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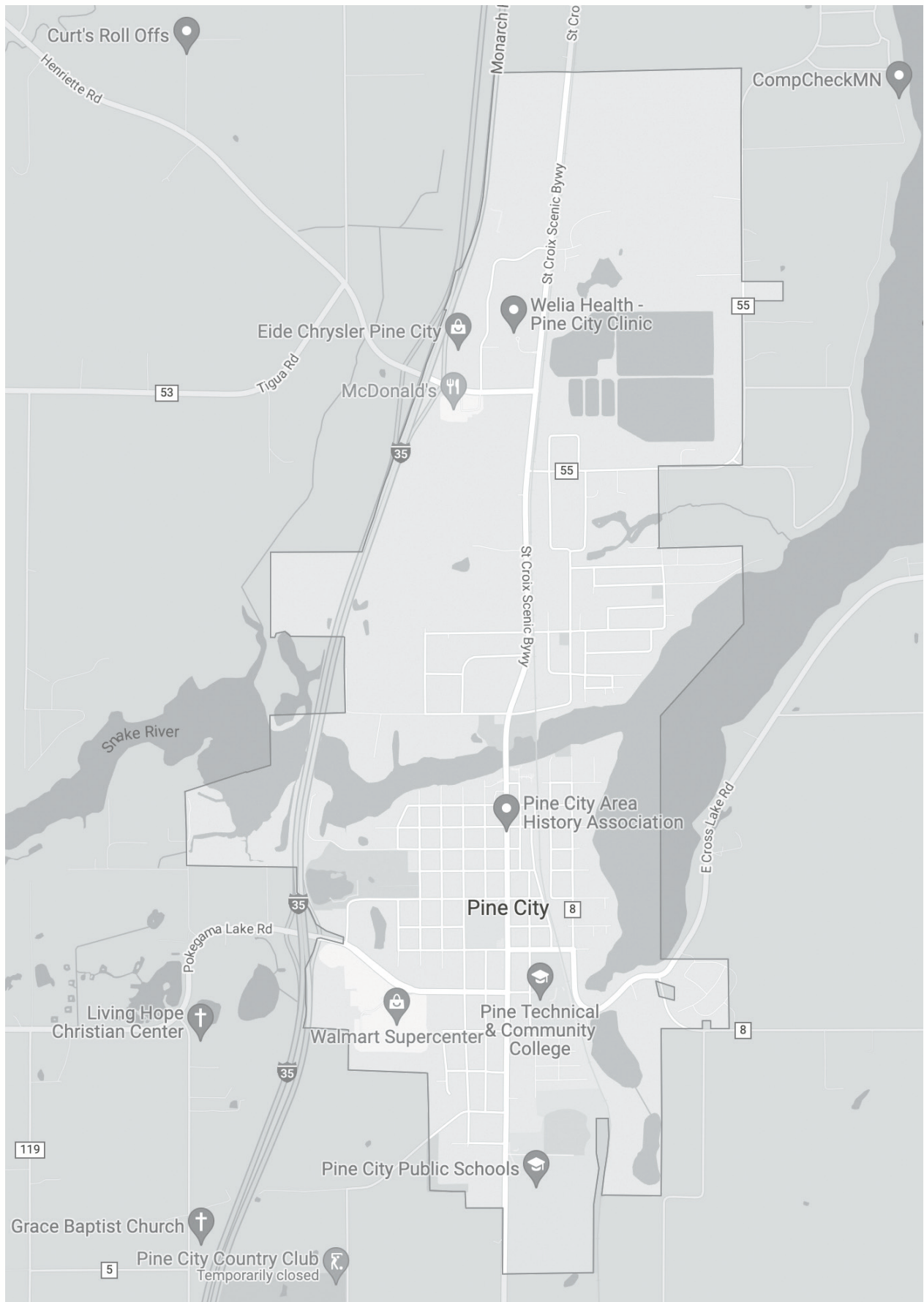
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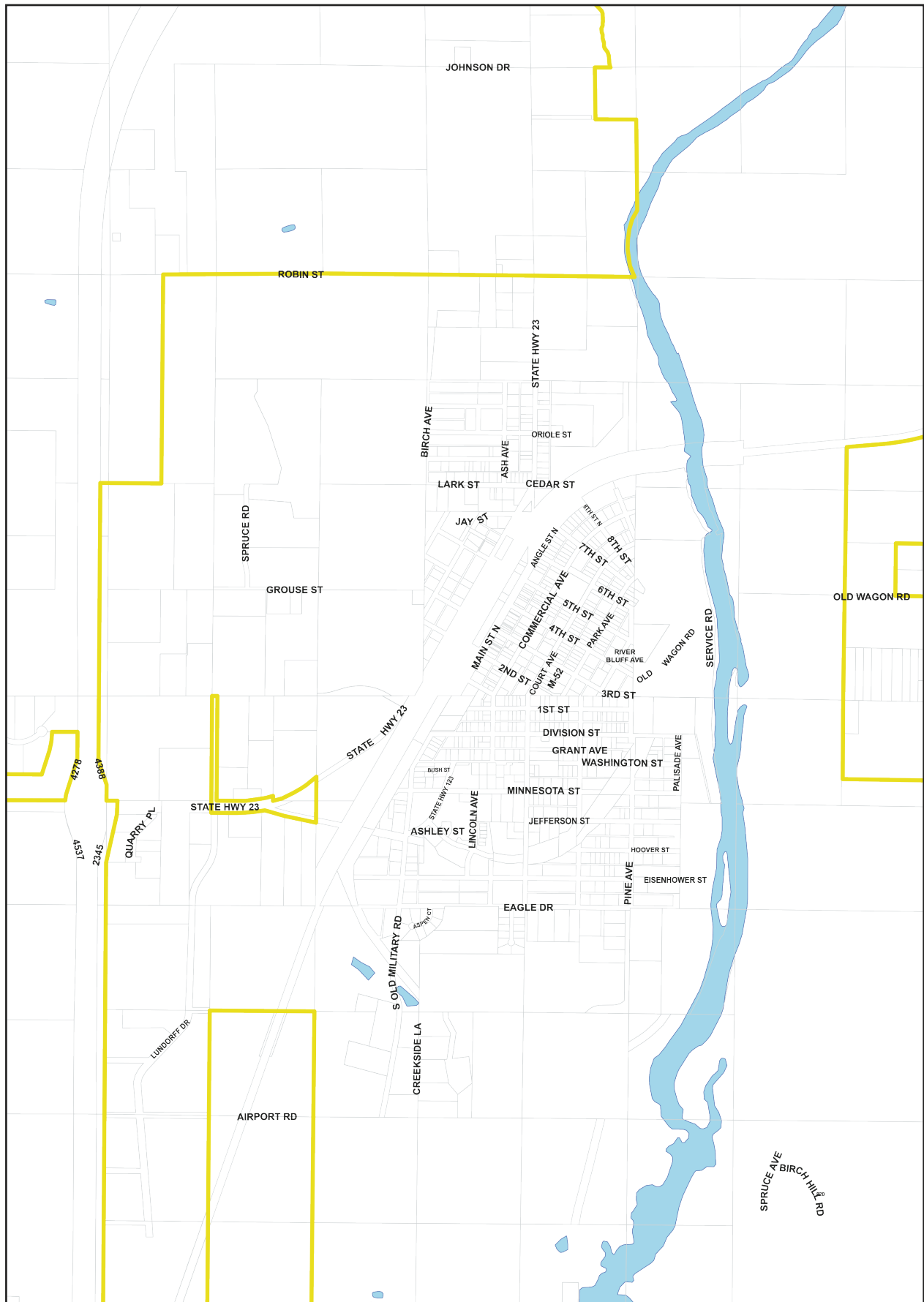
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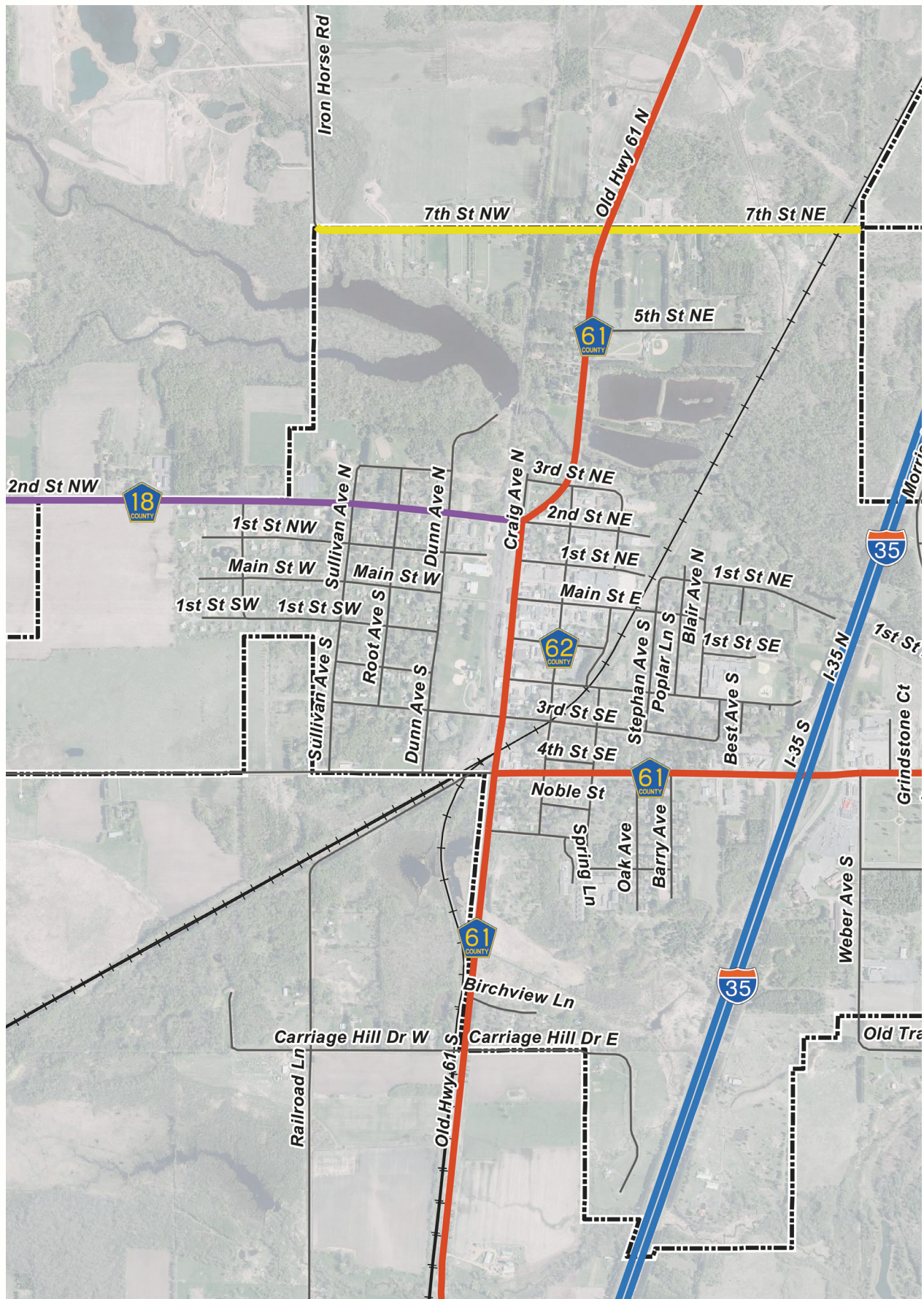
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Pine City to St. Cloud: 75 miles

Pine City to Duluth: 89 miles

Hinckley to Minneapolis/St. Paul: 81 miles

Hinckley to St. Cloud: 71 miles

Hinckley to Duluth: 75 miles

Sandstone to Minneapolis/St. Paul: 90 miles

Sandstone to St. Cloud: 80 miles

Sandstone to Duluth: 75 miles

TRANSPORTATION: I-35, State Highways 23, 61, 123, 107, 70, 48, 18

AIRPORT: Fields of Dreams Airport, Hinckley

CLIMATE: Pine County gets 31 inches of rain, on average, per year. It averages 50 inches of snow per year. There are 186 sunny days per year. Pine County gets some kind of precipitation, on average, 110 days per year. Precipitation is rain, snow, sleet, or hail that falls to the ground. The summer high is in July around 80 degrees. The winter low is in January below zero.

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COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

The Pine County Attorney is elected to a four-year term. County Attorney Reese Frederickson leads the office of six Assistant County Attorneys, four Legal Assistants and a Victim Services Coordinator. The office is in the Pine County Courthouse in Pine City. The Pine County Attorney's Office serves as the chief prosecutor for offenses committed

within Pine County. The Attorney's Office also serves as legal counsel for the Pine County Board of Commissioners.

COUNTY SHERIFF 'S OFFICE

The Pine County Sheriff is elected to a four-year term. Sheriff Jeff Nelson leads the office of nearly 100 employees including deputies, jail staff, records personnel, and dispatchers.



SHERIFF
Jeff Nelson

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

Pine County is governed by a five-member county board of commissioners.

Each commissioner is elected from a district and serves a four-year term. The county board meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

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PINE CITY GOVERNMENT

Situated on the I-35 corridor between the Twin Cities and Duluth, Pine City is a progressive community with a growing population. Over 3,100 residents live within the city limits and more than 10,000 reside in the adjacent townships. The combination of full-time residents and recreational residents makes the Pine City area a busy and diverse community.

CITY HALL is located at 1015 Hillside Ave. SW. Ste. 2, Pine City. All city services operate out of this building and are staffed weekdays from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

As a statutory city, Pine City residents are represented by the Mayor and four council members. City council meetings are held on the first Wednesday and last Thursday of each month. The City also has several committees that are composed of council members and city residents including: Planning Commission, Economic Development Authority, Housing & Redevelopment Authority, Parks & Recreation, Public Works, Liquor, Ordinance Review and Library Board. These committees serve in an advisory capacity to the council and are one of the most effective ways for citizens to influence City policies and activities.

THE PINE CITY FIRE HALL, located at 400 5th Street SE, houses the local volunteer fire department and equipment owned by the City of Pine City.

THE PINE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY, located at 300 5th Street SE, is a branch of the East Central Regional Library System. Library services are available six days a week including material check-out and computer access. The library offers computers with internet access, a fax machine, a copier, free public wi-fi, and a microfilm reader-printer for public use. There is also a used book room that houses books on all topics and for all ages with books priced at .25 cents - \$1.00. This city building also has a small community room space that is available for rent by community members. For more information, contact the Pine City Library at (320) 629-6403 or visit the library website at www.ecrlib.org.

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HINCKLEY GOVERNMENT

Hinckley is a quaint full service community conveniently located halfway between the Twin Cities and Duluth. They are a small town with a large sense of community. They welcome opportunities to accommodate new growth, and seek new ideas from residents, businesses and visitors.

CITY HALL is located at 106 1st St SE, Hinckley.

THE HINCKLEY FIRE HALL is located at 102 1st St. SE, Hinckley. As a statutory city, Hinckley residents are represented by the Mayor and four council members. City council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

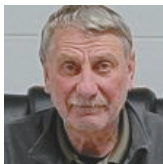
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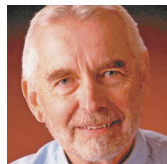
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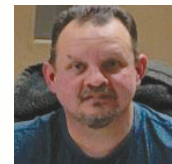
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SANDSTONE GOVERNMENT

Sandstone is a nice, quiet little town located in the “middle of everything.” They have a wonderful grocery store in Chris’ Food Center, just one of the hidden jewels in Sandstone. Other jewels include Northern Bloom & Gifts (and don’t forget the fudge!), the Sandstone Golf Course, Sandstone Ace Hardware (if you can’t find it here, you just don’t need it), Grindstone Ford, Whitney’s Country Café, Lampert Lumber, Quarry Quilts & Yarns, Quality Home & Sports Center, Hard Water Sports, El Mexico Bar & Grill and many additional jewels to be explored. Just pop off I-35 as you’re heading north, and check us out!

A visit to Robinson Quarry Park is a must! This park is the site of the Historic Kettle River Sandstone Company Quarry. You will see the jewels left behind from this fascinating quarry operation. And today, the park has been transformed into a climber’s dream. Climbers come from all over Minnesota and beyond to explore the cliffs – even in winter, as ours is one of three ice climbing venues in the state.

Stop by this summer to see the new Sandstone Public Library building on Main Avenue downtown. We are very proud of our new library, which offers many jewels to all who visit. You won’t want to miss it.

While you’re at it, take in the festivities of Quarry Days held on the second weekend in August. Many exciting activities are planned: Friday jewels include bingo, kids games, Sandstone Royalty Coronation, family friendly Karaoke, and Fireworks; Saturday don’t miss the Sandstone Fire Department Pancake Breakfast, 5K fun run/walk, parade (starts at 10:30), kids games, bingo, car show, Fire Department splash pad, live music all wrapping up the evening with Bjerke & The Ripsters. Plenty of food vendors and the Sandstone Lions Beer Garden, too!

Check out Oktoberfest held on the first Saturday of October. A band will perform, along with kids games, food, beer, wine, crafters – many more jewels to discover!

Peter Spartz, Mayor, City of Sandstone

CITY HALL is located at 119 4th St., Sandstone. All city services operate out of this building and are staffed weekdays from 8 am - 4:30 pm.

As a statutory city, Sandstone residents are represented by the Mayor and four council members. City council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 pm at City Hall.

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CITY HALL is located at 6369 Kobmagergade, Askov. City Council meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Askov Community Center.

FIRE HALL The Askov Fire and Rescue Department was established in 1953 to provide fire protection services to the community.

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CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Tom Jensen
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Situated north of Sandstone, east of I-35 and on Highway 23, Askov is a quaint Danish-based town of about 340 residents.

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WILLOW RIVER GOVERNMENT

CITY HALL is located at 8099 County Highway 61, Willow River. City Council meets the first Monday of the month at 6 pm at City Hall.

THE WILLOW RIVER FIRE HALL, located at 8099 County Highway 61, Willow River. Established in 1891, the department also serves Rutledge, Bremen Township, Kettle River Township, and Norman Township.

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CITY COUNCIL

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Willow River is set in northern Pine County. It's located along I-35 just 54 miles south of Duluth and 100 miles north of the Twin Cities with a population of 415.

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FINLAYSON GOVERNMENT

Finlayson, located west of I-35 and north of Hinckley, defines itself by the sense of shared values their residents hold dear. They take pride in maintaining a wholesome lifestyle, rich in cultural history, along with a deep commitment to the preservation of their environment and a progressive approach to local business.

CITY HALL is located at 2217 Finland Ave, Finlayson. City Council meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at Finlayson City Hall.

THE FINLAYSON FIRE AND RESCUE is located at 2208 Finland Ave., Finlayson.

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CITY OF STURGEON LAKE

3084 Farm to Market Rd.
Sturgeon Lake, MN 55783
Main: (218) 372-3391
Website: <https://www.cityofsturgeonlake.com/>
Hours: Monday - Thursday
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CITY STAFF

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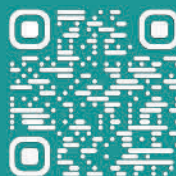
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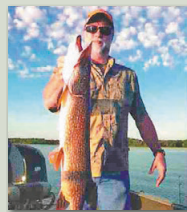
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Jessica.Taylor@girlscoutsvr.org

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ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHT

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

JUNE

- 3 **Art in the Park** (Train Park in Sandstone)
Deb Wolf, 6 pm
- 5 **Community Steak Dinner at Sandstone Golf Course**, 6 p.m.
- 6 **Art in the Park** (Pine City) The Phonics, 6:30 pm
- 10 **Art in the Park** (Train Park in Sandstone)
Harlow Pennies, 6 p.m.
- 12 **Sweet Summer Sounds** (Hinckley Westside Park)
Kat Perkins, 6:30 pm
- 13 **Art in the Park** (Pine City) Tim Hadler, 6:30 pm
- 17 **Art in the Park** (Train Park in Sandstone)
Mahon Brothers, 6 p.m.
- 18 **Sandstone Chamber Golf Tournament 4:30 pm**
- 19 **Sweet Summer Sounds** (Hinckley Westside Park)
The Phonics, 6:30 pm
- 20 **Art in the Park** (Pine City) Freeway Jam, 6:30 pm
- 20 **Summer Kickoff** at the Squirrel Cage
(Willow River), 6 p.m.
- 24 **Art in the Park** (Train Park in Sandstone)
Crosswinds, 6 p.m.
- 26 **Sweet Summer Sounds** (Hinckley Westside Park)
Duelly Noted, 6:30 pm
- 27 **Art in the Park** (Pine City) Whitesidewalls, 6:30 pm
- 28 **Sandstone Golf Tournament**, 3:30 p.m.
- 28 **Freedom Fest: Car Show, Live Music & Fireworks**, 9 a.m.
- 29 **Solid Rock** in the Park (Pine City), 1 p.m.
- 29 **Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Golf Scramble at Pine City Country Club**, 3:30 p.m.

JULY

- 3 **Finlayson 4th of July**
- 4 **Art in the Park** (Pine City) Transit Authority, 6:30 pm
- 10 **Sweet Summer Sounds** (Hinckley Westside Park)
Chris Kroeze, 6:30 pm
- 11 **Art in the Park** (Pine City) Tucker Baker Band, 6:30 pm
- 17 **Sweet Summer Sounds** (Hinckley Westside Park)
Southside Aces, 6:30 pm

- 19-20 **Moose Lake Agate Days** (Riverside Arena), 9 am-3 pm
- 18-19 **Hinckley Corn & Clover Carnival** (Lawler Ave. & Main St., Hinckley)
- 17-20 **Pine City Heritage Players Community Theatre** "Little Shop of Horrors!"
- 19 **Art Fest** (Pine City), 9 am-3 p.m
- 24 **Sweet Summer Sounds** (Hinckley Westside Park)
The High 48s, 6:30 pm
- 25 **Art in the Park** (Pine City) Holy Rock A Rollaz, 6:30 pm
- 25-27 **Willow River Days**
- 30 - AUG. 3 **Pine County Fair**

AUGUST

- 1-3 **Pine County Fair**, 9 am
- 2 **Pine County Parade**, 4pm
- 2 **Pine County Fun Run**
- 5 **Sweet Summer Sounds** (Hinckley Westside Park)
The Riverside Hitmen, 6:30 pm
- 5 **National Night Out**
- 8 **Art in the Park** (Pine City) Chris Kroeze, 6:30 pm
- 9-10 **Quarry Days** (Sandstone)
- 10 **Czech Booya Festival** (Sokol Camp), 12 pm-5 pm
- 6 **Art in the Park** (Pine City) Disco Kingz, 6:30 pm
- 22-24 **Rutabaga Days** Askov
- 27 **Oktoberfest** (Sandstone Train Park) 11 am-5 pm
- 29 - 31 **Pine County PRCA Championship Rodeo** (Rock Creek)

OCTOBER

- 4 **Hinckley Hogs & Hoses - 5-10 p.m.**
- 31 **Halloween Family Fun Night at Sandstone Golf Course**, 5-7 p.m.
- 31 **Trunk or Treat at Pine City Evangelical Free/ Candy hand out at Fire Department**

DECEMBER

- 6 **Holiday Madness and Lighted Parade**

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WELCOME TO *Pine City*

Pine City is a growing and prosperous community. Pine City's citizens are hardworking and have a great volunteer spirit and the city services are outstanding. As part of the community the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce is available to provide general information about Pine City, business-related amenities and events in the area throughout the year.

Pine City is an excellent place to enjoy Minnesota. It is a woodsy getaway just north of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area. Nestled near the forests on the banks of the meandering Snake River and the 938-acre Cross Lake,



Pine City is a recreational haven appealing to virtually all types of outdoor enthusiasts. Water lovers will also find activities on the 1,536-acre Pokegama Lake to the west or the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway to the east.

Area residents and visitors also enjoy hiking, biking, camping, cross country skiing, four-wheeling, snowmobiling and other outdoor activities because of the proximity to Chengwatana State Forest and the St. Croix State Park.

The city of Pine City's mission is to serve the Pine City community in a friendly, efficient manner while promoting growth, now and in the future.

If I were to put a label on what's happened in Pine City over the last few years, I would call it "Progress in Pine City." People have invested in Pine City, and it shows.

Being located where we are, halfway between the Twin Cities and Duluth on I-35, makes Pine City an ideal place to live for commuters. One can travel to the north metro in just under an hour and to Duluth in less than an hour and a half.

This has likely contributed to the boom in housing and vacation homes being built on our two lakes, Cross and Pokegama, which are connected by the Snake River. Many have chosen a rural or lake lifestyle over living in the metro area, especially after the onset of COVID.

And the business community, particularly the restaurant industry, has answered back to the housing boom. We now have several options for evening dining, where just two years ago, there was much less. Everything from bars & grills, brewery, pizza, Mexican, Chinese, Thai, and fast food – we have it covered in Pine City.

Our downtown is thriving, unlike so many downtowns across the country which have become ghost towns altogether. On any given weekend evening, cars line the streets of the downtown area near Robinson Park where restaurants and nightlife activity can be found.

And if you are a boater, you may have enjoyed the lakes and river in the summer months. Pontoons are a favorite and one can boat from the north end of Cross Lake into the city of Pine City, stop at one of the public docks, walk to a restaurant or brewery, then boat on the Snake River and enjoy one of the two restaurants on Pokegama Lake. Pine City is truly a boater's dream!

We have a wonderful community college here in Pine Technical & Community College which offers a wide variety of programs and is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. The school now boasts dorm-style living on Cross Lake!

Our public schools are equipped with quality teachers and staff who offer courses and activities that will engage children and equip them well for college. We have had many success stories come from Pine City High School alumni!

Besides all the amenities that Pine City has to offer, with shopping, salons, churches, quality senior housing and more that can be added to the list, the people here are truly one of a kind. "Pine City nice" is an accurate description of the kind of hospitality that is shown to strangers and locals alike.

If you haven't spent time in Pine City, put it on your to do list – it'll be a trip worth your time!

Traci LeBrun,
Pine City Pioneer editor

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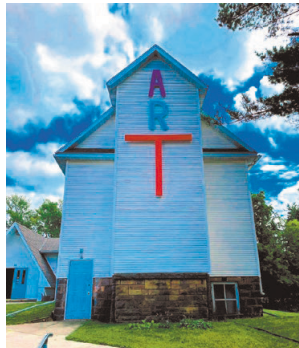



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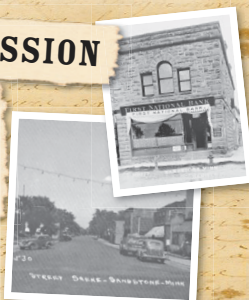


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PINE CITY ARTS ORGANIZATIONS



PCAC The Pine City Arts Council has been serving the area for over 40 years and organizes one of the most beloved community activities - Art in the Park. Held every Friday evening from Memorial Day weekend through mid-August, the evening is a showcase of talented musicians sourced from throughout Minnesota. A different genre of music is featured each week and the evening concerts are free - just bring your own chair! Another great event created by this group is Art Fest, an opportunity for artisans of all mediums to gather in Robinson Park to display and sell their wares. Follow this organization on Facebook @PineCityArtsCouncil for up-to-date information.



HERITAGE PLAYERS The Heritage Players provides a quality community theater experience for local actors to learn and explore the arts, while creating a quality performance for audiences of all ages to enjoy. In 2014 the community added a 790 seat auditorium facility at the Pine City High School. The state-of-the-art facility provides this group the opportunity to present large scale productions featuring actors from around the region. Residents and visitors can look for two productions annually, typically in March and July.

Visit www.pinecityheritageplayers.com for up-to-date information.



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PINE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS The Community Arts aren't complete without noting the amazing programs available through the Pine City Public Schools. Music education begins at the elementary school for all grade levels, and expands at fifth grade to include the option to begin playing with the band program. In 2021, the elementary school added a new visual arts instructor to expand the arts opportunities for students. At the high school level, expanded options for choir, Pine City singers, band, jazz band and a wide array of arts classes allow for students to get in-school credits or extra-curricular options for being involved in the arts and music programs. Additionally, a high school theater program is offered as an activity option for all three seasons: Fall Musical, Winter One-Act, and Spring Play.

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AREA RECREATION



POKEGAMA LAKE:

This is a 1,536-acre lake containing walleye, northern pike, largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish, catfish, sturgeon, perch and some muskie. Public access is on the south end of the lake off County Road 7.

SNAKE RIVER: Public access is from any of the landings for Cross and Pokegama Lakes. If you take the Snake River from the access east of Cross Lake, you can canoe (or tube) down to the St. Croix. Since the water level changes constantly, check with locals before attempting this trip. This trip can take from 2-6 hours depending on water levels.

CROSS LAKE: This is a 938-acre lake with an average depth of 16 feet. Cross Lake contains basically the same species of fish as Pokegama. There are two public accesses: North Pine City across from Voyageur Park at the Snake River Landing on Old Hwy. 61 at the bridge. East side of Cross Lake off County Road 9 by the dam.

CAMPING:

POKEGAMA LAKE RV PARK: Located four miles west of Pine City on County Road 11. RV pull-through sites are available, as well as a par 3 golf course, outdoor pool. For more information call: (320) 629-6552 or through their website at woischkes.com. <https://www.pokegamalakervandgolf.com>

SNAKE RIVER STATE CAMPGROUND: Located nine miles east of Pine City on County Road 8. The campground has 26 sites with parking, picnic table, fire ring and tent area. The campground also has water and outdoor toilets. For more information call (800) 766-8000.

CITY PARKS:

ROBINSON PARK: Located in the downtown area, Robinson Park offers lots of shade with picnic tables, gazebo, grills and playground equipment. In the summer, Robinson Park hosts musical groups and artists for “Art in the Park” on Friday evenings.

WEST SIDE PARK: This park, located near the freeway on 6th Avenue SW, has a public swimming beach with lifeguards and bathrooms. Also offered are picnic tables, grills, shelter, playground, horseshoes, basketball courts, a fishing pier and a skateboard park.

DRAGONS DEN: This playground is very large and unique and offers beautiful playground equipment. The playground is located south of the Pine City Elementary on the school grounds and is open daily to the public (not available to the public when school is in session).

VOYAGEUR PARK: A giant carved redwood voyageur statue resides at Voyageur Park, just north of downtown off Highway 361 near the Pine County Fairgrounds. The park offers picnic tables, grills, gazebo, walking paths and disc golf course and playground area.

CHALLEEN PARK: This park is on the south bank of the Snake River at the end of 3rd Street SE. There is a large fishing pier and picnic areas for your enjoyment, as well as a community garden for anyone wishing to participate. There are several other neighborhood parks within the city. Please contact City Hall for more information, at (320) 629-2575.

ROCK CREEK LIONS PARK: This park offers pickleball courts, basketball court, playground, outdoor pavilion and rental hall. Located at 6938-7046 MN-70, Pine City.

GOLF

PINE CITY COUNTRY CLUB: This club offers a nine-hole course, driving range, and clubhouse and is open to the public. For more information, please call (320) 629-3848. Grill and bar along with banquet facilities are available as well. 10413 Golf Course Road SW.

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HUNTING

WINGS NORTH is located at 19379 Homestead Road. Pine City 320.629.4868 (HUNT) WINGS1@ECENET.COM. This hunting club has 19 different hunting areas, two trap houses, a clubhouse, bar and restaurant to serve a variety of needs. Members are also able to take advantage of the 10 station sporting clay course.

The diverse cover and relatively flat topography of the club allow tremendous variety and experiences for hunters of all skill levels. The hunting areas are large enough to accommodate groups to have plenty of room.

ADRENALINE ARCHERY AND BAIT SHOP 1300 Northridge Dr., Pine City 320-629-4992. Adrenaline Archery is open to the public with a variety of archery and fishing products available. Some of the services offered are leagues, an indoor range and an indoor simulator with archery servicing. A variety of fishing equipment, bait and tackle are also available.

PEACEFUL PINE FARM

Peaceful Pines Pumpkin Patch is a family focused place just a couple of miles from downtown Pine City. Located on the corners of Northern and Government Roads. You and your children can pick your own pumpkins and enjoy some family fun all at a reasonable price. Free admission and parking! Members of the Minnesota Grown network.

FAIRFIELD TREE FARM

“Cut your own” Christmas tree farm located in Rock Creek. Many different varieties of trees: Fraser, Balsam, Canaan, White and Blue Spruce, White Pine and Norway Pine. From 4-10 feet tall. Bring the whole family fun activities for the kids! Members of the Minnesota Grown network.

PINE CITY CIVIC CENTER

Located across from the high school and baseball fields the Pine City Civic Center offers various indoor open ice skating and open hockey opportunities for all ages throughout the winter season.

PINE COUNTY FAIR

The Pine County Fair has been voted Best Outdoor Event in Pine County. The dates of the fair this year are July 30 - August 3, 2025. Come out and enjoy live entertainment, attractions and exhibits, food, rides and much more.

Visit the website, www.pinecountyfair.com or the Pine City Pioneer as the fair dates approach for the most up-to-date information on the fair schedule.

Grandstand events slated for this year include the Demolition Derby on Friday and Saturday night, the Truck Pull on Wednesday night, and the Tractor Pull on Thursday night. All events start at 7 pm in the grandstand. Come to participate or watch the fun.

There will be plenty of live entertainment in the Event Center this year for all to enjoy each night of the fair.

What would a fair be without animals? The 4-H clubs will have their horses, pigs, sheep, cows, rabbits, goats, dogs and cats there to show. There are also many general projects on display in the 4-H building and open class buildings.





PINE CITY *Education*

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EDUCATION

PINE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Pine City Public Schools' educational philosophy is based on a simple question: "What is best for students?" With the district's vision, "Preparing Our Students for the Future," the district works hard to evolve each year to better reflect its strong commitment to doing what is best for area young people.

The local school district is focused not only on learning, but also preparing students for life. The district provides opportunities for young people to pursue their individual talents and make wise choices that will help prepare them for a successful future. The district's primary

mission is to give all learners an opportunity to reach their potential in an ever-changing world.

Approximately 1,625 students are enrolled in Pine City Public Schools in kindergarten through 12th grade. For more information on the district or to enroll a new student, visit their website at www.isd578.org.

The District Offices are located at the High School building at 1400 Main Street. Regular School board Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. School board members are elected to a four year term, with elections held in even years in November.

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PINE CITY COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Pine City Community Education is a great resource for learning about a variety of programs for community members of all ages. Community Ed and ECFE work closely to host educational play events throughout the year for young students. Learn more about class opportunities like Driver Improvement Classes, Yoga, High School Trap Team, Elementary Choir and More. Visit their website at pccommunityeducation.weebly.com





PINE TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PTCC has served the region since 1965. Today's enrollment consists of more than 1,200 students. As a part of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, the college offers programs in health sciences, business, industrial technology and general education. PTCC awards certificates, diplomas and associate degrees in accounting, American Sign Language, automotive technology, early childhood development, gunsmithing technology, health science, information technology, medical assistant, nursing, precision manufacturing, human services eligibility worker and more. The college also awards the Associate of Arts degree. As part of MNSCU, the PTCC associate degree will transfer to the system's four year universities.

For more information about PTCC visit their website at www.pine.edu or call 320-629-5100.

The Continuing Education/Customized Training department at PTCC is the regional provider of skill-based, short-term courses that are designed to meet individuals' needs for occupational licensing, legal requirements and new technology. The department also works closely with businesses and organizations to assist them in customized training for Industrial Technology, Information Technology and Health Education programs. For more information about Continuing Education or Customized Training classes, call 320-629-5176.

ANTIQUES

A large advertisement for Antiques America. The background is a photograph of the store's interior, filled with various antiques and collectibles. Overlaid on the image is a large, stylized logo for "ANTIQUES AMERICA" featuring two American flags and the text "WHY BUY NEW...WHEN USED WILL DO". Below the logo is a red banner with "EST. AA 1998" and "WHEN TOO MUCH AIN'T ENOUGH". Text overlays include "Antiques Collectibles Stuff you can use" in the top left, "Historic Cassidy's Supper Club Exhibit" in the top right, "TOURIST INFO ...the good stuff" in the bottom left, and "WATERFALL 'The TUNNEL'" in the bottom right. At the bottom center, the address "327 Fire Monument Road Hinckley, MN" and hours "OPEN 10AM - 6PM EVERYDAY" are listed, along with the website "www.hinckleyantiques.com". Two QR codes are located at the bottom left and right, labeled "WEBSITE" and "MAP" respectively.

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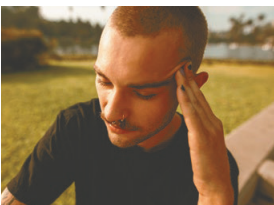


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WELCOME TO *Welia*

Welia is located in East Central Minnesota, Welia Health provides primary and specialty medical services to Kanabec and Pine counties residents. It is a critical access hospital and clinic system accredited by the Joint Commission.

THE BEGINNING

The opening day of Welia Health, initially called Kanabec Hospital, is illustrated in a unique story about the doors opening early for an unexpected arrival of a baby, James Michael. The hospital was scheduled to open in January of 1946, but on Christmas Eve in 1945, Mrs. Walton Regan gave birth to James Michael, and they became Kanabec Hospital's first two patients.



HOW WE'VE GROWN

Throughout the decades, Kanabec Hospital has continuously expanded its facility and services. In 2003, Kanabec Hospital grew significantly through two major building projects, including moving the Mora Medical Clinic (then owned by Allina) to the hospital campus and adding a rehabilitation department and four-bay surgery department.

In 2011, Kanabec Hospital purchased three clinics from Allina Hospitals and Clinics (now Allina Health) located in Mora and surrounding cities, Pine City and Hinckley. Then it renamed the newly integrated system: FirstLight Health System.

In October 2015, due to new demand in healthcare services, the Pine City campus expanded its blueprint and services in diagnostic imaging, rehabilitation services, OB/GYN, orthopedics, sports medicine and urgency services.

In 2019, FirstLight Health System finished a two-year phased expansion project in Mora on its main campus. The construction project included the following:

- newly designed in-patient rooms.
- separate birth center.
- public dining area.
- an expanded rehabilitation department.
- community pharmacy.
- emergency department updates with improved helipad and ambulance access
- relocation of the off-campus Eye Care Center
- infrastructure accommodations for new technology and patient flow
- new centralized entrance to enhance security

The Mora campus has 23 licensed patient beds, a four-bay surgery suite, a 24-hour emergency department, EMT/Paramedic-staffed ambulance service and a birth center, among other services.

Amid the large expansion project in 2019, FirstLight Health System was renamed Welia Health.

WELCOME TO WELIA HEALTH

Welia Health delivers the personalized care expected in smaller communities but with the technology and specialty care commonly associated with large urban centers.

Welia Health's main campus is in Mora, with satellite campuses in Pine City and Hinckley. Pine City clinic offers primary and specialty care, urgency services and a community pharmacy, while Hinckley clinic offers primary and specialty care.

Welia Health employs over 600 employees, including family practice providers, specialists, pharmacists, nurses, lab, radiology and rehabilitation service professionals and administrative personnel.

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Passionate for its commitment to developing the next generation of rural medical providers, Welia Health is a teaching site for Rural Physician Associate Program (RPAP) students and preceptors Physician Assistant (PA) and Nurse Practitioner (CNP) students. Its pharmacists serve as adjunct faculty for the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy. In addition, it welcomes students for clinical educational experiences in the medical assistants (certified), nursing, laboratory, radiology, rehabilitation services, health information and nurse anesthetist programs. Local high school students

interested in pursuing a career in healthcare have opportunities to learn in medical career exploration classes strongly supported by Welia Health.

COMMITTED TO OUR COMMUNITIES

As part of our mission, Welia Health is committed to supporting and improving the communities health by contributing and volunteering at events, including the Pine City Farmer's Market, Vasaloppet, National Walk to School Day and offering free sports physicals to local athletes.

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WELCOME TO *Essentia* HEALTH

Essentia has proudly served patients in Sandstone since 1997. Our partnership continued a rich legacy of high-quality health care in the community, which dates to 1956 when the 27-bed Pine County Memorial Hospital was built. Since then, the hospital has undergone many changes, both physically and in name. Most recently, Essentia collaborated with the Northern Pine Area Hospital District to open a new nine-bed critical access hospital and emergency room in 2017. This investment included a Level IV trauma center and designation as an acute stroke ready hospital.



“We are proud to serve this part of the state,” said Dr. Tom Witt, Sandstone administrator. “Essentia puts a heavy focus on providing the best possible health care in rural areas, and our commitment to Sandstone and the surrounding communities illustrates that.”

The hospital offers inpatient and outpatient services, meaning you can receive care for a variety of ailments and conditions, some of which allow for same-day discharge while others require overnight and multi-day stays.

Essentia Health-Sandstone also offers a 24/7 emergency room staffed with highly trained care teams ready to meet your needs around the clock.

Essentia is proud to offer urgent care at this location as well. Urgent care is an intermediate level of care that focuses on illnesses and injuries that are not life-threatening but may need immediate attention, such as an X-ray and/or lab tests that require a blood draw. Urgent care is often used for cuts, stitches, dog bites, colds, flu symptoms, STDs, tooth pain and other non-emergency needs. Patients can rest easy knowing they can visit us without an appointment and receive expert, prompt care seven days a week. Essentia Health Urgent Care-Sandstone is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.

The hospital’s wide range of treatment options includes imaging, 3D mammograms, radiology, lab services, cancer screenings, cardiac care, stroke care, infusion services and oncology care and much more. At Essentia, we are committed to delivering high-quality care and providing as many services as we can close to home for the patients we are privileged to serve.

Additional offerings include rehabilitation services such as speech therapy, physical and occupational therapy, both inpatient and outpatient.

“Investing in this facility and bringing in dedicated staff to live out our mission every day and provide the highest-quality care possible to this area demonstrates our commitment to the patients we are privileged to serve,” said Dr. Witt. “By providing a wide variety of services right here in Pine County, we are able to care for our patients while eliminating transportation barriers and allowing them to get care and heal close to home.”

Patients will find a full range of amenities at this location, including a café, free wi-fi, a retail pharmacy and relaxing and rejuvenating waiting areas.

For non-emergency visits, you’ll find free parking in front of our facility. To enter the hospital, go through the main door that leads to both the hospital and clinic. For emergency care, follow the signs to the emergency room entrance.

Explore our patients and visitors section to find information about billing, financial assistance, medical records, patient rights and responsibilities.

Essentia is proud to carry on the legacy of health care in this region and care for our patients in Pine County and surrounding areas. Whether you need emergency care or help along the road to recovery, you can recover with confidence under our watch.





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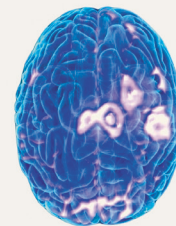
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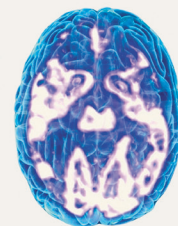
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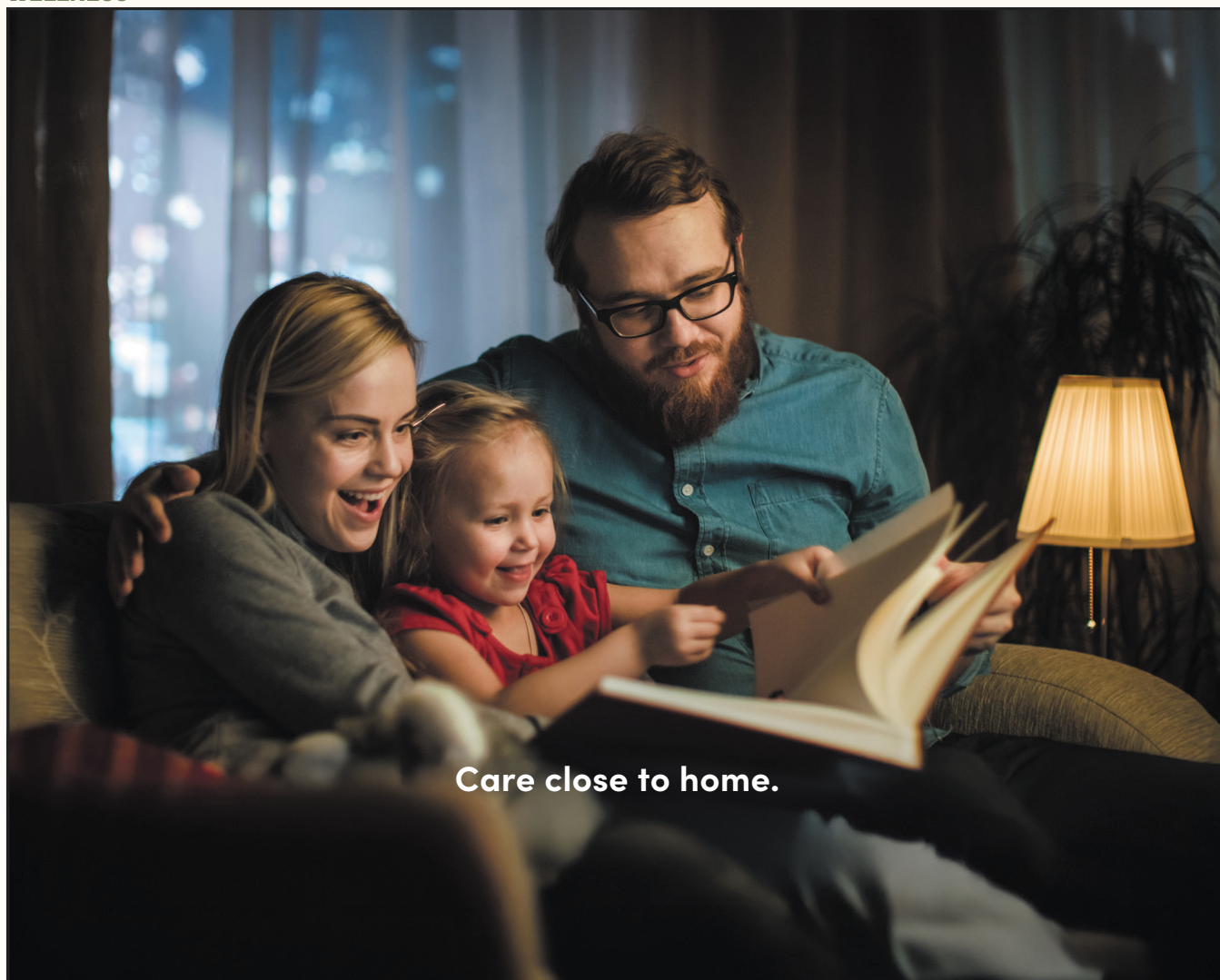


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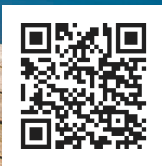
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Quarterly meetings addressing a local history topic are held in January, April, July and October. A weekly meeting to discuss local history is also held on Tuesday afternoons in the Pine City Library Community Room. It is an informal discussion and participants often bring show and tell. Those interested in participating should visit the website or facebook page for up-to-date information.

The history association's website contains a wide variety of resources including an obituary file, maps, yearbooks, phone books, newspapers and nearly 2000 items from

our collection. This group works throughout the year to create digital presentations on various aspects of local history that celebrate the history of the Pine City Area. Some of their presentations have been turned into books

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For more information and upcoming meetings:

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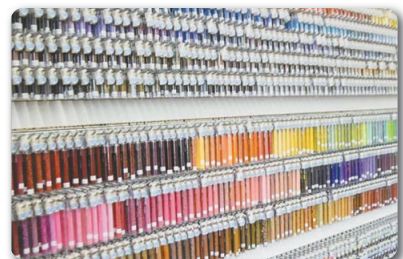
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Each town along the I-35 corridor heading towards Duluth is a history-rich, friendly, and mom-and-pop style stop each time.



HINCKLEY

Hinckley is filled with people passionate about their community. From the senior dining hall to the Hinckley Area Chamber, the town is always looking for the next fun thing to offer its citizens.

In the summer, Hinckley hosts weekly Sweet Summer Sounds, where musicians fill the evening air with folk, rock, classical, and everything in between.

Hinckley also has The Corn and Clover Carnival, a weekend of rides, great food, fun games, and a place for everyone to catch up with each other during hot summer days. Corn and Clover also host a pageant, karaoke, and a parade. Sprinkled throughout that weekend, you can find fun contests and lighthearted activities for everyone to enjoy.

Hinckley Chamber is also known for putting on Coach Bingo—a chance to win top notch purses and bags while playing competitively with friends.

Hogs and Hoses is another loud and proud event the community of Hinckley attends. Hogs and Hoses is a fundraiser for the Hinckley Fire Department, allowing the community to come enjoy great ham, buy raffle tickets, enjoy music, and help their local fire hall.

In the heart of Hinckley, however, lies a historic depot. The Hinckley Fire Museum. The museum is a building where the story of the Great Hinckley Fire resides, and is open for community members and visitors to come learn about the devastation, and reclamation of this great city, and surrounding territories.



SANDSTONE

Just north, about ten minutes, the busy town of Sandstone lies filled with hard-working and dedicated citizens.

Sandstone is a town for all seasons. With events happening in the summer, fall, and winter, there is always something to do for the community to attend. The dedicated members of the Sandstone City Council, Neighborhood watch, Planning Commission, and Economic Development Authority are active in keeping the city thriving.

In the summertime, Arts in the Park decorate the Train Park of Sandstone, filling it with music, food, and livelihood from the residents of the quaint town.



Quarry Days puts a twist to the end of the summer, a weekend of food, festivities, a parade, pageant, and fireworks.

In the fall, Sandstone hosts Oktoberfest, inviting citizens to take place in an old tradition of gathering and drinking.

In the winter, Sandstone is known for its annual Ice Fest. In the beautiful Robison Quarry Park, water is frozen over tall walls of Sandstone. People from all over the county, state and even out of state climbers gather to sink their icepicks deep into the ice and make their climb up. This event has recently been used for Cabela's outerwear to advertise their winter gear.

Sandstone also hosts a big sledding event on Lion's Hill. Adults and kids alike can attend and find fun in the snow by sledding down the hill and enjoying hot chocolate.

Sandstone is also home the Sandstone Museum—a place where visitors can learn about the rich history of logging, farming, and, most predominantly, mining that has happened in this city. Robison Quarry Park was created by the mining efforts of historical companies wanting the sandstone. In the rocks in the park, you can see still artificial lines where drills made lines for dynamite to be placed. These explosions would take off large, thousand-pound chunks of sandstone rock off, and leaving sheer rock walls—where rock climbing in the summer and ice climbing in the winter can happen.



ASKOV

About eight minutes down the road, past beautiful rocky hills and the entrance to Banning State Park, lies the quaint little town of Askov. While Askov's streets are quiet during the day, the community strength can be felt in every building and park.

Askov, a Danish city with proud roots, holds its self-strong with multiple traditional events. In the summertime, Askov holds its annual Rutabaga Days. This event is for the community to come together for events like a pageant, parade, good food, and fun activities for everyone to enjoy.

St. Urho's Day is like St. Patrick's Day, where the community will gather in pubs to celebrate the patron saint, Urho. This day usually proceeds St. Patrick's Day.

Askov is also home to the Aebelskiver Midsummer Breakfast, celebrating Midsummer time with traditional aebelskiver dishes.

Askov is home to the Pine County History Society as well. A large museum sits where the old high school used to be, repurposed to show the rich history of all of Pine County in many well throughout rooms. Pine County his lush with tales from Native Americans, loggers, immigrants, Amish, miners, and families that made Pine County what it is today.

Askov is a tight-knit community of individuals, and with a recent election bringing in younger members in the council, the city has it eyes set to grow and flourish.

Whichever town you decide to visit, either Hinckley, Sandstone, or Askov, or even Finlayson, this part of Pine County is full of something to do—and the beauty of the surrounding woods around the cities are enough to take your breath away.

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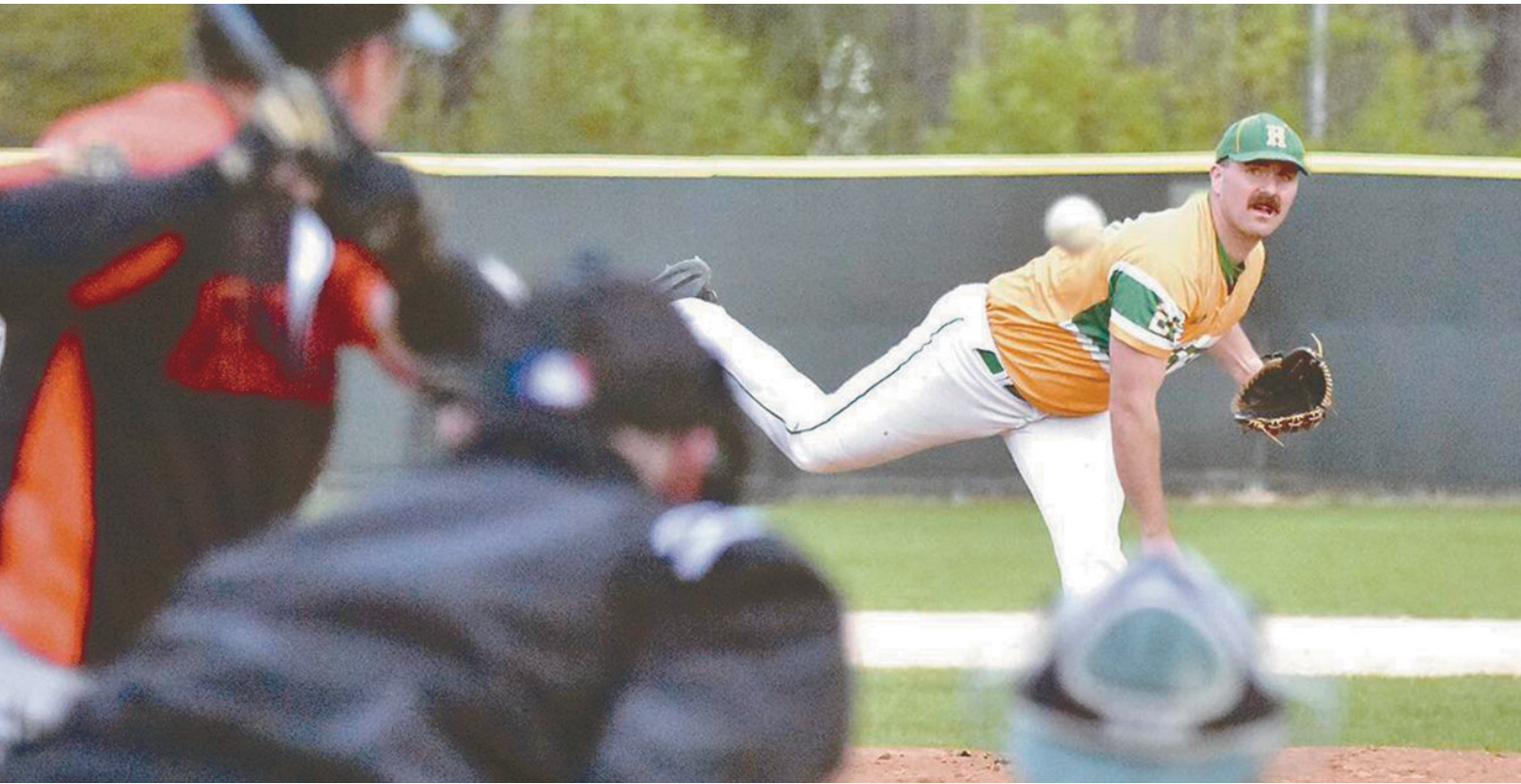
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HINCKLEY HISTORY

In the 1800's, the Ojibwe Natives lived near the St. Croix River and were the first to call *Gaa-zhiigwanaabikokaag* (Hinckley) home. The thick grove of white pine trees around Hinckley attracted loggers and they built the first sawmill in 1869. Later that year, the Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad made its way into Hinckley. For 20 years the lumber industry was prosperous, and the town grew to a population of 1,400.

Then a tragic event occurred, placing Hinckley securely on the map.

1894 was one of the driest years on record with low rainfall, low humidity, and blowing winds. On September 1, 1894, these factors coupled with a hot day and small fires that merged, created a firestorm that burned six small towns, killed 418 people and burned over 400 square miles.

In honor of the residents who perished in the fire, a monument was built and is located on Highway 48 just east of Interstate 35. Another monument honoring the deceased fire victims is located in Brook Park.

The Hinckley Fire Museum is informative and full of fascinating facts about the Great Fire.

Today, Hinckley is famous for caramel rolls, trails, Parks, Grand Casino Hinckley, and its history.

HINCKLEY'S SWEET SUMMER SOUNDS 2025



The sounds of music will return to Hinckley's Westside Park again in 2025. Sweet Summer Sounds will be entering its 10th year of bringing fun and unique entertainment to the downtown area (minus 1 year in 2020 due to COVID). The initial series of concerts was funded entirely by the city of Hinckley. Since that time all the programs that followed have received support funding from ECRAC (East Central Regional Arts Council), in addition to some city funding, for continued operation.

An outstanding lineup of musical and artistic talent will fill the summer air this year, starting with the first concert on Thursday, June 12th when Kat Perkins, a semi-finalist from NBC's The Voice talent program entertains. Another national talent of note on this year's schedule, comes to the stage on July 10th when The Voice finalist Chris Kroeze comes to Hinckley. All of the concerts will be held at the Hinckley Westside Park Bandshell and all start at 6:30 pm on Thursday evenings, EXCEPT for the final event which will be held

on Tuesday, August 5th for National Night Out. All concerts are free and open to the public. As in previous years in case of rain (or snow?) the entertainment will still go on but will move indoors to the Hinckley Community Center, just a stone's throw away from the Westside Park Bandshell. In addition to your local newspapers, concert updates can be found on Facebook's "Sweet Summer Sounds 2025" web page, and heard on WCMP/KBEK radio stations, so be sure to bookmark that page and bookmark it for future reference.

These activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council thanks to legislative appropriations from the MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

JUNE 12 KAT PERKINS Solo acoustic soul/pop	JUNE 19 THE PHONICS Mostly R & Roll	JUNE 26 DUELLY NOTED Dueling pianos popular
JULY 10 CHRIS KROEZE Orig. plus country covers	JULY 17 SOUTHSIDE ACES Jazz/Blues Cajun	JULY 24 HIGH 48S Bluegrass
AUG 5(NATIONAL NIGHT OUT) RIVERSIDE HITMEN 70s-90s popular pop		

All Concerts at the HINCKLEY WESTSIDE PARK BANDSHELL.... in the event of rain the concerts move to the HINCKLEY COMMUNITY CENTER.



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PINE CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Since October 1969 the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce has been an active partner in **Economic Development** and promotion of the greater Pine City area. The organization serves as a resource for local businesses and retailers who strive to meet the needs of a growing community. Visitors depend on the Chamber for guidance to recreational activities, shopping opportunities and local amenities that make our community unique. The office location in Downtown Pine City provides a distribution point for maps and brochures as well as business cards for referrals to many area businesses. Weekend visitors can also find an outdoor brochure rack and bulletin board along Old Hwy 61 at 315 Main Street.

The Chamber provides educational and networking opportunities for its members through partnerships with local resources. The **Network 2 Learn** program incorporates an educational presentation into the networking event. These events include topics like website

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Membership with the Pine City Area Chamber is open to any business, non-profit or individual within the greater Pine City area. We provide a wide variety of membership benefits to our members and every member's needs are different, so a conversation with our staff can help to identify what benefits are needed for your business. The Chamber office is staffed daily from 8:30 - 2:30, and appointments are recommended to ensure availability.

The Chamber serves as the coordinator for several community events and manages a **Community Calendar** on our website that shares information on events organized by other non-profit groups and businesses in the region.

CHAMBER EVENTS



FREEDOM FEST Held annually on the last Saturday in June. This unique festival is made possible by the work of community organizations that work together to host events on this weekend. The events include a car show, kid's activities, food booths, street dance and fireworks.

PINE COUNTY PARADE The Chamber works in cooperation with the Pine County Fair Board to organize the parade. Historically the parade includes close to 100 units including bands, businesses, non-profits, and performing artists. Held on Saturday at 4 pm, the first weekend in August.

HOLIDAY MADNESS Held annually on the first Saturday in December, this event has seen a lot of changes over the years. The annual tree lighting, a lighted parade, and a shop local initiative are all a part of this community event.

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By Connie Mikrot

After a six-year hiatus, we are excited to announce the return of our community celebration 'Willow River Area Days' the last full weekend of July! This year's event will start on Friday July 25th with activities being planned through Sunday July 27th.

Willow River's story began in 1891, when the bustling lumber industry laid the foundation for what would become a thriving community. The pioneers who settled here were driven by hard work, determination, and a shared vision of a better life. Their legacy lives on in the very fabric of our communities where many of their descendants still reside, proud to call this area home. Names like Bohaty, Chmielewski, Danelski, Michog, Mlaskoch, Novak, Price, Stanton, Stepan, Thompson, Waletzko, Wood, Youngberg, and Zimmerman that were part of founding the Willow River Area are still present today, along with many, many more.



Willow River Area Days is an event to bring together residents of all ages to honor our deep-rooted history and celebrate the vibrant communities that we continue to build together, encompassing the communities of Willow River, Rutledge, Bruno, Sturgeon Lake, Arthyde, and Denham. This year's theme is 'Deep Roots, New Branches'. While we honor our past and our

deep roots, we also look to the future with hope and optimism. The return of our community celebration marks the beginning of a new chapter, filled with possibilities and opportunities branching out for all.

The Willow River Commercial Club put on the last Willow River Area Days celebration in 2018. After they found it harder and harder to run the event each year with limited volunteers, they made the decision to cancel future events. In the summer of 2024, Jennifer Mlaskoch, Betsy Novak, and Connie Mikrot started talking about bringing the celebration back, and there was interest from others in the community supporting the return of Willow River Area Days and before they knew it, they had formed the Willow River Area Days Club, a non-profit 501c3, with Mlaskoch, Novak, and Mikrot the founding officers. A planning committee was started late 2024 which also includes Mike & Brenda Fanum, Darin Holmgren, Heidi Vogel, Lyndee Mlaskoch, Lindsay Peterson, and Dawn Tasler. The planning committee meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6pm at the Corral Bar in Willow River. A generous donation

of the funds remaining after the 2018 event from the Willow River Commercial Club gave the group the starting funds needed to advertise and begin planning for a successful event!

There are numerous ways to get involved and contribute to the success of our celebration. Volunteers are needed to assist with event setup, coordination, and various activities. Additionally, local businesses and organizations are encouraged to participate by sponsoring events, or hosting a fundraising activity. Your involvement in any manner helps ensure that our celebration will be a resounding success. If you're interested in volunteering your time, joining a monthly meeting, or just learning more about the event, contact us at wradays55795@gmail.com, reach out to a member of our planning committee, and follow 'Willow River Area Days' on Facebook.

We invite everyone to come and be a part of the celebration. Whether you've lived here all your life or are new to our area, this event is an opportunity to connect, share, and create lasting memories. Your presence and support are what make our communities vibrant and strong.

BUTTON CONTEST

With the Willow River Area Days theme of 'Deep Roots, New Branches' set, we are looking to local artists to create our annual button design. Design should showcase an image supporting the theme, celebration, or communities in some way. The winning design will receive recognition on social media and in local newspapers, along with a cash prize of \$100.00. The buttons will be sold at local businesses in the area with each button numbered and then the buttons will be used in various ways throughout the weekend -more details to come! Design must be submitted by March 31st to wradays55795@gmail.com and include a full name and phone number.





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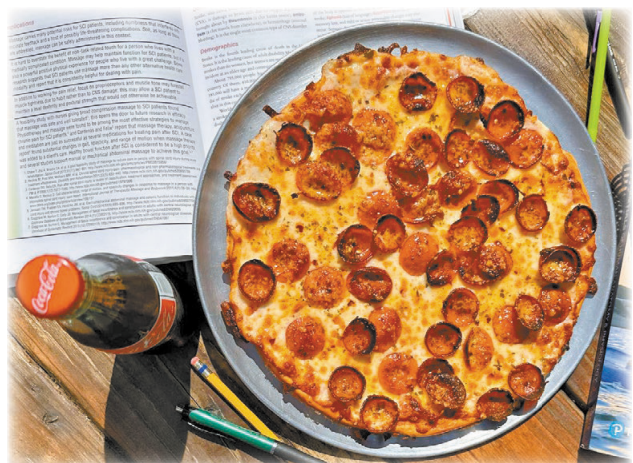
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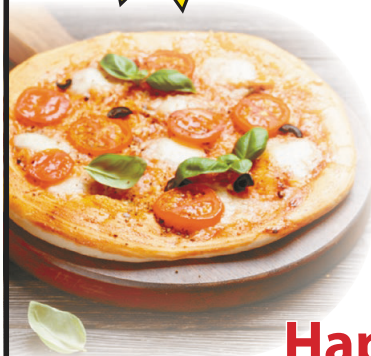
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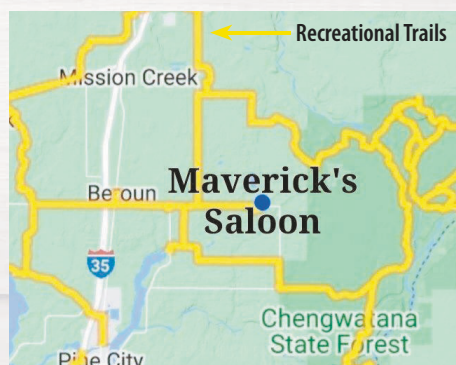


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