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### Your Career. Your Community. Your Impact.

**W**ant to make real change where you live - at a job that truly matters? We're here to enhance the quality of life for everyone in Renville County - and we can't do it without you!

#### WHAT'S YOUR PASSION?

**Sustainability and Environment:** Lead the charge on recycling, waste reduction, and eco-friendly innovation.

**Finance and Budgets:** Put your spreadsheet skills to work managing millions - and making every dollar count.

**Transportation:** Design and support systems that move people safely and sustainably.

**Facilities and Operations:** Keep public spaces running, safe, and built for the future.

**Human Services and Public Health:** Make a difference in mental health, housing, food security, and family programs.

**Public Safety:** Protect your community through roles in emergency response, dispatch, law enforcement, jail and more - not just boots on the ground, but behind-the-scenes tech and logistics too.



Renville County Public Health Staff

#### WHAT WE OFFER:

- Purpose-driven work.
- Real impact in your community.
- Flexible hours and hybrid options (position dependent).
- Growth, stability, and student loan friendly benefits.
- A team that values inclusion, equity, and fresh ideas.

You don't need government experience to apply - just a commitment and passion for making things better.

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**Renville County's Mission:**  
**Service. Stewardship. Shared Responsibility.**

## Renville County Parks Outdoor Education Day



The Renville County Parks Department, along with an Education Day Planning Committee, hosted the fourth annual Renville County Parks Outdoor Education Day on Wednesday, May 7, at Birch Coulee County Park.

The goal of this event is to expose students to the Renville County Parks and outdoor activities available locally, while educating them on a variety of environmental, health, and safety topics in a fun setting. Like the volunteer t-shirts said, not all classrooms have four walls!

There were approximately 140 students, teachers, and chaperones in attendance from Buffalo Lake - Hector - Stewart, Gibbon - Fairfax - Winthrop, Prairie Lutheran, and Renville County West school districts.

Students were divided into groups and rotated through the educational booths, learning about a variety of topics.

Students enjoyed lunch and time exploring the park.

The Committee would like to thank those who donated their time and resources to make this

event possible. Thank you to Revier Cattle Company for use of their grill, AgCountry Financial Services for plates and napkins, the Sheriff's Office for use of their enclosed trailer, and White Birch Wind for the \$1,000 grant to assist with lunch and school transportation costs. The Committee will host this event again next year, with the goal of having all Renville County school districts participate, if able.



**Above: Students learn how rivers and streams form in our landscape and change in response to water flow from Jordan Austin with the Hawk Creek Watershed Project**

### **THIS YEAR'S TOPICS AND PRESENTERS INCLUDED:**

- **Recycling**, Redwood-Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority (RRRSWA)
- **The Importance of Minnesota Trees**, Renville County Master Gardeners
- **Prairie Restoration**, Renville County Pheasants Forever
- **Drone Demonstration**, Public Works
- **Boating/ATV Safety and Aquatic Invasive Species**, Sheriff's Office / Environmental Services

- **Renville County Wildlife/Animal Furs**, Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District
- **Stream Table**, Hawk Creek Watershed Project
- **The Real Cost of Vaping**, RAPAD Coalition
- **Butter Making Demonstration**, Renville County Historical Society
- **Geocaching**, Public Health
- **Teamwork and Resilience Competitions**, Public Health

## Free Nonprofit Trainings Offered

- Submitted by Southwest Initiative Foundation

From healthcare access and education to food security and social support, southwest Minnesota's nonprofits form the foundation for vibrant and welcoming communities. Southwest Initiative Foundation supports the growth and success of nonprofits that serve our region with resources for training, leadership development, and funding.



Renville County nonprofits are invited to attend a series of virtual **Nonprofit Lunch-and-Learns** hosted by the foundation this summer. Each session will last one hour, including time for questions. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required.

- July 24 at 12:00 p.m.: **Keeping a Nonprofit Scandal Free: Lessons from Feeding Our Future**
- August 19 at 12:30 p.m.: **Tech Tips for Nonprofits – What I Use and How It Can Help You!**
- September 11 at 12:00 p.m.: **5 Rules to Change Your Organization (and Your Life)**



Sessions will be led by Jess Birken, owner of Birken Law Office. Jess helps nonprofits solve problems so they can quit worrying and get back to what matters most – their mission. Jess holds a master's degree in nonprofit management and enjoys teaching and coaching. Visit [swifoundation.org/nonprofits](https://swifoundation.org/nonprofits) to sign up for one or more sessions.



## Cost-Effective Health Insurance Coverage: How It Can Support Your Family

**C**ost-Effective Insurance Coverage refers to a situation where Medical Assistance (MA) helps pay for a person's private health insurance if doing so would cost the state less than providing full MA coverage alone.

### HERE'S HOW IT CAN SUPPORT YOUR FAMILY:

#### If you or someone in your household qualifies:

##### 1. MA pays part, or all, of the private insurance costs:

- You will be reimbursed for private insurance premiums, or MA can pay the insurance provider or employer directly.

##### 2. Private insurance is primary, MA is backup:

- Your private plan covers health costs first.
- MA steps in for what the plan doesn't cover (like certain services, co-pays, or deductibles).

##### 3. Wider coverage at lower personal cost:

- You keep the benefits of your private plan.
- MA helps pay for what your plan misses or doesn't fully cover.

##### 4. You must stay enrolled in the private plan:

- Once it's approved as "cost-effective," you can't drop your private plan.
- If you drop it, you might lose the extra help from MA.

#### If It's NOT Cost-Effective:

- You won't be reimbursed for private insurance costs.
- You can stay on MA only, or appeal the decision if you disagree.



#### What you need to apply:

##### 1. Info about your current or available insurance:

- Policy number
- Insurance company name
- Type of coverage (medical, vision, dental)
- Dates and who's covered

##### 2. Front and back of your insurance card

#### Find out if you qualify:

Call Renville County Human Services at 320-523-2202 for guidance and to find out whether your family's insurance might qualify.

#### In summary:

Cost-Effective Insurance Coverage can support your family by letting you keep private insurance while MA helps pay for it. It's designed to reduce your costs and the state's, so everyone benefits!

## Renville County Historical Society Announces Scholarship Winner



Photo (L to R): Renville County Historical Society's Executive Director, Nicole Elzenga, and Parker Ridler, 2025 BOLD graduate and 2025 scholarship winner.

Renville County Historical Society (RCHS) is excited to announce the second recipient of a newly established scholarship program. Every year a \$1,000 scholarship will be available to an accepted applicant who is a legal resident of Renville County and is attending a post-secondary school. In October, the RCHS board sends the application to BLHS, BOLD, Cedar Mountain, GFW, RCW, and Redwood Area School, and scholarship applications are due by April 1.

#### This year's 2025 RCHS \$1,000 scholarship recipient is Parker Ridler of Olivia.

Parker was born and raised in Olivia and graduated from BOLD High School in May 2025. Parker has been accepted to attend Mankato State University and will be working towards a degree in Environmental Science. His goal is to build a career focused on environmental education and outreach.

In addition to his regular studies at BOLD, Parker has been on the Dean's list at Ridgewater College since his enrollment in August 2023 and has earned 60 college credits. He is a member of the BOLD National Honor Society and Phi Theta Kappa at Ridgewater. Parker earned his Associate of Arts degree from Ridgewater College on the same day he graduated from BOLD. Activities he participated in include student council, trap shooting, golf, baseball, football, the football film crew, and choir.

**Scholarship program questions? Contact Nicole, Executive Director, at 507-697-6147 or [director@renvillecountyhistory.com](mailto:director@renvillecountyhistory.com).**

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



**R**estorative 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](http://www.renvillecountymn.gov).

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

## WELCOME TO THE SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA SBDC

### START & GROW YOUR BUSINESS

The Southwest Small Business Development Center (SBDC) provides one-on-one, confidential professional business consulting services at no cost to you.

We can help:

- Develop and refine business plans
- Identify sources of capital
- Analyze financial records
- Create marketing strategies
- General business assistance

HOW DO I  
EMPOWER MY  
BUSINESS?

- Sign up for services
- Meet with a consultant
- Attend trainings
- Plan and set goals
- Start on your path to success

[SBDC@SMSU.EDU](mailto:SBDC@SMSU.EDU)

[WWW.SBDCASSISTANCE.COM](http://WWW.SBDCASSISTANCE.COM)

507-537-7386





## 2025 Renville County Community Events

June 5 - 8	<b>Sugar Beet Days</b> , Renville (Parade: 6/7 at 3 pm)
June 8 - 15	<b>Island Days</b> , Bird Island (Parade: 6/10 at 6:30 pm)
June 14	<b>Flag Day</b> , Fly Your Flag
June 26- 29	<b>Dayz of Thunder</b> , Fairfax (Parade: 6/28 at 6 pm)
July 4	<b>Independence Day Celebration</b> , Morton (Parade: 7/4 at 11:00 am)
July 7 - 13	<b>Corn Chaff Days</b> , Hector (Parade: 7/12 at Noon)
July 9 - 13	<b>Danube Fun Days</b> , Danube (Parade: 7/12 at 2 pm)
July 14 - 20	<b>Buffalo Lake Days</b> , Buffalo Lake (Parade: 7/19 at 1 pm)
July 16 - 20	<b>Summerfest</b> , Sacred Heart (Parade: 7/18 at 6 pm)
July 21 - 27	<b>Corn Capital Days</b> , Olivia (Parade: 7/26 at 3 pm)
July 25 - 27	<b>Catfish Derby Days</b> , Franklin (Parade: 7/27 at 1:30 pm)
August 1	<b>Renville County Walk in the Park</b> , Olivia
August 5	<b>Fairfax National Night Out</b> , Fairfax
August 5	<b>Renville National Night Out</b> , Renville
August 6 - 8	<b>Renville County Fair</b> , Bird Island
August 9	<b>Ride to Remember</b>
August 10	<b>Bechyn Czech Festival</b> , Bechyn
September 13	<b>Renville County Fireman's Rib Cook Off</b> , American Legion, Olivia
September 21	<b>Hector Lion's Fly-In Pancake Breakfast</b> , Municipal Airport, Hector
October 11	<b>Spooky Splash 5K</b> , Hector Swimming Pool
October 23	<b>Witches Night Out</b> , Olivia
October 25	<b>Spooktacular</b> , Renville
October 26	<b>Trunk or Treat</b> , Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Sacred Heart
October 31	<b>Trick or Treat Bingo</b> , Bird Island
October 31	<b>Community Spirit Trunk or Treat</b> , Hector
November 11	<b>SH Legion Veterans Program</b> , Sacred Heart
November 21	<b>Fire Department Steak Fry</b> , Morton
November 29	<b>Small Business Saturday</b> , Bird Island
November 29	<b>Small Business Saturday</b> , Olivia
November 30	<b>Sacred Heart Christmas</b> , Sacred Heart
December 4	<b>Unforgettable Christmas</b> , Hector
December 4	<b>Holiday Happenings</b> , Olivia (Light Parade at 3 pm)
December 5	<b>Old Fashioned Christmas</b> , Bird Island
December 13	<b>Miracle on Main</b> , Renville

Visit [www.renville.com](http://www.renville.com) for the most up-to-date listing.  
Event dates are subject to change and events may be canceled.

## 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](http://www.renvillecountymn.gov)  
Questions? Call 507-637-4004 or email [admin@radc.org](mailto:admin@radc.org)

**2025 RENVILLE COUNTY FARMER'S MARKETS**

*Buy Fresh! Buy Local!*

**Bird Island • Wednesday 4-7pm**  
Bird Island Cultural Centre  
Coordinators: Rosemary 320-365-1011 & Leta 320-579-1412

**Buffalo Lake • Saturday 8am-12pm**  
Hwy 212 Wayside Rest in City Park  
Coordinator: Tracie 320-296-6292

**Fairfax • Tuesday 4-6pm**  
1st Street SE (Downtown off Hwy 19)  
Coordinator: Lori 507-276-5044

**Olivia • Thursday 1-5pm**  
City Parking Lot (9th St. So & Fairview Ave.)  
Coordinator: Terry Wallert 320-522-3017

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**Renville COUNTY** HRA/EDA

# Well Safety: What You Need to Know

- A Message from Renville County Public Health's Environmental Health Specialist

If you use a private well for drinking water, it's your job to make sure it's safe. Wells can wear down over time, and many harmful contaminants can't be seen, tasted, or smelled. Some can even cause serious, long-term health problems.

## THE BIG FIVE CONTAMINANTS:

There are five main things you should test for:

- Coliform bacteria
- Nitrates
- Arsenic
- Lead
- Manganese

Depending on your location, there may be other things to test for too.

## WHEN AND HOW TO TEST:

You can get water testing kits from Minnesota Valley Testing Lab in New Ulm. Call 507-354-8517 to order (or visit [www.mvtl.com](http://www.mvtl.com) for more information).

- Test for coliform and nitrates every year
- Test for arsenic, lead, and manganese at least once

## WHAT IF YOU HAVE CONTAMINANTS?

If your water tests positive, don't boil it (unless coliform is the only issue). Boiling can make some contaminants worse. Use bottled or filtered water until the problem is fixed.

Solutions include:

- Disinfecting the well with chlorine (*for coliform only*)
- Fixing the well (*hire a contractor*)
- Installing filters or treatment systems

**Always retest your water after fixing the issue!**



## HEALTH RISKS AT A GLANCE:

- **Coliform:** Causes flu-like symptoms and stomach issues
- **Nitrates:** Can be deadly for babies; causes "blue baby syndrome" (*treat if 10 ppm or higher*)
- **Arsenic:** Linked to cancer and other serious health problems (*treat any amount, especially if over 10 ppb*)
- **Lead:** Harms brain, kidney, and nerve development in kids (*treat any amount*)
- **Manganese:** Can affect memory and learning, especially in kids (*treat if over 100 ppb for infants or 300 ppb for others*)

**Keep your well safe—test regularly and take action when needed!**

## Well Sealing Cost-Share Program: Protect Water and Health

Renville County Environmental Services and Renville County SWCD collaborate to offer a 50% cost-share program (up to \$500) to help landowners seal abandoned wells.

**Prevent Groundwater Contamination | Protect Health | Reduce Safety Hazards**

Applications must be submitted and signed before work begins. For details or to apply, contact the SWCD at 320-523-1559.

*Program funded by the Natural Resources Block Grant from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources.*





# Renville County Soil & Water Summer Highlights

- Submitted by Renville County Soil & Water Conservation District



## Women's Companion Plant, Wine-Down Social



On May 15, 2025, the highly anticipated "Women's Companion Plant, Wine-Down Social" event proved to be a success, drawing together 55 gardening enthusiasts for an enriching experience. Master Gardeners and local conservation staff gave insights on beekeeping, the strategic benefits of companion planting, and illuminated the crucial aspects of soil health. The highlight for many was the hands-on creation of personalized companion pots, a tangible reminder of the evening's learning, all enjoyed alongside pizza and fine wine. **Thank you to all who participated!**

## Drone Seeding



The Renville County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) has been busy setting up our new drone seeding service, which will be rolling out later this summer! We offer cover crop seed and spreading services to enhance conservation efforts. Contact us to discuss your project and how our services can support your land management goals!

## Save the Date! Soil Health: For People and Profit Event

The Renville County SWCD, Hawk Creek Watershed Project, and the Minnesota Soil Health Coalition will be hosting a field event the afternoon of **September 13, 2025** at the Smith Farm (16541 - 780th Avenue, Sacred Heart, MN 56285).

Join us in learning how practicing soil health principles can translate into overall human health while increasing profitability.

### Speakers include:

- **Jolene Carlson** (Holistic Health & Fitness Director for the MN National Guard)
- **David Kleinschmidt** (Owner of Progressive Agronomy Consulting)
- **Heather Bigler** (A proponent of making her family healthier through nutrition)
- **Phil and Robin Smith** (Local growers who implement soil health on their farm)

### FREE MEAL INCLUDED!

To learn more, visit [www.renvillecountyswcd.com](http://www.renvillecountyswcd.com) or call 320-523-1559.



RSVP by  
8/29/2025 to  
[anad@renvillecountyswcd.org](mailto:anad@renvillecountyswcd.org)  
or 320-523-1559

## 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 septic systems 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](http://renvillecountymn.gov) (select Environmental Services in the Department Directory) or by contacting Environmental Services at 320-523-3768 or [ES@renvillecountymn.gov](mailto:ES@renvillecountymn.gov).

### Loan Funds Available!



# Kandiyohi-Renville Community Health Board: Top Three Health Priorities

In 2024, the Kandiyohi-Renville Community Health Board completed its Community Health Assessment. Working alongside community members and partners, the Top 10 Health Priorities for our communities were identified: access to care, adolescent health, adverse childhood experiences, an aging population, childcare access, chronic disease, food security, housing stability, mental well-being, and substance use.

The top three focus areas have now been selected: aging population, mental well-being, and substance use. In April 2025, the Health Board reconvened with community members and partners to gather insights on these key concerns. This collaboration will inform our Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which will guide programs, services, priorities, and partnerships over the next five years. Watch for the next Renville County Messenger this fall for finalized details on our CHIP!



**Mental Well-Being:**  
Effects of mental health difficulties are related to the majority of health issues



**Substance Use:**  
Consumption and purchasing of illicit and legal recreational substances by our general and student population



**Aging Population:**  
The state of our population and unique challenges that lie ahead due to general aging trends

## Minnesota Homeowner's Homestead Credit Refund



The Minnesota Homestead Credit Refund can provide relief to homeowners paying property taxes.

**TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST:**

- Own and occupy a home.
- Have your home classified as a homestead with your county.
- Pay or arrange to pay your property taxes.

**THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF HOMESTEAD CREDIT REFUND:**

- A **regular refund** based on your income and property taxes.
- A **special refund** based on how much your property tax increased.
- You may qualify for one or both of these refunds.

**CERTAIN SUBTRACTIONS CAN HELP YOU QUALIFY FOR THE REFUND OR INCREASE YOUR REFUND AMOUNT. YOU MAY CLAIM A SUBTRACTION FOR EACH OF THESE THAT APPLY:**

- You had dependents.
- You or your spouse were age 65 or older on or before January 1, 2025.
- You contributed to a retirement account.
- You or your spouse had a permanent and total disability on or before December 31, 2024.

TYPE OF REFUND	REQUIREMENTS TO CLAIM THE REFUND
Regular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You owned and lived in your home on January 2, 2025</li><li>• Your household income for 2024 was less than \$139,320</li></ul>
Special	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You owned and lived in the same home on January 2, 2024 and January 2, 2025</li><li>• Your home's net property tax increased by more than 12% from 2024 to 2025</li><li>• The net property tax increase was at least \$100</li><li>• The increase was not because of improvements you made to the property</li></ul>

To learn more or apply for your refund, visit [www.revenue.state.mn.us/filing-property-tax-refund](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/filing-property-tax-refund) or call the Minnesota Department of Revenue at 800-652-9094. **Filing for 2024 is due August 15, 2025.** You may file up to one year after the due date.

## Community Impact Fund Spotlight: City of Hector



The City of Hector was awarded a \$1,000 Community Impact Fund grant from the Renville County HRA/EDA to assist in beautifying the city park. Funds were used toward creation of a mural, done by artist Cameron Schultz. The mural represents things of importance to the city, ranging from agriculture to community services to the school. *In the photo above, Mayor Dan Edwards (right) applauds Cameron's (left) creativity.*





## Responsible Beverage Server Training Offered During Alcohol Awareness Month

**D**id you know that April was Alcohol Awareness Month? To help raise awareness, Sgt. Ben Dehmlow and Jess Johnson, Community Health Educator and Prevention Specialist from Public Health, started offering **Responsible Beverage Server Training (RBST)** to local businesses.

This training is very important for anyone who sells alcohol or cannabis products. It helps servers learn the laws, understand how to check IDs, recognize signs of impairment, and avoid over-serving customers. Servers can also ask law enforcement questions so they feel more confident on the job.

The goal of RBST is to take a PROactive approach by following the “3 PROs”:

- **PROtect your customer**
- **PROtect your business**
- **PROtect yourself**

There are two types of training:

- One for **bars, restaurants, and liquor stores**
- One for **special events**, like street dances or community celebrations where alcohol is served just once

In April, Sgt. Dehmlow and Jess trained almost 50 servers during five sessions! They also completed a new “Train the Trainer” class to make sure they’re sharing the most up-to-date information. Deputy Michael Farrell and Deputy Braydon Ortloff from the Sheriff’s Office also joined the team as new trainers. RBST will continue to be offered in the future. If you have questions or want to learn more, contact Jess Johnson at [jess.johnson@renvillecountymn.gov](mailto:jess.johnson@renvillecountymn.gov) or 320-523-3726.



Photo (L to R): Deputy Braydon Ortloff, Sheriff's Office; Jess Johnson, Public Health; Deputy Michael Farrell, Sheriff's Office; and Sgt. Ben Demhlow, Sheriff's Office.

## Back TO School

### SUPPLY DRIVE

ALL SUPPLIES DONATED ARE GIVEN TO FAMILIES IN RENVILLE COUNTY WHO NEED HELP IN GETTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

WE ACCEPT SCHOOL SUPPLIES OR MONETARY DONATIONS TO PURCHASE NEEDED SUPPLIES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JEAN DUANE AT [JEAND@UNITEDCAPMN.ORG](mailto:JEAND@UNITEDCAPMN.ORG) OR 320-523-1842 EXT. 1391

COLLECTING NOW THROUGH AUGUST 1ST



EOE/AA/ADA



A free early childhood program serving children prenatal up to kindergarten age.

UCAP's Head Start program offers quality, comprehensive child and family development programs.

A variety of program options are available in Renville County.

**PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL - APPLY NOW!**



CALL FOR INFORMATION  
1-800-992-1710 ext 1600  
[www.unitedcapmn.org](http://www.unitedcapmn.org)

EOE/AA/ADA



# PESTICIDE CONTAINER COLLECTION EVENT

## Location

Renville County Landfill  
32877 County Road 4 | Olivia, MN

## Date/Time

September 9, 2025  
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

• **Renville County will only accept 250 jugs or less without an appointment. Call 320-523-3759.**

• **CHEMICAL CONTAINERS CAN, AND SHOULD, BE RETURNED TO RETAILERS FOR RECYCLING. (CONTACT YOUR RETAILER).**

## Follow these guidelines before bringing us your jugs:

**Containers:** Only rigid high-density polyethylene (HDPE) accepted

**Size:** Small up to 55-gallon drums accepted

**Clean:** Triple rinse the jugs to remove all residue and allow to dry

**Twine/Bags:** (Optional) Jugs can be tied together with twine or bagged

**Stains:** Certain products discolor plastic and will be accepted provided no material can be smeared with a plastic glove

**Label:** Labels and booklets must be removed

**Caps:** Caps and foil seals must be removed

**Unacceptable:** Containers that do not meet these guidelines will be rejected

## ACCEPTABLE



Container, thread, and lip are clean.



Handle and neck stained but clean.



Inside stained but rinsed clean.



Inside is clean and dry.

## NOT ACCEPTABLE



Dried formulation on container.



Dried formulation on thread.



Bottom is caked with dried residue.



Liquid residue in container.

**Questions? Contact Seth Sparks, Drainage Systems Manager, at 320-523-3759**



# TIRE COLLECTION EVENT

*Event held in partnership with the Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative (SMBSC) and West Central Sanitation*

## Location

SMBSC Bird Island Piling Site  
85592 County Road 5, Bird Island, MN  
(Use **SOUTH ENTRANCE** off County Road 11)

## Date/Time

Wednesday,  
July 16, 2025  
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

## TIRE COLLECTION IS FOR RENVILLE COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY

(**NO** tires will be accepted from businesses and non-residents)

**Tire collection rates are \$0.17 per pound.**

**Approximate charges (w/o rim) will be:**

**Car Tires:** \$3.75

**Truck Tires:** \$18.70

**Tractor/Heavy Equipment/Tracks:**

Will vary due to weight

**Rubber** defoliator flails also accepted.

\*Rim weight will be charged at an additional \$0.17 per pound.

*Items such as garbage, appliances, and electronics will **NOT** be accepted during the tire collection.*

## CASH OR CHECK ONLY

**\*\*Renville County will charge an additional fee of \$100 per ton in specific situations including, but not limited to, contamination. County representatives have the right to reject loads for any reason. \*\***

## Electronic and Appliance Collection:

Will be held Wednesday, July 2, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Renville County Fairgrounds in Bird Island. (**Use east end entrance.**)

**NO** tires, garbage, or household hazardous waste (HHW) will be accepted during this collection event.

For additional electronic and appliance collection dates, visit [www.renvillecountymn.gov](http://www.renvillecountymn.gov) and select "RRRSWA" on the Department Directory.



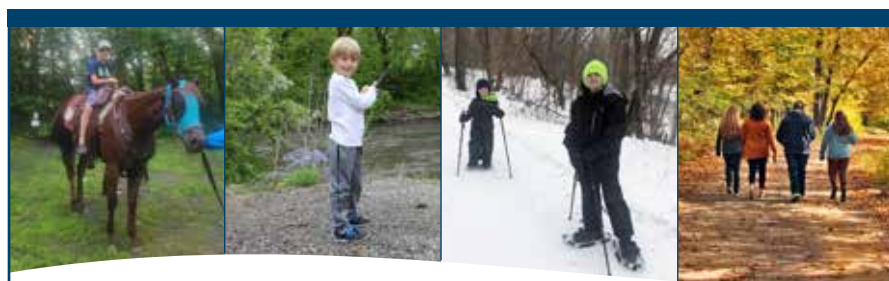
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County Directory:	Phone:
Administration	320-523-3710
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Attorney	320-523-2661
Auditor/Treasurer	320-523-2071
Court Administrator	320-523-3680
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Economic 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



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Front (L to R): **Craig Carlson**, District 1; **Greg Snow**, District 4



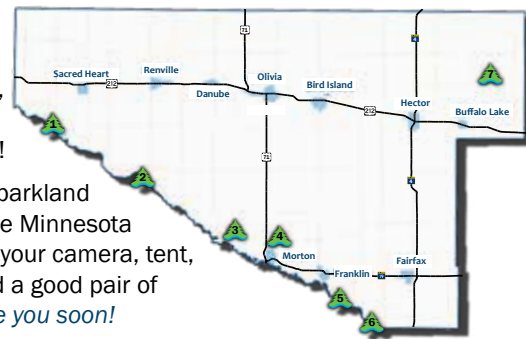
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### MORE THAN EXPECTED!

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

Visit 1,300 acres of County parkland located along the banks of the Minnesota River. You may want to bring your camera, tent, canoe, binoculars, horse, and a good pair of hiking shoes. *We hope to see you soon!*



### Lake Allie County Park Construction Update

Construction of a new bathroom and shower house has started at Lake Allie and will continue throughout the summer.

Follow "Renville County Parks" on Facebook or visit [www.renvillecountymn.gov](http://www.renvillecountymn.gov) for project updates.



Renville County Parks

#### PARK LEGEND:

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

**MAKE YOUR 2025 CAMPING RESERVATIONS ONLINE TODAY OR CALL 320-523-3747**

## COMING SOON! Special Family Child Care Units

The Renville County HRA/EDA is preparing four apartment units in Renville specifically for licensed family child care providers to rent and use as their place of business.

If you are interested in becoming a family provider and would like to receive project updates, email [EDA@renvillecountymn.gov](mailto:EDA@renvillecountymn.gov) to be added to the distribution list.

For more information about the child care licensing process, email Shandra Bavier at [Shandra.Bavier@renvillecountymn.gov](mailto:Shandra.Bavier@renvillecountymn.gov) or call 320-523-3588.



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