



24/7 AT  
WWW.MILLSAUTO.COM



11 FRANCHISES • 888-211-3251

Subscribe to the Lake Country Echo and Pine River Journal



SEARCH  Go

pineandlakes.com

NEWS

ADVERTISEMENTS

Site Navigation

Home > News

► NEWS



Email Print

**TopJobs**

· [HOUSEKEEPING Chase on the Lake](#) is lo...

» [View all TopAds](#)  
» [Submit a TopAd](#)

Have you been Spotted?  
spotted.pineandlakes.com



Friday, August 7, 2009

8:47 AM on Friday, August 7, 2009

## Progress made with small cities program



**Wireless Woods and JJ's Trading Post received a new facade as well as improvements within the building.**

Project activity continues with the Pine River Small Cities Development Program. This \$399,600 grant provides funding opportunities for rehabilitation of owner occupied homes and commercial buildings in the City of Pine River.

The City of Pine River recognized the potential benefits of this program for the community, resulting in a partnership between the city and the Cass County Economic Development Corporation. The Cass County EDC has provided assistance for this specialized economic development project, aiding in the application process and grant administration.

Projects are funded in part by a grant and also the owner. Rehabilitation typically addresses health and safety or energy efficiency issues. Homeowners Brent and Sarah Norman can testify to the value this grant has had in making necessary improvements to their home. Their three and a half month rehab project included replacing siding, windows, insulation and doors, an entryway addition and lead paint removal. Sarah notes that "We are very grateful! We feel very blessed to have been a part of this."

On the commercial side business owner John Wetrosky of Wireless Woods & JJ's Trading Post also utilized the program to replace inefficient windows and furnaces and as well as a new facade and air conditioning. Wetrosky says "Without this assistance we would not have been able to

Click here to  
subscribe



Your news source  
for the lakes area

improve the energy efficiency or the appearance of our building in the time span that we were able to accomplish this work. Outstanding program!"

Improvements can also be seen on the Pine River Library Building as they are undergoing a much needed \$73,000 roofing project as a result from the grant.

Grant funds are still available. To obtain an application please contact the Cass County EDC at (218) 947-7522 or Jason Krebsbach at Central Minnesota Housing Partnership, Inc. at 320-259-0393.

**Note:** Comments are not edited and don't represent the views of Echo Publishing. Please read our posting rules in the [terms of service](#) policy. To report a post that may be inappropriate, click the triangle alert icon.

## Reader Comments

---

There are no comments. Be the first to post one.

You can comment by [logging in](#).

