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Meet Your New Public Health Director

Sara Benson began her new role as Renville County’s Public Health Director on June 12, 2021. She has been with Renville County Public Health for the past six years, working primarily on the home care and case management team, disease prevention and control, and other tasks. **“My work experience in Public Health has certainly made the transition into the Director position easier, having done some of the work myself, having an understanding of processes, and knowing I have a great team of co-workers to serve with.”** Benson commented.

Benson grew up just outside of Blomkest, Minnesota and graduated from Willmar High School. She attended Ridgewater College where she earned her Associate Degree in Nursing and then further pursued her Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing from South Dakota State University. Benson is currently enrolled at the University of Minnesota, working to obtain her Public Health Core Concepts Certificate.

When asked what gets her out of bed in the morning, Benson shared, **“If you ask my husband, he would say “nothing” (I’m not a very good morning person). But I would say my children – figuratively and literally. They jump start my day with laughter and fun conversation.”** If she had to describe her job to a child, she would tell them she gets to help protect, and make better, the things that keep us healthy where we live, work, learn, and play.

A typical day for Benson is often spent brainstorming with others through various meetings and communications and working on projects to maintain and improve the health and safety of those living in our communities.



Sara Benson, Public Health Director

Meet Your New Public Health Director

“When people benefit from public health measures, they often don’t recognize that they have been helped as most resources are focused on trying to keep something bad from happening in the first place,” shared Benson. **“The work is often unseen until there is a public health emergency.”** Right now, Public Health is still heavily focused on COVID-19 response, but they do continue on with other services as well. A new project arising is focused on healthy housing, and finding ways to identify and reduce hazards in housing that may contribute to adverse health outcomes.



**Renville County
Public Health**
Prevent. Promote. Protect.



**Benson with her family
(L to R): Sara, Ryker (4),
Tessa (3), and Mike**

When asked what the best career lesson she has learned so far was, Benson responded **“Be collaborative, honest, and transparent. It takes a team to get the work done.”**

Benson’s biggest professional achievement to date is taking on the role of Public Health Director, and her biggest personal achievement includes committing to her marriage and having her two children. The most rewarding part of Benson’s job is knowing that a difference was made and people are safer, happier, or healthier because of the work the Public Health team is doing.

When asked if there are any fun facts that people may not know about her, Benson said **“My choice of high school sport was Nordic skiing; a form of competitive cross-country skiing. My guilty pleasures include ice cream and Dr. Pepper!”**

Benson recently came upon a quote that resonated with her - *“Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day.”* - Sally Koch. She hopes to learn from all the small opportunities that arise and help make Renville County a healthier place to live, work, learn, and play.

Join us in welcoming Benson as Renville County’s new Public Health Director.

Renville County Public Health: Serving Our Communities

Along with promotion of resources, Renville County Public Health serves our communities through a variety of programs.

ADULT HEALTH: Home health care services (*Medicare-certified*), case management for health plan and waived services, and MnCHOICES assessments.

CHILD CARE CENTER HEALTH CONSULTATION: Assure health, safety, and sanitation policies of the Center through on-site assessments and recommendations.

COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Ongoing process of collecting and analyzing data in a way that educates the community of important health priorities and mobilizes them to leverage resources and create a plan of action to improve the community’s health.

DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL: Monitoring the occurrence of infectious diseases, developing strategies for preventing and controlling those diseases, and working to put those strategies in action.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE: For events that cause, or could cause, injury or illness to a large number of people such as emerging infectious diseases, natural disasters, toxic chemical or radiological releases, and acts of bioterrorism; coordination of MnResponds, a volunteer program to assist our public health and healthcare systems during a disaster.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: Education on indoor air quality, water quality, food safety; food, water, and vector-borne diseases; licensing for restaurants and bars, hotels, public pools, campgrounds, mobile home parks, and tobacco retailers.



FAMILY HEALTH: Newborn baby visits, family home visits, child and teen checkups, car seat education, Follow Along Program, and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program.

SCHOOL HEALTH: Connect with schools to share information and assist in referrals to promote children’s and school staff health.

STATEWIDE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP (SHIP): Supports community-driven solutions to expand opportunities for active living, healthy eating and commercial tobacco-free living. Using a health equity lens, SHIP seeks to make positive changes in policies, systems, and environments.



2022 Renville County Budget Proposed at \$47.2 Million

2022 Preliminary Levy: \$15,610,627
(2.48% increase from 2021)

Renville County Board of Commissioners

BUDGET MEETING

You can provide input on Renville County's proposed 2022 budget on:

Thursday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Due to COVID-19, please visit www.renvillecountymn.com or call the Administration Office at 320-523-3710 for details on how to participate.

THE \$47.2 MILLION BREAKDOWN



Public Safety.....12.0%

6,840 cases handled by the Sheriff's Office in 2020 equates to 18.7 events per day. 6,507 calls to 911 answered by dispatch. Average daily jail population was 44 inmates, with 34.2 boarded for other jurisdictions.

Road & Bridge.....43.6%

Major projects completed in 2021 include five bridge replacements, 5-miles of bituminous paving, and 3-miles of shoulder widening. Major projects planned for 2022 include eight bridge replacements, 22-miles of bituminous paving, and 5-miles of shoulder widening.

Parks and Libraries.....1.0%

Public Health.....4.6%

In 2020, Public Health made more than 6,150 visits to community members through family home visiting, home care, and case management programs; 2,512 Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants were served; and Environmental Health continued licensing visits.

Recycling/Landfill/HHW.....1.8%

In 2020, the Redwood-Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority (RRRSWA) processed and transferred 3,257 tons (163 semi-loads) of recyclables and 14,337 tons (717 semi-loads) of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW). Together Redwood and Renville Counties recycled 187 tons of electronics/appliances, transferred 26 tons of used tires to be recycled, completed 24 property demolition inspections, properly managed 2,298 tons of demolition waste at the demolition landfill, and disposed of 46 tons of household hazardous waste (HHW). Remember: REDUCE-REUSE-RECYCLE

Human Services.....14.4%

There are three primary service areas: Social Services, Child Support, and Public Assistance. 210 Child Protection reports were submitted in 2020.

Conservation of Natural Resources.....1%

Extension, agricultural inspection, and water planning.

General Government.....14.6%

County Board, Administration, Auditor-Treasurer, Assessor, County Attorney, Recorder, Environmental Services, Veterans Services, License Department, and Restorative Justice.

Capital Improvements.....7.0%

The proposed Capital Improvements and Bond Funds budget is \$3.3 million.

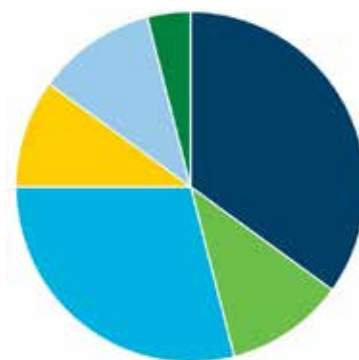
HRA/EDA Preliminary Levy:

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority and Economic Development Authority (HRA/EDA) has a separate levy of \$261,803.

(2% increase from 2021)

2021 Revenue Sources

Renville County's funding comes from a variety of federal, state, and local revenues and service fees.



- Agricultural Property Taxes (33%)
- Non-Agricultural Property Taxes (11%)
- State Aid (29%)
- Federal Grants (11%)
- Fees (13%)
- Miscellaneous (3%)

Minnesota Health Care Program Options

Retrieved from Minnesota Department of Human Services

Minnesota Health Care Programs can give you and your family coverage for most medical services or provide help paying your Medicare premiums, deductibles, and copays. How much help you can get depends on the program you qualify for.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Medical Assistance (MA) is Minnesota's Medicaid Program. There is no monthly cost to enrollees. MA pays for current and future medical bills. MA may also pay medical bills going back three months from when we get your application. You can have other health insurance and still qualify. MA may help pay for the cost of your other health insurance.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR EMPLOYED PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (MA-EPD)

MA-EPD is a work incentive health care program that provides MA coverage to employed people with certified disabilities. You must earn more than \$65 a calendar month to be eligible for MA-EPD. An asset limit of \$20,000 applies. Assets owned by your spouse do not count. You pay a monthly premium based on your income. American Indians usually do not pay a premium.

MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS

Medicare Savings Programs can help pay Medicare premiums, deductibles, and copays for people enrolled, or who can enroll, in Medicare.

HOW CAN I QUALIFY?

You must meet program rules including income limits. How much income you can have and still qualify depends on your household size, age, pregnancy status, if you are blind or have a disability, and the health care program you qualify for. **NOTE: Income guidelines are approximations only. Use the charts to the right for general reference.**

MA ASSET LIMITS

Assets are items you own. Assets that may count include cash, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, certain vehicles, and property where you do not live. Assets that do not count include the home where you live, household goods, personal items such as clothing and jewelry, and certain assets owned by an American Indian. There is no asset limit if you qualify as a pregnant woman, a parent or caretaker relative of a child under age 19, a child under age 21, or an adult under age 65 without children. Parents and caretaker relatives who qualify for MA with a spenddown have an asset limit of \$20,000. The asset limit if you qualify as a person who is blind, has a disability or is age 65 or older is \$3,000 for one and \$6,000 for a household of two or more.

Medical Assistance (MA) Monthly Income Limits Effective 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022

Family Size	1	2	3	For each additional person, add
Infants under 2	\$3,037	\$4,108	\$5,178	\$1,070
Pregnant Women*		\$4,035	\$5,087	\$1,051
Children 2 through 18	\$2,951	\$3,992	\$5,032	\$1,040
Parents and caretaker relatives	\$1,427	\$1,930	\$2,433	\$503
Adults age 19 - 64 without children	\$1,427	\$1,930	\$2,433	\$503
Adults age 65 and older	\$1,074	\$1,453	\$1,832	\$379
People who are blind or have a disability	\$1,074	\$1,453	\$1,832	\$379

*A pregnant woman counts as two or more.

Medicare Savings Programs Monthly Income Limits Effective 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022

Family Size	1	2	For each additional person, add
Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)	\$1,094	\$1,473	\$379
Service Limited Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)	\$1,308	\$1,762	\$454
Qualified Individual (QI)	\$1,469	\$1,980	\$511
Qualified Working Disabled (QWD)	\$2,167	\$2,924	\$757

The asset limit is \$10,000 for a single person and \$18,000 for a family of two or more, except for Qualified Working Disabled (QWD). The QWD asset limit is \$4,000 for a single person and \$6,000 for a family of two or more.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Most people can apply for all Minnesota Health Care Programs:

- Online at www.mnsure.org
- By filling out the paper Application for Health Coverage (DHS-6696) that can be downloaded at www.renvillecountymn.com by selecting Departments --> Human Services --> Financial Assistance --> Health Care Programs or by calling Renville County Human Services at 320-523-2202.

The people listed below should apply for Medical Assistance (MA) by filling out the *Minnesota Health Care Programs Application for Certain Populations (DHS-3876)* online at www.mnsure.org. Use this application if you meet **ONE** of the following:

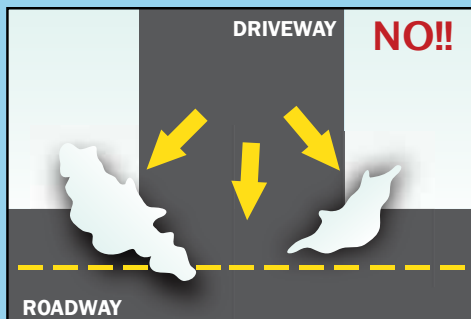
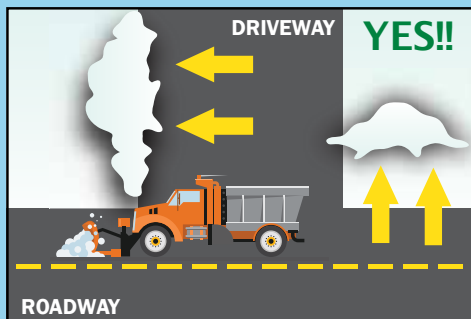
- Are 65 years old or older
- Are blind or have a disability
- Are only requesting help with Medicare costs
- Are 21 years old or older, have no dependents, and have Medicare coverage
- Receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Are applying for Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities (MA-EPD)

If you want to apply for payment of long-term care services such as nursing home care or services to help you stay in your home, apply:

- By filling out the *Minnesota Health Care Programs Application for Payment of Long-Term Care Services application (DHS-3531)* online at www.mnsure.org or by calling Renville County Human Services at 320-523-2202.

SNOW ON ROAD NOTICE

The Renville County Public Works Department would like to remind county residents that it is unlawful to deposit or push snow or ice, in any fashion, onto a public roadway or across the road right of way.



Minnesota Statutes 160.2715 and 169.42 prohibit the plowing, blowing, shoveling, and placing of snow from sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots onto public roadways.

This can include the ditch and right-of-way area. Violations of these statutes are a misdemeanor. Piles of snow left on or near the road can freeze into a solid mass creating a hazardous situation for vehicles and snowplows. Accidents and damages caused by snow placed in the roadway may result in liability to the property owner.

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FREE HELP TO QUIT YOUR WAY

Quit Partner is Minnesota's free way to quit nicotine, including smoking, vaping and chewing. They can support your quit with one-on-one coaching and other helpful tools available 24/7.

OPTION #1: Quit your own way by choosing which free tools you'd like to try



Free Medications: Sign up to get two weeks of patches, gum, or lozenges.



Text Messages: Get tips and encouragement sent directly to your phone.



Emails: Receive regular support emails.

OPTION #2: Quit with free coaching

Get one-on-one coaching over the phone or online from trained coaches. Just by signing up, you'll get to use these free tools to help you quit.

Sign up at www.quitpartnarmn.com

Duke's Story: You Can't Keep A Good Dog Down

The Renville County Sheriff's Office K-9 Team, comprised of K-9 Duke and his handler, Deputy Luke Jacques, has been serving Renville County since 2013. Duke comes from a long ancestry of police dogs, and his name was the result of a popular vote by elementary students in the schools in Renville County.

In November 2020, Duke came up limping during a training exercise and was taken to the New Ulm Regional Veterinary Center. The veterinarian took X-rays and found that Duke had a ruptured ligament in his left knee that would require surgery. Surgery was set for the first week of January 2021. **"Duke was allowed to work up until his surgery,"** commented Deputy Jacques. **"On December 18, he was deployed into a residence where a wanted felon was believed to be. Duke found, and apprehended, the subject who was hiding under a bed."**



Deputy Luke Jacques and Duke

One month later, on January 18, Duke had surgery where a plate was inserted to stabilize his knee. He was confined to a small area in Jacques' home so he didn't overwork his leg. **"I had to assist Duke for a couple weeks in walking around the house by wrapping a towel around his belly near his rear legs,"** shared Jacques.

Duke's sutures were removed on January 29. The next day, the suture site split open and Jacques rushed Duke to the New Ulm Veterinarian Center, where his knee was re-stitched. While the suture site was being cleaned and re-stitched, the veterinarian found that Duke also had a fracture on his fibula.

During the entire healing process, Jacques did physical therapy with Duke, which consisted of stretches and range of motion exercises, ice pack application and hot compresses before therapy. **"The full healing process should have been complete 12-16 weeks after surgery,"** stated Jacques. **"However, it was hard to contain Duke's energy and it delayed his healing. For example, the surgeon said Duke wouldn't put full weight on his leg for two weeks. He did this on day two."**

Duke was cleared at the beginning of April 2021 to go back for drug work only. On May 13, Duke was called to assist on a traffic stop to sniff for drugs. He indicated on the vehicle, alerting Jacques there were drugs inside. A subsequent search revealed the driver had 112 grams of methamphetamine in the vehicle. This caused a search warrant to be executed for the drivers' home, resulting in another 200 grams of meth being removed from the streets.

On May 17, Duke was cleared to resume all duties, including tracking, apprehension and building searches. **"I slowly built Duke's training and leg muscles back to where they were prior to surgery,"** commented Jacques. **"In July, Duke was deployed on a wanted subject in a cornfield. He tracked the subject through the cornfield, through a grove, and found the individual in a tree."**

This past September, Jacques found a small hole in Duke's repaired leg. X-rays were done and found there was a small infection under the plate, which would have to be removed. The plate had already done its job and was safe to be taken out. On October 8, Duke underwent surgery.

"Everything went as planned for the plate removal," Jacques shared. **"The surgeon also removed a golf ball sized mass of scar tissue and drain track buildup. Duke should be able to return to regular duty approximately two weeks after surgery."**

Duke is with Deputy Jacques during all shifts and lives with Jacques and his family when they are not at work. Renville County appreciates all the Sheriff's Office K-9 Team does for our communities! To learn more about the Sheriff's Office and K-9 Team, visit www.renvillecountymn.com/sheriff.

Renville County Environmental Services Awarded Grant Funds

The Environmental Services Office has been awarded **\$60,897 in income-based grant funding**



from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) **to assist residents with the replacement of failing septic systems that inadequately protect groundwater in Renville County.**

In order to qualify, residents must meet certain income guidelines. A full listing of guidelines and application forms will be available in early 2022 at www.renvillecountymn.com.

November is National Veterans and Military Families Month

On Veterans Day, November 11 and throughout the month of November, we celebrate those who have honored our country with their service and sacrifice. Our courageous men and women in uniform have earned our respect and gratitude. Military families embody strength, resilience, and courage. Care of military families and children sustains our fighting force, and strengthens the health, security, and safety of our nation's families and communities.

As we celebrate, here are some ways you can personally honor our veterans, their families, and the sacrifices they've made:

- SAY – “Thank you!”
- Write a thank you note
- Offer workplace flexibility
- Perform a random act of kindness, while remaining anonymous
- Thank them publicly (on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- Donate to a Veterans’ charity on their behalf
- ASK – “How can I help?”



Renville County’s Veterans Services is available to assist Renville County Veterans with:

- Securing federal and state Veteran's benefits
- Finding medical care at Veteran's administration hospitals
- Transportation to the Minneapolis and St. Cloud Veteran's Administration Medical Centers
- Assistance to file claims for service connections, and death and burial benefits

If you would like more information on programs and services available, please contact the Renville County Veterans Service Office at 320-523-3763 or lees@renvillecountymn.com.

WINTER WILL BE HERE SOON. KNOW WINTER WARNING DIFFERENCES TO KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE.



Blizzard Warning

Severe winter weather is expected within the next **12 to 36 hours** or is occurring -- including whiteout conditions.
Do not travel.

take action.

Winter Storm Warning

Dangerous winter weather is expected within the next **12 to 36 hours** or is occurring. **Considerable travel problems** are expected.

take action.

Winter Weather Advisory

Potentially dangerous winter weather is expected within the next **12 to 36 hours** or is occurring. **Travel difficulties** are expected.

be aware.



Meet Restorative Justice Volunteer Kim Thordson

While volunteering for the Redwood County Restorative Justice Program, Kim's friend and mentor, Barb, introduced her to the idea of volunteering for the Restorative Justice Program through Renville County. Barb felt that her experience as a single mom would benefit the program. Kim had some great people help her with advice and moral support as she raised her family, so she thought volunteering in Renville County would be a great way to give back.



**Kim Thordson,
Restorative Justice
Volunteer**

Although Kim had some experience under her belt, she took part in the training offered by the program to further her knowledge and get a better understanding of how the process works. She also attended seminars through the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI.) **"They have been great tools on how mental illness, health, and childhood trauma can affect family,"** Kim added. She was a little nervous towards the beginning of her Restorative Justice journey, because she wasn't sure she had anything of value to offer. However, Andrew, Renville County Restorative Justice Coordinator, assured her that being a good listener and having commitment to the family's privacy was all she needed to get started.

Kim expresses that the most valuable thing about the Restorative Justice Program is the reward. She feels the fact that families are reaching out at some of their most vulnerable times is amazing and, as a group, being able to help, support and give them a voice is very rewarding.

A positive example of what Restorative Justice has done for Kim in her life is help her be a more active listener and to try to connect with others on a more personal level. **"I think it has made me a better leader and mother,"** She added.

If you are thinking about volunteering for the Renville County Restorative Justice Program, some advice Kim offers is to trust the process and be patient. **"Progress doesn't happen overnight,"** she explained. She feels it's always darkest before dawn, meaning things will get raw before change can happen.

Kim associates Restorative Justice with one of her favorite quotes: *"A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor."* – Franklin D. Roosevelt. Whereas the volunteers are the seasoned sailors helping the new sailors (families) through rough waters, and the Restorative Justice Program is the beacon (the lighthouse).

Learn more by contacting Andrew Peltz, Restorative Justice Coordinator at andrewp@renvillecountymn.com or 320-523-3871.



Dispose of Your Old Holiday Lights: Find a Drop Off Site in Renville County

HOLIDAY LIGHTS CAN INCLUDE DECORATIVE STRING LIGHTS FROM THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS (AND MORE!):

- Valentine's Day
- St. Patrick's Day
- Easter
- Independence Day
- Halloween
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas

DROP OFF SITE LOCATIONS:

- Bird Island - Beckler's Hardware Hank*
- Danube - Danube Upholstery
- Fairfax - Farm Mercantile*
- Franklin - Franklin State Bank
- Hector - Hill's Unique Gift Shop*
- Morton - Morton City Office Building
- Olivia - MAC'S Hardware*
- Renville - Maynard's Food Center
- Sacred Heart - City Office Building
- Renville County Landfill & HHW Facility*

*Locations offering year-round collection

THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAY ITEMS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE THROUGH THIS PROGRAM:

- Christmas Trees
- Jack-O-Lanterns (real or artificial)
- Wire Lawn Decorations (deer, snowmen, etc.)
- Wreaths

Questions?

Call the Redwood/Renville
Regional Solid Waste Authority
at 320-523-8002.



Renville County HRA/EDA: Childcare Forgivable Loan Program

**Do you know someone interested in starting a home
childcare or childcare center in Renville County?**

If you do, direct them to www.renville.com to learn more about the HRA/EDA's Childcare Forgivable Loan Program. Forgivable loans of \$5,000 for home based and \$10,000 for childcare centers are now available.



Benefits of Cover Crops and No-Tillage Farming

Submitted by Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District

This year's drought had us playing "Africa" by Toto on loop. This summer tested many, from home gardeners to kayakers, and of course our farmers. Rain is essential for growing crops here in Renville County, as irrigation pivots are almost non-existent due to the great soil found in the county. When irrigation pivots are not part of the equation, what can be done to help combat drought conditions? The following two practices are not only great for soil health but also allow the land to retain more moisture; the use of cover crops and no-tillage farming.

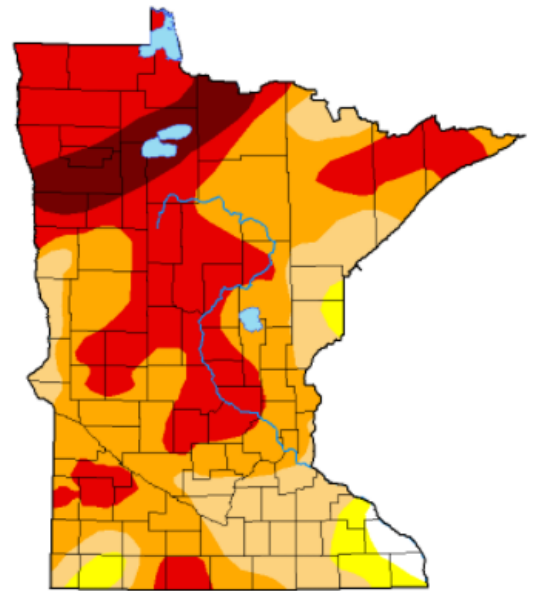
The use of cover crops can be a confusing idea when it comes to wanting to retain more water in the soil. After all, it makes sense that the more vegetation on a field, the more water required to keep that vegetation there. This is partially true. While it takes more water to grow additional cover, the cover crop is in return locking the moisture in the ground by better regulating the soil temperature and protecting the soil surface from evaporating. The increased organic matter in the soil improves the water holding capacity as well. Cover crops, as a practice, will actually net you more water than not, which is invaluable when in a drought.

No-tillage farming is another great soil health practice that also provides benefits during times of drought. Tillage reduces water infiltration by breaking up the large pores in the soil that act as pipes for water to move throughout the soil. Furthermore, tillage removes residue from the ground that can cause erosion as well as deplete more moisture. By keeping crop residue in place, it will be able to moderate soil temperatures and reduce soil moisture evaporation. Corn stalks in the winter alone can help keep snow in the field and add up to an additional few inches of soil moisture after the snowmelt come spring.

While the use of cover crops and no-tillage farming are great practices to help with drought resistance, they are also great for soil health as a whole since they comprise many other benefits. Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), along with the Hawk Creek Watershed Project, offer cost-share opportunities for landowners interested in these two practices.

To learn more, call the SWCD office at 320-523-1559 or the Hawk Creek Watershed Project at 320-523-3666.

U.S. Drought Monitor Minnesota



For current drought conditions, visit droughtmonitor.unl.edu



Stretch Your Home Improvement Dollars!

If you are a first time home-buyer 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 \$5,000 at 0% interest to qualified applicants.



Income Guidelines:	
1 person.....	\$61,875
2 people.....	\$70,744
3 people.....	\$79,613
4 people.....	\$88,413
5 people.....	\$95,494
6 people.....	\$102,575
7 people.....	\$109,656
8 people.....	\$116,738

Approval of a homeownership down payment or rehab loan is subject to review, as well as the condition of the home.

Your Mental Health Matters! Coloring Contest

Mental health includes emotional, psychological and social well-being. It can influence:

- How you feel about yourself, the world and your life.
- Your ability to solve problems and overcome challenges.
- Your ability to build relationships with others and contribute to your communities.

Call Renville County Human Services at 320-523-2202 to learn more about adult and child mental health services available to Renville County residents.

I am a good friend when I...

I am most happy when....

I like myself when....

I am proud of myself when...

I am special because...

I am good at...

My name is:

I am _____
years old.

**I am a
wonderful
person!**

Email picture to stefanier@renvillecountymn.com or place in drop box at Renville County Government Services Center (105 S. 5th Street, Olivia | Main Entrance with Flags) by 4:30 p.m. on November 30. Winner will be contacted by phone or email and announced on Facebook.

Parent Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____





Renville County Recycling Curbside Schedule January - December 2022

Bird Island - Renville - Sacred Heart
Buffalo Lake - Fairfax - Hector

Danube - Olivia
Franklin - Morton (RF Zone 1)

Holiday - No Service
(Remainder of the week will be a day later)

RRRSWA:
(507) 637-1800
(320) 523-8002

January 2022						
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Remember to have your carts to the curb no later than 6:30am



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. Do not remove labels.

Plastic Containers

#1 thru #5 (excluding caps)
No larger than 5 quarts.

- Must be removed from bags
- No Styrofoam
- No bags
- No toys
- No pools
- No siding
- No PVC pipe, etc.

Steel and Aluminum

Food and beverage cans, aluminum foil, pie pans, and aerosol cans (must be empty).

- No food remaining (empty and clean)
- No need to remove labels on food cans

Paper

Newspaper, junk mail, paperbacks, catalogs, phone books, envelopes (including windowed) and office paper.

- Do not bundle or tie (place in cart loosely)

Cardboard

Cardboard (folded flat), paper bags and boxboard (e.g. cereal, cracker, pasta, and shoe boxes), paper egg cartons

- No frozen food or refrigerated food boxes
- No beer or pop boxes (6 packs, 12 packs or cases)
- No packing foam
- No waxed cardboard

Do NOT Recycle:

Plastic Bags/Film Plastic: Please purchase and utilize reusable grocery bags, ask for paper, or have your groceries loaded loosely into your cart. Do **NOT** place bags or other film plastic into your recycling container.

Shredded Paper: Please utilize our shredding service, which is FREE for personal papers and a nominal fee for businesses. If you shred your own paper, please bag it and bring it to the office located at the RRRMRF in Redwood Falls.

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Extension (4-H)	320-523-3713
HRA (Housing Programs)	507-637-4004
Human Services	320-523-2202 or 800-363-2533
Demolition Landfill / Solid Waste / Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)	320-523-1144
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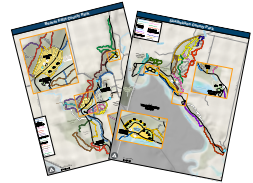
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GROOMED TRAIL LOCATIONS:

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Skalbekken County Park
79186 County Road 10
Sacred Heart, MN 56285

Trail Maps Available Online at
www.renvillecountymn.com on the
Parks Department Page



ENJOY WINTER TRAIL RECREATION:

- Walk
- Cross-Country Ski
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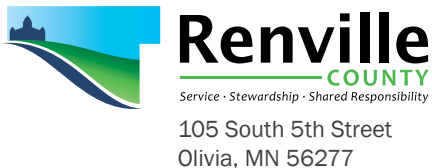
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