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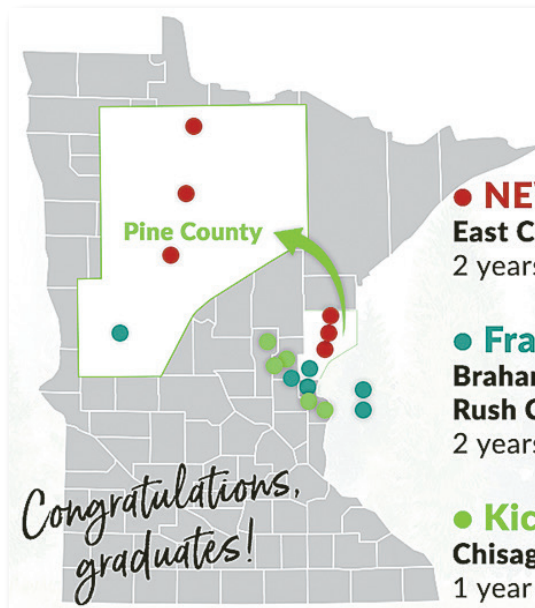
Use your creative & artistic energy as you transform a two dimensional wooden shape of a rutabaga into a work of art.

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

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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 home-schooled 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-a-kind 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

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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 Enbridge 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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COMMUNITY

Deer bring babies to enjoy flower garden buffet

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



Finlayson News
Maxine Meyer

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, we did. 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 protection. 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



Food N' 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 servings.

GRILLED CHICKEN WILD RICE SALAD

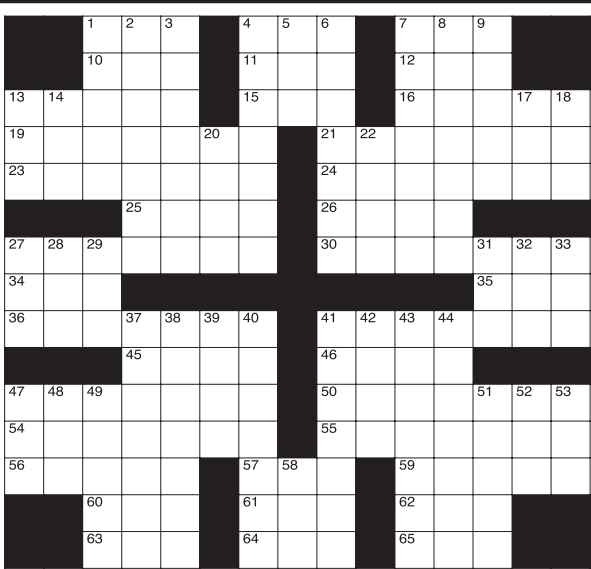
- 3 or 4 chicken breasts
- 1 c. orange juice
- 1/4 c. soy sauce
- 1/4 c. honey
- 1-1/2 c. wild rice, simmer until done (about 4 c. water)
- 1/2 purple onion, diced
- 1 yellow pepper, diced
- 1 pkg. of craisins (dried cranberries)
- 1/2 c. olive oil
- 1/2 c. balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 to 1 c. cashews or chopped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

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 buns)
- 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 run 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.



CLUES ACROSS

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| 1. Sr. enlisted Army member | 35. Deep, red-brown sea bream |
| 4. Payroll firm | 36. Tumbler |
| 7. Monetary unit of Macao | 41. A short section of a musical composition |
| 10. Cooking vessel | 45. Young woman (French) |
| 11. Cow sound | 46. Wings |
| 12. Hairpiece | 47. Wine bottles |
| 13. Spoon-shaped surgical instrument | 50. Thin layers of rock |
| 15. Mother | 54. Opposite to |
| 16. Remove from record | 55. American state |
| 19. Foolish | 56. Uncertainty about something |
| 21. Mailman | 57. Basics |
| 23. Unit of data size | 59. Indian seaport |
| 24. Stirred | 60. Owed as a debt |
| 25. Deceptive movement | 61. Buffer solution |
| 26. We all have one | 62. Unit of work or energy |
| 27. Direct from pasture beef animal | 63. Soviet Socialist Republic |
| 30. A person’s own self | 64. One point south of due east |
| 34. Helps little firms | 65. Born of |

CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Small stem bearing leaves | 29. Swiss river |
| 2. Female Bacchanalians | 31. When you hope to get there |
| 3. Mediterranean city | 32. Fall behind |
| 4. Measures electric current | 33. Expresses distaste, disapproval |
| 5. Arrived extinct | 37. Volume containing several novels |
| 6. Edible butterfish | 38. Less sharp |
| 7. Causing wonder or astonishment | 39. Food for the poor |
| 8. Behaviors showing high moral standards | 40. Having made a valid will |
| 9. Ancient Irish alphabets | 41. Royal estates |
| 13. Footballer Newton | 42. Relating to wings |
| 14. Utilize | 43. Japanese three-stringed lute |
| 17. Sum of absolute errors | 44. Taking something through force |
| 18. Opposite of the beginning | 47. Angry |
| 20. Shoe company | 48. Before the present |
| 22. Algerian port city | 49. Showy ornaments |
| 27. Girls organization (abbr.) | 51. Norway |
| 28. Type of cell (abbr.) | 52. Comedienne Gasteyer |
| | 53. Consume |
| | 58. Founder of Babism |



New reporter enjoys new jobs

Readers 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 granddaughters, 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 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, but thankfully was shorter lived.



Wingin' It
Kate Crowley

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 shrubs had just curled up and died.

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

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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Annexation request raises questions, debate from council

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Willow River City Council is looking for volunteers to join the Planning Commission.

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 Commission.

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 Recreation-al 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 Ordinance.

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

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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 community.

“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 and shaker.”

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.

Coffey said she is happy for



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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 community participated as did over

200 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 June.

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AND APPOINTMENT OF PER-

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It is Ordered and Notice is
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of Mark A. Larson, whose ad-
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South, Rush City, Minnesota
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Decedent in an unsupervised

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Any objections to the Petition
must be filed with the Court
prior to or raised at the hearing.
If proper and no objections are
filed or raised, the Personal
Representative will be ap-
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Dated: 6/15/2021

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