

New Salem Main Street Park water fountain shut off

Effective Sunday, May 10, the Main Street Park water fountain has been shut off indefinitely by the New Salem Park District, citing recent vandalism and misuse. In a recent Facebook post, the NS park district stated "increasing damage to park property including individuals breaking concrete and removing rocks from the historic bandstand structure" has occurred. Park Staff had also reportedly found and cleaned up dog waste bags littered around the park which were filled with water from the fountain and used as

water balloons. "We ask all parents and guardians to please take a moment to speak with their children about proper park etiquette, respect for public spaces, and cleaning up after themselves," the park district later said in the Facebook post. "If vandalism and destruction continue, further action may be taken to identify those responsible and contact parents or guardians directly." If and when damage and misuse of the water fountain and park property cease, the fountain will be turned back on.

MORTON COUNTY Golden Age Menu

THURSDAY MAY 14

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Country Trio Vegetables, Apple Slices

FRIDAY MAY 15

Egg Bake, Diced Potatoes, Three Bean Salad, Mandarin Oranges

MONDAY MAY 18

Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Honey Glazed Carrots, Fruit Cocktail

TUESDAY MAY 19

Sweet and Sour Chicken, Rice, Stir Fry Vegetables, Eggroll, Banana, Fortune Cookie

WEDNESDAY MAY 20

Beef Stew, Peas, Apple-sauce, Cornbread

Call 701.663.6528 to have meals delivered to you if you are 60 or older

Ministerial Moments

Pastor Marcy Dawson

Salem UCC

I have always enjoyed spring; when I was a kid, my dad always did a little project that I am always reminded of. He would take the wheat seed from the granary place 100 of them on a newspaper (my mom being a teacher, also made this a math lesson) 10 rows and 10 columns, then he would fold up the newspaper, wet it down and place it in an open jar on the window and then we would wait.... Every day going to the window to see what surprise we would see. Then one day we would start seeing little sprouts coming through, we would wait a bit longer, then on a certain day we would open the newspaper and see this awesome miracle of sprouts coming out of the seed.

Faith begins in the smallest of ways. In Matthew 13, Jesus describes a Sower (God) scattering seed—tiny, ordinary, almost unimpressive. Yet within each seed is the possibility of

life, transformation, and abundance.

Sometimes like the soil our hearts feel like the hard path—trampled by disappointment or worn down by worry. God's Word struggles to take root. Other times we are rocky soil—quick to feel inspired, but when life gets hard, faith withers. And some days, thorns creep in -fear, busyness, comparison, the relentless noise of the world. These choke the tender shoots of faith before they grow.

But the miracle of this parable is not the seed or the soil. It is the Sower.

God keeps sowing. God keeps speaking. God keeps planting in places we thought were barren. God does not give up on us.

And when God's Word finds even a small patch of open, willing soil, something amazing happens. Our Faith grows quietly, steadily, deeply—until it bears fruit that is far greater than we imagined. God's Word does not just inform us; it transforms us. It changes us.

Tell them you saw it in the Morton County News Journal

Event Calendar

May Western Plains Public Health Clinics

18 Immunizations at Western Plains Public Health in Mandan, call 667-3370 for appointment

19 Footcare and Blood Pressure for Seniors 60 and older at Elm Crest Manor, New Salem 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Call 667-3370 for appointment

20 Footcare and Blood Pressure at Mandan Senior Center 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Call 667-3370 for appointment

20 Footcare and Blood Pressure at Library Square, Mandan 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Call 667-3370 for appointment

27 Footcare and Blood Pressure at Mandan Senior Center 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Call 667-3370 for appointment

Central Morton Sportsman's Club Events

The Central Morton Sportsman's Club will be hosting their annual youth fishing tournament at Sweetbriar Lake on Friday, May 15 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. All youth ages 15 and under are invited to participate for free in the tournament. Prizes will be awarded.

The Club will be hosting a gopher hunt event for youths 15 and under on Saturday, June 6 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration for the event is free and will take place at DFC in New Salem starting at noon. Prizes will be awarded and a subsequent dinner will take place.

New Salem Women's Life

New Salem Women's Life will be having monthly meeting May 18th, 2026 at 4:00 PM, Elm Crest Assisted Living Lounge. Guests are welcome.

New Salem Hunger Relief Monthly Food Distribution

New Salem Hunger Relief's monthly food distribution is tonight, Wednesday, May 13 starting at 5:30 p.m. outside the Metropolitan Hotel.

Have a meeting notice? Email Us at mcnjournal@gspublishing.net to have it featured in the community calendar!

Almont Legion Post 261 Memorial Day

Almont's American Legion Post 261 will be hosting a Memorial Day event on Memorial Day (Monday, May 25) beginning at 10:00 a.m. Ceremonies will be held at the Almont Legion Hall and Almont/Sims Cemeteries.

Almont Garden Club

The Almont Garden Club will be having a meeting on Saturday, May 16 at the Almont fitness center. Guest speaker Gaylon Sailer from High Plains Concept - Greenhouse and Nursery (Beulah) will be in attendance.

Have a photo of an event we missed? Email it to mcnjournal@gspublishing.net to have it featured in the paper!

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF COUNTY BOARD OF TAX EQUALIZATION MEETING MORTON COUNTY NORTH DAKOTA

Notice is hereby given that the Morton County Board of Tax Equalization will meet at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 2nd Ave NW, Mandan ND, at 6:00 pm on Thursday, June 4th, 2026.

Each taxpayer has the right to appear before the County board of equalization and petition for correction of the taxpayer's assessment for the year 2026. All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessments are hereby notified to appear at said meeting and show cause for having such assessments corrected.

Dawn R Rhone, CPA
Morton County Auditor

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LOCAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Morton County Park Board: The Park Board members are responsible for managing the Morton County Parks and meets with the board on a monthly basis. Appointment is for a 3-year term expiring 06/30/2029, board members may serve for more than one term.

Morton County School Reorganization Board: The School Reorganization Board is responsible for hearing any requests, and providing a recommendation, from county patrons and/or school districts, requesting a change in the boundaries of a school district in which their property lies. After approval and recommendation by the County Reorganization Board, the County petition is sent to State officials for final action. Appointment is for a term of 3 years expiring 06/30/2029, board members may serve for more than one term.

Three River Human Service Zone: formerly known as Morton County Social Services. Interested candidates must reside in Morton County.

The 65th Legislative Assembly passed a bill known as Senate Bill 2124 which allows regions to work collaboratively with each other and the ND Department of Human Services in meeting the needs of North Dakota citizens through programs and services. The programs being delivered include federal, state, and local programs to citizens, including food stamps, health care assistance, housing and home energy assistance, foster care, child/daycare licensing, abuse and neglect intervention with the goal of helping people reach their maximum level of self-sufficiency. In an effort to meet regional needs, Morton, Grant, and Sioux County joined forces to create Three Rivers Human Service Zone.

This board is seeking qualified individuals to apply for the opening. The primary requirement is Morton County residency, over the age of 18, and have the ability to meet with the board on a monthly basis. Appointment is for a 3-year term expiring 06/30/2029, board members may serve for more than one term.

Morton County Planning & Zoning Board: The Planning & Zoning Board members are responsible for making recommendations to the County Commission regarding development and land uses in the county. The appointment includes: Review of master plans, preliminary and final plats, Zone change request, Zoning Violations, Other items as instructed by the County Commission

The appointment is for a 4-year term expiring 06/30/2030. Meetings are usually held the fourth Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm at the Morton County Courthouse.

Please complete the application for consideration, which can be found on our website at www.co.morton.nd.us/employment. Deadline for applications is June 18, 2026.

If you have questions or comments, please reach out to Dawn Rhone, County Auditor or Wendy Bent, Human Resources Director.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Morton County Board of Commissioners, Morton County, North Dakota will accept bids until Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 10:00 am (CDT). Bids will be opened and read at that time in the conference room at the Morton County Shop located at 2916 37th Street NW in Mandan, ND. Bid results and final disposition will be presented to the County Commission on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 5:30 pm (CDT) in the Commissioners Room located in the basement of the Morton County Courthouse, for the following item:
Gravel Supply and Delivery

Plans, specifications, and bid documents are available at the office of the Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th Street N.W., Mandan, North Dakota 58554.

Morton County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive technicalities and to accept such as may be determined to be in the best interest of the County.

All bids shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing a bidder's bond or certified check in the amount of 5% of the total bid, payable to Morton County as liquidated damages in accordance with section 11-11-28, NDCC, and a copy of the contractor's license in accordance with section 43-07-12, NDCC.

By Order of the Morton County Commission
Dawn R. Rhone, Morton County Auditor

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RE-ELECT Representative Karen Rohr

June 9, 2026 ■ District 31

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