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Welcome New District 1 and District 3 Commissioners



Craig Carlson,
District 1
Commissioner

Carlson's Collision & Glass, Inc., growing it successfully before selling in August 2024. Craig's business experience has taught him the value of a dollar, a perspective he's eager to bring to the County Board.

Outside of work, Commissioner Carlson enjoys off-roading, ATV riding, snowmobiling, fishing, and hunting. As a new commissioner, he looks forward to meeting community members and aiming to learn more about county government, with a focus on financials and human resources.



Greg Mertens,
District 3
Commissioner

Commissioner Mertens has raised three children who are now active, hardworking and kind people. His personal interests include woodworking, gardening, hunting, and growing grapes, but you might be surprised to learn he also enjoys snowboarding in his spare time!

Driven by a passion for getting things done, Commissioner Mertens is committed to applying this same motivation to his work as County Commissioner.

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Welcome Commissioner Carlson, District 1



Judge Laurence Stratton administers the oath of office to newly elected Commissioner Craig Carlson, with the support of his wife.

As he navigates his first term, Commissioner Carlson is focused on learning all the duties required of the board and continuing the work already underway. He believes that success is built upon the foundation laid by others, and is always open to addressing issues, big or small. He's committed to solving problems and supporting the County in any way he can.

When asked how he would explain his job to a child, Commissioner Carlson said he'd tell them that his job is about working together with everyone in the County to ensure that everyone is on the same page. He values the unity and respect among the County Board and Administration and believes it is important to understand what is going on with every employee of the County.

"Never forget where you came from" is a quote that Commissioner Carlson lives by—one that he learned early in his career from a mentor who encouraged him to never ask someone to do a job he wouldn't be willing to do himself. This mindset, along with his wealth of experience in business, is what drives him to serve Renville County with dedication and humility. We're excited to see the positive impact Commissioner Carlson will bring to Renville County!

Welcome Commissioner Mertens, District 3



Judge Laurence Stratton administers the oath of office to newly elected Commissioner Greg Mertens, with the support of his wife.

His focus is on practical solutions for the County, especially in areas such as improving road safety and controlling County spending.

While he doesn't have a specific agenda set in stone, one of his key goals is to update and maintain County roads and bridges to keep residents and travelers safe. He is eager to collaborate with fellow Commissioners and explore new opportunities that will help move Renville County forward.

When it comes to his personal philosophy, Commissioner Mertens follows the motto: "Look at everything with an open mind; there are always two sides to the coin." His favorite quote, spoken by his father, is "If you can't find something to do on the farm, you shouldn't be farming," which he often reflects on as he works.

In his first term, Commissioner Mertens is focused on learning the day-to-day operations of the County and pushing for vital infrastructure projects, like getting County Road 14 redone for the safety of the public. On a personal level, he hopes

to spend more time with his family while continuing to serve as the best County Commissioner he can be. We look forward to seeing the positive impact Commissioner Mertens will have on our County!

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 a property's location, amount of land owned, square footage of improvements, and 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. 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.**

Cannabis Laws and Rules in Minnesota: A Timeline and Overview



Medical Cannabis Legalization in Minnesota

2014

In 2014, Minnesota became one of the first states to make medical cannabis legal, allowing people with certain medical conditions to use cannabis-based treatments. Over time, the program has grown to allow more conditions and ways for patients to access the medicine.

Hemp vs. Marijuana: Key Differences

Hemp and marijuana come from the same plant, *Cannabis sativa*, but their chemical compositions set them apart. Marijuana typically has high levels of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the compound that makes people feel a psychoactive “high.” Hemp, on the other hand, has very little amounts of THC (less than 0.3%) and is rich in CBD, which does not cause intoxicating effects.

Hemp-Derived Products in Minnesota

Hemp-derived products, like edibles and drinks, have been widely available in Minnesota through registered stores. These products must follow state and federal rules regarding THC limits, to make sure they do not produce the “high” associated with marijuana. As of January 6, 2025, eight retailers in Renville County were registered to sell these hemp-derived products. Soon, retailers will need to register with their local government (city or township, or the county if their local government has delegated that authority) and obtain a license with OCM to continue selling these products, which shows Minnesota’s focus on keeping the marketplace regulated.

What’s Next

Renville County is working with OCM and local government partners to follow new cannabis laws, protect public safety, and promote responsible use. The County has updated its [land use rules to address cannabis production](#) and is creating a licensing ordinance and processes for retail stores. This will depend on OCM finalizing its rules.

For more information about cannabis use in Minnesota, visit OCM’s website: www.mn.gov/ocm.

The 2018 U.S. Farm Bill: A National Shift

2018

The 2018 U.S. Farm Bill was a turning point for the hemp industry. This federal law made growing hemp legal and removed it from the Drug Enforcement Agency’s list of controlled substances. The bill separated hemp from marijuana, creating new opportunities for farmers and businesses to produce and sell hemp-derived products like cannabidiol (CBD) and other non-psychoactive cannabinoids.

Legalization of Hemp-Derived Edibles in Minnesota

2022

In 2022, Minnesota allowed the sale of hemp-derived edibles, such as gummies and drinks. These products must follow strict rules about how much THC they can contain and are often marketed for their calming or therapeutic effects.

Recreational Cannabis Legalization

Minnesota legalized recreational cannabis in 2023 for adults 21 years and older, and laws for regulating it started in 2024. The Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) is working to create rules about licensing, enforcement, and product safety to keep things well-organized and safe.

2023 -
2024

YOU Can Make a Difference: Become a Restorative Justice Volunteer Today!



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. While in Circle, participants and volunteers discuss what is going well, any current concerns or worries, and potential next steps to restore the situation that brings them there.

This is a great way to get involved with people in your community or the one down the road. **The need for connection, support, and mentoring continues to grow as evidenced by the times we are in.** With that comes the reality that the number of youth and families in need

"It is so worth your time volunteering with Restorative Justice! We work as a team creating a safe circle of adults that they (the participants) can be responsible to and receive support from. One caring adult can make a big difference in a child's life, which is really what it's all about."

- Restorative Justice Volunteer

of extra support is certainly not declining. Your time and willingness to listen to someone's life story and share the lessons learned from your own can make a difference that neither one of you would have ever imagined possible.

Do you have two hours every other week to spare to participate in conversations and mentoring of folks that are awaiting your support? If this sparks something within you, please don't be afraid to reach out and ask more questions or visit the Restorative Justice Department page at www.renvillecountymn.gov.

If you are interested in volunteering to support families in your community, please contact Andrew Peltz, Restorative Justice Coordinator, at andrew.peltz@renvillecountymn.gov or 320-522-1573 for more information.

Join a 4-H Club Today!

What is 4-H? 4-H is an out-of-school, hands-on learning program. Choose a project that's interesting to you and explore it with peers and caring adults.

Who can join 4-H? 4-H is for anyone in kindergarten through one year post-high school (grade 13). Youth in kindergarten through second grade are considered Cloverbuds.

What can I do in 4-H? The sky's the limit! 4-H offers learning experiences in science, photography, agriculture, healthy living, civic engagement, and much more. They have one-day events, clubs to join, year-long projects and everything in between. They also offer distance learning with 4-H programs to explore, discover, and make a difference right from your own home. There are many ways to try 4-H!

How do I join 4-H? Contact Renville County 4-H at 320-523-3707 or email Ashle at benson18@umn.edu. Becoming a 4-H member opens up a host of resources and opportunities such as showcase and judging experiences, scholarships, leadership trips, and more.

Learn more at www.renvillecountymn.gov by visiting the Extension/4-H link in the Department Directory.



Stretch Your Home Improvement Dollars!

If you are a first-time homebuyer or want to fix up your current home, the Renville County HRA/EDA may be able to help. **The Homeownership Down Payment and Rehab Program offers matching loans of up to \$6,000 at 0% interest to qualified applicants.**



Income Guidelines:

(115% of Renville County's Median Income)

1 person.....	\$71,300
2 people.....	\$81,434
3 people.....	\$91,641
4 people.....	\$101,775
5 people.....	\$109,969
6 people.....	\$118,091
7 people.....	\$126,213
8 people.....	\$134,406

**Learn more at www.renvillecountymn.gov
Questions? Contact Raven, HRA Executive Director, at 507-637-4004 or admin@radc.org**

Manure Management Plans and Record Keeping

In accordance with regulations, feedlots with more than 300 animal units are required to have a current Manure Management Plan on file, unless the manure is applied by a licensed Commercial Animal Waste Technician. In such cases, a Manure Management Plan is not necessary. Feedlots registered between 100 – 299 animal units are not required to maintain a Manure Management Plan but are required to conduct a manure nutrient test once every four years and maintain accurate manure application records. Both the Manure Management Plan and manure application records need to be available for review during feedlot inspections. If you'd like assistance in developing a Manure Management Plan, need manure application record-keeping forms, or have any further inquiries, please contact the Environmental Services office at 320-523-3768 or refer to the MPCA Feedlot website.

Winter Application

While it may seem like an appealing way to reduce soil compaction during the season when fields are less trafficked, the increased risk of runoff potential leads to more polluted waterways and decreased profitability and should be avoided whenever possible. Minnesota law prohibits the spreading of liquid manure from large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) when the soil is frozen, as it can lead to significant runoff issues. The freeze-and-thaw cycles that are becoming more common in Minnesota increases the risk of manure washing into waterways. When manure is applied during these periods, it can negatively impact water quality, contributing to nutrient pollution, algae blooms, and other water-related issues.

When Winter Application is Unavoidable

Winter manure application may sometimes be necessary due to emergency circumstances such as water line breaks or equipment failure. If winter manure application is unavoidable,

MANURE APPLICATION SETBACKS

Sensitive Area	No incorporation or incorporation after 24 hours	Injection or incorporation within 24 hours	Permanent vegetated buffer****
Lake or stream	300 ft	25 ft***	100 ft
Intermittent stream*, public waters wetland**, or drainage ditch without berms	300 ft	25 ft***	50 ft
Open tile intake	300 ft	0 ft	35 ft
Well, mine, or quarry	50 ft	50 ft	50 ft
Sinkhole without diversion berm	Downslope 50 ft Upslope 300 ft	50 ft	Downslope 50 ft Upslope 300 ft
* As identified on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle maps – except those managed as a grassed waterway.		*** Increased to 300 ft if soil test values are greater than 21 ppm Bray or 16 ppm Olsen and long-term Soil P build-up is not prevented.	
** As identified on the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) protected waters maps – generally all wetlands over 10 acres.		**** No manure can be applied to the vegetative buffer.	

there are several steps that can help minimize environmental risks. Keep in mind, liquid manure should never be applied in the winter and solid manure must be applied to fields with slopes of less than six percent and incorporated as soon as possible to reduce runoff, minimize odor, and improve nutrient uptake by the soil. It's also essential to follow all required application setbacks established by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to protect water quality. Additional precautions, such as covering or sleeving tile intakes, and applying only when there are favorable forecasts can help prevent manure from entering drainage systems. Finally, it's important to check manure storage areas in the fall to ensure there is enough capacity for winter manure storage, helping to prevent application during the colder months.

If you are a state permitted feedlot and winter application is unavoidable, please contact the MPCA with your intentions to apply manure. For all other feedlots please contact the Renville County Environmental Services office at 320-523-3768.

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 and/or for repairing or replacing a damaged or contaminated well. Loan terms are seven years for septs and 10 years for wells with an interest rate of 3%. This loan amount is added to property taxes as a special assessment with payment due twice a year along with property taxes.

A full listing of guidelines is available at renvillecountymn.gov (select Environmental Services in the Department Directory) or by contacting Environmental Services at 320-523-3768 or ES@renvillecountymn.gov.

Loan Funds Available!



Do You Need Help with the Cost of Child Care?

Minnesota's Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) can help make quality child care affordable for families who meet income requirements.

To be Eligible, You Must:

- Be working, going to school, searching for a job, or doing activities in an employment plan.
- Have children needing care who are 12 or younger, or 13 or 14 years old with special needs.
- Have children who meet citizenship and immigration requirements.
- Cooperate with child support enforcement for all children in your family with an absent parent.
- Meet the program's income limits.
- Have assets equal to or less than \$1 million.

Income Limits

If your annual income is below these amounts based on your household size, you may be eligible for child care assistance. Most families have to pay a portion of the child care cost, called a copayment.

Number of People in Household	Annual Income Before Taxes
2	\$ 44,006
3	\$ 54,360
4	\$ 64,714
5	\$ 75,068

Income guidelines are updated each year. Guidelines will change Oct. 13, 2025.

How to Apply

Fill out an online application at MNbenefits.mn.gov or call Renville County Human Services at 320-523-2202 and let them know you'd like to apply for CCAP.

Become a Legal Non-Licensed Child Care Provider

Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFNs) caregivers are aunts, uncles, grandparents, close family friends, and neighbors who provide child care. Often, they are a loved one of a child and don't consider themselves as a child care provider. Instead, they may see themselves as a babysitter or just a close loved one.

If you are a caregiver who takes care of children on the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), you may register as a Legal Non-Licensed Provider (LNL) to receive payment from this program.

You may also be eligible for a one-time payment of \$500 to Legal Non-Licensed Providers registered with the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) to cover registration and startup costs.

Your local FFN Navigator, Vanessa, will provide you with the support you need to become a Legal Non-Licensed Provider. Contact Vanessa at vanessa.orellana@unitedcapmn.org or 320-333-5796.

Blight Removal Grant Applications Due March 31 or June 30, 2025

Grants of up to \$5,000 (residential) or \$10,000 (commercial) are available to assist with the proper cleanup of blighted structures. Grants require a 1:1 cash match and are reimbursed upon submission of paid receipts for costs incurred.

For guidelines and application, visit www.renvillecountymn.gov. (Select Housing under the Services tab, and then visit the Home Purchase/ Improvements page)



Questions? Contact Raven, HRA Executive Director, at 507-637-4004 or admin@radc.org.

Southwest SBDC

Small Business Development Center

The Southwest SBDC provides training, research, and one on one consultations to assist small businesses from start to growth to exit.

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★ Raising Capital

★ Financial Management

★ Strategic Planning

★ Business Succession



507-537-7386



sbdc@smsu.edu



www.sbdccassistance.com

Renville County SWCD to Launch Drone Seeding Program

- Submitted by Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District



**Colby Schroeder,
SWCD Drone
Conservation Technician**

2025 is shaping up to be a big year for the Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and their new hire, Colby Schroeder, who will lead a new drone seeding program this spring as a Drone Conservation Technician. The aim of the new drone program is to create a new service for customers to seed cover crops to their operation. The SWCD will provide seed plans designed to meet the needs of producers while complying with any programmatic requirements.

Colby Schroeder, hired December 2024, will also be overseeing the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Program and working on other programs, like the Minnesota Buffer Law, and the Wetland

Conservation Act (WCA). Colby grew up on a small family farm south of Danube, MN and graduated from Ridgewater College in 2022 with a degree in Agriculture Business with an emphasis in crops and livestock. He still works on his family farm but has started farming his own land and has raised cattle since he was 16. He enjoys hunting and fishing and is always happy to talk about agronomy.

For more information, contact the Renville SWCD at 320-523-1559, or visit www.renvilleswcd.com.

Renville County SWCD Pesticide Applicator Testing

Commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicator testing will be held on February 20 and April 17, 2025 from 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. at the Renville SWCD. (1008 W. Lincoln Ave, Olivia, MN 56277)

For more details and to reserve a spot, contact Pamela Winzenburg at: 320-523-1559 or pamelaw@renvilleswcd.org

New Small Business Opens Its Doors In Downtown Renville

- Submitted by the Southwest Initiative Foundation

Entrepreneur Kirsten Bjorklund has opened Back to My Roots Hair Salon at 337 Main Street North in Renville with help from the Southwest Initiative Foundation's (SWIF) Microenterprise Loan Program. A licensed cosmetologist, Bjorklund offers haircuts, colors, manicures, pedicures, massages, and waxing.

As her business name suggests, it's a homecoming of sorts for Bjorklund. Growing up on a farm south of Sacred Heart, she attended and graduated from Renville County West High School, then went on to the cosmetology program at Ridgewater College. Ten years ago, she moved to Glenwood with her husband and son and worked at salons in the area.

After purchasing a former salon on Renville's Main Street, Bjorklund used loan funds from SWIF for building improvements, inventory and working capital. Microloan clients also receive free technical assistance from SWIF staff to improve their business management skills. In its last fiscal year, the foundation disbursed 59 new loans totaling \$2.7 million to help launch and grow businesses in southwest Minnesota. Read the full 2024 annual report online at swifoundation.org/2024impact.

This microloan program receives funding assistance from the U.S. Small Business Administration and U.S. Department of Agriculture. For more information, contact SWIF at 800-594-9480, 320-587-4848, or loans@swifoundation.org.



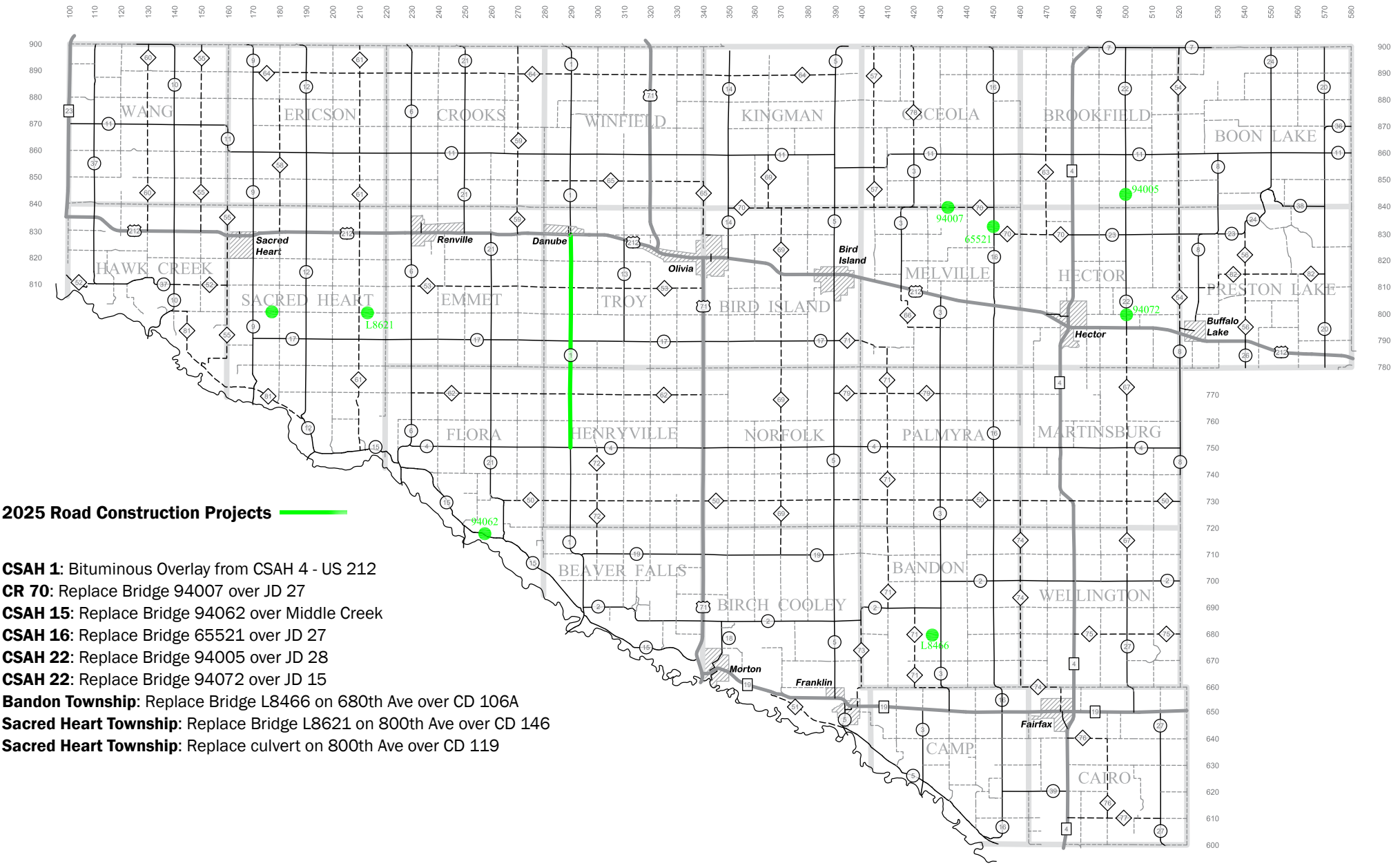
Kirsten Bjorklund, Back to My Roots Hair Salon Owner

About Southwest Initiative Foundation

Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF) is a nonprofit community foundation connecting people, investing in ideas and building communities to create a southwest Minnesota where all people thrive. Since its founding in 1986, SWIF has distributed more than \$120 million through its grantmaking and business finance programs.



Renville County 2025 Road and Bridge Construction



2025 Road Construction Projects —————

- CSAH 1:** Bituminous Overlay from CSAH 4 - US 212
- CR 70:** Replace Bridge 94007 over JD 27
- CSAH 15:** Replace Bridge 94062 over Middle Creek
- CSAH 16:** Replace Bridge 65521 over JD 27
- CSAH 22:** Replace Bridge 94005 over JD 28
- CSAH 22:** Replace Bridge 94072 over JD 15
- Bandon Township:** Replace Bridge L8466 on 680th Ave over CD 106A
- Sacred Heart Township:** Replace Bridge L8621 on 800th Ave over CD 146
- Sacred Heart Township:** Replace culvert on 800th Ave over CD 119

2024 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, and 35 years of service and those employees who retired in 2024.



Retirements

Cindy Grosklags, Human Services Director
Randy Mertz, Deputy County Assessor
Jill Oslund, Community Support Technician
David Torgelson, Assistant County Attorney

20 years

Scott Refsland, Environmental Services Director
Kyle Schlomann, Information Technology Director

15 years

Jayson Firle, Highway Maintenance Lead Worker
Jeremy Mettling, Highway Maintenance Worker
Thomas Swyter, Patrol Deputy

35 years

Jan Steffel, Information Technology Specialist

30 years

Amy Agre, Medical Accounting Technician
Melissa Williams, Financial Assistance/
Child Support Supervisor

10 years

Jeremy LeBlanc, Assistant Highway Engineer
Marion Harmon, Corrections Sergeant
Dennis Fiebelkorn, Patrol Supervisor
Steven Daak, Corrections Sergeant
Melissa Koford, Part-Time Lead Eligibility Worker

25 years

Doug Bruns, Director of Property Records
& Taxpayer Services
Nathan Johnson, Drainage Technician

5 years

Matt Hardin, Highway Maintenance Worker
Andrew Hussman, Investigator - Patrol Deputy
Krista Schneider, Administrative Assistant, Family Health

*Years of Service of Current Employees Recognized as of December 31, 2024

GET YOUR TAXES DONE FOR FREE

United Community Action Partnership's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is providing tax preparation at one of our many locations.

VITA is a safe, secure and simple way to file your taxes and keep more of your hard-earned income in your pocket!



LOCATIONS

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Redwood Falls | Windom | Worthington

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appointment
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EOE/AA/ADA

Energy Assistance: Helping Households Maintain Affordable, Continuous, and Safe Home Energy

United Community Action Partnership's (UCAP) Energy Assistance program provides financial assistance to pay a portion of a household's energy and heating bills. In addition, the program offers emergency assistance for utility disconnection, educates consumers to use home heating energy efficiently and safely, and provides emergency heating system repair or replacement for homeowners.



Who Qualifies?

Both renters and homeowners can qualify. Eligibility is based on income and household size.

Ways to Apply:

Visit www.unitedcapmn.org (select Energy Assistance under the Programs tab) to print an application or apply online or call the main UCAP office at 1-800-992-1710.

Environmental Assessment

After many years of no changes to the Environmental Assessments (RRRSWA) that fund programs and facilities that manage waste, promote recycling, and support sustainable waste practices in Redwood and Renville Counties, the County Boards of both counties have authorized a new fee schedule that will be implemented with 2025 property taxes. As was noted in the Winter 2024 edition of The County Messenger, here's a summary of the key uses of these funds:

Recycling and Waste Collection

- **Recycling Program:** Employs workers to collect, transport, and recycle over 5,200 tons of materials annually, achieving over 50% curbside recycling collection in the two counties.
- **Transfer Facilities:** Manages municipal solid waste, demolition debris, and recycling materials, handling nearly 16,000 tons of garbage and demolition waste annually.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facilities

- Safely dispose of hazardous materials like used oil, paints, chemicals, and batteries.
- Operates a product exchange room where residents can take reusable household items for free.

Special Programs and Services

- Provides free and safe license plate disposal collection bins located at RRRSWA, landfill, and county courthouses.
- Provides facilities for recycling, demolition debris, and garbage disposal.
- Offers free document destruction (shredding) for residents, free scrap metal disposal, and mattress recycling (for a minimal fee).
- Hosts tire recycling events, seasonal recycling for holiday lights, and sells backyard compost bins.
- Places recycling trailers/bins at events, gas stations, and parks.
- Provides convenient locations and containers to respectfully dispose of tattered military flags.

Community and Educational Support

- Organizes electronic waste and appliance collection events (April - October).
- Offers educational programs about waste reduction, composting, demolition disposal, recycling and waste management for residents, haulers, and contractors.
- Assists with pesticide container disposal and provides demolition disposal inspections and guidance for MPCA Permit by Rule Applications.

Resident and Business Assistance

- Maintains 26 recycling sites across the counties.
- Provides centralized support for waste-related inquiries and hauler information.

These efforts aim to improve sustainability and reduce the environmental impact of waste in the region. For more information or questions, residents can contact the Redwood/Renville Solid Waste Authority directly.

New Fee Schedule

Here are the key points of the resolution adopted by both County Boards and the new fee schedule:

The assessment charged shall be titled "Env Assessment (RRRSWA)" and shall not be tied to a property's perceived ability to produce waste.

The annual assessment effective January 1, 2025 shall be as follows and shall continue to be assessed annually until formally changed by resolution:

- *Agricultural/Residential properties (which may be comprised of multiple contiguous parcels that make up a single residence) shall be assessed a single \$68 fee.*
- *City, County, State, and Federal properties with a structure shall each be assessed a \$45 fee.*
- *Cemeteries with a structure shall be assessed a \$31 fee.*
- *Manufactured home parks shall be assessed a \$86 fee.*
- *Individual manufactured and modular homes shall be assessed a \$68 fee.*
- *Individual church properties with a structure shall each be assessed a \$68 fee.*
- *Charitable Institutions (code 931) shall each be assessed a \$45 fee.*
- *All other properties with a structure (including schools, apartments, nursing homes, HRA-owned properties, and hospitals) shall be assessed based on the market value of the property:*

MARKET VALUE	CURRENT	NEW
1 to 50,000	\$86	\$86
50,001 to 150,000	\$110	\$120
150,001 to 300,000	\$151	\$168
300,001 to 500,000	\$191	\$235
500,001 to 750,000	\$261	\$329
750,001 to 1,000,000	\$343	\$461
1,000,001 to 1,500,000	\$454	\$645
1,500,001 to 3,000,000	\$599	\$903
3,000,001 to 5,000,000	\$791	\$1,264
5,000,001 to 99,999,999	\$791	\$1,770

These fees shall be administered by the County Assessor based on the classification and value of the property. Appeals of this assessment shall be made on a form provided by RRRSWA and reviewed by the RRRSWA Executive Board for evaluation and consideration, based on the criteria stated above.

Any questions concerning the Environmental Assessment, and the services provided, should be directed to Jon Mitchell, RRRSWA Executive Director at 320-523-8002 or info@rrrswa.com.

2025 Electronics and Appliances Recycling Collections

First Wednesday every month from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
(Rotating locations between Renville and Redwood Counties)

PLEASE KEEP AND POST

Renville County Fairgrounds, Bird Island

- May 7, 2025
- July 2, 2025
- September 3, 2025



Behind the Redwood County Museum, Redwood Falls

- April 2, 2025
- June 4, 2025
- August 6, 2025
- October 1, 2025

These collections are 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

SCAN TO LEARN MORE!



Any item with a cord is considered an appliance or electronic device. If you don't see an item listed in the "cost" columns, it is probably accepted for disposal but is most likely free of charge. Non-appliance or electronic items accepted: charcoal/gas grills, furnaces, A/C units, exercise equipment, satellite dishes, and yard maintenance equipment.

The following will NOT be accepted at this collection: General household garbage, household hazardous waste (HHW), standard recyclable materials, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, or tires.
Please contact the RRRSWA for disposal options for these items at 320-523-8002.

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
Driver and Vehicle Services	320-523-3612
HRA (Housing Programs)	507-637-4004
Human Services	320-523-2202 or 800-363-2533
Landfill/Solid Waste	320-523-1144
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



Back (L to R): **David Hamre**, District 5; **John Robinson**, District 2
Greg Mertens, District 3;
Front (L to R): **Craig Carlson**, District 1; **Greg Snow**, District 4

Renville County Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) Announces Important Service Changes

Until Further Notice: The DVS office will be closed every day from 11:00 a.m. – NOON.

Renville County Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) announces important service changes to Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Game and Fish Licenses and Prorate Services.

DNR GAME AND FISH LICENSES:

Renville County DVS no longer sells DNR Game and Fish Licenses in their office.

Game and Fish Licenses can be purchased in the following ways:

- In-Person through an Electronic License System (ELS) Agent:

BIRD ISLAND:

- Beckler's Hardware Hank

BUFFALO LAKE:

- Main Street Market

FAIRFAX:

- Casey's General Store
- Farm Merchantile

HECTOR:

- Holiday Gas Station

MORTON:

- River Valley Arms & Ammo

OLIVIA:

- Casey's General Store
- Mac's Hardware

RENNVILLE:

- Casey's General Store

- Online: www.dnr.state.mn.us/licenses/online-sales.html

- Phone: 1-888-665-4236 (Available 24 hours / 7 days per week)

PRORATE SERVICES:

Renville County DVS has suspended Prorate Services until further notice.

Receive Prorate Services in the following ways:

- At an in-person office providing Prorate Services

- Canby (507-223-5646)
- Detroit Lakes (218-846-7308)
- Saint Paul (651-201-7900)
- Kasson (507-634-2061)
- Marshall (507-532-4643)
- Montevideo (320-269-6035)

- North Mankato (507-625-1586)
- Rochester (507-282-4711)
or (507-289-0994)
- Thief River Falls (218-683-7020)
- Worthington (507-295-5264)

- Online: dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/business/irp-and-ifta-overview/irp-and-ifta-contacts

Questions? Contact Heather Weis, Renville County Auditor/Treasurer, at 320-523-2071 or heather.weis@renvillecountymn.gov.

Courthouse
500 East DePue Avenue
Olivia, MN 56277

Government Services Center
105 - 5th Street South
Olivia, MN 56277

Landfill
32877 Co Rd 4
Olivia, MN 56277

RRRSWA
907 West Bridge Street
Redwood Falls, MN 56283



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Phone: 320-523-3710

Email: lisa.herges@renvillecountymn.gov

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