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# BEST OF voting underway



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The annual Best of Pine County contest is now accepting votes at www.Pinecountynews.com/bestof/

Readers of the Pine City Pioneer, Pine County Courier, Askov American and Hinckley News have nominated business and individuals in seven categories: eating and drinking, sports and recreation, health and fitness, shopping, arts and entertainment, local and services. The ballot contains the top five entries that received the most nominations. Nearly all categories have five nominees.

Voting begins at 7 a.m. July 14 and runs through 8 p.m. Sunday, August 8. Voters can cast ballots once every 24 hours. Users who register for the contest can log in on successive days to vote. Winners will be published online and printed in a special section the week of September 29.



## I never saw a rutabaga I didn't like

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Use your creative & artistic energy as you transform a two dimensional wooden shape of a rutabaga into a work of art.

Your creation will be displayed at the annual Askov Rutabaga Festival & Fair.

Each wooden blank must be purchased for \$10. You pick up your blank from the Fair Office on the Askov Fairgrounds beginning on August 2 at 10 a.m. First come, first served. There are a limited amount of wooden blanks. We encourage you to be creative. The shape of the rutabaga can feature polka dots, local scenery, designs, themes or anything Askov! You are required to bring your painted rutabaga, your masterpiece to the fairgrounds by August 21. The rutabaga art will be displayed at the festival where all can enjoy. All entries will be judged and a cash prize will be awarded.

Upon the closing of our festival you may bring your artwork home again. Be part of the beautification of the festival!



Pine Technical & Community College

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### NEW! Pine County College Initiative

East Central, Hinckley-Finlayson & Willow River 2 years of tuition & \$1000 for books, tools & supplies

#### Frandsen Family Foundation

Braham, Frederic (WI), Luck (WI), Pine City & Rush City

2 years of tuition & \$1000 for books, tools & supplies

#### Kick Start

Chisago Lakes, Isle, Mora, North Branch & Ogilvie 1 year of tuition & \$1000 for books, tools & supplies

## Pine Technical and Community College extends free scholarships to all Pine County students

BY MIKE GAINOR

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There is only one county in the state of Minnesota where all high school graduates have the opportunity to attend college for free.

That county? Pine County. Pine Technical and Community College (PTCC) has announced that a new scholarship opportunity has opened for 2020, 2021 and 2022 graduates from Hinckley-Finlayson, East Central and Willow River high schools. The Pine County College Initiative (PCCI) scholarship covers two years of tuition for students and up to \$1,000 for required books, tools and supplies.

In April, the Frandsen Family Foundation announced scholarships for two years of college for all 2021 Pine City High School graduates, also offering a \$1,000 stipend. The addition of the new PCCI

scholarship means that all Pine County students seeking a career in the skilled trades can get a two-year college degree at no cost.

Pine Technical and Community College President
Joe Mulford noted that the
scholarship programs will
also cover students at private
schools like Harvest Christian
Academy as well as homeschooled students.

"The addition of the PCCI scholarship at PTCC creates more opportunities for students in our region to acquire the high-demand skills employers need," Joe Mulford. "This partnership between the county, school districts and the college is a one-of-akind resource to help students reach their goals in the most unique way."

Though the Pine City scholarship is provided by the private non-profit Frandsen Family Foundation, Mulford said the PCCI program will be paid for through stimulus funds awarded to Pine County to be used for workforce training. Additional funds for the program will come from stimulus money awarded to the college itself.

With the addition of the new PCCI program to the existing Kick Start scholarships and Frandsen Family Foundation scholarships at PTCC, Pine County students now have the option of one (Kick Start) to two years (Frandsen) of college tuition free, plus \$1,000 for required book, supplies and tools.

"The county invested in ... our young graduates, coming out of high school," Mulford said. "Those resources then are applied to one of the largest employers in our county

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## Soil contamination cleaned from river

BY JAMIE LUND

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The Enbridge Energy Line 3 project hit a snag while drilling under the Willow River near Palisade, Minn. Tuesday, July 6. The company was using a process called horizontal directional drilling when there was a release of drilling mud into the river, according to Randall Doneen, Department of Natural Resource Conservation Assistance and

Regulation Section Manager.

"They immediately shut down and went into spill response mode," Doneen said. He said Embridge worked with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

"The drilling mud released was bentonite clay, water, and a xanthan gum additive called SandMaster approved by the MPCA's 401 water quality certification," said Cori Rude-Young, Communications and Outreach for MPCA.

"Xanthan gum is a non-toxic, sucrose-based emulsifier more commonly used as a food additive."

The bentonite mixture is a mud-like fine substance which coats micro-organisms and plants and suffocates them, explained Doneen.

Doneen said Enbridge brought a vacuum truck to the river. A person entered the water and vacuumed up the

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## A dream come true for new owners of Quarry Pizza

JENNIFER YOCUM-STANS EDITOR@HINCKLEYNEWS.COM

A dream came true last week for David and Hannah Mitchell. They are now the owners of Quarry Pizza. "I've always wanted to own my own pizza place, so when this came up for sale I said let's do it," said

David, Hannah and their four children ages 14, 10, 7 and 5, moved here from Texas about a year ago. They were looking for somewhere with land and not too far from an airport, as David flies out every other week for his job. Besides running Quarry Pizza he also works construction around the country. They decided on Sandstone and now run a farm east of town. They have never lived in a small town, and are loving it!

David worked in the pizza business years ago and they looked into starting something

in Texas but it never worked out. They looked at other restaurants in this area, but as David put it, "it wasn't their jam." When Hannah told him that Quarry Pizza was up for sale he said he was all in! "I know pizza, I enjoy pizza," he said. Their goal is for David

Their goal is for David to be home full time. "I've missed a lot of baseball games and things with the kids," he said about his job taking him away from home so much.

They plan on making some small changes to things. They have added a little more flavor to the sauce, are using fresh cut vegetables and they now hand toss the crust. The Mitchells plan on adding a small pizza along with the current large option.

An upcoming option they want to feature is something called a wedgewich. A wedgewich is like a sandwich, it's made with anything you would normally put on a pizza, such as a philly cheese steak or chicken bacon ranch. How it works is the toppings are put on, they fold it over and cook it. Once out of the oven, they open it back up and add any fresh toppings the customer requests such as tomatoes, onions or lettuce. Then it is folded back up and cut.

Customer service is key for the Mitchell's. There are still kinks to work out, they said, but the Mitchells are hoping to get those figured out and provide great pizza and great customer service. They want to make sure their customers are happy and come back. They will do deliveries to Sandstone, Askov and Hinckley, and the surrounding areas. Some locations that are further out will have delivery only on Fridays and Saturdays. They will also be offering take and bake pizzas that are custom made for the customer.

The hours have



JENNIFER YOCUM-STANS I HINCKLEY NEWS

David and Hannah Mitchell are the new owners of Quarry Pizza in Sandstone. Pictured above are Hannah, Molly, David, Lilly, Jack and Anson.

changed somewhat and they will now be open for lunch and dinner. Their new hours will be from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day. Quarry Pizza will be open for dine in, with limited seating as well. David and Hannah encourage people to stop in and say hi!

## **PTCC:** Scholarships free for area students

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the college. This is a big deal for us as an institution to help us continue to grow and be more vibrant. And we know many of these students will stay and become nurses in our communities, manufacturing technicians in our communities"

Mulford said he believes these scholarship programs will bring in stateside attention on all the positives Pine County has to offer. "It puts Pine County in a position to say, 'We've got things going on here, especially around workforce development," Mulford said. "That would hopefully spur on some economic development opportunities. If you're a company

looking to relocate ... this is pretty interesting."

Pine Technical and Community College is located at 900 4th St. SE in Pine City. To learn more about all of the scholarships offered at PTCC, visit www.pine.edu/finan-

cial-aid/scholarships or call 320-629-5100. To apply to the college, visit www.pine.edu/apply.



# All concerts are FREE and open to the public and start each night at 6:30!

This activity made possible by voters of

Minnesota through a grant from East Central Regional
Arts Council thanks to legislative appropriations from the
MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

## **CONTAMINATION:** Willow River cleaned after spill

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bentonite mixture. Sand bags and silk fencing was set up to catch any extra drilling mud that may have escaped. Doneen said it is highly unlikely that residents drinking water would be affected.

Rude-Young said the MPCA has been in regular contact with Enbridge and inspected the site.

"In accordance with the requirements of the 401 water quality certification and associated plans (the Environmental Protection Plan and Site-specific HDD Inadvertent Release Response Plan), Enbridge is consulting with us prior to resuming drilling activities at the site," said Rude-Young. She said the incident is currently under investigation.



SUBMITTED B

Sandbags and silk fencing are set in the Willow River after drilling mud contaminated the area. The thin, silt like substance is used by Enbridge Energy to assist during drilling for the line 3 project. Enbridge Energy stopped drilling and cleaned the area and set up the bags and fence to catch any extra debris.



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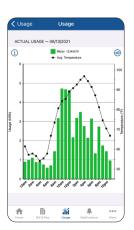
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## Deer bring babies to enjoy flower garden buffet

n July 3, family and friends gathered at the Sportsmen's Club was to celebrate Ava Brown's graduation. And, what better



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Maxine Meyer

tribute to a daughter than the entertainment being mom and her fellow members of the 3 Blonde's singing group. Lots of good food, lots of yummy desserts section, good visiting, and great enter-

tainment was enjoyed by all. (And I might add: Look up the Texas Chocolate Cookie Sheet Cake-it's awesome.) Best of everything to Ava in her journey through life, congratulations.

Also during the recent holiday week, Joan Willman-Anderson and Dean Bircher of Sandstone hosted a get-together for Joan's family. Attending were Dave and Sean Aasen,

Brooklyn Park; Eric, Kim, Claire and Matthew Aasen of Dallas, Texas; Melissa Aasen and husband, Nick, of Minneapolis; Laurie Willman, Sandstone; and Loren Richardson, Finlayson. Everyone had a good time and Joan said it was so good to be together again.

Our Finlayson Fourth of July celebration was a great success, I even heard 60 people attended the 5K event. It sure was nice to see all the people back in town again. Many thanks to our Finlayson Community Club, they did a great job and many thanks to the awesome hard working volunteers. Many thanks to all our visitors. We hope to see you all come back. Even Mother Nature cooperated and although it was hot, the breeze made it tolerable and for that we are always grateful. And last, but not least by any means, Brian Makie, you were awesome in the parade, and thanks for convincing us we needed this,

Gary joined the Fourth of July cribbage tournament

in town, and the following Wednesday evening he headed to the Finlayson Municipal Liquor Store and joined his former and new cribbage playing friends in the weekly cribbage games. Yes folks, the games are back on, Gary could hardly believe it. I hear the event has grown and there are many new faces, all welcomed. It seems the pandemic has breathed new life into Wednesday night cribbage.

Well speaking of new life, our frequent visiting doe brought her newborn spotted twin fawns to our backyard this morning, straight to the place I fondly call my flower garden (cough.) Gary has his chair in the perfect spot in the house where he can see them arrive. We always love seeing momma and fawns. This year she has not brought them around during the day very often, she is keeping them across the road near the river. I know, however, deer come visit at night, my hostas are disappearing, and I planted many hostas just for their pleasure.

A few days ago something scared deer out of the woods across the road, straight at our front property. I carefully kept our dogs up by the house. While standing there, I counted 12 deer charging in and around our front pastures. I got a chuckle when the spotted twin fawns went straight up to my two draft-cross horses for

King and Prince were aware of all the action, but kept calm and acted like they were eating the best batch of green grass you ever saw. That seemed to instinctively calm the deer. (In a dry, burnt field it may have actually confused those deer.) But, the youngest fawns remained about 20 feet from King and Prince staying right there until they saw momma. King and Prince apparently are still honorary deer, and respected as somewhat protectors. Gosh, now that I think of it-there could be many in that dozen deer that know King and Prince since their youth.

You may remember that a couple weeks ago Gary was

temporarily taken off dialysis. We have been logging his blood pressure, weight, blood sugar, temperature and we change bandaging daily. When the kidney fails below 16 percent, it is clear what needs to be done, but Gary's kidney put on the brakes, right at that line, and so-continuing to work. This week we find out what's next. Regardless, Gary remains on the transplant list, still in need of an "O positive" donor. Donors are needed for many, many folks. For more information see "umnhealthliving-donor.org," and/or access the National Kidney Foundation internet site, in particular the article "The big ask. The big give." Our insurance covers anyone being checked for donation of a kidney for Gary Meyer, 6-18-49. Have a good week, everyone.

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## July is Grilling Month



**Friends** Mary Ellen Dewey

**IF YOU** have a favorite recipe you would like to share, send it to Mary Ellen at recipe@ pinecountycourier. com. ENJOY!!

#### **MAPLE-GLAZED CHICKEN WINGS**

- 2 to 3 lbs. whole chicken wings
- 1 c. maple syrup
- 2/3 c. chili sauce
- 1/2 c. chopped onion 2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes (optional)

Cut whole chicken wings into three sections; discard wing tip section. In a large resealable plastic bag, combine remaining ingredients. Reserve 1 cup for basting and refrigerate. Add chicken to remaining marinade and turn to coat. Seal bag; refrigerate for 4 hours, turning occasionally. Drain and discard marinade. Grill chicken, covered, over medium heat for 12-16 minutes, turning occasionally. Brush with reserved marinade. Grill, uncovered, for 8-10 minutes or until juices run clear, basting and turning several times. Yields 6-8 serv-

#### **GRILLED PIZZA BURGERS**

- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 3/4 c. grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 c. chopped onion
- 1/4 c. minced fresh parsley
- 3/4 tsp. dried basil
- 3/4 tsp. dried oregano
- 3/4 tsp. dried rosemary, crushed
- 3/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 4 slices provolone cheese
- · 4 English muffins, split and toasted (or hamburger
- 1/2 c. pizza sauce

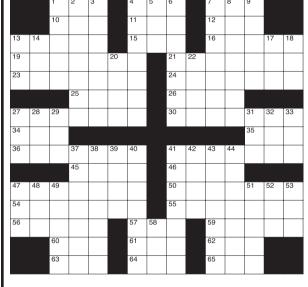
Combine first 8 ingredients. Crumble beef over the mixture and mix well. Shape into four patties. Grill burgers. covered over medium heat for 5-7 minutes on each side or until thermometer reads 160 degrees and juices runs clear. Top burgers with cheese; cover and grill 2-3 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Serve on muffins, top the burger with pizza sauce. Serves 4.

#### **GRILLED CHICKEN WILD RICE SALAD**

- 3 or 4 chicken breasts
- 1 c. orange juice
- 1/4 c. soy sauce
- 1/4 c. honey
- 1-1/2 c. wild rice, simmer until done (about 4 c. water)
- 1/2 purple onion, diced
- 1 yellow pepper, diced
- · 1 pkg. of craisins (dried cranberries)
- 1/2 c. olive oil
- 1/2 c. balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 to 1 c. cashews or chopped and toasted pecans

Marinate meat in orange juice, soy sauce, and honey in plastic bag for 30 minutes or more. Remove chicken from bag and grill and slice into bite-sized pieces. Discard marinade. Reconstitute cranberries in orange juice if they aren't soft. Drain water out of the rice. Mix rice, meat, pepper, onion and cranberries in bowl. Stir together the oil and vinegar and pour over the rice mixture. Just before serving top with nuts. Can also add snap pea pods sliced in 1-inch pieces and/or Mandarin oranges, drained.





#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Sr. enlisted Army member
- 4. Payroll firm
- 7. Monetary unit of Macao
- 10. Cooking vessel
- 11. Cow sound 12. Hairpiece
- 13. Spoon-shaped surgical instrument
- 15. Mother
- 16. Remove from record
- 19. Foolish
- 21. Mailman 23. Unit of data size
- 25. Deceptive movement 26. We all have one
- 27. Direct from pasture
- beef animal
- 30. A person's own self
- 34. Helps little firms
- 56. Uncertainty about something 57. Basics

36. Tumbler

46. Wings

47. Wine bottles 50. Thin layers of rock

54. Opposite to

55. American state

composition

- 59. Indian seaport
- 61. Buffer solution
- 62. Unit of work or energy 63. Soviet Socialist Republic

35. Deep, red-brown sea bream

41. A short section of a musical

45. Young woman (French)

- 64. One point south of due east

31. When you hope to get there

33. Expresses distaste, disapproval

37. Volume containing several novels

65. Born of

29. Swiss river

32. Fall behind

38. Less sharp

39. Food for the poor

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Small stem bearing leaves
- 2. Female Bacchanalians
- 3. Mediterranean city
- 4. Measures electric current
- 5. Arrived extinct 6. Edible butterfish
- 7. Causing wonder or
- astonishment
- 8. Behaviors showing high moral 41. Royal estates standards
- 9. Ancient Irish alphabets
- 13. Footballer Newton
- 14. Utilize 17. Sum of absolute errors
- 18. Opposite of the beginning
- 20. Shoe company
- 22. Algerian port city 27. Girls organization (abbr.) 28. Type of cell (abbr.)
- 40. Having made a valid will
- 42. Relating to wings
- 43. Japanese three-stringed lute
  - 44. Taking something through force
  - 47. Angry
  - 48. Before the present
  - 49. Showy ornaments 51. Norway
  - 52. Comedienne Gasteyer
  - 53. Consume
  - 58. Founder of Babism

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# New reporter enjoys new jobs

eaders may have noticed a new name in the Hinckley, Sandstone, Askov and Moose Lake newspapers this year.

I joined the Hinckley group of newspapers in December, as the new assistant to Jennifer Yocum-Stans, the Hinckley editor.

I enjoyed working as a freelance photographer for the Pine Journal in Cloquet for many years before being hired as a full time reporter/photographer, which I absolutely loved.

Over the years I won awards from the Minnesota Newspaper Association, including two first place awards for sports feature stories. No surprise, they were both about one of my favorite subjects, hockey.

My three children kept me busy with sports and activities for many years, including hockey. The basement hallway of our last house is probably still pock-marked from my boys shooting pucks at my daughter, who was a goalie for the Cloquet-Esko-Carlton program. The team even made it to state in her junior year.

My kids are now grown up. Many of you saw my recent column about the birth of my daughters' twin girls. They will most likely be my new

favorite subject.

I may even write a column or two (or three or four) about them in the future. I am convinced they are the cutest babies ever, except my own, of course. They are now eight weeks old and weigh a little over nine pounds. My daughter is surprised how much attention they get whenever she goes into public with them.

Our latest adventure was trying to take photos of them. I set everything up in advance to help move everything along quickly. Of course as soon as I laid them on the white fur rug, they spit up about half a bottle's worth. We discussed taking diapers off for a few shots, but luckily

decided against it.

As my daughter's sister-in-law held Scarlett for a moment, she proceeded to fill her tiny diaper. It leaked up the back and my sweet granddaughter did not smell like roses. They froze, not sure what to do with the little stinker. I directed them to the sink a few steps away, where she received an impromptu bath. On the upside, she slept for a few photos!

When I'm not playing with my new grand-daughters, I'm exploring Pine County and the adventures it has to offer. I hope to play in the Kettle River with Hardwater Sports this summer and maybe climb the cliffs in Robinson Park and hopefully not break anything.

Feel free to send me an email with story ideas

at news@hinckleynews.com.

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## Record setting temperatures affect birds

We have now experienced two episodes of extreme heat since the beginning of June. And we're only



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in the middle of July. Records were broken on June 4, and more than 20 different DNR stations recorded high temperatures of 100F or more on June 4 and 5. We typically would see this kind of heat in mid-July or August, not early June. Then the heat wave returned on the 4th of July weekend,

We aren't alone facing these extreme events. It was even worse on the northwest Pacific Coast. My brother and sister live in Seattle. They have made it their home for the past 40 years and they had never seen anything like the heat on June 27 and 28, when all-time records of 104 and 108 respectively were hit. In fact, in the previous 126 years, Seattle had only hit 100 degrees three times. The citizens of that city are not prepared for this drastic climate - very few homes have air-conditioning and most homes have large south facing windows. My sister reported that the tops of her flowering

but thankfully was shorter lived.

British Columbia reached 116 degrees Fahrenheit on June 27, setting a new all-time heat record for all of Canada! Two days later the temperature reached 121 degrees. The village of Lytton was hotter than has ever been recorded in

shrubs had just curled up and

Las Vegas, Nevada and it is located 1,000 miles north, at 50 degrees north latitude. Sadly, the day after this hotter than hell record, the town was destroyed by a wildfire.

While we retreat into our air-conditioned homes to escape the heat (if we are fortunate to have it), birds must find other ways to stay cool. Most birds are diurnal – being most active during the daytime hours and so are exposed to the full heat of the sun. They will pant with open beaks, which releases air and water, and the hotter it gets the more water they need to expel. But then they must be able to access water resources to replace the lost fluids. This can be especially hard to do in desert regions.

One of the ways some birds get moisture is by eating insects, but a study of the Mojave Desert found that if water needs increase by 30 percent, larger birds need to catch 60 to 70 bugs more per day. Birds of prey replenish their water needs through the animals they catch and eat. If they need to eat more, then like the insectivores this increases the energy they use per day. That's why avian carnivores in the desert like the kestrel, prairie falcon and turkey vulture - have declined along with insectivores such as gnatcatchers and mountain chickadees.

Most birds have some bare patches of skin on their legs, feet, and face which can release excess heat. Even small patches such as a fleshy eye ring can help. Some birds can even swell those patches to increase the surface area if they are hotter and need to cool off more quickly.

Just as birds fluff their feathers

in cold weather to give added insulation, in warmer temperatures they may do the same when there is a cool breeze blowing. They may also flutter their wings or hold their wings away from the body to cool themselves.

Having shade particularly low to the ground during the hottest times of the day is helpful. The more layers of branches and leaves above the ground, the more heat will be absorbed and the cooler the shade will be. Another good reason to plant native trees and shrubs in our yards.

Water can be another source of relief, not just to drink, but to immerse themselves. We watch the chickadees with delight as they come to our small bird bath and rapidly flutter their wings, splashing water over their bodies. This is one way you can help our avian friends during the hot summer days. Any shallow pan of water would work. If you happen to have a pond of some sort, just set rocks in it or along the edges so the birds can safely reach the water.

Climate Change is upon us and we need to recognize the urgency facing us as a species. We are all connected and dependent on healthy, stable ecosystems. While each of us can individually do things to reduce our carbon footprint and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, it really requires serious action from our elected officials and government to rein in the worst emissions. If not for us, at least for the world our children and grandchildren will inherit and for the other creatures that share this earth with us.

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Sylvia Schweiger

great time! The Bruno Swenson

families and I joined other Swenson families for a get together at Greg and Jen's home on Saturday, it was a beautiful weather day filled with conversation/sharing stories, good food, games and a kids scavenger hunt. Everyone had a fun time!

Al and Sandy Hoiland went to Larry and Lu Hoiland's last Saturday, July 3 for Lu's surprise birthday party. On the fourth, Al went to Finlayson for the celebration on July 9. Larry and Lu came to visit Al and Sandy.

#### WILLOW RIVER NEWS

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 3, at the Willow River City Park (behind the Presbyterian Church). There will be a potluck, so bring a dish to share. The WRFD will be there with their



**Bennett** 

and will be grilling hot dogs and brats for the event. There will be a drawing for a bike or two and fun things

trucks

to do. More information to follow in upcoming weeks. In regard to the Willow River School: Willow River PTO: Please join the meeting on Tuesdav. August 10. They will be hosting PTO Popsicles on the Playground from 4-6 p.m. at the "Big Playground" on these Mondays: July 19, and August 16. Bring the little ones and have some fun. The school board meeting is July 20 starting at 6 p.m. The community education book club will be held July 29 starting at 6 p.m. The Willow River Community Club is planning for Music and Memories this summer as well. It will be held July 25th at St. Mary's Center starting at 12 noon. There will be lunch, raffles, music and much more. More information to

come. At St. Mary's/St. Isidore's Church: 8:30 am Sunday Mass will be at St. Isidore's Church in Sturgeon Lake. St. Mary's Church has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1 - 6 pm every Wednesday. Legion of Mary will be at St. Mary's Center every Monday at 6:30 pm. Join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Rosary the 1st Saturday of each month at 4:30 pm and the 1stSunday of the month at 10 am at Holy Angels Church before masses. Also, the Knights will be praying the Rosary at St. Isidore's Church every 4th Sunday of each month. The next Knight of Columbus meeting will be held on July 25th at St. Isidore's Church with Rosary at 6:30 pm and meeting to follow at 7 pm. This past weekend parishoners got together and wished Fr. Kris well in his new adventures. He will certainly be missed. God Bless Father Kris.

# Teen challenge will be

sharing and ministering at **Church Of Victory** 

July 18th @ 11:00 am

We invite you to come and fellowship with us.

**Church Of Victory** 68479 Beavertail Road Askov MN, 55704

More Info: 320-838-3602



## Achy breaky body changes with weather

Dear Tante Ingeborg,

I'm afraid I might get chilblains or the ague. My friend Otto says the only month it hasn't snowed



in Minnesota is July. I'm not sure it's true because I haven't gone through all my old issues of The Farmer's Almanac but when I let the dog out this morning at around 4:30 a.m. it looked a little

frosty to me. I don't think it's healthy for animals and humans to have such sudden extreme weather changes.

Yesterday I had my air conditioner set on 75 and it couldn't cool down the house. We could barely keep enough water in the trough for the cows. I knew something was about to change though, because my left leg was aching. Sure enough, this morning I had to put on my overalls

and a sweater. Even then I was chilled. It's cloudy and raining now and the temperature dipped down to 49. Some years back we had a sudden change like this and Herman Gunderssen came down with a lung infection and was bed ridden for two weeks.

I hope my leg was just aching because of the weather and I not going to come down with some weird ailment. Do you think I should call the doctor just in

Signed, Feeling Achy in Finlayson

#### Dear Feeling Achy,

I wouldn't bother calling your doctor because by the time you could get in to see him the weather will have gone through three more cycles. If your leg is still aching why don't you try a nice warm shower and possibly rub some liniment on your joints after you dry off.

Herman Gunderssen probably caught the flu because people were a little lax with the hand

washing routine back then. Since COVID-19, folks have been avoiding common infectious diseases because they have been wearing masks, washing their hands and staying six feet away from each other. My advice is to continue with this routine every day. The weather is not the cause of illnesses. Viruses and bacteria cause illness. I hate heat and humidity so much that even in the dead of winter here in Minnesota I'd rather pile on the parkas than take a vacation in the tropics. You can't take off enough clothing to stay cool unless you're like the guy in front of me at the Quik-Stop. The clerk said to him "strip down facing me" and he took off his clothes. The clerk fainted dead away and I had to tell him she was talking about how to use the credit card reader.

You hang in there and use your common sense about the weather and remember, Tante Ingeborg cares....but not so much.

#### DO YOU REMEMBER?

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#### **100 YEARS AGO JULY 12, 1921**

- Farmers state that a whirlwind struck Carlton Lake, a small body of water near Crosby, and caused a watersprout. The sprout tapered to a point several hundred feet in the air and the lake was nearly emptied.

-Henry Hansen opened his "Sanitary Barber Shop" in the basement of the D.B.S. hall in Askov Friday handing out cigars on opening day.

#### **75 YEARS AGO JULY 11, 1946**

- Jean Beavens and Werner Lunde were quietly married at the Askov Lutheran Church Parsonage on July 3.

-Miss Dorothy Berglund was united in marriage to Leslie Armstrong at the Presbyterian Church in Kerrick on July 6.

-Staff Sgt. Kenneth Cahoon of Bruno was with the B-17 pilot less drone unit stationed at Eniwotok in the Marshal Islands during the Atomic Bomb Tests.

-Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hogan and family arrived from Deer River for a stay with Kerrick folks. Richard is looking for a location where he might get into the flying business.

-Donald James is the name of the new arrival at the Paul Hogan home in Duluth, he was nine pounds.

-A farewell party was held Sunday evening for Rev. Mikkelsen and family at the Lutheran Church in Askov. They will stay in the parsonage for the time being and render church services as long as he is here. Rev. Harold Petersen of Iowa will be his replacement but will not be here until September.

-A girl was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Almer Ecklund of

#### **50 YEARS AGO JULY 15, 1971**

- Everett Koecher is the new 5th District Pine County Commis-

-Mr. and Mrs. Don Cluett Jr. have a new baby girl born Saturday at Mercy Hospital. Her name is Sara Jan.

-Mr. and Mrs. Werner Lunde of Askov celebrated their silver wedding anniversary last week with family and friends.

-The graduating class of 1946-47 at Askov High School held their reunion Saturday night at Der-Lach-Haus in Forest Lake.

The Finlayson class of 1941 held their 30 year class reunion at City Hall July 10th. The evening began with a tour of the school followed by a delicious dinner served by Muriel Schneider and Shirley Uldberg.

#### **25 YEARS AGO JULY 11. 1996**

- Karissa Tvedt is the new Miss Finlayson.

-Family and friends say congratulations to Maurice and Fran Anderson of Everette, WA who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 23.

-The descendants of the late Edward and Cecelia Keyport held a family reunion at the Duquette Hall Saturday, July 6th.

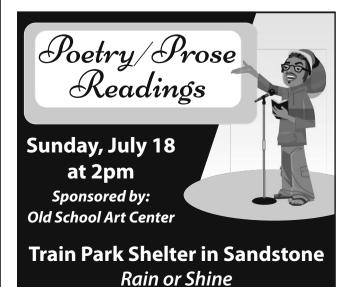
-A baby girl, Kelsey Ann, was born July 8th to Barry and Pat Ryan of Sandstone (owners of Kettle River Graphics) She has two brothers to welcome her home.

#### **10 YEARS AGO JULY 7, 2011**

- Strong storms blast the region along with power outages. Markville area was hit very hard.

-Scott and Diane Petersen are the official new owners of the former Askov Hardware. It will now be named 23 Hardware &

-A women in her 60's from northern Minnesota recently died from a brain infection due to Powassen virus, a tick-borne disease.



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## **Annexation** request raises questions, debate from council

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Willow River City Council is looking for volunteers to join the Planning Com-

After review since December of 2020, a property owned by Tom Jensen was annexed into the City of Willow River. This annexation was completed by the city in a way that requires review from a Planning

Those interested in joining the commission should attend the August 2, Willow River City Council meeting.

The property in question raised contentious debate at city meetings. After a public hearing, the Willow River City Council determined that it was in the best interest of the city to reach out to the city attorney. At their July meeting the council finally had enough information to determine that the property was able to be annexed

Recommendations from the city attorney were to annex the property into Willow River under the temporary zoning code of "O." The council would then, under their current ordinances, have six months to assemble a Planning Commission who would recommend what zoning classification the property should be added to officially.

During this interim use period, the Planning Commission will have the opportunity to review the application submitted by Jensen with his request for annexation. This application details the planned use for the property. The application initially requested a Conditional Use Permit, the council wanted more information on this process and how that could impact future owners of the property should Jensen sell. After review an interim us was deemed as more appropriate. This use would allow Jensen to continue in his current use of the property, but prevent future owners

from continuing without discussion by the council should Jensen sell.

Jensen is currently running 17 Recreational Vehicle spaces on his property. He has applied for and been granted all of the appropriate city sewer and water hook up permits. The council also were made to understand that the property was in compliance with the Minnesota statutes required of such a campground. Prior to the Willow River City Council meeting and the approval of the annexation the property was in violation of Kettle River Township Ordinance and Pine County Ordinance due to the township violation. By annexing the property it was brought into compliance with the county.

Other news The Willow River Fire Department and the City of Willow River agreed to match each other in financial contributions up to \$5,000 to install air conditioning in City Hall. After the heat wave on Fourth of July weekend the fire department relief association agreed that having the space to cool down after fires on hot days was ideal

Hydrant Locks are being looked into by the city council with input from Water and Sewer Operation Manager John Mikrot and the Willow River Fire Department.

Juneteenth was not adopted by the council as a holiday at this time.

A marquee sign on the roof of the fire department northern bay door was approved by the council. The Fire Department will pay for the sign and installation, the city will pay for electricity and the staff time to input messages.

The council reviewed an update to the Liquor Ordi-

The council agreed that city clerk, Diane Nelson, should look into applying for American Relief Plan Act funding.

New library will add space, options, for residents

**BY JAMIE LUND** 

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The Sandstone library is moving to a new location thanks to a Library Construction Grant from the Minnesota Department of Education.

The grant will cover \$1 million of the approximately \$2.3 million project. The city is pursuing a 40-year loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to cover the remaining amount, according to City Administrator, Kathy George.

The new library will be located at the PHASE building at 106 Main Avenue North.

The new location will meet accessibility needs, offer meeting rooms, as well as have much more space to meet other needs in the growing commu-

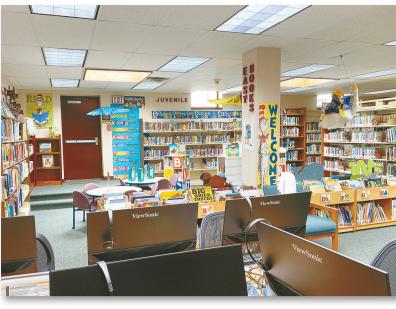
"It's sorely needed," said Jeanne Coffey, previous librarian. "The current library served its purpose but there's no room. The computers are very close together and there isn't any place for teens."

Unlike previous generations, libraries of the 2020s are community hubs and the new building will have the space to allow for the variety of community needs, according to the grant application.

We had to have the right city administrator to do this," Coffey said. "Kathy was the mover

The library was in the City Hall building until 1991 when it moved into the former fire hall with 3,888 square feet. A 2010 study found that the existing library was significantly undersized for the population, according to the library grant application. Assistant Librarian Mary Johnson agrees. She said she is excited to have the extra space the new library will bring. The kids corner is the busiest part of the library, Johnson said. Coffey agreed. She worked at the Sandstone library for 15 years. She said 20 children or more often showed up for kids time and they did not fit into the small space. They relocated to another area outside of the library, as did other events and groups.

'It's a dream come true,' exclaimed Mary Burmeistera, Friends of the Library member and book club member. She said the book club moved to another space in the building because the library rooms are too small.



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The Sandstone Library needs more space to expand to meet the communities growing needs. The computers are very close together and the childrens corner runs short on space for events. Many of the events need to relocate to other locations.

the new librarian, Josh Menter, who took over when she retired at the end of 2020.

#### **PROJECT HISTORY**

The Sandstone Library Foundation was formed to raise funds for a future expansion project. Community workshops were held by the Community Visioning Process to gather information and ideas from residents. The residents responded with a long list, including double the square footage, community areas, natural light, parking, safety and many more. The group included members from the Sandstone Library Board/ Foundation, Public Library Librarian, East Central Regional Library staff, city starr and council members as well as an Architect/Community Planner from LHB.

Possible locations were narrowed down by cost per square foot. The highest cost was the old high school building and the lowest was the PHASE building. The location also checked off all of the wants/ needs listed by residents. The PHASE, Inc. board of directors decided not to sell the building and the search for a new library location continued for many years.

In 2013 the city was awarded a Thriving Communities grant from the Initiative Foundation. The program was developed to help central Minnesota communities plan for the future. About 20 leaders from the com200 volunteers who worked more than 800 volunteer hours on various activities, according to the grant application. A library and community space once again rose to the top of the list of needs. The city worked with several groups to gather more information and updated the city Comprehensive Plan.

The search continued and the old school was considered, as was building a new library building on nearby property that would include space for the Sandstone History and Art Center and the Old School Art Center. The cost was cost prohibitive, even if the project was done in small phases.

However, in February 2021 the city staff learned that the 20 year old PHASE office building was for sale. The groups agreed that even after nine years the location was still the best option.

The city has a purchase agreement for \$700,000 for the PHASE building, according to George.

"It's so exciting for the community," said Coffey. "The possibilities are endless.'

The design stage will be complete in November and the bid and award of the construction in December. The construction will begin in February 2022 with a completion date in May and finally a move-in date in

#### **NOTICES**

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Court File No. 58-PR-21-59 IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES CLARK LARSON, A/K/A JAMES C. LARSON, Decedent NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PER-

SONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS It is Ordered and Notice is given that on July 29th, 2021 at 10:00 AM., a Zoom hearing will be held, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of the Decedent dated July 27, 2017, and for the appointment of Mark A. Larson, whose address is 1100 Bremer Avenue South, Rush City, Minnesota 55069, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised

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