeast end of the Renville County Fairgrounds



This collection is for Renville and Redwood County Residents ONLY.

We reserve the right to refuse any load.

Electronics

FREE

- CPUs/Hard Drives
- Computer Mouse
- Cell Phones
- Keyboards
- Speakers
- iPods
- Cameras
- GPS units
- Laptops
- CD players
- MP3 players
- Radios/Boom Boxes, etc.

*COST

- \$25.00:**
TVs and Computer Monitors
- \$10.00:**
- Scanners
 - Printers
 - Copiers
 - Fax Machines
 - VCRs
 - DVD Players
 - Stereos

Appliances

FREE

- Washers
 - Dryers
 - Dehumidifiers
 - Refrigerators
 - Vacuum Cleaners
 - Ovens
 - Microwaves
 - Water Softeners, etc.
- (Non-metal water heaters NOT accepted)*

*COST

- \$75.00:**
- RV Refrigerators

The following will NOT be accepted at this collection: General Household Garbage, Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), Standard Recyclable Materials, Fluorescent Bulbs, Batteries, or Tires. General household garbage is accepted at the RRRSWA facility in Redwood, and all other items listed are accepted at the Renville County Household Hazardous Waste Facility and Demolition Landfill.

For more information, contact S.W. Recycling at 1-800-366-8665 or www.swrecycling.com

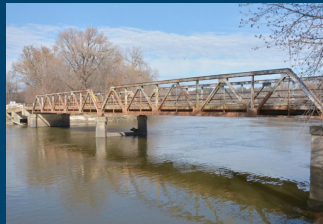
***PRICES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Cash or check only. No credit/debit cards accepted.**

| County Directory: | Phone: |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Administration | 320-523-3710 |
| Assessor | 320-523-3645 |
| Attorney | 320-523-2661 |
| Auditor/Treasurer | 320-523-2071 |
| Court Administrator | 320-523-3680 |
| Court Services/Probation | 320-400-0711 |
| Economic Development Authority | 320-523-3656 |
| Emergency Management | 320-523-3838 |
| Environmental Services | 320-523-3768 |
| Extension (4-H) | 320-523-3713 |
| HRA (Housing Programs) | 507-637-4004 |
| Human Services | 320-523-2202 or 800-363-2533 |
| Landfill/Solid Waste | 320-523-1144 |
| License | 320-523-3612 |
| Parks | 320-523-3747 |
| Public Health Services | 320-523-2570 |
| Public Works | 320-523-3759 |
| Recorder | 320-523-3669 |
| RRRSWA / Solid Waste / Household Hazardous Waste | 320-523-8002 or 507-637-1800 |
| Restorative Justice | 320-523-3871 |
| Sheriff | 320-523-1161 |
| Veterans Services | 320-523-3763 |

Historic Bridge Needs New Home

The Brown County Highway Department in New Ulm, in cooperation with the Renville County Highway Department, is selling a steel truss bridge for \$1.

Brown County is accepting Letters of Interest until June 30, 2021.



For more information, contact Wayne Stevens, Brown County Engineer at 507-233-5700 or Wayne.Stevens@co.brown.mn.us or visit www.co.brown.mn.us/highway-home



GROOMED WINTER TRAILS NOW A REALITY IN RENVILLE COUNTY PARKS

GROOMED TRAIL LOCATIONS:

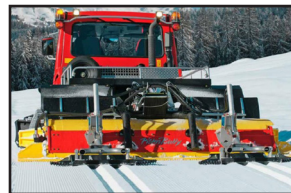
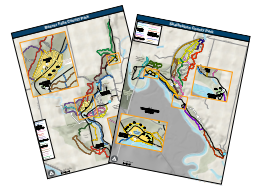
Beaver Falls County Park

31599 County Road 2
Morton, MN 56270

Skalbekken County Park

79186 County Road 10
Sacred Heart, MN 56285

Printable Trail Maps Available
Online at www.renville.com



Groomed trails made possible by the Renville County HRA/EDA, in partnership with the Renville County Parks Department



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Olivia, MN 56277

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Olivia, MN 56277

Landfill
32877 Co Rd 4
Olivia, MN 56277

RRRSWA
907 West Bridge Street
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

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