

# Redwood County Connection

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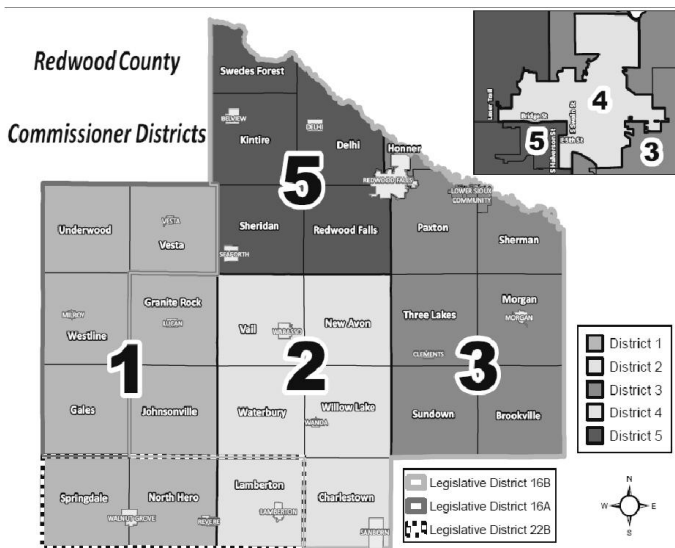
The Official Newsletter of Redwood County

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## Meet your Commissioners



*From Left to Right: Sharon Hollatz, District 5; Priscilla Klabunde, District 4; Back from Left to Right: Dennis Groebner, District 3; Lon Walling, District 1 and Jim Salfer, District 2*



Redwood County Commissioners are elected officials who serve a four year term representing their respective district. Board Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month. The Commissioners also serve on various committees such as: Planning and Zoning, Solid Waste/ Recycling, Health and Human Services, Extension, Soil and Water, just to name a few! They are here to represent our County residents in all aspects of living in Redwood County.

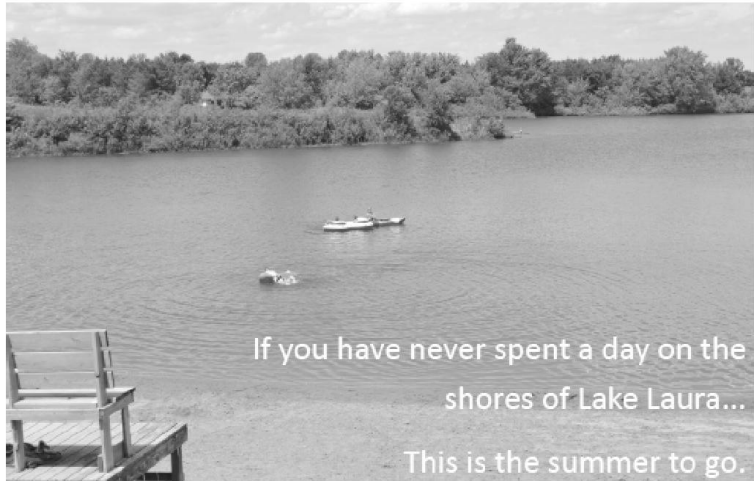
# Plum Creek County Park

15191—110th Street, Walnut Grove, MN 56180 - (507) 859 - 2005 - [www.walnutgrove.org](http://www.walnutgrove.org)



## Amenities

- 69 site Campground
- Swimming Beach with Bathhouse
- 9 hole disc golf course
- Two hiking trails
- Playground equipment
- Baseball/Softball fields
- Sand Volleyball Courts



If you have never spent a day on the shores of Lake Laura...

This is the summer to go.

## 2016 Photo Contest

Submit up to 3 of your favorite photos of the park.

Grand Prize: Framed print of your picture, your photo kept on display in the parks main office, and 1 free week of camping.

More information and contest rules are available in the parks main office.



Redwood County's Plum Creek Park was developed, and is maintained for the benefit of all citizens of Redwood County. You owe it to yourself to come and spend some time at the park, enjoy the water, take a hike, or spend an evening camping at our first rate campground.

### Overnight camping rates

No services = 17.50

With electricity = 22.50

With electricity, water, sewer = 25.00

Monthly and Seasonal Rates are Available





Summer Splash Duck Dash, Redwood Falls



Wilder Pageant, Walnut Grove



Old SOD Days, Belview



Dakotah Ridge Golf Course



Night Falls, Ramsey Park

**Welcome to 2016 Redwood County Community Events**

- May 27 Family Aquatic Center OPENS, Redwood Falls
- May 30 Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum Open House Free Admission, WG
- June 8 Friends of Ramsey Park Jamboree, Redwood Falls—RACC
- June 10-12 Lower Sioux Wacipi, Lower Sioux Indian Community
- June 11 Paddle the MIN River in a Day, Redwood Falls
- June 11 Small Town Saturday Night, Belview
- June 10-12 Pretzel Days, Lucan
- June 17-18 Summerfest, Wabasso
- June 17-19 City & Country Days, Morgan
- June 22 BBQ Supper/Lions Club, Wabasso
- June 24 Redwood Falls Community Parade, Redwood Falls
- June 24-26 Summer Splash/Celebrate Redwood Falls, Redwood Falls
- June 26 Rotary Fly-in Pancake Breakfast, Redwood Falls Airport
- June 26-28 V-esta River Daze, Vesta
- July 4 Independence Day Celebration/Fireworks, Morton
- July 8-9 Wilder Pageant, Walnut Grove
- July 8-10 Actor Charlotte Stewart "Miss Beadle", Walnut Grove
- July 9 Small Town Saturday Night, Belview
- July 13-17 Redwood County Fair, Redwood Falls
- July 15-16 Wilder Pageant, Walnut Grove
- July 16-17 Actor Karen Grassle "Ma Ingalls", Walnut Grove
- July 16-17 C4th Hometown Days, Seaforth
- July 16 Loggers Fishing Derby @Lake Laura, Walnut Grove
- July 21-24 "Shrek The Musical, Redwood Area Theater, Redwood Falls
- July 22-23 Wilder Pageant, Walnut Grove
- July 24-26 Watermelon Days, Sanborn
- August 2-4 IDEAg Minnesota FARMFEST, Historic Gillfillan Estate
- August 13 Small Town Saturday Night, Belview
- Sept 3-Nov 1 Holmberg Orchard, Events every weekend, Vesta
- Sept 9-10 Hot Iron Days, Lambertton
- Sept 17 Old SOD Days, Belview
- Sept 24 Fall Festival, Redwood Falls
- October 29 Moonlight Madness, Walnut Grove
- Oct 28-29/31 The Francois Haunted Hotel, Downtown Redwood Falls
- Nov 18 Christmas by Candlelight, Downtown Redwood Falls
- Nov 18-20 Beneath the Village Wreath, Morton
- Nov 27 Elfin' Magic Craft Show, Redwood Falls
- December 2 Winterfest, Redwood Falls
- Feb 4, 2017 Fire & Ice Festival/Celebrate Redwood Falls



Watermelon Days, Sanborn



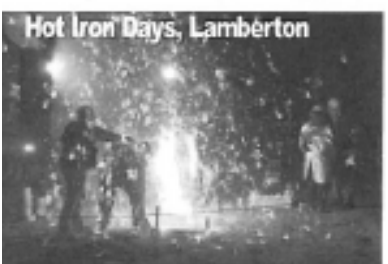
Camping @ JPJ



Family Aquatic Center



4th of July Fireworks, Morton



Hot Iron Days, Lambertton



Rotary Fly-In Breakfast, Redwood Falls



**Farmers Market in Redwood Falls:** Mid-July thru October  
Tuesday: 2-5:30 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m.—NOON @Bridge Street City Parking lot

**Take in a ball game —** Redbirds, or the Irish!

**Redwood Speedway:** Races every Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

**Ingalls Dugout Site:** May—October daylight hours, north of Walnut Grove

"Like" and take in "The Shops of Redwood County" on FB!

Take me out to the Ball game! — Follow the Redbirds or Milroy Irish

Play a Round of Golf at all 4 of our golf courses! Or visit our Wineries!

Check out entertainment at Jackpot Junction Casino Hotel/Events!

**Enjoy your stay! Come Back Again!**



Lower Sioux Wacipi, LSIC



Holmberg Orchard, Vesta



FarmFest, Historic Gillfillan Estate



Small Town Saturday Night, Belview



## Connecting Technology and Communities in Redwood County

**H**ave you ever thought about how much social media can help your business, your hobbies, or even your day to day activities? Have you ever thought about how Google can put you on the map? What about using your smart phone as a business tool? Redwood County has an option for you. **Redwood Connect** is working to bring Broadband Technology to your home and community through classes, internet connections, free computers and first class technology resources. The Blandin Foundation has supported this project through a 2-year grant that has funded a new Technology Training Center equipped with 12 computers located in the Redwood County Courthouse. Lunch-n-Learn Classes are held every second and fourth Wednesday from 11:30-1:00 p.m. and a Coffee and Computers session from 8:00-9:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

To access the class schedule or if you are interested in hosting a class at our facility, please check out <http://www.econdev.radc.org/radc/redwoodconnect>. You will be able to see the fee schedule, scheduling process, and how to sign up for classes. Keep in mind that the second half of 2016 classes won't be posted until the end of May to the beginning of June so check the website often for updates. I have attended a couple classes and found them very helpful. Even if you take away 10% from the class you attend, it will help you professionally and personally. Thanks and make it a great day!

Paul Parsons

Redwood County Technology Coordinator





# Redwood County 4-H



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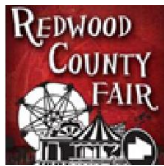
4-H is very active in Redwood County! We have something for everyone whether you are interested in science, arts, engineering, foods, photography, or animals. Redwood County 4-H offers club program, afterschool programs, and special interest programs such as Aquatic Robotic Team, Babysitting Clinics, Cooking Classes, Day Camps, Summer Programs, and so much more.

Check Redwood County 4-H Website for more details and to sign-up for a summer program near you!  
<http://www3.extension.umn.edu/county/redwood/4-h>.  
Questions? Please give Becky or Stacy a call at 507-637-4025.

**Mark your Calendars!!!**

**Redwood County Fair**

**July 14th-17th**



## Redwood County Revolving Loan Fund

The RCRLF is an unique and flexible source of "gap financing" for eligible businesses that have a positive economic impact on Redwood County.

**Terms are 5 years/5%**

### Eligible uses include:

Machinery or equipment  
Start-up Working Capital Loans  
Creating new permanent jobs  
Land development costs  
Energy efficiency upgrades  
Building Facility repairs

Contact: Julie Rath  
Redwood Area Development  
Corporation/  
Redwood County EDA  
200 S Mill Street  
Redwood Falls, MN 56283  
507-637-4004  
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incentivedirectory](http://www.econdev.radc.org/incentivedirectory)  
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Funds made available by a grant from the USDA Rural business Enterprise Grants program with matching funds provided by Redwood County.

## County Board of Appeal and Equalization

The process of Valuation and Classification begins each year with the County Assessor's Office placing a value and a classification on each parcel located in Redwood County as of January 2nd. The values for 2016 were based on sales that occurred during the sales study period of 10-01-14 through 9-30-15.

In March 2016 the Valuation Notice was mailed to each property owner informing them of the current value and classification for the 2016 assessment (that will be used for property taxes in 2017) along with their 2016 property tax statement. The back side of the Valuation Notice contains all the information for a property owner if they believe the classification or valuation is not correct. The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meetings are held during the month of April.

On **June 21<sup>st</sup>** the County Board of Appeal and Equalization will be held at the Redwood County Government Center at **6:00 p.m.** The County Board of Appeal and Equalization is the meeting for any property owner who attended their Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting to contest either their estimated market value or classification of the property they own and disagrees with the decision of the Local Board.

**You must have presented your case to the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization. You will need to call 507-637-4016 for an appointment.**

## Get your Passport at Redwood County

Passport books and cards can be applied for in the Administration Office at the Government Center. Passports are required for International travel only. The new MN REAL ID will not be needed for domestic flights until 2018.

You will need the following items:

- Passport Application
- Certified Birth Certificate
- Passport Picture
- Valid Driver's License or State ID
- Minors under age 16 must appear with both parents and the parents must have valid driver's license or state ID.
- For more information go to [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) or call 507-637-4016.

Note: The US Department of State is expecting an increase of passport applications through 2018. Submit your passport application well ahead of your planned travel dates in order to avoid possible delays. The current processing time is 6 weeks.

**Redwood County** currently has listed the former Human Services Building located at 302 Third Street East in Redwood Falls for sale. Contact Kerkhoff Real Estate for more information at (507) 644-8433.





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Redwood County Government Center  
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 PO Box 130  
 Redwood Falls, MN 56283

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<b>Contacts</b>	
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Assessor	637-4008
Attorney Office	637-4010
Auditor/Treasurer	637-4013
Court Administration	637-4018
Emergency Mgmt.	637-4035
Environmental	637-4023
Extension	637-4025
Highway Dept.	637-4056
Human Services	637-4050
License Center	637-4029
Public Health	637-4041
Probation Office	637-4047
Recorder	637-4032
Recycling Facility	637-1800
Restorative Justice	637-1139
Sheriff's Office	637-4036
Technology/IT	637-4017
Veteran's Office	637-4034
<u>Commissioners</u>	
Lon Walling	747-2175
Jim Salfer	342-3421
Dennis Groebner	692-2235
Priscilla Klabunde	637-3817
Sharon Hollatz	641-2999

## Need a new Septic System?

Does your septic system back up? Are your drains slow? Do you have sewage surfacing on the ground outside, or does your septic flow into a stream, creek or ditch? Does your septic tank leak? Are you thinking about building a home addition that could include a bedroom but you have an old septic system that is not compliant with current septic rules? Are you concerned that your septic doesn't protect the ground water?

If your answer to any of the above questions is "yes," then the Redwood County Environmental Office and the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) can potentially provide funding to you to install a replacement septic system. Like everything else, new septic systems cost money, often in the \$8,000 to \$15,000 range depending on size and type. Luckily, the Environmental Office and SWCD have low interest loans and low income grants available for Redwood County landowners who need to replace their old or failing septic systems. These programs are funded by the State of Minnesota in order to ensure good water quality across the state.

Now is the time to replace your malfunctioning septic system. Call either of our offices today to begin the process. Funds are available on a first-come first-serve basis and septic systems can be installed now through fall, weather permitting.

For more information, visit the Redwood County Environmental Office website at [www.co.redwood.state.mn.us](http://www.co.redwood.state.mn.us) or call 637-4023 or the Redwood SWCD Office at [www.redwoodswcd.org](http://www.redwoodswcd.org). or call 637-2427.

### E-Waste & Appliance Collections

**First Wednesday of each month from May through October from 2-6pm located behind the Redwood County Museum**

**Free Electronics:** CPU's, computer mouse, cell phones, radios, keyboards, VCR's, Speakers, iPods, cameras, GPS Units, CD Players, etc.

**Free Appliances:** Washers, Dryers, Dehumidifiers, Grills, Water Softeners, Stoves, household refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, etc.

**There is a cost of \$8.00 for T.V.'s, laptops or anything with a screen and \$4.00 for scanners, printers, copiers and fax machines.**

**\$50.00 for RV Refrigerators      Questions? Call 507-637-1800**