



## Recycling Reminder

Remember that plastic bags are not allowed in curbside (single sort) recycling bins. Please bring them to local grocery and big-box stores where many have special recycling containers for plastic bags. In addition, try to avoid them in the first place by shopping with your own reusable bags.

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## Former Auditor/Treasurer's Office Reorganized Into New Departments

Following last year's retirement of longtime Auditor/Treasurer Fran Windschitl, changes were made to Rice County's financial department structure. Where Windschitl's position had been an elected one, Rice County asked the Minnesota Legislature to allow the position to be appointed going forward. The legislature granted that request, and after public hearings, the board made the change in 2017.

Rice County's first chief financial officer, Paula O'Connell, was appointed in January to oversee much of the financial portion of Windschitl's former position as part of the new Finance Department. The duties pertaining to property taxes, elections, and various licenses moved to the Property Tax & Elections Department. Both are housed in the Government Services Building, sharing the space previously known as the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

As CFO, O'Connell will oversee the county's financial affairs, provide direction and control over investment/cash management, direct the preparation of the CAFR, annual budget document, and other reports, and monitor changes in legislative issues and accounting standards. She will also manage the county property and liability insurance as well as work with drainage ditch issues. O'Connell came to Rice County after spending 21 years as St. Peter's director of

finance/treasurer. She is assisted by Financial Officer John Lang and Accounts Payable and Elections Coordinator Donna Morelan.

Appointed as director of the Property Tax & Elections Department in September 2017, Annette Peters brings 35 years of Rice County experience to her role, and is responsible for administering and ensuring compliance with applicable statutes in the areas of property taxes, elections, and various licenses. She and Assistant Director Jody Wagner are assisted by five staff members: Laurie Braun, Suzanne Kalow, Lana Westergren, Keely Bauer, and Leah Miller.

### Details About the Finance Department

The Finance Department interacts with county departments, county residents, vendors, local governments, state and federal agencies, school districts and special districts. The department issues payment for county obligations, manages debt, manages cash, prepares monthly reports and the annual financial statement. The office also compiles and publishes the annual budget.

For more information, visit [www.co.rice.mn.us/486/Finance](http://www.co.rice.mn.us/486/Finance) or call 507-332-6104 (Faribault), 507-645-9576 (Northfield), 507-744-5185 (Lonsdale).

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## New Equipment Will Update/Automate Elections

In January, Rice County was awarded a Voting Equipment Grant of \$57,598.43 from the State of Minnesota. These funds helped to purchase new and improved election equipment.

"The Voting Equipment Grant reduced the additional funding needed from the county when acquiring our new election equipment," said Property Tax & Elections Director Annette Peters. "The new equipment provides enhanced security, low cost, reliable programming media, and ease of use by voters. It also utilizes a paper ballot for verifiable results. This equipment also allows the judges at the polls to transmit the results electronically to the county when the polls close on Election Day."

The most visible new equipment that voters will see are the knowINK Poll Pads. These are specially outfitted iPads that will replace the paper rosters at the polls and handle Election Day registrations. The poll pads will allow the voter to view only their data on the screen for verification. If the voter has a notation on the roster (such as "felony"), only that voter will be able to see it. If a voter is not currently registered, the poll pad will assist the judges in registering the voter by showing them the steps that need to be done and what proofs of residency may be used for that voter. A voter's Minnesota driver's license, containing current

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## What's New?

### Crisis Text Line Offers Statewide Services

As of April 1, Crisis Text Line is offering text-based suicide prevention services across Minnesota. People who text **MN** to **741741** will be connected with a counselor who will help defuse the crisis and connect the texter to local resources. Crisis Text Line is available 24/7.

In Minnesota and across the nation, text suicide response services have been successful in helping people in need. Texting is the preferred way to communicate for many people – especially youth – and it is important to reach people where they are at when they are contemplating suicide or in crisis.

Crisis Text Line ([www.crisistextline.org](http://www.crisistextline.org)), a non-profit that has offered this service nationally since 2013, will be the state's sole provider for this service. Crisis Text Line handles 50,000 messages per month and over 20 million messages since 2013, connecting people to local resources in their community.

Crisis counselors at Crisis Text Line are dedicated, trained, and supervised volunteers from around the U.S. They undergo a rigorous application process, then a six-week, 30-hour training program. Supervisors are mental health professionals with either master's degrees or extensive experience in the field of suicide prevention.

Crisis Text Line is but one way for someone to get help. More information about how to connect to crisis services is available at the Minnesota Department of Human Services, at <https://mn.gov/dhs/crisis/>

CRISIS TEXT LINE |



Text **MN** to  
**741 741**

Free support at your fingertips, 24/7

## County Department Reorganization

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### Details About the Property Tax & Elections Department

The Property Tax & Elections Department calculates rates and extends property taxes, collects and distributes property taxes and special assessments, and places delinquent property tax parcels into judgment, administers forfeiture proceedings and sales. It oversees the collection, balancing, and depositing of county revenues, and also prepares and balances the cash book to the financial system on a daily and monthly basis.

The department administers elections in Rice County for federal, state, and local elections, maintains and updates voter registration information in the Statewide Voter Registration System, administers the absentee voting process for voters in Rice County, provides training for local election administrators and

election judges, canvasses election results, and performs accuracy testing of all election equipment and software for the county. The department interacts with county departments, county taxpayers and voters, vendors, local governments, and state and federal agencies.

Additionally, the department issues county liquor licenses through the Minnesota Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division, and issues and/or processes other licenses including:

- Cigarette and tobacco licenses
- Auctioneer licenses
- Transient merchant licenses
- Fireworks display licenses
- Large gathering permits
- Charitable gambling licenses
- Precious metal licenses

For more information, visit [www.co.rice.mn.us/232/Property-Tax-Elections](http://www.co.rice.mn.us/232/Property-Tax-Elections) or call 507-332-6104 (Faribault), 507-645-9576 (Northfield), 507-744-5185 (Lonsdale).

## Election Equipment and Absentee Voting

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information, can simply be scanned into the poll pad to upload the data and register the voter. The poll pad will print the voter receipt and indicate what ballot each voter should be given.

Election machines are also new. DS200 Precinct Scanners/Tabulators are outfitted with wireless modems and ElectionWare ERM Accumulation software. The scanners will use a paper ballot as in the past and also provide a results tape when the polls are closed. The digital technology is encrypted and allows the names of write-ins to print on the results tapes. The new software allows judges to send each precinct's results to the county office by modem after polls close so that the unofficial results can be sent to the Secretary of State's website for the public to see.

"Faster transmission should equal faster results, said Peters, "meaning that waiting all night to see who won local races could be a thing of the past."

### Absentee Voting

Ballots are now available for eligible voters wishing to vote by absentee ballot for the Primary Election to be held on Aug. 14, 2018.

The use of absentee ballots is increasing statewide, and Peters believes it will continue to increase. "At the General Election in 2014 we accepted 1,849 absentee ballots in Rice County.

### Important Election Dates

**Primary Election — August 14**

**General Election — November 6**

Absentee voting for the General Election begins September 21

In 2016, that number rose to 6,129." That increase is due to the fact that people no longer need an excuse to vote by absentee ballot.

You may receive an absentee ballot by completing an absentee ballot application:

**Online** at [mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us](http://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us) or [www.co.rice.mn.us](http://www.co.rice.mn.us)

**Phone** at 507-332-6104 (Faribault), 507-645-9576 (Northfield), 507-744-5185 (Lonsdale)

**Mail** at Rice County Property Tax & Elections Department, 320 Third Street NW, Faribault, MN 55021

**In Person** at Rice County Property Tax & Elections Department, 320 Third Street NW, Faribault (hours: M–F 8 a.m.–4 p.m.) or Northfield City Hall, 801 Washington Street, Northfield (hours: M–F 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.)

Ballots will also be available at both the Faribault and Northfield locations on Saturday, Aug. 11 (10 a.m.–3 p.m.), and Monday, Aug. 13 (until 5 p.m.).



## 2018 Rice County Fair – Entertainment Highlights

### Grandstand

- Wed., July 18 Mega Jump Pro Dirt Jam – 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs., July 19 Enduro Auto Races – 6 p.m.
- Fri., July 20 Barnes PRCA Rodeo – 7 p.m.
- Sat., July 21 NTPA Truck & Tractor Pull – 7 p.m.
- Sun., July 22 Kids' Power Wheels – 4 p.m.  
Demolition Derby – 4:30 p.m.



### Beer Garden Entertainment (Live Music: 8 p.m.–midnight; no cover charge)

- Thurs., July 19 The Jupes
- Fri., July 20 Old Country Boys
- Sat., July 21 STREET TALK

### Cannon Stage (Free Entertainment)

- Wed., July 18 Electric Fusion – Noon, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.  
Brodini Family Comedy/Magic Show – 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
Tuey the Juggler – 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- Thurs., July 19 Electric Fusion – 10 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.  
Tuey the Juggler – 2 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- Fri., July 20 Electric Fusion – Noon and 8 p.m.  
Kids Day Program – 12:30 p.m.  
Tuey the Juggler – 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
Brodini Family Comedy/Magic Show – 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- Sat., July 21 Electric Fusion – 11 a.m.  
Tuey the Juggler – 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.  
Brodini Family Comedy/Magic Show – 6 p.m.
- Sun., July 22 Electric Fusion – Noon  
Open Mike with Electric Fusion – 1 p.m.  
Brodini Family Comedy/Magic Show – 3 p.m.

### Sellner Stage (Free Entertainment)

- Tues., July 17 Rice County Fair Queen Coronation – 7 p.m.
- Wed., July 18 O'Conner's Celtic Tunesters – 1–3 p.m.  
Tuey the Juggler – 3 p.m.  
Jolly P's – 6:30 p.m.  
Brodini Family Comedy/Magic Show – 9 p.m.
- Thurs., July 19 Lyndon Peterson – 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.  
Brodini Family Comedy/Magic Show – 3:30 p.m.  
The Whitesidewalls – 7–10 p.m.
- Fri., July 20 Charlie Sticha Band – 1–5 p.m.  
Electric Fusion – 5:30 p.m.  
Brad Boice – Elvis Tribute – 7–9 p.m.
- Sat., July 21 Brodini Family Comedy/Magic Show – 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
Slew Foot Band – 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.  
Tuey the Juggler – 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
La Raza de Mexico – 8:30 p.m.–12 a.m.
- Sun., July 22 Non-Denominational Church Service – 10 a.m.  
"Switched at Birth" Band – Noon  
4-H Fashion Review – 3 p.m. / 4-H Parade of Champions – 4 p.m.

### Ride Specials & Schedule

- Wed., July 18 – Open at 1 p.m.**  
Arm Bands – \$25 per person  
(unlimited rides 1 p.m.–closing)
- Thurs., July 19 – Open at Noon**  
Arm Bands – \$25 per person  
(unlimited rides 1 p.m.–closing)
- Fri., July 20 – Open at Noon – Kids Day**  
Arm Bands – \$20 per person before 4 p.m.  
\$25 per person after 4 p.m.  
(unlimited rides all day)
- Sat., July 21 – Open at Noon**  
Arm Bands – \$25 per person  
(unlimited rides 3 p.m.–closing)
- Sun., July 22 – Open at 1 p.m.**  
Arm Bands – \$25 per person  
(unlimited rides 1–9 p.m.)

**Friday, July 20**  
**7 p.m.**

# Barnes PRCA RODEO

Adults: \$15  
Kids (6–11): \$5 • Kids 5 & Under: Free

**Family Pack – 2 Adults and up to 4 Kids: \$40**

## Enjoy the 2018 Rice County Fair

It's time for the Rice County Fair – some of the most exciting days of the summer! Every year, members of the Fair Board work hard to bring events and exhibits to the fair.

Admission to the Rice County Fair is free. Parking on the grounds costs \$5 per day or the full fair for \$20.

You will be able to see more than 100 commercial exhibits, lots of animals and exciting entertainment all week long. This list is a preview of some of the great entertainment on tap this year. Be sure to visit our website and check the full schedule published just prior to the fair.

**Remember: Pets, bikes, skateboards, inline skates or roller skates are NOT allowed on the fairgrounds.** Please help ensure the safety of all our visitors.

### Smoking Policy

The Rice County Fairgrounds are now smoke free except in the designated areas. (The exhibit buildings, barns and children's ride areas were always smoke free; we have extended it further.) **This includes regular cigarettes and e-cigs.**

There will be designated areas for tobacco use on the grounds. These areas are noted in the premium book.

### Dog Policy

No dogs are allowed on the fairgrounds during the week of the Rice County Fair. (Service dogs or service dogs in training are allowed.) This is for the safety of all visitors.

## Did You Know?

### Pollinator Programs Available for County Landowners

Are you looking to attract butterflies or bees to your garden or field? There are a variety of programs available to Rice County landowners who would like to create pollinator habitat. Funding is currently available through the Seed A Legacy Pollinator Habitat Program. This new program developed by the Bee and Butterfly Habitat Fund provides free or discounted pollinator seed mixes to landowners. The minimum project size is two acres, contracts last five years, and haying/grazing are allowed on the project area, except during the period of April 1 through Sept. 30. Half of the acres in the project are planted to native prairie, which provides habitat for butterflies, and the other half is planted to a seed mix of legumes, which is specifically designed to provide forage for honey bees.

Pheasants Forever also has cost-share available in Rice County for the establishment of food plots and nesting cover for pheasants. Nesting cover can be either the establishment of pollinator-friendly native grasses and wildflowers or through the planting of trees.

Finally, funding is available through a partnership between the University of Minnesota and Pheasants Forever to establish bee and butterfly habitat plots on permanently protected land under existing easements. The program pays up to 95% cost-share for pollinator seed mixtures and the cost of seeding. The goal of the program is to create critical habitat for both bees and monarch butterflies in Minnesota.

To learn more about these programs, contact Emmie Peters at the Rice Soil and Water Conservation District at 507-332-5408 or visit [www.riceswd.org](http://www.riceswd.org).

## Community Health Awarded Home Visiting Grant

Rice County Community Health was recently awarded a Minnesota Department of Health Home Visiting Grant to provide evidence-based home visiting model services to families in need. Rice County Community Health applied for the competitive grant in collaboration with six other counties in southeast Minnesota (Freeborn, Dodge, Steele, Goodhue, Winona, and Wabasha.)

This was one of 12 implementation award-ees in Minnesota, and was granted \$4,231,054 for May 17, 2018, through Dec. 31, 2022. Rice County Community Health will serve as primary applicant and fiscal host.

The Healthy Families America South-eastern Minnesota Family Home Visiting Program will work with families in need to equip parents and other caregivers with the knowledge, skills, and tools to help their children be healthy, safe, and ready to succeed in school. Home visiting services will be targeted to families in need, and will begin in the prenatal or postpartum period, and continue until the child is age 3.

Healthy Families America (HFA) is a leading national evidence-based home visiting model, rooted in the belief that early nurturing relationships are the foundation for life-long health development. HFA delivers home visits to overburdened families to help parents forge a strong bond with their child despite chal-

lenges, such as single parenthood, low income, and depression, that place children at risk for adverse childhood experiences, including abuse and neglect. The regional partnership has been approved as an affiliated HFA model and will work towards accreditation.

Expected outcomes for families include improvements in maternal and prenatal health, infant health, and child health and development; reduced child maltreatment; improved parenting practices related to child development outcomes; improved school readiness; improved family socio-economic status; improved coordination of referrals to community resources and supports; and reduced incidence of injuries, crime, and intimate partner violence.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to partner with surrounding public health departments to support parents and families in our region, said Rice County Public Health Director Deb Purfeerst. “We are thankful for state legislative funding for evidence-based family home visiting programs, and that the Rice County Board of Commissioners, as well as the governing boards from all the partnering counties, supported this partnership and grant application.”

### Contact Us

For more information, contact Rice County Public Health at 507-332-6111 or visit [www.co.rice.mn.us/256/Public-Health](http://www.co.rice.mn.us/256/Public-Health).

## Visit us at the 2018 Rice County Fair!

Visit this year's Rice County Fair, where these departments will be on hand.

**Environmental Services** will be hosting a booth located in the Commercial Exhibit Building. Stop by to learn more about Rice County's permitting process, recycling options, and Aquatic Invasive Species. Ask questions, play a game, win prizes!

**The Sheriff's Office** will be present in their Mobile Incident Command bus. Staff will be available to answer questions and provide public safety and first aid to those in need.

**Rice County Public Health** will be hosting a lactation space for the convenience of breastfeeding women during the fair. It will be located in the Straight River Room of the Commercial Exhibit Building on the south side of the fairgrounds. Women are welcome to feed their babies anywhere on the fairgrounds, however, this is a quiet space where mothers of young children can go to nurse, feed, change, or rest with their babies. The lactation space is available during regular building hours throughout the duration of the fair.

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DRY.**

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**AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!**

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## Water Safety Tips From Rice County Sheriff Troy Dunn

Summer brings many outdoor activities, hopefully including something fun like hiking, camping, boating, fishing, kayaking, or canoeing. Rice County has a good number of lakes and a couple of rivers to take advantage of the water, and we want you to be safe. So let's do a quick review of our water safety rules, regulations, and recommendations.

First, we highly recommend that everyone on any sort of watercraft wear a personal flotation device (PFD). In the old days, we called them life jackets, specifically because they would give you a better chance of living if you fell overboard or are involved in a watercraft incident. It doesn't take much to lose your balance in a boat, paddleboat, canoe, or kayak or on a paddleboard. You could be a great swimmer, but if you hit your head or get the wind knocked out of you, it might be difficult to recover. If you are pulled under into a fast-moving current or are entangled in some kind of debris, the life jacket might be your only hope. Just like car crashes, we don't expect to be involved in a crash; many boaters don't expect to fall into the water either.

If you don't like the feel of the older style PFDs, today's newer, streamlined PFDs that inflate upon contact with the water make it easier for you. But if you choose not to wear one, make sure you have one for each occupant of the watercraft readily accessible (not locked in a compartment or still in the packaging).

Also remember that if you have a child under age 10, they must wear a life jacket in

the watercraft. You must also have a Type 4 throwable if you are in a watercraft 16 feet or longer (excluding canoes and kayaks). If you are on a personal watercraft (wave runner or jet ski), you must wear a PFD.

Since we mentioned personal watercraft (PWC), remember the hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. until one hour before sunset. Also, when operating a PWC, you must slow to no-wake speed when within 150 feet of a non-motorized boat, shore, docks, swim rafts, swimmers, or any moored or anchored boat.

The final safety tips we would like to share have to do with having your navigation lights illuminated between sunrise and sunset while on the water. When at anchor, only one 360-degree white light is necessary.

The other "no brainer" is to not operate a watercraft while impaired by drugs or alcohol. You can face some stiff penalties or, even worse, seriously injure or kill someone when impaired. Your life is worth a lot, so make good, safe decisions.

For specific age requirements for boat operations and all other boating safety requirements, contact the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or the Rice County Sheriff's Office. Or refer to the DNR Minnesota Boating Guide, available in print or online at [www.dnr.state.mn.us/boating](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/boating).

Remember to use common sense, make good decisions, and enjoy your summer responsibly. Be safe!

## County Profile



**Paula O'Connell**  
Chief Financial Officer

Paula O'Connell was appointed as Rice County's first CFO in February, after spending 28 years with the City of St. Peter, Minn. She spent seven years as accountant and 21 years as director of finance/treasurer. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting.

As CFO, O'Connell will oversee the county's financial affairs, plus manage the county property and liability insurance as well as work with drainage ditch issues.

"I was interested in this job as it relates to what I love about accounting work and how we can assist the County Commissioners in their financial decision making," says O'Connell. "Ongoing review of policies and procedures to maximize efficiency and accuracy is also part of the job that is interesting to me. I look forward to county government activity that doesn't exist at the city government level, and the ongoing learning that laws and technology continues to give us."

She and her husband, Mike, live in St. Thomas, Minn., and have three sons, Erik, Brent, and Mark. In her spare time, O'Connell enjoys puzzles, her small flower beds, wallyball, and getting together with family and friends. She also tries to find time to continue learning and making stained glass items.

## On-Farm Agricultural Plastic Recycling Program

Revolution Plastics has launched a program to help clean up used agricultural plastic and recycle the material in their facilities located in the United States.

In addition to dumpsters and free collection available for larger farm and dairy operations, Revolution Plastics is now offering recycling bags. These were developed in response to the need to begin collecting agricultural film plastics from smaller farms or those in isolated locations.

The Recapture Bag option consists of a kit of five specially sized bags, designed to hold 200 pounds of used agricultural plastic each. Filling all five bags will allow for 1,000 pounds of bale wrap, silage bags or bunker covers,

large grain bags, greenhouse/hoop house film, or boat wrap to be collected. Recapture Bag kits are available through agricultural plastics dealerships in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

For collectors within the already established collection routes or at county, business, or other locations acting as consolidation points, Revolution Plastics will pick up these bags for free on an as-needed basis.

For more information on this opportunity to collect and recycle agricultural plastics, contact the Recycling Association of Minnesota at [brita@recycleminnesota.org](mailto:brita@recycleminnesota.org) or 651-641-4560. You can also contact Revolution Plastics at [Collections@RevolutionPlastics.com](mailto:Collections@RevolutionPlastics.com) or 844-490-7873.

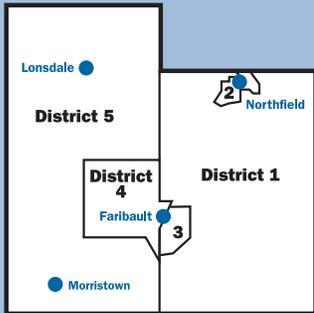


# Rice County Report

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## Rice County Standing Meetings

**Board of Commissioners**  
Meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month as a Committee of the Whole/Work Session, 8:30 a.m., Commissioners' Room, Rice County Government Services Building.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month as a Regular Board, 8:30 a.m., Commissioners' Room, Rice County Government Services Building.

**Board of Adjustment**  
Meets the first Thursday of the month; 7:00 p.m., Commissioners' Room, Rice County Government Services Building.

**Planning Commission**  
Meets the first Thursday of the month, immediately following the Board of Adjustment meeting, Commissioners' Room, Rice County Government Services Building.

**Community Corrections Advisory Board**  
Meets the third Thursday of March, June, September and December, 3:30 p.m., Rice County Government Services Building.

**Community Health Services Citizens' Advisory Committee**  
Meets the fourth Wednesday every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November), 6:30-8:00 p.m.; call 507-332-6111 for location.

**Rice County Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council**  
Meets quarterly, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; call 507-332-6119 for meeting date and location.

**Mental Health Advisory Council**  
Meets the fourth Wednesday of January, February, March, April, September and October, 12:00 p.m. (noon), Friendship House, located at 310 First Avenue NW, #1, Faribault.

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