

# The Pinconning Journal

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## City of Pinconning gets \$500,000 ICE grant for wastewater treatment plant improvements

The City of Pinconning was awarded a check for half a million dollars Friday from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) for much-needed improvements at its wastewater treatment facilities.

James Espinoza, a MEDC Community Assistance Team (CAT) specialist, announced the grant award and presented the check to city officials in a ceremony at the city council chambers.

"This is a godsend to the City of Pinconning and its residents," said Bill Jasura, the city's new manager. "Without this grant, it wouldn't be financially feasible to make these necessary improvements," stated Jasura.

Forty low-to-mod communities applied for the Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) funds awarded on behalf of the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) through the Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Nine grants - totaling \$7 million - were awarded.

"We had our doubts with all the things going on around the country and this state with water and wastewater issues," said Dick Byrne, who was celebrating his last day as the city's manager. "So this is huge. It's a great going away present," said Byrne.

Byrne talked about the much-needed improvements before accepting the check. "The improvements are much-needed," Byrne said. "The plant is 20 years old and it's been running 24-7. We need the repairs and this will take the burden out of the taxpayers and rate payers."

City officials came up with a 10 percent match for the grant. The total cost of



**SHOWN ABOVE** are participants in the MEDC Check presentation to the City of Pinconning last Friday. Shown from left are: James Espinoza, MEDC Community Assistance Team; Dick Byrne, Pinconning City Manager; Jason Brazeau, Pinconning City Council; Bob Hall, Mayor of Pinconning; Mary Warren, Pinconning City Council, Barb Cadwell, Pinconning City Council, MI State Representative Gary Glenn, Jim McCloskey representing Senator Mike Green; Jacob Bennett, Deputy District Director for Dan Kildee, Gary Bartow, Fleis & VandenBrink; Tim Tippman, Supt. of Pinconning WWTP.

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the improvement project was \$561,798.

The city was cited for WWTP deficiencies by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in 2013. The improvements, which will correct the violations, call for replacing:

- Screw pumps
- Ultraviolet disinfection system
- Digester cover and plug valves
- Headworks room makeup unit
- Roto drives and digester motors;
- Final digester scum control weir.

The fixes will improve the operation of the WWT

and the quality of effluent leaving the plant.

"It's typical maintenance," Byrne noted. "It's like having a 20-year-old car with 200,000 miles on it."

The improvements were already outlined in the City's and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality approved Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Espinoza noted that 60 percent of the applicants failed to have an approved CIP.

"We wanted to make sure the community had a CIP and that it specifically addresses fixing an emergency need," Espinoza



**CITY COUNCIL** members (from left) Jason Brazeau, Mary Warren, Barb Cadwell, and City Mayor Bob Hall join City Manager Dick Byrne as the City is presented with a \$500,000 grant from the MEDC. A gratifying accomplishment for the city which came on Dick Byrne's last day as City Manager before his retirement.

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said. "Pinconning had that and the leveraging - a minimum 10 percent match."

"Pinconning was well on its way to getting it fixed. Hats off to this community for having their house in order," Espinoza said.

More than a dozen city residents, including staff and council members, along with legislators were on hand for the brief cere-

mony.

The ICE program is designed to assist units of general local governments in making necessary improvements to existing public infrastructure systems. Eligible activities include upgrading existing public infrastructure systems either by replacing deteriorating or obsolete systems or by adding needed capacity to existing but burdened systems.

State Rep. Gary Glenn also praised Pinconning's efforts.

"I didn't know about this award, but I'm so proud of

you guys that you rose to the top, met all the standards and beat out all the other communities," he said. "I know how much \$500,000 means to a small community like Pinconning."

Jim McCloskey, an aide for State Senator Mike Green, also praised Pinconning city officials.

"I commend the City of Pinconning for having all your ducks in a row and having the project ready to go," McCloskey said. "We hope you are going to spend this money wisely

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### Pinconning Wesleyan Church welcomes new pastors

Pastors Gene and Pat Kelly are the new Pastors at Pinconning Wesleyan Church, 800 Horn Street, having started September 4, 2016.

Pastor Gene has been in the ministry for many years, held his first revival when he was fourteen. He enjoys Gospel Music and started playing the guitar when he was ten. He has traveled across the country, ministering and singing. In 2010, Pastor Gene was inducted into the Michigan Country Music Hall of Fame, Gospel Division.

pastor Pat has felt her call into the Gospel, at the present time she is taking classes through Liberty University, working on a degree in Religion. She enjoys working for the Lord also plays the guitar and drums.

"We would like to invite everyone out to the church,



**Gene & Pat Kelly**

and see what God has in store for you," Pastors Gene and Pat said. "Our services are: Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.; Bible Study, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m." Keep watching for upcoming events. If you need to reach them, you can call 989-879-2113 at the church or 810-624-2889.

Sunday, October 9, at 11 a.m. The Lane Family will be in concert at the Pinconning Wesleyan Church, 800 Horn Street, Pinconning.



**PAHS HOMECOMING** Queen Tegan Ferguson (center) is pictured above with 1st Runner-Up Stacey LaRouche (right) and 2nd Runner-Up Olivia Berger. The queen was crowned during halftime ceremonies of the football game Friday.

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## 2016 PHS Powderpuff Teams



**SENIOR POWDERPUFF TEAM** is pictured above, back row: Tegan Ferguson, Karlee Gourd, Lydia Rouleau, Caitlyn Charbonneau, Lakyn Schumann, Courtney Charbonneau, Molly Wozniak, Mikayla Cottick, and Emily Yanoski. Front Row: Rachel Swartz, Makayla Bauer, Abigail Maciag, Lyndsey McQuarter, Alexandra Ramos, Phoenix Williams, and Ines Velasco. --Courtesy Photo



**JUNIOR POWDERPUFF TEAM** is pictured above, back row: Gabrielle Reszke, Olivia Morand, Kayla Dybas, Katelynn Jenkins, and Kelsey Oswald. Front Row: Magan Fedak, Nicole Ivey, Alexis Whyte, Darcee Mayer, and Noelle Augustyniak. --Courtesy Photo



**SOPHOMORE POWDERPUFF TEAM** is pictured above, back row: Megan Helm, Ryann Parkhurst, Samantha Grywalsky, Madeline Yanoski, Jaden Wojda, and Kendra Jeske. Front Row: Shylene Brissette, Shae Wackerle, Lillyann Keim, and Emily Fleck. --Courtesy Photo



**FRESHMEN POWDERPUFF TEAM** is pictured above, back row: Raven Wieland, Madison Judd, Kaylee Schmidt, Lauren Laures, Shayla Day, Vanessa Baranek, Morgan Ferguson, Grace Floyd, Andrea Biniecki, Zoe Miller, Virginia Berger, and Coach Len Pomaville. Front Row: Abigail Kolka, Casandra O'Hare, Alycia Flues, Miyah Oberlein, Carley Crook, Jenna Szafranski, and Laura Lavrack. --Courtesy Photo

### Camp Fish Tales elects 2016-17 Leadership



**Elected Leadership for Camp Fish Tales**

Camp Fish Tales, a non-profit camp for campers with special needs located in Pinconning Michigan has elected its leadership for the 2016-17 Term.

Chairperson is Karl Ieuter (Ieuter Insurance Group), Vice-Chair Barb Casper (Bay Imaging and Technology Services), Treasurer Sue Jensen (Bay

Area Community Foundation), and Secretary Heather Rick (Salvation Army). See [www.camp-fishtales.org](http://www.camp-fishtales.org) for more information.

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and we look forward to it coming in on time and under budget." Jacob Bennett, deputy district director for Congressman Dan Kildee, also offered congratulations, noting the Community Development Block Grant program is one of the few federally-funded programs where the community and state decide where the funding goes.

Pinconning Mayor Robert Hall said he was very thankful for the \$500,000 check. "I don't have words to describe getting this kind of money," Hall said. "A lot of things needed to be repaired and it's very expensive to replace; our project would have been impossible without the grant."

### Musicians perform country music

Local musicians will be playing Classic Country Music with some Gospel, beginning at 6:00 p.m., on Thursday nights, at Pinconning United Methodist Church, 314 Whyte Street • 3 blocks west of M-13.

Coffee is free, a dish to pass is optional, but greatly appreciated. Free admission.

Call Jim Rabe at 879-2293 for information. tf

### Food Pantry accepting applications for Christmas Baskets

The Pinconning Area Emergency Food Pantry is accepting applications for Christmas Baskets. Following are dates that applications will be taken for Christmas Baskets at the Pinconning Library. Please ask for Archie Gittins.

**DATES:** Thursday, October 6, Thursday, October 13, Thursday, October 20, and Thursday, October 27, between 12:00 and 4:00 p.m.

If you apply at another agency, please do not apply with the Pinconning Area Food Pantry as your application will be cross checked with other agencies.

Families with children need to sign up no later than Thursday, December 8, if they want to be included for clothing, after that date we can only offer food baskets to families with children.

**Meet & Greet**

**JAN MINER** FREE Hotdogs!!

**FOR PROBATE JUDGE**

**October 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday 12PM to 3PM**  
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Hosted by Pat Huddy  
Bay City, MI 48708

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