



# Renville

## COUNTY MESSENGER

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### Rick Schmidt

#### New District 5 Commissioner

served in leadership roles at the Bethany Church of Emmet Township and St John's Lutheran Church of Renville.

In a recent interview, Rick said, "My vision for the county's future is to continue to see it remain relevant and increase its presence in West Central Minnesota. By keeping a strong base of agricultural, economic, and service-related industries, Renville County will remain a great area to work, live, and raise a family." Rick discussed his goals for Renville County and stated, "They are, first, to make broadband internet access available for the entire county and second, to continue to provide quality county services while making sound, reasonable and sensible financial decisions in an effort to keep real estate taxes down."

[Rick's areas of interest as a commissioner include roads and](#)

[bridges, ditches and agricultural drainage, Public Health, and Human Services.](#) He said, "Good roads and bridges are necessary to do business and well maintained county ditches are required for farming productivity. Public Health Services and Human Services play a vital role with the programs they provide for our citizens."

When discussing the county's future challenges Rick said, "Some of our future challenges will be to keep and increase our population base, and rebuild our 100-year-old county tile system. I feel that it is important to develop policy consistent with our future needs and the well-being of the county." Rick recently retired from farming and passed the operation on to his son. He said, "The next generation will hold us accountable for our decisions. We are the stewards of our resources that we are called upon to preserve."

[Rick Schmidt of rural Renville is serving as the newly elected Renville County Commissioner of District Five.](#) He is a lifelong resident of the county and a fourth generation farmer growing corn, soybeans, canning crops and feeding cattle. He was 15 years old when his father passed away and he took over the family farm. In addition to farming, Rick has been a member of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Committee. In this role, he was responsible for the inspection and confirmation for the compliance of conservation and government programs and reviewed FSA loans. He also



## Doug Erickson New District 3 County Commissioner

to increase taxes.” Doug’s goals while serving as commissioner are to improve public infrastructure - roads, bridges, buildings, etc.; ensure the safety for all citizens; provide quality education; and support our 10 cities. He also said, “I would like to see the county offer education for our residents about services that are available for them and make those services easily accessible. I want to continue to offer elderly care services for our aging population. I am also concerned about our county’s environment.”

Doug’s areas of interest for the county are a strong education system, community amenities, and to grow local businesses with good paying jobs for our citizens.

When asked what he thought our county’s future challenges are, he said, “I am concerned about keeping the county’s finances stable while still keeping taxes down as we currently have an overall county population decline.”

Before becoming a county commissioner, Doug served in leadership roles with two terms as the Mayor of Bird Island and he was on the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources. He was a twenty year member on the Bird Island Fire Department and spent eighteen years with the Bird Island First Responders. He also served for six years on the Olivia Golf Club Board of Directors.

Doug Erickson lives in Bird Island and was elected this past November to serve as the Renville County Commissioner for District Three. Doug was asked recently about his vision for the future of the county, and he said, “I want to encourage population growth. I want to see us bring young families back to the rural area to increase our population, and at the same time maintain a quality standard of living with community amenities without having



## Meet Lisa Herges Renville County Administrator

Services that empowers people to improve their lives.” Then Lisa commented on the potential future challenges for Renville County, which includes a lot of unknowns based on significant change at the state and federal level. Commenting on Renville County’s position, she stated “I feel very fortunate to be a part of this organization. Renville County is financially sound, has a great organizational structure, and is utilizing technology to be responsive to its citizens.”

Lisa started her career working in the private sector and has spent the last fifteen years working for counties, something she’s very passionate about. She feels it’s imperative that counties always explore better ways to provide

services, making them as cost-effective as possible while ensuring good customer service.

It wasn’t until she served as Interim County Administrator in her former county and assisted in successfully filling that vacancy that she began to explore the thought of moving into an Administrator position. When she saw the Renville County position advertised she researched the county by checking out the programs and services offered, the relationship between the county board and staff, and the communities within the county. It was then that she decided to apply. At this point in the interview Lisa said, “And here I am working for Renville County and living in Olivia!”

Lisa Herges joined Renville County in September of 2016 as the new County Administrator. In a recent interview Lisa was asked about her vision and goals for Renville County. She replied, “My vision is for Renville County to be viewed as the county other counties want to emulate.” When asked about her specific areas of interest, Lisa noted, “the work done by Health and Human

# Renville County Commissioners and Administration Appreciate

*the work of all county employees and wish to recognize employees who have reached their 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of service and those employees who retired in 2016.*

## 5 years

*Chelsea Berger*, Social Worker  
*Jason Mathwig*, Patrol Deputy  
*Lee Stock*, Veterans Service Officer  
*Michael Harmon*, Veterans Van Driver  
*Stephanie Ashburn*, Social Worker

## 10 years

*Andrea Prekker*, Support Services &  
Accounting Supervisor  
*Darci Luepke*, Finance Assistant  
*Harry Hawkinson*, Veterans Service Technician  
*Michael Puchalski*, Building Maintenance  
Supervisor  
*Sheree Hable*, Social Worker  
*Vicki Lippert*, Social Worker

## 15 years

*Don Bendinelli*, Patrol Deputy  
*Louise Stenberg*, Public Health Nurse  
*Polly Ahrens*, Public Health Nurse  
*Sharon Maurice*, Deputy Auditor/Treasurer

## 20 years

*Diane Oslund*, Social Worker

## 25 years

*Judy Kaufenberg*, Office Support Specialist  
*Linda Bernston*, Administrative Assistant  
*Wayne Stomberg*, Assistant Highway Engineer

## 40 years

*Donald Huiras*, Maintenance Worker

## Retirees:

*Elaine McDowell*, Public Health Nurse;  
*Judy Posl*, Administration Assistant;  
*Karen Serbus*, Human Services Eligibility  
Worker; *Sharon Maurice*, Deputy  
Auditor/Treasurer

*Thank  
you*

## COUNTY PHONE NUMBERS

Administrator	320-523-3710	Central Community Transit	800-450-7964	RRRSWA/Recycle	320-523-8002
Assessor	320-523-3645	Heartland Community	320-523-1842	Sheriff	320-523-1161
Attorney	320-523-2661	Action Agency Inc.	or 877-523-1842	Veterans Service	320-523-3763
Auditor/Treasurer	320-523-2071	Hospital	320-523-1261	Water Planning & HHW	320-523-3706
Court Services/Probation	320-523-3663	HRA/EDA	320-523-3812	<i>County Commissioners:</i>	
Court Administration	320-523-3680	Human Services	320-523-2202	Randy Kramer, District #1	320-365-3094
Environment & Community		Landfill/Solid Waste	320-523-1505	Bob Fox, District #2	507-557-8265
Development	320-523-3768	License	320-523-3612	Paul Setzepfandt, District #3	320-365-3270
Extension	320-523-3713	Public Health Nursing	320-523-2570	John Stahl, District #4	320-523-1283
Hawk Creek	320-523-3666	Public Works	320-523-3759	LaMont Jacobson, District #5	320-765-2578
Central Community Transit	320-523-3589	Recorder/Abstractor	320-523-3669		



# Steps for a Healthier, Happier You!

**Walking is the easiest, safest, and cheapest form of physical activity.**

Walking won't give you the same cardiovascular workout as running or swimming, but it is a great way to weave activity into your daily routine. As the weather begins to warm, use your spring fever to begin taking more steps! On bad weather days, check with your local community education department, as many schools are open for public walking. A brisk walk thirty minutes per day is all you need to gain health benefits.

### Walking

- Strengthens bones and muscles
- Boosts your immune system
- Helps maintain or lose weight
- Improves sleep
- Improves mental well-being

You don't have to **walk 30 minutes** all at once. Walking 10 minutes in the

morning, at lunch, and after dinner is a great way to break up the day and makes it easier to have a daily walk become your normal routine.

Walking is a stress reliever. Walking alone is the perfect time to reflect, relax, refocus and meditate. Walking with a friend or spouse allows for time to share and bond. Research shows that physical activity is very effective in helping cope with depression or anxiety.

Walking is a great way to begin a **movement routine**. There are four basic types of activity to maintain a healthy lifestyle:

- 1. Endurance activities like walking will improve your heart and lungs.**
- 2. Strength activities will keep your muscles strong**
- 3. Balance moves will help prevent trips and falls**
- 4. Flexibility activities will stretch your muscles, prevent stiffness and keep your body limber.**

Research shows that to keep the sharpest memory for as long as possible, you need

to get moving. People who exercise show lower rates of dementia, perform better cognitively, and show increased brain volume. That's because exercise actually encourages neuron generation in the part of the brain that processes memories. Previously it was believed that we were born with a fixed number of brain cells that eventually died out. Now we know that brain cells regenerate throughout our lives.



*Physical activity is simply good for your mind, body, and spirit!*

## Renville County

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## 2017 Renville County Community Events



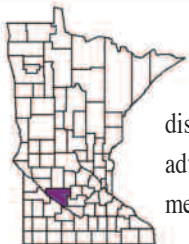
- April 22nd **Spring Garden Party**, Morton
- June 8th - 11th **Sugar Beet Days**, Renville
- June 14th - 18th **Island Days**, Bird Island
- June 14th **Chamber Golf Classic**, Olivia Golf Club
- June 22nd - 25th **Days of Thunder**, Fairfax
- June 27th **4-H Golf Tournament**, Olivia Golf Club
- June 30th - July 2nd **Polka Fest Days**, Bird Island
- July 4th **Independence Day Celebration**, Morton
- July 5th - 9th **Danube Fun Days**, Danube
- July 10th - 16th **Corn Chaff Days**, Hector
- July 13th - 16th **Summerfest**, Sacred Heart
- July 17th - 23rd **Buffalo Lake Days**, Buffalo Lake
- July 21st - 23rd **Catfish Derby Days**, Franklin
- July 25th - 30th **Corn Capital Days**, Olivia
- August 4th **Renville County Relay for Life**, Olivia
- August 9th - 11th **Renville County Fair**, Bird Island
- August 12th **KMS Memorial Ride**, Franklin
- August 13th **Czech Heritage Festival**, Bechyn
- September 9th **RGHS Annual Patriotic Pancake Breakfast**
- September 17th **Hector Fly-In**, Hector Municipal Airport
- October 28th **Halloween Spooktacular**, Renville
- November 11th **Holiday Happenings**, Hector
- November 18th **Beneath the Village Wreath**, Morton
- November 19th **RGHS Pancake Fundraiser**
- December 1st **Unforgettable Christmas**, Hector
- December 7th **Holiday Happenings**, Olivia
- December 7th **Old Fashioned Christmas**, Bird Island

For more information regarding these events visit [www.renville.com](http://www.renville.com) or call the Renville County HRA/EDA office at (320) 523-3656





# You're invited to discover the *unexpected* in Renville County



Renville County is known for its rich farmland and vast prairies and we are proud to be deeply rooted in agriculture. Come discover the unexpectedness of Renville County starting with an adventure in the Minnesota River Valley. We are more than what meets the eye!

Explore the outdoors in Renville County for abundant wildlife, breathtaking river valley views, rustic and historic parks, memorable sunsets, incredible granite rock formations, excellent bird watching, scenic Minnesota River, friendly people and much more. The unexpected adventures await you.

Find more information about Renville County Parks at [www.renvillecountymn.com](http://www.renvillecountymn.com) or call 320-523-3768 (Environment & Community Development)

# 2017 Renville County NEW Countywide Clean-up Program

Renville County is changing the way problem materials are collected. The materials listed below cannot be legally buried or disposed of in the garbage, and improper storage or disposal can be harmful to people and the environment!

**TIRES:** Reduced rate tire collections will be held on **Wednesday, June 7th and Wednesday, September 6th.**

*Items such as garbage, appliances, and electronics will be accepted during the tire collections at regular disposal rates.*

## Renville County Residents

- Car \$2
- Truck \$8
- Tractor front \$4
- Tractor rear \$18
- Heavy equipment \$30

## Businesses / Non-Residents

- Car \$5
- Truck \$11
- Tractor front \$7
- Tractor rear \$25
- Heavy equipment \$60

*\*\*Prices include tires with rims.*

### Collection Hours and Location:

**7:30 am to 5:30 pm**

Renville County Landfill & HHW Facility

32877 County Road 4, Olivia • (320) 523-1144

Tires are accepted year-round at the Renville County Landfill & HHW Facility at **regular disposal rates**. Tires may also be disposed of at area tire sale and service businesses for a disposal fee. Contact area businesses for more information.



## NEW Collection for Appliances / Electronics / Televisions / Computer Systems

Please see the reverse side of this flyer for collection dates and location.

### Fluorescent Bulbs/Ballasts/Rechargeable Batteries:

The Renville County Landfill & HHW Facility collects used fluorescent bulbs year-round from Renville County residents and businesses at no charge. Large quantities need to be boxed. Residents can dispose of ballasts for no charge; however, there is a small fee for businesses to dispose of ballasts. There is no charge for rechargeable battery disposal.

### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) • Three Locations for Disposal:

Renville County residents can dispose of hazardous waste items such as paints, stains, solvents, aerosols, pesticides, mercury containing devices, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and cleaning products for no charge at the **following locations:**

**Renville County Landfill & HHW Facility**  
32877 County Road 4 • Olivia, MN  
(320) 523-1144  
[www.renvillecountymn.com](http://www.renvillecountymn.com)

**Kandiyohi County Regional HHW Facility**  
1404 SW 22nd Street • Willmar, MN  
(320) 231-3587  
[www.co.kandiyohi.mn.us](http://www.co.kandiyohi.mn.us)

**Redwood County HHW Facility\***  
921 W Bridge Street • Redwood Falls, MN  
(507) 637-1800 or (320) 523-8002  
[www.co.redwood.mn.us](http://www.co.redwood.mn.us)  
(Follow RRRSWA link)  
\*Scheduled dates and times only

**Businesses with hazardous waste should contact the Kandiyohi County Regional HHW Facility for more information.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION: Redwood/Renville Regional Material Recovery Facility**  
(320) 523-8002 or (507) 637-1800 • [www.renvillecountymn.com](http://www.renvillecountymn.com)

# 2017 Electronic and Appliance Collections For Renville County Residents

Collections provided by S.W. Recycling and Sponsored by Renville County

## APRIL - OCTOBER

2nd Wednesday of Each Month

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

RENVILLE COUNTY FAIR  
GROUNDS, BIRD ISLAND

Located at the Northeast Corner  
of the Fairgrounds

APRIL 12TH, 2017

MAY 10TH, 2017

JUNE 14TH, 2017

JULY 12TH, 2017

**AUGUST** No Collection Due to County Fair

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2017

OCTOBER 11TH, 2017

## ELECTRONICS:

**FREE:** CPUs/Hard Drives, Computer Mouse, Cell Phones, Keyboards, Speakers, iPods, Cameras, GPS Units, CD Players, MP3 Players, Laptops

**\*\*COST: \$20.00:** TVs and Computer Monitors

**\$10.00:** Scanners, Printers, Copiers, Fax Machines, VCRs, DVD Players, Stereos

## APPLIANCES:

**FREE:** Washers, Dryers, Dehumidifiers, Grills, Water Heaters, Vacuum Cleaners, Water Softeners, Household Refrigerators, Stoves/Ovens, Microwaves

**\*\*COST: \$50.00:** RV Refrigerators

The following items will **NOT** be accepted: general household garbage, Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), recyclable materials, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, or tires.



**\*\* PRICES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** S.W. Recycling at 1-800-366-8665

**WEBSITE:** [www.swrecycling.com](http://www.swrecycling.com)





# Renville County Recycling

## Curbside Recycling Schedule January - December 2017

- Bird Island / Renville / Sacred Heart
- Danube / Olivia
- Buffalo Lake / Fairfax / Hector
- Franklin / Morton
- Holiday - NO SERVICE

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## Curbside Recycling Guidelines



Two hands, two containers, one decision. For the most part, it's really that simple when it comes to disposing of unwanted items.

Either they go in the trash or in the recycling cart, but they should never be mixed together! You don't have to sort your recyclables into several categories anymore, just rinse the food containers out and follow the simple instructions printed on the lid of the cart. Keep garbage separate from recycling. If you live in town, utilize your curbside cart and not the recycling dumpsters provided for rural residents.



Identity theft can be a real problem, but the Redwood/Renville Regional Material Recovery Facility may have a solution for you. If you are a resident and have documents that you want shredded, you can bring those documents to the Facility office for proper disposal. A locked cart will be available for your documents from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Businesses will also have access to this document destruction service for a small fee and specialized carts are available for use at your site on a limited basis.



Wheeled carts for commingled recycling are now in use and here's a few reminders about their proper use. All of your recyclables will go in the same cart, with no need to sort into categories. Follow the simple instructions on the lid of the cart and place your cart curbside for every-other-week collection. Check the schedule for pick-up days and remember to place the cart with the handle away from the street, allowing at least three (3) feet between carts or other obstructions.

Single stream recycling... **NO SORTING REQUIRED!**



# Redwood/Renville Regional Material Recovery Facility

907 W Bridge Street • Redwood Falls, MN 56283 • (507) 637-1800 or (320) 523-8002

[www.renvillecountymn.com](http://www.renvillecountymn.com)

For business recycling assistance please call the phone numbers listed above.

## WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?



### ➤ PLASTIC BOTTLES AND CONTAINERS

#1 thru #5 (remove caps and lids). No larger than 5 gallons. **Must be removed from bags. No Styrofoam, loose bags, toys, pools, siding, PVC pipe, etc.**



### ➤ GLASS

Clear, green, and brown bottles and jars (food and beverage containers only). **No light bulbs, mirrors, ceramics or dishes. Must be empty and clean.**



### ➤ STEEL AND ALUMINUM

Food and beverage cans, aluminum foil, pie pans, and empty aerosol cans. **Must be empty and clean.**



### ➤ PAPER

Newspaper, junk mail, magazines, paperbacks, catalogs, phone books, envelopes (including windowed), and paper egg cartons. **Do Not bundle or tie, place in cart loose.** Please place shredded office paper into a light colored, plastic bag.



### ➤ CARDBOARD

Fold flat all corrugated cardboard, paper bags, and boxboard (e.g. cereal, cracker, pasta, and shoe boxes). **No frozen food or refrigerated food boxes. No packing materials, styrofoam, or waxed cardboard.**



### ➤ PLASTIC BAGS > Knot it Bag it

Clean, knotted, light-colored plastic bags should be placed all together in a larger light colored bag to be recycled.

For curbside collection and recycling cart issues, contact West Central Sanitation 1-800-246-7630.



# HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

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## Grant Funds Available for 2017

The Renville County Economic Development Authority (EDA) launched two new programs in 2016. They include the Business Innovation Grant and the Community Impact Fund. The two programs replaced the long standing Economic Leverage Fund program (ELF). The separation into two programs and restructuring has allowed the EDA Board to honor their mission of providing a powerful platform of economic resources that Renville County residents, communities and businesses can build on to reach their full potential. The two programs allow the EDA Board to fund projects that address both the needs of businesses and communities.

The Business Innovation Grants assist businesses with tangible projects such as equipment purchases, capital improvements and professional development. Applications

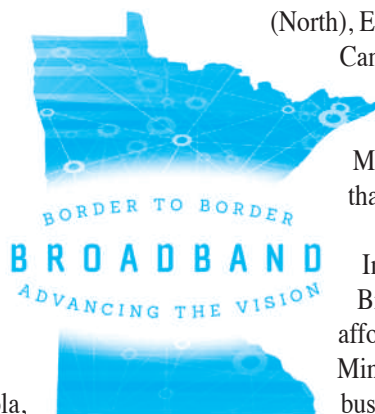
are considered four times per year and are due on or before January 10, April 10, July 10 and October 10. The Community Impact Fund provides assistance to cities and townships with costs related to blight removal, city park projects, community development and more. These applications are considered April 10 with a second round of applications due October 10 when funds are available. Both programs require a 1:1 match on funding by the applicant and need to be used on the approved project only.



Applications for the Business Innovation Grant and the Community Impact Fund are available on the EDA website at [www.renville.com](http://www.renville.com). Please call the EDA office to discuss a possible Business Innovation Grant or Community Impact Fund project at (320) 523-3656.

## Broadband Grant

On January 11, 2017, Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith announced on behalf of the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) that a \$807,966 grant from the Border to Border Broadband Development Program had been awarded for Renville County's Broadband project. Renville County partnered with Hiawatha Broadband Communications (HBC) and RS Fiber for a last mile internet access project that will serve 193 unserved households, 99 unserved businesses, and 3 community anchor institutions. The project will have a positive impact in portions of Preston Lake, Boon Lake, Brookfield, Osecola, Kingman, Winfield, Crooks, Erickson, Sacred Heart



(North), Emmet, Flora, Henryville, Norfolk, Birch Cooley, Camp, and Cairo Townships. It will improve unserved levels in the area to 1 Gigabit service, exceeding the 2026 state speed goal of 100 Mbps by 20 Mbps. This project will leverage more than 1.2 million in local dollars.

In total, DEED granted \$34 Million for 42 Broadband projects, providing reliable and affordable high-speed internet across greater Minnesota. In total, 16,627 households, 2,240 businesses, and 71 community institutions will have access to high-speed internet.



### Centennial Apartment Updates

Centennial Apartments in Franklin has been undergoing several updates over the years. One of the largest projects to date has been the modernization of the building's elevator. The

Renville County HRA was fortunate to be awarded a POHP (Publicly Owned Housing Program) funds project through Minnesota Housing and Finance Agency to receive a new elevator. Other updates to Centennial Apartments included replacement of carpet to vinyl plank flooring.

To inquire about available apartments contact the Renville County HRA at (507) 637-4004 or email [amanda@radc.org](mailto:amanda@radc.org)



### WANTED: Child Care Providers

Anyone in Renville County who is considering becoming a Family Child Care provider should contact Sue Thomes with United Community Action Agency. Thomes is the Child Care Aware Coordinator working to recruit and assist new Family Child Care providers. Limited funds are available to help new providers with the costs associated with training and licensing.

For additional information please call 320.235.0850 ext. 616 or by e-mail at [suet@heartlandcaa.org](mailto:suet@heartlandcaa.org)



#### Buffalo Lake Area Farm & Flea Market

Saturdays 8:00am-12:00pm  
June 10th through the fall  
Buffalo Lake City Park Hwy 212  
For more info: Doug 320-389-1006

#### Fairfax Farmer's Market

Tuesdays 4-6pm Mid June - September  
1st Street S.E. off Hwy 19 Fairfax  
For more info: Craig 507-426-7281

#### Hector Farmer's Market

Wednesdays 3-6pm  
July through the fall  
Highway 212 & Co RD 4  
(South Central Grain & Energy C- Store)  
For more info: LaVonne 320-848-2195

#### Olivia Farmer's Market

Thursdays 1:30-5:30pm  
July 13th through October  
City Parking Lot, 9th Street & Fairview  
(2 blocks south of the stoplight, South of F & M Bank)  
For more info: Cathy 320-522-1043

#### Morton Farmer's Market

Days & Times will Vary, Please Call for Schedule  
Mid June through the fall  
City Hall Parking Lot (Downtown Morton on HWY 19)  
For more info: Shirley 507-697-6912

\*\*\*\*An assortment of items available includes a variety of Minnesota Grown garden fresh produce from the rich black soil of Renville County. A large assortment of fresh breads, baked goods, canned & pickled items, homemade mittens, crafts, jams, jellies, flowers and lots of vegetables.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS LOAN

The Business Loan Fund is a unique and flexible source of supplemental financing for businesses that have a positive economic impact on Renville County.

**INTEREST RATES AS LOW AS 2%!**

**Building & Plant Renovations**

**Energy Efficiency Upgrades**

**Permanently Retaining Existing Jobs**

**Creating New Permanent Jobs**

**Start-up**

For more info contact **Susie Lang**

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Funds made available by the Renville County Housing & Economic Development Authority, The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, & a grant from the USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grants (RBEG) Program.



## Stretch Your Home Improvement Dollars!

Do you need a new furnace, or maybe some insulation or windows? Those are just some of the eligible improvements under the Renville County Home Ownership & Rehab Program. Homeowners in Renville County may qualify for a no-interest loan of up to \$5,000 for half the cost of their home improvement project. Downpayment assistance also available to first time homebuyers.

#### Maximum incomes

1 person	\$59,606
2 people	\$68,131
3 people	\$76,656
4 people	\$85,113
5 people	\$91,919
6 people	\$98,794
7 people	\$105,600
8 people	\$112,406



Contact Susie:  
[SusieL@renvillecountymn.com](mailto:SusieL@renvillecountymn.com) or (320) 523-3837



## HELP WANTED

### ➤ Child Daycare Homes Needed Today for Renville County Families!

*Consider becoming a licensed Family Child Care Provider.*

#### Benefits of a licensed provider:

- Eligible for USDA Child Care Food Program, assistance for cost of food provided
- Receive referrals from the local resource and referral agency
- Receive assistance from licensing staff
- Take advantage of Business Tax Deductions
- Eligible for membership in professional child care associations
- Training and grant opportunities available

Renville County Day Care Licensing works with Chippewa County Family Services, for more information on becoming licensed contact the Day Care Licensing Unit phone 320-269-6401 or 1-877-450-6401.

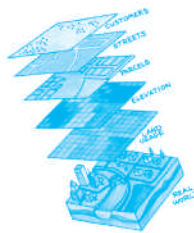
### You are INVITED to attend an Informational Session on

#### How to use Renville County's GIS Application

Thursday, April 27th, 2017 from 10 am to 11 am

Renville County Government Service Center, Room 117

You can register for the session at:  
[www.renvillecountymn.com](http://www.renvillecountymn.com)



## !ALERT SYSTEM!

### LOOKS TO PREVENT PROPERTY FRAUD IN RENVILLE COUNTY

The Renville County Recorder's office has implemented Land Notification, a [website](http://www.lns.renvillecountymn.com) that allows residents to monitor a parcel of land for real estate activity.

The [free service](http://www.lns.renvillecountymn.com) creates alerts based on property information residents provide. The alerts will generate emails to residents when documents regarding their property have been recorded with the Recorder's office.

The [website](http://www.lns.renvillecountymn.com) is a proactive way to prevent fraud. While the county has not yet seen an instance of fraud, a person could forge signatures of homeowners on a new deed or mortgage and commit fraud worth thousands of dollars. The program also allows potential problems to be caught early and promptly fixed.

For more information or to sign up for land notification alerts visit <https://lns.renvillecountymn.com/lns.app>





# Historical Society

TO FEATURE THE CITY OF OLIVIA IN **2017**

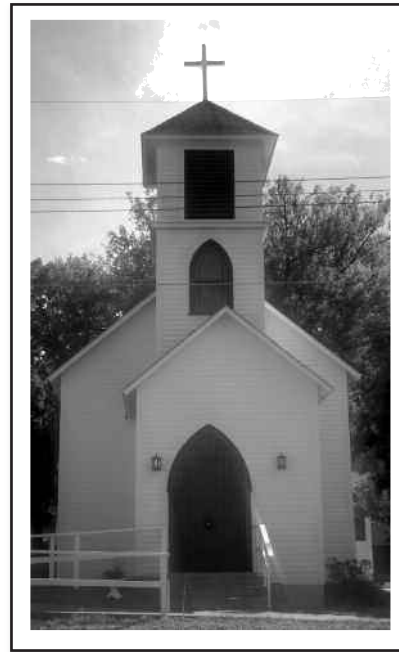
Every year the Renville County Historical Society (RCHS) features an exhibit of the history of one of the county's cities or townships at the county's **Museum in Morton**. To determine which city or township would be selected for the 2017 exhibit, a **'Donate to Vote'** contest was held at the 2016 Renville County Fair. The contest was designed to accept donations for the county's historical society and in turn the donators were asked to vote for their favorite Renville County city or township. Olivia received the most donations with \$101.64 collected. A big thank you to Pat and Shirley Maher who donated \$100.00 and voted for the city of Oliva. The donations will be used to wire the two historical society's schoolhouses for electricity.



Olivia residents celebrating 4th of July in 1910.

*RCHS is seeking donations or loans of items and photographs from individuals, local businesses, schools, churches and civic organizations from the early years of the city of Olivia to today.* RCHS is **in need of Olivia yearbooks from the public and private schools, sports uniforms and photographs of school events.** The historical society would also like to include family histories from Olivia, Corn Capital Days (RCHS has no artifacts from this event in its collection) and more. Please

check out the video posted on the RCHS Facebook page of the 2016 Franklin exhibit to get an idea of the items needed.



It is the *20th year since St. John's Church was relocated in Morton*, as a part of the Historical Society's buildings. A special exhibit of the **church's history will be displayed at the courthouse starting April 1st** and will also be on display at the **Renville County Fair in August**. RCHS is seeking photographs of the **interior and**

**exterior when it was a church** and then when it served as a community building, and stories of families that attended the church or participated in events held at the building.

If you have items you would like to loan or donate for this exhibit please contact **Nicole at RCHS (507) 697-6147** or via email **director@renvillecountyhistory.com**.

*The Museum is open September through May Monday to Friday 10 AM – 4 PM and June through August Monday – Saturday 10 AM – 4 PM.*

Visit their website **www.renvillecountyhistory.com** , Like them on **FACEBOOK @RCHSMuseum** and Follow them on **TWITTER @RenvilleCoMNHist**.