50 Years Ago, 1965 (published in the Askov American August 20, 2015)
Miss Virginia Lee Nasvall of South Range, Wisconsin, was married Saturday evening, August 7 to Mr. Darrell G. Degerstrom. The ceremony took place at the Moose Lake Assembly of God church with Rev. Robert Leen officiating.

25 Years Ago, 1990 (published in the Askov American August 20, 2015)
Sympathy to the family of Alvin Horton who passed away this weekend.

10 Years Ago, 2005 (published in the Askov American August 20, 2015)
Brian and Deb Birkholm of Willow River and Bonnie and Tom Kepler of Rutledge are happy to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of Brenda Birkholm and DJ Zinter. A New Year's Eve wedding is planned.
Robert Lundorff passed away Tuesday morning, August 16. A memorial service will be held Friday, August 19 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Askov.
A pretty wedding was held in the Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, on August 9 joining in marriage Ann Stewart and Duane Lundgren.

50 Years Ago, 1965 (published in the Askov American August 27, 2015)
Jorgen Jensen, who lives alone in his modest little home in the north part of the village, celebrated his 95th birthday Wednesday when neighbors and friends came to extend congratulations.

75 Years Ago, 1940 (published in the Pine City Pioneer September 10, 2015)
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Buer Jr. on the birth of their daughter on Sept. 3.

Miss Laura Mead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Mad Sr. of Cross Lake and Michael Mazion of St. Paul were united in marriage Sept. 7th.
A very pretty wedding ceremony was solemnized in the uniting of Miss Phyllis Stapel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stapel of Pine City, to Mr. Neal Goodrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodrich of Durand, Wisconsin on Sept. 8th.

75 Years Ago, 1940 (published in the Pine City Pioneer September 17, 2015)
Miss Irene Ann Pangerl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albrecht Pangerl of Pine City, and Arlow O. Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Howard of Braham, were united in marriage Sept. 17 at the Church of Immaculate Conception.

75 Years Ago, 1940 (published in the Askov American Sept. 24, 2015)
Mrs. Marie Carroll of Finlayson received an announcement last week of the marriage of her elder son, Kenneth Carroll to Miss Velma Gutevasser in Sioux City, Iowa.

50 Years Ago, 1965 (published in the Askov American Sept. 24, 2015)
Miss Joan Inman was married to Mr. Roy G Hansen at St. Luke's Catholic Church, Saturday, September 18. The Rev. Father Frank Gaber officiated at the double ring ceremony.

50 Years Ago, 1965 (published in the Askov American Sept. 24, 2015)
The United Church of Christ in Sandstone was the scene of a wedding Saturday, September 18, when the Rev. David Arnold united in marriage Miss Diane Kvasnicka and Mr. Darrel Erickson.

10 Years Ago, 2005 (published in the Askov American Sept. 24, 2015)
Wilhelmina (Mena) Waletzko, age 92, died on Wednesday, September 14, at Elim Care Center in Princeton.

50 Years Ago, 1965 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Oct. 1, 2015)

Many relatives and friends attended the open house for the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barringer at the Rock Creek schoolhouse on Oct. 3. Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Odegard were hosts.
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Foster, Pine City, on the birth of their daughter, Linda Ellen, on Sept. 29th.
Miss Clara Marquardt daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marquardt of Grasston and Delford Chaplin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Chapin of Pine City, were united in marriage Oct. 1 at a very quiet wedding ceremony at the Presbyterian manse.

75 Years Ago, 1940 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Oct. 1, 2015)
Mr. and Mrs. George Gardner are the proud parents of a seven pound baby girl born Sept. 22. The baby's name is Marilyn JoAnn.

50 Years Ago, 1965 (published in the Askov American Oct. 1, 2015)
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Olesen are the proud parents of a son, John Michael, born September 24 at Luke's Hospital in Duluth.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thomsen are grandparents again for the 24th time, as Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vork of Sandstone announce the arrival of a daughter born Tuesday at Mercy Hospital in Moose Lake.
Neighbors and friends gathered at the Albert Andersen home Saturday to help Mr. Andersen celebrate his 84th birthday.

10 Years Ago, 2005 (published in the Askov American Oct. 1, 2015)
Congratulations to Terry and Brianna (Best) Johnsen. Terry and Brianna were united in marriage Saturday September 24th.

75 Years Ago, 1940 (published in the Askov American Oct. 8, 2015)
Miss Verna Mikrot of Sturgeon Lake and Mr. Joseph Mach Jr. of Willow River became man and wife at a ceremony performed September 28 at St. Isidore's Catholic Church in Sturgeon Lake.

50 Years Ago, 1965 (published in the Askov American Oct. 8, 2015)
Mr. and Mrs. Art Nolan celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at their home Sunday with about 200 friends and relatives attending open house.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Bresin of Askov announce the engagement and coming mararriage of their daughter, Virginia Lee to Mr. LeRoy Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Nelson. The wedding date has been set for Nov. 27th.

25 Years Ago, 1990 (published in the Askov American Oct. 8, 2015)
The families of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Carlson helped them celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary over the weekend.
Friends and relatives were very sorry to hear of the death of Dorothy Jensen who died Wednesday, Oct. 3, at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth.

10 Years Ago, 2005 (published in the Askov American Oct. 8, 2015)
Congratulations to Brandon and Heather (Vork) Sostak. Brandon and Heather were united in marriage on Saturday, October 1st.

10 Years Ago, 2005 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Oct. 8, 2015)
Paul and Laura Novy celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 22 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

50 Years Ago, 1965 (published in the Askov American October 22, 2015)
A beautiful wedding took place in Birch Creek Saturday afternoon when Miss Carmen Larson became the bride of Ellis Whiting, both of Sturgeon Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Hansen of Bruno celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a dinner for relatives and close friends and a wedding dance at the Legion Hall in the evening.

25 Years Ago, 1990 (published in the Askov American Oct. 22, 2015)
Ralph Johnsen, 81, suffered a fall at his home Thursday forenoon and was taken by ambulance to the Veteran's Hospital in Minneapolis and underwent surgery Friday for a broken hip. He passed away early Sunday morning and funeral services were held Tuesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and burial was at the Askov cemetery with President Darrell Ober of Carlton officiating.

75 Years Ago, 1940 (published in the Askov American Oct. 29, 2015)
Miss Marie Jensen, daughter of Mrs. Einar Jensen, of Askov, and Mr. Elmer Dietz, son of Mrs. John Dietz, also of Askov, exchanged wedding vows at a ceremony at the Danish Lutheran church of Askov with Rev. M. Mikkelsen in charge.

25 Years Ago, 1990 (published in the Askov American Nov. 5, 2015)
The community was sorry to hear of the death of Verner Clausen, 81, who passed away Sunday, November 4 at the Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota after having suffered a heart attack on the way back from Viborg, South Dakota, where he had been to help celebrate his brother Arthur and Neelna Clausen's golden wedding, October 27.

10 Years Ago, 2005 (published in the Askov American Nov 15, 2015)
Friends and family joined Patty and Larry Christensen on September 17, 2005, as they were united in marriage at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Askov. Patty and Larry live in New Richmond, Wisconsin, where he will continue with over-the-road trucking.
The funeral for Clara Degerstrom, 90, was Wednesday, October 26, at the Church of Victory in Askov. Clara's pallbearers were her 10 grandsons.

75 Years Ago, 1940 (published in the Askov American Nov. 12, 2015)
The village of Denham was saddened by the death of its mayor, Carl Peterson, 42, who succumbed to a heart attack while on a hunting trip.
Mr. and Mrs. Soren Jensen of Askov were honored on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary at a community part at the DBS Hall and with open house at their home.

25 Years Ago, 1990 (published in the Askov American Nov. 19, 2015)
Larsen, brother of Happy Petersen, passed away Tuesday morning at the Sandstone Area Nursing Home, where he has been living for some time.

50 Years Ago, 1965 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Nov. 26, 2015)
Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cummings of Pine city on the birth of their daughter, Jeannette Marie on Nov. 19 and also to Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Palmer of Beroun on the birth of their daughter, Bethany Ann, on Nov. 20.

75 Years Ago, 1940 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Nov. 26, 2015)
Miss Verginia Haugen and Mr. Hans Christensen were married Nov. 9 at the Lutheran parsonage by Rev. Carl Steging.

100 Years Ago, 1915 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Nov. 26, 2015)
Miss Christine Schmbauer and Ludwig Skluzacek were united in marriage by Rev. Father Leo with high mass at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Pine city on last Tuesday.

50 Years Ago, 1965 (published in the Askov American Nov. 26, 2015)

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sebald are happy over the arrival of a baby girl, Greta Alice, born last Thursday at Mercy Hospital in Moose Lake.
Mr. and Mrs. Orville Jensrud will observe their 25th wedding anniversary November 27 at the Duquette Community Hall.

25 Years Ago, 1990 (published in the Askov American Nov. 26, 2015)
Funeral services for Otto W. Larson, 88, were held last Friday from the Methven Funeral Home in Sandstone. A gathering was held after at the home of Happy Petersen. Happy is now the sole survivor of 11 children in the Larson family.

10 Years Ago, 2005 (published in the Askov American Nov. 26, 2015)
Susan Ray Kukuk passed away on November 14, 2005, at Fairview University Medical Center in Minneapolis at the age of 59. Susan is survived by her husband, Richard, two sons, two daughters, 14 grandchildren and one brother.

75 Years Ago, 1940 (published in the Askov American Dec. 3, 2015)
Miss Florence Monette of Bruno and Axel Hansen of Askov were united in marriage Nov. 22 by Justice of the Peace, J. H. Tomhave of Sandstone. Mr. and Mrs. George Clegg of Askov were witnesses.
Mrs. Paul Romanowski of Sturgeon Lake died of cancer at the age of 34. Left to mourn are her husband and three small children.

50 Years Ago, 1965 (published in the Askov American Dec. 3, 2015)
Miss Virginia Lee Bresin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bresin of Askov, was married Saturday, Nov. 27 to Mr. LeRoy Nelson, son of Art and Gladys Nelson. The Rev. Harold Petersen officiated the ceremony in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Askov.

50 Years Ago, 1965 (published in the Askov American Dec. 10, 2015)
A son, Kirk Allen, was born December 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Serritslev of Minneapolis.

25 Years Ago, 1990 (published in the Askov American Dec. 10, 2015)
Happy 80th birthday to Harold Fisher. His children took him to Duluth for dinner on Saturday night.

75 Years Ago, 1940 (published in the Askov American Dec. 17, 2015)
A baby boy was born early Sunday morning to Mr. And Mrs. Henry Johnsen. The little fellow was only two pounds 14 ounces and was taken to St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth.

Miss Opal Hansen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hansen, who went to Los Anageles a few weeks ago, was married there to Kaj Nielsen.
Per Larson, who for the past year has been making his home with a daughter, Mrs. Anna Anderson in Willow River, passed away. He was a former resident of Denham

50 Years Ago, 1965 (published in the Askov American Dec. 17, 2015)
Friends and relatives gathered at the Clarence Jessen home to help Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jessen celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. The Askov Little German Band of which Mr. Jessen is a long-time member, played for them, and Mrs. Paul Jensen repeated for them the song she sang at their wedding.
Gail Paulette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Pedersen, was baptized Sunday morning at services at the Bethlehem Lutheran church, with Rev. Harold Petersen officiating.

50 Years Ago, 1965 (published in the Askov American Dec. 24, 2015)
Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Leon Monette of Bruno in the death of Jesse who died suddenly at the Lakeside Nursing Home in Pine City.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 17, from the Bethlehem Lutheran Church for George C. H. Jensen. Rev. Harold Petersen officiated.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Jan. 21, 2016)
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hopkins, Pine City, on the birth of their son Gary Robert, born Jan. 21.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American Jan. 21, 2016)
Mrs. Lena Matti of Willow River celebrated her 90th birthday at the home of her niece, Mrs. A. E. Borchardt.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American Jan. 21, 2016)
Miss Nancy Edin, Minneapolis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Edin Cloquet, was married Saturday, January 15 to Mr. Victor Jensen, Minneapolis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Jensen, Askov.
Fred Olesen, 70, a resident of the Askov community for 54 years, died Sunday, January 16, at Unviersity Hospital, Minneapolis. He suffered a stroke approximately five weeks ago and never recovered.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American Jan. 28, 2016)
The Willow River community was shocked by the death of William Bohaty, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bohaty. One of eight children, he died of a heart attack at the age of 29.

10 Years Ago, 2006 (published in the Askov American Jan. 28, 2016)
Kathleen Ann Barsness was born April 1, 1946, in Belgrade. She passed away at her home in Sandstone on Wednesday, Jan. 18, after a courageous battle with cancer. Services will be held at the East Central school gymnasium on Saturday, Jan. 28th.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American Feb. 4, 2016)
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sostak are the happy parents of an 8 pound daughter, Diane Marie, born Jan. 30 at Pine County Memorial Hospital in Sandstone.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Youngberg and family attended the silver wedding anniversary open house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Youngberg at Willow River Sunday afternoon.

10 Years Ago, 2006 (published in the Askov American Feb. 4, 2016)
Edith Ann Jensen, 86, died on January 28. Services will be held Thursday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Askov. She is survived by seven sons and one daughter.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Feb. 4, 2016)
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lindstrom on the birth of their daughter Kristin Jo on Feb. 3rd.
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Chalupsky on the birth of a baby girl on Feb. 7.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nordrum on the birth of their son, Bradley Scott, on Feb. 4th.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Feb. 18, 2016)
Mrs. Emmett Edin presented her husband with a seven pound, 11 ounce Valentine last Friday in the form of a bouncing baby boy. Both mother and baby are doing fine.
Rev. John J. Parrish, a retired Methodist pastor, father of five pastor sons and former pastor at the Methodist church in Pine City, died Feb. 15 at the age of 83.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American Feb. 18, 2016)

Pine County and Sandstone, in particular, were saddened by the death of William H. Barnick, well known auctioneer, from a heart attack. Last rites were held at Sandstone congregational Church and burial was in the Lutheran cemetery in Finlayson.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American March 3, 2016)
Mr. and Mrs. Nels P. Pedersen celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary and Mrs. Pedersen's birthday Saturday. Neighbors and friends called to congratulate them.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McKee of Kerrick announce the engagement of their daughter, Marion Jean to Robert Sadler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sadler of Hinckley. A July 23 wedding is planned.

10 Years Ago, 2006 (published in the Askov American March 3, 2016)
Arol "Red" Hansen died on Feb. 21, at the age of 86. In 1942, Red married Hertha Marie Lund, and to this union were born two daughters, Arla and Rebecca.

Richard Leo Waletzko, age 68, of Willow Riveer, died on February 17.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American March 17, 2016)
Gerald, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Holger Mortensen of Askov, died after an illness of several days.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American March 17, 2016)
Mrs. Rose Peterson, Askov, announces the engagement of her daughter, Karen Mae, to Lawrence Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Erickson, Kerrick.

25 Years Ago, 1991 (published in the Askov American March 17, 2016)
Donna Norgaard of Coon Rapids, Jerry and Barb Knapp of Duluth, and Roger and Jan Burns and family of Esko came Sunday to help Emery and Valborg Nedegaard celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary.

10 years ago March 16, 2006 (published in the Askov American March 17, 2016) Olof Enar Edin, 91, of Duquette, died March 13, 2006.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Pine City Pioneer April 21, 2016)
About 200 friends and relatives attended an open house in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Johnson's 25th wedding anniversary on April 17 at the VFW clubrooms.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Pine City Pioneer April 21, 2016)
Miss Marion Laura Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peterson of Rock Creek, became the bride of Harold Vincent Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Anderson of Rush City in a very pretty ceremony on April 12.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American April 28, 2016)
Mr. and Mrs. Axel Birkholm celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Saturday with friends and family calling that day and again Sunday.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Pine City Pioneer April 28, 2016)
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Drevecky, Pine City, on the birth of their daughter, Donna Marie on Aapril 30.

About 200 friends and relatives attended the silver wedding anniversary open house honoring Mr. and Mrs. Emil France on Sunday, May 5.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Pine City Pioneer May 5, 2016)

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Toman Jr. on the birth of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, on May 7th.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Pine City Pioneer May 5, 2016
Miss LaVern Leuth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Leuth, and Emile France, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. France, were united in marriage on April 26.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American May 5, 2016)
Mr. and Mrs. S. Chr. Dixen who had made their home in Askov for the past 30 years, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Their nine children and their families were all present which included 30 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

25 Years Ago, 1991 (published in the Askov American May 5, 2016)
An open house will be held in honor of Valborg Nedegaard's 80th birthday at their home, Satuarday, May 18, given by their children.

10 Years Ago, 2006 (published in the Askov American May 5, 2016)
Richard "Dick" Pauley, 70, of Bruno, formerly of St. Paul died Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at Fairaview Lakes Hospital in Wyoming, Minnesota.

Albert Carl "Mike" Glienke, age 84, of Sandstone, died on April 28, 2006.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American May 12, 2016)
Miss Adelia Dietz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Dietz and John S. Lundgren, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lundgren, all of Askov were married at Sandstone.

Wedding vows were exchanged by Miss Marie Fleck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleek of Arthyde and Mr. Henry Youngberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Youngberg of Willow River.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bohaty, residing with their son, Joseph, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary and Mrs. Bohaty's 69th birthday with their children and friends in Willow River.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American May 19, 2016)
Miss Carma Hammer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hammer, Askov, was married Saturday, May 14, to Mr. Lyle Sprandel, son of Mrs. Minnie Sprandel, Finlayson.

10 Years Ago, 2006 (published in the Askov American May 19, 2016)
Chuck and Nola Vork, Sandstone, will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary Friday, May 26, at Grace Lutheran Church, Sandstone.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American June 9, 2016)
Harold O. Stottrup, son of Mrs. Marie Stottrup of Askov, and Miss Stella Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fisher of Minneapolis, exchanged wedding vows in a ceremony at the home of the bride.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American June 9, 2016)
Miss Carma Hammer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hammer, was married May 14 to Mr. Lyle Sprandel at the Peace Lutheran Church in Finlayson.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kuhlman of Bruno, May 13th.

50 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American June 16, 2016)

Miss Gail Hattrem and Mr. Lloyd Kuhlman, both of Finlayson, were married June 11 at the Peace Lutheran Church with Rev. W. J. Rittamel officiating.

Miss Rita Jessen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jessen, Askov, was married Saturday, June 11, to Mr. Errol Hauser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hauser, Sleepy Eye.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Babolik were the guests of honor as friends and relatives helped them celebrate their silver wedding anniversary on June 19th.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Pine City Pioneer June 16, 2016)
Miss ViolaWorkman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Spilman of Brainerd, and Milo Babolik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Babolik of Pine City, were united in marriage on June 17 at Immaculate Conception Church.

In Rock Creek, a bridal shower was given Arlene Lindgren at the Frank Gillespie home in Pine City. About 40 women were present and she received many beautiful gifts.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Pine City Pioneer June 23, 2016)
On Tuesday, June 24, a very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church when Miss Lucille Minar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Minar of Pine City, and Mr. Rudy Smetana, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smetana of Beroun, exchanged wedding vows.

Miss Margaret Swanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Swanson of Grasston, and Emanuel Pangerl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pangerl of Braham, were married on June 19. This date was the groom's parents' silver wedding anniversary.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American June 23, 2016)
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Madsen of Askov, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marilyn Mae to Mr. Douglas Storebo, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Storebo of Sandstone.

Miss Joyce P. Nielsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Viggo Nielsen, was married Saturday, June 18, to Mr. David Anderson son of Mr. and Mrs. Haravey Anderson.

25 Years Ago, 1991 (published in the Askov American June 23, 2016)
Open house for Ed and Alyce Jorgensen celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, June 30 at the Presbyterian Church in Askov hosted by their children.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American July 7, 2016)
Miss Kay M. Kaatiala, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kaatiala Sr. of Babbitt, was married Sunday, July 3, to Marine Pfc. Duane R. Lundgren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lundgren of Askov.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Morgensen of Askov announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Lee, to Mr. Frederick A. Pearson of Minneapolis.

Viggo Petersen, 57, died Monday, July 4, at the Pine County Memorial Hospital in Sandstone. Services were held Thursday from the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Rev. Harold Petersen officiating.

10 Years Ago, 2006 (published in the Askov American July 7, 2016)
Bruce Tyner Harding, 79, long-time East Central coach, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer and suffering a stroke on June 28, 2006, at the Pine Medical Center.

25 Years Ago, 1991 (published in the Askov American July 14, 2016)

Jens Abrahamsen celebrated his 80th birthday last Saturday with about 125 guests attending.

75 Years Ago, 1916 (published in the Pine City Pioneer July 14, 2016)
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Olson of Rock Creek are the proud parents of an eight pound baby boy, Duane Donald, born July 11.

100 Years Ago, 1916 (published in the Pine City Pioneer July 14, 2016)
Mrs. W. S. McEachern entertained 22 little girl friends in honor of the ninth birthday of her daughter, Winellen. It was a Mother Goose party and the little folks were dressed to represent characters from the Mother Goose stories. A birthday luncheon was served and games played in the afternoon.

A baby boy was born at the Richard Lindstrom home in Rock Creek on July 16th.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American July 21, 2016)
Harold M. Adams, 53, of Kerrick passed away suddenly at the Pine County Memorial Hospital early Sunday morning.

Dan Mudgett, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Mudgett, Sandstone, passed away unexpectedly while helping Kenneth Darsow put up hay. He was rushed to the Pine City Memorial Hospital, but was dea on arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Christensen will hold open house at their home in Askov on Sunday afternoon and evening, July 24 in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary.

10 Years Ago, 2006 (published in the Askov American July 21, 2016)
Paul N. Hansen of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, formerly of Askov, passed away early Monday morning. His unreal will be held on Thursday, July 20, at Our Savors Lutheran Church in Eau Claire.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Pine City Pioneer July 21, 2016)
Miss Viola L. Powers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powers, and Leon H. Jewell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jewell, both of Pokegama, were united in marriage Saturday evening, July 26, at the parsonage of the Methodist Church.

Miss Beatrice Martinson, daughter of Mrs. Carl Martinson of Madison, became the bride of Fred Torrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Torrey of Pine City, on July 17 at the Martinson home.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American July 28, 2016)
Miss Delpha Pedersen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nels P. Pedersen, and Mr. Arthur Christensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clemmen Christensen, were united in marriage and will make their home in Arcata, California, where both have been employed.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American July 28, 2016)
Services were held Monday, July 25, at the Askov Presbyterian church for Robert A. Kenowski, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Kenowski, Askov. Robert died Friday in a Minneapolis hospital from injuries received when a car struck the bicycle he was riding in that city.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Pine City Pioneer August 4, 2016)
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Earl (Jim) Foster Jr. Pine City, on the birth of their son James Seton on Aug. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Johnson, Pine city, are the proud parents of a son, Jeffrey Scott, born August 6th.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Pine City Pioneer August 4, 2016)
Miss Maxine Ruby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ruby of Beroun, was united in marriage to Raymond Odendahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Odendahl of Pine City, on Aug. 9.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American Aug. 11, 2016)
Carl Larsen, 81, Askov, who had been in failing health for some time, died. He is survived by his sons, Charles and Nick of Askov, and a daughter, Mrs. C. W. Johnson of Jackson.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Aug. 11, 2016)
A bridal shower was given in honor of Pat Osterdyk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Osterdyk, at the Pine City Evangelical Free Church, Miss Osterdyk will become the bride of Mike Orr on Aug. 22.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Aug. 11, 2016)
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kozak are the proud parents of a baby girl born Aug. 14th.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Aug. 25, 2016)
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin France on the birth of their son, Vincent Steven on Aug. 29th.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Aug. 25, 2016)
Robert L. Dickson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. O.R. Dickson, and Miss Barbara Ann Elliott of Minneapolis were united in marriage at a candlelight service at the Dickson home on Aug. 29th.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American Aug. 25, 2016)
Wedding vows were exchanged by Roswell Russel Stephan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stepan of Willow River, and Miss Ruth Andrews of Duluth at the Peace Lutheran Church parsonage.

In a garden wedding at the home of her parents, Miss Pearl Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson of Sturgeon Lake, became the bride of Mr. Theodore Peterson, son of Mrs. Amanda Peterson of that community.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Sept. 1, 2016)
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Williamson, on the birth of their daughter, Jodi Marie, born Sept. 1.

An open house was held in honor of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Iverson on Aug. 28th.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Sept. 1, 2016)
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson are the proud parents of a baby boy, Michael LeRoy, born Aug. 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Mioller are the proud parents of a baby boy born Sept. 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wilcox are proud to be the parents of a baby boy, George, born Sept. 7.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American Sept. 1, 2016)
Lars Jensen, 92, was instantly killed at the main railroad crossing when he was struck by the pouch of mail and was thrown under the train.

Miss Marie Hansen, daughter of Mrs. N. K. Hansen of Askov, and Mr. Howard Lindberg of St. Paul were married at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American Sept. 1, 2016)

Miss Marilyn Mae Madsen and Mr. Douglas Storebo were united in marriage at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Sandstone on Saturday, August 20.

Clarence Youngberg, 51, Willow River, died Sunday in a Duluth hospital of burns received in a gas main fire on August 11.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American Sept. 8, 2016)
The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Petersen cordially invite friends in the Askov community to the wedding of their daughter, Asta Marie, to Mr. Arlen Twedt in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on September 24th.

10 Years Ago, 2006 (published in the Askov American Sept. 8, 2016)
Leslie "Les" Lund, 69, of Askov, passed away on Thursday, August 17, 2006, at Pine Medical Center Nursing Home in Sandstone.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American Sept. 15, 2016)
Henry C. Hoffman, who had lived in the Kerrick community the past 12 years, died at the age of 70. Together with his widow, he left five daughters and two sons to mourn his passing.

Mrs. Mary Dosch of Finlayson, who had been ill the past year, died at the age of 71. She was survived by six children.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American Sept. 15, 2016)
Miss Charlene Jensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Chris Jensen of Rutledge, and Mr. Donald Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edwards of Bruno, were united in marriage at Sacred Heart Catholic church in Bruno Saturday, Sept. 10.

25 Years Ago, 1991 (published in the Askov American Sept. 22, 2016)
Brad, Cheri, Heather and Keith Petersen will be having an open house at their home in Askov on Saturday afternoon in honor of Mag's 75th birthday. Please stop in and say hi and have some cake and coffee.

A surprise birthday party was held Sunday at the Arlen Krantz home in Sandstone to celebrate Arlen's 50th birthday. There were about 70 peop0le who came for the party.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American Sept. 22, 2016)
A baby girl arrived Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tohomsen.

100 Years Ago, 1916 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Sept. 22, 2016)
Miss Emma Pulkrabec, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pulkrabec, living about two miles west of Beroun, and frank Chalupnik, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chalupnik, Beroun, were married by Father Leo in the Beroun church Sept. 20.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Sept. 22, 2016)
A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nowling, Brook Park, on Sept. 21.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Sept. 29, 2016)
At a very pretty wedding solemnized at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on Sept. 29, Miss Mary Vacinek of this community became the bride of Mr. Robert P. Libra of Brook Park.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Pine City Methodist Church on sept. 24, when Miss Eva C. Blost and Andrew U. Linder were united in marriage.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American Sept. 29, 2016)

Wedding vows were exchanged by Mr. Victor Christensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Soren K. Christensen of east of Askov, and Miss LaVonne Brown of Clarion, Iowa, at a ceremony at Albert Lea.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American Sept. 29, 2016)
Mr. and Mrs. Chris D. Christensen will have an open house at their home on Sunday in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien are happy to announce the adoption of a son, James John. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien were in Duluth last Thursday to get their baby, who is 3 weeks old.

Miss Asta Marie Petersen, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Harold Petersen, was married Saturday, September 24, to Mr. Arlen Twedt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Twedt of Nevada, Iowa.

100 Years Ago, 1916 (published in the Askov American Oct. 6, 2016)
A welcome visitor in the shape of a baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Svend Petersen Saturday.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American Oct. 6, 2016)
Anton Jablonski, a resident of Sturgeon Lake township for 53 years, passed away following an illness of several months duration. Survivors were his widow, seven daughters, two sons, 66 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren

25 Years Ago, 1991 (published in the Askov American Oct. 6, 2016)
Carl and Elaine Pearson celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon at the Legion Hall which was given by their children.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Oct. 6, 2016)
About 150 relatives and friends gathered at the VFW club rooms on Sunday, Oct. 12, to honor Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kuzel on their silver wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stephans of rural Pine City were recently feted with two silver wedding anniversary parties, one in Chicago and the other at their home in Pine City.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Oct. 6, 2016)
A very pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Joseph's parsonage in Beroun on Oct. 4 when Miss Verda Hancock became the bride of Mr. Paul Kuzel.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American Oct. 13, 2016)
Wedding vows were spoken Saturday afternoon at Davis, South Dakota, when Miss Dorothy Feekes became the bride of Mr. Christian Christensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Christensen. The nuptials took place at the bride's parental home with Rev. Larson reading the single ring ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jensen of Askov celebrated their silver wedding anniversary with open house at their home and a community party at the D.B.S. hall.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American Oct. 13, 2016)
Services for Mrs. Emma Beise, 72, were held from St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Moose Lake on October 11.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American Oct. 20, 2016)
A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Babcock of Markville. The young lady has received the name of Nancy Estelle.

Stricken with polio, Mrs. Edward Walthers, the former Miss Laura Dummer of Finlayson, a bride of only three weeks, died in St. Paul Friday following a week's illness. Mrs. Walthers, who was a teacher, was a sister of Mrs. Jake Danelski and Ferdinand Dummer of Willow River.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American Oct. 20, 2016)
Adolph Storebo, 55, an employee of the Great Northern Railway for 27 years, passed away Wednesday, October 12, at St. Mary's Hospital, Dululth. He became ill while at work on the railroad about two weeks ago, and had been hospitalized since.

10 Years Ago, 2006 (published in the Askov American Oct. 20, 2016)
Timothy James Zaudtke, 19, Askov, died Saturday, October 14, 2006, as the result of an automobile accident.

Sympathy to ed Shaks family in his death after suffering with cancer. He had been in Florida for 20 years.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Oct. 27, 2016
Mr. and Mrs. William F. Sauser announced the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Marie to Joseph A. Bova of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cavallin, Pine City, on the birth of their daughter, Melissa Kay, on Oct. 31.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Oct. 27, 2016)
Miss Grace Therrien, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Therrien of this city, and Richard A. Hegman were quietly married at Lakeside Duluth on Saturday, Oct. 18.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Buirge in this city on Oct. 25 when Miss Pearl Renden of Grasston became the bride of Mr. Robert Buirge of this day.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American Oct. 27, 2016)
Friends from near and far filled the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chirs Sandahl Tuesday afternoon to help them celebrate their silver wedding anniversary.

Anton Zuk, a resident of the Sturgeon Lake community the past 26 years, died at the age of 61. Mr. Zuk leaves his wife and eight children to mourn his passing.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American Oct. 27, 2016)
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Degerstrom are happy over the arrival of a 7 pound 13 ounce daughter Tuesday of last week. She will be known as Betsy Ann.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Nov. 3, 2016)
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Tacheny of Rt. 3 Pine City on the birth of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth on Nov. 3.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American Nov. 3, 2016)
Little Mary Alice Monson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Monson of Markville, came home from the University Hospital, where she has been since July, weighing only 2 pounds when she was born.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American Nov. 3, 2016)
Dr. and Mrs Allen Ecklund of Braham are the happy parents of a son, Douglas John, weight 8 ½ lbs. who was born Wednesday, Oct. 26 at the Braham Community Hospital.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American Nov. 10, 2016)
A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hans M. Nielse Sunday morning.

Funeral services were held from the National Polish church in Silver Township for Laurence Michog, Bremen town resident for the past 50 years. He is survived by his widow and nine children.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American Nov. 10, 2016)
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Krogh are the happy parents of a son, Michael Allen, born last Wednesday at the Mercy Hospital in Moose Lake.

10 Years Ago, 2006 (published in the Askov American Nov. 10, 2016)
Arlis E. Fogt, 83, passed away Nov. 6. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Hjordis, and eight children, 13 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

25 Years Ago, 1991 (published in the Askov American Nov. 17, 2016)
Congratulations to Merlin and Helen Keyport who celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 9th.

10 Years Ago, 2006 (published in the Askov American Nov. 17, 2016)
Edward Bohaty 81, Willow River, died Monday, November 13, in St. Luke's Hospital, Duluth. Ed owned and operated the Willow River Mercantile since 1946.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Nov. 17, 2016)
Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Wiener of Brook Park are the proud parents of a baby boy, Donald Paul, born Nov. 11th.

Dorothy M. Haug, youngest daughter of the late Martin P. Haug, and Harland L. Ruby, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ruby, were united in marriage on Nov. 16th.

Frederick Schmidt, an old resident of this community, passed away at his home in this village on Thursday of last week after an illness of 5 years. Mr. Schidt was born in Belville, IL on Dec. 27, 1862. He moved to Spring Valley, MN in 1862 and then to Sandstone with his wife and family. He was one of the earliest settlers in the Duxbury community.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Nov. 24, 2016)
A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Pastorium (nee Helen Glaede) on Nov. 19. A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Val VanHorn on Nov. 21. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Plessel, Rt. 3 Pine City are the parents of a baby girl, Dorothy Ann, born Nov. 24.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American Nov. 24, 2016)
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gregory of Waverly, Iowa, are the happy parents of a baby girl, Kirsten Ellen.

25 Years Ago, 1991 (published in the Askov American Nov. 24, 2016)
Birthday wishes are extended to Edna DeMaris who will be 95 years old on November 24 and to Elsie DeMaris, who is in a nursing home in Stewartville. She will be 94 on November 27th.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American Dec. 1, 2016)
Mr. and Mrs. Erling Christensen received word that their son Paul, who is employed in Los Angeles, California, became engaged to Margaret Ann Mueller of Compton, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Leif Jorgensen announce the engagement of their daughters Karen Ann to F. Arlen Krantz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Krantz, and Ina Elaine, to Bruce P. Christensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Christensen.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American Dec. 8, 2016)
Miss Marie Leerson of Loman became the bride of Mr. Maurice Hedberg of Duquette. They will make their home on the groom's farm near Duquette.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American Dec. 15, 2016)
Albert P. Waletzko, 73, who had lived in Norman Township the past 55 years, died. He is survived by his widow, a daughter and six sons. Services were held from St. Mary's Catholic Church at Willow River.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American Dec. 15, 2016)
Miss Diane M. Jensen, San Jose, California, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Jensen, was married November 26 to Mr. Robert L Vancour, of North Hampton, Massachusetts.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Dec. 15, 2016)
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Wurm, Pine City, on the birth of their daughter, Stephancie Marie, on Dec. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Pixley, Pine City, are the proud parents of a baby girl born Dec. 19th.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Askov American Dec. 22, 2016)
Reported among the missing on the USS Arizona, sunk in Pearl Harbor by the Japanese, was Bandmaster Fred Kinney, formerly of Willow River, and only son of George Kinney. Badmaster Kenney, who enlisted 16 years ago, became one of the best band leaders in the Navy.
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50 Years Ago, 1966 (pubished in the Askov American Dec. 22, 2016)
Mrs. Anna Bloom of Duquette announces the engagement of her daughter, Randy Mayme, to Mr. Jim VanGuilder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlen VanGuilder of Nickerson. A June wedding is planned.

Miss Karen Mae Peterson, daughter of Mrs. Rose Peterson, Askov, was married Saturday, Dec. 17, to Mr. Lawrence Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Erickson, Kerrick.

25 Years Ago, 1991 (published in the Askov American Dec. 22, 2016)
Please join with the family of Richard and Margaret Hogan in celebrating 50 years of love on Saturday, Jan. 4, 1992 in the American Legion Hall in Askov.

10 Years Ago, 2006 (published in the Askov American Dec. 22, 2016)
Alvin Petersen helped his sister Clara Sorensen celebrate 101st birthday along with other family members.

Donald L. Cabak, 76, passed away from complications of esophageal cancer on Dec. 14, 2006

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Dec. 22, 2016)
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moeding were guests of honor at a silver wedding anniversary party given by their children.

Mr. and Mrs. John Plasek of Beroun are the proud parents of a baby boy, Ronald Allen, born Dec. 15.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Askov American Dec. 29, 2016)

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Larsen are the happy parents of a baby girl, born Dec. 22. She will be known as Kimberly Rae.

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Lund announce the engagement of their daughter Claudia to Mr. Bruce Nedegaard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Nedegaard.

50 Years Ago, 1966 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Dec. 29, 2016)
Mr. and Mrs. Hjalmar Johnson were feted with an open house in honor of their golden wedding anniversary.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Biedermann, Pine City, on the birth of their son on Dec. 28.

75 Years Ago, 1941 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Dec. 29, 2016)
Miss Marcella Stoffel was pleasantly surprised by a group of little friends who dropped in to help celebrate her 8th birthday.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized Dec. 27 at the Methodist Church when Miss Marcelle Schmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Schmidt, became the bride of Hashum McKusick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McKusick.

A baby girl was born Dec. 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Downing. This being the first girl in the Downing family, she is receiving quite a welcome.

Pokegama News: Mr. and Mrs. Luverne Hancock of Pine City are the proud parents of a baby girl born Christmas day. The little girl was given the name Joan Edna. Mrs. Hancock was Merie Novak of this community.

100 Years Ago, 1917 (published in the Askov American Jan. 5, 2017)
It has been leaked out that Herman Frahs, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frahs of Askov and Miss Fannie Pearson, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pearson, were married in St. Paul December 20. Agnes Pearson, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and Henry Frahs, brother of the groom, acted in the capacity of best man.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American Jan. 5, 2017)
A girl arrived Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald S. Jensen and Friday morning a boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sigurd Nielsen.

Miss Imorgard Ehlen of Minneapolis and Mr. Stanley Madsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Madsen, were united in marriage Sunday, January 4 at Gibbon.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American Jan. 5, 2017)
Mrs. Albert Krogh announced the engagement of her daughter, Edith, to Pvt. Richard Pearson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Pearson.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Jan. 5, 2017)
The frozen bodies of 10 year old Billy Benjamin of Markville and his eight year old cousin Gregory Benjamin of Danbury were found near the Soo Line railroad tracks two and one half miles south of Markville. The boys were on their way from Danbury to Markville.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson, Pine City, on the birth of their daughter, Deidre Lynn, on Dec. 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Toman Sr. of rural Pine City celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Dec. 31 at their home with many friends and relatives attending.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Jan. 5, 2017)
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Behrendt of Rt. 3 are the parents of a daughter born Jan. 1. And Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fore, Brook Park are the parents of a son born Jan. 3rd.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Norstrom at Pokegama was the scene of a pretty nuptial service Jan. 4 when Miss Virginia Norstrom became the bride of Ervin Ericksen.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American Jan. 12, 2017)
Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hogan of Kerrick, and Miss Margaret Johnson of Deer River, were united in marriage at Seattle, Washington.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American Jan. 12, 2017)
Jens Thomsen, 84, of Askov passed away at Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis January 8 after a short illness. Fjor the past several months he and Mrs. Thomsen have been residing at the Danebo home in Minneapolis.

Friends and family filled the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thomsen Sunday afternoon and evening to help them celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Despite the snow blocked roads, all but two of their 11 children were present.

25 Years Ago, 1992 (published in the Askov American Jan. 12, 2017)
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Headman are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy, to Doug Ecklund, son of Dr. and Mrs. Allen Ecklund. A spring wedding is being planned for June 6, 1992.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Jan. 12, 2017)
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brackenbury, Brook Park, on the birth of their son, Brian Elmer, born Jan. 10th.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Jan. 12, 2017)
Miss Joan Huber was guest of honor at a party at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Robert Wilcox when 11 young people came to honor her on her 16th birthday.

100 Years Ago, 1917 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Jan. 12, 2017)
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Houdak are rejoicing over a baby girl that arrived at their home Jan. 10.

A bouncing baby boy was born at the home of banker Perkins last Sunday morning, a girl being born the same day at the home of Henry Soukup, south of town.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American Jan. 19, 2017)
A boy was born Saturday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Krogh at the hospital in Pine City. He will now share the same birthday with his grandmother, Mrs. Chris Krogh.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American Jan. 19, 2017)
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Olean of Finlayson announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Virginia, to Mr. Dareld Schoenrock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schoenrock of Finlayson.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American Jan. 26, 2017)
Miss Rigmor Jensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Janus Jensen and Mr. Thorvald Matson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Matson, all of Askov, were married at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Rev.

M. Mikkelson officiating. The date also marked the silver wedding anniversary of the bride's parents.

10 Years Ago, 2007 (published in the Askov American Jan. 26, 2017)
Mildred Stater (nee Martinek), formerly of Runo, Askov and Sandstone, died January 19, 2007, at the age of 97.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American Feb. 2, 2017)
John Stead, 83, of Norman township, north of Askov, passed away at the Pine County Memorial Hospital at Sandstone Thursday evening, January 26. He had been a patient there for one week.

Sympathy is extended to Elmer Running in the loss of his wife, Florence, who passed away Tuesday of last week following a lengthy illness.

10 Years Ago, 2007 (published in the Askov American Feb. 2, 2017)
Former longtime editor and publisher David Heiller, 53, died unexpectedly at a newspaper convention January 24. Heiller began work at the Askov American in 1981 and owned the newspaper for 16 years before selling in 2003.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Feb.2, 2017)
A pretty wedding ceremony at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, Jan. 31, Miss Ollie Janis of Moose Lake became the bride of Edward J. Erhart of Pine City.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American Feb. 9, 2017)
In a pretty candlelight ceremony last Saturday evening at the home of the bride, Miss Rachel Mae Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thinesen of Sandstone, was united in marriage to Mr. Evan Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Anderson of Markville.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American Feb. 16, 2017)
Congratulations from the Bruno community were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gale Pletcher, who had recently been married.

In poor health for some time, Louie A. Larson of Fleming Township died. He was 49 years old and is survived by his widow and five children.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American Feb. 23, 2017)
A baby boy came to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Nelson of Bruno. The little tyke will be known as Vernon LeRoy. He was born in the home of Mrs. Nedegaard in Sandstone.

Struck by a southbound Great Northern flyer at Hinckley, Arthur C. Larson, 42, of Groningen, was instantly killed Saturday evening while on his way home for the weekend.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American Feb. 23, 2017)
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Krogh are the proud parents of a son, Steven John, born Feb. 15.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American March 2, 2017)
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jacobson were pleasantly surprised when about 200 friends and relatives gathered at the Pine River club house to help them celebrate their silver wedding anniversary.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American March 2, 2017)
Mrs. Minnie Glienske, 72, pioneer resident of the Duxbury community, passed away Friday, Feb. 24. She had been ill only a few days.

100 Years Ago, 1917 (published in the Askov American March 9, 2017)
A baby girl arrived Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jorgen R. Petersen. This makes a full house, three of a kind and a pair.

75 Years Ago, 2942 (published in the Askov American March 9, 2017)
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jensen, east of Willow River, have a new boss who took over March 7. His name has been recorded as Donald Irvine Jensen.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American March 9, 2017)
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kenowski are happy to announce the adoption of a baby girl, Lisa Carol. The Kenowski's were in Minneapolis last Thursday to get their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maloney of St. Paul are the happy parents of a baby girl born Tuesday. She has been named Jennifer Marie.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Pine City Pioneer March 9, 2017)
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Valvoda Jr. of Pine City on the birth of their daughter, Valerie Susan on March 14.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American March 16, 2017)
Funeral services were held for Mrs. Lillian Peterson at the Presbyterian Church in Willow River, with the Rev. Kenneth Nelson in charge.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Krogh Sunday at the Lakeside Memorial Hospital in Pine City.

25 Years Ago, 1992 (published in the Askov American March 16, 2017)
Family and friends gathered on Sunday afternoon at the Legion Hall in honor of John Clark's 84th birthday, which was March 3rd.

25 Years Ago, 1992 (published in the Askov American March 23, 2017)
Congratulations to Bill and Myrt Champagne of Kerrick on their 20th wedding anniversary.

Emery and Valborg Nedegaard celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Askov Community Center.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American March 30, 2017)
Miss Lavonne Thomsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thomsen, was married Saturday, March 18 to Mr. Robert Schumm of Fargo, North Dakota, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Rev. Harold Petersen officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Frands Jensen announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ann, to Larry Peterson, son of Mrs. Rose Peterson.

25 Years Ago, 1992 (published in the Askov American April 6, 2017)
On Saturday, March 28, Ken and Lorraine Bresin celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary and Ken also celebrated his 74th birthday with his family, with a delicious dinner at the Partridge Café.

The people of the community of Willow River wish to express sympathy to the family of Mrs. Evelyn Whiting, 88, of Sturgeon Lake, who passed away March 20th.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American April 13, 2017)

The village of Willow River most one of its most respected citizens and mayor, with the passing of E. B. Linsley at his home there. Funeral services will be held from the village hall with interment being made in the Willow River cemetery.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Andrew Christensen of Askov who passed away in Duluth following a lingering illness.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American April 13, 2017)
Miss Karen Ann Jorgensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leif Jorgensen, Sandstone, was married Saturday, April 8, to Mr. F. Arlen Krantz, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Clifford Krantz, Askov.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ecklund of Osseo are the happy parents of a daughter, Michelle Ann, born Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ecklund are the proud grandparents.

25 Years Ago, 1992 (published in the Askov American April 13, 2017)
Dennis and LeAnn Juhl are proud to announce the arrival of a baby daughter, Amber Leigh, born March 31 at Mercy Hospital in Moose Lake.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American April 20, 2017)
A large number of friends and neighbors called on Mrs. Jens M. Larsen of Askov to help her celebrate her 80th birthday. In spite of her advanced age, Mrs. Larsen enjoys good health and continues to live alone on the farm northeast of town.

Joint funeral services were held Sunday forenoon from the Vilstad Lutheran Church for two Askov women, Mrs. John Lundgren and Mrs. Dorothy Linge. Both died Wednesday, the former during the afternoon and the other in the evening. Rev. J. Florentin Anderson of Kerrick officiated at the rites.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American April 20, 2017)
Services for Kathleen Berg, 17, of Bruno were held from the Oak Lake Lutheran Church. Kathaleen died as a result of injuries received in a car accident about one mile south of Kerrick on Highway 23.

25 Years Ago, 1992 (published in the Askov American April 20, 2017)
A bridal shower was held Saturday for Marie Lund, fiancée of George Swanson, at the Hilma Lundgren home. Many neighbors and friends attended and Marie received many beautiful and useful gifts.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American April 27, 2017)
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Loew are happy to announce the arrival of a son, James William, 8 pounds, 14 ounces, Friday night at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American May 18, 2017)
Miss Ina Elaine Jorgensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leif Jorgensen, was married Saturday, May 13, to Mr. Bruce Christensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Christensen, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with Rev. Harold Petersen officiating.

25 Years Ago, 1992 (published in the Askov American May 18, 2017)
Sympathy is extended to the Leona Kroon family. Leona passed away May 8. Leona had been a resident at the Sandstone Nursing Home for 33 years and will be greatly missed.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Pine City Pioneer June 1, 2017)
Mr. and Mrs. Axel Johnson of West Rock celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on May 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis of Anoka announced the engagement of their daughter Donna Mae, to Mr. Bruce Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Nelson of Pine City.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Pine City Pioneer June 8, 2017)
Saturday, June 6, was the date chosen by Miss Jeanne Roberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Roberg of Rockford, Illinois, for her marriage to Mr. William E. Sauser, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Sauser of Pine City.

Miss Caroline Marie Broz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Broz of this city, became the bride of James Kadidlo of St. Paul at a quiet nuptial ceremony in St. Paul on June 6th.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American June 8, 2017)
Mrs. Josephine Kostecky, 66, who has been ill for the past six years, passed away at her home north of Willow River. Survivors are her husband and 10 children.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American June 8, 2017)
Services were held from the United Church of Christ in Sandstone for PFC Daniel L. Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Nelson of Rutledge who was killed in action in Vietnam on May 30.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American June 15, 2017)
The Hans Holm home at Sandstone was the scene of a wedding when their daughter, Miss Louise Holm, was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Ove Christensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Christensen of Askov. Rev. M. Mikkelsen of Askov read the ceremony.

Gustav Ludvig Karlman, 66, of the Sandstone Grindstone Lake area was killed by the charge of a .25-35 rifle in an upstairs room in his farm home. The case was pronounced suicide by County Coroner Frank Gottry of Pine City.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American June 15, 2017)
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Carlson are the happy parents of an 8 pound boy born June 10, in the Pine County Memorial Hospital in Sandstone. He has been named Keith Morris.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American June 22, 2017)
Miss Diane Jessen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jessen, Askov, was married Saturday to Mr. Kenneth V. Bresin, also of Askov. After a wedding trip to the Leech Lake area, the couple will be at home in Golden Valley.

25 Years Ago, 1992 (published in the Askov American June 22, 2017)
Dagney Hansen celebrated her 90th birthday at the Sandstone Nursing Home Saturday afternoon.

75 Years Ago 1942 (published in the Askov American June 29, 2017)
Miss Esther Lindegaard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lindegard of Askov, was united in marriage June 5 at Solvag, California, to Arnie Sorensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Sorensen of Siren, Wisconsin.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Pine City Pioneer June 6, 2017)
Eight-thirty Independence Day Eve was the hour set for the marriage of Miss Helen Johnson of Minneapolis, to Roger Gottrey of this city.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American July 13, 2017)
A beautiful wedding took place, Saturday, July 8, at the Faith Lutheran Church in Birch Creek Township when Miss Norma Broten became the bride of Pfc. Henry Hoffman of Kerrick.

100 Years Ago, 1917 (published in the Askov American July 20, 2017)
Wm. Barnick Sr, an old resident of Pine County, died yesterday morning at the home of his son, Wm. H. Barnick, near Gronigen after a few hours of sickness.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American July 20, 2017)
The Bruno community was saddened to hear that Victor Marihart, formerly of that village, passed away at the Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis after an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were held and interment was in the Vilstad Cemetery.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American July 20, 2017)
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Koski celebrated their silver wedding anniversary July 9 at the Pine River Clubhouse with many friends and relatives bringing them best wishes.

100 Years Ago, 1917 (published in the Askov American Aug. 3, 2017)
In a ceremony at the Danish Lutheran church in Askov, Miss thora Dixen became the bride of Chr. Frederiksen. Rev. Kr. Anderson officiated. The groom enlisted in the U.S. Army several weeks ago and is at present stationed at Ft. Snelling. At the ceremony, Mr. Frederiksen was dressed in his Army uniform.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American Aug. 3, 2017)
It was twins, that's why John Okroglis smiled. A boy and a girl, their first born came Friday to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Okroglis of Kerrick

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American Aug. 3, 2017)
Miss Mary Ann Jensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frands Jensen, Askov, was married Saturday, July 29, to Mr. Lawrence Peterson, son of Mrs. Rose Peterson, also of Askov.

100 Years Ago, 1917 (published in the Askov American Aug. 3, 2017)
Mr. Smith, an old engineer on the Northwestern Road and retired on pension, was killed by the northbound flyer at Grandy. Mr. Smith was visiting at Grandy and had been in the cab of a freight engine on the side track, talking to a friend and when he stepped from the engine he walked into the path of the on-rushing passenger and was killed instantly.

10 Years Ago, 2007 (published in the Askov American Aug. 10, 2017)
Mildred "Millie" Plaisted, 96, of Bruno, died July 29, 2007, at home in Sandstone.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Aug. 10, 2017)
On Aug. 9, at two o'clock in the afternoon, Miss Marie Brackenbury became the bride of Harry Brogen at a pretty nuptial service held at the Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blanchard are the parents of a son born in St. Paul on Aug. 7.

100 Years Ago, 1917 (published in the Pine City Pioneer Aug. 10, 2017)
A young editor was born at the home of F. P. Gottry of the Pioneer Aug. 6 and already gives promise of being able to make a noise in the world.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American Aug. 17, 2017)
The Earl Jones home west of Cloverton was the scene of a pretty double wedding when Miss Virginia Halsted of Brainerd, became the bride of Mr. Robert Jones of Madison, Wisconsin, and Miss Betty Jones of Cloverton, the bride of Alfred Proffit, also of Cloverton.

10 Years Ago, 2007 (published in the Askov American Aug. 17, 2017)

Pauline Knapp Clausen, 73, of Bruno, lost her courageous battle with breast cancer on August 7, 2007, at Pine Medical Center, Sandstone.

The Rev. Gordon D. Nelson, 80, of Bruno, died Tuesday, August 7, 2007, in Mercy Hospital in Moose Lake.

75 Years Ago,1942 (published in the Askov American Aug. 24, 2017)
A pretty and impressive military and colonial wedding took place at the Immanuel English Lutheran church in Chicago, Illinois, when Miss Mildred MacDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. MacDonald of Duqueette, became the bride of Seaman Clifford Stover, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stover of Nickerson.

25 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American Aug. 24, 2017)
The Askov community extends their sympathy to the family of Ina Johnson, who passed away last Tuesday afternoon at her home.

10 Years Ago, 2007 (published in the Askov American Aug. 24, 2017)
Friends have received word that Lorraine Vollmer died August 15, 2007, at her home in Mora. Lorraine, with her husband Harold, owned and operated the Ferndale Nursery in Askov for 12 years, from 1959 to 1971.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American Aug. 31, 2017)
Wedding vows were spoken in the rectory of Father Schmidt in Moose Lake by Miss Evelyn Kahring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kahring of Barnum and Mr. Clarence Sway of Bruno.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American Aug. 31, 2017)
Mrs. Marie K. Nedegaard, 80, passed away at the Sandstone Nursing Home, August 24. She had been a patient there for about four and one half years.

Miss Bonnie Nelson of Bruno was united in marriage August 19 to Robert Tietz of Willow River.

100 Years Ago, 1917 (published in the Askov American Sept. 7, 2017)
The wedding of Mr. Axel Buck and Miss Ella Jacobson, both of Askov, took place at the Danish Lutheran Church. After the ceremony, the party drove to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jacobsen, where a wedding dinner was served and the evening spent in social visiting.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American Sept. 14, 2017)
Miss Claudia Lund, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Lund, was married Saturday, September 9 to Mr. Bruce Nedegaard son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Nedegaard, both of Askov at a double ring ceremony at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Rev. Harold Petersen officiating.

Miss Beatrice Tomczak of Kettle River, was married August 26 to Mr. Roger Youngberg of Willow River.

Orland Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl I. Jensen of Askov and Miss Diane Foster were married Saturday in Minneapolis.

10 Years Ago, 2007 (published in the Askov American Sept. 14, 2017)
Our deepest sympathy to the Rohow family on the unexpected passing of their 37 year old daughter, Pamela Geib.

100 Years Ago, 1917 (published in the Askov American Sept. 21, 2017)

Another wedding which united two young people from our community for life. Mr. Jacob Christensen and Miss Bertha Dixon, took place at the Danish Lutheran Church Sunday evening. The couple was attended by Miss Anna Rasmussen and Andrew Christensen of Minneapolis.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American Sept. 21, 2017)
A beautiful church wedding took place Saturday evening, September 19, at the Blomskog church in Windemere Township, when Miss Selma Nelson became the bride of Mr. Alfred Overland.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American Sept. 21, 2017)
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Christensen, Askov, celebrated their golden wedding Sunday, September 17, with open house in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church parlors. Hosts were their children.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American Sept. 26, 2017)
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spicer of Bruno announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Faye to Mr. David Koecher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Koecher of Kerrick. The wedding date has been set for October 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Budd are the happy parents of a baby girl born early Monday at Pine County Memorial Hospital at Sandstone. The baby weighed nine pounds and has been named Barbara Anne.

25 Years Ago, 1992 (published in the Askov American Sept. 26, 2017)
Arol and Hertha Hansen were completely overwhelmed Sunday afternoon when a host of 200 friends and relatives gathered at the Community Center to help them celebrate an early golden wedding.

75 Years Ago, 1942 (published in the Askov American Oct. 5, 2017)
Announcements have recently been received in Askov stating that Miss Lois Clark of Tyler, Texas, and Leif Jorgensen, Askov, who is in the army stationed at Tyler, Texas, were united in marriage at the Trinity Lutheran Church there with Rev. Delvin Ressel officiating.

25 Years Ago, 1992 (published in the Askov American Oct. 5, 2017)
We were saddened to hear of the death of Doris DeWitt, who died on Tuesday, September 29th.

75 Years Ago Oct. 15, 1942 (published in the Askov American Oct. 12, 2017)
Irving M. Plumb, 50, of Bruno community passed away at the Lakeside Memorial Hospital in Pine City.

50 Years Ago, 1967 (published in the Askov American Oct. 12, 2017)
Miss Lorrine Suzen Jensrud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Jensrud, Kerrick was married Saturday, Oct. 7 to Marine Cpl. Jerry A. McKee, son of Mr. and Mrs. V.I. McKee, Kerrick.

25 Years Ago, 1992 (published in the Askov American Oct. 12, 2017)
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100 Years Ago, 1917 (published in the Askov American Oct. 26, 2017)
A terrible accident happened at Willow River Monday, when Ed Walters, the liveryman, and Geo. Bennett, a farmer near there, were struck and instantly killed by the speeding northbound flyer. The two men were driving in Walter's car and had come to the railroad crossing where they were stalled a few minutes on account of a freight train on the side track. When the freight had pulled way they started across in the car, apparently not having heard the oncoming passenger train. Both men were married and had families. Mr. Walters being a man of about 50 and Mr. Bennett about 55.

October 24 marked the day of the uniting of two more of our young people in the holy bonds of matrimony. The contracting parties were Mr. Henrik Henriksen and Miss Sine Jensen, the ceremony taking place in the Danish Lutheran church.

50 years ago Oct. 26, 1967 (published in the Askov American Oct. 26, 2017)
Miss Edith Krogh, daughter of Mrs. Josephine Krogh was married October 21 to Mr. Richard Pearson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pearson, both of Askov. Rev. Harold Petersen officiated at the ceremony held in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

10 Year Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 June 2019)
Two Pine Citians have been selected to participate in the 2009 Arrowhead All-Star Baseball Game. Coach Nate Fort will be one of three coaches on the south team and senior Wes Fischer will play in the game. The north and south team selections are made up of seniors from Section 7A and 7AA.

Support for the Pine Center for the Arts continues to flow in despite the economic downturn. Bob and Teddi Thompson provided $500 each to the center's membership drive. These two benefactors have the goal of inspiring others to join the center as members at any level. This $1,000 will go toward the immediate goal of acquiring one year's pre-paid rent so that the center can have a physical community location. "We invite the whole community to give whatever level is possible to this effort," said board member Kris Seuntjens. "Eventually the Pine Center for the Arts will touch every life in one way or another and serve to develop Pine City's significant cultural life."

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 June 2019)
Severe weather warnings for Pine County flashed across the TV screens all evening June 14. Desperate for much needed rain, viewers kept on watching their favorite programs and hoped for a nice, steady down pour. At approximately 9:55 p.m. the rain came driven by winds strong enough to uproot a tree at Nelsonville resident Dennis Erickson's home. It took the swingset and slide from the Dennis Howard yard with it. Power was totally out in some homes in the neighborhood and lights only flickered momentarily in others. A tree at the Charles Lamke home snapped off like a match-stick and barely missed the house as it crashed to the ground. Although the area on the northeast side of Pokegama Lake suffered substantial wind damage, other spots surrounding Pine City only received a few sprinkles of rain as the storm pass through.

Pat Brautigan, Brook Park and Pine City, has been inducted into the 1994 Kaukaua (WI) High School Hall of Fame. A 1969 graduate, Brautigan earned numerous honors while in high school. After graduation he attended University of Wisconsin-Green Bay where he lettered two years in tennis and qualified for the national collegiate tournament. Brautigan is very active in the Pine City tennis league.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 June 2019)
The new royalty of Pine County is Bev Prahl of Grasston. She was crowned the new Miss Pine County of 1969 during the third annual pageant sponsored by the Pine City Jaycees.
Approximately 3,600 acres of land were sold at the Tax Forfieted Land Sale conducted by County Auditor Magaret Holler. Gross sales were $45,000.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 June 2019)
Three men, two from Pine City and one from Henriette, received medals for gallantry and heroic action with the Fifth Army in Italy. Corporal Allen B. Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sanders, Henriette, received the Silver Star. First Sergeant Fred E. Kruse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Casper Kruse, Pine City, received the Bronze Star, and Sergeant Donald J. Greig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Major Greig, Pine City, received the Bronze Star.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 June 2019)

Last week the butter shipment from the Beroun Creamery topped the record, 125 tubs being sent out. This week the shipment dropped to 109 tubs and it will probably hang around that figure or below during the summer.

The local ball club autoed to Rock Creek and played that team last Sunday, and were defeated by a score pf 5 to 6.

A dance will be held at the Pokegama Lake Town Hall on Saturday, June 6. The dance is given by the Rock Lake Orchestra for the purpose of raising a little cash to purchase a complete set of orchest
ra equipment. They have made arrangements with Corporal Yost to manage the floor, for an introduction he will be at your service.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 June 2019)
Last Thursday the Lions Club hosted its first ever Community Leadership Awards dinner at the Pine City Country Club. Nine local people received awards. Lion Gene Pals received a Leadership medallion – a national Lions recognition. Four people received Melvin Jones Fellow awards: Lion Bill McQuillan; Max Blaufuss, who owns and operates Lakeside Nursing Home; Mary Kay Sloan, chair of the Pine City Planning Commission; and Beth Iallonardo, former manager of the Pine City Walmart. Three received Helen Keller awards: Lion Jim Dombrock; Julie Werner, manager of Pine City Food Shelf; and Jane Robbins, mayor of Pine City. One additional award was presented to Lion Howard Ledin from the Diabetes Foundation for 20 years of managing the bell ringing program.

Last weekend 36 students from the area brought the stories of Dr. Seuss to life on stage. “Seussical Jr.” is Pine City Community Education’s second annual summer theater workshop. The musical is an abbreviated version of the successful Broadway musical based on the Dr. Seuss books “Horton Hears a Who” and “Horton Hatches the Egg.” Director Brad Mariska reported the event had excellent audiences – over 600 people attended the two performances in Rush City.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 June 2019)
The Pine Area Lions Club spearheaded a project to install new playground equipment in the neighborhood park on Woodpecker Ridge. Saturday was the final work day, and volunteers from the club, as well as many families from the neighborhood, chipped in to get the job done. The new, safer playground has a sandy base and features baby swings, a merry-go-round, scoop diggers and other toys kids love. Contributions were received from several local organizations and private citizens to make the improvements possible. Shelly Smetana was chairman for the project.

Two Pine City runners placed in their categories in Grandma’s Marathon and Half Marathon in Duluth June 18. Lloyd “Forever” Young claimed first place in the age 70 and over category. He ran the full marathon, 26.2 miles. Stu Clem took second place in the 50-54 age group in the 13.1 mile half marathon. Four thousand eighty-seven runners finished the marathon, while 1,884 completed the half marathon. They ran in 71 degree weather with 90 percent humidity.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 June 2019)
The first commercial structures to be built at the Pine City interchange on Interstate Highway 35, a Phillips 66 gas station, coffee shop and cafe complex, are about to see completion and will go into operation very shortly. The cafe, to be called “Fred’s Red Shed,” will seat about 117 patrons.

A one car accident on Saturday evening claimed the life of Robert Gray, 16, of rural Pine City.

Twenty-one former members of the Saints Drum and Bugle Corps attended a reunion at the Heath Perkins Post Club. During the course of the reunion, a number of those in attendance formed a committee to reactivate the corps and are making plans for some appearances in 1970.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 June 2019)
Beginning July 1, all future hiring of men and boys, except for agriculture, must be done through or by arrangement with United States Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission, under the new priority referral program announced in Washington.

On display in the window of Telstad Jewelry is a captured German sub-machine gun which was brought to this country from Italy. The caliber is 9 mm. And the workmanship is notably poor.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 June 2019)
All parts of the county are preparing to come to Pine City for the “Homecoming” for our soldiers, sailors and marines to be held on July 4 with a parade of the military in uniform, followed by the Red Cross, YMCA, Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army and other patriotic floats, including two brass bands and headed by the marshal of the day. There will be special programs and events throughout the day. In connection with these there will be a number of water sports in the river immediately adjoining the fairgrounds, boat races, swimming contests, log rolling and diving contests. Immediately following supper there will be a ten round sparring contest between Charles McCarthy and Sammy Terrin at the Fairgrounds. In the evening there will be a short musical in Robinson Park.

Those having cases and bottles belonging to the Pine City Bottling Works are requested to return same at once as we need all we can get for July 4. We all want to give “the boys” plenty of good Pine City pop on the Fourth.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 June 2019)
The work of unloading the brick for the new school building goes on, there has already been eighteen cars unloaded.

The steamer Cumberland is now in readiness and is making daily trips to Pokegama Lake and will be run every day anyone wants to go. Parties of ten and over 25 cents, for the return trip, single fare 50 cents. Barge dances will be held three times a week making the trip to Pokegama and return. Special rates to Rush City and Hinckley parties.

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF: August Kessel, a farmer of Warsaw, Rice County, took strychnine in the presence of his wife and then ran into a grove. Before Mrs. Kessel could reach him with aid he was dead.

John Adberg entered the home of a neighbor, named Astradson, at St. Cloud, with whom he has had some difficulties. Finding Mrs. Astradson alone at the time drew a revolver and fired several shots at her. He was drunk and missed her. He was arrested. Mrs. D. Frisk, a Swedish woman, five miles east of New Richalan, committed suicide one night by eating the heads of 40 matches. She had been an invalid for two years

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 July 2019)
Members of the Thunderin’ Toms, a local chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources are working together to improve habitat in Pine County.

On a clear Saturday morning, June 13, volunteers from all over Pine County gathered together for donuts and instructions on how to cage in about 5,000 bur and red oak trees that were planted in 2004 and had seen several years of deer wear and tear. “Oak trees are so important to wildlife in this area. If these trees can get a chance to grow before the deer and other wildlife eat the tops off them, they will provide food and shelter for many species, including turkeys,” said Dave Johnson, a wildlife conservation officer with the DNR. “It’s fun to get out here and see different country and meet

people who love the outdoors and wildlife," said Tom Kloeckl, a Pine City resident. "And the donuts weren't bad either."

Visitors of the North West Company Fur Post this weekend got to try their hand at making spear points and arrowheads. "They not only demonstrate, but people who are interested in this art are encouraged to attempt it," said Patrick Schifferdecker, the site's manager. "There are some really fabulous artists out there." This annual event attracts knappers from the midwest who will demonstrate their skills – the same as those used thousands of years ago to hunt wild game.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 July 2019)
Paul Horns, commander of Pine City VFW Post 4258, was one of 34 commanders selected as an All State Commander at the 75th annual state VFW Convention in Rochester June 15- 18. There are 332 VFW commanders in Minnesota. It was the third time Horns has received the All State honor, for which he was given a diamond studded lapel pin, a white cap and $25. The local post also received a plaque for being No. 1 in the blood donor program, thanks to Burton Ellig, Bob Foster and many volunteers who work that program.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 July 2019)
Forty-two members of the Minnesota Archaeological Society met in Pine City where they toured the Stumne Indian burial mounds and the Connor Fur Trading Post.

Expanded courthouse facilities, a different village hall location, and a modern new bank building for the First National of Pine City may become a reality here if present vision and plans materialize. Initial planning along these lines got underway at the village council's July meeting.

Pine City journeyed to Cambridge last week and beat the Red Birds behind the 7th pitching of Jeff Henrikson.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 July 2019)
Notice: Punishment will be imposed on anyone found destroying birds' nests or killing birds with sling shots, bee bee guns or any other device, or performing any cruelty to the birds. It is against the law to kill any insect-devouring birds or to destroy their nests, by order of the village council.

The labor shortage will be the biggest problem facing farmers in this busy season of getting hay up. Businessmen in many of the towns have volunteered their services to farmers for the haying and harvest season. Lists of men available and the days and hours when these men may be called can be had at the volunteer labor office.

Mr. G. Sower stopped at the depot last Thursday afternoon to visit with John Gray, while enroute to Rochester. Old timers will remember Mr. Sower as he lived here about 30 years ago and at one time was co-editor of the Pine Poker with "Spider" Yost.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 July 2019)
John Jelinek's clothing store was robbed last Saturday night, forty-four suits of clothing and $500 worth of liberty bonds being taken. Mr. Jelinek estimates the value of the clothing at about $1,100 but all of the bonds except one $50 bond were registered and will be of no value to anyone but Mr. Jelinek. Footsteps were heard by J.F. Petschel in the locality at about 12:30 o'clock and very possibly this was the time at which the deed was committed.

Richard Cockenham, of Kingsdale was arrested at Cloverton last Saturday evening, charged with bringing liquor into dry territory with intent to sell and was brought to Pine City the following day by Constable Allen of Cloverton.

The case of John F. Egan of St. Paul against Andrew Anderson of Hinckley for trespass in the removal of wood from plaintiff's land east of that town, resulted in a verdict of $1 and costs against the defendant. Inasmuch as triple damages are collectible in trespass cases, the plaintiff will collect $3.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 July 2019)
On Friday night Earnest Ahlberg lost his life while bathing in Cross Lake near the Pine City Lumber Company's mill where he has been at work. A party of about five was with Earnest swimming, and when it was discovered that he was drowning, he was beyond the reach of those who were with him.

Domestic News: A case of black smallpox was discovered in the Milwaukee House of Correction, where 247 convicts were confined.

An Indiana miner has begun suit which will test the power of mining companies to compel their employees to trade at the company store.

Mrs. Betsey Smith, of Des Moines, Iowa, was found guilty of poisoning her blind husband and punishment fixed at life imprisonment.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 July 2019)
Pine County Deputy Scott Grice was able to save the life of a Sandstone man with the use of the new automated external defibrillator (AED) recently purchased by the sheriff's office. On July 2 at 8 a.m. the sheriff's office received the call of a man down at Jan & Gary's Restaurant in Sandstone. Deputy Grice was three blocks away and was able to respond and deploy the AED to bring the man back to life.

The Little Miss Pine City candidates are prepared for the pageant on July 20. This year's candidates are Megan Olson, Lydia Adams, Christina Joyner, Gracie Huff, Adeline Crawford, Holly Haug, Paige Gerhardson, Molly Stransky, Brianna Lindahl, Ellee Foster, Julie Magel and Cara Kuhn.

Artists from around the region will now have a place to call home. Last Thursday, Pine Center for the Arts Board of Directors voted to establish the former Corner Photo building, downtown Pine City, as their new headquarters. Pine Center for the Arts is a non-profit organization that believes "the arts are for everyone." The all-volunteer, grass roots group has been in operation for just over a year. The Corner Photo location will house a small art gallery, featuring artists from around the region. Pine Center for the Arts had tremendous success bringing in the special event Ball in the House last November, and a permanent location will now allow them opportunity to offer daily programming.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 July 2019)
Minnesota will be represented at the FITA World Field Archery Championships for the first time. Cathy Korby, Willow River, has earned the women's bare-bow position for this biannual event in August at Epernay, France. The team was chosen from the winners of the National Archery Association's Field Archery Championships which were held in May in Mesa, Arizona. FITA field archery combines the challenges of known and unknown distances in rounds of 24 targets. The tournament begins with qualifying rounds, followed by the elimination rounds. According to Korby, "Shooting is the easy part. I've been told the Europeans like very rugged terrain compared to popular field archery in the United States." Korby has won numerous titles in the compound style of barebow. This is the most prestigious event for recurve bow archers. Michael Dufresne, Jared Hawkinson and Zac O'Donnell, all of Pine City, attended a tennis camp at the College of St. Benedict June 19-23. The co-ed camp was directed by Jerry Sales, who has more than 30 years of tennis experience as both a player and coach. Dufresne is the son of Warren and Mary Dufresne,

Hawkinson the son of Gary and Janet Hawkinson and O'Donnell the son of Mike and Linda O'Donnell.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 July 2019)
The school board of Independent School District 578 met last Tuesday evening, at which time they hired Norman Maki as elementary school principal. He will replace James Lamont who resigned to accept the superintendency at Braham. Sheriff Adam Martinco reported Tuesday that just one deputy position now remains to be filled since his three regular deputies resigned June 30. Deputies quitting their jobs at that time complained, among other things, of working too many hours and of receiving inadequate salary. Surviving members of the Third Division (Pine City Branch) of the Minnesota Naval Militia met in reunion in Pine City where a stone monument was unveiled and dedicated to Wiseman Park.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 July 2019)
This week brought saddening news to the community when Mrs. Stanley R. Jacobson was notified of the death of her husband, Sgt. Jacobson, June 24th in North Burma. Death came as a result of wounds received during combat.

The J. Craig Co. of Minneapolis was the successful bidder when bids were opened at the council meeting last Wednesday, for the improvement of the village streets. The work to be done is a bituminous sealing coat of oil and crushed rock, with the bid price $5,312.00.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 July 2019)
The homecoming celebration in honor of Pine County's returned soldiers, sailors and marines, at Pine City was the biggest, most successful and best arranged and carried out celebration of any kind ever held in this part of the state. It is safe to say that, in mid-afternoon, there were upward of 9,000 people present. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a partial count and estimate placed the number of automobiles in town at about 1,500, which might be estimated to have brought in an average of four to the car, to say nothing of the many hundreds who came by train.

The little daughter of Eric Colin of Sandstone, about five years of age, was run into by an auto and knocked down but not seriously injured.

Notice the exhibit in the east window of Pine City Hardware Co. The display shows how you can preserve eggs from now until April and the quality will not be changed in the least. The cost is about three cents for a dozen; last year the savings was at least 25 cents. Get a free bulletin at the store showing exactly how water glass is used.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 July 2019)
A train of gypsies of about forty in number tarried near the village for a few days. The women begging, and the men gathering in what loose change they could by making their bears dance, of which they had five, three black and two grizzly. We have not heard of their stealing anything.

Grasshoppers have put in their appearance in large numbers around this part of the county, and trouble is feared if they continue to come.

F.A. Norton is here with 16 head of horses, for sale cheap. For particulars, call at the tent at south end of wagon bridge. They are all good young horses and no trading stock, they must be seen to know what they are.

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Artist from around the region will now have a place to call home. Last Thursday, Pine Center for the Arts Board of Directors voted to establish the former Corner Photo building, Pine City, as their new headquarters. Pine City for the Arts is a non-profit organization that believes "the arts are for everyone." The all volunteer, grass roots group has been in operation for just over a year. The Corner Photo location will house a small art gallery, featuring artists from around the region. Pine Center for the Arts had tremendous success bringing in the special event Ball in the House last November, and a permanent location will now allow them opportunity to offer daily programming.

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Minnesota will be represented at the FITA World Field Archery Championships for the first time. Cathy Korby, Willow River, has earned the women's bare-bow position for this biannual event in August in Epernay, France. The team was chosen from the winners of the National Archery Association's Field Archery Championships which were held in May in Mesa, Arizona. FITA field archery combines the challenges of known and unknown distances in rounds of 24 targets. The tournament begins with qualifying rounds, followed by the elimination rounds. According to Korby, "Shooting is the easy part. I've been told the Europeans like very rugged terrain compared to popular field archery in the United States." Korby has won numerous titles in the compounds style of bare-bow. This is the most prestigious event for recurved bow archers.

Michael Dufresne, Jared Hawkinson and Zack O'Donnel, all of Pine City, attended a tennis camp at the College of St. Benedict June 19-23. The co-ed camp was directed buy Jerry Sales, who has more than 30 years of tennis experience as both a player and coach. Dufresne is the son of Warren and Mary Dufresne, Hawkinson is the son of Gary and Janet Hawkinson and O'Donnell the son of Mike and Linda O'Donnell.

The new little Miss Pine City beamed at the audience Friday night just after receiving her crown from Miss Pine City Chelsey Koppen in 1994. Ashley Grieg, 5, is the daughter of Bob and Michele Grieg. Her dad, who escorted her in the pageant at Pine Technical College auditorium, is smililng broadly behind Ashley on the right.

50 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 July 2019)
The school board of Independent School District 578 met last Tuesday evening, at which time they hired Norman Maki as elementary school principal. He will replace James Lamont who resigned to accept the superintendency at Braham.

75 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 July 2019)
This week brought saddening news to the community when Mrs. Stanley R. Jacobson was notified of the death of her husband, Sgt. Jacobson, June 24th in North Burma. Death came as a result of wounds received during combat.

The J. Craig Co. of Minneapolis was successful bidder when bids were opened at the council meeting last Wednesday, for the improvement of the village streets. The work to be done is a bituminous sealing coat of oil and crushed rock, with the bid price of $5,312.00.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 July 2019)

The homecoming celebration in honor of Pine County's returned soldiers, sailors and marines, at Pine City was the biggest, most successful and best arranged and carried out celebration of any kind ever held in this part of the state. It is safe to say that, in mid-afternoon, there were upward of 9,000 people present. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a partial count and estimate placed the number of automobiles in town at about 1,500, which might be estimated to have brought in an average of four to the car, to say nothing of the many hundreds who came by train.

The little daughter of Eric Colin of Sandstone, about five years of age, was run into by an auto and knocked down but not seriously injured.

Notice the exhibit in the east window of Pine City Hardware Co. The display shows how you can preserve eggs from now until April and the quality will not be changed in the least. The cost is about three cents for a dozen; last year the savings was at least 25 cents. Get a free bulletin at the store showing exactly how water glass is used.

125 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 July 2019)
A train of gypsies of about forty in number tarried near the village for a few days. The women begging, and the men gathering in what loose change they could by making their bears dance, of which they had five, three black and two grizzlies. We have not heard of their stealing anything.

Grasshoppers have put in their appearance in large numbers around this part of the county, and trouble is feared if they continue to come.

F.A. Norton is here with 16 head of horses, for sale cheap. For particulars, call at the tent at south end of wagon bridge. They are all good young horses and no trading stock, they must be seen to know what they are.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 July 2019)
Pine City High School graduate Christopher (C.J.) Aadland experienced a once in a lifetime event on Wednesday, July 10. During a MN Jr. PGA Players Tour event, C.J. scored a hole in one. He did it using a 7 iron on the par 3 Hole #7 at Greenhaven in Anoka. Aadland's reaction was simple; he just couldn't really believe it. He threw his hat in joy and moved on to the next hole. On a side note, tradition calls for the lucky golfer to buy everyone a round in the clubhouse, he settled on buying the group in front of him and his group a round of sodas. Aadland ended up shooting a 77 for the tournament.

The Domino's Pizza in Pine City is closed, probably for good. "It's closed for the foreseeable future," said owner Dave Nordberg. "If the economy improves in the next few years, maybe it will come back, but for now it's a permanent thing."

This year seven young women are competing for the title of Miss Pine City. The young ladies in the running for the 2009-2010 crown are: Kerrie Hughes, LeTeshia Hedtke, Natalie Loher, Kayla Defenbaugh, Nicole Sebastian, Shelby Favorito and Brittany Hernandez. The outgoing Miss Pine City is Jade Fedder, princesses are Brietta Clementson and Stephanie Dickey.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 July 2019)
Pine City Public Schools are among 15 in Minnesota to receive a Project WILD action grant to improve the study of wildlife. The schools are using the $500 grant to create a wildlife food, water and shelter area. Students in the seventh grade class of Tom Kloeckl are transforming a low wet lawn area behind their school into wildlife habitat so they can observe the wildlife attracted to the area. Students are providing food, water and shelter for wildlife in the form of feeding stations, nest boxes, a small amphibian pond, a butterfly garden, a rock pile, a brush pile and a shrub thicket.

Two local girls did a good deed for everyone on a recent hot Sunday afternoon, when they arrived at the Robinson Park playground to find the equipment completely covered with orange stickers. Heidi Larsen, nine, daughter of Glen and Renee Johnson, and Meleia Johnson, nine-year-old daughter of Lonnie and Jeanne Johnson, took it upon themselves to clean it up and spent over an hour peeling the stickers off of the equipment.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 July 2019)
A combined social service and business venture will become operative the first part of August on the south shore of Pokegama Lake, it is announced. The enterprise, to be known as Pine Manor, will be a rehabilitation center for the problem male drinker.

The most picturesque feature of Pine County's big celebration, the combined county fair and Pine City Centennial, will probably be the parade Saturday evening. It is predicted the length of the parade will approach approximately a mile of colorful and musical displays.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 July 2019)

Multicolored license plates on front and rear of automobiles will all but disappear in 1944, replaced by single plates of steel or plastic tabs inserted in old plates, windshield stickers, etc. These substitutes are the result of experiments by motor vehicle registration administrators to replace steel plates used universally before the war.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 July 2019)

Application has been made through County Auditor Edin's office for passports for Jos. Joblonsky of Sturgeon Lake to enter the enticing state of matrimony, Joseph finding it necessary for him to cross the water to England for the purpose and passports being necessary for the trip. This is the first request of the kind from Pine County.

Among the Beroun boys back from France since our last report were Frank Cabak who was in Europe over a year and Claude Anderson and Wm. Zhytovsky who were there nearly a year.

125 Years Ago, 1894 Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 July 2019)
A scaffolding at the new school house broke on Wednesday afternoon letting seven men down to the floor a distance of 14 feet. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured.

Dr. H.W. Spratley, dentist of Minneapolis, will be at the Pioneer Hotel parlors, Monday, July 23 and remain two days. He comes to us highly recommended.

Jas. Wandell has no doubt the largest amount of sidewalk to build of any person in this village, having 306 feet. Sidewalks are being laid on every side. Otto Kowalke has just completed his walk, and Julius Neubauer and Jas. Wandell have the lumber on the ground for their walks. By the time the new school house is completed all of the walks will be laid and add greatly to the appearance of our village.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 July 2019)
Members of the Thunderin' Toms, a local chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources are working together to improve habitat in Pine County. On a clear Saturday morning, June 13, volunteers from all over Pine County gathered together for donuts and instructions on how to cage in about 5,000 bur and red oak trees that were planted in 2004 and had seen several years of deer wear and tear. "Oak trees are so important to wildlife in this area. If these trees can get a chance to grow before the deer and other wildlife eat the tops off them, they will provide food and shelter for many species, including turkeys," said Dave

Johnson, a wildlife conservation officer with the DNR. “It’s fun to get out here and see different country and meet people who love the outdoors and wildlife,” said Tom Kloeckl, a Pine City resident. “And the donuts weren’t bad either.”

Visitors of the North West Company Fur Post this weekend got to try their hand at making spear points and arrowheads. “They not only demonstrate, but people who are interested in this art are encouraged to attempt it,” said Patrick Schifferdecker, the site’s manager. “There are some really fabulous artists out there.” This annual event attracts knappers from the midwest who will demonstrate their skills – the same as those used thousands of years ago to hunt wild game.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 July 2019)
Paul Horns, commander of Pine City VFW Post 4258, was one of 34 commanders selected as an All State Commander at the 75th annual state VFW Convention in Rochester June 15-18. There are 332 VFW commanders in Minnesota. It was the third time Horns has received the All State honor, for which he was given a diamond studded lapel pin, a white cap and $25. The local post also received a plaque for being No. 1 in the blood donor program, thanks to Burton Ellig, Bob Foster and many volunteers who work that program.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 July 2019)
Forty-two members of the Minnesota Archaeological Society met in Pine City where they toured the Stumne Indian burial mounds and the Connor Fur Trading Post.

Expanded courthouse facilities, a different village hall location, and a modern new bank building for the First National of Pine City may become a reality here if present vision and plans materialize. Initial planning along these lines got underway at the village council’s July meeting.

Pine City journeyed to Cambridge last week and beat the Red Birds behind the 7th pitching of Jeff Henrikson.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 July 2019)
Notice: Punishment will be imposed on anyone found destroying birds’ nests or killing birds with sling shots, bee bee guns or any other device, or performing any cruelty to the birds. It is against the law to kill any insect-devouring birds or to destroy their nests, by order of the village council.

The labor shortage will be the biggest problem facing farmers in this busy season of getting hay up. Businessmen in many of the towns have volunteered their services to farmers for the haying and harvest season. Lists of men available and the days and hours when these men may be called can be had at the volunteer labor office.

Mr. G. Sower stopped at the depot last Thursday afternoon to visit with John Gray, while enroute to Rochester. Old timers will remember Mr. Sower as he lived here about 30 years ago and at one time was co-editor of the Pine Poker with “Spider” Yost.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 July 2019)
John Jelinek’s clothing store was robbed last Saturday night, forty-four suits of clothing and $500 worth of liberty bonds being taken. Mr. Jelinek estimates the value of the clothing at about $1,100 but all of the bonds except one $50 bond were registered and will be of no value to anyone but Mr. Jelinek. Footsteps were heard by J.F. Petschel in the locality at about 12:30 o’clock and very possibly this was the time at which the deed was committed.

Richard Cockenham, of Kingsdale was arrested at Cloverton last Saturday evening, charged with bringing liquor into dry territory with intent to sell and was brought to Pine City the following day by Constable Allen of Cloverton.

The case of John F. Egan of St. Paul against Andrew Anderson of Hinckley for trespass in the removal of wood from plaintiff's land east of that town, resulted in a verdict of $1 and costs against the defendant. Inasmuch as triple damages are collectible in trespass cases, the plaintiff will collect $3.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 July 2019)
On Friday night Earnest Ahlberg lost his life while bathing in Cross Lake near the Pine City Lumber Company's mill where he has been at work. A party of about five were with Earnest swimming, and when it was discovered that he was drowning, he was beyond the reach of those who were with him.

Domestic News: A case of black smallpox was discovered in the Milwaukee House of Correction, where 247 convicts were confined.

An Indiana miner has begun suit which will test the power of mining companies to compel their employees to trade at the company store.

Mrs. Betsey Smith, of Des Moines, Iowa, was found guilty of poisoning her blind husband and punishment fixed at life imprisonment.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 August 2019)
The annual academic awards ceremony for fifth graders at Pine City Elementary were held on May 19. At the ceremony Dick and Jeanette Zelenak of the Pokegama Lake Association (PLA) presented the awards for the environmental essay contest winners. This contest, held every year, asks all fifth grade students to prepare an essay and a poster on the material they have learned from the Minnesota Lake Ecology text books that the PLA has supplied to the school. The four-to-five week course is taught every spring and the essay contest winners are sent by the PLA to a week-long environmental summer camp at Long Lake in Palisade, Minnesota. The winners of this year's contest are: Gunnar Nilsson, Nolen Vehlik, Monica Olson and Savannah Larson.

Village Inn and Airborne Assassin softball came face to face four times this season. The Assassins took games one and two (13-8, 8-7) and Village Inn returned the favor the last two times they met (13-8, 16-10). It all came down to a tie-breaker to determine league champions Monday, July 27. The Village's Kris Moulton set the tone with an early three-run homer. Joe Danforth's solo homerun helped their cause. The Village put together an additional three runs to make the score 7-1. Due to the win, E men's slow pitch softball continues for the Village Inn at State, Aug. 21-23, at Centennial Park in Moorhead. Nick Johnson, the team's manager, said, "This team believed we had it in us to go this far from the beginning of the season."

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 August 2019)
It's been 75 years since the Leon Heath American Legion Post was started in Pine City. Post No. 51 is unusual because its first meeting was organized in July 1919 by Henry Harte, a former partner in the local mercantile business. Harte was not a veteran, but he had a deep interest in veterans and their welfare. At that meeting it was decided to charter the post. The Legion and Auxiliary are planning a 75th anniversary celebration on Saturday, Aug. 20, where past presidents and commanders of the club will be recognized. Past Department Commander Ray Galazen and Auxiliary President Betty Manginen will be guest speakers, as well as the present District Commander, Vic Okerstrom, and Tenth District Auxiliary President Mary Dorf.

In honor of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the town site of Pine City, the Pine City Council recently established a Heritage Place Committee. It has been charged with developing criteria for naming future city streets, compiling a list of unnamed streets which could be re-named without any

undue hardship and make a recommendation for the naming of these streets using names which take into consideration the city's heritage, compiling a list of appropriate names recognizing the area's heritage to be used by future developers and future city government for those areas of the city which have not been developed. The Heritage Place Committee members are Gertrude Kessler, Brian Scholin, Geri Mach, Chris McHugh, Dale Teich, Candy Ames, Marlene Engman, Walt Blanchard and Ann Vach.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 August 2019)
Progress is being made on the fur post reconstruction. The very strenuous, yet delicate task of carefully positioning the big, heavy timbers in the building of the stockade wall falls upon Larry Auers and Anthony Wimmer, both of Pine City. Once completed the post will have an appearance resembling as closely as possible the original Connor post.

Real estate and personal property taxes totaling $2,150,493.60 were levied in Pine County in 1968, on an assessed valuation of $6,501,692, according to an abstract released this week by William O'Brien, state auditor.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 August 2019)
Last Saturday morning a through freight train of the Great Northern line, running through Henriette, jumped the track at that town and four cars loaded with wheat overturned.
Due to the fact that Sunday is the busiest day of the week for the ministers and so many of them have taken on extra work because of the shortage of pastors, the undersigned have unanimously decided that they can no longer officiate at funeral services on Sundays: Ambrose Collins, Carl Steging, Alfred Martin and Charlie Blake.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 August 2019)
Pasturage in Pine County for several thousand head of stock or 15,000 to 20,000 sheep has been listed through the Farm Bureau office at Hinckley and filed with the state bureaus of markets in Montana and Minnesota. Just when this stock will arrive is not definitely known.
The first steps are being taken to organize Society of American War Veterans. Plans are underway by veterans of Pine County to organize an auxiliary to the American Legion, the National Organization of World War Veterans. All soldiers, sailors and marines are eligible to membership, also any women commissioned in the army, navy or marines.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 August 2019)
The petition which was presented to the County Board asking for a road from this place to Hinckley was granted at their last meeting.

A shameful affair took place in this village on Thursday last week. A farmer living at the head of Cross Lake, started for this village with his team and for some reason or other he ran the team all of the way, a distance of nine miles. When he arrived here his team was covered with blood, he having whipped them with a black snake whip. He was not satisfied with this but drove the team all over town and then finished up by hitting them with the neck-yoke. The man is no doubt insane and should be taken care of by the strong hand of the law.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 August 2019)
Rita Bible and Dave Griffith don't know each other, but these two Pine City residents share the qualities which caused them to be named 2009 Outstanding Senior Volunteers for Pine County. Regarding the long hours she spends volunteering, Rita said, "When you volunteer, you get self-satisfaction. Volunteers get more out of it than the people they help. It's the satisfaction that you are giving." Griffith said he was "surprised and humbled" by his award. But the variety and number of hours he has volunteered in his 85 years have more than earned him this recognition. "I consider it a

privilege to have had all the years that I've done this. I mean that. It's been more benefit to me than the people I was serving. I serve warm meals and walk out with a warm heart," said Griffith.

Concluding its ninth annual Bridging the Dream scholarship campaign, the Pine Technical College Foundation awarded a total of $26,400 to 32 deserving students. Thanks to the donation of more than 60 individual and business donations, 24 full-time students received $1,000 and eight part-time students were awarded $300 scholarships.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 August 2019)
The newly crowned Miss Pine City, Joell Werner, spent time waving to the grandstand crowd following her coronation Thursday night at the Pine County Fair. Joell is the daughter of Jerry and Julie Werner. Chosen to accompany her as princesses during her reign were Jolana Berchin, daughter of Nick and Sherrie Berchin, and Heather Cummings, daughter of Pam Cummings and Gary Cummings.

It was just a little path through the woods, but this summer it connected several young lives with their school and their community. Ten Pine City teenagers created what they call the Environmental Fitness Trail. It begins in the woods, east of the city's new softball fields and north of the high school. Working 12 hours, three days a week for six weeks, they ended up with a trail 10 to 12 feet wide and about one mile long. They also put in four Gamefield exercise pods, donated to the school district by the National Fitness Campaign, giving users the space and equipment to do warm up exercises, strengthening exercises and a cool down routine. The trail project was a cooperative effort of the Private Industry Council 5, which provided a grant to pay the workers $4.25 per hour, the City of Pine City and Pine City School District. Students who participated were Kyle Hanson, Jeremy Wiberg, Shawn Bachmeier, Jason Koffler, Dustin Bodell, Brian Gray, Danielle Odegard, Mari Oare, Mark Olds and Erik Krine. Teachers Pam Jambeck and Terry Mikulich supervised the crew, and Tom Kloeckl served as overall coordinator of the project.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 August 2019)
Throngs of people are expected in this community during the next four days when a double-barreled event is being staged for Pine Citians, Pine County and area residents. Pine City, 100 years old this year, will note its centennial in conjunction with the 77th annual Pine County Fair which promises to be a most outstanding celebration.

The Village Council held its monthly session at which time Mayor Wm. Challeen reported to councilmen on a meeting he had with the Pine County Commissioners in which the county had proposed to take over the Pine City airport and make it a county airport.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 August 2019)
The Village Council is asking the people who frequent Pine City to please drive slow and careful on the newly finished parts of the street improvement for the next few weeks. Careful use now will assure a long lasting, smooth surface for future driving pleasure.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 August 2019)
Geo Schlensky shocked his grain one evening last week til eleven o'clock by the electric light on the top of the water tower, which is a 300 watt Mazda lamp erected by the Eastern Minnesota Power Company. George says the light is some accommodation in the busy season.

Henry Cherrer, last Friday while getting prepared to take a swim at Bede's Point on Cross Lake, saw a small clam, picked it up and found a fine 11-grain pearl in it.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 August 2019)

The forest fires in this section of the country are still raging, but we have not heard of anyone being burned out as yet, although quite a number have had close calls.

The crew at the Pine City lumber companies mill quit work on Tuesday evening of this week, and they refuse to work until some kind of a settlement is made.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 August 2019)
Zion Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, will be looking back on its rich history in Pine City this week, as its congregation celebrates 125 years since its founding in 1884. Marianne Klande has belonged to the church since her family first came to Minnesota from Germany in 1925. One of her early memories is of her Sunday School teacher, Margaret Peterson, and overall Zion Lutheran "has been a big part of my life," she said. In a recent church bulletin, Pastor Glen Kleppe called the 125th anniversary of Zion, "quite an accomplishment," but noted that the praise should go to the pioneers who organized the congregation in 1884, those who built the two churches, and all those who supported the church through hard times."

A world of new opportunities for self-expression, creation and collaboration has opened up to Pine City residents. Pine Center for the Arts (PCA), the non-profit regional arts center is now open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Hours will expand in mid-September when PCA members begin to host a wide variety of classes and special events. PCA Board Member Kris Seuntjens has a simple reaction to the opening of the center and the start of classes. "I'm ecstatic," she said. "We have so many creative people in this community, and we have so much to give each other."

Sauser's Hardware will celebrate 100 years of business in Pine City on Aug. 14. "When I was a little kid I always thought, 'Will we see 100 years?'" said Mike Sauser, proprietor of Sauser's Hardware. "Our sixtieth and seventieth birthdays went by. Now that we're here, it's kind of nice, because we can advertise that we've been serving Pine City for more than 100 years. That's rare." He also notes that his old-style hardware store has come back into fashion. "A few years ago, a guy came in here and told me I'd better make this place look like Target, or I'd go out of business," Sauser explained. "A couple years later he came back and said, 'I'm glad you didn't listen to me!'"

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 August 2019)
Fall sports started Monday with the Pine City varsity and junior varsity tennis teams playing an exhibition match against an Austin team. Austin is touring the state and planned the stop in Pine City. While no official scores were kept, the Dragons won most of the matches. We do know that Heather Cummings and Renee Henschel won 6-1 in their first match of the season.
More people than ever before attended the 102nd Pine County Fair judging by crowds at the Friday and Saturday night demolition derbies. Fair board members estimate that 3,500 people watched the derby Friday night and 4,000 on Saturday night. Midway crowds both nights were estimated to be between 3,000-4,000 people. On Sunday night, over 1,000 people watched the tractor pull. Over 130 units marched in the Pine City Chamber of Commerce-sponsored parade on Saturday night, and spectators numbered in the thousands.

The Legion baseball team celebrated the end of the season with an awards banquet last Thursday. Seniors on the team were Matt Sias, Jacob Peterson, Ryan Smith, Mac Christensen and Jon Madison. Ryan Smith and Joe Rysdam shared the MVP honor.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 August 2019)
During the past spring and summer months, several school districts in the area have decided to close and consolidate with surrounding independent school districts. Only four small ungraded elementary school districts will remain open in Pine County this coming school year. They are: District 1562, Hinckley; District 1573, Pine City; District 1565, Sturgeon Lake; District 574, Kerrick.

About 4 a.m. on Tuesday morning, Aug. 19, Pine City Police Chief Norman Briesemeister noticed what he said looked like a “flying yard-light” in the sky southwest of Pine City. He followed the light for over an hour and last spotted it about 5:20 a.m. flying northwest from Pine City. Other police personnel in Cambridge, Milaca and Mora also reported seeing the bright object during the night and a truck driver near Brainerd stated that he was forced to stop his truck as the light was so bright he couldn’t see the road.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 August 2019)
The wild rice crop for 1944 will be larger than that of last year, but will be considerably less than that of years of bumper crops. In Pine County, Snake River, from Pine City to west boundary of Pine County, including outlets of Cross and Pokegama lakes is open, with a line of 10 boats allowed.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 August 2019)
Following the precedent set by other posts of the American Legion in naming the local organizations in honor of one of the First men in the community to lose his life in the service of his country, the local body will be known as the “Leon Heath Post No. 1” of the American Legion. Leon Heath, who was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Heath residing at Beroun, enlisted in the U.S. Navy, Nov. 20, 1917. His ship was torpedoed by a German submarine, thirty-six lives were lost.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 August 2019)
Nine settlers have bought lands down on the Barrens and will come at once from their former homes at Amador, Chisago County, and open up their farms. Mrs. M.L. O’Brien has purchased the Warner lost on the “point” and will no doubt erect a fine dwelling thereon before snow flies.

L.H. McKusick, of Pine City, was in town for a few days on legal business connected with quite a number who have been cutting hay on land that did not belong to them.

A lawsuit is on the tapis, it seems that some poor people cut the hay and stack it, and some of our town people go and draw it away. Time will tell if they have a right to it or not.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 August 2019)
A way of life comes to an end on Friday. The Pine City Mill, the last grain mill in Pine City, will shut down operations on Aug. 21 after running for longer than 85-year-old owner Ernie Broz can remember. He and his father Henry bought the mill together in 1948, but it had been around “way, way before that,” Broz said. The Pine City Mill has been losing money for several years, and Ernie and Randy made the decision to shut it down. “I’m going to miss coming here. I love to talk to the people,” Broz said. “You meet a lot of different kinds of people,” his son agreed. “Things could change,” he said. “If someone wants to take it over, I’ll let them have it for nothing, just to keep her going. I don’t need more money.”

Lloyd Young of Pine City set the state record for 86-year-old men for the 5K at Saturday’s Mora half marathon with a time of 32.50. He came in 49th overall.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 August 2019)
Three farms in Pine County are among the 242 recognized statewide as 1994 Minnesota Century Farms. The Edwin and Verna Nordstrom farm, Pine City, founded in 1894, the Albina Saumer farm, Pine City, founded in 1882 and the Robert and Kathleen Larson farm, Sturgeon Lake, founded in 1894, are this year’s Century Farms. To qualify, the farms must have been in continuous family ownership for at least 100 years and must be at least 50 acres in size.

Soloist Gary Louden, Pine City, will represent Pine County at the Minnesota State Fair Talent Competition. Louden will sing “Tears in Heaven” to his own guitar accompaniment on Monday, Aug.

29. He is competing in the open division. A member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Louden occasionally performs solos during services and has sung for some other local audiences. He works as a printer at Lee's Pro Shop.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 August 2019)
The Pine City Area Vocational-Technical School began its fourth year of operation with approximately 150 students enrolled.

When it comes to profits, Pine City's municipal liquor store in 1968 again compared exceptionally well with other liquor stores of similar size around the state. The liquor store had a net income of 21.6 percent of sales.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 August 2019)
Civil Service has announced Government employment opportunities in the position of Custodial Office, $2,482 a year, including overtime, for duty with the Federal Correctional Institute, Sandstone, Minnesota.

Another home has been saddened by the death of a son in service, Private First Class Vernon K. Nelson, U.S. Marine Corps, died of wounds received in action, according to a telegram which reached his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sophus Nelson of Royalton Township last Wednesday morning from the U.S.M.C. commandant.

Guy Hinshaw, living east of Pine City, entered the 15th annual Minnesota Gladiolus society show at the Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, and his "Vista Bonita" an orchid-shaded gladiola, topped 840 entries and was named grand champion by the judges.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 August 2019)
The last legislature passed an act whereby the state is to pay the tuition of all returned servicemen who want to attend college. The amount of tuition that will be paid for each soldier is limited to $200.

Work on the much discussed road to the Pokegama Lake Sanitarium is to be started at once, the work to be done by day labor at an estimated cost of a little over $8,000.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 August 2019)
Quite a number of Pine City's prominent people have been camping on the east shore of beautiful Pokegama for the past week.

At a special school meeting on the 17th, it was decided to build a schoolhouse on what is known as Danielson's Point near the Bartlette place on the bank of the lake. The contract will be let immediately and the first term of school will commence in October.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 August 2019)
Loren Skluzacek from Pine City has earned the Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow (LUTCF) professional designation. The LUTCF is conferred only upon those individuals who meet or exceed the exacting qualiFIcation standards determined by the two organizations that jointly sponsor the designation, the American College and the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA). Skluzacek is contracted with Knights of Columbus Insurance in Sauk Rapids.

Brook Park resident Sherry Jackson is a loyal Powerball player. "I always play no matter what the jackpot is at," she said. Jackson's persistence paid off in a big way on Aug. 12 when the FIfth line of her five-line quickpick ticket matched the First Five winning numbers drawn to win $200,000. "It was hard to believe," she recalled on Aug. 17 at the Lottery's headquarters in Roseville as she claimed her prize.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 August 2019)

The street lights in Pine City came on around 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25 when skies grew black with the approach of a violent storm. By 5:30 p.m. the warning siren sounded in the city, alerting residents to take cover because of the extremely high winds. In the city itself, and in all of the surrounding areas, huge trees were uprooted, power lines were knocked down and barns and other outbuildings destroyed. Many residents were without power until the next morning. Calls about heavy wind damage came in to the Pioneer from the entire Pine City area, east on the St. Croix Road to west Highway 70 to Pokegama Lake.

The OOFDA (Organization of Old Fogies Dining Annually) mixer was recently held at the Acres Restaurant in West St. Paul. The luncheon was attended by 50 people from the Pine City High School Classes of 1939-1945. One of the highlights of the luncheon was the mystery guest, who turned out to be Vern Mikkelson, Pine County's most famous athlete, having played and captained the Minneapolis Lakers for 10 years. Walter Silesky and John (Tunney) Huber were invited guests and had an interesting meeting with Mikkelson, whose Askov team lost to Silesky and Huber of the Dragons in the District 25 championship game 49 years ago.

An 18-hole tournament ended season play for the Pine City Women's morning golf league. Mary Kaye Sloan was the low gross winner with two birdies to her credit in tournament play. Eloise Severson came in with the low net score. Pat Pangerl was recognized for taking the most points (110) of any player for her team. Pat Teich had the second most points of 109. The most improved player was Betty Griffin. Val Todd and Alice Lere were second and third most improved. Bev Furber was the most consistent player, her score varying only two points throughout the year. Team number Five (Pat Teich, Bev Furber, Marge Eckstrom and Donna Heath) captured First place in season play. Team number eight (Alice Lere, Virginia Treptow, Nancy Stevens and Eloise Severson) placed second, and team number 11 (Gerry Mach, Delphine Johnson, Jean Sauser and Peg Christenson) came in third.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 August 2019)
Bids on seven Minnesota highway construction projects and two rest area projects, to cost an estimated $500,000, will be opened on Sept. 26. The rest area projects are located in Pine County.

School bells rang here last Wednesday morning, finding a record total of 1,489 in the public school and an additional 105 students at St. Mary's school.

Lance Cpl. George Nicoll, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Nicoll of Pine City, was wounded in Vietnam on Friday, Aug. 22, being shot in the left hip while in combat south of DeNang. He will be recuperating in Guam for several weeks.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 August 2019)
The Agnes Hotel, which has been owned and operated by the Misses Mabel and Katherine Donlin for the past seven years, has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. James Mullins of this city.

Roy Kurzhals has leased the shop of William Lentz, located on the east side in the village of Pine City, and will do welding and general passenger car, truck and tractor repair work.

Challeen's Fairway Specials: 2 lb. box American Cheese, 75¢; Watermelons, 4¢ lb.; Robin Hood flour, 50 lb. sack, $2.15; Idaho Russet baking potatoes, new crop, 10 lbs. 52¢.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 August 2019)
No paper available.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 August 2019)
E.L. George and Ed Kendall are kept quite busy building boats as they have not got enough to supply the demand they have at this time. They have built ten new boats besides what they bought from Joe LeBroke in the spring, and they could use as many more if they had them as the demand is daily increasing.

Mr. Hoyt, state secretary of the Humane Society, arrived in this village on Saturday. He came up to prosecute the man for shooting the cows on the St. Croix Road and also to look up several other matters, one of which is the farmer at the head of Cross Lake who whipped his team with a black snake whip until the blood ran down their legs. We are glad to see that the State Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals has taken it in charge, and we hope they will prosecute the offender to the full extent of the law.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 September 2019)
A new state record Lake Sturgeon pulled Kim Bengston, left, and Bill Hegge Jr. down the Kettle River for a few hours before they landed it on Labor Day. The 94.4 pound fish, right, is estimated to be between 60-80 years old. The sturgeon on the left, caught the same day, weighed 42 pounds.

City employees were hard at work from daybreak to nightfall on Thursday, Aug. 27 assembling the new playground in the northwest corner of Voyageur Park. Recreation Director Lara Smetana explained that the playground was purchased on a grant program through Minnesota-Wisconsin Playgrounds back in December 2007 and has been in storage since then. “We knew that eventually we were going to put a playground in here,” Smetana said. “We thought, ‘If we can get a playground for half-price, let’s order one.’ It was a $50,000 playground, and we bought it for $25,000. City officials waited until drainage issues for the park were resolved before installing the new equipment. “Now we finally get to put it up,” Smetana said, smiling. “It’s going to draw people to the park again,” she said.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 September 2019)
The Pine City High School biennial reunion of classes 1928-1967 was held at the Hinckley Grand Casino on Aug. 8. There were 477 graduates and teachers in attendance, and a program on the history of Pine City was presented by Jim Foster. “Everyone had a great time,” said organizers.

When representatives of Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce came to tell Robert Thompson he was the 2009 Citizen of the Year, he made them wait. Thompson said he was with a customer when Jan Carl and Todd Cummings came to let him know that he had received the award. “They had to come back,” he said, chuckling. Thompson owns MINPACK and 4Staffing, and is an active member in a number of local groups, including the Pine Center for the Arts and the Pine City Lions. He also serves on the board of East Central Electric. Thompson said he plans to keep on doing what he’s been doing – working hard at his businesses, and helping out in the community. As far as the award goes, Thompson said he didn’t know what to think. “I just called my wife, and she thought it was OK,” he said. “She said, ‘I’d like to be the first to congratulate you.’ I told her, ‘Well, you’re not!’” Thompson laughed.

The Pine City High School Mathematics Department and 20 other area educators met on Aug. 27 to discuss ongoing improvement in the teaching of math. Jennifer Tolzmann, Forest Lake director of teaching and learning, and Nicolle Ristow, secondary Math Department Chair, shared various strategies that have worked in their district. Topics of the day included basic skills, high level mathematics, improving student test scores and opportunities open to youth for math career education.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 September 2019)

A couple of word wizards from the Pine City Senior Center traveled to the Ag Research Center, at the University of Minnesota – Crookston, in August and “did their hometown proud” in the Minnesota Senior Federation’s State Senior Spelling Bee. Henrietta (Hya) Clark won the third place trophy, while Johanna Cox, although she didn’t win a trophy, finished in fourth or fifth place.

This week’s Athletes of the Week are Matt Prihoda, Joe Rysdam and Anthony Costello. Joe Rysdam (senior) threw for three touchdowns and ran for another in last week’s game with Chisago Lakes. Matt Prihoda (senior) had two of those touchdown catches and Anthony Costello (senior) had the other. Prihoda and Costello played outstanding pass defense in holding the Wildcats to only 39 yards passing.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 September 2019)
Pine County has been entered in the tourist promotion contest of the Minnesota Department of Economic Development Tourist Bureau. The entry consisted of a 30 page, cloth bound scrapbook of tourist promotional items in Pine County.

A new world paving record was established by Barton Contracting Co., Osseo, when they poured 13,205 lineal feet of double-lane reinforced concrete pavement on a section of Interstate 35 near Rush City. The previous record was 12,413 feet set on April 3, 1969, at Yuma, Arizona.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 September 2019)
It was just three months ago that our city sent a case of cigarettes to our boys overseas, and now we are proud to say that this time we are able to send three cases, in other words, 30,000 cigarettes, to our boys overseas.

A hunter’s paradise was predicted today in an announcement made by Carl W. Jones, chief deputy director of WPB, that the ban on shotgun shells has been removed until Dec. 31. Hunters and farmers may purchase 100 shot shells, 150 rim fire cartridges and 40 center fire cartridges. Use of ammunition for shooting galleries, trap and skeet shooting is still prohibited.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 September 2019)
Pine City’s first mail delivery by air came last Friday afternoon when a hydroplane brought packages from the Dayton store at Minneapolis to Mrs. August Wickstrom, Sig Brekke and D.W. Rochon. Postmaster Collins promises that it won’t be long before we will be commonly getting mail at all towns of the county by the air route.
Mrs. Rena B. Porter, the able editress of the Brook Park Banner is no more. By one of those mystic transformations in which men are changed to gods and women into fair enchantresses, she has become, with the aid of Rev. Young of Pine City, Mrs. Rena B. Alvey, the effervescing and scintillating experience culminating at this place on Tuesday, Sept. 2, in rapturous and effulgent joy.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 September 2019)
A large number of the fire sufferers are returning home to Hinckley and erecting homes for themselves. Quite a number from this place are visiting the scene of the late conflagration at Hinckley and bringing away relics.

The forest fires were pretty near the settlers at the head of Pokegama Lake on Monday of this week but as yet we have not heard of any who have lost their homes.

The wisdom of our town in laying out the part has been shown during the past two weeks.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 September 2019)
Alex Wimmer cuts the ribbon for the Sept. 13, 2009, open house at Pine City Elementary School. His mother Amanda Wimmer was co-chair of the steering committee for the $7.1 million expansion

project along with Betsy Carpenter. “The school looks fantastic,” Carpenter said. “I think the public needs to be aware that this brings us up to where we need to be, but it didn’t bring us up to where we need to go.”

Pine Center for the Arts hosted nationally acclaimed “Ball in the House,” an a capella group based out of Boston, on Saturday night. The group played a full Pine City Elementary Auditorium and sang original works as well as old R&B favorites. At the end of the performance, Ball in the House was joined on stage by 70 members of the Pine City High School Concert Choir for two songs. “We love Pine City. We were here just under a year ago and really loved the community. We were so welcomed and we got to work with the best choir, the Pine City High School Concert Choir,” said Dave Guisti, a tenor in the group. “I think they are the best choir we’ve ever worked with, and we’ve traveled a lot.”

On a beautiful and exhilarating morning, 72 motorcycles wound around Robinson Park and lined up in front of the Pine City Pizza Pub to begin the fifth annual Patrick Bombard Memorial Scholarship Ride. Rick Herzog started this ride in August of 2005 with about 40 participants, and this year there were 150 participants. The increase in participants and sponsors allows the group to present more scholarship money to graduating seniors this spring.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 September 2019)
A rural Grasston man may be the next state record holder for bow-killed black bear. Larry Latourelle, 32, was bow hunting near Sandstone on the evening of Sept. 5 when he killed what may be the largest black bear ever taken in the state by a modern-day archer. “It’s pretty safe to say that it’s going to be in the top three,” said Latourelle. The remarkable male bruin he shot while it was standing a scant 12 yards away tipped the scales at 352 pounds. But weight’s not what counts in the record books; skull measurement is. “It’s green-scored was 21-04/16 inches (unofficial measurement taken before mandatory drying time has elapsed). That’s the same as the current number-one bear.” said Brad Bakken, owner of Bakken’s Bait in Stanchfield. “It’s pretty exciting,” said Latourelle, whose previous largest bear weighed 231 pounds. “And yet it’s kind of different because I’ve never considered myself a trophy hunter. Actually, any deer or bear is a trophy.”

A 17-year-old golfer joins the elite list of those who have shot holes-in-one at the Pine City Country Club. Greg Schultz, son of Michael and Lori Schultz, Pine City, was golfing with his dad and his grandparents, Norm and Pat Schultz, on Sunday, Sept. 18 when he hit the lucky shot on hole no. 3.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 September 2019)
Oscar Dahl of Hinckley has been selected to represent Pine County this year as a candidate for “Minnesota’s Outstanding Senior Citizen” award.

State Auditor Wm. J. O’Brien announced today that he will distribute $250,368 next year from sales tax receipts to Pine County in two equal installments, to help finance the operations of municipalities and school districts within the county.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 September 2019)
The milkweed harvest is now in full swing in Pine County. Onion bags furnished by the government have been distributed to each town in the county. School teachers and 4-H leaders have received information on harvesting and drying of milkweed pods.
The parents of Mary Beth Gustafson and Delphia and Patricia Wenborg are proud to announce their daughters’ enlistment in the U.S. Cadet Nurses Corps. The girls left last Saturday for Hamline University, their church college.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 September 2019)

The Leon Heath Post of the American Legion is out to get 150 members before November. They want every service man within a radius of five miles of Pine City to join.

A good band for Pine City is now an assured fact. The Band Committee, acting on authority given them by the development association, have engaged W.H. Bastien of Minneapolis to be the leader for Pine City's new band.

Jos. Petschel's new fireproof garage has been completed and opened for business this week with everything in place. The garage will be a big help for the village as there has been more work than the present shops could take care of.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 September 2019)
There are still a large number of the fire sufferers in this village who are being cared for by the state relief commission, who are making it as comfortable for them as possible.
The trains are loaded each day with men for the woods. There will be more timber cut in this county this winter than ever before on account of the fires that ran through it.
The heating apparatus has been put in shape in the new schoolhouse and a crew of men has been at work grading the grounds around the building which makes a vast improvement in the looks of the property. This is no doubt the finest school building in the northwestern part of the state and has cost upwards of $10,000 as it now stands.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 September 2019)
Vying for this year's Homecoming King crown are: Derek Braatz, son of Lori Braatz and Jamie Rich; Mike Schmidt, son of Cindy and Steve Schmidt; Tyler Mans, son of Brenda Mans; Nathan Theisen, son of Kellie Theisen; and Jacob Haavisto, son of Steve and Sue Haavisto. Homecoming Queen candidates are: Kayla Weiss, daughter of Brent and Laura Weiss; Laura Linzmeier, daughter of Keith and Beth Linzmeier; Allie Brant, daughter of Deb and Randy Brant; Kerrie Hughes, daughter of Sheila and Jon Hughes; and Jenna Williamson, daughter of Rod and Rhonda Williamson.

It has been two long years since arsonists burned down Henriette's historic town hall, but the town is FInally ready to build itself a new city hall. "I think it's great that we're going to be able to have a home for our city hall once again," said Henriette Mayor Paul Venhuizen. Kruse Construction of Hastings won the bid, and will be building the new structure for an estimated price of $86,000. Construction is set to begin this week. Venhuizen said that the city appreciates the Henriette Community Church and its pastor David Dwyer for allowing the town to use its space. "They did a lot for us," Venhuizen said.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 September 2019)
Majestic draft horses marched through the fields at Clarence Nordstrom's farm, east of Pine City, on Saturday when the Northern Minnesota Draft Horse Association held its annual Field day. Eleven hundred people turned out for the event, which featured horse teams of various sizes pulling one and two bottom plows and other implements no longer used on most farms today. Mrs. Jerry Knotch, of St. Joseph, won the drawing for the Belgian colt. According to Clarence, who has been working with the draft horses since he can remember, the field day aims to get more people interested in the big breeds and lets owners get together and talk horses.

The volunteer of the summer at the Pines Family Resource Center is Richard Klande, who showed up one day asking if the staff would like him to mow the grass. He brought his lawnmower to the Pines almost every Monday for three months. Richard has also done a number of cleaning and maintenance jobs prior to offering his lawn mowing service.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 September 2019)

The Minnesota Horse Breeders Association will hold its fifth annual horse plowing contest this Saturday at Farmington with Clarence Nordstrom of Pine City entering each of the four contests: walking plow, sulky plow, two bottom gang plow and three bottom plow.

Roxanne Hoefler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hoefler of Pine City, was crowned the UMD Freshman Princess at Duluth.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 September 2019)
Hubert H. Humphrey, State Campaign Manager of the Democrat Farmer Labor party will address a meeting of the Pine County DFL on Friday, Sept. 29, at the Madison Hotel Casino in Sandstone. Carl M.

Purdy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Purdy, living northeast of Pine City, was reported dead Sept. 20 from wounds received in action three weeks previous with the glider troops in France.

Jackie Roubinek, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roubinek, broke his leg at school last Monday morning while playing at recess. Jackie is in the University Hospital and will be there for about six weeks. He is in the first grade.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 September 2019)
If the rate of speed of a motor vehicle, operated on any public highway in this state or in going around a corner or curve in a highway, where the operator's view of the road traffic is obstructed, exceeds six (6) miles per hour, such rate of speed shall be prima facie evidence that the person operating such motor vehicle is running at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the traffic and the use of the way, or so as to endanger the life or limb or injure the property of any person.

W.H. Bastien, the new band leader, was in the village Sunday and Monday, looking for a house, but has been unsuccessful, so far.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 September 2019)
The village has purchased a new hand pump fire engine which we hope will be of some benefit to the town, the first trial was not very satisfactory on account of the second hand hose being too old to be of use and had to be returned.

The new addition to the schoolhouse is now completed and a very successful term is now in progress under the guidance of Prof. Cain and Miss Cain.

A Richner of North Branch, but formerly of Hinckley, stopped over in this burg Monday while on his way home from the ruins. Mr. Richner is now the proprietor of the "Homestead" saloon at North Branch.

There has been some talk of a change in our judicial district. The people would consent to no change that would give us any other judges than those now on the bench of this district. As long as they live, Pine County wants Judges Crosby and Williston to preside over their district court.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 Oct 2019)
Every year Pine City recognizes outstanding past achievements in athletics and coaching by inducting individuals to the Pine City Athletic Hall of Fame. This year three previous Pine City graduates are being inducted to the Hall of Fame: Jared Clementson who graduated in 2004, Sarah Althoff who graduated in 1989 and Brian Olson a 1998 graduate.

Corrections Commissioner Joan Fabian has announced the selection of Bruce Reiser as warden of the Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF)-Rush City. Reiser, raised in Pine City, holds a B.A. in criminal justice studies with a minor in sociology from St. Cloud State University. “I am pleased to welcome Bruce to our warden team. His experience and demonstrated leadership make him exceptionally qualified for the challenges of being a Minnesota warden,” said Commissioner Fabian. Reiser’s appointment is effective Sept. 16. He succeeds Terry Carlson who was named assistant commissioner of the Facility Services Division.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 Oct 2019)
The Pine County American Cancer Society’s Jail and Bail fundraiser held in Finlayson Sept. 28 and 29 raised a little over $14,000. According to the Pine County ACS Treasurer Helen Beck, there were 70 jailees. The top fundraisers were Ethelyn Kaeder, of Finlayson, with $855, Cathie Jensen, of Finlayson, with $675, and Linda Pfeifer, of Sandstone, with $673. “For the first time ever,” said Beck, the Pine County ACS “raised over $50,000 in one fiscal year, which ended Aug. 31, more than double the county’s fair share under the division formula.”

Sarah Skinner is a hard worker at the Pine City Area Learning Center. She was elected Volunteer of the Month by her Service Learning classmates because she has done the most volunteer work. In the past three weeks she has volunteered 30 hours between the Pine City Elementary School and the Pines Family Resource Center. Sarah enjoys working with kids. She lives in Hinckley with her parents, Robert and Rita Skinner, and her brother, James.

The Dragons have been raising their school spirit all week with a variety of Homecoming activities. Tonight, the biggest event of all, the coronation of the king and queen, will be held in the high school gym. Hoping to win the king’s crown are Russell Gilliam, John Norring, Joe Rysdam, Brad Bombard and Tim Hambly. Queen candidates are Joell Werner, Rita Sparks, Lara Greden, Katie Sloan and Heather Cummings.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 Oct 2019)
Benjamin T. Kozak of Pine City is one of 24 businessmen and educators in the region who have volunteered to serve in the Small Business Administration’s new Active Corp of Executives. Grand Rapids won first place in the Governor’s Statewide competition to promote tourism. Pine County came in with honorable mention, which, in essence, ranks it second in the state.

Letters of commendation honoring them for their high performance on the 1969 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test have been awarded to four students in Pine City High School: Lenore Caroon, John Erhardt, Dorothy Sauser and Mark Wurm.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 Oct 2019)
Last Thursday night, at about 3 o’clock, Arnold Hinze, living south of Pine City, discovered and shot two black bear in the yard of his farm home. The first bear was about one year old and weighed about 75 pounds; the second, about four to five years old, was estimated at about 175 pounds. Both bears were black, with beautiful fur.

The Pine County AAA committee has been officially notified that rationing all farm machinery and equipment except corn pickers has been terminated. Anyone wishing to purchase farm machinery may now do so without applying for purchase certiFIcates as was required in the past.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 Oct 2019)
A well attended meeting of farmers from the north and west sides of Pokegama Lake as far as Henriette was held at the P.W. McAllen farm on the west side of the lake last evening to enter a protest against the condition of the bridge over Pokegama Creek at the north end of the lake and to

urge the county commissioners to improve it so as to make it safe for present travel and to have the proposed new bridge put in as soon as possible.

Fire at Hinckley this morning destroyed all the buildings between the new theatre building at that place and the corner opposite the old village hall.

The country school teachers who were in attendance at the County Teachers' Institute at Hinckley last week have grievances, but they did not form a union and go on a strike for bigger wages, but they did get out a signed petition asking that larger Figures be put on their pay checks.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 Oct 2019)
We have learned that the Catholic society of this place and Hinckley will erect a parsonage in this village near the church for Rev. Father Lawler who is recovering from the injuries received during the fire at Hinckley.

A common man is counted a good shot when he can kill one duck at a shot, but what do you think of a man that kills ten at one shot? Such was the case with one of our residents on Sunday afternoon last.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 October 2019)
A volunteer organization that has been a fixture in Pine City for the past 56 years is shutting down, and its members couldn't be happier about it. The Pine City Development Corporation handed a $220,000 check over to the Pine City Economic Development Authority for use in its revolving loan fund on Sept. 29; and with that, the PCDC – which had existed since 1953 in Pine City – was no longer in existence. Howard Ledin, former Pine County Attorney and longtime member of the PCDC, explained that the members of the group felt the organization had run its course. "It seemed to us it was more sensible to dissolve and give that money to the EDA, which is much more capable of proceeding with loans. We would be woefully ill-prepared to service loans," Ledin said. The $220,000 has come primarily from the sale of land on the northwest corner of Highway 61 and County Road 11 that the PCDC had sold to Kanabec County to build a health care facility at that location.

The cross-country coaches are proud to honor the following students as Athletes of the Week: returning letter winners Cody Hanson (11), Megan Miesner (10) and Sherry Rike (9), and newcomers Abby Cummins (9), Mike Chouanard (12) and John Dedic (11). Cody and Sherry have consistently finished as number one runners for our team this fall. They have both set high goals for themselves and work very hard to achieve them. Megan, Abby, Mike and John have made solid contributions to this year's squad. They have great attitudes and good worth ethics.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 October 2019)
Jamie Fedder, daughter of Ed and Margo Fedder of Pine City, is the highest ranked girl tennis player John Eberhart has ever coached for the Dragons. According to the latest statistics, she is No. 7 in singles in Class A tennis. This has been good enough to draw the attention of college coaches. Fedder expects to go to the University of Minnesota-Duluth on a tennis scholarship in 1995. She credits her parents in helping her get this far. "They have always supported my interests in tennis. I started in fifth grade playing with my cousin, and in seventh grade I joined organized tennis with the junior high. I've been playing varsity since eighth grade." Fedder not only plays tennis but teaches too. She works with the summer recreation program in Pine City, helping younger kids learn about this game.

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, the selection committee for the proposed prison met to hear presentations of communities interested in having the proposed 800-bed close custody correctional facility. Groups representing Isanti County, St. Cloud, Braham and Pine City Rush City-Harris were each allowed

one and one-half hours to present their information. Clark Joslin, member of the Isanti County Area Correctional Facility Task Force, said Monday, Oct. 10, the field has been further narrowed to Pine City-Rush City-Harris, Isanti County and Braham. Final recommendation is expected Monday, Oct. 31. Although any community within the state was originally allowed to submit a proposal, Joslin said preference was given to any sites within a 35-mile radius of the Cambridge Regional Treatment Center, which is downsizing.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 October 2019)
At a meeting held at the Pine City Village Hall, plans were laid for the dedication of Interstate 35 to be held at Pine City on Nov. 25.

The first lost hunters of the season in Pine County were rescued Monday evening in the Chengwatana State Forest northeast of Pine City, reports Sheriff Adam Martinco.

PCHS Homecoming Queen Colette Christenson and her princesses reign after coronation last Friday night. Crowned princesses are Sue Youngbauer and Karen Grahn.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 October 2019)
The Redemptorist Fathers Catholic Society with headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri, have purchased the Pokegama Sanatorium from the H. Longstreet Taylor Foundation. The buildings will be reconditioned, after which it is the intent of the Redemptorist Fathers to establish a Mission House, which will be used as a center for mission work. Later, a special training school will be established. It will also be used as a retreat for priests and catholic men. The Pokegama Sanitorium was first established by Dr. Taylor in 1905, and up until the time of its closing, Aug. 1, 1943, was one of the northwest's leading sanatoriums for the treatment of tuberculosis. In 1923, the new hospital addition was built, and under the guidance of Dr. Callahan, did much toward the treatment of this dreaded disease.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 October 2019)
Thirteen residents of Pine City, Rock Creek and Hinckley were served with summons by a U.S. Deputy, Tuesday, in a suit by N.S. Randall to recover $100,000 from the said unlucky 13 for something or other not mentioned in the summons.

The county agent attended an enthusiastic cheese factory meeting at Henriette, last Saturday evening. The men had previously started proceedings and report considerable stock sold and only part of the farmers interviewed. The farmers intend to start with a cooperative cheese factory which later on can be converted into a cooperative creamery, if desirable. A cheese factory can be started with a little smaller equipment.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 October 2019)
The fire sufferers are fast leaving town, there being but 25 to 30 of them left. Miss Clara Hay left on Monday to take charge of the Barlett School at the head of Lake Pokegama.

HINCKLEY NEWS: A great many sightseers are still visiting this place and everything available has been taken as relics. A.L. Craig's barbershop is running in good shape, his being about the first business place to open up here.

Jos. Kroneneberg, commenced on his saloon building on Thursday of last week and began doing business on Monday of this week.

McLaren and Cox have their blacksmith shop running in full blast getting out logging sleds to supply those who lost theirs by fire. The firm also will have their grocery store running and are prepared to furnish you with anything in their line.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 October 2019)
A five-foot tall seagull stolen from the Grand Marais sign on I-35 outside of Pine City has been recovered from a Pine County basement. The bird, affectionately known as “Flip Marais,” was discovered by the Pine County Sheriff’s Department during a burglary investigation, according to Chief Deputy Steve Ovick. The bird was driven back to Grand Marais for a homecoming celebration. “All we wanted was for someone to give us the bird back, and now it’s happened,” said Diane Brostrom, executive director of the Grand Marais Area Tourism Association. “We’re so happy he’s okay, and that he can get back to work welcoming folks to Grand Marais.”

This is the second year of the Pine City Girls’ tennis teams Big Sister/ Little Sister program. Girls in grades 4-6 are matched up with varsity girls. The varsity girls help coach their little sisters and keep in touch with them throughout the year. The goal is to teach the fundamentals of tennis as well as the enjoyment of the game. There were 63 “Little Sisters” and 15 “Big Sisters.”

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 October 2019)
A Pine City resident and Army Reservist was awarded a medal for meritorious service to the 88th Army Reserve (ARCOM) during a ceremony held at Fort Snelling, St. Paul. Master Sgt. Richard A. Redner received his second Meritorious Service Medal for service provided to the 88th ARCOM and for his work with Joint Task Force Timber Wolf. Redner retires from the Army Reserve at the end of October but will continue as a full-time civilian employee assigned to the joint task force. During his career, Redner has earned numerous awards including the two Meritorious Service Medals and awards for combat service in the Korean War.

Pine City native Michael Zemek is back in his hometown teaching vocal music at the junior and senior high level. Zemek graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College last year. “I became a teacher because I realized the importance education has in my life and specifically a music teacher because somewhere along the line, I knew it was music that made the difference in my life. I was inspired by the examples of my teachers and also by my father, who isn’t an educator himself but has been my greatest teacher.” Michael hopes to increase the awareness and involvement of Pine City High School students in choral music, while improving its quality. “I want to provide students with the experiences that foster personal and group growth and the joy of performing well.”

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 October 2019)
A 550 acre site preparation and reforestation project will soon get underway in Chengwatana State Forest, announced Wayne Golly, district forester. The purpose of the project will be to remove 470 acres of non-merchantable aspen timber and replace it with 325 acres of Norway pine and white spruce. The remaining 225 acres will be permitted to regenerate to native hardwoods and shrubs.

The Sandstone Lion’s club is planning to build a toboggan slide on Lion’s Hill. Construction is expected to begin shortly.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 October 2019)
Pine City’s Dragons clinched the District 25 football championship Friday, when they whipped Barnum, 12-0 and snapped that team’s string of 25 games with a defeat.

Effective Nov. 1, 1944, new rates for money orders, insurance, C.O.D. and special delivery fees will be put in force by the Post Office Department.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 October 2019)
The stock of the First State Bank was sold, last Saturday, by Fred A. Hodge and P.W. McAllen to John C. Carlson of Rush City representing the five men who recently applied for a charter for the First National Bank which is now being incorporated here.

The athletic committee of the Development Assn. have completed plans for the skating rink for the use of the village this winter. The rink will be located on the old wood yard site, south of the park. The ice will be flooded three times a week and will be free for the skaters.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 October 2019)
Our residents are still laying in their stock of coal for the winter, five car loads having already arrived. Houses to rent are at a premium in this town at present, there not being a house vacant in the town. Building is still going on in this burg, there having been three new houses started in the last two weeks. It is only a matter of a few months when you will see a grist mill added to the business industries of this village. It is greatly needed and must come sooner or later.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 October 2019)
On Oct. 12, the No. 3-seeded Dragons fell to No. 2 Pequot Lakes, 5-2, in the team tennis tournament at Gold's Gym in Sartell. Therefore, the team did not move on, but one individual, Shauna Jahnz, has more to play for. She was one of the bright spots of the day with a 6-2, 6-4 win. The others were Jamie Dickey and Brooke Olson, who won their second doubles match, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1. On Oct. 20, Jahnz will play at Hinckley and vie to be one of two to make a trip to the State Tournament. "Shauna has been playing tennis at a high level all year," said coach Seth Sauter. "It truly is a joy to watch Shauna play tennis. She is a great athlete with a great attitude."

At the annual Pine, Kanabec and Mille Lacs County Youth Leader Training Event on Oct. 15-16, young volunteers spent many hours bagging Thanksgiving food they had gathered from their local communities. All together the youth made nearly 50 Thanksgiving bags. They will distribute the meals to the local food shelves within their communities. "This was the second year we did the Thanksgiving food bags and once again it was a huge success," said Lorelei Finley, Pine County 4-H program coordinator.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 October 2019)
Mark Printing, Pine City's newest business, is owned and operated by Kent and Darlene Larson. Kent brings to the business over 20 years experience in full service printing. The son of retired printer Clifford Larson, Kent is a former Pine Citian. He began Mark Printing in 1983 in Isanti, offering printing service for both commercial accounts and for individuals. Mark Printing in Pine City will hold its grand opening Oct. 27-28. It is located on the corner of 5th St. and 2nd Ave. in the former Bixby Bridal store.

Leadership in Educational Excellence awards went to four teachers from Pine City. Merrilee Eberhart, Julie Anderson, Lisa Nentl-Bloom and Doug Trampe were selected by local school district ofFIcials to receive the awards which come from the Central Minnesota Educational Cooperative Service Unit. The awards were presented at a recent banquet.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 October 2019)
Though there is little interest in the Red Cross County Chapter, the six board members met and voted unanimously not to consider closing the chapter until local boys are home from Vietnam to keep a line open between them and home.

According to vital statistics released by the Department of Health, Pine County's population is down 103, to 16,901 residents. Minnesota's estimated population is 3,647,000.

There was standing room only at the first meeting of Parents Without Partners held in the social room of the Five County Mental Health Center at Braham on Oct. 22.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 October 2019)

The purchase of milkweed floss gathered in Pine County the last six weeks is just about completed. When all bags are in, it is estimated we will have about enough floss to make 500 life belts.

There will be a Republican rally at the Hinckley High School auditorium on Nov. 3. Gov. Ed Thye and Harold Knutson will speak.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 October 2019)
The raise in salary asked for by the teachers of the Pine County rural schools, while attending the teachers' institute held at Hinckley last month, is still unsettled. The matter of gaining more pay to the teachers is up to the different school boards.

Thomas France and Florence Hady were wedded by Rev. Young of the Methodist Church at the home of the bride's parents.

An increase in salary was granted for the clerk in the County School Superintendent's office. The clerk has been receiving $35 per month but hereafter the salary will be $50 a month.

The Pine City Fuel and Ice Co. received a contract to furnish Hocking Valley lump coal for the courthouse at $8.50 per ton.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 October 2019)
A representative of the Minneapolis Tribune was in this village on Monday of this week on business connected with that prosperous paper.

A team owned by Mr. Schufeldt of Stanchfield caused some excitement by running away on Monday evening of this week. They started from Berg & Ihle's store and ran down Main Street and landed in a ditch in front of the German Lutheran Parsonage. The wagon was completely demolished but the horses were not hurt.

Some of the town people are beginning to discredit the report that there is to be plenty of work and big wages the coming winter when they are offered $12 a month in the woods.

Married– Louise Kick to Wm. Engler at the German Lutheran Church on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. C. Abel. Born–

To the wife of Frank Madden, on Thursday of this week, a girl weighing 10 lbs. Mother and child are doing well.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 October 2019)
Pine City Council Member Brian Scholin received the city's third annual "Citizen Planner" award at the third-annual planning open house on Oct. 28. Scholin was honored by Mayor Jane Robbins for his commitment to planning for the City of Pine City and his contributions to the city's comprehensive plan adopted in 1998 and municipal development ordinance (M.D.O.) adopted in 2006. Scholin's leadership is recognized in the various committees he serves on: Ordinance/Policy Review, Insurance, Executive Committee, Net Plan Joint Powers Board and Library Board/Web Page.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 October 2019)
Jamie Fedder placed 4th at State in tennis. She boasts a 31-8 record this year, playing a tough schedule, many ranked teams and top individuals, and is the only player in Pine City's long and successful history to place at State in both singles (4th) and doubles (3rd). Her 106 career wins are the most ever by a girl for Pine City. "We are very proud to have had Jamie play for Pine City. She is a complete player and a terrific individual. Her drive and dedication have been a tremendous asset

to a really wonderful young lady. The #1 singles position will be different next year and tough shoes to fill," said coach John Eberhart.
The first official meeting of the newly named Pinewatana County Kids 4-H club was held Monday, Oct. 17. Officers elected were: President Faith Egerdahl, Vice President Melissa Dehkes, Secretary Gina Valvoda, Treasurer Chanda Kara and Reporter-Historian Dana Johnson. The club will meet the third Monday of the month. Meetings will be held at the Phil and Mary Egerdahl residence.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 October 2019)
One of the bright and useful additions to the Pine City athletic field this year was the tower at the north end of the 50 yard line. Spectators appreciate the scoreboard that was placed on the face of the tower.

Obtaining the Great Northern Railroad depot in Askov as a museum and cultural center was listed as a major project of 1968-69 in the annual report of the Pine County Historical Society at its annual meeting. Jim Clark reported that the Minnesota Historical Society will arrange to participate in the dedication of the restored Connor's Fur Trading Post to be completed next summer.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 October 2019)
A War Production suspension order was issued against a Mora man, Compliance Commissioner Wilbur H. Cherry announced today. Without authorization from the WPB the man began and carried on construction of a building consisting of a combination dance hall, roller skating rink and tavern on property owned by him and located on the shores of Fish Lake. The estimated cost of this construction was $2,862.69, which exceeded the limit of $200.00 permitted by Conservation Order.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 October 2019)
Harvey Reed of Hinckley made the county an offer of $45 per acre for approximately 200 acres of the county poor farm, presenting a check for $1,000 to bind the deal providing it was accepted by the board.

A party of three men from Hibbing, traveling in a Jordan sedan car, had a serious accident between Pine City and Rush City, on the Federal highway last Saturday evening when the car struck a rut in the road and upset. One of the men suffered severe injury to one of his legs from the glass, and the limb was nearly cut in two. He was rushed to Pine City and was taken to his home at Hibbing on the night train.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 October 2019)
We are pleased to see that Tom Henderson is rapidly recovering the use of his hand which was so badly burned in the great fire near Sandstone.

One of the lowest, meanest tricks that was ever perpetrated by a sore hear or an opposing candidate is being carried on throughout the county at the present, by tearing down a candidate's card and putting his favorite's card in its place. We do not speak of anybody in particular as we do not know who did it but somebody did it and that somebody is a mean, contemptible sneak. A short time ago a physician recommended that cologne water be inhaled through the nose and mouth for curing short colds in the head and chest. Fifty drops on a handkerchief inhaled four or five times a day is said to have a good effect.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 November 2019)
Several Pine City High School choir students recently attended the 20th Annual ACDA Men's and Women's Choir Festival at St. John's University in St. Joseph. Students rehearsed all day with conductors from several colleges, and also heard several college choirs perform. A total of 900 singers were in attendance for the festival, with everyone singing the final piece, "Homeland,"

conducted by ACDA president Brian Stubbs, choir director at Brainerd High School. Pine City students who attended were Sean Kehren, Renee Schminkey, Baylyn Pangerl, Laurel Anderson, Thad Hedtke, Andrea Smith, Joe Wolf and David Kleppe.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 November 2019)
Regina Reiser, Pine City, was inducted into the Order of The Sword at the American Cancer Society annual meeting held in Brooklyn Park. Reiser earned the honor by being an active American Cancer Society volunteer for at least five years and plans to continue being an active volunteer in the association. She serves as the nominating chairman of the Pine County Unit, and she also works with the in-service unit. Ruth Brabec also received the Honor of the Sword. She works with the Willow River-Sturgeon Lake area of the Pine Unit. Loretta Stratton, Rita Best and Rita Bible also attended the American Cancer Society annual meeting, representing the Pine Unit.

Hunters in the Pine City area can work to improve wildlife habitat by donating their deer hides to the Hides for Habitat program. The program is sponsored by the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, which works closely with the Department of Natural Resources on habitat projects. The MDHA has collected 142,094 hides since 1985. Hide sales have generated $842,562 to help fund projects that benefit deer, small game and non-game species. Most of the money is matched by the state's Reinvest in Minnesota program, thereby creating a million-dollar-plus wildlife effort. "Hides for Habitat is actually a recycling program," said John Kvasnicka, executive director of the MDHA. "These hides are recycled into apparel, and the dollars generated by the sale of hides are recycled into the land." Habitat funds are typically used to acquire land, establish winter food plots, build access trails, plant cover and create openings.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 November 2019)
The 1969 school census which was just completed showed a substantial increase in the number of children in the school district, reports Supt. C. M. Espeseth. The 1968 school census showed 1,934 children, the 1969 census lists 2,144 children or an increase of 210. At its November meeting held last Thursday evening, the Pine City Board of Educators voted to purchase land for use as a site for future school expansion. A minimum of 40 acres will be required. Various parcels are now being considered and no decision as to which land will be bought have been reached as yet.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 November 2019)
The Roosevelt Administration was given a resounding vote of confidence in Tuesday's election when the nation's voters returned President Roosevelt to the White House for the fourth time. Governor They was returned to office as were all of the present state officials.

George W. Staacke, a resident of Pine City since 1910, and for many years a well known jeweler, received his final summons about 7:00 Tuesday evening, in the car of Dr. Nethercott, as he was to be taken to the hospital.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 November 2019)
Those who do not wish the work of preparing a Sunday dinner at home are invited to the Hotel Agnes for a special Sunday dinner for the price of seventy-five cents. Word from Hon. Thomas Schall, member of Congress at Washington, says that he would like to hear from any young man who would like to enter the navy officers' school in Annapolis, Maryland. It is a fine opportunity and one which The Pine Poker would like to see fall to some young Pine County man. One Pine Citian obtained this opportunity when Hon. J. Adam Bede was in congress, Wm. J. Lahodney, who is now an inspector in the Bethlehem steel plant.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 November 2019)

A Republican year, New York gives 150,000 plurality to the Republican ticket. The county ticket goes about half and half. The state ticket goes straight Republican. The first, third and fifth districts of this county elected Republican commissioners.

Look at Erik Heden, the merchant tailor, has a new ad in this issue. He will make you a first class Prince Albert suit for $26 and up, other suits for $16 and up, boys suits $4 and up. Call and look at his stock before buying elsewhere.

Weddings are all the rage in this burg at present, one more next week and then they will rest for a short time.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 November 2019)
At the Nov. 3 Independent School District 578 elections, Pine City area residents cast their votes for continuity, returning the three sitting school board members to their seats by a significant margin. Dan Peterson, Steven W. Odegard and Robert W. Shuey were re-elected to the three seats on the board, while Dennis J. Gerold Sr. - the only candidate not currently on the board – failed to receive enough votes to be elected. Voter turnout was just over half of the 450 election judges were expecting. A total of 263 voters of the Pine City School District voted in the Nov. 5 election. Around 50 well-wishers gathered together for a Sunday evening vigil in Robinson Park to mark the 100th day of captivity for the three American hikers being held in Iran. Cindy Hickey, the mother of Shane Bauer and a Pine City resident, spoke to the group about her concerns for her son and the other hikers and her hopes for their speedy return home. Participants lit candles in a show of support for the hikers, wrote letters to the hikers and signed a petition. Musicians played the Bob Dylan song, “I Shall Be Released.” The following statement was read in unison by the group: “Shane, Sarah and Josh, we gather together to send a message of concern over your prolonged detention and support for your immediate release. We send you hope, strength, peace, prayers and love – today and always until the day you are freed.”

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 November 2019)
The deer hunting story Adam Davis tells his classmates contains enough heart-stopping excitement to captivate the most experienced hunter. Yet, the tale has nothing to do with a deer. Twelve-year-old Adam, son of John and Linda Davis, Pine City, was attacked by a coyote on Sunday, Nov. 6 while hunting on his uncle’s property between Beroun and Brook Park. According to Adam, he was sitting in a field, waiting for his dad to flush out a deer, when the animal came out of nowhere and latched onto his boot. “I thought it was like a wolf or something,” he said. “I heard it coming through the grass, but I didn’t see it until it grabbed my boot.” When he couldn’t shake the coyote off, Adam aimed his 303 British rifle and “shot it in the gut.” Adam thinks the coyote was attracted to his boot because there was blood on it from a deer he had watched his dad gut shortly before the attack. He escaped the incident without so much as a scratch.
The three students who collected the most pledges in St. Mary’s annual school marathon were Brandon Schumann, third place, with $343.42, Krista Hill, second place with $527, and Emily Mach, FIrst place with $760. The marathon was held Sunday, Oct. 2 at St. Croix State Park. Despite clouds and sprinkles, the students had fun on the 15-mile bike hike. They received $6,500 in pledges to help the school budget for this year. Businesses which contributed prizes for the students were Hardee’s, McDonald’s, Dairy Queen, Sauser’s Hardware, Coast to Coast, Subway, Jubilee, Game Plan, Schumann’s Bakery, Pam’s Variety Video, Muffie’s, Cambridge Cinema, Pizza Hut and also Knights of Columbus.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 November 2019)
A great deal of interest is seen in the dedication and formal opening of Interstate Highway 35 to take place at Pine City on Nov. 25. The first caravan carrying passengers on Interstate 35 on the dedication day will be composed of a large array of celebrities and dignitaries. Heading the list will be Governor Harold LeVander.

Spec/4 David Teich, age 20, of Pine City was killed in action in Vietnam last Friday, Nov. 14, while on reconnaissance near Saigon. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Teich, he had been on duty in Vietnam since April of this year.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 November 2019)
Uncle Sam issues call to the following local men: Clifford Schlo, Sandstone; Berl J. House, Rush City; Frank Branzovsky, Pine City; Reinhold West, Hinckley; Jack Tunell, Pine City; Arthur Mans, Brook Park; James D'Aoust, Pine City; Elmer Gaddes, Brook Park; Harold Hejny, Pine City; Donald Chaffee, Hinckley; John Beneke, Hinckley; Donald Gross, Pine City; Benjamin Ausmus, Hinckley; Herbert Holmberg, Pine City.

Waste Fats – Each pound of waste kitchen fat is worth four cents and two red ration points. Bring your salvaged fat to your grocer or meat dealer. Shoes – Airplane stamps No. 1, 2 and 3, good for one pair, indefinitely. On sale at the Pine City Mercantile Co.: Cannon towels, 49¢; Girls blouses, $1.49; Purrey blankets, $5.95; Hood & Muff sets, $2.98.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 November 2019)
Grant Norlander, the keeper of the hotel at Henriette, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by the state hotel inspector charging noncompliance with the law and that he had failed to comply with orders from the department to remedy matters.

A bull moose paid Pine County a visit, last Thursday. He chased through Hank Hooker's backyard at Brook Park, early in the morning and trotted down to Mel Trotter's and Mr. Kargas' east of town, in which region he just naturally disappeared. Several people saw the animal in that region. Marion Lones returned today from the woods about 47 miles north of Cloquet, bringing back a fine buck. He reports a Chicago man stepped off the train there in his presence, stood on the track in front of the engine for a few minutes and shot a bull moose that came up to greet him. Marion also says the train he came in on picked up 74 deer within a 36 mile stretch above Cloquet.
Madden's button shop is figuring on commencing operations some time in December providing they will be able to get the necessary labor. The company has over 10,000 lbs. of shells on hand at the present time and figure this will be enough to keep a small force going all winter.

125 Years Ago, 1894 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 November 2019)
Hunters are coming in daily with loads of deer, they being quite plentiful in this part of the county.

J.E. Netser, our Village Marshall, received a telegram on Monday from the Deputy Sheriff of Ramsey County telling him to arrest a man on the Limited for embezzlement. When the train arrived, he stepped on and took his man.

A visit to our magnificent new school house reveals a peculiar state of affairs as regards the "modern improved heating system" in vogue in that piece of architectural grandeur. One would think himself in a boiler testing establishment from the noise made by escaping steam. This defect should be remedied at once as it not only is a hindrance to the progress of the work but is also not what the contract called for.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 November 2019)
Local residents flocked to the Pine City Elementary Auditorium this weekend, where the high school's fall musical, "Little Shop of Horrors," did frighteningly well drawing record crowds. Both Friday and Saturday evenings performances were near sellouts and attendance soared at Sunday's matinee, which featured a special backstage tour for families. According to director Bradley Mariska, over 1,100 tickets were sold to the weekend's performances. "How exciting for the students to be

able to perform in front of packed houses," said Mariska. "And what a great community that comes out to support these talented students."

A new series of license plates designed by Pine City native Amie Dahl, a Technical Sergeant in United States Air Force National Air Guard, was recently unveiled at the State Capitol. The plates commemorate "Gold Star" families who have lost a family member serving on active military duty. At the unveiling ceremony, which was attended by Governor Pawlenty, First Lady Mary Pawlenty and Major General Larry Shellito, Amie was presented with an engraved award and roses. Amie is a 1998 graduate of Pine City High School. Her parents, Jon and Carole Dahl of Pine City, said they were proud of their daughter. "We are humbled by Amie's dedication and accomplishments," said Carole Dahl. "She proudly serves her country and has done two tours in Iraq herself."

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 November 2019)
Twelve year-old-Peter "Two Bucks" Gustafson, a seventh grader at Pine City High School, shot two bucks on opening day of the Minnesota deer season. Hunting east of Hinckley, on his grandfather Virgil Gustafson's land, Peter was the only hunter in his party of nine to take a deer on opening weekend. He shot the first one from the stand his dad was using when he shot his first deer 27 years ago. Peter's parents, Keith and Mary Gustafson, own and operate the Dairy Queen in Pine City.

"All of the characters are based on fact or a cumulation of factual people," said Karlajean Becvar about Hinckley-Finlayson High School's upcoming play, "Christmas '94." Becvar teaches seventh and ninth grade English, acting, speech and creative writing at the Hinckley-Finlayson High School. She lives in Pine City with her husband, Jay, and three collie dogs. "I spent most of the summer writing this [play]," said Becvar, after a year of research. "I'd be up at three in the morning just plugging away at my computer … One section of the play has been rewritten 25 times … My kids (students) have really helped with the editing process...I think it's a wonderful learning experience for them." "Christmas '94" is about the first Christmas in Hinckley after the Great Hinckley Fire of 1894. Becvar's primary source of information was the book "From the Ashes," written by Grace Swenson.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 November 2019)
Hundreds were on hand for the log cutting ceremony for the dedication of the opening of Interstate Highway 35. Mayor Tom Burns of St. Paul and Ben Boo of Duluth, with saw in hand, parted the pines in a ribbon cutting event using a pine log instead of ribbon.

The Pine City FFA Dairy Products team placed FIrst in the district Dairy Products Contest held at the University of Minnesota. The team members are Paul Wagner, Mark Koberdahl and John Peters. Alternates were Tom LaPage, Tony Lindahl and Carl Kent.

The Howard Anderson farm home and all its contents were completely destroyed by FIre last Sunday. The Andersons, who live nine miles southwest of Pine City, were not at home when a passerby noticed the blaze and turned in the alarm.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 November 2019)
The skeleton of the body of a man found near the James Rydl farm, northeast of Beroun last week, has been identified as that of Kenneth L. Seedorf, 16, Olewein, Iowa. Young Seedorf disappeared March 7, 1943, while visiting his grandparents near Brook Park. Identification of the remains was made by relatives through a .410 gauge gun he had been carrying, his glasses, dental work, and bits of clothing that he had been wearing on the day of his disappearance.

Elmer Anderson, 31, farmer living east of Duxbury, died from the effects of a gunshot wound received while hunting last Sunday. Mr. Anderson was well known throughout the county, as he was a Triple A committeeman and assessor of his town.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 November 2019)
Several large deer have been killed by some of the hunters in this vicinity. Mr. Fisher brought home a nice buck. Howard Blankenship is also the proud slayer of a two hundred pounder.

Miss Joyce Sheils and Arthur Halverson of Sandstone were united in marriage by Rev. Young at the Methodist parsonage at Pine City. The bride has been a popular dentist at Sandstone for a few years and the groom, recently returned from France where he won the rank of Sergeant, is employed at the Cooperative Store.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 November 2019)
In 1994 Pine City's tennis team not only excelled on the court but in academic subjects as well. The Dragons were the top team scholastically among girls tennis teams in Section 7A. Pictured are back row, left to right: Ranee Henschel and Ali Mach. In the middle row are Marcie Dufresne, Heather Cummings, Christa Connaker and Allie Wiedeman. In front are Jamie Fedder, Katie Sloan, Danelle Peterson and Lara Greden.
The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff, with help from the Minnesota Conservation Corps, harvested a 44-foot balsam fir from the Nemadji State Forest in northeastern Pine County on Nov. 20 that will grace the Governor's official residence in St. Paul for the holiday season. The hunt for the Christmas tree begins in early fall when DNR foresters scout for potential candidates in Minnesota's network of 58 state forests. "Finding a perfect specimen growing in the wild is not an easy task," according to Tim Brault, a DNR forestry technician. Once felled, the tree is loaded on a trailer, bound in rope and tarp-covered for its journey to St. Paul. When the holiday season ends, the tree is removed, chipped and recycled.

Friday night at the North West Company Fur Post, Pine Citians were treated to an evening of food and wines thanks to the Pine Technical College (PTC) Foundation which organized a Taste of Pine County. Pine City Voyageur Bottle Shop hosted the wine tasting portion of the evening. Presentation was everything, and the food choices were many. More than 25 wines were available.
Wagonmasters was given the People's Choice Award based on voting of the evening's guests. They won just by one vote. All were winners for taking part in such a worthwhile evening that benefits PTC students and the community.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 November 2019)
The WCMP radio sports staff has announced its choices for its All Area High School Football Team. Pine City's Pete Spychalla received honorable mention for his play on offense. Anthony Costello, Pine City, earned honorable mention for his defensive efforts. Jeff Eklund, of Braham, was named offensive player of the year. Cambridge's Jason Yates was defensive player of the year and Ed Melcher, of Braham, coach of the year.

Deer and bear hunters in east central Minnesota had less success than last year, yet hunting was still quite good. Though numbers are incomplete at this time, it appears the firearms deer harvest is down 10 to 20 percent in the Hinckley, St. Cloud, Little Falls, Brainerd, Cambridge and Aitkin areas. The bear harvest is down about 37 percent from last year. "Though hunters took fewer deer and bear, the harvests are still high when measured against the yardstick of history," said Henry Wulf, DNR regional wildlife supervisor. "This region's bear harvest is the fourth largest on record and the deer harvest is also the fourth largest." Wulf said this year's lower harvest is a reflection of abundant acorn and berry crops, which provided bear with ample natural food. "Bear were less inclined to visit bait stations because they had food all around them," said Wulf.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 November 2019)
Mrs. Edward (Cary) Scharmer of rural Pine City recently had her first book printed. Carlton Press of New York released the publication during November, entitled “My Best Foot Forward.”

Funeral services for 13-year-old Joey Weis, who was killed in the train-car accident a week ago, were held in Hinckley, burial was in the Brook Park Catholic Cemetery.

The Pine City Chamber of Commerce has a pre-Christmas treat in store for youngsters and adults alike. It will be Santa Day, Appreciation Day and Town and Countrymen’s Smoker Day on Dec. 6.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 November 2019)
Forty-six big game hunters were tagged by game wardens for violations of the hunting season. The majority of the cases were for not having their rifles properly cased, which drew a fine of $10.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Clementson of Pine City received a telegram that their son, Corporal Kenneth Clementson was slightly wounded in action on Nov. 10. This is the second time Kenneth has been wounded. The first wounds were received by him Aug. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Thore received the “Purple Heart” medal from the war department last week, which was awarded them posthumously, due to the death of their son, Burton, which occurred in France last July.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 November 2019)
J.C. Hancock, living between Brook Park and Beroun, has purchased a couple more purebred shorthorn cattle giving him four animals which he says he will use as the nucleus of a herd of purebred on his farm, a sire and three cows.

In paying his subscription to the Pine Poker, Alex Thieman of Pine town stated that in one instance the Pine Poker had recently saved him ten times all that it has ever cost him. When the snow went off in his clover FIeld, recently, one of his cows got too much of the wet clover and suffered from bloat. But his mind went back to an article published in the Poker this fall on that very thing, telling how to puncture the cow’s paunch to let the gas out and he saved the animal by acting on that advice which was quoted from Dr. McLaughlin, the Rush City veterinarian.

Under Notices – I leave today, Thursday, for a vacation. I simply am compelled to get myself into better physical condition to stand the strain of the winter’s work ahead of me. A country doctor must be tough and able to endure cold and hardship especially so where the whole burden practically falls on one man. I have tried to have a doctor here during my absence but could not secure one. There will be a doctor here regular on Saturday, Monday and Wednesday about 11 p.m. and probably every day. Call up my home or the Breckenridge Pharmacy for information. ~ R.L. Wiseman 125

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 December 2019)
Veterans of Foreign Wars President Jim Zaun presents a check for $500 to the Pine City Summer Rec program. “It affects so many kids over the course of the year,” said Zaun of the 50-year-old program. “It makes a big impact.” Pictured left to right: Jon Cruz, Jim Zaun, Paul Miller, Lara Smetana and Steve Odegard.

The current art display in the Rural American Bank was created to bring the viewer up close and personal with nature. Photographer Dee Kotaska calls her work, ‘Intimate Reflections.’ As she said, “Getting close up or intimate with my subject allows me to connect and express the feeling I have about that connection. ‘Reflections’ indicates what your subject reflects back to you and reflects on

who you are and how you view the world." Kotaska's advice for aspiring artists is, "If it makes you feel good, do it. It expresses who you are and helps you define yourself."

Six-year-old Danielle Cavallin of Pine City was selected as a winner in this summer's "Get Creative @ Saving for College" sweepstakes, sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Education, State Library Services and the Minnesota College Savings Plan. Jeff and Jaclyn Cavallin, parents of Danielle, will be awarded a $1,000 cash prize that can be invested in a Minnesota College Savings Plan account for the benefit of Danielle. The Pine City Public Library branch of ECRL where Danielle participated in the Summer Reading Program, also won a $500 cash prize for future reading programs. "It is always gratifying to see children reading throughout the summer," said Christy Koch, librarian at the Pine City Public Library. "And with our troubled economy, the chance to win $1,000 was definitely an incentive to anyone saving for their child or grandchild's college education. We are also thrilled with the $500 prize, which will go a long way toward enhancing our future reading programs."

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 December 2019)
Senior Jason Koester (152#) and junior Mike Doenz (160#) had outstanding individual performances in leading the Dragon wrestlers to high team finishes this past weekend in both the Hinckley Early Bird Tournament and the Rush City Invite. Doenz, wrestling "up" two weight classes was 5-1 with five pins, one championship and one third place finish. Koester was 5-0 with two championships. Jason capped a fantastic weekend by dominating an excellent wrestler from Brooklyn Center 19-8 in the finals at Rush City.

Ambitious Pines 4-H Club member Natalie Shephard, Pine City, and her dog, Winnie, racked up a score of 192.5 out of a possible 200 points to take home a blue ribbon from the State 4-H Dog Show held in Royalton. Natalie, 12, qualified for the state show by receiving a blue ribbon at the Pine County Fair and a blue at the Regional Dog Show in Bemidji in September. This is her first year in the dog training project. Two other Pine County 4-H members, Crystal Hendrix and Emily Williams, both of Hinckley, also received blue ribbons in the competition.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 December 2019)
The first major snowfall of the winter season hit Minnesota over the weekend giving the assurance of a white Christmas. The snow began Friday evening and was still coming down as of Tuesday resulting in a blanket of snow over 12 inches deep.

The first Pine City Area Career Fair was a flurry of activity Monday as students moved from booth to booth discussing careers with the many representatives on hand.

The Pine City wrestlers are continuing their winning streak from last year. They crippled the Braham Bombers 30-10.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 December 2019)
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cherrier of this city received word from their son, Robert, that on Nov. 18 he was promoted to Lieutenant in the Maritime Service. Charles Trippler received word on Wednesday that his son, Sgt. Dean Trippler, was missing in action since Nov. 11.

The money was collected from the bottles around town for cigarettes for our boys in service. A total of $32.01 was obtained.

This week at the Family Theater, Cary Grant and Ethel Barrymore appear in "None but the Lonely Heart" taken from the novel of the same name by Richard Llewellyn. It is a story of poverty and a love so strong it transcends all the shabbiness of the surroundings.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 December 2019)
The Johnson store at Rock Creek was broken into and robbed last Sunday night. The post office, which is in the building, was also gone through.

Frank Cabak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cabak who live on the Federal Highway a couple miles north of Beroun, was seriously injured Monday morning by the premature explosion of a charge of 40 percent dynamite which he was putting into a hole on a ditching job. The right side of his face and his left eye were terribly lacerated and it was feared at first that the sight of both eyes had been destroyed. He was taken to Minneapolis on the noon train by his father and brother, John, and is doing fine at the University Hospital.

Dr. Walter, of Minneapolis, arrived today and will at once open an office in the Busselmeier building, over the Family Theater, and will practice medicine here.

Owing to the coal shortage, it has been necessary for the railroad administration to discontinue many passenger trains. Also owing to the coal shortage, F.A. Jordan has announced his billiard room will be closed on Sunday after Dec. 14.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 December 2019)
Congratulations to Sue's Hometown Catering (First Place) and Wings North (Second Place) for their award winning floats in the parade this year. Special thanks to all of the parade participants: Pine City Lions, Pine City Ambassadors, City of Pine City, MINPACK, The Flower Box, Pine Riders ATV Club, Pine Technical College, Java Joe's Bistro, Pine City High School, Lee's Pro Shop, Toys for Tots, Sky High Riders Saddle Club, Chengwatana Riders Saddle Club, and of course – Santa Claus!
The seventh grade girls' basketball team took second place in the Hayward Tournament last Saturday, Dec. 5. The team gained victories over three Wisconsin teams: Spooner, Cumberland and Grantsburg, before falling to Hayward, Wisconsin, in the championship. Team members are Julia Christianson, Tiffany Heisler, Gillian Kolling, Miranda Lindahl, Megan Long, Alexis Miller, Trinity Seals, Terra Shermer, Sydney Skeie, Abby Skluzacek and McKenna Webster.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 December 2019)
VFW Post 4258 Commander Paul Horns and member Bob Foster proudly presented checks to the winners and participants in the annual Voice of Democracy essay contest, sponsored by the VFW. The theme was "My Vision for America." Joe Rysdam was the first place winner and won $100. Lara Greden placed second for $75, Joell Werner, third, for $50 and Roberta Shermer and Nathan Johnson tied for fourth and received $25 each. Junior High Principal George Johnson coordinated the contest at the high school this year.
Tara Kazek, 9th grader, in her second year with the Rush City-Pine City Gymnastics team, won all-around at the first meet of the season, scoring the highest total points in four events. Tara also placed FIrst on floor and first on beam. She has made many improvements in her performance this year and is the Athlete of the Week.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 December 2019)
Councilmen expressed concern regarding snowmobiling in the village, and sounded a warning to local snowmobilers to abide by the village ordinance adopted last January.
The Agnes Hotel will be inspected by local and state fire inspectors to check its safety.
A report from the state attorney general was received at the city council regarding village participation in the building of a medical clinic here. The attorney general ruled the village had no authority to participate.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 December 2019)

George Skalicky this week announced that he and his wife have dissolved association with the DeSoto Produce at the Pine City Produce, located at the south end of Pine City, and will open a company of their own, to be known as George's Produce.
Twenty-nine deaths due to motor vehicle traffic accidents in November have been reported to the Minnesota Highway Department.
Mrs. Virginia McAuley is visiting her father, Ira C. Holt, for a period of several weeks. She has just returned from a tour of 18 months service in Panama, half of the time being with the Navy in the Canal Zone, and the remainder of the time at an army air base in the interior of Panama.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 December 2019)
The county commissioners, at their meeting Monday, sold all of the poor farm that lies about two miles east of Hinckley, for $55 an acre. The 120 acres sold contain the large house and barn and much cleared land and considerable land unfit for anything but pasture. While the house on the farm would be large and commodious for a farmhouse, there were no facilities for housing the men and women separately and the men were housed in a little shack that has been condemned for years by the state board of health. The poor farm has been a white elephant in the hand of the county ever since it was bought through the efforts of the old ring that formerly controlled the county and that still retains too much power. Because of complaints from St. Paul, the board ordered the removal of the snow from half the Federal Road and then the discharge of all the maintainers.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 December 2019)
The Chengwatana Riders Saddle Club has elected 2010 officers. They include Rob Granger, president; Donna Sandberg, vice president; Melody Gillen, secretary; and Becky Conyers, treasurer. Royalty for 2010 includes: Samantha Johnson, shows queen; Donna Sandberg, parade queen; Lauren Granger, game shows princess; Kristy Conyers, pleasure shows princess; Austin Rose Stapek and Lily Rehn, little misses; and Dale Nelson and Trevor Jordan, little buckaroos.
The Minnesota State High School Coaches Association salutes Pine City High School coach Keith Linzmeier for 25 years of service to Minnesota High School Athletics. He was honored at a brunch on Saturday, Dec. 6 at Edinburgh Golf Club in Brooklyn Park.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 December 2019)
Co-founder Michael Clark, of the East Central Child's Family Advocate Center in Cambridge, recently received a $5,000 donation from 3M Company Plant Manager Tom Grahek, Pine City. According to Grahek, 3M distributes money from its grant program after reviewing each request. "This one felt appropriate," he said. The center, which opened in April 1994, works with area law officials, school counselors and the Refuge Center to provide a facility where families separated by divorce or other dissolution situations can have a place for supervised visits with their children, as well as being a drop off and pick up site. The non-profit organization serves over 50 families, who come from as far away as Duluth.
Jeff Warner, Pine City, has a 7-0 record in professional boxing after a victory Wednesday, Dec. 14 at the Radisson in downtown St. Paul. Warner, who owns Warner's Family Fitness Center with his wife, Jennifer, started boxing professionally this year. His third round TKO over heavyweight opponent Mike Pena, from Iowa, earned him a world rating. Over 3,000 people attended the FIght Dec. 14. It was staged by Ringmaster Sports Club and Aaron Productions.
50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 December 2019)
An ancient custom, which "prescribed" mistletoe for the prevention and cure of a wide variety of illnesses – epilepsy, for instance, has given way to the happier idea that mistletoe is the right prescription to assure opportunities for exchanging kisses during the holiday season. At early Christmas celebrations, the most popular "greens" were holly, ivy, mistletoe and rosemary.
This week's new teacher is Mrs. John (Merilee) Eberhart, who teaches second grade. Mrs. Eberhart is from Marshall. She attended Moorhead State College where she graduated in June 1969.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 December 2019)

The Redemptorist Fathers of Pine City, who recently purchased the former Pokegama Sanatorium, announce that the title of their new foundation is “St. Gerard Mission House.” The Redemptorist Fathers is a religious society formed in 1732 by an Italian nobleman, Alphosus de Liguori, a man of profound learning, having earned both Canon and Civil Law at the early age of 16.
The first set of immunization clinics closed Friday and the success was gratifying. There were about 1,500 children vaccinated for smallpox and 1,600 inoculated for diphtheria. The Pine County Nursing Service feels that Pine County is fairly well protected. If smallpox or diphtheria should break out in this county we would have a few scattered cases.

100 Years Ago, 1919 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 December 2019)
The county school boards’ association held its annual meeting in the new theatre at Hinckley, last Friday afternoon, giving folks opportunity to arrive on the noon trains and leave before supper in all directions. State Rural School Inspector Swain was present and gave a dandy address. “A $90 teacher is too expensive a piece of furniture to have her spending her time cleaning the schoolhouse. Contract that job to somebody else and tell the teacher that you expect her time and thought and efforts to be centered on the teaching work in the school. Keep the outhouse door closed so as to keep the snow and rain out, using a spring or a pulley rope and piece of iron. The best kind of teacher is the cheapest kind. When you get a good one, hang onto her, make her feel at home and keep her in the community over Saturday and Sunday. Give your teacher a bonus if her wages are too low. Don’t fall back too hard on your contract, pay her what is right and fair. The board has the legal right to do this, and if there is any question you can fire her and hire her over at a satisfactory price.”
Robberies of business houses in southern Pine County are becoming more and more numerous. First, they showed up occasionally at Pine City and then at Rock Creek. Now they are vibrating rapidly between the two points and the mails at the Creek have twice been interfered with, which is an especially serious matter.

10 Years Ago, 2009 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 December 2019)

Pastor Glenn Kleppe and his wife Linda received an anonymous Christmas gift of a new 2010 Subaru Forester. The salesman from Morrie’s in Minnetonka told the Kleppes that he was “sworn to secrecy” regarding their benefactor, and gave them a card that said only, “Thank you for serving God in this place. Merry Christmas.” It is the first new car the Kleppes have owned in 25 years of marriage.
The defending Sub-Section One-Act Play Champions from Pine City will return to competition next month with an experienced and talented cast and crew. This year’s one act, “The Exonerated,” features a cast of nine and a crew of two, most of whom are veterans of the local stage. Lead roles were awarded to Trevor Clune, Aaron Nisley, Jorie Williamson and Greg Shelton. Supporting roles went to Holly Staples, Leah Schminkey, Emma Briski, Josh Palmer and Andrew Cox. The crew for the show will be Christine Kraft and Nick Basta.

25 Years Ago, 1994 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 December 2019)
Pine City resident Mrs. Wilbur L. Larson was honored recently by the national headquarters of the Military of the Purple Heart Service Foundation and was added to the roster of founding members of the foundation’s new Golden Hearts Club. The honor is reserved for those individuals who have displayed an outstanding dedication to helping America’s veterans; especially those who have been wounded by enemy action and have received prestigious Purple Heart medals. The Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation organized the Golden Hearts Club in 1994 to honor and provide special support for these veterans. The club motto is Behind every Purple Heart is a Heart of Gold.
A brand new Polaris Indy 440 has found a home with Phyllis Clymer, Pine City. She is the grand prize winner of the Hinckley-Pine City Flames Snowmobile Club’s annual raffle. Club member Dick

Fox presented the new machine to Clymer recently. Cash winners in the fundraiser drawing were Mark Olson, St. Paul, $200 from First National Bank of Pine City; Marie Dean, Rogers, $100 from Rural American Bank of Hinckley; and Roy Rueb, a summer resident of Cross Lake, $100 from Pine City State Bank.
This week's Athletes of the Week are Junior Tony Willert who has been a big reason why opponents hate to play the Dragons. Tony has a 4-4 record with a 2.84 G.A.A., and has stopped 89% of all shots. Senior Nick Miller is one of the Dragons' leading scorers. He has four goals and four assists so far. Nick has good speed, good hands and a quick shot.

50 Years Ago, 1969 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 December 2019)
Village Clerk Keith Selleck warned dog owners this week not to permit their pets to run loose within the village limits.
The Sandstone State Bank moved into their new and modern building Tuesday, Dec. 9.
The Village skating rink east of the Assembly of God church on 8th Ave. is now open to the public.

75 Years Ago, 1944 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 December 2019)
Harriet R. Wilcox of Pine City was commissioned Ensign in the Naval Reserves (Waves), Dec. 21, 1944, having completed training at the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's school at Northampton, Massachusetts. She has been assigned to duty under Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Ensign Wilcox is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Wilcox of this city.
A Deputy Collector of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service will be at the city hall in Pine City on Jan. 11 to assist and advise taxpayers in the preparation of federal income tax returns.
A disastrous fire hit North Branch last Thursday morning when the Anderson Fairway store building and the North Branch Review office were destroyed, resulting in about a $100,000 loss.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 January 2020)
In December Pine County's newest deputy, K9 Nitro, officially started duty. K9 Nitro takes the place of K9 Zapp who retired due to age and health concerns. K9 Nitro is a 15-month-old purebred German Shepherd who was obtained by the sheriff's office at no cost. K9 Nitro and his handler, Deputy Paul Widenstrom, completed a 12-week training course on Dec. 4. K9 Nitro is trained for tracking, building searches, evidence recovery, drug detection as well as other tasks.
The Pine City girls' basketball team was all smiles as they received their first-place trophy from the Royalton Holiday Tournament. The team beat Onamia in the final game to bring home the hardware; now 6-2, the Dragons are on a four-game winning streak and play Hinckley at home on Tuesday and East Central away on Thursday this week.
25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 January 2020)
The Pine City skating rink on 8th Ave., next to the nursery school, is closed until further notice. According to Pine City administrator Bob Voss, vandals smashed a vehicle into the north and west walls of the warming house, making the building unusable. The city will repair the structure, but it is closed until work is completed.
Shane Roatch, son of Larry and Robin Roatch, was accepted to participate in the People to People Youth Ambassador Program. A seventh grader at Pine City High School, Shane will be one of 40 Youth Science Exchange Students to visit Auckland and Rotorua, exploring the rain forests and hot springs areas on the North Island of New Zealand. He will travel to Sydney, Brisbane, New South Wales and Queensland in Australia to learn about the plants and animals and study the tropical marine life of the Great Barrier Reef.
50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 January 2020)
David Mills of Pine City and Paul Mills of Cambridge have purchased the interests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell C. Mills, in Mills Press, Inc., publishers of the Pine City Pioneer and the Cambridge Star, effective immediately.
Pine City recorded another year of healthy growth during 1969, according to records in the office of the village clerk. Building permits issued during the past year totaled 26 and represented $291,897 in local construction.

Upwards to 400 entries are anticipated in the third semi-annual East Central Snowmobile race, sponsored by the Pine City “Sno-Blazers” snowmobile club.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 January 2020)

Eighty accidents from the use of firearms were reported to the Minnesota Conservation Department during the 1944 hunting season.

The recent purchases of the old Farmers & Merchants State Bank building by the publishers of the Pine Poker-Pioneer and the Gamble Store building by Tom Henderson will result in the moving of these two businesses to their new locations within the next three weeks.

Two telegrams received this week from the war and navy departments told of the death of Corporal Melvin Peter, serving with the army in France, and Gunners Mate Ernest Wanous, on duty with the navy.

Twins ushered in the New Year at Lakeside Memorial Hospital when a boy and girl were born to Pfc. and Mrs. Christ Bergwick of Brook Park town. The girl was born at 12:01 a.m. and her brother followed three minutes later at 12:04 a.m.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 January 2020)

It will be interesting to Pine County mothers, and others, to know that out of 41 deaths of Pine County, children under 5 years of age reported to the state board of health during 1918, 26 died before 1 year of age, three before 2, five before 3, three before 4 and four before 5. In Chisago County only 22 deaths of children under 5 years were reported. In Kanabec County only eight deaths were reported.

Pine City youth folks who are home from studies at various colleges and universities will be entertained this evening at dinner at the Wilcox home.

A “stag” party is to be given in the Development Association rooms on Friday at which all members are due. We are not permitted to print the program for vulgar eyes, but be there to get your share.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 January 2020)

The Pine County Courier put in its appearance on Saturday of last week, published at Sandstone by Folsom & Haber. The paper is a bright newsy sheet and if the town turns out as expected, the boys have struck a good thing.

C.P. Johnson living about five miles west of Rock Creek became insane four days ago while working in the woods near Duluth and was taken to Rush City on Wednesday’s noon train. He was taken from the train more dead than alive and Dr. Stowe was called to attend him. He was unconscious and it took a couple hours of hard work to bring him to. As soon as his senses returned, he made a rush around the room and considerable trouble was had in quieting him. He was taken to his home in very bad condition.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 January 2020)

Jesperson still dancing at 104 Though she needed some help in 2010 to make her way indoors, once Helen (Rootkie) Jesperson, age 104, heard the music at the Pine City American Legion on the afternoon of Jan. 6, she headed right out to dance with Arnie Althoff . “She has lived to dance all her life,” Jesperson’s niece, Joan Benson, said. “She’s always enjoyed it.”

Pine City Walmart handed out checks to several local agencies on Friday, Jan. 8. Contributions included $150 to Rush City Cares, $2,000 to the Big Pine Lake Association, $1,000 to Pine City Parks and Recreation Department, $2,000 to Pine City Public Library and $5,000 to the Pine City Fire Department. Contributions totaled $10,150.

Lexi Jo Rydberg, the newest addition to the Rydberg family of Pine City, is the first baby of 2010 born at Cambridge Medical Center. Lexi, whose parents are Jenny and Dan Rydberg, was born at 12:21 p.m., weighing in at eight pounds exactly and measuring 20.5 inches long. She is the Rydbergs’ second child and will be a companion for three-year old sister Arissa. Grandparents are Don and Bobbi Schultz; Dan and Deb Rydberg; and Jim and Jackie Hanson, all of Pine City.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 January 2020)

Rink Rat Day, organized by the Pine City Youth Hockey Association, was a big success, with 200-250 youngsters enjoying the great weather, skating, food and fun. Former Minnesota hockey Gophers Grant Bischoff and Jason Miller volunteered their time and talent to teach the kids a few

pointers and to sign autographs. Julie Carlson won the grand prize, a color television donated by Pamida.
New members of the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors are Joy Pangerl of JR Pangerl CPA, Dave Chmiel of WCMP Radio, Theresa Davidson, Atscott Manufacturing and Mary Ward of the Pine City Pioneer.
50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 January 2020)
Three of the four locomotives pulling a Milwaukee Road fast freight derailed here early Monday morning as the train sped through Pine City on its journey to Duluth. The locomotive units were near the Northwest LP Gas Co. when the mishap occurred. Cause of the derailment is not known.
Pfc. Ronald Caroon received the Army Commendation Medal for Heroism, by order of the President, for heroism in connection with military operations against hostile forces on Oct. 20, 1969, while serving with Company B, 4th Battalion and 9th Infantry in the Republic of Vietnam.
Fire completely razed the building housing Conrad's Furniture store in downtown Rush City Sunday afternoon and gutted Cele's Fashion Shop next door. No cause for the fire has been determined yet.
The Connor Fur Post awaits spring for completion and dedication. Present plans call for dedication on Saturday, Aug. 15, in conjunction with the annual Pine County Fair and parade.
75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 January 2020)
Lt. Col. Clint Boo returned to his home here Monday morning after three years' service in the European sector.
Thirty-six persons lost their lives in motor vehicle traffic accidents in Minnesota in December. This is the greatest number of deaths in any December since 1941, when 62 were killed.
Women of Pine County can "mine" tin sufficient for 71 Flying Fortresses this year. On the basis of last year's consumption, civilians will open 1,739,724 cans of food this year. According to a table recently issued by Washington, 24,000 cans provide tin sufficient for one Flying Fortress.
100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 January 2020)
Sheriff Hawley could not understand why his friends had so suddenly become very solicitous as to his welfare and were paying him such lengthy visits the past two days, until someone whispered in his ear that "the boys" knew of the "still" he had in the basement of the courthouse. It seems the Sheriff discovered a booze-making machine at the Nordheim farm, with some perfectly good fire-water in the process of making, which he brought to Pine City and stored in the basement until it was needed as evidence. Since then the Sheriff has become especially popular.
125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 January 2020)
The mercury took a downward slide Sunday night and did not stop until it got to 30 degrees below zero. The cold was keenly felt. The fine weather of the past is being made up for. The farmers are bringing in cord wood at a great rate since the recent snow. A few inches more would make splendid sleighing, but we are thankful for small favors.
On Friday evening of last week a party of about forty young people assembled at the residence of J. Griffith where a very pleasant evening was spent in playing games.
Ex-station agent P.J. Walley who is spending the winter in St. Paul, writes us that he is working on a bill which he will introduce into the senate as soon as complete, putting a heavy fine on all bachelors not married before June 1, 1895. Mr. Walley is aware of the situation in Rock Creek and knows very well that something must be done to keep the town up.
10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 January 2020)
Pine County Deputies Scott Grice and Tom Meier were each recognized on Jan. 5 for saving a life in the past year. In two separate incidents, the two deputies made decisions that resulted in someone still being alive today. Pine County Sheriff Mark Mansavage reported that Grice saved the life of a man whose heart had stopped at Jan and Gary's Restaurant in Sandstone in July. Using one of the defibrillators recently placed in Sheriff's Department vehicles, Grice was able to revive the man.
Meier received his award for preventing a suicide at the Highway 35 intersection with Highway 70, where a woman was declaring her intention to jump into traffic. Mansavage said that Meier was able to talk the woman into not jumping, thus saving her life. Mansavage congratulated the two men.
Curling and dogsleds were some of the highlights of the North West Company Fur Post Winter Frolic on Saturday, Jan. 16. Participants enjoyed the sunshine as they got a taste of truly old-fashioned

winter fun. Children made friends with the New Moonshine Huskies of Pine City, who provided rides around camp. Others played snow snake, or snowshoed along the nature trails as they learned about winter travel during the fur trade.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 January 2020)

Beargrease triumph Local musher J.R. Anderson tackled the grueling challenge of the John Beargrease race and claimed fourth place. Anderson entered the 105-mile, six dog division of the Beargrease, not the notorious 500 mile marathon. This was his second year to competition, and he completed the course in 19 hours, 12 of those running hours, the rest required layover time. The clock placed him one hour and 15 minutes behind the first and second place mushers and only 15 minutes out of third place. The Anderson family has been active in sled dog racing for about five years.

Four young people from the Pine City Area Learning Center visited Washington, D.C., Nov. 13-20. Marti Hoiland, Mathea Bell Bruley, Kelly Reynolds and Larry Hayes participated in the Close Up Washington program. Through question and answer discussions, small seminars and workshops, students had an opportunity to experience, close up, how the government works. As a result, participants became not only more knowledgeable about the government but also more comfortable talking about current issues. Bonnie Sparling, the teacher accompanying the group, said the experience will have lasting and far-reaching effects on the people involved.

Sophomore Jessica Odegard is the Dragons' top all-arounder with a high score of 29.6 and is this week's Athlete of the Week. She set the school record on balance beam Jan. 5 at Chisago Lakes when she scored a 7.8. Jessica has been consistent with showing improvement. She is also a great team leader.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 January 2020)

This week's new teacher is John Oare, who teaches fourth grade. Oare is from Minnetonka. He served in the U.S. Navy, stationed aboard the aircraft carrier, USS Forrestal CVA 59. Then he attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and graduated in May 1968. Before coming to Pine City, Oare taught sixth grade in Ossian, Iowa for one semester. About 150 adults attended the open discussion meeting concerning the school's health curriculum dealing with family life and human sexuality held at the multi-purpose room Monday evening. There appeared to be very little opposition by the parents attending to the planned film showings.

The school auditorium was filled to capacity for the donkey basketball game held Saturday evening. The profit of $380 will be used by the Pine City AFS adult chapter to bring a foreign student to Pine City next fall.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 January 2020)

The worst fire in Royalton's history wiped out three business places with the loss of $34,000 worth of buildings, machinery, merchandise and equipment in 20 below zero weather. A theatre, a machine shop and a grocery store were razzed within an hour when fire, breaking out near the theatre heating plant a half hour before a wedding dance was to start, swept uncontrolled through the three adjacent brick and brick-veneer structures.

Use of steel spectacle frames thinly coated with nickel silver, in place of pre-war frames of other metals, have saved 9,000 pounds of nickel, 28,500 pounds of nickel silver and 16,000 pounds of copper.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 January 2020)

The village council, through some effort, has procured, at a very nominal rate, several carloads of cinders for road building purposes. These cars must be unloaded immediately upon their arrival, and we call for volunteers to help with the unloading free of charge. Help is scarce and it is next to impossible to get a force sufficient to do this work in the time the cars are allowed to remain here.

The old Pine City Hotel building is being remodeled by changing the stairway and the main room straight through to the rear end of the building, making it about 75 ft. long, so as to serve in the new capacity as the village post office.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 January 2020)

The work on the new road between Pine and Mission Creek towns connecting the Pine City and Hinckley Road with the old Government Road is about completed, thanks to the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad which caused the same to be opened.
On Friday of last week the cold became so intense in the upper rooms of the school building that Mr. Hay had to dismiss school.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 January 2020)
At the top of her game! Rising up and over the opposition, Kerri Hughes (3) drives the lane for two. The Dragons hosted the Rush City Tigers on Tuesday night in 2010, and emerged with a 46-43 victory
On Jan. 17, more than 250 former colleagues, family members and friends gathered to help former Pine City School Superintendent Clarence Espeseth celebrate his 90th birthday at the Pizza Pub in Pine City. Those who know Espeseth agree that he is a remarkable man. In 1965 the Pine City school board recruited him for the position of Superintendent of Independent School Districts 578 and 579. He almost declined. According to his own words, “Everything was in such bad shape here!” However, Espeseth means “Aspen on the hill” in Norwegian. The aspen tree has a unique characteristic to bend in high winds instead of break. Espeseth took the job. Throughout the next 17 years, Espeseth – along with many dedicated colleagues – transformed every aspect of the local educational system. At his 90th birthday party, many commented on how he treats everyone with respect no matter who they are. Former Guidance Counselor Howard Olson said, “He is a friend’s friend and an educator’s educator.”
Pine City residents with a taste for Asian food now have a new dining option. Wild Bamboo, located at 610 Eighth Avenue Southwest in Pine City, is Long Vo’s second restaurant. He recently closed Little Camranh Bay in Grantsburg, Wisconsin, and Grantsburg’s loss is Pine City’s gain. “I looked at Pine City and thought it should have a fine-dining Asian restaurant,” Vo said. Vo, who has been in the United States for 14 years, is only 25 years old, but has his eyes clearly set on his dreams. “This is my goal – to be a restauranteur,” he said.
25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 January 2020)
The Firefighter of the Year for the Pine City Department is Chief Paul Miller. His father, former Fire Chief Jack Miller, presented a plaque to Paul at the department’s annual holiday banquet Saturday night. Miller has been a member of the Pine City Fire Department since 1982 and has served as chief for the past two years. He was chosen for the Firefighter of the Year honor because of his commitment to the department, as well as his service to the city as civil defense director, a member of the budget committee and the new public safety committee. Miller is employed by Peoples Natural Gas as a service technician.
Four Pine City High School students and a teacher are spending this week in Washington, DC as participants in the Close Up Foundation government studies program. Social Studies teacher Mary Ellen Sauser is leading the group, made up of Florence Abelman, Cory Eken, Brekka Hanson and Rebecca Haug. During their week in Washington, the students will attend seminars with members of Congress and meet with a representative of the Washington press corps, lobbyists, government officials and political figures.
50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 January 2020)
Steve Roubinek of Boy Scout Troop 188 of Pine City attended the “Order of the Arrow” winter training session and banquet at Nahak Lodge 526 in Superior, Wisconsin, on Jan. 17.
The State Junior College Board designated Cambridge as Minnesota’s 20th state junior college site and recommended Pine City, Cambridge combine as a community college.
State highway ofFIcials assured the Pine City community that the village would get an interstate rest stop, but informed them four sites were under consideration. The engineers’ objection to the site favored by Pine City appeared to be the appeal of the Snake River. While the river would appeal to the traveler, it might be something in the way of an attractive nuisance. It could tempt the unwary to use the water for swimming or boating with possible resultant loss of life, for which the department could be held responsible.
75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 January 2020)

David J. Winton, regional director of the WPB, today announced a nation-wide “brown-out” order effective Feb. 1, 1945, prohibiting use of electricity for outdoor advertising, ornamental and display lighting to alleviate the critical fuel shortage. It is estimated that the order will save 2,000,000 tons of coal annually.

Sixty-six of Minnesota’s 87 counties reported 536 cases of infantile paralysis in 1944.

The Sandstone community was saddened Sunday when the news flashed rapidly about town that Ray W. Barstow, one of Sandstone’s most prominent citizens, had passed away that morning. All knew that he had been ill with a heart ailment and that he had returned recently from a hospital in St. Paul, but no one realized that his death was so near.

Brought back by popular request to the Family Theatre, Walt Disney’s Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 January 2020)

One of the saddest accidents reported for some time, was the death of the twoand-a half-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rozum, living east of town, last Friday morning. The little fellow had been left in a chair while his parents had gone to the stable to do the morning milking. During their absence he got a stick of wood and opening the stove he set fire to the wood and evidently set his clothes on fire at the same time. He was overcome by smoke, as his little spirit had departed from its earthly home when he was found by his bereaved mother only a few minutes later. The heartbroken parents have the sympathy of the whole community in the loss of their beloved child.

Lieutenant Robt. Wilcox opened his law office in the room recently vacated by Bancleon’s Barber Shop, last week.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 January 2020)

The taxes in this village are about double what they were the previous years, owing to the new and the special village tax. It is hard, but will have to be endured for a while at least until we can get our new school building paid for. It is the first time in a number of years that this district has been in debt and it will come hard at first but it will be only a few years until the district will be out of debt and the taxes again reduced.

If there have been any births within the village of Pine City during the year 1894 that have not been reported to the health officer it should be reported at once to E.E. Barnum so that the register of births and deaths will be complete and accurate. Number of births and deaths reported in 1894 is 23, while in 1893 there were 30. The number of deaths in 1894 was 12, and in 1893 it was 11. Of the 12 reported only four died of disease contracted in Pine City. Six died as a result of accidents by water, FIre, etc. What village of 1,000 people can show a better death record. From Jan. 1 to May 1 there was not a death recorded.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 January 2020)

Pine City author Michael Willert has won his third award for his children’s book “Long Neck,” a story which uses zebras and a giraffe to describe a familiar childhood predicament. “It’s all about teasing and getting along with all types of people,” he said. “The zebras tease the giraffe about his long neck. They don’t want the giraffe around because it’s different from them.” Mom’s Choice Awards announced on Jan. 28 that Willert would receive their award for being among the best in family-friendly books. The program recognizes authors, inventors, companies, parents and others for their efforts in creating quality family-friendly media, products and services.

Surrounded by friends, colleagues and well-wishers, Royce Johnson celebrated his retirement on Jan. 28 from the Pine City Public Works department, where he has worked for the past 37 years – and as foreman of that department for the past FIve.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 January 2020)

Students visit mission in 1995. Pine City Area Learning Center students visited Sharing and Caring Hands Mission in Minneapolis in December, where they presented a check for $500 to the mission and wrapped gifts from the women of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. The group also visited a Habitat for Humanity site. Pictured left to right, back row, are Lawrence Surdey, Bonnie Menigo, Mary Jo Copeland from Sharing and Caring Hands, Christina Nitch and Jessie Seals. In the front are Cheryl Gilbey and Preston Lind.

The January Volunteer of the Month from the Pine City Area Learning Center Service Learning class is Christina Nitch. She has given over 200 hours of her time working on service projects in class, as well as volunteering her time at the Pines Family Resource Center. Nitch enjoys working on crafts, and her talents have been appreciated by her classmates as she contributes ideas for projects and patiently works with others. Since the Family Resource Center has closed, Christina has started working at the Pine City Elementary during her free time.

"This is going to be a real good thing for Hinckley," said Hinckley Lions President Lawrence Mans about the new Hinckley Community Center. The Hinckley Community Center will "accommodate about 400 people for a wedding dance, etc. The facility is also being built with "a higher ceiling for school activities." The Hinckley Lions wanted to "make a building that could be used for numerous purposes," said Mans. While the building itself is near completion and is handicapped accessible, Mans expects the total project "to be done about April 1. It's going to be nice... It'll be a real nice place."

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 January 2020)

The Pine City volunteer fire department was called to the trailer home of Ed Steele northeast of Pine City, at about 11:15 a.m., last Wednesday. An over heated oil furnace caused only minor damage to the ceiling around the chimney.

On Tuesday evening, the Pine City Dragons went up against the Askov Danes, who were ranked 3rd in the District. The Dragons played a great game and topped Askov 60-54.

Pine County statistics show there were 215 births, 159 marriage licenses were issued and 204 deaths in 1969.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 January 2020)

John Nelson, well known Rock Creek blacksmith, and resident of that community for the past 57 years, passed away at the Lakeside Hospital here, Monday morning of January 27th, the victim of a hit-run driver Sunday morning just a few hundred yards north of Rock Creek.

The Pine Poker-Pioneer has installed a new newspaper press this week and this issue is the first printed on the new equipment.

Training in the Medical Department is being offered to women who have a sincere desire to become a part of the medical corps and have two years of high school, provided they meet other WAV requirements.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 January 2020)

Some folks pretend to doubt Pine City's chance to grow very much "because we haven't any institution that gives employment to a large number of men." They don't stop to realize that those great institutions all grow from small beginnings. It is the man who starts under difficulties and in a small way, learning to succeed against obstacles, who demonstrates his ability and is able to get financial assistance when he needs it in branching out. Pine City has one institution, the Power Co., which employs quite a number of men, the outgrowth of a little beginning in the flour mill engine room, some 22 years ago.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 January 2020)

The ice cutting was at a standstill for a couple of days this week on account of the cold weather.

Sheriff McLaughlin was called to Sandstone to arrest five men who had refused to assist the village marshall in making an arrest. The men were brought to this village and arraigned before Judge Veenhoven for trial. L.H. McKusick appeared for the state while the prisoners looked after their own interests. The prisoners tried to prove that the marshall was drunk but it was proven that he was perfectly sober at the time of the trouble. The prisoners were each fined $10.00 and costs, with the exception of one, who had a sore foot and was unable to assist the officer. This shows that there is a crowd of people who are trying to run the town but they will find out that they cannot do as they please with an officer of the law.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 February 2020)

The cast and crew of "The Exonerated," after winning in sub-sections. Left to right – Back row: James White, Kayla Smetana, Nick Basta, Jorie Williamson, Greg Shelton, Holly Staples, Christine

Kraft. Middle row: Emma Briski, Trevor Clune, Aaron Nisley, Leah Schminkey. Front row: Andrew Cox, Josh Palmer.

McKenzie Kloeckl, a student at Pine City Elementary School, was touched by the scenes of the terrible aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti on Jan. 12. She wanted to do something about it so she organized a fundraiser at school. “When I saw on TV and heard on the radio what was happening to the people in Haiti, I thought that each of us could give a dollar or two,” Kloeckl commented. “Some friends and I decorated buckets and stood at the school entrance for a week before school to collect donations. Word got around and more money came in as the week went on.” During this one-week fundraiser, the students and teachers of Pine City Elementary School donated $452.87, which will be sent to the Red Cross.

In the final game of the Beau Berglund Memorial Hockey Tournament at the Pine City skating rinks on Feb. 6-7, the Wings North team beat the Rydberg – Lees Pro Shop/“Monster”/DPR Builders team to become tournament champions.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 February 2020)

The top fundraiser in the annual ski-a-thon for cancer, held at Banning State Park on Sunday, was Phil Diers, of Willow River, who brought in $1,000 in pledges. T&M Athletics donated 60 pairs of skis for use by ski-a-thon participants. There were 212 skiers in the event, and they raised a record $16,980 for the Pine County Unit of the American Cancer Society. Loren Brabec, Braham, was second highest fundraiser with $915.50. His father, George Brabec, Sturgeon Lake, was third highest with $442.

Miss Pine City Joell Werner was one of 83 queens to attend the St. Paul Winter Carnival festivities Jan. 26-29. Young women from Wisconsin and Minnesota attended the coronation dinner where King Boreus Rex LIX and the Queen of the Snow were chosen. They visited the 3M and Gillette companies, marched in the Grand Day Parade and enjoyed a Minnesota Moose hockey game. Joell said she received royal treatment and is grateful to the Pine City Chamber of Commerce for making the experience possible.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 February 2020)

According to the annual report issued this week by George E. Sausen, Pine County juvenile judge, juvenile court cases showed an increase in 1969. During the year, 80 delinquency petitions were FIled, up 30 from 1968.

Florian Chmielewski, 42, Sturgeon Lake, in Pine County, this week announced his candidacy for state senator in District 25.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 February 2020)

Mrs. Trullson of Sandstone was honored on the Breakfast at Sardis radio program for being a good neighbor. She was nominated in a letter written by Mr. Sheridan Greig. Mrs. Trullson has made several delinquent tax lots in Sandstone into a playground for the children. With the help of her garden club they have raised money to buy equipment for the playground.

The Pokegama Grange is sponsoring a Free Hard Time costume party, Feb. 15 at the Pokegama Town Hall. A small fine will be assessed if not in costume.

As the United Nations move forward to victory, programs such as Scouting step forward to do their part in insuring the peace. The theme of the 35th anniversary celebration of the Boy Scouts of America from Feb. 8-14, is “Scouts of the World-Brothers together.”

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 February 2020)

C.C. Ives has purchased the Hurley barn and is moving it to lots in the southeast part of town where he will remodel it for residence purposes.

Rev. F.O. Carlson of Grantsburg, Wisconsin, will hold services at the Mission Church on the St. Croix Road, 7 miles east of Pine City Feb. 8, at 11 o’clock a.m. Everybody welcome, come and bring your friends.

G.R. Christopher has sold his house on 8th Street to Adolph Blazek who has sold his farm some seven miles east of town and expects to move to town about March 15. Mr. Christopher is as yet uncertain as to where he will move.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 February 2020)

A genuine blizzard raged in this village on Wednesday of this week, snow and wind was the order of the day.

This week Wm. Tierney disposed of his fine driving mare together with his cutter, buggy, robes and blankets to Walter Smith who will keep her for a family horse. There is no better family horse in the county than this beautiful gray and Mr. Smith has secured a prize that we are sure he will appreciate. Mr. Tierney will, as soon as the weather permits, turn his stable into a dwelling house and his niece will arrive from Ottowa, Canada to keep house for him. Mr. Tierney says that he has boarded his hotels and boarding houses and he is going to try a change.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 February 2020)

Governor gets Valentine's greeting from Pine City, Governor Tim Pawlenty smiles at little Ashley Peters at noon on Feb. 12, 2010 outside the Pine City American Legion. Pawlenty was taking part in the Governor's Ride from Hinckley to Pine City as part of the statewide snowmobile Winter Rendezvous. When he arrived in Pine City, Pawlenty found himself serenaded by this colorful group delivering singing Valentines for Pine Center for the Arts.

This Sunday, the Pine City High School Concert Band will take the stage with the St. Cloud State University Wind Ensemble in SCSU's annual "Music Alive" Festival Concert. The Pine City band was invited for this prestigious performance based on their recent success at large group and solo/ensemble music contests. The Pine City ensemble comprises 78 talented student musicians in grades 10 through 12 and is directed by Bradley Mariska.

Pine City High School celebrated Snow Week from Feb. 8-12. The PCHS student council hosted many events for students and staff such as Monday night's dodge ball tournament, crazy dress up days and a student dance. Friday's Pep Fest included athletes from the different Dragon teams participating in a wacky relay.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 February 2020)

The winner of the third annual District Spelling Bee, held last Wednesday at Pine City Elementary, is Zach Hammill, an eighth grader. About 18 students grades FIve through eight earned the right to compete in the district bee. Zach will now go on to the regional competition in Ogilvie. The Pine City Pioneer donated a dictionary as first prize, and Viking Coca Cola contributed liters of pop for all of the participants.

From July 1935 through December 1937 a very respectable monthly newspaper was published way out in the "sticks" east of Sandstone and Hinckley. The name of the paper was the St. Croix Leader. Many family names that might be recognized by longtime residents of East Central Minnesota occasionally appeared in The Leader. The following is only a partial list: Anderson, Bach, Brennan, Cyr, Chaffee, Currie, Dicks, Doughfman, Edin, Folsom, Gjertson, Greig, Irons, Jensen, Kendall, Krismer, Ogg, Orr, Raudabaugh, Ryan, Soens, Steinert, Strohkirch, Tate and Wise. Anyone interested in reading through these 32 newspapers may do so at the public libraries in Pine City, Hinckley or Sandstone.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 February 2020)

Salary negotiations between District 578 teachers and the school board began here last Thursday evening. At that time the teachers submitted to the board a proposed new salary schedule. Under the proposed contract, salaries for a BA degree teacher would start at $7,020 and go up to $10,649.34 in 11 steps. MA degree teachers would start at $7,861.80 and reach $10,748 at the 11th step.

The District Eight FFA crops and horticulture judging contests were held Thursday at the Technical Education Center in Anoka. Pine City placed FIrst in the horticulture contest.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 February 2020)

Lila Hinze, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hinze of Pine City, has reported for duty with the Navy Department in Washington D.C. She is serving with several thousand WAVES who have been assigned to Washington as direct replacements for male Bluejackets, releasing them to fight at sea with the fleet.

Pine City High School Cagers racked up wins number 10 and 11 at the expense of a surprisingly improved Chisago City quintet and a rugged, aggressive Hinckley team. These two wins run the

Dragon win streak up to eight straight games since their defeat at the hands of Rush City, and places them in the first position in the south sub-district race.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 February 2020)

Some of our local baseball enthusiasts have been busy the past week making plans for a first class team for our town this summer. Band leader Bastien informs us that he has a big surprise in store for Pine City folks this summer, when the boys' band will make their first appearance. He states the boys are very enthusiastic over their work and will give us a band to be proud of.

A man who owns some renting property in town was here a week ago and became so enthused by what he was told by some Pine City folks that he placed increased values on his holding, amounting to 40% in one case. Of course, this means that he will want more rent. Pine City is growing and property values are increasing, but not as rapidly as some folks seem to think.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 February 2020)

G.W. York with the Northwestern Library Supply Co. was in this village the latter part of the week trying to start a library. It costs $2.00 to become a member of the society and gives free access to the library of one hundred volumes for three years, the books being changed every year. Mr. York will try and connect Princeton with this town and Rush City, if possible. It is to be hoped that the scheme will go through as it would furnish the members with good reading at little cost.

In Rock Creek, farmers are blockading with wood. Nothing can be seen but cord after cord of wood and eight or ten carloads are shipped daily.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 February 2020)

The Pine City Squirt B1s were awarded second place this past weekend in Moose Lake. In the sixteam tournament, the Dragons beat Moose Lake 4-3, beat Cloquet 3-2, but lost the championship game to a very good St. Louis Park team Sunday afternoon. Team member Mason Rutgers was also awarded a trophy for fastest skater.

Nine Pine City eighth-grade band members were recently accepted for a performance in the Annual Northeast Minnesota Band Directors Association Honors Band which was held at Denfield High School in Duluth on Jan. 30. Pine City's students were chosen from a pool of over 450 students representing 25 participating junior high schools from northeast Minnesota. The students chosen were Sarah Nisley, Rachel Krautbauer, Lydia Molberg, Alexis Cummings, Scott Kleppe, Bailey Ballou, Jonathan Cukla, Sondra Steele and Katie Downing.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 February 2020)

Golfers goof off on Pokegama Lake. A fine February day for golf it turned out to be on this Saturday in 1995 when the second annual snow golf tournament was held on Lake Pokegama. Sixteen foursomes participated in the nine-hole event, which is sponsored by Bruce Cummings American Family Insurance, Muffie's and the Pokegama Lake Association. Dick Kuzel's putt gave him and partner Tom Gahler something to laugh about on the eighth hole.

Cross country skiers from the Pine City area competed in the Mora Vasaloppet race on Sunday, Feb. 12. Jeff Menigo, Pine City, placed 126th in the men's division of the 35 kilometer race. He had a time of 2:04:54.2. Peter Langr, Hinckley, came in 160th with a time of 2:13:00.8. LeRoy Youngblom, Brook Park, finished in 225th place with a time of 2:24:19.5. In the men's 13 kilometer event, two Brook Park youths, Mitch Denker and Matt Denker, finished. Mitch placed 21st. He is in the age 12-15 group, while Matt was 31st and was in the 11 and under age bracket.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 February 2020)

According to figures released this week by the secretary of the Pine City Volunteer Fire Department, the department answered 57 calls during 1969. This is 15 less than the preceding year.

The village of Pine City finished the year 1969 in good shape with a clerk's balance for all funds of $391,611.98, according to the annual financial statement.

The board of education met with the teachers' salary committee last Thursday evening in the second of what is likely to be a series of meetings between the two groups. The board proposal to the teachers is $6,900 for a teacher with a Bachelor's degree and would go to $10,200 in eleven steps. The Master's degree schedule goes from $7,485 to $11,115 in eleven steps.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 February 2020)
Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Thorson of Henriette, that their son, Ensign Orville Thorson, was killed when his plane crashed into the Atlantic off Cape May last Sunday.
The total beaver population in Minnesota is not yet high enough to allow an open trapping season this spring, Frank D. Blair, acting director of game and fish, stated today.
Operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license resulted in 103 arrests by the Minnesota Highway Patrol in January, compared to 22 in January, 1944.
Each pound of waste kitchen fat is worth four cents and two red ration points. Bring your salvaged fat to your grocer or meat dealer.
Vigorous follow up action will be taken against violators of the War production Board Brownout Order. A record is being maintained in the Minneapolis Compliance Office showing the names and addresses of violations, and continuing or repeated violations will result in the local electric supplier being ordered by the WPB to disconnect the violator's service. Excellent cooperation is being received from the local police in connection with the reporting of all violations.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 February 2020)
The percentage of absentees in the high school is running about 20% and in the grades about 10% with the flu. Many of these are out to help care for other sick members of their families.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 February 2020)
Royal Knight has a commission from Governor Clough as a Notary Public and is now engaged as collector for the businessmen of Rush City, Harris and North Branch. Any of our businessmen having accounts to collect would do well to place them with Royal as he is a straightforward businessman and a good collector. We are informed by good authority that A.E. Webber is going to have a steamboat on the lake and river during the coming summer, and that he is, at the present time, building a wharf on the north side of the river near his residence where he intends to keep the boat. It will be built so that it can run under the bridges by letting down the smoke stack, but will be powerful enough to tow barges for excursion and to tow logs.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 February 2020)
The mark on the thermometer that indicates monies raised to expand the Pine City Public Library got a boost on Wednesday when the Pine City Lions Club presented Christy Koch and the Pine City Library with a check for $10,000. Funds raised since November are right around $300,000. "The Pine City Lions Club is pleased to be able to support the program," commented Lion president, Jim Zaun, on the donation. "The Pine City Library Expansion program is one that will serve the population, young and old, for generations to come."

Pine City Administrator Don Howard said on March 1 that city offices will officially move into the old county courthouse at 315 Main Street in Pine City by Monday, March 8. "We are officially informing the citizens of Pine City that as of 8 a.m. we will be operating and performing our services to the citizens out of our new location, the old courthouse," said Howard. The city will rent the ground floor of the building for $35,000 per year from Pine County, which owns the structure.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 February 2020)
Students ready to fly in 1995. Graduates of the special aerodynamics course at Pine City Elementary demonstrated what they'd learned during their last class on a Friday in 1995. Pictured, back row, left to right, are Dustin Brackenbury, Dan Teich, Adam Tracy, Tim Johnson and Danielle

Gohman. In front are Rachel Morris, Matthew Jeske, Karie Rosenow, Annie Dufresne and Cody Crocker.

Two Willow River emergency medical personnel received the Minnesota Stork Pin on Monday, Feb. 2 for their assistance in the delivery of a baby in July 1994. First Responder Veronica Borchardt and Emergency Medical Technician Cindy Olson were recognized by Pine County Ambulance representative Marge Fagerstrom. Willow River Fire Department First Responders were paged to the City of Willow River Fire Hall by the sheriff's department in July for a report of a woman in labor. Responding with Borchardt and Olson were First Responders Bruce Bohaty, Phil Diers and Firefighters Tom Brabec and Frank Magdziarz. They found a woman in the last stages of labor in an automobile parked at the fire hall. The personnel assisted in delivering a healthy baby. Mother and baby were transported to Mercy Hospital shortly after delivery. Roberta Shermer is a senior captain of the wrestling cheerleading squad. She's been a great leader for her own squad as well as for the whole cheerleading team. She's always willing to jump in and do whatever has to be done, whether it's teaching someone new cheers, making signs for the wrestlers, or planning a pep fest. She's a great motivator with spunk and determination, the epitome of a great cheerleader and this week's Athlete of the Week.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 February 2020)
The Pine County Sheriff's Office has issued its report for 1969 which lists 673 complaints as compared to 451 in the year before. The adult report breakdown is as follows: burglary and break-ins, 15; larceny, theft and car theft, 9; fraud, 8; vandalism, 1; dope, 1; liquor law violations, 6; disorderly conduct, 15; DWI, 28; drunkenness, 19; assault, 3; rape, 1; careless use of firearms, 1; minor offenses, 23; bad checks, 80; traffic violations, 188. Total offenses cleared 496. Following several negotiation sessions, the Pine City Education Association and the local board of education came to agreement last Thursday night on a new salary schedule for the 1970-71 school year.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 February 2020)
Pine City High School Cagers finally won a basketball game over their traditional rivals from the south. It's been so long since a Pine City team has defeated Rush City at basketball that most of the gray beards in town have forgotten when the last win was posted over the neighboring school. A total of $11,058.25 was spent by Pine County residents in 1944 for fishing, trapping and hunting licenses. Included in this amount is $450 for nine non-resident licenses. This week at the Family Theatre: "The Keys of the Kingdom," one of the most widely read novels in modern times, becomes one of the outstanding motion pictures of the year. The author, A.J. Cronin, who is prone to best sellers, spent three years compiling his material before attempting to write the masterpiece, which has sold more than 800,000 copies. Gregory Peck portrays Francis Chisholm in the 20th Century-Fox picture.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 February 2020)
Ed Galles unloaded a car load of silos last week, which were hauled to the farms of the different purchasers. Ed is on the job and reports most all the farmers not having silos are planning on buying this year. Clinton Boo, one of the members of the association baseball committee has called a meeting of the committee including A.G. Yost and Earl Garbush to be held in the club rooms next Sunday at 2 o'clock to take up the question of putting Pine City on the baseball map this year. Miss Ruth Greenley is spending the week at home on account of the Kerrick School, where she is teaching, being closing until the flu subsides. 125 Years Ago, 1895 Log hauling is at a standstill owing to the disappearance of the snow. There has been upwards of 5,000 cakes of ice cut in this place since Jan. 1. Rev. Wm. Wilkinson of Minneapolis was in this village looking up facts for the complete work he is about to publish of the forest fires which swept over the county on September 1. He expects to have it ready for circulation about April 15. It will no doubt be a good book and a

credit to the author as he is not sparing money, time or labor to secure all facts connected with the great disaster.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 March 2020)
Senior Katie Nelson was selected by the Minnesota Music Educators Association (MMEA) to participate in the 2009-10 All-State Women's Choir. Over 2,100 of the state's most talented musicians auditioned for the program, with only 569 being selected for ensembles. Katie recently performed with the All-State Women's Choir in Orchestra Hall before a packed audience, and was rewarded with a standing ovation. Members of the Pine County Sheriff's Department will be on nationwide television this March. Law enforcement will be featured on the "Fatal Attractions" series seen on Animal Planet in an episode scheduled to be aired on March 21. Sheriff Mark Mansavage reported that the film crew was here last year and focused on the event involving Cyndi Gamble and how she lost her life to one of her Siberian tigers out east of Sandstone. Gamble was killed in April, 2006 when a 10-year-old tiger in her care attacked her in its cage. "The documentary will depict the chain of events and also include segments from family, friends and local law enforcement who either knew her or were at the scene that day," Mansavage said.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 March 2020)
Invention gets warm response. A young inventor from Pine City Elementary will get to show off her ingenuity at the Minnesota Student Inventors Congress in Redwood Falls June 9-11. Erica Kiminski, daughter of Michael and Gretchen Kiminski, took her Winter Wear Warmer to regional competition in St. Cloud Feb. 28 and earned the right to show it at the state congress. Erica's invention saves energy by using home heating vents to dry hats, boots and mittens. The clothing items are placed over the black plastic pipes and the whole unit is set on top of a heat vent. Erica came up with the idea, and her dad helped her produce the unit. Other Pine City students whose inventions won their classroom competitions and went on to St. Cloud were Lezlie Ballis, Curtis Kubesh, Nicole Carlson, Danielle Gohman, Joe Kruse, Charlie Zak, Sara Mizer, Melisa Dehkes and Dan Teich.

Think safe is the message that runs through self-protection expert Tim Kiel's presentations to women and children. He has been visiting Pine City Elementary in recent weeks, teaching kids to be alert and aware of their surroundings, to act assertively when approached by people they don't know and to make simple plans for dealing with unusual situations. "Kids are taught to live in fear," Kiel said. "'Don't answer the phone if you're home alone. Don't answer the door, don't go here or don't go there.' Kids can control their safety," he said. "But they have to think safe, stay alert, keep moving and make simple plans."

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 March 2020)
About 900 spectators attended the International Snowmobile Races, sponsored by the Pine City Sno-Blazers, snowmobile club March 1 at the Paulagoon Raceway. About 150 took part in the race. There is a total of 250 businesses in Pine County according to statistics released by J.F. Anderson, district manager of the Minneapolis office of Dun & Brandstreet, Inc. This total is based on a physical count of the March 1970 edition of the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book. Dr. H.E. Richardson of Rush City recently purchased the Sandstone Clinic building from the Sandstone Development Corporation.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 March 2020)
After the smoke cleared from the first round firing in the opening round of district basketball play, four teams, all from the southern half of the district, moved into the semi-final bracket. Rush City had things their own way in defeating Sandstone 42-32. In what was the game of the opening round, Pine City's Dragons beat a good basketball team from Askov, 41- 26 and handed the tall boys from the north their first defeat of the current season. JoAnn Neville, Pine City member of the Mission Creekettes 4-H club, was heard over the radio station WLB on Monday, in a talk entitled "Why I

Believe Education for Peaceful Living is Necessary." JoAnn took second place in a very close contest.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 March 2020)
Dr. G.W. Walters performed an operation for the removal of tonsils on Mrs. LaForest, daughter of A.E. Blanchard, at the home of her father, Wednesday of last week. Mrs. LaForest is doing nicely and is about recovered. A small but enthusiastic crowd attended the dance given by the Development Assn. in the club rooms last Monday evening. Club chief Bantleon was on hand and served some of the famous "Bantleon coffee." Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Bastien. Baseball fans of the village met in the club rooms last evening and completed the organization of a baseball association for the coming year, there being about 25 present. F.A. Jordan was elected manager and "Spider" Yost, captain of the ball team. These men are both live wires and we feel sure will give Pine City a team that will be able to compete with any of the towns in our class.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 March 2020)
Here is the latest farmer's lament: It's scarcely any wonder that lines are on my brow; it's hard to make a living, as things are going now. I plant nice potatoes and sit down to watch them grow; then comes a frost a whooping and lays the blamed thinks low. I plant some little seedlets to raise some succotash; my neighbors' hens come and knock them all to smash. I had an arbor in which to snooze and rest; a cow came in and climbed it and set it gaily west, I bought a dozen egglets, (they cost so much, I cried); they hatched a lonely chicken and it went off to die. The insects ate the cabbage, the worms have nailed the corn; my sheep are wild and wooly; my cow has lost a horn; my pig has got the measles and squeals unseeming tunes; my geese are hunting water; and I am full of prunes.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 March 2020)
Spring Break came early this year for 40 seniors, four chaperones and two bus drivers. The Pine City High School Senior Class Trip started last Thursday in the PCHS parking lot and would end the next evening in Orlando, FL. The road trip consisted of traveling through five different states, Wisconsin, Illinois, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida. Some highlights of the trip will be visiting Universal Studios, Cocoa Beach, Hard Rock Café, Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum, Sea World, Clearwater Beach and plenty of shopping malls.

The Pine City boys' varsity basketball team has been named Class AA State Academic champion. The boys bested all 128 Class AA teams state-wide to earn their title. The state champion Dragons are Derek Lutz, Mike Schmidt, Mike Chounard, Chance Ovick, Dillon Frets, Devin Braatz, Dylan Kringstad, Tyler Clark and Eric Osterdyk. "It's a pretty big honor and these guys really deserve it," said Coach Eric Wicktor. "They're great kids to be around and great students."

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 March 2020)
Johnson, Hjelmberg families honored in 1995. Pine County's 1995 Farm Family of the Year was honored at a banquet recognizing 77 other outstanding farm families from around the state. Pictured with Pine County Extension Educator Steve Drazkowski, back left, are Wendy Hjelmberg, Randy Hjelmberg, Nicole Hjelmberg, Archie Johnson, Alan Hjelmberg, Delores Johnson and C. Eugene Allen, provost for professional studies, University of Minnesota.

"It's just growth," said Pizza Pub owners Rick and Kathy Herzog of their decision to move the business to the former Pines Restaurant building near I-35. The Herzogs say the large building and ample parking area will accommodate a weekend business that has outgrown their existing downtown site. "It you're not a local person, you don't know where we are," said Rick, referring to the present location. "this way, both locals and the freeway traffic can be accommodated because

there's plenty of space." About 10 more part-time employees will be needed to cover the added hours, bringing the Pizza Pub's total workforce to 35. WCMP radio in Pine City has released the names of athletes selected for its all area boys and girls basketball teams. Two Pine City Dragons, Julie Stumne and Jason Wiener, earned honorable mention. The girls basketball player of the year is senior Nikki Higley, of North Branch. Jeff Eklund, a senior from Braham, is the boys player of the year. John Erickson, coach of the Rush City Tiger girls, was named coach of the year. For the boys the honor went to Bob Vaughan, Braham. 50 Years Ago, 1970 Some 30 men and women met in the community room of the village hall Saturday afternoon and established an organization dedicated to restoring and preserving for posterity here a rural school of the vintage of 1900. David Lueth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lueth was the winner for the second year in the annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby held last Thursday evening at the VFW club rooms. There were 30 entries this year.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 March 2020)
The Pine City Dragons basketball team were the winners of the District 25 Basketball Tournament held at Pine City. This team lost but one game during the regular playing season but were defeated in the first round of play at the Region 7 Tournament at Hibbing. This is the first team to win a district championship since 1935. Following is a list of Pine County registrants who will report for induction into the armed forces March 30, 1945: Gene Peters, David Berkey, Pine City; James McDermeit, Robert Bowe, Hinckley; Ejner Nielsen, Sandstone; Maurice Ovik, Brook Park.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 March 2020)
The Lawrence Bros. have installed an electric dough mixing machine, with a capacity of 500 pounds, in the Pine City Bakery. This machine makes it possible to make whiter and a better bread than by the hand mixing method. A big crowd is expected for the Legion dance in the armory, next Monday evening. The decorations are about complete and we are told they are the most elaborate that have ever been attempted for an affair of this kind. The Dudley family has moved into temporary quarters over the bottling plant where they will remain until their new home, which they expect to build this summer, is ready.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 March 2020)
The courtroom has been fixed up in good shape for the coming term of court which convenes on the 9th of April. Matting has been put down on the floor, a new Judge's desk has been purchased, also a number of cuspidors for the accommodation of those who use tobacco. Farmers in this vicinity have commenced sowing their spring wheat, the frost having gone out enough to enable them to harrow the land. Marshal McLaughlin, of Sandstone, came down from that place on Tuesday morning with R.T. Greeno, the murderer of Hugh Glenn. The prisoner was taken to Stillwater on Tuesday's noon train to await the sitting of court on Tuesday. Since the murder in Sandstone the grand jury will have to be called for this term of court. There was nothing of importance so the jury was not going to be called.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 March 2020)
More than 70 Minnesota high school students attended the Youth Co-op Leadership Conference hosted by Cooperative Network in Roseville on March 15 and 16. Joe Wolf, a student at Pine City High School, was sponsored by East Central Energy to attend the conference. Event officials report that Wolf excelled at this year's conference, and was one of five students elected to the Youth Board of Directors by his peers. The conference is designed to help high school students gain a better understanding of the role and operation of cooperatives. They were also taught to develop leadership skills, discover a problem-solving process they can use and adjust to the teen issues that they face.

Pine City Dragon speech showcased in 2010, Sandra Wawersich and Jazz Dyksman perform a hilarious Duo, "Supreme Beings" which earned them an honorable mention earlier in the day on March 20, 2010 at the meet in Milaca.

During the month of February, students at Pine City Schools celebrated “I Love to Read Month.” At the end of the month the school held a drawing for prizes for students who met their reading goals.

Dr. Jon Cruz and Dr. John Aamodt from Oak Park Dental donated bikes to the following winners of the drawing: fifth-graders Ethan Leibel and Alicia Freeman, third-grader Thomas Ryan and first-grader Brynn Peterson.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 March 2020)
Plans for construction of a Walmart store in Pine City in 1995 have reportedly been put on hold for one year. However, Pine City Administrator Bob Voss said, the architects remain “in constant contact” with him and city building official Randy Nummela as they continue designing sanitary sewer and off-site drainage systems for a Pine City store. Walmart owns 15 acres of land along Highway 324 in Pine City, just east of the Tom Thumb store. City officials had been told the company planned to break ground for a local store this spring.
Nearly 100 people turned out Saturday night at Woischke’s to celebrate the success of the Greater Pine Area Endowment. Donors were recognized with plaques, and Congressman Jim Oberstar praised the people of Pine City for working together to improve their community through the endowment.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 March 2020)
Pine County Sheriff Adam Martinco has been appointed to the Region “D” Advisory Council of the Governor’s Crime Commission.

Dragon, Bill Sauter was chosen to the all-conference and the all-district basketball teams at the conclusion of this year’s season play.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Anderson announce the engagement of their daughter, Candice Marie, to Roger J. Ames, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ames of River Falls, WI.

Marjoei Walroth, 13, of Hinckley was first place winner of the Pine County Spelling Bee held at the Sandstone school.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 March 2020)
Four county lads received war wounds it was learned this week. Charles Turner, Jr., Charles Workman, Willard Hanson and Melvin Broz are all hospitalized with injuries.

Three Pine City High School students: Gladys Eklund, Jean Buselmeier and Joanne Pehler received a rating of superior in the sub-district speech contest. This entitles them to participate in the district contest to be held at Sandstone on April 10.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 March 2020)
Henry Hoefler had the big country tractor out last Monday, scraping what snow was left, off the Federal road south of town. Cars are beginning to make their appearances and if the warm weather keeps up it won’t be long until the main roads will be passable for cars. Five automobiles went through town last Tuesday for one of the Hinckley garages.
They were driven from the Twin Cities to North Branch the latter part of last week and finished the trip Tuesday. The drivers report the road fairly good in places although we understand some of them got stalled in the mud north of town and had to be pulled out.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 March 2020)

At about nine o'clock on Thursday evening as Mrs. Amos Gamble and her mother Mrs. Murphy were sitting in their house, two masked men rapped at the door. Mrs. Gamble thinking it was one of the neighbors, hastened to unfasten the bolt holding the door. As soon as the door was opened a sack was thrown over her head, but she managed to get it off and fought for her life. The men commenced rubbing her eyes and when they found that would do no good they choked her until she blacked out. They dragged her out of the door on her face and went straight for her money which she had concealed in a pocket in her chemise, and was one hundred and sixty dollars all the money she had in the world. They then fired a shot from a revolver as a signal to their two accomplices who stood about five rods from the house, then all skipped for the woods. Mrs. Gamble has her suspicions as to who the parties are and came to town to swear out a warrant for their arrest.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 March 2020)
Andrew Clementson, sixth grader at Pine City Elementary, has been notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2010 Minnesota Geographic Bee in St. Cloud. Andrew is the son of Terry and Jessica Clementson. James Pixley, the first student, participated at the state bee last year as a sixth grader.
The Pine County Dairy Association's Little Miss Dairy Princesses include Jocelyn Bork, Audrey Harris, Leah Nelson, JayLynn Peterson, Amanda Sadler and Grace Watrin. Victoria Westman is the Pine County Senior Dairy Princess. Chosen as Junior Dairy Princess was Kayti Jo Lyseth with first runner-up Julia Westman. Junior Ambassadors are Caitlin Westman and Shelby Harris.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 March 2020)
The Muscular Dystrophy Lockup at Car City netted $6,888 to assist the Northland Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Christopher Hanson raised $550 followed by Richard Stephens with $504; Steve Odegard, $495; Tom Gahler, $475; Roger Larson, $405; Tammy Lindquist, $402; Bill Nelson, $400; Steve Hacken, $330; Yvonne Louden, $300 and Ed Palmer, $245. 50 Years Ago, 1970 A group of citizens have gathered to form a society to preserve at least one rural school building, suggesting one as use for a historical museum.

Daniel Montague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Montague of rural Hinckley has been named the recipient of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pine City scholarship, and one for the recipients of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota scholarship.

The annual meeting of the Pine City Volunteer Fire Department was held last week with John Skluzacek being elected fire chief.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 March 2020)
Verna May Sherman of Brook Park, has been appointed a Second Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps and will report for duty at Camp Carson, Colorado for the necessary period of training.
Pine City Dragons annexed the District 25 title by defeating Lindstrom-Center City High School 40-25.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 March 2020)
R.P. Allen is in receipt of a letter from S.F. Kerfoot, president of Hamline University, thanking the association for the offer of a site for the university, but states the location committee has recommended the university be kept in the vicinity of the Twin Cities.
O.H. Ingram has moved his family and the employees of the hotel into the old Glenville house, which he purchased last fall. This gives a number of additional rooms for use in the hotel, which were badly needed as the hotel is full most of the time.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 March 2020)
We understand that A.E.Webster has about closed a deal for a steam launch that will carry about 30 passengers.

Two new settlers that are about to locate on land at Brown's Hill were there is already upwards of 20 families located. In the course of another month, 15 more Scandinavians will be here to help swell the number of that fast developing country. As we have not yet named our town we shall not give any name, but town 39 range 20 in Pine County. We are starting our settlement on the east side of Bear Creek, well divided between farming and meadow land.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 April 2020)
With winds blowing steadily to the northeast, firefighters struggled to contain a 180-acre wildfire north of Beroun on the afternoon of April 5. According to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), this was the largest grass fire of 2010 in Pine County.
Two hundred and fifty days, that's over eight months. From many perspectives, that's a long time. A lot can happen in eight months; holidays come and go, siblings get married, babies get born and family members get ill or pass away. Two hundred and fifty days, that's how long Shane Bauer, Sarah Shourd and Josh Fattal have been detained in Evin Prison in Tehran since allegedly crossing an unmarked Iranian border while hiking on vacation.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 April 2020)
Senator Janet Johnson last week introduced legislation to provide funds to keep the North West Fur Post in Pine City operating through this year. "A modest appropriation could keep the doors of the fur post open," Johnson said. "This represents a very cost effective investment in a very popular and important site. The economic activity generated by the fur post contributes to the local economy and would be sorely missed if this facility had to close for a year."
A late-season snowmobile outing resulted in tragedy for a Willow River family Saturday, April 1. Eric Prachar, 23, and his brother, Anthony, 25, were riding snowmobiles in a field on private property northwest of Willow River when they collided head-on. The accident happened at 2:07 p.m. Anthony was taken by ambulance to Mercy Hospital in Moose Lake, where he was pronounced dead. Eric was transported to St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth, where he underwent surgery and remains hospitalized.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 April 2020)
Vandals were active in Pine City over the weekend when, using a BB gun, they shot and damaged windows in four parked automobiles and also shot and broke windows at the Pine City Country Club's new clubhouse.
Mrs. L. W. Onken of Pine City, local Service unit cookie captain. She reported that cookie lovers in Pine City ordered 2,280 boxes of Girl Scout cookies.

The Conservation department announced today that attendance figures show that 84,568 persons visited state parks this winter, while 34,000 were recorded during the winter of 1968-69. Most of the 122 percent increase is attributed to the boom in snowmobiling which is currently sweeping the state.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 April 2020)
Henry Sommers attended the 19th annual meeting of the Midland Cooperative Wholesale in Minneapolis, March 27.
POKEGAMA: A number of folks from here attended the bridal shower at Beroun on Tuesday evening in honor of Genevieve Habrman and Frank Runa.

A very quiet ceremony took place at the Rev. C. H. Blake home in Pine City, March 28, when Miss Verna M. Odegard, daughter of Mrs. Jennie Odegard of Pine City, became the bride of Leslie W. Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Erickson of Rush City.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 April 2020)

“Spider” Yost expects to leave Pine City in the next couple of weeks. He has received a number of offers from various ball clubs to play baseball this summer and expects to sign a contract with one of these. Spider has been a resident of this village for the past nine years, with the exception of his service during the war, and a few summers when he has played ball with other clubs, most of that time he has been employed at the Pine Poker office. It was hoped by the local ball fans and players that he would play with the local team this year, and he will be missed when the season opens. He has been the backbone of the team the past few years and has given many of our boys their first lesson in baseball.

After a number of the local men doing team work, were heard, it was decided to pay eighty cents per hour for a man and team and forty cents per hour for man alone on the street work this summer.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 April 2020)
The farms in this part of the country never looked better at this time of the year and should the fine weather continue, a good season and bountiful crops may be expected.
The Cornet Band went out and serenaded our new village President R.G. Robinson at his residence. Mr. Robinson thanked the boys heartily and made a few brief remarks touching on the advantages and the future prospects for the village and last but not least complimented this village on having the finest looking ladies in the state.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 April 2020)
Multi-instrumentalist Todd Green to teach, perform in city. Next Saturday, Pine City residents will have a chance to discover ancient forms of music with a modern, original twist. Green uses a wide variety of instruments in his show. “I play about 50 instruments, but on a concert tour I probably take around 30 instruments – and I think that’s enough,” Green chuckled.
U.S. Senator Al Franken came to Pine City on the morning of Thursday, April 8 to meet with kids, speak with teachers, share ideas and even let himself clown around a bit. Franken headed to Joyce Benson’s kindergarten classroom. Franken presented Benson with an American flag which was flown at the U.S. Capitol building. In the auditorium, Franken listened to Bradley Mariska lead the fifth grade band. Then Mariska invited Franken onstage to join the band playing cowbell. After visiting with Mayor Jane Robins and PTC President Robert Musgrove at Pine Technical College, he visited East Central Senior Secondary School.
The 250th day of captivity for hikers Josh Fattal, Sarah Shourd and Shane Bauer has come and gone, but their families continue to wait anxiously, trying to keep up their own spirits and the fight for their children’s release. On April 8, Cindy Hickey and Norah Shourd – mothers of Shane Bauer and Sarah Shourd – met with U.S. Senator Al Franken to discuss what can be done for their children. After a half-hour private discussion, they spoke with the press.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 April 2020)
1995 Citizen of the Year Betty Karas received the news Tuesday that she has been chosen Pine City’s Citizen of the Year for 1995. A very gifted artist, Betty shares her talent with the community in many ways, spearheading the Black and White drawing competition, doing sets for the Heritage Players and scenery for First Presbyterian Church events. She is loved by students at Pine City Elementary, where she volunteers her time to teach art.
“It was hot,” said Ed Jewison, manager of the Askov Co-op Feed Association. “We lost the entire center of the feed mill.” Firefighters from nine departments responded to the 8:30 p.m. blaze on Tuesday, April 4. The blaze destroyed the center part of the feed mill which housed the co-op’s office and general merchandise. The grain elevator, however, remained intact.
The Pine City Education Association (PCEA) announces that Mary Ellen Sauser, Pine City, has been selected to represent the Pine City Public School teachers in the prestigious Minnesota Teacher of the Year competition for the 1994-95 school year.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 April 2020)

Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Willard of Duluth, on March 20 presented posthumously a number of medals and awards to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Teich of Pine City which their son, Specialist Four David L. Teich, had received. David was killed in action in Vietnam last November while on reconnaissance near Saigon.
At a state meeting of the Minnesota Horse Breeders Association held in Mankato last Saturday, Pine City was awarded the annual plowing contest sponsored by the state association.
The Knights of Columbus recently purchased a car for the sisters of St. Mary's Parochial School to use. This was one of the major projects undertaken by the local council this year.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 April 2020)
The formal opening of the Pine City branch store of Nicols, Dean and Gregg, St. Paul, is being held on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, when open house is held for all automotive dealers in this territory.
Pine City and the surrounding area went over the top in the Red Cross drive by contributing $2,837.60 to the 1945 War Fund.
Following is a list of Pine County Registrants who will report for induction into the armed forces on April 18, 1945: Walter Blanchard, Pine City; Arnold Soelberg, Hinckley; Andrew Saloka, Hinckley; George Hermann, Hinckley; John Bible, Pine City; Arnold Ritamaki, Sandstone; George Stoffel, Pine City and George Johnson, Pine City.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 April 2020)
Two new four-wheel-drive trucks purchased by the county arrived last Friday and are being tuned up in preparation for use on the roads. John Webber has also been working on the big country tractor which has been undergoing an overhauling at the Petschel garage.
Dr. Wiseman suggested that water mains in the village should be extended and a circuit be completed, which would keep the water in circulation thereby keeping it pure and fresh in summer. He also suggested creating a sinking fund for surplus money received from water rents (this now goes into general fund) and suggested that water for the fire department, park, schools and flushing of sewer mains be taken care of by the general fund as this service is for the whole village and should not be borne by the waters users alone.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 April 2020)
Andrew Gilberg of Kerrick was in this village on Tuesday of this week in attendance at court, and while here found time to call around and tell us of his recent loss by fire, he having been burned out twice within the past six months.
Henry Brandes came down on Sunday from his claim in northern Wisconsin and is spending the week at his home in the village. Mr. Brandes was greatly surprised to find farmers seeding here already, he having walked from his claim to the track on snow and ice.
Andrew Feury, a Dakota farmer arrived here on Monday of this week and has taken up 160 acres of land near Mission Creek. He is no doubt a good man to have in the county judging by the amount of stock and farm machinery he brought with him. He
will live in the house owned by Fred Ausmus until he gets his own erected.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 April 2020)
Students make snowshoes. Nine pairs of snowshoes were produced recently by Pine City Area Learning Center Service Learning students. The students made the snowshoes for the Adaptive Living program. Last year's Service Learning class received the nine pairs of unfinished snowshoes from the St. Croix River Education District to assemble. Students wove the snowshoes then covered them with polyurethane. This year, four more pairs were made, and the students designed and assembled the foot straps then tested them on the fitness trail behind the high school. The snowshoes will be available at the ALC and the ALP for use by students. Pictured, left to right, are Jessie Seals, Heidi Rae, Mindy Hesse, Mike Cummings, Pat Blomberg and Lawrence Surdy. Not

pictured are Tasha Bly, Troy Garske, Sarah Skinner, James Skinner, Clint Leppanen and Brandy Kennedy.
Nursing student Jessica Jacobson, daughter of Jim and Ann Jacobson of Pine City, recently traveled to Port Elizabeth, South Africa to participate in a St. Cloud State University study abroad program. In her own words, Jessica Jacobson has shared from the heart. She will draw upon her memories of South Africa for the rest of her life. She concludes with this observation, “This was an absolutely amazing and life changing experience!”
Twin Cities based freelance jazz musician Terry Peffer will be appearing in a free concert on Monday, May 4 in Pine City as part of the band’s annual Pops Spectacular.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 April 2020)
Todd Terrill and Rachel Wernet are working to make their new business a place where all ages feel comfortable. The couple moved to Pine City from Edina in March to open Radar’s Bar and Grill at the Pine City Country Club. Todd is a former Pine City area resident.
Matt Sias, Pine City, has been named to play both pitcher and catcher for the Savannah College of Art and Design Bees. Sias is a first year student majoring in architecture at the college.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 April 2020)
Vicky Hancock, local FFA Sweetheart, was selected as District Sweetheart at the District * FFA banquet held at Milaca. Vicky is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luverne Hancock of Pine City. “Ease Into Fashion” was the theme chosen for the style show and luncheon presented by the Pine City Mrs. Jaycees. Over 200 attended the style show.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 April 2020)
Edin Motor Sales have been granted a priority by the War Production Board for the building of a new garage building in Pine City, and expect to start work in the very near future. The new structure will be built on the Edin property, directly across from the Peoples Oil Co. The plans call for a combination garage and super-service station, with a 100 foot frontage on the highway.
The Pine City community received the news of President Roosevelt’s death last Thursday afternoon with the same feeling of dismay that swept over the nation.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 April 2020)
The aeroplane landing committee was authorized to spend $150 in fixing up the inside of the racetrack at the fair grounds for a landing. Postmaster Collins expects aerial mail service between the Twin Cities and Twin ports in the near future and by having a landing here, it will give Pine City a chance to receive mail by aeroplane and will also be a big ad for the village as the planes traveling between St. Paul and Duluth will light here for supplies.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 April 2020)
The lecture given in the M.E. Church on Wednesday evening by Rev. Dr. Forbes, of Duluth, on Abraham Lincoln was very fine. All those who attended were well repaid for the time and money spent. There were but a small number present and those who stayed away missed something that they will probably regret the rest of their lives.
Farmers are already praying for rain. It must come soon. When ladies are as plenty, as they are in this land; why bachelors will board we don’t understand. If the heart and the hand of some fair maid they would request, their home might be happy and their soul would be blest.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 April 2020)
A break-in at the American Legion on April 18 is the latest in a string of burglaries hitting local drinking establishments. Since mid-March, the Beroun Saloon, Time Out in Rock Creek, the Pokegama Lake Supper Club and the Pine City American legion have all been broken into – and the thieves seem to be using the same kinds of methods to get what they’re after.

Thanks to the warm, dry weather several local farmers, including Tom Hansen, are already getting their fields ready for the growing season ahead.
Ten-year-old Jonah Bergstrom of Pine City skated out to center ice at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul as the flag bearer for the Minnesota Wild for this home game, and led the crowd of 18,000 in cheering on the Wild. His family is certain this is a day Jonah will never forget.
Laura Kotsmith, an art teacher at Pine City High School and potter, admired Barb Dreyer's work at Dreyer's opening at Pine Center for the Arts. Dreyer, who lives and works in the Grasston area, works in stoneware and porcelain and uses native plants from the woods and fields around her home to imprint the clay to create unique pieces.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 April 2020)
Mary Sauser characterizes herself as having been naive to the ways of the teaching world during her first year as a teacher at Pine City High School. "At the end of the year," recalled Sauser, "my roommate told me, 'Wow! I never thought you'd make it!' But she made it through that year and 14 more and this year has been named Pine City Teacher of the Year.
It was a little chilly for baseball on Monday, but the Dragons put on a fine showing with an 8-2 victory over Isle. The win brings their record to 1-1 this year.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 April 2020)
Two teenage boys turned up safe at their homes in Minneapolis Tuesday evening of last week, but only after a full scale search had been organized when it was thought both were lost and possibly drowned while canoeing down the Snake River east of Pine City.
Congressional efforts will begin this week to add Minnesota's 53 mile long Kettle River to the national wild, scenic and recreational river system.
Mr. and Mrs. David Nicoll of Pine City wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley, to Larry Stransky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stransky of Henriette. An August wedding is being planned.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 April 2020)
Jean Buselmeier, valedictorian of the graduating class of Pine City High School, has been given the Sixth Annual Award of The Readers Digest Association for students, who by their successful school work, give promise of attaining leadership in the community.
Now appearing at the Family Theatre, "Mrs. Parkington." It's lusty, gusty and glorious! Starring Greer Garson and Walter Pigeon. This issue of the newsreel is devoted entirely to the life of F.D. Roosevelt.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 April 2020)
W.A. Sauser has a crew at work remodeling the store. They will tear out the partition between the room he now occupies and the one formerly occupied by the Stacke Jewelry store, which he recently purchased. This will give him a big increase in floor space. Harold Buzzard and Howard Wentworth arrived last Friday on the train. Harold went down to Iowa for his car but only got as far as Cedar Rapids on the trip back, owing the bad condition of the roads. Mr. Wentworth expects to remain until the roads are passable so that he can get back to Iowa in his car.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 April 2020)
NOTICE: All farmers having teams belonging to W. M. O'Brien are requested to wash and oil the harnesses used by them during the summer, before returning in the fall. This is little enough for the use of the team. Jas. Campbell, manager W.X.C. Folsome of Taylors Falls, author of "Fifty Years in the Northwest" spent Tuesday in this village on business.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 April 2020)
Cindy Hedtke drives a bus for the Pine City school district. Keeping students from getting into trouble was her motivation for starting her"Ride 'n Read" program. Students on her bus are

kindergarten through junior high age. The reward for a completed book and book report is a bucket containing a large pop, a packet of microwave popcorn and a certificate for a movie rental from Nelson's Market. When the rankings came out last week, it was apparent that the Dragons have had a very tough schedule.
Five of the Dragons' six losses this season have come at the hands of teams ranked in either Class A or AA. Additionally, Pine City has seen two other ranked teams in a tournament and the Art Nelson Tournament had four teams participate that were ranked in the top-10 (Rochester Lourdes, No. 2; Thief River Falls, No. 5; St. Peter, No. 9; and Waseca, No. 10). "I knew we had a tough schedule," said Coach Engelstad, "but this really shows how tough." Senior Derek Lutz was in the honorable mention for singles.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 April 2020)
When pioneers traversed the Oregon Trail back in the 1800s, they faced life-and-death decisions and devastating hardships that kids of the '90s can't even imagine. No roads, no cars, no airplanes, no restaurants, no radios, no microwaves, no packaged foods. For students who live in a world of full color visual imagery and high tech conveniences, life on a wagon train seems awfully dull. Reading about it from a textbook is even duller. Enter the magic of computers with CD Rom hard drives and interactive programs that let kids become pioneers, and the rigors of the Oregon Trail and the details of U.S. Geography become indelibly imprinted in their brains. Such sophisticated software exists for every subject imaginable and with material appropriate for every grade level.
The new owners of Coast to Coast in Pine City held their grand opening the week of April 15 with a ceremony on Wednesday, April 19. John M. Heino, senior vice president of retail operations for Coast to Coast, presented a plaque to owners Roger and Elaine Larson and Debi Larson, and several other company officials were on hand. Mayor Jane Robbins cut a board, instead of a ribbon, with assistance from the Larsons and city council member Scott Cummings.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 April 2020)
About 40 students participated in the clean-up project throughout Pine City last Thursday. The students expressed their feeling that now is the time to take preliminary steps in stopping pollution and are urging everyone to "Give Earth a Chance." In an effort which originated with the Wednesday Study club and was later subscribed to by the Chamber of Commerce and other community organizations, efforts were made on Arbor Day last Friday, to help Pine City deserve its name. At that time there were some 2,000 Norway pine seedlings planted in the village.

The Pine City Volunteer Fire department was kept on the run this past week answering no less than eight fire calls. Luckily none of the fires were very serious.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 April 2020)
Following is a list of local registrants who left here May 2, for a preinduction physical examination at Fort Snelling: Myrl Carpenter, George Nelson, Donald Athey, Edward DeRocker, Jerry Wanous, Henry Branzovsky, Clarence Schwartzwald, Lewis Rumpel, Wesley Jones, Lloyd Clyne, Reynold Holmberg, Victor LaTourelle, John Sexton.
Religious book week will be observed May 6 through May 12, and many books that are owned by the Pine City Public Library will be on display, and have been chosen by the National Council Committee of Christians and Jews.
Raymond Pangerl, son of Mrs. Mike R. Pangerl, who has been a German prisoner of war at Luckenwalde, Germany, near Berlin since December 12, has been freed.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 April 2020)
Considerable excitement was caused throughout the County, last Monday and Tuesday, and especially in Pine City, by an automobile tearing across country at about 60 miles an hour, more or less. The first couple of times the car went through Pine City, it was "here it comes and there it goes"

so Tuesday afternoon Marshal Biedermann made up his mind to arrest them for speeding when they came through again. Half of the village was out in force to see the “pinch” made but were disappointed as the speeders were delayed by trouble with their car, and had evidently been warned, as they came through town, about five o’clock at a snail’s pace.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 April 2020)
Grass is beginning to look green, gardening is the order of the day just now. Bert Cummings had quite a lively encounter with a bear, a few days ago, in which Bert got his clothing torn and received a few scratches. He finally got a chance to use his gun and killed the bruin, bearing him home in triumph. A Corn Doctor would make a good living in this burg.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 May 2020)0
How good is the Pine City music education program? Among the best in the nation. On May 5, the NAMM Foundation announced the results of its 11th annual “Best Communities for Music Education” survey, which acknowledges schools and districts across the U.S. for their support of music education in schools. The Pine City School District was one of 174 so honored in 30 states around the country.

On May 10, Megan Lindstrom, boarded a plane for a journey that will last 27 months, teaching English as a second language (ESL) to Bulgarian students, ages 8 to 18. Her first three months will be spent with a host family in Sofia, Bulgaria. There she will become fully immersed in the country’s language and culture. Once she acquires the necessary language and cultural skills, she will be transferred to another site where she will either live with another host family or in Peace Corps provided housing while teaching ESL for the next two years.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 May 2020)
The Dragons softball team had a pretty good week, going two for two to bring its season record 5-7. Having a behavior-management coordinator, LeAnn Johnson, on staff is just one of a number of unique health services provided at the Lakeside complex. There’s also Pat Hess, a registered nurse whose sole responsibility is to promote quality management in all departments. There’s Glenn Larson, a licensed social worker who provides counseling services to both residents of the nursing home and employees of Lakeside in general. Then there’s Liz Bottomly, a speech pathologist whose specialty is to help stroke patients recover to their fullest potential. And, like most other nursing homes, offers physical and occupational therapies. Lakeside also has an acutecare hospital unit on the second floor. This February, a new x-ray apparatus was installed and plans moving forward include an urgent care clinic and outpatient surgical unit.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 May 2020)
The winners of the annual Loyalty Day program essay contest are Gerry Teich, Theresa Korf, Karen Briesemeister, Carl Kent and Michael Scott.
A rural Pine City man dies last Thursday afternoon about two hours after the car he was driving was struck by a southbound Burlington Northern train at the south crossing in Pine City. Dead is Arthur Bjork, age 73, who was driving alone.

The results of the State Regional Music contest held at the University of Minnesota, Duluth last Saturday indicated all all-time high in performance and perfection for the Pine City high school musicians.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 May 2020)
When the official announcement of the war’s end in Europe was broadcast Tuesday morning, there was no ringing of bells or blowing of sirens and whistles, but a spirit of thankfulness prevailed in this village.

Pine County will receive $12,300 for use on state aid roads and $58,500 for use in county aid roads, from the state road and bridge fund.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 May 2020)
In one of the windows on Fifth Avenue during the past gala week, there were exhibited two gowns presumably for the street, but they were abbreviated and diaphanous in the extreme, so much so that one uninitiated in the change could not have been expected to recognize them as street garments. There is no denying the fact that the short skirts are pretty and in most cases, becoming. They are so short that they are nearer the knees than the ankles. The short skirt, without doubt bids fair to become the most distinguishing feature of feminine apparel for 1920.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 May 2020)
Kendall, George and Co. are kept busy supplying the boats and baits. As soon as the weather gets settled they will have their hands full to meet demands. The launching of the Stowe, a screw propeller (steam boat) fifty feet long by ten feet wide will be launched stern foremost. They will take on about 80 passengers and take a spin up to the first island when she will return and take the barges in tow and then take the crowd to Pokegama farm where a picnic ground will be fixed up in the near future.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 May 2020)
Baseball, America's favorite past time, has been in the forefront of dreams for many little boys. A boy in Pine City is making an early start to the career he feels is his dream. Drew Steele, son of Jeff and Karen Steele of Pine City, is an 11-yearold, fifth grader at Pine City Elementary School. A lifelong baseball fan, Drew is an avid listener of ESPN and is a book of knowledge when it comes to baseball. What is Drew doing that is a jump start to his dream? "I'm a kid reporter for a baseball show with kids on it called 'Kid Pitch,'" Drew said. Kid Pitch is a program linked with Fox Sports News that allows young kids from around the country to be commentators with baseball greats and to choose their favorite teams to represent.

Cargill Kitchen Solutions made a recent donation to Ruby's Pantry of $25,000. Ruby's Pantry is in its seventh year of serving 20 rural communities. They cover 16 underserved counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin, distributing food to 4,000-5,000 families per month.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 May 2020)
Pine City School Board incumbents Paul Janssen and Dick Lindig lost their seats in the Tuesday, May 16 election. School district voters chose Bonnie Menigo, with 448 votes, and Nancy Mach, with 405 votes, as the new school board members.

Sheri Shoberg has been selected HealthEast Bethesda Lutheran Care Center's "One of Our Best" for April. She has worked as an R.N. at the care center since May 1993. Her co-workers say she goes above and beyond her expected job responsibilities to meet others' needs, and she is fair to her coworkers. She is also known for going out of her way to make sure the residents are comfortable and in good care. Shoberg is a 1988 graduate of Pine City High School and a 1992 graduate of Winona State University.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 May 2020)
The Rural School Restoration association is now negotiating for the purchase of the school house in former District 69, presently owned by Albert Wanous. At the last meeting of the village council approval was given to the placing of the building on village property behind Holstein Brothers Electric service. It is felt it should prove a good site since picnic tables and restrooms are already maintained there by the Lions Club.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 May 2020)
Approximately 54 children from surrounding counties received medical examinations and advice at the Clinic for Crippled Children held at Moose Lake on Saturday.

The midnight curfew has been lifted as of Wednesday May 9th at eleven o'clock a.m.

Thanks to all employers who have cooperated in this particular way of assistance to the war effort.
This week at the Family Theatre, the dramatic thriller, "Hangover Square" crime's most shocking story...the dramatic revelation of a man's fury unleashed by a woman's scorn.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 May 2020)
Wm. Challeen and Clark Pennington will give a dance in the Armory Saturday evening May 22. Yotti's orchestra has been engaged for the evening and those who have danced to his music claim it is first class.
BEROUN: The directors of the proposed cooperative creamery held a meeting in the bank last Saturday, and decided to send out a man to sell the balance of the stock for the new concern. About 65 shares have been sold up to date and they expect to close the deal for the purchase of the creamery as soon as 100 shares have been sold.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 May 2020)
There is no spot in the state of Minnesota better suited for the location of the fourth asylum for the insane of the State of Minnesota, than at Pine City, on the shores of Cross Lake. Perfect drainage could be had, the finest and most healthful drinking water, unlimited water power for electric lights, baths, cooking and everything needed, besides being located half way between St. Paul, Minneapolis, Stillwater and Duluth, within two hours easy ride of any of these places, and there are many other advantages which Pine City can offer, and the asylum should be located in this part of the state.
Frost did considerable damage in this vicinity Saturday and Sunday night.

10 Year Ago 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 May 2020)
The Dragons broke records and brought home Great River Conference trophies from their trip to Ogilivie. The Pine City girls edged out Hinckley-Finlayson by just 3.3 points. The boys' team was the conference runner up. The Dragons also matched or broke three conference records. Adam Olson tied the 200-meter dash meet record and the boys 4x200-meter relay team shattered the old record of 1:37 by running a 1:32.9 (team members are Mike Hansmann, Jordan Panger, Mike Schmidt and Adam Olson). That time was also a new school record. Not to be outdone, the girl's team also broke three school records. Holly Staples started off the day by clearing 5'4" in the high jump. Karina Nordrum followed up by breaking the girls' discus record with a throw of 114'5", which not only broke the school record, but also broke the Great River Conference record. Erin Pangerl also broke the girls' 400-meter dash record she already held from last season, with a time of 60.6. Erin Pangerl and Eric Osterdyk were named the Track Female and Male Conference Athlete of the Year respectively.
Mayor Jane Robbins has been selected as one of two winners of the Minnesota Women in City Government (MWCG) Leadership awards for 2010. Robbins was chosen as the winner of the award for elected female in city government.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 May 2020)
Super science students win prizes in 1995 Eleven Pine City Elementary students placed at the state level in the NASA Space Science Student Program. Thirty-three students participated in grades three through six. Pictured, left to right, are Valerie Allen and Heidi Seivert, second place in the Mission to Planet Earth competition; Andrew Espeseth and Nate Lindstrom and Ryan Benson, first

place in the Future Aircraft/Spacecraft Design competition; and Shaun Manthie, Greg Bunce, Joshua Jutting and Jimmy Howard, second place in the Future Aircraft competition. Heather Cihak, in front of Ryan Benson, placed second in the InterpFor 40 years Burt Ellig has taught young outdoor enthusiasts how to hunt and use guns properly. The State Department of Natural Resources Division of Enforcement recognized him for his work this year, when area conservation officer Pete Jensen presented Ellig with a plaque from the state. He is one of the first firearms safety instructors in Minnesota to receive the 40-year award.
The “Wheels for Life” bikeathon was held in the Hinckley-Finlayson area last Saturday. A benefit for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, the event appealed to Frank Stipe, of Hinckley, who raised $208 in pledges.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 May 2020)
Next Monday evening, May 25, 125 seniors will receive diplomas from Pine City High School. This will be the sixty-eighth class to receive diplomas here since the first commencement in 1903. It represents an increase of five graduates this year.

With a heavy turnout, residents made their choices known Tuesday and elected Gordon Nelson and Ralph Ausmus to the Pine City School Board. Sally Spinler and Michael Prax were presented with checks for $300 as recipients of the 1970 Pine City P.T.A. Scholarships.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 May 2020)
Early last Thursday morning, a gang apparently well acquainted with location and procedure broke into and looted the Midway Nash garage and Thompson Standard Service station in Pine City.
Carl Bergstrom, who makes his home on the east side of Pokegama lake, saved the lives of four fishermen last Saturday evening when he was rowing a boat across the lake to the Island Hotel. The boat the fishermen were in had overturned after a wind had come up on the lake. Four Pine County men, residents of this and nearby communities, have been liberated recently from camps of German interment. They are Lieutenant Charles Woehrle, Grasston; Russell Kurzhals, Chengwatana; Kenneth Caroon, East Rock Creek; and Raymond Pangerl, Pine City.

Twelve of the Girl Scouts camped last Saturday at the Odendahl cabin on Rock Lake, with their Scout Leader, Mrs. Van Horn.
NOTICE: There are a few annuals at the Pine City High School yet to be sold. Anyone interested, please call Linnea Hamlin. Each copy priced at $1.50.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 May 2020)
A band of Gypsies arrived in town Monday. They have a fine lot of horses which they are perfectly willing to trade or sell provided they get the best end of the bargain.
The parsonage being built by the Catholic Society in this place is a large roomy two story structure which will make a very pleasant home for the priest and will add greatly to the appearance of that portion of town.

On Friday of last week, as Jos. Campbell was bringing a drove of Wm. O’Brien’s horses from Sandstone, he drove too many of them onto the bridge that crosses Snake River at Chengwatana and they became bunched on one of the spans settling it about a foot and making it impossible to cross

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 May 2020)
Retired teacher Helen Clarke of Pine City refurbishes gently used dolls and stuffed animals of all sizes and types. Clarke donated 379 toys that she had refurbished last year. They were given to children from the Phillips area of south Minneapolis. Clarke delivers the toys to the Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department. This organization welcomes gently used items from the public while many other organizations will only accept new.

Kanabec Hospital has awarded its second annual scholarships to four promising area students who intend to pursue a healthcare career. Shauna Cronk of Pine City will be studying nursing at Anoka Ramsey Community College. “These kids are the future of healthcare,” said Kanabec Hospital CEO Randy Ulseth.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 May 2020)
The Pine City Elementary School Safety patrol earned an Outstanding Achievement award from the Minnesota Safety Council this year. The Pine City group was one of 25 in Minnesota to earn the award. Minnesota First Lady Susan Carlson personally congratulated the patrol members that attended.
Joell Werner, daughter of Jerome and Julie Werner, Pine City, has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Northwestern College of Iowa.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 May 2020)
Where were the baseball team’s loyal supporters after the game last Friday night? They sure piled out of the stands after the Dragons topped Forest Lake. The team needed the support the most after a trying game.
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4258 of Pine City will conduct dedication ceremonies of the Vietnam veterans memorial, flag and flagpole Saturday, at the VFW club grounds.
Diplomas were awarded to a class of 125 seniors at Pine City High School, the 68th class to graduate.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 May 2020)
The United States Navy this week issued a pleading call for help in ammunition depots and West coast navy yards.
This Thursday evening will see the graduation from the Pine City High School of 60 members of the 1945 senior class.
Brakes on 11,576 cars were checked in Minnesota in the first three weeks of the nationwide Brake Emphasis Program, according to a summary of reports, 2,378 failed to pass and were given tickets.
100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 May 2020)
The local high school will send a team to Carlton to compete in the meet there next Saturday. Those going are Fred Brandes, Al Herdina, Arnold Kowalke, Harry Spickler and Lester Wilcox. The boys will stand high and make a good showing, we are sure. Fred Brandes of Pine City lowered the state high school record in the half mile at the state high school meet in Minneapolis last Saturday afternoon by two seconds. Although running on a heavy track Fred made the half mile in two minutes and eight seconds, leading all competitors by a large margin. The former record was 2:10.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 May 2020)
There has been considerable agitation in regard to illegal fishing in different parts of the state this spring and this is something that should be looked after at Pine City and vicinity at once. A number of people are fishing extensively with nets we are told up the river and also just recently located in Cross Lake.
Mosquitoes have put in their appearances in goodly numbers and some say that they are as large as horseflies.
We have always taken Mayor Robinson to be a man with a great deal of taste and thought for appearances, and by the way, Mr. President, with all due respect: Do you not think our park looks like an unshaved man with a months’ growth of beard, and would not a good shaving improve it greatly in our sight as well as that of our visitors?

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 June 2020)
The building once known as the “Old County Courthouse” at 315 Main Street in Pine City has been renamed by the Pine County Board of Commissioners. The new name for the county-owned

building, which now houses City Hall, the Chamber of Commerce and the Pine County WIC program, is “Pine Government Center.”

David J. Serson, 40, of Ely was killed on I-35 in Pine County on the afternoon of June 1, allegedly as the result of being struck by a semi truck driven by Edward T. Grap, 48, of Isle. According to a report from the Minnesota State Highway Patrol, the incident took place several miles south of Willow River on I-35, at mile marker 205. Serson was changing a tire of his vehicle on the right shoulder of the southbound lane of I-35 at about 3 p.m. on June 1. He was still out of his vehicle when he was reportedly struck by the tires of Grap’s 1996 Freightliner semi.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 June 2020)
Jennifer MacQuiddy, Pine City, was recently presented with the Girl Scout Gold Award at a recognition event at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul. The Gold Award is the highest achievement for girls in Girl Scouting. To achieve this leadership award, girls must meet several requirements, including performing a significant public service project.
The Pine City Fire Department was called to the Virgil Schmidt residence, three miles east of town on County Road 8, shortly after noon. Schmidt, 59, lived alone in the house. He was found on the kitchen floor by firefighters and rescue personnel. They attempted to resuscitate him without success. According to Pine County investigator Doug Spindler, the fire apparently was started by a cigarette on the bed in the southeast first floor bedroom. Although the results of an autopsy were not available at press time, Spindler said the cause of death appeared to be smoke inhalation.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 June 2020)
The Pine City Jaycees have announced that due to a lack of candidate interest they are dropping the Miss Pine County Pageant.
The Pine City Area Vocational-Technical school is giving consideration to the possibility of offering a veterans farm training program through its Agriculture department.
Of all the surrounding high schools, Pine City is fourth in size for 1970 graduating seniors. Those graduating larger classes include Cambridge-Isanti, 169; Milaca, 143; Princeton, 130. Pine City graduated 125.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 June 2020)
At the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, held Tuesday, Hans Christiansen of Kerrick was appointed Veteran Service officer, on recommendation of the various servicemen’s organizations in the county.
A full sized beaver was trapped in the Borchers-Nelson boat house near the highway bridge early this week, by Game Warden Saari. The beaver had built himself a nest in the boathouse and had become quite tame. He was proving himself a nuisance, however, so was trapped to be removed to another location.
Victory in Europe has made possible an increased supply of gasoline for civilian motorists.
100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 June 2020)
The Pine City high school track team took first place at the state meet at Carlton, last Saturday afternoon in competition with teams from 24 high schools from all parts of the state.
Dewey Wilcox and Fred Jordan were given the second degree in the K. P. Lodge last night – riding the goat and all them things.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 June 2020)
We stop the press to announce the report that Frank Cort has discovered natural gas while digging a well on his farm about four and one-half miles west of this place. Investigation will be made once and should the report prove true, it will be a great thing for this portion of the country.
Capt. Ed Bean of Company “D” of St. Paul came up on Friday and spent Saturday angling in the waters of Snake and Pokegama; Ed caught 161 fine fish.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 June 2020)
John Vosberg and Gene Pals of East Central Energy's Operation RoundUp present a $10,000 grant to the Pine City Library reconstruction project. The funds come from East Central Energy's Operation Round-Up program, in which ECE members can have their bill rounded up to the nearest dollar with the funds going to community projects. The $10,000 will be used to pay for a receiving desk and shelving in the new library.
Volunteers from the Pokegama Lake Association (PLA) are spending their summer days in June on the lake. But there's no fishing poles out here. They're spending hundreds of hours on harvesters and a barge cutting tons of lake weeds, sending them to shore and hauling them away – all to make Pokegama Lake a little friendlier for boaters.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 June 2020)
Pine City's Jeff Warner scored his 10th consecutive knockout victory Sunday, June 11 in a boxing match at Treasure Island Casino.
Allison Rosati Dennis, an anchor-reporter for WMAQ-TV in Chicago, has received a First Decade Award from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. Rosati Dennis, a 1985 Gustavus graduate and a graduate of Pine City High School, was recognized for her early professional achievement as a reporter and anchor of "First Thing in the Morning," an early morning news program.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 June 2020)
Swimming lessons began on Monday morning with a grand total of 189 students signed up to take lessons during the four weeks.
During the year 1970 Pine County's villages, townships and school districts will receive a grand total of $207,903.44 in Census Aid payments from the Property Tax Relief fund set up by the Sales Tax Law passed in 1967.
The Pine City Public Library has been presented with two pieces of beautiful bead work made by Chippewa Indian women before the year of 1900. The articles are enclosed in a glass case for protection. These ceremonial objects were purchased by a pioneer citizen, Julius Dosey, of Pine City, from Chippewa Indians in 1900.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 June 2020)
The new municipal on-sale liquor store, located in the Agnes Hotel building, will be opened to the public within the next few days.
The Pine City Co-op Ass'n. was granted a certificate to purchase a new truck. The truck is a heavy duty 1945 3 ton Mack, equipped with a well built, enclosed streamlined cattle rack.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 June 2020)
The Pine City flour mill was destroyed by fire at about midnight, Tuesday night following the severe electrical storm of the evening. It is not known whether the building was struck by lightning or not, but this is the supposition. The Rush City fire department loaded a hose cart and 500 ft. of hose onto a truck which brought it to Pine City while the Hinckley fire department loaded its engine and hose onto a flat car, on which it was at once rushed to Pine City by the engine of the local train. Only the most heroic work by the Pine City fire department and citizens, and the generous assistance rendered by the Hinckley and Rush City fire department, prevented the spread of the flames to cover that entire part of town, and possible other parts.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 June 2020)
Now that school has closed the boys are having a fine time fishing.

Good four ball croquet set, complete with book of instructions, seventy-five cents at the Drug Store.

V. Campbell the genial proprietor of the Cottage Hotel in Hinckley, together with a party of sports from that place spent part of last week at Pokegama and succeeded in catching about 175 pounds of fish.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 June 2020)

A tornado touched down in Pine County about one-half mile west of the Wisconsin border along Highway 70, damaging and destroying property, bringing down power lines, and causing trees to come crashing down all through the area.

What do you do with old power tools? David Johnson and James Donahue of Best Rentals in Pine City have discovered a creative way to use their beat-up drills and saws. They teamed up to build a cart to enter in the Fifth Annual Power Tool Race recently held in Mora.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 June 2020)
A Pine City girl exhibited her Winter Wear Warmer invention at the Minnesota Inventors Congress in Redwood Falls June 9-11. Erica Michelle Kiminski, a student at Pine City Elementary, created her warmer for drying hats, boots and mittens. Erica's invention is entered in the 1995 Young Inventors national Competition, and she has been asked to accept a presentation at the Minnesota State Fair in August.

English teacher Tony Roberto was chosen to receive Ashland Oil Company's Golden Apple Achiever Award.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 June 2020)
John Kozisek of Pine City has announced his candidacy for sheriff of Pine County in the upcoming election.
Rain, rain, rain. From about 5 o'clock Friday evening through Tuesday morning the Pine City area received unofficially a little over four inches of rain.

The Austin Jaycees have announced the entrance of Miss Pine County, Dianne Anderson, in the 1970 Miss Minnesota Pageant, which will be held in Austin from June 17 through 20.
Elizabeth Mach has finally received word from the New York office of American Field Service (AFS) that she will be leaving for Columbia, South America next week, where she will spend the rest of the summer.
The Pirates defeated Cambridge Sunday as John Eberhart led the locals to their second league win.
75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 June 2020)
At a special term of court held Wednesday of last week by Judge Stolberg of Center City, Henry Sommer was appointed receiver for the Rock Creek Shipping Association.
The new Municipal Bar and Cocktail Lounge in the Agnes Hotel building opened for business on Wednesday of this week, with Vern Nelson of Duluth in charge as manager. Mr. Nelson will be assisted by Volney Cox, who has been in charge of the off-sale store since it was started in 1934.
Loretta M. Jacobson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Edwin Peterson of Pine City, became thezbride of Ever J. Olson, of Lindstrom, in a quiet ceremony performed Thursday, June 7.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 June 2020)
E. J. Prochaska and Miss Hazel Ahern were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Ms. D.L. Ahern at Minneapolis last Tuesday evening.

William. L. Kenly, former brigadier general and chief of the air service and now a private citizen, makes great predictions regarding the future of air travel. He looks forward to the time when the aerial express will be as much a part of life as the automobile is now. The aerial express of the future, he says, will be a rigid lighter-than-air machine. The gas used will be non-flammable helium.

The novelty he sees is that motors and passengers will be enclosed in the bag itself. This, he says, will eliminate much resistance and make possible a speed of 150 miles an hour with entire safety and comfort.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 June 2020)
The drives are here and the village is full of drivers.
The steamer Stowe is laid up at present on account of the river being full of logs.

The mosquitoes are becoming plentiful and some say they have bills an inch long. The firing of a pile of stumps on the point Monday morning caused quite a number to run to that part of town to see what was the matter.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 June 2020)
Darrick Duaine Williams, 19, of Hinckley has been charged with assault, reckless discharge of a firearm and terroristic threats after a June 20 incident in Hinckley in which a man was allegedly beaten and shot at by Williams.
A crew of explorers from Interstate Divers out of Clear Lake, Iowa sent divers to the bottom of Devil's Lake in Pine City. The crew was searching for the remains of a train which, according to local legend, went off the tracks and sunk into the lake. The crew used scanners to explore the lake, and sent divers to probe into the sediment at the bottom, but the search led to no definite answers as to whether or not the story of the sunken train is true.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 June 2020)
Good, solid baseball spurred the Pine City American Legion team some impressive victories last week. The team now owns a 6-3 overall record and is 3-2 in the Legion conference.
Wild turkey hunters in Minnesota had their highest harvest in history during the recent spring wild turkey hunt, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. A record total of 2,339 wild turkeys were shot during seven separate seasons, which ran from mid-April through mid-May.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 June 2020)
Work on the Pine City golf course is continuing as efforts are made to get the fairways and greens in playing condition as soon as possible. The clubhouse is completed and now in use for parties and special events.
Mayor Ben Boo of Duluth, a former resident of Pine City, was endorsed by acclamation at the Republican State Convention in St. Paul last week to run for lieutenant governor on the GOP ticket.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 June 2020)
A pretty wedding was solemnized, Wednesday, June 27, when Cecelia Kryzer and, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kryzer of Beroun, was united in marriage to Elmer L. Karas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Karas of Pine City.
Construction of a one-story, concrete block and frame dairy farm for the Bureau of Prisons at Sandstone was approved by WPB. Total cost of the project was $19,192.00

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 June 2020)
Four barns, machine shed, silo, garage, windmill and many smaller buildings were destroyed by the high wind and rain last Sunday evening, in the Pine City region.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 June 2020)
The suits of the baseball club arrived on Friday of last week and the boys look fine in them. If they play as well as they look in them, they can scoop anything in the northwest.
John Patrick of Hinckley was in town Tuesday in quest of his team which strayed away from his home on Sunday last. They were caught near Rush City.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 July 2020)
Conservation Corps Minnesota received a $27,000 contribution from Walmart to help fund its Summer Youth Program. The grant will provide much-needed equipment and supplies for the eight-week environmental service-learning program. Of the more than 80 youth involved in the program, about 17% are deaf or hard-of-hearing and about 40% represent diverse racial or ethnic cultural communities.
Congratulations to Samantha Johnson who is the 2010 Queen of the Chengwatana Riders Saddle Club. For the past 44 years, Chengwatana riders Saddle Club has promoted horses in the Pine City area.
Gayle Marty's newly published book, "The Memory of Trees: A Daughter's Story of a Family Farm," is both insight and introspection as the author explores the lasting connection she has with her family's dairy farm, just north of Rush City on Highway 61. Even after the gradual decline of the dairy industry, and eventual sale of their Century Farm during the government buyout program in the mid 1980's, Marty still feels the pull of the land and its trees which, "don't speak, but are very powerful and present in our lives," she said. The Roubineks are one of the three Pine City area families to receive Century Farm recognition this year, an honor given to those Minnesota families who have owned their farms for at least 100 years.

Nearly 18 months have passed since Kanabec County residents Larry and Louis Steernerson were found murdered inside their rural Knife Lake Township home.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 July 2020)
Allen F. Kent, Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, has announced the award of a Golden Anniversary Citation to VFW Post 4258, Pine City. The post will be 50 years old on July 15.
Jeremy Klocke has been recommended to receive honorary award recognition and to have his biography published in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." This is the second consecutive year he has been chosen.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 July 2020)
Pine County Sheriff Adam Martinco of Pine City this week announced his candidacy for re-election to the county's top law enforcement post.
A baby girl, Tonia Marie, was born on June 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Nelsen of Pine City. A baby girl, Denise Marie, was born June 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Perreault.
The Pine County Sheriff's Department received two new patrol cars last Thursday. The radios and equipment were transferred to the new cars on Monday.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 July 2020)
Gust Erickson, long time merchant of Rock Creek, sold his store to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Erickson last week, the new owners taking possession July 1.

The supply of Coca-Cola in Pine City and vicinity definitely will be affected by the further curtailment in the supply of sugar after July 1 because the manufacturer of that popular drink will not compromise with the use of substitutes.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 July 2020)
From the salute at sunrise to the playing of "Home Sweet Home" at the armory Saturday evening, there wasn't a dull minute in Pine City when citizens of Pine and neighboring counties turned out to join in the monster Independence Day celebration. It is estimated that more than 10,000 people visited Pine City during the day.

BEROUN: Jim Henjy is getting nicely started in the auto business having sold a new car to Leonard Machart a short time ago, and a tractor to Frank Kadavy and closed a deal today for a new car for Bill Hander of Meadow Lake.

Joe Pangerl, Sr. and Wm. Cort are hauling lumber to rebuild their barns which recently were demolished by the cyclone. With the hay harvest at hand and building materials so scarce and high, this is a trying time.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 July 2020)
On Sunday evening last, as a farmer located at Brown's Hill was examining a revolver which he has picked up on the road between this place and his home, it became accidentally discharged, the shot taking effect in the body of his little ten months child. The ball entered the right side and passing over the spine. The child was brought to this place as soon as possible where the wound was dressed by Dr. Barnum and at last account the child was doing as well as could be expected.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 July 2020)
The June 17 tornado tore apart homes and property in Pine County; now two Wisconsin residents are trying to get one small piece of flyaway family history back where it belongs. While walking in the woods with her dog, Pat McLain, saw insulation scattered about the downed trees. Then she saw a photograph. Now Pat and her husband, Ed McLain, are trying to find the family it belongs to. "I'm sure it's precious to someone," said Pat.
On Aug. 14, the Pine City Auditorium will be transformed into a historic movie house for one night only. The curtain will come up on a series of short films by award-winning writer/ director Zach Hammill, a Los Angeles-based filmmaker who is a native of Pine City.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 July 2020)
Pine City Dragon tennis coach John Eberhart reports that four Dragon tennis players are continuing to play their sport in college. Jamie Fedder enrolled at Mankato to play there this fall. Nathan Jones plays at St. John's University. Marek Bures, a former exchange student and tennis player, at Winona State. Carrie Eberhart is playing at Moorhead State.
Sumo wrestling had the audience in laughter at the Hinckley Corn and Clover Carnival, Friday and Saturday.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 July 2020)
Hubert H. Humphrey, former Vice President and now the Democratic nominee for U.S. Senator, will formally dedicate the civic improvements recently completed in Sandstone on Saturday, July 11.
Secretary Jim Clark of the local Chamber of Commerce was both pleased and surprised to receive a letter this week from Becker Enterprises containing a check and news of an award. The Pine City-Pine County float was selected the winner of the award for outstanding merit at the Strawberry Festival recently held in Becker.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 July 2020)
The Lee Bros. Threering circus will be in Pine City for two shows only, Tuesday, July 17.
At the July meeting of the board of County Commissioners, held Monday at the courthouse, tax levies for 1946 for county purposes were set as follows: revenues $50,000; road and bridge $50,000; bond and interest $74,440; welfare $88,000.

A very pretty wedding ceremony was performed on Saturday, June 30, at 9 a.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Beroun, when Elsie Ann Runa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Runa of Beroun, became the bride of George H. Cabak, son of Mrs. Anna Cabak of Hinckley.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 July 2020)

Little Clarence Appleby, five years old, tried to dent his cranium, Tuesday, by running into and butting his head against a tooth of the upraised sickle bar of his father's mower on the farm south of town. He lost considerable blood, but happily, no more serious damage resulted.
An old Pine Citite who has lived in Pine County ever since leaving here but not been a county seat visitor, was here the other day and remarked on the busy appearance of our town and the great amount of building operations going on. Pine City's development is not generally appreciated by folks who do not come to see, still it is generally known as "the best" town between the Twin cities and the head of the Lakes.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 July 2020)
This place is destined to become a famous summer resort, for already its famed pure air, good water and general healthfulness, has reached far beyond the borders of our state. On Sunday last, the "Stowe" took a party of pleasure seekers to Grass Lake.
Bananas, 20 cents a dozen, oranges, 30 cents a dozen, lemons, 30 cents a dozen, and watermelon, at the Drug Store

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 July 2020)
A worldwide sporting phenomena once again found a place in Pine City on July 17. The Area 7 Special Olympics Softball Tournament was held at the Pine City softball fields. Teams from North Branch, Monticello, Foley, Elk River and Pine City took part in the competition.
A Moment Without (abbreviated AMW) chose to return to Pine City the weekend before the fair to kickoff Fair week's festivities with a bang on Saturday, July 31 at 9 p.m. at Froggy's (209 5th Street SE). The band returns two Pine City High School alumni, Jimmy Sanders (Class of '02) and Trent Laugerman (Class of '03), to their hometown to show their local fan base how a youthful passion for their instruments became the early development of a music career.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 July 2020)
The Minnesota Extension Service Pine County Volunteer of the Month is Linda Libra of Hinckley. Libra has been an active 4-H volunteer for 15 years with the Sunnyside 4-H Club of Hinckley.
East Central Electric Association officials report that they have sent line personnel to Northern Electric Cooperative Association in Virginia, Mn to help restore power after sever storms ripped through the co-op's service area early Wednesday, July 13.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 July 2020)
Work began this week on an addition to the front of the Pine City Municipal liquor store. The 16 by 26 foot block and brick addition will about double the present off-sale facilities.
The annual Pine County Fair and associated parade will have an added feature this year in the identification of Hans Grandt of rural Pine City as being the First Citizen of Pine County for 1970.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 July 2020)
Construction work was started last week on the new garage and super service station to be built by Edin Motor Sales. The new structure will be built on lots across from Peoples Oil Co. station on 61.
Sgt. Waldo Kick, who had 52 months in an army infantry division, recently received his discharge at Fort Snelling. He was in the Alaskan area for 31 months and the past six months saw service in France, Belgium, Germany and Czech-Slovakia.

"The Land of 10,000 Lakes", a new Minnesota travelogue, will be shown at the Family Theater in Pine City on July 22-24. The film was produced by 20th Century Fox and shows all types of summer fun.
Children playing with matches in a garage was the cause of a fire here last Thursday afternoon at about 5:00 o'clock when the fire department was called to the Wm. Soderstrom home.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 July 2020)
After an exciting chase at over 50 miles an hour, two men alleged to be auto thieves were caught at Rock Creek Monday night and lodged in the jail at Pine City.

Work on the basement under the Pine City Mercantile store has been progressing very nicely. The furnace room has been completed and we understand a pipeless furnace will be installed. This will be quite an addition to the store as it was quite a job to heat the large building with stoves.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 July 2020)
The rapid development of Pine County in this vicinity is something in which every citizen of Pine City should take an honest pride. Hundreds of settlers since last year have located upon and have fine growing crops where centuries of dark forest primieval shut out the light of civilization.
Applications for the erection of “the little red school house” are coming in from all directions and before the Christmas flowers bloom a round half dozen new ones will be ready for business within a few miles of this flourishing village.

Why even the ministers smile at the increased weight of the Sunday contributions.

Harvesting has commenced in this vicinity and the yield is greater than ever before. It would puzzle a person some to drive a team between the sheaves in some of the fields.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 July 2020)
Handmade scarecrow guards Community Garden. Hannah and Olivia Husom give a hug to the scarecrow they made for the July 16 scarecrow contest at the Community Garden on Third Street SE. The Husoms had the winning scarecrow in the contest, but all participating youth were winners with their creative scarecrows – and for their help with the Community Garden. Last year, youth donated 321 pounds of vegetables to the Food Shelf from their plots, and they are trying to beat that record. The scarecrows are on display in the Community Garden.
Pine City Summer Rec expanded its tennis program in 2010 to include children 5-8 years old. These young children were introduced to an innovative tennis program called Quick Start Tennis, endorsed by the USTA.
Robert Musgrove, President of Pine Technical College, accepted a $500 donation from Bridget Peterson of the Mora BPW Association. The donation will be credited to the Pine Technical College Foundation’s 2010 Bridging the Dream Scholarship Campaign. Through donations from local organizations and individuals, the Pine Technical College Foundation is able to award thirty $1,000 scholarships to students this fall semester.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 July 2020)
Hope Lutheran church of Grasston is having a polka service on Sunday, Aug. 6 at 10:30 a.m. in Fabian Hellzen Park. Marv Ronvel and the Polka Kings will present the service. There will be a pig roast dinner following, with proceeds to be matched by AAL Branch #7140. In case of rain, the event will be held in the church.
Doug Haavisto, a career agent with the Minnesota Department of Corrections’ Pine City office, recently received an achievement award. Haavisto, a 10-year employee of the Department of Corrections, was recognized for exemplary performance during the last year. Achievement awards are given annually by the Department of Corrections Community Services division. R.T. Mucrone, deputy commissioner of corrections, sent the award to Haavisto.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 July 2020)
A rural farm accident claimed the life of Frank Pavek of Pine City on Monday evening. Local young men did Pine City proud last Friday when they swept first, second, third and fourth place wins in the

senior division of the Princeton to Cambridge Rum River Canoe Paddlerama. First place winners were Doug Berglund and Drew Rydberg.
The first hole in one has been shot by Doug Koepsell of Cambridge on their new Purple Hawk golf course. He shot the hole in one a week ago on the 11th hole, a 145 yard par 3. He slammed the ball to the pin with an eight iron.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 July 2020)
A truck hauling peas, occupied by Philip Swanson, driver and Rodney Holmberg, crashed head on into a Ford pickup truck in which five people were riding. The accident happened about two miles west of Rock Creek. All of the injuries were minor.
Plans for a TB test of all Pine County cattle are underway, according to County Agent C.P. Shumway.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 July 2020)
The State Automobile Club, after making their annual automobile tour, has decided that Pine County had the best roads they have traveled over, and had done the most road work and improving of any county through which they passed. The state association tour was run from St. Paul to Duluth last Friday.
Webb Hedge sold his car up at Keewatin last week. Webb was demonstrating the car to the purchasers and as we understand it, was displaying the power of the big motor by driving at a lively clip down hill, (some cars run both up and down hill) when the rear wheel came off. Fortunately, no damage was done, it only clinching the sale, so Webb says.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 July 2020)
Levi Ardner left on Monday for Fish Lake where he goes to ply his trade for a couple months.
The annual Rock Creek school meeting was held Saturday evening, and Olaf Erickson was elected clerk for three years. We are to have a nine months term with Miss Lizzie Badger as teacher. See “Jack” smile.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 July 2020)
For a few moments on Friday night, the Pine County Fair Grandstand will look like a classic car show Mercurys, Cadillacs and Galaxies from the 1950s and 1960s will fill the arena. Then, the mayhem will begin. The Antique Derby promises to delight fans – and horrify classic car lover’s – as driver’s pound each other’s vintage vehicles to pieces in the arena, each car from 1964 or earlier.
Oscar Sutherland of Stearns Bank presents a $500 check to Pine Center for the Arts Board Member Kris Seuntjens. Stearns Bank “adopted” the arts center by paying its rent for the month of August, and the center is still on the lookout for other groups to “adopt” the organization throughout 2010.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 July 2020)
The Pine City Summer Recreation Peewee and Midget baseball teams recently concluded successful seasons. Both squads capture championships in post-season tournaments.
Four students from the Hinckley-Sandstone area are participating in the North American Indigenous Games being held in Blaine June 30-Aug. 6. Participating form Hinckley are Deloris Gibbs, 15, and Vanessa Gibbs, 12, in basketball. They are the daughters of Dianne and Oliver Gibbs. George LaFave, 13, is on the boxing team. His mother is Vanessa LaFave. Also chosen for a baseball team is Tony Benjamin, the son of Anita Audie, Sandstone.
In the national news, Hinckley was highlighted across the nation on television last week when Spencer Christian, of Good Morning America, and Dave Dahl, KSTP meteorologist, broadcast from the grounds of Grand Casino Hinckley. They featured the Grand Celebration, in which hundreds of American and Canadian Indians dressed in traditional attire and competed in dance, drum and song

contests. The Grand Celebration was a kickoff to the 1995 North American Indigenous Games in Blaine.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 July 2020)
Duluth Mayor Ben Boo, a Pine Citian, who has gone elsewhere and made good is to return for the big Aug. 15 events here to help the home folks celebrate Tom Connor Day. Boo is the Republican endorsed candidate for lieutenant governor of Minnesota.
Charles Haussner, a year around Pokegama lake resident, passed away, following a boating accident in Wisconsin in which the outboard motor on the boat he was fishing from exploded.
One of the many outstanding marching units to appear at the Pine County Fair – Tom Connor day parade here, will be the Hennepin County Sheriff's Drum and Bugle Corps.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 July 2020)
Pine City will be on the route of the newly proposed interstate highway system.

Rush City Fire Department was called to the Johnson Block to extinguish a fire of undetermined origin last Thursday. The firemen made short work of the blaze and had it smothered in a few minutes. The building was badly damaged, all of the offices on the second floor were smoked to some extent, the hallway and the apartment occupied by the Moses family came in for the greatest amount of damage. The Sommer Drug Co. directly beneath the Moses apartment had a great deal of water in their establishment.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 July 2020)
Joseph Ouradnik Jr., shot himself through the foot while trying to remove a loaded shell from a .22 rifle.
Sometime last Tuesday night someone helped themselves to about $40 worth of gold plate in the office of Dr. Sculley at Pine City. Entrance was evidently gained by the use of a skeleton key as no marks were left.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 July 2020)
Geo. Perkings and Ed Netser, returned Tuesday from Sandstone, they not being able to strike a paying job. The best they could do was to get a dollar and a quarter a day, and after paying four dollars and a half a week for board there was not enough left to pay for the hard work.
There have been more new farm machinery bought in this village this year than ever before in one season. Farmers are getting self-binders, mowers and all of the necessary machinery to do good farming.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 August 2020)
Sokol Camp on the north end of Cross Lake celebrates its 80th year this year, and the annual Booya Picnic on Aug. 15 promises to be bigger and better than ever.

A motorcycle caught fire near the corner of Fifth Street SE and Second Ave. SE on Wednesday morning, burning until Pine City firefighters responded to the scene. Eyewitnesses said the owner of the motorcycle had visited Sauser's Hardware looking for a tool to fix a mechanical problem on his bike. He left the store, then returned a short time later seeking a fire extinguisher.
25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 August 2020)
Pine County goes to the fair in 1995. The Coldwell Banker crew used a Wizard of Oz theme for their 1995 parade entry. The agents were done up beautifully as characters from the well known story. Behind them came a cute little house with the slogan "There's no place like home."
A Hinckley woman faces charges of felony assault after she allegedly threatened two people with an axe. Arlene Louise Victor was arrested Saturday, July 29 after an argument in the street on Lawler Ave. Deputies who responded to the scene found that the woman apparently removed the axe from

her car and threatened two people, using the axe. One of the motorist got the axe away from Victor before deputies arrived.
Gary Madison, a 1975 graduate of Pine City High School, is producing and directing his first Off Broadway production. Madison attended the University of Minnesota-Duluth and Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ. He has lived in New York since 1994, where he works full time giving voice lessons and producing plays. The son of Doris Madison, Gary produces and directs under the name Madison Michaels.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 August 2020)
Smoke rising from the debris at the village dump will be a thing of the past beginning next Monday, Aug. 10. All burning in public dumps throughout the state will be outlawed and dumps must be operated as land-fills in an effort to minimize air pollution.
The Coca Cola Bottling company in Pine City was broken into sometime last Monday evening or early Tuesday morning. However, it was reported nothing was stolen.

Special efforts are now being made by the Minnesota Historical Society crew now reconstructing the Tom Connor Fur Trading post west of Pine City to have the work as near completion as possible for the dedication program at the site, Aug. 15. The dedication is one of the features of the Pine County Fair celebration.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 August 2020)
The board of directors of the Pine City Cooperative Creamery Assn., who have been working on ways and means during the past month to expand plant facilities to properly take care of their ever increasing volume, have entered into an agreement whereby Land O'Lakes will build immediately a central drying plant to process the skim milk of the local creamery as well as some of the creameries in neighboring towns.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 August 2020)
At a special meeting of the Pine City council held last Friday evening, the bid of Paul Perkins for the Acme truck and the W.S. Knott Co. for a chemical engine was accepted. The truck will cost the village $2,518.88 and the chemical $1,725 making a total of $4,243.88 for the complete outfit.
A baby boy was born at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gottry, last Saturday.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 August 2020)
What Pine City wants at the present time is more manufacturers. The farming country around the place settling up very rapidly and this place will be one of the very centers for the marketing of produce on the line, but we need something more. We must have manufacturers to furnish employment for the many young men who will grow up on these farms. We want them to stay here and become a part of our community the best way to accomplish this is to get them something to do.

Doran and Alguire, Rock Creek, commenced threshing about a week ago, and report grain running heavy.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 August 2020)
A Pine City girl has been part of a once-ina-decade art show in Minneapolis – and a once in-a-lifetime opportunity. Sevenyear-old Lyric Leverenz had her artwork displayed in the Minneapolis Institute of Arts (MIA) as part of the Foot in the Door show, a show held once every ten years at the MIA for the past thirty years.

Judy Yorston of Pine EMS led the 20 lifeguards serving at the beach this summer through a refresher course on the role of first responders in emergency situations.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 August 2020)

A considerable amount of land near Sandstone will be open to deer and bear hunting by firearms this fall for the first time since 1946. The Department of Natural Resources has turned hunting control of 10,880 acres of land over to those who own it. Since 1946, this mixture of private and public lands, called Pine County Game Refuge No. 1 and Pine County Game Refuge No. 3, were open to small game hunting, trapping and big game hunting by archery but not big game hunting by firearms.
Kathy Marenchin, a teacher at Pine City High School, joined more than 350 public school teachers at the Minnesota Education Association's (MEA) annual Summer Leadership Conference July 31-Aug. 3 at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Frank E. Koukel, son of Frank Koukel and Kathy Black, Pine City, recently received the Navy good conduct medal.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 August 2020)
On Saturday, Aug. 15, the Minnesota Historical Society will dedicate the first known restoration of an isolated fur-trade wintering post, located on the Snake river, one and one-half miles west of Pine City.
The village council met Wednesday evening of last week to take up a number of matters including a request that the question of building a municipal swimming pool be included on the election ballot this fall.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 August 2020)
The announcement by President Truman, at six o'clock Tuesday evening, that Japan had accepted unconditional surrender was greeted in Pine City with a miniature celebration. The whistle at the power plant was the first to go on the air, with the fire siren, police sirens, and car horns following in short order. The din continued for the better part of half an hour.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 August 2020)
Benches and tables have been put in the park for use of picnickers and tourists, also baskets for paper and rubbish. A faucet will also be added to the park fountain so that lunchers may get water without going to the stores.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 August 2020)
The Indian war is over and Uncle Sam should hang a few of the whites who are responsible for the fuss and shoot the Correspondents who sent in the bloody lies in relation to the "out-break".
This place was visited on Tuesday evening by one of the worst storms ever known in this part of the country. At about 9:30 it began to rain accompanied by hail and wind, the hail stones were the biggest ever seen here and the wind almost a hurricane. Trees were uprooted, windows broken, chimneys blown down and gardens ruined.

An old Indian Chief from the White Earth Reservation spent the beginning of the week in this village. He was a survivor of the last battle between the Sioux and Chippewas, which took place in 1841. He is 83 years of age and bore the marks of a great many battles. He is known as "Chief John."

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 August 2020)
Jeff's Outdoor Services recently donated a Mack Semi Tractor for Ruby's Pantry food distribution program. Jeff Jahnz, owner of Jeff's Outdoor Services said he sees Ruby's Pantry as a wonderful way to help people in the rural communities during these economically challenging times. The truck will be used to pick up food from suppliers and transport food to distribution sites.
The Hinckley-Pine City Flames Snowmobile Club recently made a $1,000 donation to the Family Pathways Hinckley Food Shelf. The Hinckley Food Shelf serves the areas of Hinckley, Brook Park and Beroun.

It's a tough job, but someone's gotta do it! Pine County Fair Board members taste-test the apple pie on Sunday, Aug. 8, the last day of the Fair. Judging baked goods is one of many responsibilities of Fair Board members – and probably not the worst.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 August 2020)
Chad Houston, son of Rick and Eunice Houston of Pine City, recently assumed the position of manager at the Pizza Pub. Houston graduated from the restaurant management course at Alexandria Technical College.
Beth Howard, granddaughter of Irene Howard and daughter of Ken and Bonnie Howard, North Branch, was invited last April to be part of the 80-member U.S. Team in the World Sports Exchange games in Barcelona, Spain. She earned her medals in the shot put event as part of the track and field team and also competed in the discus, taking fifth and sixth place.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 August 2020)
Over 1,900 persons enjoyed the BBQ beef feed in Pine City last Saturday served by Battery B. Cooks prepared over 650 pounds of beef for the event.

The last of the rural schools in Pine County will be sold at public auction on September 19. These districts are 1562 (Hustletown) and 1573 (Milburn). Many of the country schools have become town halls, some have been remodeled into homes, while others wrecked for lumber. The proceeds go to the consolidated district.
The Statue of Liberty (Jill Trampe) and Uncle Sam (Kathy Malone) were selected last Thursday afternoon as the grand champion winners during the second annual kiddie parade, sponsored by the Pine City Mrs. Jaycees.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 August 2020)
JoAnn Neville has been declared the winner of the state conservation camp trip for Pine county 4-H members.
A battalion of the Minnesota State Guard from the 4-H regiment, Minneapolis, were in Pine City last Sunday for field maneuvers and the working of problems.

The members of the Snake River Conservation club have been busy this week cleaning up the conservation building and the displays are being arranged. It is hoped that next summer a tourist bureau can be established in the building, as was done before the war.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 August 2020)
We happened to mention the other day that Frank Stuck had driven up from St. Paul in two hours and five minutes. We thought that was good time. But Fred Jordan comes forth and says that he and George Haynes went from Pine City to Willow River in fifty-eight minutes. Just as we were recovering from this Bill Schumacher tells that he went from Port Arthur to the boundary, fifty-five miles in one hour and a half. This sounded good until Sam Miller said that he and Jim Mach went to St. Paul last Saturday evening in one hour and forty-eight minutes. We were just coming up for air when Rudolph Bazil told us that the fastest town he had been in was Spooner, WI, where they arrest you for obstructing traffic if you travel slow. He was over there last week and says they have signs at both sides of town reading thus "Speed Limit 45 Miles Per Hour." The Poker force hopped into our little jitneys and bowled along Rock Creek and other places pretty lively, sometimes brushing a rig or two out of the way, but the above mentioned boys have watches whose hands travel faster than ours.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 August 2020)
Harvesting is finished in this section and threshing has commenced. The crops are the best ever seen in this country.

Laurence Poferl has accepted a position with a St. Paul newspaper “Der Wanderer”, and will take to the road in a short time.
Not less that one hundred fifty people spent Sunday at Lake Pokegama. This lake is destined to become one of the finest resorts in the state. We understand that the fisherman’s point at Pokegama has been sold to a Minneapolis party who, it is said, will erect twenty four cottages, build a chapel and otherwise improve the point. Watch Pokegama in the near future.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 August 2020)
On Monday, Aug. 23 Steve Karas looked over his herd of 19 beef cattle, he saw only 15. The four animals he was missing weren’t small either – a 1,700 pound Angus bull, a 1,500 pound red Angus steer and two Angus cows. The value of the four animals is roughly $4,000. He didn’t find the missing cattle but did discover cattle tracks and a damaged fence. He began to suspect the cattle had been stolen. He spoke to his neighbors and contacted the Pine County Sheriff’s Department.

Choppers and cruisers roared around Robinson Park and out of Pine City for the Sixth Annual Patrick Bombard Memorial Scholarship Ride. Organizer Rick Herzog said that as may as 100 bikes were expected for the event, with 150 participating. Last year’s ride raised $5,000 for the scholarship fund.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 August 2020)
Rodeo rustles up a crowd Rodeo riders galloped into the arena, flags flying high, to open the 1995 World Championship Rodeo in Sandstone on Saturday. The event, which features all the usual rodeo fare plus trick riding, wild cow milking and a watermelon run, draws a tremendous crowd.
Vern Mikkelsen, Minnetonka a 1945 Askov high school graduate was this year’s Grand Marshall of the Askov’s 58th Annual Rutabaga Festival. Mikkelsen went on to have a famous college and professional basketball career. This year he was inducted into the National Basketball Association Hall of Fame. In 1949, he played for Hamline University and from 1950-1959 he played for the Minneapolis Lakers seeing his team to four NBA titles.
Jon Rydberg, Pine City spent part of his summer in Europe competing and attending camp. Jon participated in the Belgium Camp for Juniors. He competed against 20 other Juniors from all over the world and captured second place. In Nottingham, England Rydberg participated in the British Open.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 August 2020)
The Pine City swimming pool committee met Wednesday evening of last week at the vocational school to discuss ways and means of building a pool in the village. Petitions are now being circulated as the result.
The 1970-71 school year will get underway at Pine City for elementary and high school students next Monday, Aug. 31, with an estimated enrollment of 1,565 students, 780 elementary and 785 high school.
Below normal rainfall, hot weather, low humidity and large numbers of people using the forest for recreation and berry picking could produce real problems for the division of lands and forestry fire protection personnel.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 August 2020)
The Agricultural Extension Service will continue to give farm people of Pine County as much service as possible in spite of the resignation of Clyde Shumway as county agent.
A deer season, including two weekends was announced by Chester S. Wilson, Conservation Commissioner, today. The usual one deer of any age or sex may be taken by legal firearms from Nov. 17 to Nov. 25, both dates inclusive.

On Wednesday, Aug. 22 at 3 p.m. before a setting of ferns and huge bouquets of gladiola and assorted flowers, Marie Lucille Egsgaard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Egsgaard of West Rock, became the bride of Kenneth Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Peterson of East Rock.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 August 2020)
The new Family Theatre at Pine City, is practically completed and will be formally opened to the public on Wednesday of next week.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pirkl are the parents of a 13 and one half pound baby boy.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 August 2020)
Theo Buselmeir has a crew of men moving the old court house building to his lots on the east side of the track and will remodel it for a dwelling. The crop liars are out in full force in Pine City, but they can't beat Sandstones yield, a million bushels of rocks to the acre. From Sandstone: Our population is above the one thousand mark and we are seriously thinking of Pine City as a suburb.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 September 2020)
Family and friends remember USMC Master Sergeant Daniel Fedder. Throughout Pine City last week, people talked of their memories of U.S. Marine Corps Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder. Daniel Fedder's life was cut short at age 34 when he was killed in Afghanistan on Aug. 27 while working as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) specialist.
Local authorities believe they have apprehended the parties responsible for a summer burglary spree that spanned more than a half dozen counties in central Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 September 2020)
Zemek makes Eagle. Pine City Boy Scout Troop 188 added another Eagle Scout to its ranks on Aug. 14, when Kris Zemek was inducted into Scouting's highest rank. Pictures at Camp Hamlin are Eagle Scouts Jon Zemek, Kris Zemek, Tom Miller, Donald Kangas and Joe Hobson.
Pine City's First Presbyterian Church, the oldest church in the area, turns 125 this year. A committee from the church has been working since June to prepare for the 125th anniversary celebration to be held on Sunday, Sept. 17. Faith, according to Betty Karas, is what makes a church survive 125 years. "That," she said, "and volunteers!"
For the first time in the history of Pine City Country Club, a senior golfer won both the club championship and the seniors championship. Ken Kaiser dropped a 35 ft. putt on No. 2 to win a sudden death playoff with Mike Sauser and claim the club championship title Sunday, Aug. 27.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 September 2020)
Fire of unknown cause completely destroyed the former Beroun Lumber company building early last Friday morning. Pine City firemen were called out at 5:35 a.m.

Navy Ensign Edward C. Buhr, husband of the former Barbara J. Sausen of Pine City, received his commission as a Navy officer after completing an intense course of instruction under the Naval Aviator program at the Naval Air Station in FL.

By votes taken among the football players, Greg Wallin and Dave Henschel are the co-captains for the 1970 PCHS football team. The football coaching staff acquired a new assistant this past week. Mr. Rohweder, who will be teaching the boys phy. ed classes, joined the coaching staff and will be working with Mr. Connaker.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 September 2020)
Delbert Delaney was hired to fill the vacancy of janitor at the court house, at a salary of $100 per month.

The total enrollment for the first day of school was 590. There were 217 in the first six grades, 161 in the junior high and 212 in senior high.
That some day, not far distant, the common housefly and the mosquito will be as extinct as the dinosaur and so will the diseases these insects now carry, is the bright expectations of Dr. Paul Muller and Dr. Paul Lauger. They have reason for their expectations for they are the men who gave DDT, the miracle insectacide, the U.S. Army and worldwide public health. The scientists asserted that with proper control, flies and mosquitos and other harmful insects can be eliminated entirely from the United States. They warned, however, that it is a job for entomologists.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 September 2020)
Many fairs are announced for Pine County, including the Pine County fair, Pioneer fair at Cloverton, the fair at the Chengwatana townhall, Askov fair, community fair at Bruno, Korn and Klover Karnival at Hinckley.
Match lighting gasoline lamps, a gasoline lamp that gives a very bright but soft light of 300 candle power. Easy on the eyes, many old people do not need glasses when using this lamp. Brighter than electricity. Perfectly safe. No wicks to trim, no dirty chimneys. Lighted with a common match.
$8.95 Babe Ruth may be “King of Swat” and Tris Speaker may load both American and National Leagues with an average of better than 400 with the stick...but why speak of trifles when Pine City and Hinckley clash next Sunday at Hinckley.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 September 2020)
F. Rybak, the gentleman that purchased the rink and is fitting the same up for a store departed for his home at New Prague on Thursday noon’s train. He will have charge of the work from now on and will also run the store.
School commenced on Tuesday with an attendance of over 200, which is about seventy-five more than there is actually room for. The people of this place expect good results from the teachers, and yet they crowd seventy-five pupils more than should be into the school house, and expect four teachers to handle them.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 September 2020)
A hero’s final farewell. A Marine plays “Taps” at Birchwood Cemetery on Sept. 7, 2010 and the Minnesota Patriot Guard stands by as U.S Marine Corps Master Sgt. Daniel L. Fedder is laid to rest.
Pine City firefighters direct traffic around a fallen streetlight at the corner of Second Avenue SE and Second Street SE in Pine City on the afternoon of Tuesday, Sept. 7. Firefighters blamed the fallen streetlight on high winds and aging infrastructure, noting that the streetlights in that area may be as much as 30 years old.

Clark Foster, Jonah Rydberg-Sauter and Michael Johnson will be inducted into the Pine City High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, Oct. 9 at the Pine City Country Club. Foster, a 1940 graduate starred for the Dragons in football, basketball, track and baseball. Rydberg-Sauter and Johnson were football teammates in 1999. Rydberg also stood out in hockey and tennis, while Johnson’s exploits were in track and baseball.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 September 2020)
A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Pine City 3M plant on Wednesday, Sept. 6 to celebrate the new alliance between 3M Pine City and KCS Industries, a subsidiary of Banta Corporation of Menasha, Wisconsin.
A Mille Lacs County businessman and homeowner, Fred Main of Wahkon, is proposing to open a casino to bring tax relief to the people of that county.

A teenager was injured in an accident on the county line road west of Brook Park.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 September 2020)
The Agnes Hotel, one of the old landmarks in downtown Pine City, will be torn down in the near future and replaced with a new building which will house several apartments and provide office space. The village council approved the plans last week.
The officers and the members of the First Presbyterian church will celebrate their 100th birthday in this community on Sunday, Sept. 13. Founded in 1870 by three housewives and the daughter of one of these, Pine City had not been incorporated. It was not only the first church in the county, but the only church over a much wider area.
School students and faculty were evacuated Thursday when a bomb threat was called into the school just after lunch. No bomb was found. An investigation is underway.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 September 2020)
The Chapel of the Las Vegas army airfield was the scene of a wedding, which took place August 15, when Miss Phyliss E. Flaherty of Long Beach, California, became the bride of Flight Officer Leonard J. Plessel, son of Wm. Plessel of Pine City.

The tire industry is still tight for both passenger cars and trucks, P.A. Burke, OPA Director, Duluth-Superior District, said recently.
A Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary post is planned in this community, and any eligible ladies who wish to join may list their names with Wm. Korbel.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 September 2020)
The long delayed work on the Pokegama bridge is nearing completion and will be finished in the near future. This will be welcome news to Pine City folks as well as the farmers in that region.

It looked like an opening night in a city much larger that Pine City, when the doors of the new Family Theatre were thrown open to the public for the first entertainment in the new show house. The building was crowded for both performances, there being as many on the outside waiting for the second performance as had gained admission. The pictures shown were of the best and an orchestra furnished the music.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 September 2020)
On Tuesday this burg was overrun with Bohemians looking for land to settle on. The most of them came from northeastern Iowa, and came up here on the invitation of Hopewell Clark, they having come from their homes to attend the State Fair, and seeing the Pine County display, said, “If Pine County could raise such grain, vegetables and grass, that was just the country they were looking for.”

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 September 2020)
The Kanabec County Sheriff’s Office received a report of an attempted abduction in the Trailview School parking lot. A student reported that a Caucasian adult male attempted to lure the juvenile into a silver/grey minivan. The fourth-grade boy refused to get into the vehicle and instead reported it to an adult.

Frank Christopherson, Pine City’s U.S. Bank branch manager, has won U.S. Bank’s Annual Top Tier Pinnacle award, the company’s highest consumer banking employee achievement honor. Christopherson has worked in the financial industry for nine years, eight at U.S. Bank. He volunteers in the community with the Pine City Economic Development Authority, Chamber of Commerce and Planning Commission. Christopherson currently resides in Pine City.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 September 2020)
Bacon made in the smokehouse at Nelson’s Market, Pine City, won fourth place in the hickory smoked category at the Minnesota State Fair. Mike Sullivan uses elements of his grandfather’s

recipe as well as his own additions to make Nelson's many flavors of bacon and sausages. The store entered its bacon in State Fair competition as a member of the Minnesota Association of Meat Producers. There were 13 other entries. Sullivan has worked for Nelson's for seven years.

Farming has gone high tech these days, with innovations like combines that receive satellite signals and computerized equipment that automatically adjusts fertilizer application rates. Now, researchers at the University of Minnesota are using some of the same electronic technology to make farming safer. According to a university expert, someday soon electronic safety sensors and "smart" control systems may reduce a farmer's risk of injury on combines, power takeoff (PTO) shafts or other aggressive equipment.
Milly Johnson, Pine City, is the winner of the Applemania Contest at the Pine City Senior Dining Site. The contest is a search for the best apple cake, and Johnson will bring her winning entry to the regional apple cake contest on Thursday, Oct. 5 at the Milaca Senior Dining Site.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 September 2020)
The Pine City Lions club agreed to help the swimming pool committee with a generous contribution of money to assist with the hiring of an architect.

The Rural School Restoration association reports this week that its bank balance is now $966, which includes the $100 donation made by the Pine City Sno-Blazers.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 September 2020)
O.E. Blood, manager and owner for the past eight years of Blood's Laundry and Cleaners closed a deal last week selling the business to Ralph and Vernon Peterson, brothers, who will take over operation on Oct. 1.
Arnold Lund, an ex-convict from Minneapolis, being held in jail here on a grand larceny charge, succeeded in escaping Sunday morning as Ed Miller, jailor, was taking his breakfast to him.
Major A.K. Stratte, Pine City physician, arrived home from overseas last Friday, after having been in service since March 1941.
Construction on the new $250,000 Land O'Lakes milk drying plant is expected to get under way within the next ten days.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 September 2020)
Under the auspices of the American Legion, the new soldiers monument was unveiled Friday afternoon. Attorney Reinholtz of Hinckley acted as master of ceremonies introducing State Commander Vernon of Little Falls who made a short but excellent address.
Rev. E.J. Clark, former pastor of the Presbyterian church here has accepted a call to the church at Hallet, MN, at the salary of $2,000 per year.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 September 2020)
Capt. A.E. Webber, will run his steamer ferry from the foot of Sixth street to the fairgrounds every hour and will also make excursion trips to the lake. The barge will be used for a hall where those so disposed can trip the light fantastic to the harmonious strains of the Rock Creek orchestra.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 September 2020)
Tom Rys accepts a plaque honoring his family's years of hard work. Pioneer Hi-Bred sales team in Minnesota and western Wisconsin recognized sales representative Tom and Nancy Rys with Rys Farms Inc. of Pine City for 10 years of service.
The Pine City Evangelical Free Church, whose history extends back over a century, called a new pastor this summer – Rev. Joel Preston. Preston is originally from southern New Jersey. He graduated in 2002 with a B.A. In Pastoral Theology from Trinity Baptist College in Jacksonville, FL. Joel and his wife Jenine have two sons, J.J. And Jace.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 September 2020)
Just between friends. When Loren Ferch set out last spring to best Pine City's renowned gardener in 1995 Clara Chapin in pumpkin growing prowess, he didn't think he really had a chance. As luck would have it, though, Ferch's pumpkin got off to a good start and just kept growing, reaching a whopping 204 pounds by last Thursday. Clara's tipped Stan and Gene's scales at 138 pounds. Clara and her husband, Delford, will buy dinner for the winner.
LeRoy Samuelson, founder of Lee's Pro Shop in Pine City and an avid softball promoter and sponsor, will be inducted into the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame.

Army Maj. Vincent E. Glidden has arrived for duty at Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu. Glidden, a head nurse, is the son of Darrell J. Glidden, Stanchfield, and Elaine Lucht, Grasston. He is a 1968 graduate of Braham High School and a 1981 graduate of St. John's University, Collegeville. The major received a master's degree in 1985 from the University of Texas-El Paso.
For the 14th year, Pine City kindergartners were treated to a visit to the farms of Jeff and Marianne Peterson and Dan and Julie Berglund. The children were able to watch dairy cows being milked, to pet the calves and observe horses and chickens up close. The adventure concluded with a nature hike through the woods along Cross Lake and a snack of cheese (from the Peterson cows), crackers and milk.

Fire caused extensive damage last week to the Munch Township home of Gerald and Doris Weis. The house sustained extensive smoke damage, and fire burned the kitchen, living room and damaged the roof line. Gerald and Doris Weis sustained minor burns and minor smoke inhalation.

(Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 September 2020)
The Pine City Singers are looking forward to another year of performing for various school, church and community functions.
Two 16-year-old youths aided the police on Monday evening by obtaining the license number of a 1961 Thunderbird which they witnessed involved in a hit and run accident. The two youths gave chase to obtain the license number and they flagged down the police car and gave them the information.

"Let's plunge into the 70's" was the topic of a talk delivered to the Chamber of Commerce at its meeting last week by John Bertram, executive vice president of the Retail Trade Federation. "The day when even small town businesses could steadily plod along is a thing of the past," he noted, pointing out a business must grow or die."
Henry Sommer, Pine City, was among 33 delegates representing Midland Cooperatives, Incorporated, and its member cooperatives, a 27th Biennial Congress of the Cooperative League of the USA in New York City.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 September 2020)
Pine City is to be host to the Minnesota State Grange convention.

Arnold Lund, who made his escape from the Pine City jail, was arrested by police in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Saturday of last week.
Matt Zalaznik went to St. Paul on Thursday to get his truck which was found there, being abandoned by the man who escaped from jail last week.
Available at the Pine City Merc. Co.: Snow suits for little tikes $6.95- $10.75; Paper Napkins, 2 packages for 17 cents; Men's Fancy Hose, 49 cents; Mackinaw Hunting Coats, $14.95.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 September 2020)

Miss Helen Breckenridge of Pine City who is visiting in New York City was in close proximity to the scene of disaster in Wall Street at the time of the bomb explosion, and was eating lunch in a near by restaurant. The explosion caused great fright and consternation for many blocks, the buildings were jarred and glass shaken from the window and shattered. Miss Breckenridge was not injured, she witnessed some of the frightful scenes that resulted in the mangling and slaughtering of innocent people, who were the victims.
Sig Brekke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Swan Brekke and Miss Martha Larson, daughter of Mrs. Carrie Larson, were quietly married by Rev. Lee of Hinckley at the parsonage last Wednesday.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 September 2020)
The sixth annual fair of the Pine County agricultural society becomes a matter of history with the ending today. To say that it has been a grand success is unnecessary. The testimony of those who attended from the north, south, east and western portion of the county will bear witness to that fact. The first day's receipts were $56.85, and it was a wet day at that.
A potato stalk was brought in this morning from Pokegama by Geo. Curtis, measuring over six feet in length, and having fourteen potatoes attached to it, this is one of the greatest curiositiesof the fair.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 October 2020)
Skateboarders ride tough at Battle of the Boards. Pine City skateboarders put their talents on display at the Battle of the Boards event Oct. 2, 2010. This event was put on by Pine City and 3rd Lair. Outs Division winner: Chris Slater * Best Slam: Colton Darwin. Beginner Division * Sixth Place: Colton Darwin * Fifth Place: Marcus Scarbrough * Fourth Place: Tyler Plazek * Third Place: Kenny Lee * Second Place: Tucker Hancock * First Place: Koty Glenn. Experts Division * Fourth Place: Chris Slater * third Place: Jordan Olson * Second Place: Jordan Satter * First Place: Colton Hecht.
The memory of a little boy named Lucas is drawing Beroun's Anna Smith to South Africa, where she will spend the next six months working with orphaned children in a town south of Johannesburg. Smith said she wants to use this trip to raise awareness in the United States of what African orphans are going through.

Pine City Firefighters spray foam on a car fire that started just south of Pine City on Highway 61. The driver said the car engine started smoking, he pulled over to see what it was, and the front end of the car burst into flame. It happened slowly enough that both he and his chihuahua Chico were able to escape without injury.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 October 2020)
Woischke's Supper Club announces the addition of Chef Jennifer Nysveen-Wickern to their staff. A graduate of Fargo-Moorhead in chef's training, Jennifer also brings her experience as Executive Chef with Marriot Hotels. She will be introducing Woischke's fall menu next week.
Church leaders Barbara Anderson and Florence Kalenius of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Pine City, attended the Congregational Heritage Workshop held this summer at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 October 2020)
About 25 property owners who live near the new landfill dump site, four miles north of Pine City appeared at the Pokegama town board meeting to protest the location of the dump.
The Dragons crossed the goal line six different times to wallop North Branch, 44-14. The game appeared as though it would be a low scoring battle in the mud, but instead the Pine City fans found themselves viewing a high-scoring spectacle.

Serious consideration was given to the placement and maintenance of a large Pine City sign on the edge of Interstate 35 south of town by the Pine City Chamber at their Monday meeting.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 October 2020)
Walter Schwartzwald sold his Crystal Palace ballroom and bowling alleys on Monday of this week, to Clem Gramer of Fairfax, MN., who will take possession October 15.
Pine City's Dragons racked up their second straight victory Friday afternoon at the expense of a game and tough Forest Lake eleven. Last year the Dragons dropped their only game of the season to Forest Lake, and in 1943 the two teams battled to a scoreless tie.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 October 2020)
The fire department members voted to attend fires at nearby farms free of charge. The farmers of the community will appreciate this action on the part of the local firemen and it is no more that the farmers would do under the same circumstances.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 October 2020)
Born to the wife of Robert Wilcox, Monday morning, a son. It is hard to say which is the more pleased "Doc" or "Uncle" Oliver.
F.S. Christenson, president of the Rush City bank, committed suicide Wednesday morning by shooting himself. The act was doubtless due to despondency caused by the loss of his beautiful home which was burned to the ground Sunday night.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 October 2020)
Doing the Homecoming hop in 2010. Football players and cheerleaders kick up their heels at the school pep rally as part of the Pine City High School Homecoming celebration on Oct. 8. Homecoming Queen Kayla Pavelka and King Scott Brown were crowned on Oct. 7, and the Dragon football team crushed the opposition on Friday night with a 38-7 victory over the Aitkin Gobblers.
Ben Mettling, Pine City High School graduate and currently a teacher in Ellsworth, Minnesota has a great story to tell when his students ask him what he did on his summer vacation. Mettling and two friends – also teachers – rode their bicycles 3,747 miles over 46 days across the United States from Washington state to New York, coast to coast.
Both major party candidates for governor recently swept through the area, with Democrat Mark Dayton coming in for a meet-and-greet in Pine City and Republican Tom Emmer pulling over for a campaign rally in Mora.
Pine City High School students went over and above to honor one of their own during Homecoming week. Jars were set out to collect donations toward the Master Sergeant Daniel Fedder Athletic Scholarship fund, with a fundraising goal of $500. Students donated more than $750 toward the fund, with many donations coming in the form of small change.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 October 2020)
Dragon Homecoming Queen Heather Haavisto and King Mike Doenz reigned over a football win for the Dragons. Other king and queen candidates included Jason Weiner, Jocelyn Stephan, Mark Miska, Julie Erhart, Jade Berglund, Jaime Valvoda, Dan Smith and Kerri Smetana.
The Pine City Youth Hockey Association applied for a $250,000 "Mighty Ducks" grant to build an ice arena.
A potluck benefit dinner is being held for Jerry and Doris Weis, who recently lost their home to a fire.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 October 2020)
Two new ambulances were recently delivered to the Pine County Ambulance Service. One will be stationed at Pine City and will serve the southern part of the county. The other unit will be stationed at Sandstone and dispatched by the hospital to serve the northern and central portions of the county.
Army specialist Five Douglas E. Winfield, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Winfield of Grasston, received on Aug. 22 his second award of a Bronze Star in Vietnam.

“An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” Except it’s Pine City that lost all the “teeth” last Friday evening in their bout against the Trojans.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 October 2020)
Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Krech sold the Pine City Hotel, which they have operated for a number of years, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lyons of Wayne, Michigan.

Harry Krech of Electric Services, Pine City, has been made a dealer for the Northwestern-Hanna Fuel Co. of St. Paul, Iron Fireman distributor for this area.

N. C. Peterson, county highway engineer in Pine County for several years, has accepted a position as county engineer of Meeker County, with headquarters in Litchfield.
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Foss of South St. Paul purchased the store at West Rock last week from Frank Heys and took possession on Saturday.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 October 2020)
A baby boy was born at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miska east of town on Tuesday, Oct. 12.
At the meeting of the board of directors of the Pine City Creamery last week, Ole Herrud resigned as one of the members and Joe Toman was appointed in his place as a director. Paul Dorow was elected acting vice-president of the board.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 Octber 2020)
Tuesday night was coldest night of the season. Ice a quarter of an inch thick was frozen in several places.
It is a shame to see our beautiful park go to ruin by leaving the gates open and allowing cattle to go in and d out at will. The cattle are rapidly spoiling the trees by browsing them. Our council should have the gates locked if they cannot be kept closed any other way.
Robert Hoffman has sold his residence on the “Wisconsin” side of the track, to County Auditor Greesey, the consideration being eight hundred dollars cash. “Dug” is to be congratulated in securing so valuable a piece of property, it being one of the finest residence sites in the village, standing as it does on the point and commanding a view of both the river and Cross Lake.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 October 2020)
Uniformed Pine City firefighters swept into a meeting of the Pine Area Lions on a recent Monday night. Instead of axes and hoses, they carried flyers they hoped would spark interest and support for the $1.65 million levy referendum for a new fire hall.
Pine City Planning Commissioner Mary Rinden will receive the city’s fourth “Citizen Planner” award.
Both the boys and girls cross country teams took first place at the Great River Conference meet held in Pine City last week, with special recognition going to Paul Skalicky, John Dedic, Cody Hanson, Nick Bremer, Jake Guttormson, Chris Maki and Russ Westeren.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 October 2020)
Dalmation steals the show in 1995. Smokey, a dalmation pup owned by Pine City Fire Chief Paul Miller, made a lot of new friends at this year’s fire department presentations to local kindergarteners. The kids all got the chance to pet Smokey after firefighters Dave Hill, Tim Skalicky, John Stahlke and Miller taught them fire safety lessons. The youngsters also got to sit in the driver’s seat of a fire truck and see the giant extension ladder raised.
A 79-year-old man suffered hypothermia and cuts to his body after being lost in the woods near Pine City. He was rescued after Kevin Hinze and a friend – who were heading out deer hunting – found bloody clothing and a checkbook tangled in a barbed wire fence and contacted the sheriff’s department.

The September meeting of the Merry Muskrats 4-H Club held at Grasston City Hall was called to order by Lorelei Swenson. The group is planning a Halloween party at Pigeons, which will include a potluck supper, hayride and hot chocolate.

With over 50 years on the road, Florian Chmielewski will be inducted into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame next month.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 October 2020)
Fires, which started from the chimney, destroyed the home of Percy and Bertha Cottrell of Henriette on Monday of this week. The 3M company plans to build a small addition onto its Pine City microfilm products plant at 400 Second Street, it was announced this week.
Island Resort near Pine City, last week was named Big Fish headquarters in the World's Largest Fishing Contest sponsored by the St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press newspapers.
Candice Ames is one of Pine City's new teachers this year. Mrs. Ames teaches 11th grade American History.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 October 2020)
Coach Nell Green's wave rolled right over Ken Seeling's Vikings at North Branch to swamp them 47-2.
Dr. A. K. Stratte will resume his practice in Pine City on Monday, Oct. 22. He has made arrangements to temporarily occupy his former office in the post office building every day except Friday.
State Conservation Officer Chester Wilson revealed Saturday that he had opened a part of the St. Croix Park area for hunting this fall.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 October 2020)
The auditor's office has issued about 600 small game licenses this year – by far the largest amount ever issued in Pine County, he previous high mark being 200. The open partridge season this years is thought to be somewhat responsible for the increase in licenses taken out.
Ever Madison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Iver Madison living west of Pine City on the Brunswick Road, and Miss Florence Winifred Mills of Kettle River were married at the Presbyterian parsonage at Carson.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 October 2020)
F. J. Rybak, proprietor of the new general store at this place, was married on Tuesday of the week to Miss Mary Radly, of New Prague, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Frank Tichy of the Catholic church.
Regarding the very low prices which potatoes are bringing, hundreds of bushels are being delivered daily to local buyers.
The name of the Pine City Cornet Band has been changed to that of the "Modern Woodsmen Band of Pine City."

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 October 2020)
The cast of "Guys and Dolls", the fall musical at Pine City High School, may be knocking on your door this Sunday evening. But the students won't be asking for candy; they will be looking for donations for the Pine Community Food Shelf.
Dragon football undeafeated in 2010 regular season. The Pine City High School Dragon football squad compeleted their regular season with a perfect 8-0 record, ranked eighth in the state.
Pine Technical College will hold its fourth annual open house this coming Wednesday. "It's not to be missed, even if you're just curious about PTC and want to see the inside of the building"
Lisa Cummings' earliest childhood memories were of the horse her family owned. Now she is a volunteer at Changing Gaits, which uses horses to help people address issues related to substance abuse.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 October 2020)
Four Pine City teachers were honored at the Leadship in Educational Excellence banquet and award ceremony in St. Cloud: Dan Voce, Lori Stauty, Pam Hambeck and Dave Johnson.
Senior Joe Edelhofen will play the role of Seymour in “Little Shop of Horros” at Pine City High School. This will be the first musical presented by the high school in ten years.
The Minnesota Extension Service of Pine City has recognized Sue Osterdyk as its Volunteer of the Month.
Thirty-seven piano students from the Pine City area will perform in an ensemble concert this Saturday at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 October 2020)
Pine City police officer Robert Foster was the recipient of a special appreciation plaque awarded him by the local Jaycees at their meeting last week.
Attendance estimated at numbers as low as 3, 500 and as high as 6,000 cheered some 30 contestants and 70 handsome draft horses at the state plowing contest held on the Jimmy Nordrum farm here last Saturday.
The Rural School Association met on Monday evening during which meeting it was announced that the former Chengwatana school (District 59) will be moved to the village sometime before the end of the month..

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 October 2020)
Manager Turner of the Family Theater has just added another major improvement to his already up-to-date theater. The latest improvement is a pair of the latest high intensity arc lamps in the projection booth.
Before a big Homecoming crowd, the Dragons walloped Barnum High School for the 1945 East Central Football championship and their third consecutive football title in league play.
Mr. and Mrs. Albin Lundin of Rt. 2, Pine City, announced the marriage of their daughter Addie Laura, to Sgt. Paul Richard Novy of the U.S. Army Air Corp on Friday, Aug. 19.
Ray’s Surge Store, owned and operated by Ray Skinnemoen in the Bogue Building at Pine City, will have its grand opening on Oct. 27 with coffee and donuts served to all visitors.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 October 2020)
The Pine Poker was purchased by Win S. McEachern and Dewey Wilcox from Howard Folsom, the new owners taking possession last Monday. The paper was leased by McEarhern last January and has been operated by him with the assistance of Mr. Wilcox who has been in charge of the plant up to present.
A shower was given for Miss Neva Morrow at the Rock Creek Hall on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Morrow is to marry Gunnard Berglund, son of Mrs. Berglund living northeast of Rock Creek.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 October 2020)
Jos. Osier, the old scount has received another generous installment of the “filthy lucre” from “Uncle Sam” the first of the week, the amount being four hundred dollars.
Jas. W. Saxon, and enterprising farmer from Mony, Rock County, Minnesota was a visitor in this village last week. He came to see if it was possible that such vegetables could be grown her as stated in the *Pioneer*. He not only found the statements to be true, but found a county far beyond his expectations. He took back a mammoth box of vegetables to show the neighbors what Pine County could produce. He said he could not make them believe what a fine county it was without taking samples to prove it.
We are informed by good authority that there is soon to be a cigar factory and another butcher ship started in this place. Why doesn’t someone start a wood manufacturing of some sort? There is plenbty of timber for making any kind of large or small articles both in hard or soft wood that can be brought to this place very cheap. It would be a good investment for somebody.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 October 2020)
Tickets for ‘Guys and Dolls’ on sale in 2010 Seniors Josh Palmer (Nicely-Nicely Johnson) and Trevor Clune (Big Jule) are preparing for opening night of “Guys and Dolls.” Pine City’s fall musical kicks off next Thursday, Nov. 11. Tickets are now on sale at several businesses or by calling (320) 629-4013. The musical is directed by Brad Mariska and features the talents of over 70 students in the cast, crew, and orchestra.
In the 2010 general election, Pine City voters approved a $1.65 million bond referendum for a new fire hall.
Robin Cole was picked to become the next sheriff of Pine County, with 5,319 votes to incumbent Mark Mansavage’s 5,093 votes. Mitch Pangerl beat incumbent Ed Montbriand for Pine County District 2, while incumbent Steve Hallan beat Bob Neubauer in District 1. Paul Miller and Mary Kay Sloan were elected to the city council.
An Oct. 26 fire fanned by high winds gutted the old Birchview Inn in Pokegama Township. But despite their loss, owners Al and Bonnie Brennhofer are grateful that their home – just six feet away from the walls of the Birchview –was saved from the flames by local firefighters.
Kanabec Hospital has announced that it will take on a new name next year: FirstLight Health System.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 October 2020)
Since 1978, Jim and Kandi Koppen have operated a pharmacy in Pine City’s Pine Plaza. Recently, they decided to sell that aspect of their business and focus on the gift and collectible lines they’ve built up over the years. The sale of their pharmacy to Pamida means the community’s last corner drugstore is closing.
For the fourth time, Aggie Mansavage’s Pine City garden has been profiled in the Minnesota Horticulturist magazine.
Pine City history was on the auction block Saturday when Clarence Nordstrom, a local pioneer and a legend in the draft horse industry, sold most of his plows, carriages and the horses used to pull them.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 October 2020)
Hans Grandt, of rural Pine City, who has served continually on the Pine County Fair Board since 1920, was recently presented a certificate of appreciation by the Pine County Agriculture Society for his 50 years of dedicated service.
In Rush City a petition is being circulated to half the government’s land acquisition of private land along the St. Croix River.
Attorney General Douglas Head announced today that Pine City will receive $320 this week to cover part of the cost of training one of its police officers.
Marlene K. Skalicky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Skalicky of Hinckley, became the bride of LeRoy R. Bible, son of Mrs. Mary Bible of Pine City.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 October 2020)
Melford Swanson, Pine City mortician, has started construction of a new funeral chapel, which will be built on th corner just west of the building now being used as a chapel. He recently purchased this lot from Walter Schwartzwald when the building he now occupies was sold to Grant Thompson by Mrs. Neubauer.

The REA generating plant located between Braham and Cambridge went into operation on Wednesday, Oct. 24 and began generating electricity over the lines of the P.I.C.K. cooperative electric.
Mrs. Clara Anderson and son, Harold, will open an Eat Shoppe in the Art Johnson building across from the Gehl Oil Co. station on Highway 61 within the next week.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 October 2020)
Jack Karsky has bought out his partner, Dick Ruby, in the local dray line and will operate the business himself this winter. Messrs. Karsky and Ruby purchased the dray business from Geo. Sherwood about a year ago and have operated it together since that time.
Mrs. Richard Holetz entertained 35 friends last Friday evening, in honor of Miss Mary Korbel, whose marriage to Jos. Hoeltz will occur sometime this month. A complete set of aluminum cooking utensils was presented to Miss Korbel.
Mrs. Wiseman was busy all day Tuesday driving elderly women voters of the village downtown so they might vote. Many were able to vote on this account that would have been unable to otherwise.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 October 2020)
It is interesting to study feminine fashions, because the keen observer can detect their trend. Take it in the matter of sleeves. The first was a compromise between the tight and the puffed sleeve, then the puff gradually became a balloon ascension, which was modified as the puff crept from the shoulder toward the elbow where it now promises to linger for a season.
Mr. M. F. Reynolds, of Steele County, who came to this place with J. C. Mosier, of Waseca County, with a span of horses, disposed of them to Ole Gilberts, of Rock Creek, for 80 acres of land on the St. Croix Road about six miles from this village. He bought the land for speculation as he owns one of the finest farms in Steele County.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 November 2020)
On Nov. 2, voters in the Pine City School District approved the renewal of the school's 10-year operating levy by a margin of 2,651 to 1,619. Rob Springborg and Matthew Mordal have finished construction of a disc golf course at Voyageur Park. Springborg has put over $1,000 of his own money into the course, and it has already received many positive reviews from fans of the sport.
Lidell Nordrum, who lived in Pine City since he was five years old, said he wanted to honor fallen veterans in a monument he built with his own hands. For every veteran in his family, Nordrum has dedicated a rock at the base of a flagpole which flies the red, white and blue high over his property.
Twelve-year-old Dennis Skalicky shot a doe on opener weekend. This was his first year of hunting.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 November 2020)
A bewitching evening in 1995. The Rock Creek Lions' annual Halloween party brought out bewitching sights like Heidi Mizer and Melissa Thompson, along with the cute and cuddly and the truly fierce. The Lions handed out over 300 bags of treats at the free bash, which features a variety of games, goodies and a haunted house.She started cooking for others as a way to survive the Depression, but soon Mary Watrin learned she loves blending flavors, experimenting and coming up with recipes of her own. At 85, Watrin only recently turned her catering duties over to younger women, but her popular dishes won't soon be forgotten. The Pine City Arts Council and the Pine City Library will sponsor the annual fall Arts Council's amateur photography show. Eight members of the Pine City High School Concert Choir joined in a concert with over 1,000 student singers at St. John's University: Michelle Hill, Jessica Odegard, Becky Weinberger, Amy Asher, Aaron Koppen, Brian Hobson, Lucas Raudabaugh and Nathan Anderson. Their choral director is Mike Zemek.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 November 2020)
It was announced this week that the Pine City dump will definitely close permanently this Saturday. Future dump needs of the area will be taken care of by a new landfill dump constructed and operated by the Korf Bros. of Pine City. The Dragons finished their grid season by scoring in the final two minutes of the game to squeak past Isle, 12-8 John Hawley was voted to be the Most Valuable Player by his teammates. John is a senior who was the Dragons' principal ground-gainer and served as linebacker. Eight members of the Rum River Citizens Band Radio association helped police patrol streets in Braham and Pine City on Halloween night.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 November 2020)

A disastrous fire completely destroyed the house on the Gust Schwartzwald farm, northeast of Pine City, last Sunday night. A new garage building is being constructed by Al Simmerman of Webb Oil Co., just east of his service station in the south part of Pine City. Included in the building will be a 20x30 showroom for displaying Hudson motor cars, for which he has a dealership.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 November 2020)
The kids were out in force on Tuesday, enjoying the first snowstorm of the season. Snowballs, forts and snowmen were the order of the day. Seeing the youngsters enjoying the first snowstorm of the season reminds us how we used to get wringing wet and then roundly reprimanded by our parents, and some of the good old snow fights we used to have when we were young. There is no time as good as the good old "school days."

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 November 2020)
Snowman season begins in 2010 Jenica and Anika Hancock (ages nine and seven) made the most of the first winter storm of the year, creating a snowman complete with pipe and carrot nose. Pine County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Steve Ovick had his last day of work on Nov. 10, retiring at the age of 57. "It has been quite the endurance run for 33 years," Ovick said. "I have no regrets. I chose this job and I stuck it out." Sergeant First Class Tane Anderson returned from a tour of duty in Basra, Iraq six months ago, after spending a year with the 34th Infantry Division. He said the job was hard enough, but concerns about his family at home made it worse. He said the newly formed Pine City Yellow Ribbon Committee was now stepping forward to offer help. Students Raeanna Shermer, Cassidy Stream, Maggie Foster and Raven Major hit the floor at the Halloween Junior High Dance sponsored by Kettle Kinship. Recently, a group of third graders visited the home of Bob and Mary Haedt. Mary, dressed in a bee costume for the occasion, read a book about bees to the children before Bob gave them a tour of his beehives.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 November 2020)
The inmate overload problem at Pine County Jail will be alleviated soon with construction of a 16-bed addition. 3M plans to create an independent new company, and the plant in Pine City – which employs 70 – will join it. Pine County Deputy Patrick Rootkie sustained minor injuries when his squad car crashed on the way to a fire. Dean Dronen, Pine County's veterans service officer, rekindled memories for veterans of all wars when he spoke at the American Legion's Armistice Day dinner. Volunteers perform many valuable functions in Pine City's schools. Some work with School Nurse Nancy Ovick. Retired teacher Millie Healy works directly with students.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 November 2020)
The township of Rock Creek, which is now incorporated as a village, will hold its first election on Dec. 22. The 1970 school census has been taken and tabulated, reports Superintendent C.M. Espeseth. The report shows an increase of 107 by consolidation and 38 children by growth.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 November 2020)
Elton Cleaver, veteran guard on the 1945 Dragon championship football team, was elected by his teammates as captain of the 1946 football squad. The traditional honor of being voted the squad's most valuable blocker goes to Carl Stoffel.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 November 2020) Thieves broke into the Pine City Mercantile Co. store late last night or early this morning and took a large quantity of ladies' and mens' coats. The amount of the plunder will run into the thousands, it not being known at this time just how much was taken. Joseph Holetz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Holetz of Montgomery and Miss Mary Korbel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Korbel of Pine City, were united in holy wedlock at St. Mary's Church Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock by Father Leo.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 November 2020)

Rules and regulations for Webster School. Pine City: Pupils tardy more than twice within any one month, or absent without satisfactory excuse, shall be suspended from school by the principal and required to secure the consent of the school board in order to be reinstated. Pupils are required to be prompt and regular in attendance; to conform strictly to all requirements of the school; to be diligent in study; to be courteous in their intercourse with each other and respectful to those in authority; to avoid boisterous and unseemly conduct at intermissions and in passing to and from their homes. Disobedience to any of these requirements to be punished by dismissal from school at the discretion of the principal.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 November 2020)
Pine City has unveiled its new logo after months of research and creative development. The logo is meant to evoke Pine City's unique qualities: white pine trees, water, people and recreation. The Pine City High School class of 1965 held their 45th reunion at the Pine City Country Club, including George Arimond, Jerry Ausmus, Sue (Kessler) Halter, Dolores (Miska) Erickson, Bob Blazek, Dean Beeman, Larry Lueth, Bruce Nelson, Larry Prior, Gary Geisler, Paul Sauser and Max Sporer, Sindelar, Sandy (Novy) Cavallin, Ann (Auricchio) Hawkins, Jane (Sauter) Doran, Jeanie (Broz) Hauck, Diana (Tuma) Heineman, Dennis Olson, Ted Miller, Diane (Peterson) Teich, Karen (Olson) Schultz, Bruce Henning, Laverne (Vondrasek) Johnson and Lorraine (Vondrasek) Holcomb. Front Row: Bonnie (Larson) Ordner, Carolyn (Clementson) Christenson, Susan (Emerson) Beeman, Bonnie (Teich) Hancock, Helen (Bouska) Swenson, Nancy (McDermeit) Udean, Kay (Barringer) Sherman, Karen (Bjorklund) Pavlicek, Diane (Hanson) Stone, Greg Froelke and Lenny Stoffel.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 November 2020)
Emslander's 'Hide 'N Squeak' hits shelves in 1995, Pine City native Jeff Emslander is the idea man behind the new Milton Bradley toy and game combination, "Hide 'N Squeak," which is being marketed on a nationwide basis. A 1981 PCHS grad, Emslander spends most of his time as a product developer for 3MBrian Bauman, a 21-year-old Pine City High School graduate is a standout at the United States Air Force Academy and is within months of graduating with degrees in math and physics. But his career is on hold as he battles a rare disease, chronic myelogenous leukemia. Marine Pvt. Alyshia A. Beasy, daughter of Ronald and Lynne Zack of Pine City, completed basic training in the U.S. Marine Corps. Attorney Krista Martin has recently joined the law firm of Bina, Hass, Saenger & Holm in Pine City.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 November 2020) Wallace Connaker is a new teacher at Pine City High School this year teaching seventh grade history, 12th grade psychology, consumer economics and business law. The school board, at its meeting Tuesday evening of last week, voted to go ahead with the purchase of a 60-acre tract of land to be used for future school expansion.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 November 2020)
At the close of filings for village election the following candidates filed: C.M. Pennington filed for re-election as mayor for a 2 year term; Leonard Johnson for re-election as trustee; Mrs. Joyce Blanchard, Justice of the Peace and Henry Korf, constable.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 November 2020)
Ray Hoefler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hoefler of this place, will sign with the Chicago White Sox of the American League before the teams go south for the spring training. Hoefler was the greatest outfielder of the Mesaba Range league last summer.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 November 2020) Tuesday night was the coldest of the season, freezing over the river and Cross Lake.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 November 2020)
Brenda Mans, Rachel Hallan, Cassie Leger, Aimee Perrault and Ashley Korf were all smiles after Leger won the Pine City Planning Commission's Site Improvement Award for her business, Shear Obsession.
Barbara Dreyer of Grasston won first place at the East Central Arts Council IMAGE Art Show. Her prize-winnning vase was fired in the 35-foot gas-fired soda kiln which Dreyer built with her friends last year.
Rural American Bank will merge with Frandsen Bank and Trust and take on the latter's name.
Thinking cap quiz bowl winners included Isiah Gonyea, Gage Havel, Kristina Knutson, Reashay Maitrejean, Riley Palmer, Vienna Price, Jesse Stearns, Madisen Stumbaugh, Chelsea Bassett, Alyssa Bursott, Brooke Clark, AJ Haines, Blake Shermer and Drew Steele.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 November 2020) Cheering them on in 1995. The 1995 cheerleaders for the Dragon wrestling squad are (front row, l-r) Jaime Leonard, Amanda Root, Dezarae Beltz, Cydelle Crocker and Shannon Neurer. In the back are Rita Harris, Heather Sundmeyer, Jessica Stoff el, Kristy Hughes and Beth Bible.
Pine City actors Anna Scholin and Ralph Herdman joined the cast of the Heritage Players production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

Dr. Stephen Erhart, son of Clifford and Rose Marie Erhart and a native of Pine City, was chosen to portray the chiropractor in "Grumpiest Old Men," the movie sequel to "Grumpy Old Men." He said Walter Matheau was witty, talkative and a tease, while Jack Lemon was serious and aloof.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 November 2020)
Work has begun on a 40 by 40 split level addition to the First National Bank of Pine City which, weather permitting, we will see in April.
Work is now well underway on Northwestern Bell's 2,700 square foot addition to its Pine City telephone building. Pine City has become an important long distance center and a great deal of the new space will be used for long distance switching equipment.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 November 2020)
Chris Ericksen and Son, who have operated the Sixty-One Way Cafe in Pine City for the past 10 years, disposed of their business and their building when they sold out to Sheldon and Mike Siebold of River Falls, Wisconsin. Clifford Dorow, former Pine City resident, has purchased the Goodrich store building from Art Johnson, and will open a furniture store there within the next few weeks.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 November 2020)
Ab Dunham and Wm. Smith had quite an experience while hunting near Sandstone last week. They had shot a deer and were dragging it out of the brush when one of its legs went into a hole, disturbing the winter slumber of a Mr. Bear. The bear held the balance of power for a few moments but Ab was equal to the occasion and put him to sleep via the "gun route." This may sound like a "fish story," but Ab says it's an honestto-goodness bear story.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 November 2020)
Three settlers arrived on Sunday en route for Brook Park. On Saturday they got within a mile of the Park by the way of Mud Lake, and then had to turn around and come back by Grass Lake and this place, to reach their destination on account of the windfalls between where they stopped and the Park.

Five prairie schooners passed through this place en route for Bear Creek the past week. The country is settling up fast, and the cold of winter does not seem to intimidate the hardy settler in the least as he comes just the same.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 December 2020) The Voyageur dons holiday headwear. The Voyageur statue got into the spirit of the season on the afternoon of Dec. 6, 2010 with the help of Pine City Public Works. Toys for Tots is underway once again, and Pine County Coordinator Vicki Vander Vegt is excited about what the program can do for area children.
A jury has ruled that the Pine City Fire Department is not liable for a 2007 accident in which a man was injured after being thrown off the rear bumper of a Pine City fire truck at the end of a parade.
Pine City MMA fighters Jake Grabowski, Andrew Selvig and Kevin Skadsheim are on the bill at an upcoming Grand Casino cage-fighting match.
VFW Post 4258's Jim Zaun delivered scholarship checks to Tyler Brideley and Sarah Odendahl. 90-year-young Robert Soderbeck beat out his three sons to take down a "hornless buck" four days into deer season.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 December 2020)
Pine City will end 1995 still waiting for promised retail developments from Wal-Mart and Super America.
Leah O'Donnell, age six, showed nothing but contentment when she delivered her Christmas wishes to St. Nick at Santa Day.
When Lynn Walz of Pine City returned home from China recently, she brought with her a precious and lasting reminder of the trip: a child. After months of planning and thousands of miles traveled, Walz legally adopted a beautiful baby girl and named her Clare Marie.
Pine City and Pine Technical College are looking into developing student housing on the extreme north end of the campus.
Halos to the students of PCHS teachers Carolyn Tuckner and Nancy Jackson who baked 48 pies for the community Thanksgiving dinner.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 December 2020)
The steel framework began going up Monday on the new building being built by Kuzel Elecric company just south of the car wash.
The home and all the belongings of the Ardell Jensen family, located three miles east of Hinckley on Highway 48, were recently destroyed by fire. Nothing was saved. The family escaped.
The inmates at the Federal Correctional Institute in Sandstone are having a hobby, craft, art show and sale on Saturday at Sandstone Public School.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 December 2020)
Mel Kutzke started work last week on the excavation of the basement of his new store building, which is to be erected just south of his present service station. The new building, one story with full basement, will be used for the new home of a one-stop Gamble store.
Dave Hoefler, an employee of Gehl Oil Co. for the past 22 years, has leased the company's service station on Highway 61, taking over the management on Dec. 1.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 December 2020)
We understand that Mrs. Herman Borchers wore a pansy, which she had picked in their yard to the party at the Carlson home last Saturday.
Dick Gray has a display of pictures in the Piper show window. These are pictures which Mr. Gray has painted himself and some of them are beautiful scenes of nearby points.
Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Blanchard from their son, Emery, announcing his marriage at Chicago recently. His many friends here join in congratulations and will look forward to meeting Mrs. Blanchard, Jr.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 December 2020)
Chas. Stauty has a crew of men at work raising sunken logs and hauling them up on shore.
Henry Hoefler, the boy who accidentally received a charge in the back Thanksgiving Day, has entirely recovered and is again attending school.
Pine City is noted all over the state for its musical ability, and no wonder, we have at this place over one hundred organs and about 20 pianos besides the countless numbers of minor instruments.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 December 2020)
Singing for the season in 2010 The 2010 Elementary School Christmas Concert gave these young singers the opportunity to lift their voices for an audience of parents and loved ones. World War I veteran Hannes Rypkema and World War II veteran John Kozisek were decorated soldiers who went on to be elected as sheriffs of Pine County. Starting in January, Pine City will have public transportation available for the first time when Arrowhead Transit moves into town. A young learner listens to a canine heartbeat as veterinarian Gene Webster gives the class at Imagination Station Preschool a lesson in animal health. Doug Price, Dave Hancock, Al Thayer, Vern Munson and Pat Bankers were in charge of another successful Grasston Lions potato sausage dinner.
25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 December 2020)
Pine County investigators have files a foot high on the September 1993 murder of David Samuel Keacher, and are reaching out to the public to help find who killed the 87-year-old in his mobile home in Pine City.
Tears come easily to Elaine Bauman's eyes these days, as she does all she can to help her adopted son Brian find a bone marrow donor to cure his leukemia. Now a Korean TV crew has come to Pine City to help try to connect Brian with a biological relative who would be a good match as a donor.
Eight local high school students participated in the VFW's Voice of Democracy contest. Jaci Werner captured first place. Andrea Mathison took second. Michele Hill took third and Lenea Krier placed fourth.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 December 2020)
Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Johnson, Pine City, have been selected as Pine County's outstanding soil and water conservation farmers.
Rush City's largest industry, Plastech Research Inc., has merged with Frandsen Lumber Inc. The merger will add about 50 more employees to the peak 150 persons employed there now.
An east central hockey league was formed recently with five community hockey teams to participate this winter. Teams are from Pine City, Cambridge, Moose Lake, Mora and Milaca.
A plan to discontinue the village police department and instead contract with the Pine County Sheriff's Office for police protection in the village was discussed by the council at its regular meeting.

(Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 December 2020)
More than 100 veterans of World War II were taken into the Heath-Perkins Post of the American Legion at impressive ceremonies held at the high school auditorium on Wednesday evening of last week.
A new landmark now graces the skyline of Pine City, since the smokestack on the Land O' Lakes milk drying plant was completed a week ago. The new stack reaches 136 feet in the air and makes an imposing sight.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 December 2020)
Clark Pennington was appointed village clerk by the council at their meeting held last Tuesday evening, to fill the unexpired term of Ernest Borchers who had handed in his resignation.
The council granted a license to Karsky and Kynel to operate a pool room in connection with the barbershop.
L.F. Appleby, secretary of the Pine County Poultry Association took a number of prizes with birds he exhibited at the Chisago poultry show at Rush City last week.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 December 2020)
Robert Hoffman's feed mill is running steadily now and when not grinding feed he has his wood saw in operation.
Quite a number of those owning horses and cutters were speeding their fast stock on the ice Sunday. Pine City can boast as many fine turnouts as any town its size in the state.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 December 2020)
Paul Ohman doesn't drive fast. The 80-yearold Pine City resident is in no rush. But a few days a week, Ohman will climb into his 2000 Chevy and deliver food from Walmart and Nelson's Bakery to the Pine Community Food Shelf.
For "Where in the World is the Pioneer?" Larry Freeman displayed his hometown paper at the "Wailing Wall" in Jerusalem. Jack and Helen Kirchberg read theirs at the ancient tomb of Nefertiti in Egypt. and Leroy and Marlene Bible turned pages of their Pioneer in Skagway, Alaska.
Julie Anderson served up samples to Andrew and Ashley Espeseth on Dec. 3 at Voyageur Bottle Shop. The shop held a special wine tasting as part of Holiday Madness.
Megan and Caleb Cunnien wanted to do something very important for the kids in their community. They took their saved money, and each donated $5 to the Pine Community Food Shelf – and so did mom.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 December 2020)
"Mr. Brooks Goes to Bethlehem" is the story of the writer of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" presented by students from St. Mary's School in Pine City. All students participated in some way. Arrin Carlson took the title role. Other cast members were Aaron Hepburn, Joseph Long, Brandon Schumann, Deanna Dickey, Jesse Kraft, Shannon Johnson, Jessa Reiser, Laura Boland, Nathan Hofstad, Keith Lindahl, Bryan Schumann, Jacob Long and Lucas Daul.
Peanut Butter Express with Brother Ed and Friends is speeding our way with a trainful of Christmas surprises. The destination of the fun-packed train is the Assembly of God Church in Pine City on Sunday, Dec. 24.
Pine City Area Clinic announces the appointment of Dr. Clyde E. Markon to the staff. He is no stranger to the area, having married Shirley Kraft, daughter of Wilfred Kraft of rural Pine City.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 December 2020)
The newly incorporated Village of Rock Creek won't lack for candidates in its first village election scheduled for next Tuesday. Voters will be electing office holders out of a field of 20 candidates.
A crowd of 250 persons turned out for the annual "Smoker" held at the armory Saturday night sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.
Leonard Pavek miraculously walked away from his demolished pickup truck unhurt after it was struck by a Burlington Northern train at the crossing just south of Beroun. The truck, thrown at least 60 feet, was totaled out and locomotive suffered considerable damage to the front.
In Hinckley progress on the new school is moving along very rapidly with the demolishing of the school gym getting underway. The auditorium was originally built in 1931 and seated 1,200 people.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 December 2020)
Chris Ericksen and sons, Monday of this week, completed a business transaction by which they purchased the Agnes Hotel building for the Hurley estate. Mr. and Mrs. James Mullins are now operating the hotel, and the village of Pine City is renting the rear part of the building for their municipal liquor store and bar.
Pine City's Dragons handed the Forest Lake high team a terriffc walloping at Forest Lake on Friday evening, 37-14.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 December 2020)

Herb Flayten broke through the ice on Cross Lake last Sunday while skating opposite the August Wickstrom farm. He was pulled out by Wm. Blanchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Blanchard. The water is about eight feet deep where he took his wintry bath.
One advantage claimed by automobiles is that they enable people to live in quiet places. Just so, a lot of the people who drive 'em, move to the cemetery.
On Sept. 14, Mrs. Sara S. Hancock, of Bridgeton, New Jersey, sold six barrels of No. 2 potatoes through a New York Commission house for $1.50 a barrel, a total of $9. After deducting $2.10 for barrels, $3.51 for freight, $1.50 for cartage and 90 cents for commission, the firm sent Mrs. Hancock what was left: 99 cents.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 December 2020)
Christians who kick at Attorney General Child's opinion that reading the Lord's Prayer in the public schools is unconstitutional, can comfort themselves with the knowledge that it is still perfectly valid and just as effective in the church, Sunday school and home.
On Tuesday morning, Ed Jesmer, our local horse trainer, came in from his farm three miles west on the Brunswick road with a nice-appearing irongrey mare hitched to his milk wagon, that he had taken to break of balking. She came into town alright but when he tried to drive her back home she refused to move out of her tracks. Ed put on the breaking rig used by Prof. Boucher for throwing horses, and after throwing the mare about 20 times succeeded in getting her home. One Wednesday he again brought the milk to the morning train with the mare. He got along alright until he started for home; after turning the corner at the post office the mare came to the conclusion that she had gone far enough, and as the sequel proved she had, for after unhitching her from the wagon and putting the breaking rig on she threw herself over backward and killed herself.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 December 2020)
Lake Superior is the largest freshwater lake in the world, and no one appreciates just how large that is more than Pine City's Tim Skalicky. Skalicky spent 17 days this past summer on a solo bicycle trip taking him entirely around the lake.

Sixth graders Mason Rutgers and Ricky Felt were the winners of the National Geographic Bee at the local level. Other participants included Ryan Blake, Alyssa Bursott, Steven Chandler, Austin Hansmann, Ethan Leibel, Jacob Lindblom, Josh Moser and Drew Steele.
Joseph Wolf of Grasston has been awarded the American Youth Foundation's "I Dare You" national leadership award for his involvement in the local 4-H program.

A New Year's party at the Pine City Senior Dining site begins at 10 a.m. on Dec. 31 with music by Eddie Pangerl.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 December 2020)
Dick Hambly of Pine City found some pretty big kids wanting a push down the slope at Lions Hill in Sandstone – his son, Tim, and friend Pete Spychalla.

The cows, all 31 of them, have names like Betty and Cindy, and Sharon Fix talks to them whle she and her husband Joe do the daily milkings. They bought their 80-acre spread on St. Croix Road in 1967 for $3,000 down and $72.50 a month, and were able to pay it off in just 15 years.
This newspaper has a new publication: the "Poker Pioneer," which will replace the Pine Advertiser.
Athletes of the Week are seniors Mark Miska, Jason Wiener and Dan Smith. All three were chosen as Dragon varsity basketball tri-captains.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 December 2020)
An aircraft crashed on the Snake River west of Pine City on Sunday after striking an electrical cable in a landing attempt. The pilot broke his back and his passenger was less seriously injured.
The Village Pine Combined Charities reports that they have collected $3,862.72 to date.

Construction is now well underway on the First National Bank's 40 by 40 foot split-level addition which should see completion in April.
The Dragons completely dominated the game Tuesday against Foley. It was the first time Pine City had beat a Rum River Conference team in quite a long time.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 December 2020)
Richard Rathway, former Lake of the Woods county agricultural agent, will assume his duties as agricultural agent in Pine County on Jan. 1. He succeeds Clyde Shumway, who is now teaching science subjects in Pine City.
On Thursday, Dec. 20, Joyce Bjorklund, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bjorklund was united in marriage to James France, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas France, both of Pine City.
Katy Fedder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fedder and Ralph J. Brackenbury, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brackenbury, both of Pine City, exchanged vows last Sunday afternoon in the Zion Lutheran church, uniting them in matrimony.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 December 2020)
John Webber, son and Mr. and Mrs. Barney Webber, have purchased the tire and batter shop from E. C. Dudley and will take possession Tuesday.

Formerly they built fences along the highways to keep the cows off the road, now they build them there to keep the speeding motorists out of the surrounding fields.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 December 2020)
It wasn't a Missouri editor but a Missouri printer's devil who was going through the first experience of "making up forms." The paper was late and boy got his galleys mixed. The first part of the obituary of an impecunious citizen had been dumped in the form and the next handful of type came off a galley describing a recent fire. It read like this: "The pallbearers lowered the body into the grave, and as it was consigned to the flames there were few if nay regrets, for the old wreck had been an eyesore to the town for many years. Of course there was individual loss, but that was fully covered by insurance." The widow thinks the editor wrote the obituary that way because the lamented partner of her joys and sorrows owed him five years subscriptions.
Plane makes crash landing on the Snake River in 1970 Aerial shot of milling district Milling was once a key industry in Pine City, with no fewer than three mills in town serving area farmers. The last mill in Pine City – Pine City Mill, run by Ernie and Randy Broz – closed down in August, 2009.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 December 2020)
Dave Haugen's hobby does a lot of people a lot of good. The hardened hands of the 80-year-old Grasston man have provided the Pine Community Food Shelf with over 1,000 pounds of vegetables from his garden for the second straight year.

Seniors struggling with memory loss are finding help and support – and a few smiles too – at The Gathering sponsored by Family Pathways at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.
At a recent get-together, the Pine City Senior Singers entertained the group with a rendition of the holiday classic, "O Lutefisk."
Cami Schmidt and her mother Barb Elwood displayed their 'Leafy Impressions' ceramics at the craft sale at the Pine City American Legion.
The sport of Pickleball is catching on in Pine City, and Don Peterson Janet Hawkinson, Gary Hawkinson, Cheri Southorn, Diane VenderVenter and Magie Hawkinson enjoyed a round at the Pine City Elementary Multipurpose Room.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 December 2020)
A site just north of Rush City is the new preferred location for an 800-bed state prison that will employ about 450 people.

The Pine City PTA is sponsoring a talent show which is open to all Pine City students grades K-12. For more information contact Julie Berglund or Elisa Mill.

Cards are a favorite pasttime for some of the regular visitors to the Hinckley Senior Dining Site, including Adolph Skalicky, Dick Smiley, Elmer Ellefson and Ruth Tofelt.

In Pokegama Township news, Jeff and Kay Wimmer and Brandon, Harold and Madelyn Wimmer and Durand and Nicholas, Scott and Robin Wimmer and girls enjoyed a belated Christmas at David Marks' home along with Patrick Wimmer and girls.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 December 2020)
Throngs are expected in Pine City this coming weekend to attend events scheduled in the community's first Sno-Fake Daze winter celebration slated Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 9 and 10.
Lyle Klein, Sandstone, caught a "real keeper" Saturday. The walleye pike weighed in at nine and one-half pounds.
Pine City recorded a substantial year of growth in 1970, according to figures obtained at the office of Village Clerk Keith Selleck. Building permits issued during the year totaled 42 and represented $798,270 in local construction. The largest building project investments made here during the past year were the additions to the 3M building and the Northwestern Bell building followed by the Walter Johnson apartment building.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 December 2020)
Grant Thompson has completed a deal whereby he sold the Jack Sprat store, owned and operated by him, to J. T. Gillen of St. Paul.
J. R. MacQueen, recently appointed county engineer, begins his official duties on Jan. 1.
Merrill Daniels, Coast to Coast store owner, has purchased the Mrs. Mary Neubauer store building, across from the Family Theater, and is planning on opening an up-to-date furniture store. The building is now occupied by Swanson Funeral Chapel, which will remain there until the new funeral chapel is completed and ready to occupy.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 December 2020)
O. E. Blood and others living on Pine City RFD 3 are circulating a petition which they will send to the postal authorities asking that route 3 be divided into two routes. There are 35 miles of route to be traveled by the carrier and in the winter he can only cover about half of it in a day. These people are entitled to delivery every day and favorable action will no doubt be taken in regard to the petition.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 January 2021)
Getting jazzed in 2011 Pine City High School performers got into the flapper frame of mind with their performance of "All I Do is Dream of You" from the 1934 musical "Sadie McKee" at the "All That Jazz" student-produced musical revue in the elementary auditorium on Jan. 8, 2011. The show featured band performances, singing, dancing, puppets and knock-knock jokes.
From the deserts of Iraq to the sandy beaches of Maui – from peaceful Rocky Mountain peaks to the jazz-filled streets of New Orleans and cities like Shanghai and Johannesburg, Pine City readers took their hometown paper on a worldwide tour last year, submitting "Where in the world is the Pioneer?" photos from four continents, 14 countries and over 57 locations.
Pine County unemployment climbed to 9%, according to state statistics. The idea of a homeless shelter in Pine City drew about 20 community members to two introductory meetings in November.
Mitch Pangerl was sworn in on Jan. 3 as the new Pine County Commissioner from District 2. Judge Krista Martin administered the oath, while Pangerl's wife Maria held the Bible.
Patrick Schifferdecker, manager of the North West Company Fur Post, said there's a great chance to enjoy the season at the upcoming Winter Frolic at the Post, which will feature snowshoeing, dogsled rides and snow snake, an Ojibwe game.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 January 2021)
Brandon Lee Mattison arrived in the world on Wednesday, Jan. 3 to become Pine City's first baby of 1996. His proud parents are David Mattison and Barb Osborne.

Bids on a 16-bed addition to Pine County Jail were opened last week. Mark Haug Construction, Pine City, submitted the low bid of $187,850.
Keith Linzmeier of the Pine City Area Knights of Columbus awarded scholarships to 1995 PCHS graduates Christa Connaker and Heather Cummings.
Pine City Athletes of the Week were senior Dragon hockey players Michael Mikulich, Dan Rydberg and Tony Willert – who was recently selected as goalie for the all-tournament team at the Mora-Pine City Holiday Classic.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 January 2021)
Postal receipts at the Pine City office took another jump during the past year, according to figures obtained from Louis Chalupsky, local postmaster. Total receipts for the year hit a record of $71,855, an increase of $2,357 over receipts of 1969.

Another wave of snowmobilers headed out Saturday morning on a trail ride to the Chengwatana State Forest east of Pine City in connection with the Sno-Flake Daze held in Pine City over the weekend.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 January 2021)
A crew of brick layers and helpers started work last week on the brick laying for the new $250,000 milk drying plant being erected in Pine City by Land O' Lake Creameries and it is estimated that it will require about five months to complete this part of the work.
Edmund Erickson, recently discharged from the U.S. Navy after three years service in the South Pacific with a B-24 squadron, had been assigned to the Highway Patrol force at Pine City. Before entering the service he was stationed at Forest Lake with the highway patrol and holds the number one badge on the force.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 January 2021)
R.P. Allen was out trudging along the road wrapped to the ears in a big sheep-lined coat for his daily "physical torture" exercise.
For carving a statue on Sunday, Leo Toschi, sculptor of the Roxbury district of Boston, was fined $10 in municipal court. He was charged with doing unnecessary work.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 January 2021)
This is the last leap year for eight years, and young ladies should make the most of their opportunities.
For some weeks past St. Paul has been talking about a Winter Carnival, which would not only brighten up the winter but also exemplify the enthusiasm of the people and their capacity for sport. The alleged sleighing that our people were trying to enjoy was ruined by Wednesday's thaw.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 January 2021)
Pine City native Christian Isackson has been drafted by the NHL's Buffalo Sabres, but has decided to attend the University of Minnesota and play as a Golden Gopher first.
Lawnmower races on ice, a push mower obstacle course and bar stool races are planned at Danny C's Beach Rocks Pub & Supper Club on Pokegama Lake.

Holly Guerin is the Athlete of the Week. A fast-skating junior forward and three-year varsity player, Holly never stops working and plays with intensity whenever she hits the ice.
An open house for Joe Neubauer's 90th birthday will take place on Sunday at the Pine City Township hall. No gifts, please.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 January 2021)
Bruce Mial Mason, 53, of Minnetonka has been found guilty of criminal sexual conduct for molestation of four boys who attended Camp Nathanael near Hinckley in 1994. Sentencing is set for March.
More than 400 people – including Jacob Hurdler of Harris – waited patiently for fish to show up at the annual Snake River Valley Conservation Club fishing contest on Pokegama Lake. For the second time in the contest's 27-year history no one caught a thing. However, Marilyn Nordrum won a fish locator, Randy Hinze won a hind quarter of beef, and Don and Marvel Seedorf each won $50. A shuttle from Muffie's Supper Club transported anglers from the road to the lake.
Pine City Cooperative closed its Hinckley station on Friday, Jan. 12. NBA Hall of Famer Vern Mikkelsen was honored for his many achievements by the East Central Basketball Association on Friday, Jan. 12. The 1945 Askov graduate was a 10-year member of the Minneapolis Lakers team that won four championships in five years.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 January 2021)
The 1970 official population of the Pine City village was 2,143. That is an 8.7% increase from 1960 when the count was 1,972.
Officials from the Minnesota State Highway Department met with representatives of Pine City village government and of the Chamber of Commerce here last Thursday in the council room to outline the state's detailed plans for beautifying the freeway interchange and access road in Pine City through landscaping.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 January 2021)
A meeting was held Friday evening, Jan. 11, at the home of Mrs. Richard Lindquist for the purpose of reorganizing and activating Lodge No. 126, the Pine City Society of the Degree of Honor Protective Association.
In a hectic whirlwind finish, the Dragons eked out a sweet wind over their rivals at Rush City, 24-23. It has been a long time since a Pine City team has won at Rush City, but Friday evening the boys turned in a smart basketball game to do the seemingly impossible.
Wesley Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miller, Pine City had a narrow escape last Thursday when the truck he was driving was struck by the southbound morning N.P. passenger train. The road was icy, and the truck did not stop until within about a foot of the crossing. The cylinder of the engine caught the front end of the truck, shearing everything off to about the front end of the motor block and also damaging one wheel and tire. Miller escaped without injury.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 January 2021)
Wm. Challeen, Webb Hodge and Clark Pennington took their first degree in the local Mason Lodge last Monday night. They are the first applicants to be taken in by the local lodge.
Miss Mountford, teacher of the fourth grade in the local schools, has been confined to her bed with chicken pox this past week or more but is on the road to recovery.

Miss Hannah Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Holmes, is substituting for Miss Mountford during her illness.
Eleven freight cars jumped the track south of the depot in Rush City about 5 p.m. on Wednesday morning, some of them rolling down the embankment into the ravine. The wreck was caused by a burnt-off journal on one of the cars.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 January 2021)

Last ride for the old stagecoach. This photo shows the very last stagecoach to travel along the old Government Road from Superior to St. Paul – with a stop in the town of Chengwatana. The rise of the railroad made the stagecoach a thing of the past, in Pine City and across the country.
P.W. McAllen, of South Dakota, was in this town this week, looking up a location for a bank. Mr McAllen is well-pleased with our little city.
Hoffman's feed mill is running two days a week now and they are having all they can do. Bob says he will have to run three days in the week if the work continues to come in.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 January 2021)
Wishing upon a star in 2011. The Mime (Josh Palmer), Tish (Emma Briski) and the World's Greatest Dancing Bear (Aaron Nisley) wish upon a star in the one-act play "The Arkansaw Bear" directed by Brad Mariska. Other cast and crew members include Rachel Sparling, Lindsey Kline, Jazz Dyksman, Ariel Steele, Jorie Williamson, Jacob White, Taylor Hanson, Anthony Olson and Ashlee Martini.

Richard Hooker of Brook Park was seriously injured on Jan. 24 after being struck by a train in the town of Henriette, just east of Highway 107. Hooker's vehicle was pushed around 200 yards by the train before it came to a stop just north of County Road 11.
A family rivalry will heat up the ice this Saturday. Molly, Hiedi, Jake and Scott Cornelius are all stock quad racers – and 17 year old Jake is state ice racing champion.
The Hinckley-Pine City Flames Snowmobile Club has maps to offer tosnowmobilers traveling over the club's 106 miles of trail.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 January 2021)
Steve Bauman, a Woodpecker Ridge resident, will coordinate Pine City's new Neighborhood Watch program. "Your Neighborhood Watch program can be what you want to make it," Sheriff Steve Haavisto told interested residents.

During the past year, 854.58 tons of recyclables were removed from the county's recycling sheds at a total cost of $160,940. East Central Sanitation charged $185.57 per ton for that service.
The Pine County Fair Board elected Ray Wimmer as president, Walter Hagberg as VP, Leonard Hinze as secretary and John Skluzacek as treasurer. Directors are Doug Anderson, Everett Baker, Ronald Berdan, Mark Emslander, Steve Hallan, Eldon Johnson, Robert Reiser, Jim Sward, Ed Steele, James Wiedemann and Scott Wimmer. Honorary members are Al Erhart and Jim Youngbauer.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 January 2021)
A snowmobile accident east of Beroun caused painful cuts on Dennis Willert's neck and face when he was injured crossing the fields just north of his home on his snowmobile and he struck a barbed wire fence. He received more than 40 stitches.

The Pine City matmen added another victory to their record by defeating the North Branch Vikings 28-11.

Three Alexandria men have been fined $400 each for killing a deer in Lake Carlos State Park, the Department of Natural Resources reported.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 January 2021)
F. O. J. Peterson of Minneapolis has announced his intention to open a concrete block manufacturing business in Pine City in the very near future. It will probably be in operation about the middle of February.
Lester Bombard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bombard, suffered a painful injury to his right hand last Friday while working on a saw rig.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 January 2021)
Elmer Carlson of Crookston has been employed as butter maker for the local creamery and will take charge on Feb. 1.
The difference in the potato crop of this year over last year can be seen in the amount of potatoes shipped from Rock Creek. Up to Jan. 20 of this year, 16 cars have been shipped while up to this date last year 51 cars were shipped, a difference of 35 cars.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 January 2021)
Have you ever visited Beroun? If not, it will pay you to go up and see the the improvements that have been made in the past year. A new school house now adorns the corner of the government road and the town line road. The settlers are working hard to get it completed but the cold weather of the past couple of weeks has been somewhat of a drawback to them. One year ago it was wilderness, but today there are acres of land under cultivation, and more farmers are coming every week.
The sad need of a curfew ordinance has been forcibly brought to the minds of businessmen every night this week by the whooping horde of youngsters who make evenings hideous in front of the business houses on Main Street. “The powers that be” should exercise their authority in stopping this nuisance.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 January 2021)
Filling the new library with beauty. Local craftsman and artisan Bob Haedt installed his wooden artwork depicting a heron into the circulation desk of the new expanded library, which reopened on Feb. 1, 2011.
Linda and David Kleppe display their luminaries that will be lit up and placed around Pine City High School during the upcoming Relay for Life.
The world is more connected than ever. One sign of this phenomenon is that the Pine City Pioneer website was down for a day and a half last week after being attacked by cyber-vandals from Tunisia.
New Pine County Sheriff Robin Cole had a request to add new staff positions shot down by the Pine County Board of Commissioners.
Grand Cinema Hinckley is now showing six films, including “True Grit,” “Black Swan” and “Country Strong.”
Student Achievers include fourth-grader Emily Eliot, who strives to challenge herself by completing extra math problems and writing poetry in her spare time. Her parents are Rich and Sheila Eliot.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 January 2021)
Although Caller ID is not available in your area right now, beginning on Jan. 26, 1996, your name and phone number will appear when you place calls to people who have a Caller ID unit.
Terry Hegge’s $350,000 Timberjack wood processor is a huge machine. It plods down the rows between trees and a giant, flexible arm reaches for its designated victims. In one fluid motion it fells the tree, delimbs it and cuts the truck into computer-specified lengths.
Mike and Jeff Bombard’s cedar-sided, split-level fish house is the envy of many on the lake, and has been recently entered in Windsor Canadian’s Ultimate Ice Fishing House Contest.
The Pine City Lions have donated $2,000 ice rescue craft to the Pine City Fire Department.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 January 2021)
Another apartment house is presently being constructed in the village, this one at 640 11th Street. The 74 by 30 structure will house one two-bedroom and six one-bedroom apartments.
Pine County statistics show 244 births and 179 deaths in 1970.

Dr. William J. Congdon of Sandstone was marooned in a snow storm a week ago at about 11 p.m. when his car “conked out.” Dr. Congdon had been at St. Mary’s Hospital in Duluth where his wife had presented him with twin sons at about 5 p.m.. He had emergency clothing in the car, which he put on, and he sat in the car until 5 a.m. when the snowplow came by and the driver took him home.
There will be a snowmobile safety training course for students age 14-18 at the Pine City High School, sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 January 2021)
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Salonek and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hagen of Minneapolis have purchased Pine Camp from G.W. Smith, who has operated it for the past 15 years.
William Boyd, known as Hopalong Cassidy, with his pals Andy and Jay, are back again in “The Undercover Man” at the Family Theatre.
Father Daniel McEnery of Two Harbors has been appointed by Bishop Welch, of the Duluth Diocese, as pastor of St. Mary’s parish in Pine City.
Why are all the girls stepping so carefully through the halls, holding their skirts high? It is because the rats for the nutrition experiment have arrived and are well settled in their little wire cages. Some of the rats have been named and become the dear pets of their caretakers.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 January 2021)
The roof of the court house caught fire Monday morning about 9 o’clock but was extinguished before any damage had been done. Janitor Tom Ling had been burning some paper and stepped out to see if everything was alright when he discovered the blaze which started on the roof next to the chimney from sparks.
About 200 ex-servicemen attended the entertainment given by the Leon Heath post at the armory last Tuesday evening.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 January 2021)
The farmers in this vicinity are taking advantage of good sleighing by hauling in their cord wood and piling it near the depot, where it is handy to shop in the spring.

The battle rages on in the question of a new jail being built in Pine City and also the removal of the county seat to some other location in the county

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 February 2021)
St. Mary’s students take lesson in sledding 101. Back in 2011, students at St. Mary’s Catholic School collected donations for the food shelf, visited seniors, wrote thank-you cards for community volunteers and prayed for all the schools in the world. And on Friday, they took a few rides down the local sledding hill, with Principal Gene Biever getting in on the fun.
Officials are concerned that Pine City’s single civil defense siren may not be enough to reach citizens in the north and the south of the city, and are considering the purchase of two sirens more.
Athlete of the Week is wrestling captain Cody Hanson, who has 22 wins, three losses, and is currently ranked 10th in the state for the 140 pound weight class.

Kenneth Hawkinson remembers the day in September 1943 when electricity came to the family’s dairy farm on Sunny Hill Road near Brook Park. Before that time, the ice box in the farmhouse kitchen literally held blocks of ice for cooling food and kerosene lamps provided the light. The family had a radio, but it used a storage battery and had to be recharged in town every month. Afterward? “Oh man,” Hawkinson said. “You had electric motors on pump jacks, milking machines... everything was easier and quicker.”

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 February 2021)

Twins players Pat Mahomes, Frank Rodriguez and former player Tony Oliva visited Pine City this past week for an autograph signing event at the Pine City Elementary auditorium.
Miss Pine City Andrea Mathisen greeted the group, and two-and-ahalf year old Austin Gahler got into the act by wearing a Twins jersey that reached down to his ankles.
Last August, Helen Bjork, a 66-year-old Pine City woman, became dizzy and confused, with a raging fever and terrible headache. She thought day was night and the world was coming to an end. Doctors later diagnosed her with Human granulocytic ehrlichiosis (HGE), a sometimes fatal disease caused by tick bites.

Tom Foster and Doug Fore are looking to open a new sports bar and grill in the old Outdoorsman building on the corner of 8th Street and 6th Street.

Pine City State Bank has donated a portable scoreboard to Pine City Schools. The scoreboard replaces a very old flip card system the school was using.

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John Rivard, district manager of the Minnesota Historical Society, will appear as a voyageur during his speaking engagement before the Chamber of Commerce here next Wednesday evening.
The Pine City Fire Department answered 57 fire calls during 1970. This was the same number of fire calls the department had during the previous year.

The Area Vocational-Technical school recently held its first annual Sno-Daze festival with various activities being staged, including a reverse king and queen coronation, a snow sculpture contest and a competition tug-of-war.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 February 2021)
Openings for workers in this area have shown a steady increase in the month of January. At the present time, the local office of the U. S. Employment Service has numerous openings for cooks, waitresses, housekeepers, farm hands, insurance salesmen, linemen and stationary engineers. The above mentioned jobs are local openings.
Mel Kutzke of Mel's Texaco Service announces that he has taken the agency for Studebaker cars and trucks for Pine County and now has one of the models on display. There are three classes of cars in the Studebaker line, the Champion, Commander and President.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 February 2021)
Danger light signals have been placed by the N.P. at the crossing opposite the lumber sheds. There are two bright red lights at each side of the track which illuminate the word "STOP."
Mr. Glasow has sold his stock to H.H. Herbst. Mr. Glasow is one of the Pine City pioneers having been in the mercantile business here the past 48 years, coming here in 1872 when he opened a store east of the tracks. There were only two other stores here at that time

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 February 2021)
The official record of the births and deaths in Pine County for the year 1895. Villages: Hinckley six births ad three deaths; Pine City 30 births and eight deaths; Rutledge 11 births and five deaths; Sandstone nine births and 10 deaths.

Pine City beaux were in gay spirits last Saturday eve, and all because the belles of the village, in making the most leap year, invited them to a sleigh-ride party.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 February 2021)
Angela Gregorson, director of the Pine City Heritage Players' new show "Faith County," describes the play as "A mix between Larry the Cable Guy and Steel Magnolias." Cast members include

Kristen Waxberg, Wendy Pangerl, Sandi Sparling, Katherine Jones, Dennis Howard, Karen Miller, Jody Hodgson, Steve Farquharson and Theran Hedtke.
Gretchen Linzmeier scored her 1,000th point against Mora on Feb. 11.

Several Pine City eighth grade band members (Rona Seegebarth, Cora Lundquist, Jared Montague, Elijah Johnson, Sam Roberto, Megan Long, Haylee Baker, McKenna Webster, Alexis Miller and Julia Christianson) recently performed in a 100 piece honors band showcasing students across Minnesota.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 February 2021)
The history of the Rydberg family of Pine County is etched in ice. The two Rydberg brothers, Paul and Buddy, and their offspring form a veritable dynasty of hockey players spanning 50 years, including Nick Rydberg, Derek Rydberg, Dan Rydberg Jr., Seth and Jonah Rydberg-Sauter and Kip Rydberg Jr.
A decision has been made to consolidate Post It Tape Flag production from the Pine City and Nevada, Missouri plants and relocate them to Hutchinson.
The annual Pine City Area Business and Industry Banquet will be held at Woischke's Supper Club on Feb. 28.
The third annual Winterama Golf Fest is coming up this Saturday at Muffie's on the Lake.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 February 2021)
A large and colorful sign has now been installed on the east side of Interstate 35 south of Pine City to promote this community and to attract the traveling public. The red, white and blue 12 by 30 foot sign is electronically lighted.
Debbie Kent, 17-year-old Pine City High School junior, was the recipient of the local VFW "Voice of Democracy" award.
Work is presently underway in Pine City on an addition to the fire hall. When completed, the 40 x 90 foot steel building addition will provide new quarters for the fire department. Cost of the expansion is $32,500.
Tenants of the Agnes Hotel have been notified by Continental Contractors Inc, Minneapolis, hotel owners, that they will have to move out of the hotel soon. Plans call for the tearing down of the old structure. A new building for offices and apartments is being planned at the downtown site.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 February 2021)
New 1946 Hudson automobiles, now being shown by Alan Simmerman, Pine City, are winning instant approval due to the post war advances in exterior and interior styling, mechanical efficiency and ease of operation.
Bill Korbel's hockey team uncorked an amazing burst of speed and team work, set the fast Greely aggregation down to a decisive nine to three defeat on the local ice last Saturday; aided by exceptionally fine passing. Kubat and Cherrier accounted for all the goals, with four and five respectively.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 February 2021)
Carl Meier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Meier living southwest of town, had a serious accident last Sunday when a gun exploded. The thumb on his left hand was blown off and the skin on the back of his hand badly burned.
Paul Perkins has purchased a two-ton Acme truck equipped with a passenger body with a capacity of 26 passengers. The bus will run from Pine City to St. Paul and will make a round trip daily. Mr. Perkins will not place it in service until the roads are dried up this spring.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 February 2021)
The ice crop in this vicinity is about gathered, and according to reports it is greater than ever before.
Pure Canada maple syrup $1.00 per gallon at Poferis.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 February 2021)
Nelson's Bake Shoppe in downtown Pine City has closed. Owner Randy Nelson said the bakery, which has been open at 545 3rd Ave. SE since 1994, is a victim of the economy.
Pine City is growing at almost exactly the state average, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The population grew to 28,175, growth of just over 6.8%.

Kellie Neel and her young son have a new home in Pine City, with the help of Habitat for Humanities. "It was actually in the Pioneer that I saw to apply for it," Neel said. "We just decided to leave it in the Lord's hands."
Bea Saloka had three festive visitors on Feb. 14 – JoLynn Howard, Caron Peters and Kris Seuntjens from Pine Center for the Arts, who dressed like hearts and crooned a selection of Valentine's Day songs as part of an Art Center fundraiser.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 February 2021)
Eighth grader Tiffany Berchin correctly spelled "hospitality" to claim first place in the fourth annual district spelling bee.
Fitness Fever has caught Debbie Bladow and her son, Jason Slama and have been climbing stairs together for 15 minutes a day as part of a statewide program.

Glenna Reierson has spent 29 years in Pine City, and 28 of those with East Central Energy. She is also a talented organ soloist.
Craig K. Schultz, manager of the McDonald's restaurant in Pine City, graduated with honors from McDonald's Hamburger University with a Bachelor in Hamburgology degree.
On March 17, your area code will change to 320. Are you ready?

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 February 2021)
The sixth annual FFA treasure hunt started on Monday of this week. Clues are posted each day in the window of the East Central Electric building.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce were pleased to learn at their meeting Wednesday of last week that Pine City will soon have another practicing physician here. Dr. Richard Runquist, presently of Cambridge, plans to open general practice here in April.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 February 2021)
At a meeting last week, the flying enthusiasts of Pine City met and held an election of officers as the first step toward their formal organization into a club. By unanimous vote, Vern Hansen was elected president; Victor Ziebarth, vice president; and Dick Tamke, secretary treasurer.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 February 2021)
Ira Holt of Meadow Lawn assumed the duties of bookkeeper at the local creamery last week taking the place of Mrs. Christie who expects to leave soon for the west. Ira has been a resident of Meadow Lawn for the past five years and has been secretary of the Beroun Creamery up to the first of the year since the farmers took it over the summer.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 February 2021)
Those parties who said that the logs had all been cut around this place are way off, as they would find out if they could see the numbers of them that are being hauled on Cross Lake and around Burger Bros. Mill. Last week the average was 107 loads per day.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 February 2021)
Mayor Jane Robbins helped cut the ribbon at the new $3m FirstLight clinic at 1425 North Main Street. One of the first things visitors will notice is the Pine City Dragon stamped into stone in the exterior wall.
Charrie VanVleet welcomed students to The Yoga Place, her new studio at 520 Second Ave. SE in Pine City.
Griddlemaster Frank Shermer flipped ‘em and stacked ‘em at the American Legion Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 13.
Senior Dragon wrestlers Keegan Edgerton, Cody Hanson and Kyle Opsahl all earned a trip to the State Tournament in St. Paul.
First place winners among the Dragon Junior High Speech team included Anthony Olson, Ashlee Martini, Amanda Basta, Coleman Lombard and Michael Woulfe.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 February 2021)
Bob Leavitt of Pine City met his brother Andreas Wieckenrieder from Germany last Thursday night – his only biological sibling, who he didn’t know existed until a few months ago. Bob’s mother gave him up for adoption when he was born, thinking she couldn’t afford two children. Bob grew up in Shoreview with the parents who adopted him. At age 34, Bob now needs a heart transplant, and his neighbors Bill and Annalies Brown helped him connect with his genetic relatives.
A report of a burglary last Friday led to the biggest drug bust ever in Pine County. Deputies found 218 pounds of marijuana, cocaine, and many firearms. They also found exotic animal pelts, such as polar bear and tiger, ivory and a rhinoceros head.

The world of medicine is poised in the midst of one giant stride into the future, and Pine City’s Lakeside Medical Center is busily preparing itself to fall into step by setting up a new Urgent Care Center, which will open its doors on March 1.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 February 2021)
Pine County’s official population in the 1970 census was 16,821, down 1.1% from the 1960 figure. Pine County’s 1970 population was classified as 100% rural. There were 5,169 households with 16,020 persons, including 975 one-person households. In addition, 801 persons were living in group quarters. Of all the occupied housing units 4,246 had piped water, toilet and bath, while 923 lacked some or all plumbing.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 February 2021)
V.W. Ziebarth, present commander of HeathPerkins American Legion post of Pine City, has been endorsed for commander of the Tenth American Legion District of Minnesota. The election of the next commander will take place at Pine City, where the Tenth District convention will be held.

Pine City National Guard leaves for war March 3, 1941 Photo taken March 3, 1941 at 10:45 a.m. at the Pine City depot as troops wait to board the train to Camp Claiborne in Louisiana. The night before was one of the biggest snowfalls of the winter. Earl Foster is in the center looking to his right. The photo was taken by Dorotha Points - who became Dorotha Foster on Dec. 23 the same year, while the troops were home on leave. Most of these men thought they were leaving for a year; some didn’t return for five.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 February 2021)
Joe Petschel has closed a contract with the Nash automobile company to handle the Nash car in this community. His territory extends as far north as Sandstone.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 February 2021)

The warm weather of the past week has been too much for the lumbermen, and they have been having to quit work as the sleighing has gone.
Some of the moneyed men should build one or two houses to rent this spring, as a number of new families will be here in a short time, and there is not a vacant house in the village. We think it would be a good investment, and besides, would benefit the town.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 March 2021)
It's 7 a.m. and the sun isn't up yet, but Brad Amman is out in the woods rolling along at seven miles an hour – the perfect speed for his 176 horsepower trail groomer pulling a 24-foot Trailmaster behind it. For the past five years, Amman has been the trail administrator for the Hinckley/ Pine City Flames Snowmobile Club.

She's only 28 years old, but Jayme Osterdyk Meyer – a 2002 graduate of Pine City High School – is making a name for herself as a renowned interior designer.

Pine City High School students and fellow musicians Tim Stebbing and Josh Palmer won first place in the Snow Week Talent Show with their original percussion performance.
Noah Adams, 12, of Pine City, is heading to State for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.
Where in the World is the Pioneer? Leigha Lange perused her hometown paper in the company of an elephant by the Ngorongoro Crater while in Tanzania, Africa.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 March 2021)
Bette Christensen is looking forward to the snow melting so she can hit the road. Christensen is training for a 450-mile Twin Cities to Chicago AIDS ride. But she's no beginner. Bette has ridden the MS Ride from the Twin Cities to Duluth for the past 10 years, and five years ago she took part in the 525 mile Ride Across Minnesota.
The nine counties opposing the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in the 1837 treaty lawsuit have parted ways with the State of Minnesota, which appears on the verge of stipulating to a number of issues with the Mille Lacs band and six Wisconsin bands.

Elizabeth Espointour of Askov has been selected to serve as a range officer for the Olympic shooting competitions being held in Atlanta this July. Espointour joined her first rifle club at 16, and has earned awards and trophies throughout the world.

Students of the Julie Samuelson Studio presented their original musical compositions in a concert at Our Redeemer: Tim Johnson, Adam Zemek, Christina Mosher, Stephie Terrill, Mindy Soderbeck, Becky Zemek, Ashley Mosher, Brittany Louden, Tonia Whited, Shaun Howard, Ashley Sauter, Andria Schumann, Josh Long, Jimmy Howard, Paul Soderbeck and Heather Soderbeck.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 March 2021)
A report on the recently conducted Manpower survey, issued this week by the Minnesota Manpower Commission, reveals the fact that a large proportion of Pine County residents are seeking job opportunities. Some 2,670 men and women or roughly 16 percent, one out of every six resident, indicated their desire to get either a full or part time job. Of these, 1,392 were men and 1,278 were women. Over 850 had no employment when registered.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 March 2021)
On Friday of last week a deal was completed whereby George Skalicky purchased the stock and equipment of the LaBeau Produce Co., and will operate it all under his business name of George's Produce.
According to the records in the library of the Minnesota Historical Society, Pine County turned 90 years old on March 1. Pine County was established in 1856.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 March 2021)
The vote cast in the village election at Pine City, Tuesday, was much larger than was generally expected, with 416 men and women turning out. Paul Perkins, heading the caucus ticket, was elected president of the village with 221 votes, and carrying all but one of the candidates on his ticket into office.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 March 2021)
Robert Lambert and Charles Nason received their contracts to sign and return to Hamline College for the baseball season. The boys in return for their services on the ball team, are to receive free tuition, board, washing, baseball suit and ten dollars in cash.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 March 2021)
Passers-by came to the rescue of two teenage girls who drove off the Tigua Road bridge on March 11, saving the life of one of the girls who was trapped underwater. The other girl was also able to escape. The vehicle was upside down in the icy water with the girls inside.“I’ll never forget the look on that little girl’s face when she saw me – and I’ll never forget when I saw her,” Linda Landin said. “She started frantically yelling, ‘Help me! Help me! She’s drowning!’ Then I saw the blonde hair down in the water.” It was the trapped girl’s hair, floating above her as she remained trapped about eight inches below the surface. Landin didn’t spend any time making a decision. “I thought OK, I guess I’m going to help.” She made her way down the snowy hill to the water, kicking her shoes off on the way, and jumped in. “I’m 62,” she said. “I thought I was 18.” With the help of another rescuer, Ken Stroeing, they were able to free the trapped girl and help restore her breathing.
The TV show Ghost Hunters International is making plans to visit the Grant House in Rush City to examine claims of paranormal activity in that place.

25 Years Ago, 1996 Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 March 2021)
Greg Beck and Sue Miller were cruising timber for a lumber sale when they spotted a young deer lying in the snow in northern Pine County. Beck knew that young deer struggle in years with a heavy snowfall, so he hefted the deer onto his shoulders and took it where Brad, Barry and Bruce Nelson were logging. The Nelsons fed the skinny, exhausted deer white cedar, maple and aspen boughs. They found out he loved apples. Now the deer, who they’ve named “Skidder,” runs with a deer herd in the area – but he still comes back for apples sometimes.
Pine City Explorer Scouts Amanda Swenson and Jennifer MacQuiddy recently talked to a Minnesota Senate committee about including a $3.1 million North West Company Fur Post interpretative center in this year’s bonding bill.

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Steve Erhart will take the lead role in the junior class play “Father of the Bride.” Other players are Barb Hansen, Bill Lones, Bryan Westerman, Chuck Novak, Michelle Larson and Linda Brown.
They’re enjoying fresh tomatoes at the Joe M. Pangerl residence in rural Pine City. Mrs. Pangerl planted a “Tiny Tim” tomato tree last fall, and the plant is now about two and a half feet tall and has produced 80 tasty little tomatoes.
The DNR’s Don Fultz asked dog owners to keep their pets under control to prevent them from chasing deer. “It’s the same old problem that we have practically every year,” Fultz said. “The dogs can run along the surface of the crusted snow while the deer with their sharp hooves break through.
Hint of the Week by Hoppy Hopkins: To clean leather belts, wash them with mild suds and rinse with a wet cloth. After drying well, rub lightly with wax polish.

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Miss Mildred Ann Kazda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kazda of Pine City, became the bride of Richard Kubesh, son of Mrs. Henry Haavisto, also of Pine City, at a high nuptial mass at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 4 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bede announce the marriage of the daughter, Helen Gean, to William Dale Neuman of Glendale, California. They were married on January 19 at Dalton, Georgia.

100 Years Ago, 1921 Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 March 2021)
In Rock Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McNeal are the proud parents of a nine-pound boy born Monday evening.
Quite a number of Masons from Rush City and Hinckley attended the meeting of the local lodge, last Monday evening, when Carl and Wm. Pennington, Wm. Challeen and Webb Hodge received their third degree. St. Patrick's Day, 1917. The snows were still deep on March 17, 1917, but that didn't seem to dampen the spirits of the patriotic Pine Citians waving American flags on the boardwalk. World War I was raging, and Germany's use of unrestricted submarine warfare was pulling the United States into the conflict. The U.S. severed diplomatic ties with Germany on Feb. 3, on March 20 President Wilson began arming U.S. merchant ships, and the U.S. declared war on April 20.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 March 2021)
Margaret Henry was sent to the county jail in Camden, New Jersey for three months Monday, having been convicted of the charge of being a common scold. Margaret's reputation as a talker was such that the court decided to make her sentence a severe one. This conviction was found under the provisions of an old law.

Snow is about all gone. Clearing land preparatory for spring work is the order of the day now. A Minneapolis barber was fined $10 for shaving a man's face on Sunday.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 March 2021)
Pine City's sixth grade girls took part in the Women in Technology event at Pine Tech. While they did, Pine City's sixth grade boys welcomed the editor of the Pioneer and offered 'Letters to the Editor' of their own: • I would like a new indoor water park. Kids could go down big slides and have fun in the winter without freezing. ~ Jack • I would bring back Dragon Wood. I like it better than the one we have now. It was very fun, but you got splinters a lot so they should wax it. ~ Andrew • It's a nice town. No improvements. GO DRAGONS!!!! ~ Alex

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 March 2021)
The Pine City Heritage Players will bring audiences to the magical, musical town of Brigadoon this weekend. Cast members include Dean Carlson, Luke Segarra, Lea Buckingham, Paul Hanson, Jennifer Asmussen and Dennis Howard.

Aubrey Olson, a lively and cheerful nine-yearold from Pine City, has been named Minnesota Goodwill Ambassador of the local Muscular Dystrophy Association.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 March 2021)
It's sad but true. Last Tuesday night the Dragons went to Forest Lake to compete with the conference champions, Rush City, in the third game of the District 25 tournament. It ended up a disappointing 70-46 defeat.
Navy Petty Officer, Third Class Duane C. Zemek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Zemek of Pine City, is now serving aboard the tank landing ship USS Terrebonne Parish in the Mediterranean with the Sixth Fleet.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 March 2021)
Ray McDermaid was elected commander of the Pine City Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at its annual meeting.

E.L. “Mike” Birkeland, prominent farmer of Chengwatana town filed the office of register of deeds on Wednesday of last week.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 March 2021)
A big Mardi Gras, to last two or three days, was suggested at the development association meeting in the club rooms, Tuesday evening. The plan as outlined was to hold a Mardi Gras carnival in the armory next month, the proceeds to go toward a fund to build a bath house on Cross Lake near the armory.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 March 2021)
The Pine Technical College Student Senate and the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committee boxed up 71 containers of food, toiletries and more for troops serving in Afghanistan to honor the memory of the late Marine Master Sergeant Daniel Fedder of Pine City, who was killed in the line of duty.
“Halos to the two boys (about 7-8 years old) that shoveled our front walk after the storm on Wednesday, March 23. What an awesome act of kindness.” ~ Lisa Cummings
Pokegama Lake Association representative Doreen Graves presented Pine City Food Shelf staff Virginia Johnson, Bev Konkler and Julie Werner with a $1,000 donation.
Friends and family from all over the country came to Pine City Township Hall to help Dorothy Ruby celebrate her 90th birthday with a Norwegian feast.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 March 2021)
The effort to build a sewer system around Pokegama Lake will come to a critical juncture in the days ahead, when town board members find if they will receive a state grant to help finance the estimated $5.4 million project.
The Pine Area Lions Club has members who volunteer regularly at the Pine Community Food Shelf, including Gladys Abbott, Jeanne Sauser and Ellen Carlson.

Although he isn’t a farmer these days, growing up on a farm certainly influenced Pine City resident Ralph Frerich’s choice of occupation. “I always liked seeing things grow,” said Frerich, who is in his 14th year as the owner of Frerich’s Nursery and Garden Center in Pine City. He noted that the greenhouse was actually started back in the 1950s by Harold Buzzard, who has come by several times to talk about the nursery business.
Lindsey Mettling, daughter of John and Lori Mettling, is this week’s Student Achiever. Lindsey is active in track, basketball, band, choir, and the Catholic Youth Group. History and English are her favorite school subjects.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 March 2021)
Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Wanous of rural Pine City were selected to participate in the Land O’ Lakes Young Farmer program and attend the golden anniversary annual meeting.
Don Hejny of Johnson-Hejny, Inc., Sandstone received word that he was the winner of the “Reach For The Sun” Mercury dealers sales contest. His award will be a trip to Hawaii, to include his wife and four children.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 March 2021)
Glenn Gramer, owner of the former Schwartzwald Crystal Palace, informs us that the name of the establishment has been changed to “Topic Ballroom” and will be known as such from now on.
Earl and Lyle Stinson have made arrangements to open a plumbing, heating and refrigeration shop in Pine City. They have purchased the Daniels store building, south of the creamery, where they expect to open for businesses about April 15.

Merrill Daniels, owner of the Coast to Coast store, recently purchased the LaBeau building which he is having remodeled and redecorated and will be used as his furniture store in place of the building purchased by the Stinson brothers.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 March 2021)
The county board voted to pay road maintenance men $5 per day.
A resolution was passed by the board cutting the aid received by the poor by half.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 March 2021)
Quite an exciting runaway occurred in the western part of town on Tuesday afternoon. Thomas Henderson's team, which was driven by little Eddie Carlin, became frightened near Mr. Henderson's barn by the scoot, to which they were hitched, striking snow after being on the bare ground. The spreaders hitting their heels they started and ran down Third Avenue, striking the fence of William Rice, throwing the horses and breaking two panels of the fence. The only damage done was to the fence and the team received a few scratches.
The field or union of the national flag in use in the army will on or after July 4, 1896, consist of 45 stars, in six rows, the first, third and fifth rows to have eight stars, and the second, fourth and sixth rows seven stars each, in a blue field.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 April 2021)
A piece of Pine City's past has come back home to the new library. When the old Pine County Courthouse burned down in 1952, the Edin family purchased the remnants of the stained glass windows above the second floor. After getting advice from longtime library volunteer Margery Swanson, Andy Edin, PCHS Class of 1955, had a new frame made, and added the missing panes of glass. The refurbished window, nearly six feet high and wide, is now on permanent display inside another window in the Pine City Library.
The dangers of high water have receded in Pine City, as cold weather slowed down what might have been a dangerous amount of water released into the Snake River.

Sarah Rydberg, Pine City teacher and artist, explores the power of symbols in a new display of her work at Pine Center for the Arts. A rich photographic history of life in Pine County - "Images of America: Northern Pine County" - has been created by local authors Earl J. Foster and Amy Troolin. "My father asked me, before he passed away, to do three things – and one of them was to do something good for the Pine City area," Foster said. I decided to collect photographs so people could enjoy the early years."

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 April 2021)
Minnesota author/ illustrator Betsy Brown is coming to Pine City to talk about her journey as an author and artist that led to her celebrated children's book "Antler, Bear, Canoe: A Northwoods Alphabet Year."
Pine City School District voters will have a slate of candidates to choose from this May, including incumbent Debra Bombard, Kevin Abbott, Tom Freehling, Tim Geisler and Stella T. Real-Werner.
There are six candidates vying for the title of the Pine County American Dairy Association's Senior and Junior Dairy Princesses: Susie Benson, Chanda Karas, Kristine Brammer, Lorelei Swenson, Jennifer Watrin and LeAnn Waletzko.

The Richard and Jenny Alleman family of Finlayson was recognized by the University of Minnesota Extension Service this year as an outstanding farm family. They began their farming career in 1967, establishing a milking herd in 1972 that has grown to 45 cows.

Ginny Borchardt of Pine City was one of 18 officers installed at the Pine Chapter 250 Order of the Eastern Star's 75th installation of officers. Borchardt had been a member since 1961, and a Worthy Matron three times.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 April 2021)
Rep. John A. Blatnik introduced a bill Wednesday to make the Kettle River part of the National Wild and Scenic River systems.
The Minnesota State Highway Patrol has reported that six state highway patrol officers stationed in Pine City inspected 117 accidents in 1970. The major cause of the accidents was excessive speed for driving conditions.
An exciting evening was experienced by Cub Scouts and their parents last Thursday evening when the annual Pinewood Derby was conducted at the VFW club rooms.

A Willow River man was arrested. It was reported that he had deliberately backed his pick-up into a relative's car after an argument.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 April 2021)
Albert Kubat Jr. and George Novy are opening a concrete block factory, which will be located on the Kubat place, south of the Cooperative creamery.
Pine County had two revocations and 11 suspensions of drivers licenses in the first two months of 1946.
Pat Kuss, Pine City's popular wrestler, competed recently in the Minneapolis auditorium.
Pine City's business firms, which have closed at 6 p.m. on Saturdays during January, February and March, will remain open until 9 p.m. on Saturdays in the future. Last week,
Harold Kick, a recently discharged veteran, purchased the milk route operated by Harry Brogren in Pine City for the past year and a half.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 April 2021)
W. A. Sauser has completed installing new display windows the full width of the building in the front of the store. Mr. Sauser is a strong believer in advertising and the success of his business demonstrates that advertising pays.
March came in like a lamb but it looks like she will go out like a lion. A few days of warm weather a short time ago, made us think of balmy breezes and spring flowers, but our Minnesota winter was unable to give up the ghost without a little snow, a tornado, lots of rain, and oodles of mud.
In Beroun, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Shima and little girl arrived from St. Paul last Saturday.
They purchased the hotel building last summer and will take possession about April 9.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 April 2021)
Since Jan. 1, the incoming of settlers at Pine City and vicinity has been something phenomenal. About 180 families have bought land and taken up their residence in vicinity of Pine City.
The storm of Tuesday and Wednesday was the worst of the year. On Tuesday a blizzard raged all day, the like of which has not been seen in this part of the country for a number of years. The freight trains on the St. Paul and Duluth were abandoned, and the passenger trains were from two to five hours late.
The Burger Bros. having bought the saw mill formerly owned by the Pine City Lumber Co., will add in time for the next crop, a grist mill for the grinding of all kinds of grain, corn, etc. This will be of inestimable value to the farmers, who have long felt the need of such an institution.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 April 2021)
Janet McNally of Tamarack Lamb & Wool, located just north of Pine City, has been raising her sheep entirely on pasture for over two decades. She has come to be known as a key resource in the sheep industry.

“Take My Breath Away” is the theme for this year’s Pine City High School Prom. The Grand March will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The public is invited to attend; tickets are $2.
Life Scout Cody Miller took volunteers from Pine City Boy Scout Troop 188 to join the flag honor guard at the troop advancement ceremony. Scouts included Stephen Pulkrabek, Josh Zerwas, Andrew Erickson, Cody Miller, Alex Zemek and Eli Grubbs. Coming Soon - Pamelia’s Galleria, Pine City, offering individual booths for your antiques, boutiques and “uniques.” For more info, call Pam.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 April 2021)
Bars in Pine City will not be able to open for business at 10 a.m. on Sundays. Expressing mixed emotions on the issue, Pine City Council members last Wednesday night decided not to amend the city’s liquor ordinance.

Pine City Senior Dining Center Coordinator Geri Othoudt has been named 1996 Citizen of the Year. Nominated for the honor by several members of the local senior citizens club and others as well, Othoudt was lauded as “a loving, caring and dedicated person.”
Pine City is pursuing a grant to expand the park at the public beach, and to make improvements to the property between Pizza Pub and the swimming beach. The city is trying to acquire the tax-forfeited parcel from Pine County. The estimated cost is $130,000.
Highlights of the Easter bunny breakfast were a bunny story from Joanne Cahill and a visit from the Easter Bunny himself.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 April 2021)
Eye catching colored lights flashing across screens on the engine testing machines of the Pine City Area Vocational Technical School’s booth proved a popular stop for many of the students taking part in the Education Fair.
The Pine County tourist meeting was held recently at Tobie’s Big Kettle Room. More community participation is needed to attract tourists to Pine County. Guest speakers highlighted the importance of customer service.
The Brownie Scouts entertained the residents of Lakeside Nursing Home. Thirty-three Brownies brought Easter greetings and songs to the residents.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 April 2021)
The partnership of W.S. McEachern and D.R. Wilcox, publishers of the Pine Poker since October 1920 and of the Pine Poker-Pioneer since 1940, was dissolved this week when Wilcox became the sole owner of the newspaper plant by buying out the interest of Mr. McEachern.
Edin Motor Sales of Pine City have been given a distributor’s franchise for D-X and Diamond Products and will carry a complete line.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 April 2021)
The band of horse traders left town Tuesday. It looked like a small sized circus with the covered wagons, autos and string of horses. Chief of police Biedermann heaved a sigh of relief when they left. John was afraid some of them had sticky fingers and he looked over the town to see if any of the buildings or other personal property had departed with them.
The Power Company is installing an electric sign for the Breckenridge Pharmacy this week. The sign, about 2x3 feet in size, is from the Flexlume Electric Sign Co. at Buffalo, New York. The word “Drugs” will be illuminated. Other merchants in town are figuring on electric signs, we understand.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 April 2021)
The tender of the dam (Chengwatana) was very much alarmed Tuesday, on account of the water rising so fast. The dam is an old affair, and it is feared it will go out at any time. The water is rising on an average of six inches every 24 hours. The ice has about all gone out of the river and the water is rising although the gates are all open. A boom has been stretched across the river above the

railroad bridge to prevent the bridge and dam from going out with the jam of logs that is expected here within the next few days.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 April 2021)
Linda Landin and Ken Stroeing will tell you the same thing: they weren't trying to be heroes. They say anyone would have done what they did. But after they jumped into the freezing waters of the Snake River to save the life of a girl trapped underwater, after they fought to get her free and pulled her to shore, giving her CPR and saving her life, people keep calling them heroes. There's a a good reason for that. It's the only word that fits. And on April 18, Landin and Stroeing were presented with the Pine County Sheriff's Office Lifesaving Award.
Pine City native Master Sgt. Daniel L. Fedder was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal with combat distinguishing device for heroic actions while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.
Grass fires have already struck in the area, and Pine City firefighters have been busy. On April 12 alone firefighters battled three separate wildfires in the region.

Nelson's Market is still open in Pine City, but if business doesn't pick up, owner Randy Nelson said the grocery store will be forced to shut its doors. Nelson's Market closed their Pine City bakery in February, and has announced that they will be closing their Mora store after Easter.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 April 2021)
The National Park Service is in the process of developing a management plan for the upper St. Croix and Namekagon rivers.
"Upon approaching the first anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing, I want to thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement. Although not fully recovered, I have returned to work fulltime. Thanks for your support." - Clark C. Peterson, survivor of the Murrah Bomb Blast.
They call themselves the Three Musketeers, and they've been coming together to the Cindy and Co. in Pine City for years. Sisters Mabel Peterson, Mary Ledin and Irene Olson are just three of the salon's regular dedicated customers. Staff at the busy salon include Diane Moffatt, Cindy Bostrom-Dahlin, Kristi Showalter and Deb Bombard.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 April 2021)
A 400-pound safe belonging to the Askov Co-opertive Association, which was hauled away by burglars last Nov. 11, was recovered from the icy waters of the Kettle River just below the Highway 23 bridge west of Askov. The two-wheel cart used to move the safe from the office was also recovered at the same spot. The safe had been opened. The $400 in cash and $800 in checks were missing.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 April 2021)
The Russell Martinson Farm, located southeast of Pine City on Highway 70, was the scene of an airplane crash last Sunday, when Clarence Swanson of St. Paul failed to gain enough altitude while making a turn at a low level. He was taking the two boys, Gerald and Russell Jr. for a ride in the Funk airplane when the accident occurred. Gerald had the misfortune to lose a few of his teeth in the resulting crash, but neither Russell Jr. nor Mr. Swanson were injured.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 April 2021)
The warm weather this week brought everyone out to hoe and rake. Most Pine City folks take considerable pride in their premises and the yards and lawns are fast being cleaned up and put in shape for summer. Some of the best advertising a town can have is a town of good clean yards and well kept lawns, shrubs and trees.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 April 2021)
Mr. Bangle informed us on Tuesday evening that, Providence and weather permitting, he will be up Saturday and take the material up to Pokegama for his new summer resort. He says that he will build a pavilion with a dancing floor 40x60 feet on his farm at the head of Lake Pokegama, where he proposes to give dances at least three times a week.
An English trades union has refused to work with men who ride to their work on a bicycle, on the ground that they have an unfair advantage in being able to work longer at the shop and yet get home at the same time as those who walk.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 April 2021)
I-35 was built in 1960, and the concrete on the portion north of Hinckley is still the original material – and it is breaking up badly. In January, a young mother and her son were driving behind a semi which hit a pothole and kicked up an 11-pound chunk of concrete which shot through the windshield between mother and son landing in the backseat. Luckily, no one was seriously injured. Starting in May, huge stretches of I-35 north and south of Pine City will be undergoing major construction.

Over 80 people filled the VFW on April 9 to play Easter Ham Bingo.

Kayla Pavelka, Lindsey LeClair, Shauna Jahnz, Kylie Harer and Haley Schmidt are Athletes of the Week. These seniors have led Dragon softball to a 4-1 start this season.
The Pine City Lions held their annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast at the Pine City Armory, and the Lions kept busy behind their massive griddle pouring batter, flipping and stacking the golden brown cakes.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 April 2021)
Pine City 3M will be part of the new Imation Corp. launched by 3M in July.

A group of Pine City fifth and sixth graders, including Amanda Ausmus, Nathan Lindstrom, Justin Wiedenroth, Carl Greden and Leanne Haugrud, have been using the Internet to follow the progress of a five-person bicycle team across the Yucatan Peninsula. They send photographs, maps, fact sheets and more via the computer network.
Pine City art teacher Kathy Marenchin presented her watercolor transfer technique at the National Art Education Association Convention in San Francisco in March.

Dragon all-conference athletes for the winter season are Tony Willert, hockey; Mike Doenz, wrestling; Seth Sauter, hockey; Gary Carlson, wrestling; Billy Runyan, wrestling; Julie Stumne, basketball; Jessica Odegard, gymnastics; Amy Johnson, gymnastics and Jason Wiener, basketball.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 April 2021)
It was announced this week that a group of interested taxpayers in Pine County have begun the formation of a “Concerned Taxpayers Association.” This name was picked by a number of people as being one that best describes the fledgling organization.

The glass in the front door of the First National bank was broken by someone early Sunday morning. It is uncertain whether it was an act of vandalism or an attempt to gain entrance to the bank.

Physician and surgeon, Dr. Richard Runquist, will begin his new practice in Pine City next Monday with the opening of his office in the new First National bank building east of the courthouse.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 April 2021)
One of the oldest business firms in Pine City changed hands this week, when Dr. E. G. Booth of St. Paul purchased the Pine City Mill from R. P. Allen. The Pine City Flour Mill was established and the

plant built in 1897 by R. P. Allen and James Dewar under the firm name of Allen & Dewar. Mr. Dewar sold his interests in the fall of that year J. M. Allen and the plant operated as Pine City Milling Co. since that time. This plant furnished the first cash market for grain in Pine City and the operation of the Mill and establishment of this market for farm products greatly contributed toward the development of this section which was then emerging from lumbering to agricultural activities. The steam power plant of the Mill was the birthplace of the Pine City Electric Power company which supplied electric service to Pine City, later the Eastern Minnesota Power company which extended its service to many villages in this section. The flour mill was destroyed by fire in 1920 and the plant rebuilt as a modern feed mill and blending plant and has been operating continuously since that time.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 April 2021)
An important business deal was transacted in Rock Creek last Saturday, when Oscar Hartz purchased the E.J. Anderson hardware and general merchandise store. Arnold Kowalke expects to leave for Marble, Minnesota in a short time where he will play ball this summer. His contract calls for $175 per month.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 April 2021)
Brownie overalls, 22 cents a pair at the Minneapolis Bargain Store, Rush City. I have a fine 14 karat gold watch that I would like to trade for a good cow. The watch can be seen at the Drug Store - Mrs. Amos Gamble.
We are informed by the tender at the Chengwatana dam that he has to handle it this year as if it was made of glass, as it is getting pretty weak in places.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 April 2021)
Pine City students Joe Wolf and Hannah Devine had a unique opportunity to participate in the Minnesota House of Representatives High School Page program with District 8B Representative Roger Crawford.
Departing Junior High Concert Band students showed their affection for band director Kevin Cahill at their April 28 concert, offering hugs, flowers, a card and a tie reading, “I ♥ Class of 2014.”
The Rock Creek Ramblers 4-H Club donated $150 to the Pine City Food Shelf, money they earned serving food at Andersons’ Rock Creek Relics Threshing show the weekend after Labor Day. Members include Chloe Gavin, Donald Aasen, Rosie Severson, Megan Ian, Jack DuChene, Sierra Fix, Anna, Lindsay and Kaitlyn Miller and Justin and Joylyn Washenbecker.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 April 2021)
The story of Snow White will be presented in the fourth annual Pine City Elementary play, including Crystal Lightfoot as Snow White and Holly Samuelson as The Queen. Dwarves include Lindsey Stauty (Hungry), BJ Samuelson (Bossy), Noel Roubinek (Verbal), Mike Stahlke (Irish), Anna Scholin (Squeaky), Rob Arola (Emotional) and Rochele Johnson (Slow Poke).
Waldo and Maggie Carlson, together with their seven daughter, sons-in-law and grandchildren, invite you to an open house honoring their 50th wedding anniversary. This celebration will occur on Sunday, May 5 at the Rock Creek City Center. Your presence will be a cherished gift, we request no other.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 April 2021)
Members of the Pine City Chamber of Commerce heard much emphasis placed on Pine County’s abundant natural recreational resources, the importance of properly utilizing and promoting them to attract tourists to the area, and even more important the need to preserve these natural assets for future years. Following some six years of effort, marked by a number of disappointing delays, the new Pine City golf course is now a reality and will open for regular play for the first item this coming Saturday morning at 7 o’clock.

Receiving a 35-year service award from Minnesota Department of Public Safety Deputy Commissioner Phillip Iverson is Officer Edmund C. Erickson of Pine City. Erickson joined the Highway Patrol in 1936 and has worked his entire career patrolling Highway 61 between the Twin Cities and Duluth.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 April 2021)
Behind the steady pitching of Vacineks and Grots, Pine City's entry in the Pine County league defeated Beroun Sunday by the score of 23-4. The locals put on a terrific display of hitting power, ringing up a total of 32 hits and featuring two triples by Stanley Walberg and a long home run by Allen Walberg.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 April 2021)
S.A. Barnes suffered a very painful injury last Thursday while cranking his auto. The motor back-fired, the crank hitting his right arm and breaking it in two places.

We are pleased to note that the downtown property owners are having the sidewalk repaired. Some of them are in pretty bad shape.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 April 2021)
A.E. Webber has fitted up the barge used last summer for dancing, as a restaurant. He will anchor it at the mouth of Mission Creek, where all those who want a first-class meal or lunch, when out fishing or hunting, or on pleasure can always secure it. We understand Mr. Webber contemplates building a dancing barge 37 x 50 feet. As soon as it gets too cold for dancing he will take up the floor and use it for transporting wood.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 May 2021)
The faces of wrestling's future in 2011 Young Pine City wrestlers seized state and national titles in 2011: Ellie Clark, first place in Minnesota for the 45-pound division; Logan Swanson, Jaycee champion; Gavin Rockstroh, Jaycee champion; Matthew Swanson, Jaycee champion, Dawson Clifford, state competitor; Summer Rockstroh, sixth place at nationals.
The new Pine City Public Library Dedication on May 7 brought out a crowd of over 100 library supporters to celebrate the generosity, dedication and hard work of the many people who made the newly remodeled library possible. Peter Boo, a native of Pine City and the brother of Henrietta Boo Hudson – in whose name a $200,000 donation was given to the library – commended Mayor Jane Robbins for her zeal in gathering donations to match that amount. Max Blaufuss led the team that oversaw the library project.
Bulldozers, backhoes and hardhats have descended onto Woodpecker Ridge as construction once again gets underway on Fifth Avenue NE and Second Avenue NE in Pine City.
Pine City was once again named one of the "Best Communities for Music Education in America" by the NAMM Foundation - an honor shared by only 179 schools in the entire united states.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 May 2021)
The first American Cancer Society Relay for Life ever held in Pine City raised $19,000, exceeding its goal by $4,000. Coordinator Carolyn Tuckner said she was thrilled with how everything went.
A new juvenile curfew ordinance will take place in Pine City this week, an attempt by the city to curb the number of complaints it is receiving about inappropriate behavior by young people.
Residents of Lakeside Nursing Home declared the Pine Area Lions Club as Volunteers of the Year. Others nominated for the honor were Little Country Band, Carl Peterson, Glen Lundeen and his band and the Pine City Senior Citizens Choir.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 May 2021)
The Connor Fur Post is scheduled to officially open on May 9 at 10 a.m. The fur post was completed late last fall after seven summers of work at the site; four spent in careful digging for artifacts by the

society's archaeologists, three in constructing the post and its surrounding stockades so that it would last.
Major R.E. Blanchard, former Pine Citian, was congratulated by the commanding officer of Marine Attack Squadron 311 for having completed his 300th sortie in the Republic of Vietnam. The 300 missions were accumulated over two tours of Vietnam.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 May 2021)
Mrs. Clara Anderson and her son Harold, owners of Clara's and Harold's Eat Shoppe, closed a business transaction last week whereby they sold the establishment to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Therrien, who will operate the Eat Shoppe in the future.
A.A. Hobert, agricultural instructor here, has been appointed to judge at the Minnesota State Fair. He will also judge at several of the county fairs in the coming year.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 May 2021)
Art Hoffman had a near escape from death last Saturday afternoon. He was excavating for the water mains on Frank Bukachek's place in the west part of town, and was tunneling from one hole to another when the sand caved in, covering all but a part of his head. His head was in a small hole and the sand was light and dry, giving him a chance to breathe which was all that saved his life. He stated that he heard the north bound train whistle after the cave in and also the south bound train before they came.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 May 2021)
It is claimed that a successful flying machine has been built. It is the invention of Professor Langley, secretary of the Smithsonian Institute who has christened the machine the "Aerondrome." It is said to work perfectly, barring a few minor defeats, which can be easily overcome.
We have been informed that we are to have a lady dentist locate here, she having rented the residence owned and occupied by William Connor on Eighth Street.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 May 2021)
Dozens of middle school and high school developmentally adapted physical education (DAPE) students from Pine City, Rush City, East Central, North Branch and Chisago Lakes joined forces for track and field games and events at the DAPE Challenge.
Pine City residents shared their memories of the Great Depression and compared them to the current Great Recession. "For some folks, the word recession is just another word for depression," said Joe Neubauer, age 90. "One big difference is that during the Depression prices dropped on everything. Today, prices increase almost every week on everything from gasoline, groceries, fuel, electricity – they just keep going up."
Rick Waxberg was nominated by fellow drivers at Westerman Bus Company and named School Bus Driver of the Year. Rick has safely transported children in a professional and caring manner for the past six years.
David Griffith a 27-year volunteer with Meals on Wheels and the Senior Dining Site, was honored by site Coordinator Lois Anderson and fellow volunteers at a volunteer appreciation breakfast.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 May 2021)
By next year at this time, rural Pine County residents will be getting ready to change their addresses from a route and box number to a street name and house number. The new system will help emergency responders to easily identify and locate the people who need their help.
Pine City Lions Club Past President Gene Pals congratulated Bert Rude on receiving the Melvin Jones Fellow Award.
Seventy three years of married life are quite an accomplishment, and Joseph and Mary Krantz celebrated that milestone on May 1. The couple live at Lakeside Nursing Home in Pine City, where family joined them in celebrating with cake and concertina music.

For rent: One bedroom apartment, first floor front. On the river. All new kitchen. Heat, water and garbage all furnished. $340/month.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 May 2021)
A Burlington Northern diesel unit through error failed to stop in time Wednesday noon of last week and broke through a spur track bumper north of Pine City at the Northwest LP Gas Co. facilities. The big 246,000 pound engine unit sunk deep into the dirt and had to wait until a special crane truck came to the scene from St. Paul.

Announcement was made this week of the sale of Johnson's Island Resort by Oscar Johnson to Mr. and Mrs. William Woischke of St. Paul.
Postal rates increase effective May 16. A first class letter from six to eight cents an ounce and airmail letter rates from 10 to 11 cents an ounce. Post cards will go from five to six cents each.
Discussion was held at the city council regarding the Agnes Hotel. The village attorney was authorized to write a letter to the owner ordering him to tear down the old structure which is considered a hazard.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 May 2021)
The Snake River Valley Conservation Club has made tentative arrangements with Albert Elison, east of Pine City, for the use of a pond on his farm as a rearing pond for pike fry. The conservation department came up last week with pike fry and planted over 80,000 in the pond.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 May 2021)
Wm. Challeen received a letter the other day, with a notice on the envelope from the postal authorities stating it had been salvaged from an aeroplane fire at Cheyenne, Wyoming. It was with some mail being carried by a government plane, when the plane caught fire, and was one of the letters saved.
The biggest crowd that ever attended a dance in Beroun was present last Monday evening at the wedding dance in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Mikyska.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 May 2021)
The creamery building will be commenced as soon as the sills and timber are cut out. It will be erected on the lots given to the enterprise by Geo. Payne just south of the Catholic Church. The council took the hint we gave them and hung the park gates and placed the seats, but would it not have been a good idea to have painted the seats before putting them in the park. They look quite shabby and spoil the looks of the prettiest place in the line of the St. Paul and Duluth road, as our park is conceded to be by every one who has seen it.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 May 2021)
The Pine City Blue Star Moms started in March 2011, and are open to all moms with deployed servicemembers in East Central Minnesota. "Nobody understands what it's like to wait for that phone call you don't want like another mom," said Mary Jo Muellner.
A good time was had by all at the annual Blackboard Review, featuring performances by Kolette Lind, Carolyn Clark, Carol Nyrhinen, Joel Lorsung, Jared Clementson and Jared Polzine. RC Iron Hog owners Don and Bobbi Schultz accepted the Rock Creek Business Site Award from the City of Rock Creek.

The Magnificent Red Hatters of Pine City will be carpooling to Vannelli's By the Lake in Forest Lake next week for lunch and entertainment by a professional palm, psychic and astrology consultant.
Daisies help Pine City bloom in 2011. Lyn and Al Johnson help the Girl Scout Daisies of Troop 55220 plant flowers and learn gardening skills at Birchwood Cemetery in Pine City on May 19. Pictured are (l-r): Patience Albertson, Grace Horak, Brianna Rothbauer, Emily Milliman, Aliyah Goeman and Sophia Bolduc.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 May 2021)
A total of 467 district voters elected Deb Bombard, Steve Odegard and Tim Geisler to the Pine City School Board.
Halos to Bob and Flo Mallet for all of their support this year and generous donation of three new tables. Thanks for remembering the children at the school as special during the year.
Staff and students of St. Mary's School First Assembly of God Church in Pine City recently held its Race-A-Rama and coloring contest. The overall winner in the race was Trevor Asher, who also took first for the Trailblazers group. Other first place winners were Jamie Wolf for the Straight Arrows, Justin Palmer for the Buckaroos and Eric Martin for the Pioneers.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 May 2021)
An announcement of the dedication and opening of the Chengwatana Scenic and Historical Trail in Pine County was made this week by the Pine County Historical Society.
Marion Kvech with a canceled check dated Oct. 9, 1907 was first prize winner in the recently held "oldest canceled checks contest" at the First National Bank, in conjunction with their open house.
Dennis Frandsen, Rush City, was one of 14 snowmobilers to record a cross-country "first" in Montana's Rock Mountain this April. The party made the first snowmobile trip over Grasshopper Glacier, traveling alongside 12,799 foot high Granite Peak, the highest point in Montana. The 108-mile round trip from Big Timber to Cook City, Montana, took eight and a half hours each way.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 May 2021)
Pine Camp, the popular night club located east of Pine City on Cross Lake, which has been closed since before the war, will have its premiere opening on Memorial Day, when the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Salonek will present "The Esquires," a 10-piece orchestra with girl vocalist, for their opening dance.
The grand opening of the Electric and Heating Service Co., will be held in their new location on Saturday, May 25. They have taken over the Swanson Mortuary building across from the Family Theatre. The store is under the management of Harry Krech.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 May 2021)
Marshall Biedermann circulated handbills in the village last evening, which warn folks that the village ordinance prohibits automobiles traveling in excess of 15 miles per hour, and stating that anyone exceeding that speed on and after May 21, will be prosecuted.
When the girls get out in their short skirts, it might be called the parade of the calf club.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 May 2021)
Thursday the drivers commenced sluicing at five o'clock in the morning, as they had a fair wind, the first in over a week.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 May 2021)
A standard traffic stop turned into a major drug bust. After a K9 search of the vehicle, a sock was found inside a duffel bag. Inside the sock were baggies containing a halfpound of crack cocaine, with an estimated value of $60,000.
St. Mary's Catholic School in Pine City is facing economic hardships, but a team of volunteers including Laura Linzmeier, Jeanne Hawley, Tom Theisen, Charlene Shepard, Janny Choppe-Coatsworth, Shelley Worrel and Deacon Gene Biever are working a variety of jobs to keep tuitions down and the school operating.

The team of Mike Hansmann, Jordan Pangerl, Nick Cummings and Adam Olson are heading to the state tournament in both the 4x100 and 4x200 relay. Erin Pangerl also advanced to State in the 100 meter dash.
The bank remains open as work continues on the new addition at Frandsen Bank and Trust in Pine City. Branch President Corey Berube said the project shows Frandsen's commitment to the Pine City downtown area.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 May 2021)
Valedictorian Rebecca Gray and Salutatorian Holly Larsen will lead the Pine City High School Class of 1996 in its commencement ceremony on Sunday, June 2.

Wal-Mart representatives received the planning commission's approval last week of a modified plan for a store in Pine City. The company has reduced the size of the store from 93,000 square feet to 57,000 square feet.
Carmen Koestler has always sewn for love and dreamed that she could someday sew for money. Now she is turning out fashions that she hopes will find a niche among consumers.
Pine City Future Leaders of America/Future Homeowners of America attended the state conference in Bloomington, including Kerry Othoudt, Shelly Arnold, Shelly Munkberg, Candi Koffler, Rachel Jutting and Jackie Miller.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 May 2021)
After owning and operating Lilja Pharmacy for 34 years, Wilbur Lilja has sold the drug store to a Stillwater man. The new owner is John Woll, who has been employed at a Stillwater drug firm for a number of years. Lilja purchased the store from Ed Prochaska in 1937.
Diplomas were awarded to a class of 113 seniors at Pine City High School on Monday evening. About 1,000 viewed and participated in the commencement exercises which graduated the sixty-ninth class in the community's history.

There will be a preview opening of the Pine County Historical Society Museum in Askov on the Memorial Day weekend. The museum is located in the former Great Northern depot building.
Dragon discus thrower Bill Sauter recently broke the school record with a toss of 139 feet, six inches.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 May 2021)
On Monday of this week, the Thompson Bros., Robert and Wesley, who have owned and operated a Standard Service Station in south Pine City since Oct. 1944, sold their business to LaVerne Hansen of Pine City Dairy.
Winners of the baby contest sponsored by the VFW, in connection with their home talent play last Thursday, were Linda Lee Kubat, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kubat and Thomas Carlson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carlson. Each received a silver baby cup as a prize.
Last Tuesday evening, 72 members of the senior class of Pine City High School were present at the auditorium to receive their diplomas from school board president Lawrence Thrun.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 May 2021)
Two more teams were taken into the newly formed Eastern Minnesota baseball league. Rock Creek and Pine Lake making an eight-team league.
If you chance to meet a high powered car going at full speed, you can bet your bottom dollar it's Charley Schlager, for he now is the proud owner of a four-cylinder Ford.
In Rock Creek, everything is readiness at the creamery for the opening as soon as another cream vat comes, which will probably be this week. An electric motor has been installed which will make the running more handy and convenient.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 May 2021)
The Snake River drive left here on Monday, they having finished sluicing Sunday night. Only one wanigan went down from here, as there is only about a three-days drive below. A.F. Brockett drew the wanigan around the dam.

FOR SALE: The Pioneer House - the only first class hotel in Pine City. Here is a first class business chance. Address, J.F. Stone, Pine City, MN. The largest pine in the northwest was cut recently in Oconto County, Wisconsin. It was seven feet, two inches at the base and cut six 16-foot logs scaling over 8,500 feet of lumber. Yet it was worth only $80.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 June 2021)
Adam Olson, Nick Cummings, Jordan Pangerl and Mike Hansmann are state champions, coming first in the 4x100 meter relay and second in the 4x200.

A two-day “Arrowheads & Stone Tools” will be held at the North West Company Fur Post, with “knappers” from around the region demonstrating the art and craft of shaping stone.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 June 2021)
About 175 people attended the May 30 public hearing held by the Pokegama Town Board on the $6.1 million project around Pokegama Lake, with $3.7 million in grant funds and a $2.5 million loan. The assessed costs per household will be approximately $5,000, or about $375 per year for 20 years.
Linda Gohman is battling a very rare condition called Bartters Syndrome, which manifested when she was child. With the aid of a drug called indomethacin, which boosted her potassium, she has manged to live a fairly normal life, with her husband and six healthy children. However, two years ago it flared up with a vengeance, and the community is coming together to support her with a fundraiser.

New metal bleachers will help accommodate the grandstand crowds at the Pine County Fair this summer. Fair board members working on the project included Leonard Hinze, Harold Baum, Eldon Johnson, Ray Wimmer, Everette Baker, Mark Emslander and John Skluzacek.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 June 2021)
An eye-witness account of Communist efforts to subvert youth in the United States will be presented by Gerry Kirk in a public speech at the Pine City High School auditorium.

Sheriff John Kozisek and two deputies searched a wooded area about four miles east of Sandstone last Thursday for two boys, aged four and five, who had been reported lost at 1:30 p.m. They were located about 4:30 p.m. when they came onto County Road 30. It’s estimated that they walked at least two miles through thick underbrush and swamps. Neither of the boys suffered any injuries. They said they followed, “Mac,” their dog, all the way.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 June 2021)
Plans are being completed for the big point picnic of the Pine City Commercial Club and Conservation Club, which is being held at the St. Croix Park, east of Hinckley.

Sunday is the day of the long planned-for 10th District American Legion and Auxiliary Convention at Pine City. The Heath-Perkins Post has made final preparations to entertain the visitors and have planned a parade with floats, a banquet Sunday evening, and a wreck to be staged by the 40 and eight members which will be held Saturday night.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 June 2021)

H.T. Davis has purchased the fast motor boat owned by Father Leo. Father Leo expects to buy a small launch.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 June 2021)
P.W. McAllen and wife, of Bristol, South Dakota, have been in this place for the past week. Mr. McAllen is here looking over the ground preparatory to the location of a bank. He is very much pleased with the outlook here, and if nothing happens more that he knows of he will be prepared to start the bank in a few days time.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 June 2021)
Trevor Christenson and Eric White, both natives of Pine City, and now working together with EBI Drilling of Duluth, heard shouts for help from the flooding Cottonwood River on June 16. Two tubers had misjudged the current and were being swept away. Christenson and White ran to the rescue, losing some cell phones in the process, and are now being credited with saving the tubers' lives.

In 1951, Braham resident Marvin L. Carlson found out his brother, Corporal Ralph W. Carlson, was a prisoner of war in Korea. This past March, after 60 years, he found out his brother's remains had been identified and were coming home. He will receive a full military funeral in Braham on June 25.
Pine City's annual celebration of summer is about to swing, dance dash and paddle back into town this Saturday as Freedom Fest returns.
Eight Pine City runners took part in Duluth's Grandma's Marathon: Dave Hansen (3:08:51), Debra Haugrud (4:13:16), Justin Scott (4:31:45), Heather Wynn (4:51:21), Jim Clune (4:51:34), Joe Knutson (4:59:26), Heather Rank (5:38:41) and Molly Neil (6:02:55).

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 June 2021)
June is Dairy Month, and with it comes the Pine Area Chamber of Commerce's annual mission to bring a smile to the faces of a few people in the local dairy industry. Steve and Darlene Asher and their children Justin, Amy and Trevor are the Farm Family of the year. Rosa Swanson is Farm Woman of the Year, and Farm Business of the Year went to Jones Construction, owned by Bob and Jane Jones.

The Pine City Cub Scouts have held their annual Pinewood Derby, and Chris Johnson emerged as the first place winner. Lucas Daul was next, then Chris Wadhams, Cole Newman and Josh Horton.
Although she has lived in Pine City for the past 64 years, Fidelia Bergstrom still treasures her memories of growing up in Henriette. She said it was wilderness when her parents moved there in 1909, but the combination of the railroad and good soil for growing potatoes made Henriette into a boom town.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 June 2021)
An unusual water fountain was installed at the Lions park on the freeway access road in the village. The new addition is sure to please the younger set, who must place their heads in the lion's mouth in order to get a drink.
The owner of the Agnes Hotel met with the village council last week to discuss the fate of the old hotel building. The council has previously ordered him to either fix it up or tear it down as its run down condition has become a hazard.
The old village dump in Mora is in the process of becoming a park. The dump has been covered with dirt. Boy Scouts have cleaned up the roads leading to it and will begin planting 3,000 trees.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 June 2021)
Victor W. Ziebarth of Pine City was elected commander at the closing session of the Tenth District American Legion Convention held here on Sunday. He has appointed Glen Turner of Pine City as district adjutant for the coming year.

A shipment of 700 baby pheasants was received here on Thursday by the Conservation Club. These have been given out to a number of club members for raising and will be liberated when old enough to fend for themselves.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 June 2021)
The Old G.A.R building, owned by A.M. Challeen, has been moved onto the lot formerly occupied by the Kubat jewelry store building. The Kubat building was moved to the lot north of the Biederman blacksmith shop about three weeks ago. We understand the former building will be remodeled, and a restaurant opened.
The Eveleth News writing up last week's game, where Eveleth defeated Virgina six to two said. Hoefler of Eveleth, opened up in the third with a home run over the fence, after two men were down. He is the only man to pull this stunt on the Eveleth field before, and that was in a 1920 game. Ray also made another home run the following day.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 June 2021)
The severe rain on Saturday night washed out Theodore Buselmeier's cellar under the brewery, entailing a loss of about five hundred dollars.
Robert Hoffman has completely overhauled the engine on the Burger Bros. mill and everything is in first-class shape. It is to be hoped that the mill will run steadily, as there are enough logs in the boom to keep them sawing the greater part of the summer.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 June 2021)
A recent car crash with injuries at 2nd Avenue SE and 3rd Street SE has residents expressing concerns about trouble spots and speeders, and about what might happen if those concerns aren't addressed.
A Minnesota tradition is in full swing. Strawberry season is in full swing and the pick-your own patch at TLC Berry has many eager visitors filling buckets with freshpicked berries.
At 100 years of age, Helen Chalupnik is sound of mind and body, and at her recent birthday party she delighted guests with stories of growing up on a farm, surviving being struck by lightning, and her experience teaching in a country school - riding her horse in early and building a fire so it would be warm when the children arrived.

Sculptor Keith Raivo and poets Shelley Odendahl, Judy Lawhon, Keziah Lakedon and Angela Foster celebrated the new, colorful "Snake River" sidewalk of poetry and sculpture that now stands outside the Pine City Library.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 June 2021)
Ruby Heller told the 21 students in this year's Pine City Rural School class about her grandmother's experience as a nurse-midwife over 60 years ago. Miss Esther Schmidt runs her school the way teachers did in the old days, insisting that her pupils show respect by paying attention, speaking in turn and answering when called upon.
Families involved in the Pine City hockey programs have pledged nearly $50,000 of the $250,000 needed to apply for a state grant to build an ice arena and civic center in Pine City.
Halos to John Skluzacek for washing down the Pine City Rural School Museum, to Andrew Saumer for fitting in the new boards where needed and to Clarence Espeseth and Glen Lindstrom for painting.
Bev and Gary Gahler, owners of Gahler Appliances in Pine City, are pleased to announce that they are the area's newest Maytag dealers.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 June 2021)
Prof. Elden Johnson, state archaeologist, assisted students in setting up a base line prior to the excavation of the home sites located along the Snake River west of Pine City.

An armed hold-up at the Gold Pine Motel in Hinckley was reported to the Sheriff's Dept. at 2 a.m. by the night clerk at the motel. Hold-up man got around $75 in cash from the register.
Maximum weekly unemployment insurance payments will increase from $57 to $64 for some claimants effective July 4, 1971.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 June 2021)
In a game packed with thrills, Pine City lost to Cloverdale, Sunday, 5-4 in 11 innings. This was strictly a pitcher's battle between Gil Grote of Pine City and Grover, Cloverdale's southpaw.
The community picnic held at the St. Croix Recreational Area, last Sunday, sponsored by the Pine City Commercial Club and Snake River Conservation Club was a decided success in every respect, with close to a thousand in attendance.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 June 2021)
Close to 3,000 people attended the Royalton farmer club picnic, held at the Duxbury-Erickson farm, west of Pine City, last Sunday. Hon. J. Adam Bede of Pine City and State Senator Larson of Sandstone addressed the big gathering.
Walter Eng, son of Mr. and Mrs. O.P. Eng of Rush City, and Miss Bertha Saren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Saren, were married at Pine City last Saturday.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 June 2021)
Land seekers are still numerous around these parts, there are at least 25 to 30 parties looking for land. Most of these are from the southern part of the state and come with plenty of money, these are the kind of settlers any community can be glad to welcome.
A.E. Webber, with the "Stowe," is making regular trips to and from Pokegama, but he doesn't seem to be satisfied with what he is doing, as we have been informed that he has been down to Chisago Lakes looking over the place preparatory to moving his boat down there.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 June 2021)
An 11-year-old Hinckley girl was killed in a fierce storm that swept through east central Minnesota and western Wisconsin on Friday, July 1. The girl was at a campground, hiding from the wind by a tree when the tree fell on her. The storm caused tremendous damage across the region.
At the Shuey farm on St. Croix Road, it toppled a 40 foot bushel bin. Storm clean-up was slowed by the Minnesota government shutdown, which resulted in 23,000 state employees being laid off.
Pianist Natalie Cahill, a sixth grader from Pine City, recently performed at the Minnesota Music Teacher's Association Honors Concert at the Minneapolis Convention Center.
Disc golf enthusiast Dan Schnable has set a new world record for completing the most holes in 24 hours at the Voyageur Park course in Pine City.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 June 2021)
Big doings are planned at Pine City Country Club on July 6 to mark the 25th anniversary of the golf course. Dawn Gibb, Carol Nyrhinen and Jimmy D'Aoust have been active in planning and putting together a program that recalls the trials of making a course in Pine City into reality.
The third annual reunion for members of the Pine City High School Class of 1946 and older will be held at the American Legion Club on Aug. 15. Place reservations with Margaret Lilja or Duane Glasow.
"Arsenic and Old Lace" is coming to Pine City over two upcoming weekends. "It's the first time Pine City's Heritage Players have presented this time-honored comedy," said director Betty Gilbey. "The cast is quite large, 11 men and three women, and the action is uproarious."

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 June 2021)
The Tom Connor Fur Trading Post will be featured in a documentary planned on WCCO TV. The fur post will be one of three historic sites featured on "Minnesota That Was."

“It’s more rare than a hole-in-one,” said Ron Wanless, golf club secretary, as he reported that a double eagle was shot at the local course Sunday. Jimmy Robinson of Minneapolis put the ball in the cup with just two strokes on hole number one, a 475-yard par five hole. Robinson was golfing with Wanless, Bob Emerson and Roger Hagstrom.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 June 2021)
Considerable damage was done to roads, bridges, silos and other farm buildings in the storm that hit this section last Monday.
The five-month hunt for burglars who broke into the Denham post office and other business places in Denham last Jan. 7 came to an end last week, when postal inspectors arrested two 18-year-old youths who admitted the robbery.

Hubert H. Humphrey, youthful mayor of Minneapolis, will be the principle speaker at the co-op picnic which will be held at Pine Camp on Sunday, June 30.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 June 2021)
There will be a barn dance at the Frank Kosik place, three and one-half miles northwest of Pine City in the Ausmus woods, Saturday of this week. The Rock Lake orchestra will furnish the music.
Clark Pennington states he is getting along nicely, following the operation for appendicitis last week.
The Beroun ball team had a change of luck last Sunday when they defeated the Brook Park nine by a score of 16 to 6. Snowball Edin of Pine City did the pitching for the Beroun boys and George Prochaska was on the receiving end.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 June 2021)
On Wednesday evening, a ball club was organized here, to be known as the Reliables of Pine City. The following are the members of the club: Robt. Wilcox, captain; Chas. Nason, manager; Chas. Griffith; Gustave Kruse, Eugene Barnum, Day Payne, Will Hurley, Michael Hurley, Paul Perkins, Henry Glasow and Arthur Brandes.
Handbills are out announcing a second dance to be given at Bangle’s Pavilion at Pokegama this Friday evening. The boat will leave the dock at eight o’clock p.m. sharp, and will tow a barge, as that only one trip need be made, and ample room will be provided for all that wish to go at the small price of twenty-five for the round trip.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 July 2021)
The brutal July 1 storm created damage throughout Pine County, and the chaos was multiplied as Pine County Sheriff’s Office squad cars suddenly lost the ability to communicate by radio when the Askov radio tower lost power and the backup generator gave out. “It was an emergency response nightmare,” said Pine County Sheriff Robin Cole. “All of the challenges you could think of were presented.”

Fourteen girls are vying for the title of Little Miss Pine City. Maggie Smetana (Snuffy and Lara Smetana), Lola Brouwer (Jason and Amy Brouwer), Sophia Bolduc (Lee and Stacy Bolduc), Carly Tyberg (Chris and Casey Tyberg), Kaia VanGrinsven (Tammi and Mike VanGrinsven), Emma Strike (Jodi Strike-Brehm), Emily Milliman (Matthew and Tonya Milliman), Grace Horak (Kevin and Melissa Horak), Vivian Cavallin (Jeff and JacLynn Cavallin), Ashley Peters (Kevin and Caron Peters), Brooke Pantlin (Ashley Pantlin), Siarra Fix (Harold and Roxanne Fix), Laura Maloney (Paul and Erin Maloney) and Cayli Hancock (Joshua and Brittney Hancock).

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 July 2021)
Making way for the new was the theme of the day at the former Pine City 3M plant on Friday. The plant, a Pine City entity since 1968, is now part of Imation, a spinoff company from 3M. Plant

Manager Tom Grahek watched as Mayor Jane Robbins pulled down the 3M banner to reveal the Imation sign.
If a Pine City resident from 100 years ago could walk the city today, he wouldn't be able to find many businesses he used to patronize. But he'd be able to find the First National Bank, which has inhabited the corner of 6th Street and 3rd Avenue since December 1896.
Pine City third grader Natalie Mold was a winner in the Minnesota Music Teachers Association State Music Contest, and performed at Northrup Auditorium in Minneapolis. She is the student of Tricia Jeske.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 July 2021)
Prisoners in the Isanti County Jail in Cambridge overpowered the night dispatcher, locked him in a cell and escaped around 9 p.m. on Monday, June 21. The dispatcher was overpowered after he unlocked the door to take in medicine to one of the prisoners.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 July 2021)
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Biedermann are announcing the opening of the diner, located on the bank of the Snake River, near the Highway 61 bridge. They will be open for business on July 4. This diner was formerly operated by Mr. and Mrs. George Lehet, and has been closed for several years.
100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 July 2021)
A young lad, 12 years of age, was arrested by Chief Biedermann last Friday for passing a couple of forged checks and stealing a revolver from Art Smith, who is employed at the S.B. Wells farm. The young lad had gone out there to work. When arrested, he was in bed at the Agnes Hotel and the loaded revolver was laying by his side.
Wendell and Ell Huber built a diving tower at the bathing beach last Sunday. The boys are great bathing enthusiasts and bought the lumber and did the work themselves. The tower was a big addition to the bathing sports and is in constant use.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 July 2021)
From all parts of the state come reports of outrages of greater or less degree committed by tramps. In some instances tar and feathers have been applied as a remedy, but nothing less than a swift dose of buckshot or a hempen necktie will make much impression on the professional hobo.
Thursday was the hottest day of the season. The thermometer registered 96 in the shade. Now that there are so many guests coming into our village and spending a good deal of their time on the lake and river, would it not be a good thing for our village council to pass an ordinance prohibiting the boys from going in bathing in broad daylight, without bathing suits, as they now do.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 July 2021)

Minnesota Representative Roger Crawford is reportedly recovering well after experiencing "a little tightness in the chest" and undergoing an emergency angioplasty.
A musical of biblical proportions is coming to Pine City. A cast and crew of more than 100 will be performing "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," starring Andrew Cox and Samantha Seuntjens, is directed by Bradley Mariska.

An arrow was painted on Second Avenue SE as the street was changed from a two-way to a oneway.
Pine City is moving from a quarterly water billing system to a monthly system.

The congregation of Immaculate Conception Church bid a fond farewell to their departing pastor, Father David Forsman. The new pastor is Monsignor Alexander Souhan.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 July 2021)
Pine City's Brian Bauman remains in the hospital after receiving a bone marrow transplant to treat his leukemia. The 22-year-old hopes to return to the Air Force Academy when he recovers to seek a degree in medicine.
Alleged gang activity in Pine City this past month is not exactly a myth, but according to Pine County Sheriff Steve Haavisto, many of the rumors circulating in the community are "embellished and out of hand."
Pitchforks to whoever used his or her "independence" freedom to steal the American flag flying at Luedtke's on July 4. I cannot understand what kind of person would be proud to fly a stolen flag. Even pirates made their own flag.
Shauna Jahnz, age three, loves dresses and playing with her Barbies. She also likes being read to by her parents, Scott and Chris Jahnz (Shauna likes Berenstain Bears and Dr. Seuss books) and is the Reader of the Week.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 July 2021)
Alan Briesemeister of Pine City, a 1971 PCHS graduate, was the happiest local golfer around last Thursday when he connected with the first hole-in-one ever shot at the Pine City Country Club.
Vandals opened two fire hydrants in Askov the night of July 3 which resulted in the complete emptying of the water tank. The incident happened between 4 a.m. and 7 a.m.
The two prisoners who escaped from the Isanti County Jail Monday have been captured and are in the confines of the jail once again.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 July 2021)
Voters in Pine County did not take much interest in the primary election last Monday, with the result that less than half the voters turned out to cast their ballots. In all, only about 3,500 voted, with more than 8,000 eligible.
When smoke began to fill the telephone office the night of July 4, Mrs. Esther Greenly, night operator, decided it was time to call out the fire department. On arriving at the scene the firemen discovered that the smoke was coming from a burned-out motor in the Mulligan tavern. No other damage was reported.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 July 2021)
The old Beseda Hall and the Pulkrabek home at Beroun were burned to the ground last Thursday afternoon. It looked for a while as if the whole business district was liable to be destroyed. The Beseda Hall, owned by St. Joseph's parish, was occupied by a pool room, barber shop and a tire repair shop. The only article saved was the barber chair. Everything was destroyed including three pool tables, barber supplies, show cases and tire repair equipment. The heat was so intense it melted pop bottles and window glass.
Fourth of July festivities were opened at 10:30 with a band concert in Robinson Park. The parade consisting of decorated floats, the band and chemical and fire engine followed.
Cecil Blanchard and John Corrigan were given a special prize for the best comedy stunt. Nearly 250 tickets were sold to the dance in the armory.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 July 2021)
July 4, 1896 has come and gone. Young America was up at an early hour and ushered in the day with the booming of anvils, guns and giant firecrackers, the grand chorus of explosives sound being accompanied by shrill shrieks of long pent up patriotism, the sputter of firecrackers, and the snap of the evanescent torpedo.

Blueberries and raspberries are coming into town by the bushel, some children picking as high as twenty-four quarts in a day.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 July 2021)
Alert neighbors helped prevent a burglary and apprehend the suspect at the Pine City License Center. After the call, a deputy and K-9 found a broken window and searched the building. The dog kept indicating “up,” but deputies did not understand – until they found the suspect hiding up in the false ceiling area.

Drivers along County Road 11 (Henriette Road) may wonder what in the cluck is going on when they see 100 handcrafted wooden chickens marching along the white fence. Well, the descendants of the late Arnold and Helen Olson are having a party they are calling “Chickenfest” to celebrate the farm owned by the family for 110 years.
North West Company Fur Post Site Manager Patrick Schifferdecker gave a thumbs-up as the site opened to visitors for the first time since the historic 20-day Minnesota state government shutdown.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 July 2021)
The colorful tents and awnings, the smell of popcorn and food being grilled, the toe-tapping music, the fine company ... All are enough to beckon a crowd to the Art Fest in Pine City’s Robinson Park.
Charles Misel of Pine City carries on the tradition of making lures that was passed down from his great grandfather in New York state 120 years ago.
“It is a good thing for mothers to have a little vacation,” says Vern Nordstrom of Pine City. “It’s a fellowship time.” Mothers Camp is held the first week of August at St. Croix State Park. The camp was started 29 years ago by Nordstrom and the late Maria Neilsen of Askov to allow rural mothers who may feel isolated the opportunity to build friendships.
The “Dress Your Pet” contest, sponsored by the Pine City Cooperative Feed Store, will be held next Friday in Robinson Park. A photograph will be taken of you and your pet. Entries will be judged at noon.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 July 2021)
The 4-H Clubs of Pine County are, at present, busy constructing a new 4-H lunch building at the fairgrounds in preparation for the 1971 county fair.
Jerry From of Cambridge, together with several occupants, were watching the fireworks display on July 4 from his vehicle, parked on a grassy knoll in the rough off the ninth tee at the Purple Hawk Country Club, when the heat of the muffler of the running engine apparently ignited the grass under the car and the flames quickly enveloped the vehicle. The car was completely destroyed.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 July 2021)
At the annual meeting of the school board of District 3 here last week, Lawrence Thrun was re-elected president of the board; Dr. A. K. Stratte treasurer and C. E . Perkins re-elected as clerk.
D. R. Wilcox, Pine City postmaster, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota Chapter of the National Association of Postmasters at the annual convention of the association held in St. Paul last Friday and Saturday.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 July 2021)
About 30 young folks surprised Frank Kubat last Sunday evening in honor of his 18th birthday. The young folks enjoyed a wiener roast at the lake shore the earlier part of the evening, after which they gathered at the house, and the music kept them all in step until a scrumptious midnight lunch was served.
Arnold Kowalke and Harry Spickler returned home from Marble, Minnesota yesterday. Arnold has been pitching ball there since the season opened and Harry had just gone there from Ely a short time ago. The Marble team disbanded.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 July 2021)
Ed Kendall this week closed a contract to build six row boats for A. E. Webber. The new creamery is now in successful operation, and the management says they are prepared to manufacture into cream and butter any amount of milk, from one pint to 1,000 gallons, on short notice.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 July 2021)
Mora and North Branch each lost a grocery store when their Nelson's Market closed. But not Pine City. Chris' Food Center, based in Sandstone, has taken over the market and President Craig Thorvig said that shoppers will soon be seeing changes and improvements.
Derby crews will be paying tribute to legendary driver Ronnie Cox, with a special "Wrecking for Ronnie" heat in his honor at this year's Pine County Fair. Cox, who has been driving in the derby since he was 16, is battling a lung disease called sarcoidosis and is a candidate for a double lung transplant.
Tunes and tomatoes, family and farming – all these could be associated with the Martin family, aka Martin's Greenhouses (their family business) and 5 'til Sunrise (their country rock band).
Jess Christensen and Shane Clune of Pine City competed at the International Karate Competition in Long Beach, California, and won numerous awards in the tournament.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 July 2021)
Eight young women from Pine City are in the middle of an exciting week as they vie for the title of Miss Pine City: Sunshine Bunce, DeDe Stromquist, Tarah Moffatt, Kelly Reitan, Jennifer MacQuiddy, Jennie Abbott, Jessica Odegard and Tanya Milliman.
Two very active Pine City senior citizens have been named Pine County's Outstanding Seniors for 1996. Virgina Christenson was described as "a firecracker," and a dedicated hospice volunteer. Clarence Peterson has delivered Meals on Wheels for the past eight years, and, "you would never meet a nicer man."

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 July 2021)
Northwestern Bell Telephone Company is constructing a new garage adjacent to the Pine City telephone building.
Jan's Beauty Shop, Rock Creek is advertising a Lemonade Permanent for $12.50, haircut included.
Minnesota is into the recreational trail business with both feet, and with snowmobiles, horses and bicycles too, according to Robert L. Herbst, DNR. Five new trails, Glacial Lake Trail, Country View Trail, Douglas Trail, Root River Trail and Sakatah will soon be available for public use.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 July 2021)
The class in agriculture for G.I.'s will start on Aug. 1, 1946. The class work will be held in the high school and will be under the direction of Clyde Shumway.

W.W. D'Aoust, local Northern Pacific agent since March 25, 1929, has retired from the service effective on Monday of this week. Mr. D'Aoust first entered the employ of the Northern Pacific on May 17, 1907, and ranked eighth on the list of employees.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 July 2021)
The First National Bank of Pine City has purchased the Buselmeier building adjoining the bank building, from W. Buselmeier, the deal being completed last week. The building is occupied by the Petschel restaurant, and they will remain there in that business. It is the intention of First National, sometime in the future, to extend the present bank building, the same length as the one purchased, add another story and make one large building put of both of them.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 July 2021)

During the first week of its operation, the Pine City Creamery took in 9,000 pounds of milk and turned out 415 pounds of prime butter. Yesterday, 2,000 pounds of milk were taken in. The machinery works perfectly, and the management is well-pleased with the plant.
A traveling tintype gallery struck town the first of the week, and has located next to the print shop.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 July 2021)
Armstrong earns victory in 2011's 'Wrecking for Ronnie' heat. Douglas Armstrong celebrates after coming in first in the 'Wrecking for Ronnie' heat at the Friday night Pine County Fair Demolition Derby. All heat winners donated their prize money to Ronnie Cox, the local derby pioneer now awaiting a double-lung transplant. This was Armstrong's first derby victory.
Pamida has announced that it plans to convert its Pine City store to a smaller size with different goods in the same location, calling it the "Pharmacy Plus" format.

A federal disaster has been declared for Pine County, 13 other counties and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe due to the damage from the July 1 windstorm. The total estimated damage to public assets and infrastructure is estimated at $2.4 million, with the damage to private property much higher. Workers are still busy wielding chainsaws in St. Croix State Park and St. Croix State Forest as they attempt to clear the roads and trails of fallen timber.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 July 2021)
Generations of Pine Citians learned to waltz and polka under its roof, and even though the building has stood empty for many years, people still talk about the fun they had there. But like the era it represented, Pine Camp is no more. The famous dance hall on the shores of Cross Lake was demolished recently, the site purchased by Jim and Kandi Koppen of Pine City. A fellow from North Branch salvaged the 85 foot clear span roof. The rest is rubble.
Adam Zemek of Pine City and Mike Caza of Grasston recently attended the Deep Portage Conservation Reserve camp in Hackensack for training in wildlife management, hunting ethics, marksmanship and more.
Brook Park's Chuck Ennis was shot through the spine while serving in Vietnam, but though he has no movement in his legs, his hands and his left arm, but that hasn't stopped the 47-year-old from going for the gold. He won two gold medals in bowling at this year's National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Seattle.

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The 81st Annual Sokol Camp Booya Picnic – a celebration of Czech/Slovak culture – took place on Sunday on the east shore of Cross Lake. Head Cook Ann Miller mixes the booya together, a special stew which consists of beef, chicken, vegetables and special spices. Ann, who is a fourth generation booya cook, starts preparing the pot the Thursday before the event. The afternoon is filled with music, folk dancing, a bake sale, bingo, and a wonderful variety of authentic Czech and Slovak delicacies.

A Rock Creek area man was airlifted to intensive care after suffering serious burns in a home gas explosion. The explosion blew out the back wall of the house and knocked the structure off its foundations.

A $3.3 million reconstruction of Highway 70 west of Rock Creek is set to start in early September.

School officials report that for the third year in a row, discipline incidents at Pine City High School have declined to the point where they had the fewest number of behavior incidents in recent history.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 August 2021)

The Pine County Parade had been underway for about 15 minutes Saturday night when spectators saw a huge black cloud of smoke erupt on the fairgrounds. Fire sirens wailed, and horror replaced smiles on the faces of paradegoers as word filtered through the crowd that the fair grandstand was on fire. None of the 300 people in the grandstand at the time wer hurt, though three Pine City firefighters received minor injuries. The investigation is focused on juvenile suspects who were spotted lighting paper on fire and dropping it beneath the grandstand. Sheriff Steve Haavisto said it was lucky the fire burned before the grandstand was full of demo derby fans. "If it had happened half an hour later, we would have had casualties," Haavisto said.

Sunshine Bunce has been named Miss Pine City 1996, and is accompanied by princesses Jessica Odegard and Jennifer MacQuiddy.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 August 2021)

The country school house of former District 69 (Chengwatana School) had its first look at the city Tuesday afternoon when the Webber House Moving Company of Sandstone lifted it off its rock foundation and gently carried it to its new location just north of the Lions park and picnic area across the freeway access road.

William A. Sauser, long-time business leader and merchant in Pine City, passed away last Saturday, July 31, at the Rush City Hospital. His death ended a career in the hardware business here which spanned 62 years. In 1909, Sauser purchased the hardware store in Pine City, which he enlarged and later joined the Our Own Hardware company in 1915.

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Cal Wallace of Cromwell will be the new depot agent in Pine City, taking the place of W.W. D'Aoust, who recently retired.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 August 2021)

Caruso's voice stilled by death. The greatest tenor of the age succumbs following an operation for an abscess on his lung.

The seven former members of the Chicago White Sox baseball team, and two others, were on trial for alleged conspiring to defraud the public through throwing of the 1919 World Series games, were found not guilty by a jury.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 August 2021)
The members of the Woman's Professional League of New York City just held a most interesting discussion upon women's wages. The idea was advanced that women commit a moral wrong when they accept lower rate, and it was maintained that labor had no sex and when the co-education of boys and girls is established the evil will remedy itself.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 August 2021)
Janice Schwartzwald, PCHS Class of 1940, lived a glamorous life in 1950s California working for actor Kirk Douglas and others before returning home to Pine City.
Deb and Brian Bombard had been in Sturgis, South Dakota for the annual motorcycle rally and were ready to return home Sunday morning. Neither was wearing a helmet, but both were wearing their heavy motorcycle leathers when a deer ran into their bike. They skidded for roughly 100 yards. Their boots were worn down to the metal and there were holes burned in their chaps and jackets. "He looked up at me and our eyes met," Deb said later. "Then I just kind of laid there and thought, 'I'm alive.'"

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 August 2021)
Nine and a half hours of reconstructive surgery following Scott Sowers August 1992 motorcycle accident restored his face to "almost new" condition. It saved his left leg. But modern medicine could not restore Sower's sense of taste, smell or sight. But now he has a new best friend, Copper, a 28-month-old yellow lab, who has become Scott's new eyes.
Pine City residents have a variety of cultural opportunities coming up. Lowell Lundstrom and The Lundstrom Singers will appear at First Assembly of God in Pine City on Aug. 18. Meanwhile, planning is underway for a performance of "Carmen" by the Minnesota Opera this September.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 August 2021)
The Pine City Senior Citizens Center has now opened at a new location and is in the building just to the north of the General Trading building.
The municipal airport at Rush City has completed a much needed and extensive improvement project of excavating, filling and blacktopping of the runway apron.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 August 2021)
Ben C. Boo, one of the leading businessmen in Pine City for the past 30 years, passed away at his home here, Sunday, Aug. 11 following ill health.

Pine City will play the Beroun baseball team at the fairgrounds on Sunday.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 August 2021)
Silk stocking, thin waists, high heels, extremely short skirts and short sleeves, excessive use of powder and elaborate hair dressing, are forbidden in the Little Falls high school under an edict of the board of education.
Ten miles an hour will be the speed limit in the downtown district of St. Paul hereafter following three deaths from automobile accidents within a week.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 August 2021)
J.M. Goss, an Anoka lumberman, has taken a large logging contract from the Foley Bean company of Milaca. The contract is for a cut of 50,000,000 feet of logs at Mille Lacs Lake in five years. The timber is to be floated down Rum River to the company's mill.

To refresh the face when tired and weary after a day's outing or traveling, it is a mistake to plunge the face into cold water, which really acts as an irritant, whereas tepid water produces quite a contrary effect. After washing off the dust on face and ears, a little buttermilk, or failing that, rosewater, dobbed on the skin will heal and whiten and take away all feeling of irritation.

10 Years Ago, 2011(Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 August 2021)
Five candidates are on the ballot for Pine City School Board: Tim Geisler, Bonnie Menigo, Wendy Leibel and Wally Connaker. Current board members Roger Rutgers and Ilene Sommer will not run for re-election.
A number of talented performers took to the stage in the Pine County Talent Contest on Aug. 7. In the Preteen category Hallie Rootkie took first place singing "Blue," while Samantha Leger claimed second singing "I Look At You." In the Teen category, Jared Montague was awarded first place for his performance of a patriotic medley on the trumpet, while Abby Skluzacek won second for singing "Mean." In the Open Class Lindsey Rootkie took first for singing "Flat On the Floor," while in second place was the Sweet Something Band (Zach VanVleet, Victor Lopez, Jacob Johnson and Sam Johnson) playing "Noodle." All first place participants received a check for $100 and second prize received $50.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 August 2021)
Five Pine City Girl Scouts received a special tour of the U.S. Navy Frigate Oliver HazardPerry while it was anchored in Duluth: Angela Cummings, Alysia Cummings, Bethany Chromey, Elizabeth Smith and Nicole Odegard.

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Some 15 members of the Hell's Outcasts, a St. Paul motorcycle club, stopped at Rush City's liquor store for some thirst quenching on Saturday afternoon, and were rousted out of town after a call was received that they were throwing glasses around.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources stocked 275,000 more lake trout into Lake Superior this summer, but fisheries experts say they face a bleak future unless more is done to control the sea lamprey.

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Buchan and Gleade opened the old Fara meat market last Saturday and are doing a fine job to start with.

In Beroun, Frank Chalupnik opened the new butcher shop last Saturday with a good stock of meat. Business has started very good we understand.
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10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 August 2021)
Jackie McKellar launched confetti into the air at the Marine Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Memorial Scholarship event on Aug. 27. The event raised over $10,000 for the scholarship to honor Fedder, who was killed one year ago in Afghanistan.

Construction of the Pine City Fire Hall took a step backward on Aug. 25 after city council members voted to rebid part of the project. The bids came in at $1,729,900. The city has only $1,494,000 budgeted.
Beroun's Dean Plessel is a mechanic and welder turned artist, and recently finished creating a huge dragon for his wife, who loves dragons.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 August 2021)
For 100 years now, St. Joseph's Church has stood at the heart of the Pine County community of Beroun. Joseph Chalupsky moved to "Brown's Hill," with his wife and nine children, renamed the town Beroun, and built nine houses, a general store and a sawmill. More Czech Catholic families moved to the area, and in 1896 they started work on building their new church.
Pine City mayor and council members have given themselves their first raise in 10 years. The mayor's wage goes from $100 to $200 per month, while city council goes from $80 per month to $150 per month. Members will receive $35 per meeting.

Winners of the talent contest at the Pine County Fair include Jennifer Tragethon, Jaci and Joell Werner, Krystal Anderson, Katie Koch, Emily Stevens, Taylor Kraft, and Kate and Leah Anderson.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 August 2021)
A city postal carrier suffered a dog bite and had to undergo the usual medical attention, including a tetanus shot. Postmaster Louis Chalupsky advised all dog owners today of possible withdrawal of mail delivery due to the bite, with more than the usual number of complaints this year regarding loose, ill-tempered dogs.

Rush City deputy policeman Charles Field proposed to the Rush City village council that a "canine unit" be purchased for use in law enforcement work there.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 August 2021)
Due to the polio epidemic and recommendations of the State Board of Health and State Commissioner of Education, the local school board decided not to open school until Monday, Sept. 16.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 August 2021)

Thieves entered the chicken pens of U.F. Joslin, living on the east side of the lake, sometime Monday night and succeeded in getting away with about 60 birds. This is getting to be quite a common occurrence as a number of farmers have been visited within the past few weeks.
Sig Striegl arrived yesterday from Minneapolis for a visit at the home of his brother here. Sig will play solo coronet with the band during the fair.
During a recent test made in Seattle, Washington, one American-made touring car established a record rate of 36 3/4 miles to gallon of gas.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 August 2021)
We are informed that at the meeting of the village council last evening, a proposition was received from Messrs. Dolge and Chalupsky, by which those gentlemen offer to erect and equip ready for business within the limits of this village, a flouring mill with a capacity of 100 barrels per day, and operate the same continuously for a period of five years, and during this period, light the streets of this village with 30 incandescent lights, each of 32 candle power. Upon payment to them by the village of the sum of $2,000, $1,000 to be paid when such mill and electric light plant is constructed and ready for operation and the remaining $1,000 at the expiration of five years.

By the death of a farmer known as Marion Elston, who has lived near St. Joseph, Missouri for 25 years, it was discovered that the deceased was a woman. She belonged to the G.A.R. and had been in a number of battles during the late war without her sex being discovered.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 September 2021)
Karen Amman, along with other Pine City Blue Star Moms gathered, packaged and posted 24 boxes of items for their own overseas offspring, as well as military members they have “adopted.” The packages will be sent to Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait.
Drivers passing the corner of Interstate 35 and Highway 70 might spot Bill Zellman selling vegetables and singing his favorite songs.
Two days of high-flying fun were had by visitors to Heidelberger’s Professional Rodeo Cowboy’s Association show. The crowds gathered to watch professional cowboys try to beat the clock in a variety of events, including team roping, bull riding, barrel racing, steer wrestling and bronc riding. And many rodeo-goers stuck around after the event to kick up their own heels at a dance with live music.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 September 2021)
Smokey the Bear is proud of Stephanie, Jeremy and Joshua Skalicky. The three kids averted a disaster when, on a trip to Crex Meadows, they spotted a fire started by ATV riders, and told their parents Dan and Peg. The family dumped sand on the fire, putting it out before it could spread.
The Pine City Jaycees will sponsor a street dance featuring country artist Mary Sue Englund to benefit the proposed civic center and arena.
The Pine City Education Association has awarded scholarships to Joe Rysdam, Reid Ovick, Lara Greden, Christa Connaker, Jenna Bungert and Katie Sloan.

New teachers are joining the staff of Pine City Schools, including Paul Christensen, Lorie Bjorkman, Christine Bettendorf, Erin Dressel, Joel Lorsung, Stephanie Jensen and Michael Fridgen.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 September 2021)
About 175 people turned out last Sunday for the dedication open house of the Pine County Historical Museum at Askov.
During the night, 35 lights were either smashed or taken out and thrown on the ground from the towers at the ball park in Pine City.
A semi struck the bridge at the Grindstone River six miles east of Hinckley. The impact tore the wheels from the right side of the semi completely off the trailer. Despite extensive damage to the truck, no injuries to the driver were reported.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 September 2021)
Clark “Speed” Foster is to be the commanding officer with the rank of captain of the new National Guard unit which will be activated at Pine City. Company E of the Minnesota State Guard under the command of Capt. Wm. Challeen will continue as an organization until the new guard unit takes up its duties.
The Golden Jubilee of St. Joseph parish was celebrated at Beroun last Sunday, Aug. 26. It was a grand, happy and most interesting event.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 September 2021)
Bids were received by the county commissioners for the construction of State Road No. 9 running west from Rock Creek to the county line. The contract for the work was awarded to Chas. F. Swain of Hinckley at a cost of $2,285.51.
J. Adam Bede returned home after a ten-week’s Chautauqua trip in the east, during which he lectured in Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and other states.
125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 September 2021)
The citizens of Hinckley have completed arrangements for properly observing the second anniversary of the terrible fire of Sept. 1, 1894.
A young man, living not 100 miles from here, fell asleep in his buggy while driving home from Rush City Monday afternoon. The horse went to the barn and was unhitched by some of the boys. After several fruitless attempts to awaken him, he was left in the buggy, where he remained nearly all night, no doubt dreaming about “that young lady”.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 September 2021)
After a parent reported spotting a man carrying a shotgun near the Pine City Elementary School before 8 a.m. on the morning of Sept. 7, law enforcement and school officials were on high alert. However, when the possible gunman was described to neighbors, they said he fitted the description of a man who often walks around the area at that time carrying an umbrella, which may have appeared to be a firearm. “We’re very confident that ... the situation was a case of mistaken identity,” said Pine County Sheriff Robin Cole.
Residents of Pine County gathered in Hinckley on Sunday to remember the fallen and honor the heroes of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Hundreds turned out for the memorial event at Brennan Field.
With a new blacktop parking lot paved, grass and shrubs planted – and the updated drive-ups now open – Frandsen Bank & Trust of Pine City is looking better than ever. Frandsen Bank & Trust of Pine City President Corey Berube said that what was once two buildings with an underground tunnel running between them has now been moved into one building. Berube said the second building which housed the old drive-ups had become costly to maintain.
Gravity? Didn’t exist in 2011 Tanner Thompson of Pine City achieved lift-off at the Fifth Annual Battle of the Boards in Pine City in 2011. The 3rd Lair Skatepark of Golden Valley sponsored the event, which featured trick lessons, demonstrations and prizes to the top skateboarders.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 September 2021)
Sixty-one drivers competed in the replay demolition derby at the Pine City Fairgrounds this past Saturday. The event was to make up for the derby canceled by the grandstand fire at this year’s fair. The event drew nearly 2,000 spectators. Ron Cox emerged as the overall derby winner, followed by Gary Hopkins in second. Third place went to Croy Laase, fourth to Casey Laase and fifth to Ricky Winsor.

The Women’s Morning Golf League at the Pine City Country Club gathered to celebrate the end of the season with an 18-hole tournament, including Nancy Stevens, Delphine Johnson, Pat Pangerl, Bev Gahler, Peg Lehman, Marge Ries, Peg Christenson, Tharon Lindroth, Liz Boeldt, Joyce Kosbab, Marilyn Anderson, Betty Griffen, Cara Novy, Jeanette Frandsen, Mary Andersen, Joyce Nicoll, Virginia Treptow and Carol Forrest.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 September 2021)
Work is moving along rapidly on the new Erickson Holiday station store building presently being constructed in Pine City.
A bull belonging to Ralph Brackenbury attacked him last Thursday morning. Brackenbury was taken to Rush City hospital.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 September 2021)
The Pine City Electric Co., owned and operated by Fred and Bill Holstein and Ralph Wollio, have completed the task of moving into their new building, recently constructed in south Pine City on Highway 61.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 September 2021)
About 25 young folks were entertained at the Jim Karas home east of town last Sunday evening at a watermelon party. A fine time was had by those present and about 100 melons, more or less, were eaten.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 September 2021)
Many of the saw mills throughout the northwest have been shut down within the past few weeks, and many others which are now running will be shut down as soon as arrangements can be made for caring for the logs now on hand.
Hundreds of men along the line of the St. Paul and Duluth road who have been depending on the saw mill for employment are out of a job. There is not a saw mill in Minnesota that has made a dollar in the past year. The increase in the imports of Canadian lumber has been tremendous before the present tariff law had gone into effect, and the duty on Canadian lumber had been removed.

10 Years Ago, 2011(Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 September 2021)
Ryan Anderson, PCHS Class of 1999, started racing sled dogs as a hobby at age 10. Two decades later, he has reached one of the sport's pinnacles by winning the 2011 John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon, a 390-mile round trip along Minnesota's North Shore.
Pine City native Liz Mach has been making a difference for 35 years, serving as a Maryknoll Lay Missionary in Africa. She began in Tanzania, where her living conditions required her to carry water to her dwelling, butcher her own meat and raise her own vegetables. Currently she lives in Musoma near the Kenya border.
Seth Linnell of Pine City brought home first place in the county for seven-year-olds in the pedal tractor pull, and went on to win the State Pedal Pull in Hutchinson.
Newly inducted Pastor Jeremy McGraw from the Living Hope Christian Center served up pork at the church's recent pig roast.

25 Years Ago, 1996 Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 September 2021)
Pine County 4-Her Kelly Reitan, Pine City, took the purple ribbon for creative arts at the Minnesota State Fair with her pencil drawing.
Seniors vying for the title of homecoming king and queen are Bree Fischer, DeDe Stromquist, Krissi Koffler, Jessica Odegard, Alli Wiedemann, Quent Patzoldt, Craig Bombard, Nick Rydberg, Denny Perreault and Jamie Proctor.

50 Years Ago, 1971 Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 September 2021)
In terms of profits, Pine City's municipal liquor store again this past year compared very favorably with other cityowned liquor stores of similar size around the state, according to 1970 figures.

A letter from the owner of the Agnes Hotel was received at the September council meeting, asking for an extension of one year in the time permitted for him to remove the old building.

Firemen were called to a car fire last Monday, which is now being investigated by the Pine County Sheriff's Office. The 1968 Dodge, with Wisconsin plates, possibly stolen, was a total loss. It appears that the fire was deliberately set.
Pine City area residents are urged to be on the lookout for flying objects, small, dark and covered with feathers. The objects are Franklin's gulls flying south again.

75 Years Ago, 1946 Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 September 2021)
Case Nieboer, chairman of the Pine County ACA, has been appointed by the Minnesota State AAA committee as a spot checker.

100 Years Ago, 1921 Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 September 2021)
Louis Lessard of Princeton has purchased the Sally Ann bakery from the Lawrence Bros. and took possession last Monday.
Fred and Alfred Kruse, Bernard Olson and Clifford Evans, all of Pine City, had their tonsils and adenoids removed at the Rush City hospital last week.
The Pine City Library Association, which was organized in May, is now in full swing and the library will be opened in a week or two. About 70 volumes have been donated so far, and a drive to secure members and books will open on Friday. The library will be opened in the rest room in the Farmers and Merchants State Bank. The room is furnished with light and heat by the bank.

125 Years Ago, 1896 Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 September 2021)
The school board has had to hire five teachers this fall to accommodate the children of this place that are of a school-going age.
We are informed upon pretty good authority that we are to have another steam boat on the river either this fall or early spring.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 September 2021)
It was the last day of July 2009 when Shane Bauer, Josh Fattal and Sarah Shourd were taken into custody by Iranian border guards, and just a short time later that Pine City's Cindy Hickey heard the news that her son was a prisoner. She had no way of knowing that the news was the start of a twoyear ordeal of frustration, heartbreak and worry, of calling public officials, of vigils and speeches, and waiting – always waiting – for some sort of word from her son. And after waiting for two years and two months, she finally got the news she had fought and worked and prayed for: Shane was coming home. Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal were released from Evin Prison in Tehran, Iran on Sept. 22, and met their families on an airport runway in Oman. The families released a statement calling it, "the best day of our lives."
Max Blaufuss has been selected as Pine City's 2011 Outstanding Citizen of the Year. While always maintaining Lakeside Medical Center, Blaufuss has also been involved in the ownership of Lake Superior Laundry and Lake Superior Cleaners. He served on the city council, and was deeply involved in the reconstruction of the Pine City Library.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 September 2021)
After two years of waiting and wondering, Pine City residents are seeing action on the site that will be occupied by the Wal-Mart store. A week's worth of bulldozing has created a huge field of dirt just west of the Pamida store in Evergreen Square. According to Pine City Administrator Bob Voss, the city is completing its final review of the Wal-Mart building plans and expects to issue a building permit within the week.
Pine City science students reached for the stars in a NASA-sponsored competition to design a future spacecraft. Sixth graders Melissa Caza, Noelle Roubinek, Amy Hambly and Heidi Larsen

placed second in the state, while fifth graders Brittney Jewel, Crystle Teich and Jasmine Mazzitello placed third in the state.

Pine City archer Kevin Kubat will make Pope and Young's archery recordbook with the bear he bagged Saturday, Sept. 14. Kubat was bow hunting east of Pine City when the 425 pound male bear wandered directly beneath his stand. He was able to hit the bear through the heart from 10 yards away.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 September 2021)
Vandals were at work here last Saturday night when they maliciously opened the valve on a county highway department storage tank west of the freeway at Pine City and emptied the 5,000 gallons of oil the tank held. Value of the oil is something over $700. Last Thursday night, unidentified persons methodically tore off 80 radio antennas from cars parked in the Ike Gillespie used car lot located on the freeway access road into Pine City.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 September 2021)
V.W. Ziebarth today reported the total enrollment of Pine City schools at 632 pupils for the 1946-47 school year.
The marriage of Edna Maghalen, daughter of Monila, P.I. to Lt. Albert Milgrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Milgrom of Pine City was announced last week.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 September 2021)
Wm. Bantleon and Ben Haas ushered in the hunting season with a little trip east of Beroun last Friday afternoon and succeeded in bagging the limit of chickens allowed.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 September 2021)
The excursion, picnic and dance given by the band boys came off on Friday of last week. The day was all that the boys could have asked for as it was pleasant and warm. Carl Vanhoven made a short visit to Meadow Lawn the latter part of the week hunting with the Holler boys.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 September 2021)
This week marks the start of Cindy Novy's 35th year as owner of The Flower Box, and she said the endeavor still remains a labor of love.
Where in the world is the Pioneer? Hazel Soderbeck, Roger Soderbeck, Tracey Barton and Jerry Barton took a break with their hometown paper at Peace Arch National Park in Blaine, Washington. Abbe and Jay Sparling checked out the local news while preparing to root on the Minnesota Twins in Chicago.
The cast of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" features four talented and experienced seniors: Sean Kehren in the role of Charlie Brown, Ben Miche as his buddy Linus, Renee Schminkey as the faithful sidekick Snoopy and Laurel Anderson as Charlie's spunky little sister, Sally. The leads are rounded out by two outstanding juniors: Courtnie Blazek as Lucy (Charlie Brown's arch-nemesis) and Adam Martin as the piano-playing, Beethoven-loving Schroeder. There are a total of 26 students in the cast and dozens more serving as members of the crew.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 September 2021)
Meagan Jeske, just 15 years old, spent nine weeks this summer away from her Pine City home, most of it teaching English as a second language in a Vietnamese university through Teen Missions International.
Jimmie and Anita Sparks are taking their first steps in farming, establishing a herd of Scottish Highlander beef cattle on their Rolling Thunder Farm in Pokegama Township.
We would like to thank all of our friends and relatives who sent us cards and helped us to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. The memories will be with us forever. ~ Arnie and Jean Christenson

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 September 2021)
Mrs. Darrell Gorton of Grasston was injured a week ago Sunday while bringing cattle in from the pasture. A steer chased her, knocked her down and rolled her in the dirt several times. She was taken to the Mora hospital with numerous injuries. She returned home last Friday evening.
The Pine City-North Branch game proved to be an exciting match between defensive units. Although we may have seen the Dragons completely dominate the game if they had gone to more of an aerial attack.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 September 2021)
The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Pine City, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Sept. 16, when Irene R. Karas, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton M. Karas of Pine City, and Cyrill J. Hudak, also of Pine City, were united in marriage.

The bag limit on ducks this season will be seven daily, or 14 in possession.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 September 2021)
Mrs. Frank Bukachek entertained a number of boy friends of her son Herbert, last Saturday afternoon, in honor of his seventh birthday.
John Nelson has his shop open for business again and is now ready to do all kinds of blacksmithing and auto repair work.
Joe Kubicek, son of Mrs. Francis Kubicek and Miss Lulu Bele, daughter of Mrs. Kathryn Bele, were quietly married at the home of the bride's mother at Pine City last Saturday afternoon.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 September 2021)
A snare drum has been procured for the public schools, and the pupils will hereafter practice marching to its inspiring racket.
Ground was broken on Tuesday for the new bank building being built by Hodge and McAllen, on the corner northeast of the court house. It will be a solid brick building two stories high, and will be an ornament to the village.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 October 2021)
Ben Mettling, Pine City High School graduate and currently a teacher in Ellsworth has a great story to tell when his students ask him what he did on his summer vacation. Mettling and two friends – also teachers – rode their bicycles 3,747 miles over 46 days across the United States from Washington state to New York, coast to coast.
Pine City High School students went over and above to honor one of their own during Homecoming week. Jars were set out to collect donations toward the Master Sergeant Daniel Fedder Athletic Scholarship fund, with a fundraising goal of $500. Students donated more than $750 toward the fund, with many donations coming in the form of small change.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 October 2021)
Dragon Homecoming Queen Heather Haavisto and King Mike Doenz reigned over a football win for the Dragons. Other king and queen candidates included Jason Weiner, Jocelyn Stephan, Mark Miska, Julie Erhart, Jade Berglund, Jaime Valvoda, Dan Smith and Kerri Smetana.
The Pine City Youth Hockey Association applied for a $250,000 "Mighty Ducks" grant to build an ice arena.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 October 2021)
Two new ambulances were recently delivered to the Pine County Ambulance Service. One will be stationed at Pine City and will serve the southern part of the county. The other unit will be stationed at Sandstone and dispatched by the hospital to serve the northern and central portions of the county.

Army Specialist Five Douglas E. Winfield, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Winfield of Grasston, received on Aug. 22 his second award of a Bronze Star in Vietnam.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 October 2021)
Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Krech sold the Pine City Hotel, which they have operated for a number of years, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lyons of Wayne, Michigan.
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Foss of South St. Paul purchased the store at West Rock last week from Frank Heys and took possession on Saturday.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 October 2021)
A baby boy was born at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miska east of town on Tuesday, Oct. 12.
At the meeting of the board of directors of the Pine City Creamery last week, Ole Herrud resigned as one of the members and Joe Toman was appointed in his place as a director. Paul Dorow was elected acting vice-president of the board.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 October 2021)
Tuesday night was coldest night of the season. Ice a quarter of an inch thick was frozen in several places. It is a shame to see our beautiful park go to ruin by leaving the gates open and allowing cattle to go in and out at will. The cattle are rapidly spoiling the trees by browsing them. Our council should have the gates locked if they cannot be kept closed any other way.
Robert Hoffman has sold his residence on the “Wisconsin” side of the track, to County Auditor Greesey, the consideration being eight hundred dollars cash. “Dug” is to be congratulated in securing so valuable a piece of property, it being one of the finest residence sites in the village, standing as it does on the point and commanding a view of both the river and Cross Lake.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 October 2021)
With her son Shane Bauer finally back in the United States after two years of incarceration in Iran, Pine City’s Cindy Hickey is experiencing something she hasn’t felt since first hearing he had been taken prisoner. “‘Freedom’ is my new word,” Cindy said. “Shane, Sarah [Shourd] and Josh [Fattal] are free, but we’re also free. Everything I’ve done since we arrived back on U.S. soil has had a different feel to it. My first cup of coffee tasted different, my first shower felt different, my first walk. Now I’m marking everything by Shane’s freedom versus his detainment. It’s overwhelming ... it’s definitely a new path in life, and I’m looking forward to a positive direction.” It had been two years of waiting, hoping for a phone call or a scrap of news, of writing letters, talking to government officials and organizing support for the three hikers. There were moments of hope which proved empty. Even on Sept. 21, waiting in Oman for news that her son had been released from prison, Cindy wasn’t sure if this was truly it. “I really didn’t believe that Shane was going to be home until the wheels were off the ground in Tehran,” she said. “I didn’t really process it until I saw Shane and Josh running down the steps and my biggest feeling when I saw that ... was gratitude. Not just gratitude for his freedom, but for everyone that helped us. It’s just overwhelming, the support we’ve gotten.”

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 October 2021)
The East Central Solid Waste Commission voted unanimously on Oct. 7 to limit county subsidies next year to $755,000.
McGruff the Crime Dog made new friends at the Pine County Sheriff’s Department Information Day, which drew 70 to 80 families. Tyler Moulton, 3, and Nathaniel Gross, 2, spent a long time chatting with McGruff.
Clark C. Peterson, former Hinckley resident, is chief announcer and writer for PowerZone, an independent wrestling alliance. Its superstars include the Colassal Kongs, Danny Hodge, the Goon, Hacksaw Butch Reed, Iceman King Parsons, Rod Price, Skandar Akbar and Tom Jones.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 October 2021)
A special ceremony will take place at the downtown park in Sandstone this Friday when 165 acres of land from the Federal Correctional Institution will be officially turned over to the State of Minnesota for attachment to the Banning State Park.

The Food and Drug Administration has blamed two deaths by electrocution on electric devices designed to force earthworms to the surface.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 October 2021)
Arthur Munson, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Munson of the Rush Point community, was accidentally killed the first day of hunting season, while hunting on Rush Lake.

This Thursday evening, the Pine City hockey team is sponsoring a benefit dance at The Topic, the proceeds of which will be used in purchasing needed equipment and improvements on the local skating rink.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 October 2021)
Nick Stoffel, George Heyn, Walter Grothe and Erick Hinze left this morning in the latter's car for Luverne, where they will be employed.
Cal Kelley and Volney Cox are figuring on going into the ice business here next year. They have leased the old creamery building and plan on putting up ice there this winter.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 October 2021)
Autumn has come upon us quicker this year than it has for a number of years past. The leaves have about all fallen to the ground.
The potato yield in this section of the country is much better than was expected. Some places they run up to 250 bushels to the acre.
Theo. Buselmeier, the Pine City brewer, has recently made a number of improvements to his brewery, and is now in better shape than ever to turn out first-rate beer.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 October 2021)
The cast of "Guys and Dolls," the fall musical at Pine City High School, may be knocking on your door this Sunday evening. But the students won't be asking for candy; they will be looking for donations for the Pine Community Food Shelf.

Pine Technical College will hold its fourth annual open house this coming Wednesday. "It's not to be missed, even if you're just curious about PTC and want to see the inside of the building."
Lisa Cummings' earliest childhood memories were of the horses her family owned. Now she is a volunteer at Changing Gaits, which uses horses to help people address issues related to substance abuse.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 October 2021)
Four Pine City teachers were honored at the Leadership in Educational Excellence banquet and award ceremony in St. Cloud: Dan Voce, Lori Stauty, Pam Jambeck and Dave Johnson.
Senior Joe Udelhofen will play the role of Seymour in "Little Shop of Horrors" at Pine City High School. This will be the first musical presented by the high school in almost 10 years.
The Minnesota Extension Service of Pine City has recognized Sue Osterdyk as its Volunteer of the Month.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 October 2021)
Pine City police officer Robert Foster was the recipient of a special appreciation plaque awarded him by the local Jaycees at its meeting last week.

Attendance was estimated at numbers as low as 3,500 and as high as 6,000, as fans cheered some 30 contestants and 70 handsome draft horses at the state plowing contest held on the Jimmy Nordrum farm here last Saturday.
The Rural School Restoration Association met on Monday evening during which it was announced that the former Chengwatana school (District 59) will be moved to the village sometime before the end of the month.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 October 2021)
Manager Turner of the Family Theater has just added another major improvement to his already up-todate theater. The latest improvement is a pair of the latest high intensity arc lamps in the projection booth.
Before a big Homecoming crowd, the Dragons walloped Barnum High School for the 1945 East Central Football championship and their third consecutive football title in league play.
Ray's Surge Store, owned and operated by Ray Skinnemoen in the Bogue Building at Pine City, will have its grand opening on Oct. 27 with free coffee and donuts served to all visitors.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 October 2021)
The Pine Poker was purchased by Win S. McEachern and Dewey Wilcox from Howard Folsom, the new owners taking possession last Monday. The paper was leased by McEachern last January and has been operated by him with the assistance of Mr. Wilcox who has been in charge of the plant up to present.

A shower was given for Miss Neva Morrow at the Rock Creek Hall on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Morrow is to marry Gunnard Berglund, son of Mrs. Berglund living northeast of Rock Creek.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 October 2021)
Jos. Osier, the old scout, has received another generous installment of the "filthy lucre" from "Uncle Sam" the first of the week, the amount being four hundred dollars.

We are informed by good authority that there is soon to be a cigar factory and another butcher shop started in this place. Why doesn't someone start a wood manufacturing of some sort? There is plenty of timber for making any kind of large or small articles both in hard or soft wood that can be brought to this place very cheap. It would be a good investment for somebody.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 October 2021)
IMAGE Art Show winners included Kristin Webster's "Lemon Zest," Dean Baker's "The Western Wind," Barb Dreyer's "Triptych" and Amber Shuey's "Inspire: A Charcoal Self-Portrait." Peg Skalicky's "Life's a Birch" won the People's Choice Award and Jessie Decorsey won Best in Show for her piece "The Passion."

Some hunters have good days. Some have great days. But it's safe to say, not many have a day like Luke Hegge had on Oct. 20. While out bowhunting with his friend Dan Moon, Hegge shot two ten-point bucks.
Pine City School Board candidates Wally Connaker, Tim Geisler, Wendy Leibel, Bonnie Menigo and Roger Rutgers will compete for four seats in the upcoming Nov. 8 election.
Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce President Sara Helseth spoke on the importance of pursuing one's passion at the Chamber's annual meeting at the North West Company Fur Post.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 October 2021)
He parachutes into the Alaskan wilderness to fight fires. He has climbed to the summit of Mount McKinley. A passion for outdoor life courses through the veins of Rush City native Bruce L. Nelson.

He has put his love for hunting into words, publishing a book called “Hunting Big Whitetails” which has received good reviews from major hunting magazines.
Dragon tennis players Molly Sloan and Ali Mach made it to the state doubles competition. The girls have a combined record of 57 wins and 13 losses in their high school careers.
Mary A. Andersen of Pine City has been named a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions International.
New Pine County Parole Officer Terryl Arola was hired in January to help reduce its high probation caseloads. “I try, as much as possible, to be an optimist,” Arola said, and “can’t believe ... that people can’t change.”

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 October 2021)
Ed DeRocker, Hinckley, caught a 17 and one half pound Northern a week ago Saturday while fishing on Pokegama Lake. The fish measured 39 inches long.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 October 2021)
On Monday, Oct. 14, the Church of Immaculate Conception was the scene of a pretty wedding, when Sylvia Pangerl was united in marriage to Clarence Pierce.

Pine City’s Dragons racked up their fourth straight championship by defeating a rugged Barnum club 27-18. The Dragons have won three titles outright and shared the championship with Barnum in 1943.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 October 2021)
H.S. Atwood of Bruno drove to Sandstone Monday night to have a bullet extracted from his shoulder. During an altercation with his son he received the bullet from a 32 cal. revolver in his right shoulder. It was not a serious wound, but it might have been if it had hit a little lower. The young man has left for parts unknown after receiving a much-deserved trouncing from is father.
We have had the late apple blossoms and the peanut bushes and we thought this was doing pretty good, but Frank Stuck came along yesterday with some nice ripe, juicy strawberries that he had just picked in his garden.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 October 2021)
Capt. Seavey received a carload of nice apples as ever came to town on Monday, which he disposed of to our citizens at very reasonable rates.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 November 2021)
The years may have slowed Charles Woehrle down, but not much. At age 95, he drove himself from the Twin Cities up to the Pine City All School Reunion. As he tells it, he had to drive - he was bringing along his classmate Henrietta Novy Miller and her husband Phillip. “I am the next oldest,” Woehrle said. “Next month, she’ll be 96.” The passing years have left him with many memories, memories Woehrle can still describe with striking clarity. He remembers the names of his neighbors growing up in Pine City, each of his elementary and high school teachers - and all the harrowing incidents in the two years he spent as a prisoner of war in Germany during World War II.
Local farmers say they are surprised and happy with the way the harvest turned out this fall. “Considering the late planting last spring and early frost in mid-September, I’m happy the crop is as good as it is,” said Tom Rys, who farms 1,500 acres of corn and soybeans with his wife Nancy east of Rock Creek.
An important member of the Pine County Sheriff’s Office retired on Nov. 1. He has received 30 awards for his police work, has seized 17 pounds of marijuana, 25 pounds of methamphetamine, and has personally physically apprehended 25 suspects. His retirement package? Dog food. K-9 Rebel’s last day of work was Oct. 31. Sergeant Dan Kunz has been Rebel’s handler for the last seven years, and on the afternoon of his partner’s last day of work he was emotional as he looked at the end of their career together.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 November 2021)
Mayor Jane Robbins is running unopposed, but incumbent Pine City Council members Doug Spindler, Frank Lilja and Brian Scholin face challengers Steve Bauman, Steve Drazkowski and Tom Freehling.
Sixth grade student council members are encouraging the public to donate to their coat drive: Nicole Odegard, Branden Sward, Tyler Hawkinson, Valerie Koech, Jena Greig, Karl Greden, Philip Pickett, Jon BoorBoor, Katie Weber, Terra Seeler, Katie Williams and Christopher Lutz.
About 75 people attended the annual Pine County Township Officers Association meeting in Hinckley.
Pine County Highway Engineer Dave Rholl talked about the road improvement program and draft information on proposed zoning districts which were presented and discussed.
The monthly meeting of the Pines and Prairie Writer's Association is scheduled for Tuesday. The only requirement for attendance is an interest in writing at any level, in any form.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 November 2021)
With no contests on the ballot, a relatively light turnout of voters can be expected for the annual village election.
The Pine City Chamber of Commerce opposes the plan for a county airport.

In Sandstone, John, L. Graf, president of the First State Bank of Finlayson, has sold his interest in the bank to Dale A. Pogatchnik and Lowell A. Pogatchnik of Middle River, Minnesota. Graf will continue as president and Bruce Eckblad has assumed the position of cashier.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 November 2021)
The annual Fireman's Halloween dance will be held tonight at Happy's Pavilion north of Hinckley.
The Heath-Perkins post and the auxiliary will be host for a 10th District American Legion membership rally on Thursday, Nov. 7 in the high school auditorium.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 November 2021)
Archie Doran was taking a load of young fellows to the dance at Pine City when on rounding the corner to head north on the state road west of the bridge, his lights burned out. The result was that he got off the road and landed in the ditch. No one was very badly hurt except for a few scratches and badly shaken up. The windshield and top of the car was badly busted up.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 November 2021)
The safe for the new bank was put in the building on Thursday. It is a fine double time lock, burglar-proof safe, weighing fifty-seven hundred pounds. The safe is second-hand, having been used two years in Minneapolis, and cost sixteen hundred and twenty-five dollars.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 November 2021)
A local landmark has been recognized as the best barn of its kind in Minnesota. The Stoffel Family Memorabilia Museum, located at 10527 Emerald Road in Pine City, has been given the Barn of the Year Award for Best Non-Agricultural Re-use by the Friends of Minnesota Barns. Ed Stoffel and Rachel Stoffel are the owners of the barn, and Ed's niece Marlene Pixley is now the curator of the museum.

Air Force truckers from the 70th Medium Truck Detachment and convoy escort team Soldiers of B Troop, 1-94 Cavalry, Pine City Army National Guard met for the first time on Oct. 26. Only hours later, these men put their lives in one another's hands as they convoyed throughout Iraq, hauling out cargo as the U.S. withdraws from the country.

Potter and sculptor Loren Langager settled into his Cross Lake home with wife Charlene a few years ago, and will now be having his first gallery show at Pine Center for the Arts displaying his unique works.
Pine City choir students Lexi Cummings, Jonathan Cukla, Jacob Reiser, Scott Kleppe, Lindsey Kline, Jasmine Dyksman, Ashley Adams, Adam Jahnz and Paul Skalicky participated in a choir festival at St. John's University.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 November 2021)
Brian Bauman, the young Pine City man whose search for a bone marrow donor drew international attention, is now resting at his parents' home after the transplant to treat his leukemia. "Whatever is going to happen will happen, but it will make it better if you're hopeful, if you have a positive attitude," Brian said.
Pine City mom Ruth Tayerle is very proud of her son, Rick who is lighting up Hollywood – particularly the show "Nash Bridges" starring Don Johnson and Cheech Marin. He is the only lighting technician on the show who has worked on every episode.
Chris Gray, a fourth grader at Pine City Elementary School, was named Student Achiever this week because of his hard work in class and out. Eighth grader Danielle Gohman, a strong musician with a positive personality and strong work ethic, was also named Student Achiever.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 November 2021)
There is a desperate need for more people to become qualified as ambulance drivers and attendants so that prompt emergency service can be provided for area residents and accident victims.
There are 3,116,153 active records on NCIC. This is the teletype in the sheriff's department. The breakdown showing 107,662 wanted persons, 231,792 wanted license plates, 721,879 wanted vehicles, 421,293 wanted boats. The average inquiries on the crime computer is 73,753 daily.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 November 2021)
All county officials running for re-election having opposition were re-elected in Tuesday's election with the unoffi
cial vote from all but seven precincts counted. Hannes Rypkema continued his vote getting powers by rolling up a total of 4,612 to 1,617 for Percy Mulligan for sheriff.
Lt. Col. Benjamin Thurston of the regular army, gave Battery C 257 AW BN (sm) the National Guard Unit of Pine City, federal recognition, and thereby set the unit and its members under the jurisdiction of the federal government.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 November 2021)
Cecil Blanchard, who played end for the local football team, sprained his wrist Monday. This injury puts him out of the Cambridge game next Friday.
A wood sawing bee will be held at the Rock Creek church tomorrow. Dinner will be served to all those present by the ladies of the church.
The general merchandise store owned and operated by Mr. Woodrich in Greeley was sold last week to J. Erbstoser, a farmer living near Braham.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 November 2021)
Capt. Webber's big scow was called into requisition the first of last week to transport a traction engine across the river, it not being considered safe to run it across the wagon bridge. It is understood that the engine will be used to operate a saw mill at some point up the river.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 November 2021)
A limited liability corporation called CLP1 is purchasing the Cross Lake Preserve development on the southwest side of Cross Lake, and is paying the City of Pine City $244,500 to help carry out

public improvements on the property, including blacktop streets, storm sewer, street lighting and curb replacement.
Dave Johnson's sixth grade class at Pine City Elementary shared with the Pine City Pioneer some of the things in their lives for which they are thankful: • I'm thankful for food. My favorite for Thanksgiving is pizza. Usually we have turkey, because it's traditional. Now, if you think like me, you'll think that pizza is the best meal for Thanksgiving. When I'm older, I'm having pizza for Thanksgiving every year. ~ Ashli Webster • I am thankful for our nation and the Armed Forces. I am thankful for the Pilgrims who came to America in search of a new way of life. ~ Hanna Zeleny • I think that people in our nation should be thankful for our lives and freedoms, because there are other brave people in this world fighting for the lives and freedoms. ~ Allie Gosen
Waste from Pine County will soon be used to power homes in Mora. Methane gas is being captured at the landfill near Mora and being converted into a renewable energy resource, to soon supply 1,500 area homes with electricity.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 November 2021)
The rusting steel panels people see as they drive by Pine City Elementary School are more than just unsightly. Moisture has seeped into the panels and caused damage to the walls behind them, and some of the panels are close to rusting completely through. The estimated cost of replacement with brick is $167,065.
A barrage of negative reaction to countywide assessing has wiped that proposal off the Pine County Board's agenda for the foreseeable future.
A group of Rush City residents have sued to block construction of a prison near that town, arguing that it would alter the town's environmental character. "This is a small farming community fighting for its very existence," said Virginia Stark, lawyer for Citizens for Responsible Planning. Current plans call for the prison to be completed in 1999.
Mel Shoberg was 20 years old when he started marching with the VFW color guard in the Pine County Fair parade. Fifty years and 50 parades later, Mel is still out there every August, a local man carrying out a local tradition.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 November 2021)
A new stove for the Pine City Community Room was purchased by the Wednesday Study Club with money donated by several area businesses and organizations.

Mrs. Dorothy Peterson, Mrs. Frank Warfield and Mrs. Dorothy Bell posed for a picture with the new Magic Chef stove.
Juliann Pangerl became the bride of Randy Grahn in a Sept. 11 ceremony at Immaculate Conception Church in Pine City. Monsignor Gallik officiated.

The sheriff reported that a caterpillar owned by Pavek Brothers construction company was vandalized.
Several businesses also reported that "short change artists" were working in the area. They were apprehended by sheriff's deputies after they had short changed two business places.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 November 2021)
About 15 cafe and tavern owners met at the club rooms of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Nov. 8 and organized the Cafe and Tavern Operators Association of Pine Citiy. P.L. Mulligan was elected president and Jos. R. Engel secretary-treasurer.

VirJean H. Johnson was united in marriage with Arnold S. Christenson on Nov. 11 at Immaculate Conception Church. Father D. McEnery performed the double ring ceremony in the presence of 100 guests.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 November 2021)

Tom Ling, caretaker of the courthouse, surprised all his friends Monday by appearing with a smooth upper lip. Everyone is so used to seeing him with a mustache that they hardly recognized him after he had shaved it off.
In unloading a car of sand this week, the Interstate Lumber Co. found it necessary to dynamite it on account of the sand being frozen so hard. Holes were made in the sand by the use of boiling water and about a third of a stick of dynamite was used.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 November 2021)
John Doran of Rock Creek is home again from Dakota, where he has been at work for the past three months. He can now conceal his smile behind a huge mustache.

Four men from Kenyon arrived in Brook Park last week and are going to remain all winter cutting wood on Aug. Shaske's land near this place.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 November 2021)
Visitors to the Pine Government Center can now take a journey into Pine City's yesteryears, thanks to the efforts of a small group of volunteers with a passion for the past. The nine members of the Pine City Area Heritage Committee have set up two cases of documents and artifacts from Pine City's history, and put them on display for everyone to enjoy. Each shelf has its own theme, and Committee Member Richard Lindig has a story for every item inside. There are medals and other war relics here. One case contains the dog tags that Pine City's Clair Shuey wore in the Medic Corps in World War I. There are also areas dedicated to former sheriffs Rypkema and Kozisek, heroes in WWI and WWII respectively.
A Christmas tree farm located west of Pine City and north of Lake Pokegama is the Snake River Tree Farm owned by John Eberhart, James Sloan and John Oare. Together they have been raising Christmas trees since 1984 on 50 acres of their 145 acre tree farm. All three are retired Pine City school teachers. Eberhart taught fifth grade and coached tennis. Sloan taught high school biology and coached volleyball. Oare taught fifth grade and coached cross-country.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 November 2021)
Fall all conference winners at Pine City High School were tennis players Ellen Greden, Alli Wiedemann, Ali Mach and Molly Sloan; volleyball's Becky Kuehn and football's Jesse Norring.
Pine Citians inspired by the story of leukemia survivor Brian Bauman are lining up to become bone marrow donors. A community effort added 53 new donors to the National Bone Marrow Registry.
The Ambitious Pines 4-H Club had tacos and elected officers at its last meeting. Jill Williams is president, Trevor Asher is VP, Brittney Olson is secretary, Missy Wimmer is treasurer, Aubrey Olson is reporter. Katie Williams, Katie Saumer and Adriane Wimmer are historians.
Dave Schuman and his wife Vera moved to Pine City in 1983 when they bought the 50-year-old downtown bakery. They've seen many changes and improvements. Days at Schumann's Bakery start with a smile from Cora Adams, Pine City's English import, who loves pouring coffee and dispensing congenial chit chat to bakery regulars.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 November 2021)
The Rural School Restoration project continues to move forward slowly. However, concern regarding the need for additional financial help was expressed this week by officers of the association conducting this worthwhile community project. Facing an $1,800 deficit, the organization is issuing an urgent plea to individuals and organizations of the area for financial donations in any amount to make the completion of the project possible.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 November 2021)
Three have met death in Pine County during the current deer hunting season from gunshot wounds and heart attack. Folm Fredrickson, 19, of Askov was mistaken for a deer and shot by another

hunter. Cam Holmdahl, 21 of St. Paul was hunting in St. Croix Park when he was shot through the heart by another hunter who was shooting at a deer which happened to be in a direct line with Holmdahl.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 November 2021)
The Stelzner party, consisting of Ed Stelzner, Chas. Gehl, John Buckley, Bert Davis, Joe Pangerl, Chas. Lautorell, of Grantsburg, Webb Hodge and Henry Blank, got back from their hunting trip last Saturday. They bagged five moose and three deer, two of the moose being exceptionally large.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 November 2021)
The amount of venison that has come into this place is surprising. The deer in this vicinity must be very thick as there has not been a day but what there has been three or four carcasses brought to town. The most of it comes from the vicinity of Cedar Lake about nine miles northeast of this place.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 December 2021)
"I love to spread good will!" This is how Bob Haedt describes his deep passion for the role of Santa Claus. His gentle demeanor, Santa-like stature along with his signature white beard and hair makes him an every-day Santa. It's a common occurrence for a child to see him in town and say with excitement, "There's Santa Claus!" This was the third year of Santa Bob's participation with Holiday Madness here in Pine City. When asked if he planned to be back next year - his response? "Sure, if they ask me."
Pine County deputies and other law enforcement officers confiscated 400 marijuana plants in Askov on Nov. 29. The estimated street value of the marijuana was $150,000.
While Pine City's National Guard Unit is halfway through their 12-month deployment in Kuwait and Iraq, back in Pine City Sergeant First Class Tane Anderson is keeping things moving forward at the Pine City Armory. "We have soldiers who are still returning from basic training, and some soldiers who didn't deploy," Anderson said. "Our staff is about half of what it usually is, but really our work load hasn't gone down. My role right now is to ... take care of the families of the soldiers who are gone."

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 December 2021)
Pine City area residents have asked the Pine County Board to take action in wake of a KSTP news investigation revealing that some of the clients at Pine Shores Treatment Center on Pokegama Lake have violent criminal histories.

"One stupid cigarette." Ed Pinke's raspy voice, projected by a battery-powered gadget he holds at his throat, spoke louder than his poignant words when he stood before Pine City fifth graders last week.
Lunch at the A&W was extra delicious for a group of Pine City elementary students when they met Mayor Jane Robbins, Sheriff Steve Haavisto and child advocate Debbie Anderson. The students were the winners in the "My piece for peace" contest, making puzzle pieces with ideas for a more peaceful world.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 December 2021)
Construction of a new garage next to the Pine City telephone building has been completed. The 24 by 100 foot building was constructed on the north side of the present building. It provides space for parking eight company vehicles as well as storage for company materials.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 December 2021)
Henry Sommer, secretary of the Pine City Co-op Association, was seriously injured in a hunting accident last Thursday. Sommer, along with other members of the party, were dragging in a deer that had been shot when one of the guns accidentally exploded, the bullet hitting him in the right leg about two inches above the ankle. The accident happened east of Hinckley about 10 o'clock in the

morning, and it was necessary for other members of the party to carry him a distance of about two miles back to their car. He was then rushed to Lakeside Hospital, where emergency treatments, including blood transfusion, were administered and on Friday was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester for further examination and treatment.

Your KSTP Sunset Valley Barn Dance, "Main Street," will be at Pine City Armory Saturday night. Featuring your favorites, Pearl and Ade. Hear songs by Billy Folger.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 December 2021)
The first high school paper edited by local children was published last week. The paper is handled entirely by students of the school, both news and business management. The paper is self-supporting, the expenses being taken care of by subscriptions and advertising.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 December 2021)
J. Adam Bede's "Budget" which, as the editor says, "budges us all," is a brilliant, newsy sheet and one which we predict will make its influence felt in Minnesota politics in the promulgation of sound money doctrines. It is understood that Mr. Bede wears something more substantial than birch bark pants since he entered journalism.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 December 2021)
It's a historic moment, and the Pine City National Guard unit is playing a historic role. The unit, currently serving at Camp Buehring in northern Kuwait, is preparing to head back into Iraq to escort a convoy south to Kuwait. It's a mission they've performed many times, but always as a small part of a larger fighting force. Now, they are that fighting force. "Basically, intelligence told us that we were the last firepower in Iraq," said National Guard Lieutenant Colonel Eddie Frizell. "That gave me a little shiver." It will also be the last convoy into Iraq for the unit, as the United States completes its withdrawal from that country before Dec. 31 of this year.

The evening of Monday, Dec. 12, 2011 the U.S. House passed legislation dedicating the "Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office." "Daniel Fedder is a true American hero, and I am truly privileged and humbled by the opportunity to honor this marine's life, sacrifice, and legacy by naming the local post office of his home town in his name," said Rep. Chip Cravaack.
The Pine Area Lions presented the Helen Keller Award to Del Hinze, the Melvin Jones Award to Carolyn Kolar and Lion of the Year award to Sally Nowling.

Cody Ploetz, son of Julie and Scott Ploetz of Pine City, recently earned his Eagle Scout award. He and Troop 188 of Pine City built several wood duck and bat houses, and a cross-country ski trail groomer for use at the North West Company Fur Post.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 December 2021)
Pine City Schools have $500,000 for technology in their budget. One of the two computer labs at Pine City Elementary uses Apple II computers, which are over 10 years old.
Halos to Loren Skluzacek's Deer Processing for supplying the Pine City High School human body system's class with deer limbs to dissect in its study of joints. The deer limbs were cleaned so well that I don't think we could have made a good pot of stew with the meat left over on about 30 legs – Tom Kloeckl, PCHS

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 December 2021)
A public hearing, called by the Pine County Board, will be held at the courthouse in Pine City next Tuesday, Dec. 7 for the purpose of discussing the establishment of a solid waste service area for Pine County. Plans are being considered by the board to set up a solid waste transfer station somewhere in the central to northern portion of the county to serve residents of those area. The

garbage and refuse would then be collected at the transfer station, compacted and trucked to the Korf Bros. landfill north of Pine City.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 December 2021)
Little interest was shown in the village election Tuesday with less than 100 going to the polls to cast their vote. Officials re-elected without opposition were Ray McDermaid, councilman, Viola Daley, clerk, M.B. Baron, treasurer, Mrs. Eleanor Hinze, assessor. Glen Turner was elected constable.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 December 2021)
Thieves broke into the creamery at Chisago City last Monday night and made away with about 2,000 pounds of butter. It is thought the robbers belong to the same band that has robbed the creameries at Beroun, Rock Creek and Stark recently. It is believed that two trucks were used in taking the butter. No trace of the butter or robbers has been found.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 December 2021)
The snow that fell yesterday made sledding and rendered our ice coated sidewalks much safer for pedestrians.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 December 2021)
One hour on the road with the Pine City National Guard unit in Iraq: About 300 miles north of the Kuwait/ Iraq border, our armored vehicle is slowing down. The rear vehicle in our convoy has spotted a car driving erratically as it approaches. The car passes without incident, and we pick up speed. We are in one of 11 vehicles providing security to 40 civilian transport trucks rolling northward towards Baghdad on our way to Camp Taji, about 20 miles north of the city. There is heavy armor on the sides and bottom to protect from roadside bombs, and a gunner with a .50 caliber machine gun in a turret on the roof. This highway is called Main Supply Road Tampa. It is the major north-south route through Iraq, and has a steady stream of vehicles passing by. Each one could be a threat. There are also buildings along the road that could house snipers, piles of trash that could hide bombs, bridges overhead, broken-down vehicles, pedestrians, motorcyclists, bikers. In a conflict like this, even in its last days, an attack could come from any of these. But the crew has learned what seems normal and what seems out of place. It's those out-of-place things they call out on the radio, and it's rare that a few minutes go by without something that triggers an alert.
On Dec. 16, Governor Mark Dayton declared Pine City one of Minnesota's Yellow Ribbon cities for its support of our veterans.
Julie Anderson and Mary Jane Thompson were honored as TIES Exceptional Teachers for 2011.
School Board and Orchestra magazine has named Pine City's Brad Mariska as one of "50 Directors Who Make A Difference" – the only director from Minnesota to be so recognized.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 December 2021)
The Pine City Chamber of Commerce may move from the State Farm Insurance building to a little-used room at Voyageur Bottle Shop. Council Member Brian Scholin asked what would happen if the city sold the liquor store building, as they have been discussing such a move.
Pine City fifth and sixth grade students were very interested when Pat Teich of First National Bank showed them currency from the Northfield bank and told the story of the Jesse James gang robbery which took place there.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 December 2021)
The proposed multipurpose arena building for Pine City came under further discussion last Thursday evening as the group promoting the idea met for their third session at the council room in the village hall. About 16 persons were on hand.

The Pine County Soil and Water Conservation District was one of 21 districts in Minnesota receiving an "Excellent" award in the annual contest sponsored by The Farmer magazine. The award was

presented at the annual convention of the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts in St. Cloud. Art Schultz, Rock Creek, supervisor, and Ken Bergum, district conservationist, were present to accept the award.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 December 2021)
Due to so much loss of time this fall, most schools are reducing the Christmas program to a minimum. A good short Christmas program can be prepared with little or no loss of regular school time. It is a good project for language and reading periods. Teachers should never be rated on their Christmas programs because the factors of time, talent, etc. enter into the picture.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 December 2021)
A crowd, estimated at close to 300 people, attended the moose feed in the K.P. hall last Tuesday evening, and after everyone present had partaken of more than most of them could comfortably enjoy, there was enough left to feed many more.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 December 2021)
The amount of piling that is being hauled to this place is something wonderful. Some large sticks are being hauled past this office 45 and 50 feet long, and yet we were told three years ago that the timber had all been cut from around here. On Wednesday afternoon all those having horses and cutters had them out enjoying the fine sleighing as it was an ideal winter day.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 December 2021)
Park Manor residents were treated to a special day, beginning with Marie Grundberg leading everyone in Christmas songs.
The Pine County Sheriff's Office has issued the required permit for Santa to land on roof tops in Pine County. Although the permit has been issued, the Pine County Sheriff can make no guarantee that a landing will occur, as that is based entirely on who has been naughty and who has been nice.
Pine City Schools' fourth and seventh graders share favorite Christmas traditions: • We have Christmas Eve at my little redbricked house. We have to get the ornaments down, especially the little green warty pickle. We make cranberries, potatoes and lefsa. My mom, sister, grandma, aunts, and I have an ornament exchange. -Isabelle Helseth • We cook a big dinner with ham, mashed potatoes, gravy and my dad's world famous pumpkin pie. Last year we left the pie on the counter and my cat Shelby licked the top layer off the pie and my dad said my sister had to eat that piece! (Thankfully he just threw it away.) After dinner we go to church for the Christmas Eve service. When we get home we put the reindeer antlers on our dogs, Tatum and Penny, put Christmas music on the stereo and open presents. -Phoebe Harmon • One of my family traditions is the day after Thanksgiving. We get our tree and decorate it, and our house. My favorite ornament is a homemade wood Fran Tarkenton, the old quarterback for the Vikings. On Christmas morning we go to my grandma and grandpa's church and watch the Christmas play. When it's time to go I'm super sad, but I know there will be plenty more fun Christmases to come. -Tanner Wicktor

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 December 2021)
Last Thursday, 497 Pine City School District residents said yes to a $2.6 million bond issue, clearing the way for construction of a seventh-grade house.
"Democracy: Above and Beyond" was the theme of this year's Voice of Democracy essay contest sponsored by Pine City VFW Post 4258. First place is Katie Koch, second is Heidi Vandewelden and third is Michelle Fonda.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 December 2021)
The first court reorganization in Minnesota history was enacted by the 1971 legislature. As a result, a new court, which will be known as the county court district of the counties of Chisago, Isanti and Pine, goes into existence in these three counties on Jan. 1, 1972. The new court provides for fulltime courts presided over by judges who must devote their fulltime to the office and cannot

practice law. Pine, Chisago and Isanti counties have been combined into one district with George E. Sausen, probate judge of Pine County and J.B. Gunderson, probate judge of Chisago County, the judges in this county court district. The act also abolishes the municipal courts.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 December 2021)
This year the somewhat young National Guard unit of Pine City will attempt to carry on an old tradition, that of a New Year's Eve Ball under the National Guard sponsorship. The officers of the organization have been busy for weeks, procuring the necessary hats, noisemakers novelties and have come up with a good band for the occasion also.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 December 2021)
The village council in Perham is going to supervise public dances, and has announced it will put a stop to the "informal grips and wiggles" that are now so popular.
Postmaster Collins announced he will keep the post office open next Sunday, Christmas morning.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 December 2021)
Burger Bros. have enough logs piled on the ice and around their mill to keep them running for at least three months, and expect to have enough by the time sleighing breaks up to keep them running the greater part of the summer.
Absolutely fresh English walnuts, per pound 12 and one-half cents; bananas per day, 25 cents; finest mixed candy, 10 cents per pound. These are a few of the bargains at the Drug Store for Christmas.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 December 2021)
Citizens expressed dismay when it was announced that water rates would go up significantly. City officials said rates needed to go up to pay the city's debt.
Pine City is seeking data to mount a challenge to the 2010 census count, which put the city's population at 3,123.
Pine County Sheriff Robin Cole presented a lifesaving award to Cody Ploetz. Ploetz called 911 and gave aid to his younger brother until an ambulance arrived.
The matter of setting up an additional police station in Hinckley has been postponed until next month.
For folks traveling on Highway 70 between Wisconsin and Minnesota, it's hard to miss all the huge trucks hauling sand. Interstate Energy Partners applied for and received mining permit for fracture (frac) sand in April. The frac sand is mixed with water and then pumped into oil and natural gas wells. The slurry of sand and water blasts apart the rock and holds open the fractures so oil and natural gas can make its way to the surface.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 December 2021)
The residents of Lakeside Medical Center were treated to a Scandinavian tradition last week, thanks to Shirley and Lloyd Carrigan. The couple cooked and served lutefisk for the residents, who say they look forward to this holiday treat.
Koppens Kollectibles in Pine City in Pine City recently had a drawing for a giant version of the Hallmark Merrily Bear, and Diane Ware of Pine City was the lucky winner.
Instead of getting gifts for each other at Christmas time, third and fourth graders at St. Mary's School in Pine City – including Patrick McNally, Anthony Kraft and Jaye Neubauer – purchased items from Jubilee Foods for the local food shelf.
The "Reindeer Pokey" was just one hit of the many performed by Pine City Cooperative Nursery School students at their Christmas program on Thursday nights. Nancy Anderson and Charlene Brown directed the kids in the holiday show, which was capped off by a visit from Santa Claus himself.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 December 2021)

Bill Kuzel of Beroun brought a beautiful eight-pound, four-ounce walleye pike up through the ice of Cross Lake on Monday. Fishing from a fish house on the east side of the lake, Kuzel used a minnow for bait.
People from Kanabec County who have seen it say it's definitely not a moose on the loose. Rather, it's a bull elk which has invaded the Whited Township area north of Quamba, which has many farmers and motorists in the area keeping an eye peeled for the big animal. It is carrying a good set of antlers, reports indicate.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 December 2021)
"30," traditional sign of the end of a piece of copy or the end of the road for the newspaper profession everywhere, was posted last week for an old-time printer, Frank E. Pratt of Brook Park. Mr. Pratt died very suddenly from a heart attack at his farm home near Brook Park at the age of 75.

Edin Bros. have completed the remodeling of the Pine City Hardware store front, which makes it the finest in this section of the state. It is streamlined in effect and faced with black structural glass, which adds greatly to the downtown business section.
On Friday evening, Dec. 13, a welcome reception was held at the East Rock Creek Baptist Church for its new pastor and family, the Rev. Gordon Swedbergs.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 December 2021)
Dr. C.A. Anderson of Rush City was instantly killed on Christmas Day when the automobile in which he was driving crashed into the southbound limited at Rock Creek.
A coaster sled was taken from in front of the Daniels' store Tuesday evening of last week. It was left there while Mr. Daniels went upstairs to supper.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 December 2021)
Quite a number of our citizens have been going down to Rush City to buy their Christmas goods, especially those that wanted clothing, as there is not a store in this place that carries a decent line of clothing. If some enterprising man would come to this place and start a first-class clothing, notion and dry goods store, it is our opinion that he would do well.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 January 2022)
Pine City's Pamida to become Shopko Hometown: The current Pamida Pharmacy Plus in Pine City, is slated to become a Shopko Hometown store sometime in 2012. If a proposed merger between Pamida and Shopko goes through.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 January 2022)
Storm buries Pine City area: A wet and heavy avalanched of snow smothered the Pine City area over the weekend, clogging roads, shutting businesses and even causing property damage. The storm caused the most significant damage at Atscott.
Workers at the nearby county highway garage had noticed the collapse and reported smelling gas. The department arrived to find that a gas line had been severed and a water line broke inside the building. Peoples Natural Gas shut the gas off immediately. Atscott manager, Larry Soderbeck, arrived on snowmobile with a key to the building.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 January 2022)
Many visitors and much activity is expected in Pine City this weekend, Jan. 15-16, when the second annual Sno-Flake Daze winter celebration will be held here. Events will get underway Saturday with snowmobile trail rides originating from Pine City, traveling into, through and around Chengwatana

State Forest, St. Croix Park, the Connor trading post, Pokegama Lake, Snake River and Cross Lake. Guides will be provided for all trail rides.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 January 2022)
Fifty-six deaths due to December motor vehicle traffic accidents brought Minnesota's 1946 total to 531, according to reports compiled by the state highway department. The year's total was 82 more than in 1945.
The local Fire Queen Contest to choose the most attractive and personable girl in Pine City for its representative to the Midwinter Carnival, St. Paul, is rapidly drawing to a close.
William G. Ausmus, commissioner of the second district, was elected chairman of the county board.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 January 2022)
The local town basketball team went to Grasston last Saturday and succeeded in defeating that team.
George Kick, Ira Holt, Buttermaker Carlson, and John Flayton attended the opening of the new creamery at Rush City last week.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 January 2022)
The bank opened Monday under the most favorable circumstances. Cashier McAllen informs us that he was surprised at the amount of deposits they received the first day. Almost every businessman made a deposit and a great many of the farmers.
Burger Bros. Mill is running everyday and up to the present time they have cut upwards of two hundred thousand feet of logs on the ice and around the mill.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 January 2022)
County approves another year aboard NLX train project Pine County will pay over 15,000 to stay involved with the proposed Northern Lights Express Commuter Rail Project in 2012. The proposed rail line would stretch from Duluth Superior to Minneapolis, with stops in Cambridge and Hinckley, including a loop to Grand Casino Hinckley. Total construction cost for the project is estimated at roughly 650 million.
25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 January 2022)
Road Wars rekindled. New Commissioners cut Pine City project. Just two meetings into his new job is 4th District Pine County Commissioner, Frank's Skaff, led a move that canceled a Pine City Road Project in favor of one in the Hinckley area. He started by asking that the 1998- 99 road improvement program be added to the Tuesday, January 14th meeting agenda for discussion. The board which recently adapted a road improvement program for the next three years, approved his request.
50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 January 2022)
Many visitors and much activity is expected in Pine City this weekend, January 15th and 16th when the second annual snowflake days winter celebration will be held here.
A public hearing to discuss the location and design of the proposed Pine City rest area will be held tonight, in the village hall community room. Representatives of the Minnesota highway department will present information and Exhibits pertaining to the location, design and the social economic and environmental effects of this project.
The Pine County Board of Commissioners held its first meeting of the new year on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, at which time Clarence Nordstrom, First District commissioner, was elected to serve as chairman of the board during 1972.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 January 2022)
The local fire Queen contest, to choose the most attractive and personable girl in Pine City for is representative to The Mid Winter Carnival, Saint Paul is rapidly drawing to a close. Plans are now laid for the fire queen ball and notables will arrive here next Wednesday to participate in the coronation ceremonies.

William G Ausmus, commissioner of the second district, was elected chairman of the County board at its annual meeting. Harry Gebhardt, of the 5th District, is the new Vice chairman.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 January 2022)
The local Town basketball team went to Gaston last Saturday and succeeded in defeating that team. George Kick, Ira Holt, Butter maker Carlson, and John Flayton attended the opening of the new Creamery at Rush City last week.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 January 2022)
About the most pleasant sleigh ride party this winter left here Saturday evening for Gus Sexton's camp on Willow Lake. Despite a blinding snow storm, about forty people turned out and voted it a most enjoyable time, and oh, what a supper! In the party, were twenty people, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Atwood, having come upon a special car for the purpose.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 January 2022)
Why buy local? Sprouts survive, finds success. For Sprouts Hometown Market, a small health food store and Deli, it's all about their customers.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 January 2022)
Ojibwe drums set to beat at Clinton inaugural. A dance troupe from the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa made history last week by dancing in President Bill Clinton's inaugural parade. Right there with them on Pennsylvania Avenue, resplendent in her fancy dress, was Pine City 6th grade Stephani Mattinas.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 January 2022)
The Rural School Restoration Association is planning a donkey basketball game for Saturday, February 12 in the Pine City High School auditorium. Proceeds will go towards restoration of the old school, which has been moved in to Hillside Park.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 January 2022)
Wilhelmina Sauser left last week for Worthington, where she will be employed as a shorthand instructor at the high school.
Fast freighters 4-H club stirrers believe in taking advantage of the season for fun and fresh air. All members enjoyed the Sunday afternoon and January 12 sleigh ride provided by George Nelsen. Boats and skis were in prominence and spills were not uncommon. Returning to the Nelsen home, Mrs. Nelsen surprised them with a hot and bountiful supper. After eating to their content, the members were not too tired to play games and enjoy radio music.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 January 2022)
The home of County attorney Roberts, on the east side of cross Lake, was burned to the ground last Sunday morning about 11 o' clock. It is thought the fire started by Sparks from the chimney, which set the roof on fire.
J. Adam Bede returned home last Saturday afternoon after a three-month trip, two months of which were spent lecturing on a Chautauqua circuit. His tour took him into Louisiana, Texas, Ohio and a few eastern states.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 January 2022)
Fistic circles are all agog over the coming contest between the big bruisers, Corbett and Fitzsimmons. Nevada's state of civilization is yet at such a stage that the contest will be allowed to be decided within its borders.
Rock Creek. W. B. Hastings, of Saint Paul, spent the first three days of this week at this place hunting rabbits and succeeded in bagging about 50.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 February 2022)
The wind whips around the VFW post in the early Minnesota winter. A platoon of gray haired men gathers for the monthly meeting of the Novak Milliren post 4258. They are not the young men they were when they served. They gather in a square to conduct their business. They still remember how to stand at attention and salute the flag they protected. Much like their active-duty comrades, there is order, formality to the meeting as they honor the flag and pray for the Fallen.

Last fish crib drops into Pokegama Lake. After 20 years and as many fish cribs a local conservation group may have placed the last of its log and brush fish habitats in local lakes. The Snake River Valley Conservation Club dropped its last fish crib into Pokegama Lake on the morning of January 21st. It's built out of logs and rocks and we put brush in there and sink it in about 16 feet of water explain Steve Saumer, who has been for every drop.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 February 2022)
Wrestlers managed wins: Pine City wrestling team saw its weekend successfully, winning two matches, losing two matches, and tying one. The matt men had their difficulties during the matches on Monday and Thursday before dominating two opponents on Saturday and tying a strong Virginia team.
Skiathon was huge success. It was approximately 18 degrees above zero when the bonfire was lit at 7 a.m. at Banning Junction and Banning State Park to kick off the 1997 Skiathon for Cancer. 184 skiers skied the 8 km trail, enjoying Minnesota's Banning State Park. Those 184 skiers pledged $19,561 for the American Cancer Society.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 February 2022)
The Pine City Chamber of Commerce will hold an open discussion or Forum aimed at local recreational facilities in the hope of a unified project for Pine City can be started to be supported by all local organizations.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 February 2022)
Gifts for Valentine's Day from the Frances Ann Shop: Keepsake hankies, $0.59 + $1, textured polyester dresses, sizes 10 to 20, $10.95 to $16.95, Slack suits, sizes 8 to 20, $10.95 to $24.95 and Helen Harper sweaters, $5 to $12.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 February 2022)
C. R. Boo and Miss Julia Hurley were married by father Leo at the parish house last Monday morning at 10:30 a.m.
Frank Bukachek came in the office yesterday with the announcement that spring was here. When we doubted his word, he proved it by producing a large mosquito, harbinger of spring. He looked overly large to us to be a member of the species, but Morris Edwards claimed it was a mosquito hawk. At any note, the animal which was alive, looked, kicked and bit like a mosquito and we are perfectly willing to take Frank's word for it.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 February 2022)
We are informed that a new hotel is to be opened up in the village at no distant day. The party coming we are told has had considerable experience in other towns and we'll run a strictly first class house.
A new paper is to be started at Taylors Falls, although the field is already well filled.

There will be more ice cut here this season than ever before, and is as solid as can be and from 24 to 28 in thick.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 February 2022)

Sergeant Jenny Linnell of Pine City is 22 years old and on her first deployment in Iraq, serving with the Army National Guard I – 94 Calvary troop out of Hibbing. She left Minnesota in May 2011 for training, traveled with her unit to Kuwait and Iraq later on that summer, and is due to return in Spring of 2012. Lynell has served in many different roles in this deployment. Such as machine gunner, a driver of the armed civilians used to escort civilian convoys into and out of Iraq as part of the U.S. Withdrawal, and a Truck commander on those same missions.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 February 2022)
Deep snow poses danger. East Central Electric warns residents, snowmobilers and farmers about the dangers associated with this year's heavy snows. Large drift and snow piles are allowing people together closer to power lines. These lines are energized to 7,200 volts and can be deadly when not handled with proper equipment. Stay at least 10 feet away from any power line. Do not pile snow under power lines or it may provide a way for a person to contact the line. Warn children about playing on snow piles near power lines. Snowmobilers should be aware of their surroundings and stay away from lines.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 February 2022)
FFA president Ed Pangerl and FFSA advisor Dave Trampe ask each other "well, where are we going to hide it this year?" As plans are finalized for the 7th annual FFA treasure hunt which kicks off in Pine City next Monday. As usual cash prizes will be awarded to the lucky party finding the miniature cream can.
The 1970 census of housing counted 7102 housing units in Pine County and 4785 households had at least one television set.
Anne E. Kessler has been named Pine City High School Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for 1972. She will receive a specially designated award charm from General Mills, sponsor of the annual educational program.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 February 2022)
At the meeting of the Village Council held last Wednesday, it was decided to remodel the community room and furnish the kitchen in the Village Hall so as to provide the public and organizations ample facilities for holding meetings and serving dinners and refreshments.

The Girl Scouts are registering a number of members in all three troops. We are very fortunate to have Mrs. George Arimand as a volunteer instructor. She has been in professional scouting in Milwaukee for three years and has offered to teach a leadership course.
The St. Croix Pioneer 4-H club announces its basket social and dance, which will be held on the evening of February 17 at the Pine Town Hall. Ladies, please bring baskets and lunch will be sold. Everyone welcome.
Country rural School news. The average salary paid to a country rural school teacher this year is $146 per month. This time, the County average is lower than any other counties in Minnesota. About 76% of our rural teachers live at home and drive or walk to school each day. This is one reason our average salary is lowest in the state. Thus we are able, so far, to fill all vacancies and keep our school budgets in fair shape.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 February 2022)
Officers from Sheriff Hawley's office, assisted by federal probation officers, made a raid on six alleged Moonshiners at Kingsdale early last Monday morning. They picked up quite an assortment of booze, ranging from Mash to good old Bearcat and included a few bottles of good clear poison.

Beroun: Frank Novy purchased Stop and Farm Machinery from Earl Stauffer this week. Frank expects to move on to his farm, east of town, in March.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 February 2022)

The storms of the latter part of last week were the most severe we have experienced in a number of years and have made the roads in this vicinity almost impossible for horses to travel. We are informed that the woodsman in the northern part of the state are all thinking of abandoning their logging operations on account of the deep snow.
Jos. W. Neubauer, the new meat market man, has the best furnished meat market this side of Saint Paul, and we very much doubt if there are a great many in the cities fixed up any nicer or more convenient. He has all the latest improved meat racks, scales, meat blocks and counters. His ice box is made to hold about three tons of ice, and Mr. Neubauer says he expects to keep his whole shop cool with the ice in the ice box.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 February 2022)
Coming soon, Old Highway 61: At its February 7th meeting at the Pine County Courthouse, the Pine County Board of Commissioners was visited by two county commissioners from Chisago County. Chris Eng and Mike Robinson told board members that they are working to put up new signage along Old Highway 61 to Chisago, Pine and Carlton Counties. The signs, which would read Old Highway 61 would help promote tourism along the route and help revitalize smaller towns along the highway. The goal is to promote family trips along this more leisurely route so that people can become aware of some of the historic sites in northeastern Minnesota According to Eng and Robinson, they would like to do a spring promotion with Minnesota tourism. They would like to have Kathy Wurzer, a public television personality who has written a book telling stories about Old Highway 61, come and give a talk promoting recognition of the Old Highway.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 February 2022)
Public invited to a Girl Scout reunion: To celebrate the 85th Anniversary of girl scouting, the Girl Scout Council of Saint Croix valley is holding a large Girl Scout reunion at the St. Paul Radison on March 15th. 1000 adults are expected to attend this afternoon of remembrance, reminiscing and laughter. Adults who were Girl Scout members are invited to join the celebration. The event begins at noon and will feature entertainment by the comedy group Dudley Riggs Brave New Workshop and the Twin Cities chapter of the Sweet Adelines chorus.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 February 2022)
Various matters came up at the school board's meeting held Thursday evening of last week, including the question of school financing the maintenance costs of a swimming pool, should one eventually be built here, with other than school money.
Dr. Rudy Perpich lieutenant governor of the state of Minnesota, will be the main speaker at the 12th annual meeting of the Pine Soil and Water Conservation District.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 February 2022)
Fire broke out at the Mrs. Otto Kowalke residence Monday morning, causing about $1,000 and damage before being extinguished by the fire department. It was a homecoming fire for three of the firemen, as Dick Kowalke is the chief and Herman and Arnie Kowalke are members of the fire department. The fire started from an overheated pipe in a partition.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 February 2022)
Miss Elizabeth Stephan resigned her position in the local post office. Ira C Holt has been appointed in her place and assumed her duties today. Mister Holt has been in charge of the office work at the local Creamery the past year.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 February 2022)
Three Sisters married. Rockford, Illinois, February 5th the three daughters of William Bate we're married at the same time at their home in this city yesterday. The couples were Miss Laura Bate to George Chapman, Miss Blanche Bate to Reverend G.W.B. Marsh, and Miss Anna Bate to Clyde Safford.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 February 2022)
Have you been to Henriette lately? The city of Henriette, once a thriving Regional Center in its heyday, is making a comeback, thanks to the active involvement of local residents and Community leaders. After being nearly wiped out by fires, businesses closing, and residents who have moved away over the past 100 years, Henriette is Reinventing itself with a strong Community minded spirit. In the booklet entitled Henriette and the way it was Alberta Sigurdsen chronicles the history of the community, formerly known as Cornell until 1913. The cities name was changed to Henriette because there was another town in Minnesota with the same name of Cornell.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 February 2022)
Snow plowing, unpaid bills top agenda. Clearing snow from major city sidewalks will remain number four on Pine City's list of snow plowing priorities.
Tourism: The director of the Minnesota office of Tourism will speak at the Pine County tourism conference on Thursday March 13. Steve Markuson we'll focus on the topic looking into the future. He will outline the efforts of the state's tourism support Branch over the next few years.

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 February 2022)
Clark Pennington, longtime business and Civic leader and lifelong resident of Pine City, passed away at Lakeside nursing home last Saturday February 19th. He was 79 years old. His early Business Association was with the Farmers & Merchants State Bank.
This Sunday, February 27th, the North Star Sled Dog Club will have races on the North End of Pokegama Lake. The races will start and end at Woischke's Island Resort.
History was made this past weekend. John Onken, and 11th grader, became the first Pine City wrestler ever to win a region 7 wrestling title and his story is one of both interest and importance. John had a fine record going into the tournament. 13 victories against five losses. However, John had never won a tournament.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 February 2022)
Pres. Alice Mae Johnson of the fast Freighters 4-H club conducted an interesting meeting on February 7th at the Arnold Hinze home. Members were asked to reply to roll call with information about some famous American.
Gordon Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hjalmer Johnson had a rather unusual experience on Wednesday afternoon in Pine City, when his car disappeared from where it was parked and not recovered until Thursday. Fortunately, it had not been damaged.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 February 2022)
Pine City is experiencing one of the worst storms in years. Train service is practically cut off, and trains are snowed in, both North and South. The entire state is in the grip of a blizzard, with Duluth and the Iron Range suffering the worst.
A.O. Grabush of the Pine City Hardware company, while in attendance at the state Hardware dealers convention at Saint Paul last week, demonstrated his master glass cutting board, which he has recently secured a patent on.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 February 2022)
If the young boys of thevillage continue cavorting around the village and raising such racketsas they have the last few evenings, the enactment of a curfew law will become a necessity.

10 Years Ago, 2011 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 March 2022)
Highway 70 work set for summer 2015: Eager Neighbors gathered on February 1st to hear MnDOT's plans for rebuilding Highway 70 east of I-35. MnDOT is planning a 6.7 million rebuild of Highway 70 for the nine miles between Rock Creek and the Wisconsin border starting in 2015, and

at a meeting at the Pine County Courthouse, Highway 70 activists, citizens and County officials gathered to hear proposed changes and share information.

25 Years Ago, 1996 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 March 2022)
In the summer of 1930, Hammers' granddaughter, Rosalind Johnson Anderson, of Minnetonka, sent us a clipping. Oh, how the world has changed! Hammers write of trip West - To the Pine County pioneer: We left our farm home at Pine City Minnesota for Pasadena, Calif., with Mrs. Hammers, Helen Rose, Morgan and myself. Northfield was our first stop. Here we had a cabin with lights, gas, spring water and two double beds for $1.50. Second night we were in Bethany, Missouri. All accommodations for $2.25. Cost of trip may be of interest to our friends gasoline, 155 and 1/2 gallons 15 to 30 cents total $33.38 oil, 18 quarts 25 235 cents total $5.20 cabin rental seven n i g h t s, total $12.75 new tire, $8.25 tire patch and valve insides, total $0.75. Extra food, bread, milk, fruit, melons, Etc total $2.76. Expense total $63.09. Cost for each was nominal as we had our food with us including a fine supply of canned chicken put up by our daughter Mrs. Beauford Johnson of Pine City, just before we left. Of course I haven't included wear and tear on our car, but it seems about as good as ever. Yours truly Jessie Hammer

50 Years Ago, 1971 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 March 2022)
The 35th annual meeting of the Pine City Cooperative Association was held last Thursday at the armory in Pine City. Henry Sommer, manager, explain the audit report as prepared by The Cooperative Auditing Service of Minnesota. The report showed another record year, with sales of $315,317 and a savings of $117,242.

75 Years Ago, 1946 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 March 2022)
The building of a new modern Community Hospital was a chief topic of discussion at the meeting of the Pine City commercial Club, held last Wednesday evening. The building of a new hospital in Pine City is something that is needed at the present time and everyone should get solidly behind the Village Council and Commercial Club in getting this worthy project underway.

100 Years Ago, 1921 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 March 2022)
The storm last week left Rock Creek without any electric power which caused quite a tie up at the creamery. As the roads were impassable Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, no cream was brought in until Saturday when it all came in at once and no power with which to churn by. A gasoline engine was hooked up and when just ready to start the power came on, a large amount of butterfat was on hand and if they were unable to churn. It would have caused quite a loss.

125 Years Ago, 1896 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 March 2022)
One of the most notable signs of returning prosperity in Minnesota is visible in the evening Penny Press, of Minneapolis, which has been changed to the Evening Press, price $0.02.

We have been informed that the Creamery Company has secured the barn of Otto Kowalske, up near the Sawdust Road, and we'll fill it with ice for the use of the creamery during the coming summer.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 March 2022)
City ahead in new home construction: Though the local economy has been sluggish and good jobs are still scarce, Pine City is actually ahead of many towns in the area when it comes to new home construction in the past three years. According to statistics collected by Pine City planner Nathan Johnson, Pine City constructed more homes between the years 2009 and 2011 then cities like Cambridge, North Branch, Rock Creek, Princeton, Wyoming, Mora, sandstone, Milaca, and Moose Lake.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 March 2022)
Walmart says summer: Walmart stores, Inc. Now expects to complete its Pine City store in the summer of 1997. City officials were previously told that the store would open in April. In a news release this week from the Walmart corporate offices in Bentonville, the company officially announced its plans to open a new 58,000 square foot store in Pine City. The company anticipates creating and filling 100 positions, including department managers, receiving clerks, and sales associates when the store is completed in the summer of 1997. It goes on to explain that the Pine City store will feature 36 general merchandise departments, including a pharmacy, lawn and garden center, Electronics, clothing, jewelry, and a large health and beauty department. Walmart stores, operates 33 Walmart stores and employs 8,900 people in Minnesota.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 March 2022)
Siebold Brothers, owners and operators of the 61 Way Cafe, started work this week on remodeling that part of their building, formerly occupied by Mike's Tavern, and when finished will be made over into an ice cream bar.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 March 2022)
Pine County Farmers who intend to grow three acres or more of potatoes must have a potato goal established to receive the benefit of the Price Support Program, said Warren Nieboer, County AAA chairman.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 March 2022)
Dewey R. Wilcox and Miss Jenny Schmidt we're married at the home of the bride's parents at Rock Creek yesterday afternoon at 1:30. The marriage ceremony was performed by Judge Robert Wilcox, father of the groom.
Bror A. Carlson, local Shoemaker, was taken to the Twin Cities last Monday where it was necessary to operate to remove a brad from his throat, which he had swallowed.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 March 2022)
Those who were so fortunate as to view the Saint Paul and Duluth snow plow as a dash through the mountains of snow that covered the tracks this morning witnessed a beautiful site and one long to be remembered. Oh! Ain't this delightful? Who wouldn't want to live in Minnesota? One of the worst storms of the winter struck us on Thursday and continued for 24 hours blockading the streets and making it impossible for pedestrians as well as teams to get through until a snowplow drawn by six large horses broke out the road.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 March 2022)
Firefighters climb to save lives. Four members of the Pine City Fire Department participated in the fireman's challenge – climb for air on February 25, 2012 at Accenture Tower in Minneapolis. Four men raised money for the American Lung Association and in return climbed 30 stories – 660 steps, in full turnout gear and air pack. Jason Zastera, Travis Stransky, Kyle Borgstrom and Mark Tollefson.
Pine City residents were treated to the rare sight of a 9-dog team pulling a sled down County Road 11 and into Pine City on March 6, 2012. Frank Moe undertook a trip from Grand Marais to Saint Paul to raise awareness of the sulfide ore mining being planned north of Duluth. Moe was warned not to take his team onto Cross Lake due to the poor ice conditions, and ended up looping back north and around the east side of the lake. As the temperatures rose into the 50s and 60s during the week the remaining snow from the February 29 storm was quickly reduced to mush.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 March 2022)
Pine City skiers Excel: A group of athletes from Pine City impressed its opponents at the Minnesota Special Olympics cross-country Winter Games. Made up of students in the adaptive living program at Pine City High School, the team of six spent three days in Bemidji and brought home medals in

the 100 meter, 500 meter and 1K races. Matt Kern earned second place in the 100 and fourth in the 500. Crystal Cook placed first in the 100. Ashley Newman earned second in the 100 and third in the 500. Josh Robinson took first place in the 100 and the 500, and Jon Wright took first in the 500 and the 1K.
Senior center St. Pat's party features local music: East Central musician Clem Stromwell will share his musical talents at a Saint Patrick's Day celebration at the Pine City Senior dining site. The 90-year-old Strongwell has played in several area dance bands. Joining him will be Waldo Carlson, Rush City, who was a band member with Clem through the years.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 March 2022)
VFW Post 4258 of Pine City will host a welcome home party for all Vietnam veterans and their wives or guests this Saturday, March 18. Peter Engel, commander of the post and a Vietnam veteran himself, extends a personal invitation to all.
Last Saturday, approximately 150 elementary students attended the Shrine Circus in St Paul. A special acknowledgement is it extended by school officials to Leonard Johnson, a local Shriner, who made the tickets available to the sixth grade school patrol. The American Legion, the forget-me-not Sunshine Club, the Mrs. Jaycees and the Jaycees contributed to help share the cost of transportation.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 March 2022)
County agent Radway has announced that Clark Kick of Pine City has been chosen to represent Pine County at the 4-H tractor maintenance short course at University Farm on March 26 to 28. He is one of 90 World Youth selected because of outstanding work in tractor maintenance during the past year. The Standard Oil company will pay his expenses.
The Fair Store's ad read: "No Delivery on Monday, March 17." Due to the fact that we are remodeling our grocery department for self-service, we will not be in a position to make delivery on above date. We wish to inform the public that although our grocery department will be arranged for self-service, should anyone rather be served, our same clerks that have served you for many years will be on hand and will be only too glad to serve you.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 March 2022)
The high-water the spring seems to be a second haven for the kids at the grade building. Morning, noon and night the gang is on hand to keep ditches open and the sewer head running. Needless to say, everybody has wet feet.
Rock Creek: Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Wilcox returned Saturday and were duly serenaded by the tin can band that evening. They went to Pine City Monday and will start housekeeping at once.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 March 2022)
Never in the recollection of the oldest inhabitant has it been so cold in the spring of the year as it has during the present month. E. L. George is the authority for saying that it was 30 degrees below zero on Monday morning last.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 March 2022)
Tippi Hedren visit the Wildcat Sanctuary: Though most know Tippi Hedren for her work in Hitchcock films and being mom to actress Melanie Griffith and motherin-law to Actor Antonio Banderas. Those who love exotic cats know her as founder of Shambala Preserve and the ROAR foundation and president of the American Sanctuary Association. Tippy was able to spend the day at the Wildcat Sanctuary thanks to her road to Hollywood classic film tour stop in Minneapolis. Hedren said, "I am amazed and proud to see how the sanctuary has grown and all that's been developed since my last visit, especially considering the small budget the sanctuary operates with compared to much larger organizations.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 March 2022)

Fire museum is down to pennies: Important County resource suffers big funding crisis. “We used to be more lucrative than we are now,” said Jeanne Coffey, director of the Hinckley fire Museum. Just to open and stay open through the end of May the museum needs $6,000. Consequently, a benefit auction for the museum has been scheduled for Friday May 9 at the Hinckley Community Center. The Hinckley Fire Museum opened its doors in 1976. Coffey has been the director since 1980. We are a branch of the Pine County Historical Society, but we’re not operated by them. We have our own board of directors. We don’t get city funding. We get a small stipend from the county.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 March 2022)
Honey Sunday: Sponsored by the Jaycees will be held this year on April 9. The honey will be available in local grocery stores starting this week. On Honey Sunday, the Jaycees will conduct a house-to-house sale in Pine City and Hinckley. Last year, Pine City placed eighth in the state competition of selling honey, and this year they hope to place first.
It was announced this week that Robert Salonek, owner of the Pine Camp Ballroom, has sold his ballroom business and residence to Alan and Betty Wahlberg of New Brighton. They have been in operation of the business since the spring opening of Pine Camp on March 18.
Opening soon! Rock Garden Lounge located at the Interstate 35W and Junction 70, Rock Creek. Phil Dickey and Dick Kuzel are the proprietors.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 March 2022)
The little community of Rock Creek came through with it’s usually good spirit to top its quota in the Red Cross fund campaign, not only by a few dollars, but more than doubled it! The quota for that community was set at $105 and present reports indicate that a total of $230.50 has been contributed in the campaign.
Wisconsin residents who are interested in having the Saint Croix River toll bridge being made a free bridge have been active during the current session of the Wisconsin legislature in having the legislation introduced where by the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota would purchase the bridge from its present owners.
Brook Park. Vylan Numson had the misfortune of breaking several ribs last week when his horses ran away from him while hauling logs. The logs fell on Mr. Numson, knocking him down, and the vehicle passed over him.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 March 2022)
Kozy Korner is the name of the new store owned by Ted Buselmeier. Mister Buselmeier was open for business last week with a good stock of cigars and smokers supplies, school supplies, stationary and a complete line of box and bulk candy. There is a modern soda fountain, new ice cream tables to match the fixtures for the booths.
The head of the Big Moose shot by Henry Blank last fall and given to Webb Hodge is attracting quite a little attention. Mr. Hodge has had the head mounted and hung in his office. It is a beautiful specimen and is one of the largest ever brought to town. It measures 50 inches from tip to tip and weighs 104 lbs.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 March 2022)
A.F. Brackett has been hauling piling to build Mr. McAllen’s boat house for the accommodation of the launch that he bought in Grantsburg recently. Mr. McAllen will build a fine boat house and have it rigged so that he can pull his boat out when not in use.
Burger Bros. Saw Mill shut down Monday night and will not resume operations until after the ice goes out. They have cut all the logs that are handy to the slip and the ice is so rotten they are afraid to put a team on to draw the logs so as to reach them from the mill, hence the shutdown.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 March 2022)

Pine City Mites have Mighty season: The very first Mite “A” team in Pine City, made up of third graders from Pine City and Rush City, had an outstanding season record of 14 wins, 7 losses and one tie.
Pine County remained within the 8th congressional district after the 2012 redistricting process and the candidates in both parties are moving forward in the 2012 race to see who will represent the area in the U.S. House of Representatives. Under some redistricting plans, the eighth District would have taken a significantly different shape, and possibly not even included Pine County. Instead, it retained basically the same geographic area it has had for the past decade, with the addition of several rural townships in Beltrami County.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 March 2022)
Brook Park artists participate in Show: Keith and Valerie Raivo, Brook Park, have been selected to display their large wooden baskets at the 11th annual American Craft Council Craft Fair. The three-day affair, will be held April 11 to 13 at the Saint Paul Civic Center. Raivos are among 250 national and local artists whose works will be featured at the 1997 ACC craft fair, considered to be the Upper Midwest largest indoor display of arts and crafts and one of only nine juried shows sponsored nationally by the New York-based ACC. They were selected from a pool of several thousand artists who applied to be in the show. Artist at the three-day event will sell their works.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 March 2022)
200 persons attended the annual Easter party last Saturday sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary and the Modern Woodmen of America. The live Easter Bunny, Mark Purdy, hopped around and visited with the little ones. A story about Robin’s was read by Lynda Bible.
A couple of memory lane readers remembered visits to Doctor Nethercott: Leonard Pavek recalled seeing the doctor for stitches. Leonard was about 9 years old at the time and cut his right hand when he fell near an ash pile while playing “anti-over” the school woodshed. The second time I had the privilege of having this doctor’s acquaintance again was when I was about 11 years old. For some particular reason I was prone to have sore throats a lot. My parents decided maybe it was being caused by having bad tonsils so to the doctor we went to check them out. When our turn came to go in, my parents talked to the doctor who was seated in a swivel chair at his desk. I noticed that hanging over his desk on the wall was a wooden airplane propeller. As the doctor stood up, he looks like a big fellow to me with a partly bald head. He told me to sit in a white steel high-backed chair, which had a moveable light above it. He inspected my throat and said, yes sir, they need to be taken out. I remember him putting some Novocaine in my throat or wherever he put it as it hurt pretty good at first. After a while my throat felt funny and it was hard to swallow, the doctor then handed me a curved kidney-shaped stainless steel dish and told me to hold it. Next he proceeded to get some instruments out. One look like a table for work only with shorter times on and with the times bent and resembled a small claw. I don’t remember much more except I could feel the tearing as he removed the tonsil which he placed in that stainless steel dish that I was still holding.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 March 2022)
As Dominick Fornengo of Cloverton was driving his truck over the Tamarack river near Markville, the bridge suddenly gave way plunging the truck into the river below. No one was injured in the accident, but it took several hours work to raise the truck from the riverbed.
Gamble’s opens in Pine City. The Pioneer announced the grand opening of Gamble’s. Bert Gamble and Phil Skogmo opened their first store in 1925 and now had a substantial interest in nearly 4,000 retail outlets located in every state of the union and four provinces of Canada.

Lilia Pharmacy was advertising Velvet Ice Cream, the finest ice cream you’ve ever tasted, from the Bridgeman Russell company.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 March 2022)

People living within the village limits, who raised chickens and other fowl, must observe the village ordinance which provides that fowls are not permitted to run loose.
John Biedermann's application for Marshall of Pine City Village was accepted. He was awarded the salary of $100 a month.
Armed with nine search warrants issued at the instigation of County attorney Roberts, Sheriff Hawley made another visit to the Moonshiners at Kingsdale last Friday Night when he headed a raid that landed five men in the toils of the law.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 March 2022)
Every morning and evening, parties can be seen with guns going duck hunting. They have not commenced to fly yet in great numbers, but the hunters make out to bag one once in awhile.

George Goodwin reports as to the condition of the Chengwatana Dam as follows: The head raised from 2 ft. up to 8 ft. and 10 in, with all the gates up. It then fell to 8 ft. and 8 in., and the ice from the channel commenced running throughat 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and ran all night. It came in such large cakes that he was compelled to shut down three of the gates in orderto save the dam, and kept them down while ice was running. He considered the dam out of danger for the present.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 April 2022)
Welcome to Pine City: In the 1880s, this was the view of Pine City's downtown looking northwest from the southeast corner of Robinson Park. The first building on the left is the Agnes Hotel. Following that is a shoe shop, a post office, and on the far right stands the Lakeview Hotel.

Old jail building facing demolition: The Old Pine County Jail on the 400 block of Main Street in Pine City is slated for demolition in the coming months.
Roubinek Motors a constant in the community for 60 years: Throughout the years local businesses have come and gone. The storefronts once so familiar changed and the best of memories are challenged to recall just what business it was that occupied each building during certain periods of time. Roubinek Motors auto repair is not one of them. This year, they will celebrate 60 years in the same location at 825 South Main Street in Pine City.

25 Years Ago, 1997 10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 April 2022)
Butterfly gardens help compensate for loss of natural habitat: Sadly, all too often wildlife habitat is one of the casualties of residential and Commercial development. Butterflies are affected as much by this loss of habitat, as are other animals. They, to need the proper Habitat to thrive and increase in number. What can we do? If you enjoy the variety, interest and beauty that butterflies provide, consider establishing a butterfly garden, a bit of habitats that will encourage butterfly populations.

Customer service tips offered at Workshop. The Pine City Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a workshop on business communication skills. Call the telephone courtesy and customer servicework shop, it will teach employees and business owners how to adopt a professional, friendly attitude from their initial greeting to their final goodbye and how to handle whatever arises in between.
The Pine County citizens against unnecessary zoning will hold a special meeting April 7th at the Madison Hotel in sandstone. State representative Doug Carlson will speak on the experimental city project.

50 Years Ago, 1972 10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 April 2022)
Running his best time ever, Mark Mansavage set a new school record of four minutes, 42 seconds, so our official record in the mile will soon be changed.

75 Years Ago, 1947 10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 April 2022)

Don’t miss the 45 big exhibit at the farm labor and safety show at the Braham High School auditorium on Wednesday, April 9. A great show featuring the latest developments in farming and homemaking.
Henriette: There will be no PTA April 11. The pie social and 4-H exhibit will also be held at a later date, due to bad roads.

100 Years Ago, 1922 10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 April 2022)
Al Omen returned from Isle the latter part of last week, where he had been on a business trip. He received a contract for installing the ventilating and heating plants in a new school house to be built there this summer. The contract amounts to $8,498.

125 Years Ago, 1897 10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 April 2022)
The Village Marshall has been trimming trees and raking the leaves off the grass in the park this week and otherwise improving what is considered to be the prettiest spot on the line of the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 April 2022)
Tons of tires buried for fill at Kick Lake: Roughly 16,000 lbs of recycled tires are being used as fill on the Kick Lake property on County Road 7 just west of I-35. The tires will be buried on land just upland of the north east shore of Kick Lake.
Fire danger Rising: High fire danger is forcing the National Park Service to prohibit campfires and smoking outside in portions of the Saint Croix National Scenic River Way, though some campfires may still be allowed in state parks.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 April 2022)
Road closed: The Minnesota Department of Transportation has closed the north-south leg of State Highway 123 in west-central Pine County between the Junctions with Pine County Road 30 and State Highway 23. The closure is effective immediately due to the rising snowmelt waters in the lowland area. Because there are a number of residences along the three mile stretch of highway, local traffic access only will be permitted. This closure is expected to be in effect for about two weeks.
A 10-year employee of RJ Hunt Bus Company purchased the business from owner Bob Hunt. Bruce Westerman said he plans no major changes in the company, which contracts with Pine City School District to transport its students to and from school every day. Even the name RJ Hunt Bus Company will remain the same.
Parent training series offered in Pine City: Becoming a Love and Logic Parent, a parent training program, is being offered in Pine City. Developed by the Cline/Fay Institute, it is designed to help parents find specific answers and actions for difficult moments in child rearing. The simple techniques taught in the program are effective with all children from toddlers to teens. Made up of four basic concepts, the philosophy, when used consistently, produces happy, responsible children.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 April 2022)
Clem Dupis of Sandstone reports finding 19 garter snakes Sunday at his farm. He heard his dog barking and on investigating found the snakes under a large stone slab. Some were about 18 in. long.
The All-American Red Heads, billed as America’s greatest all girls basketball team, will be in Pine City High School auditorium Friday evening, April 21, sponsored by the Rural School Restoration Association.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 April 2022)

In an agreement reached Wednesday of this week, the bulk of the stores in Pine City agreed to open their stores one night each week, commencing May 2. The night decided upon was Friday, with all stores closing at 6 p.m.
Due in great measure to the present strike of telephone employees, the news this week is considerably limited in nature. A great deal of usual news concerning Easter visitations was unable to be procured.
Petchel's Cafe has been closed for this week so that repairs and redecorating of the building could be done and new equipment installed. A new tile floor will be laid, new fountain installed and improvements made in the kitchen.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 April 2022)
Little Paul Kuzel had a narrow escape from drowning last Wednesday by stepping into a well dug 4 ft. deep and full of water. Fortunately, he caught hold of a board with his hands and one foot and was able to get out.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 April 2022)
A.E Webber launched the Stowe on Thursday afternoon and hereafter will be prepared to take passengers anywhere they may want to go on the river or lake.
J.C. Miller will start out with his wagon first of May and will exchange anything the farmers may have for dry goods, housewares and notions. Bear in mind that Mr. Miller will buy all the old rags you may have and will trade you good for them.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 April 2022)
Low-flying helicopter part of high-speed train project: An unusual looking helicopter was recently seen buzzing close to the ground on a swath across Pine County. The helicopter flight is the latest step in the Northern Lights X press project, a proposed highspeed train running from Duluth superior to the Twin Cities which stops in the Hinckley area, in Cambridge and Coon Rapids. The total path of the proposed project is 155 miles, and the train would reach speeds up to 110 mph per hour.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 April 2022)
Roads closed due to River's flooding: Three roads in Pine County are closed to traffic because of flooding and one road has a lane partially covered with water, but traffic is being maintained. County State Aid Highway 5, between County Road 101 & County Road 112, is closed due to flooding on the Snake River. Also closed because of high water on the snake is County Road 114 between the north junction of County Road 7 and the south junction of 7. Partial lane flooding has occurred on County State Aid Highway 7, between County 6 and County 13, but traffic is allowed to go through. Just east of Rutledge, County Road 33 is closed to traffic due to flooding on the Kettle River. Although the water has begun to recede, the road closure will remain in effect for about two weeks.
A 10-year-old from Pine City was the first patient ever treated at what we now know as Gillette's Children's Hospital in St Paul. Shirley Johnson, Pine City, contributed the following Memory Lane item, which she received from Virginia Lawson, her son-in-law's sister. Virginia works at Gillette and came across the story in a collection of information compiled for the hospitals centennial celebration.
On a Brisk October day nearly 100 years ago, a country boy, doubled over and unable to walk, was admitted to a new hospital that opened on a ward within the city and county hospital in St Paul. Royal J. Gray was only 10 years old when his parents sent him by train from Pine City, Minn. to the city and county hospital, where Dr. Arthur Gillette was waiting his arrival. The date was October 27, 1897, and Royal was the first child admitted to the hospital ward that would later develop into Gillette Children's. Dr. Gillette described Royal in his report to the University of Minnesota Board of Regents the following year. Our first patient was a little boy from a country District. His parents had spent what little money they could get together from time to time for treatment and apparatus, but the treatment was so interrupted owing to the lack of funds that the few dollars they spent in this direction were wasted and he came to us unable to walk, almost bent double by the deformity of the

back and contraction of the muscles. He had seven dischargeable sinuses. Today, without causing him one bit of pain or suffering, all of these sinuses are healed, he is almost perfectly straight and running about the campus with bat and ball, a pleasure he has never before known. Royal had Pott's disease, a frequent occurrence among children who drank milk from tuberculosis infected cows. After nearly one-and-ahalf years of treatment at the hospital, he was pronounced cured and discharged.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 April 2022)
The April PTA meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 24 at 8 p.m. in the elementary multi-purpose room. Arvid Anderson will preside at the meeting with the topic of sex education to be discussed.

The Pine City High School concert band has received an invitation to appear in concert at Baldwin Hall on the fairgrounds during the state fair this fall. Making a guest appearance on the Chmielewski on stage TV show next Monday will be the loner and the Rangers, a musical group from Pine City.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 April 2022)
Hubert Hinze, for the past 25 years and employees of the fair store in Pine City, resigned his position as of March 29 due to health conditions. Upon taking leave of his employment, he was presented with a Hurd combination fishing rod and reel from Phil Silesky and the fair store employees.
Pokegama: Albert Klandy had the misfortune to cut his knee while peeling post last Monday. As the cut didn't heal too well, he was forced to spend a couple of days in the hospital in Pine City.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 April 2022)
Pine City is famed for its long distance walkers, but most of them are middle-aged men, although they wouldn't agree with that. These are Dale, young son of mister and misses Jos. Therrien, and Richard Junior, son of Mr. And Mrs. Richard Holetz. These boys have put the feats of the elder walker's to shame when they walked to Beroun last Saturday, making the trip in 1 hour and 45 minutes.
The state legislature last year authorized each county commissioner to turn over to each local Legion Post within the county the sum of $25 for use in appropriately observing Memorial Day May 30.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 April 2022)
On Monday morning about 10:30 a.m., fire was discovered by the cook in the Pioneer House issuing from the roof of Gottry's livery stable. The alarm was given and in a very short time the Bucket Brigade with the assistance of the force pump and 50 feet of hose belonging to the barn had the fire under control.
Joe W. Neubauer wishes to announce to the farmers of Pine County and especially those in the vicinity of Pine City that he is the sole agent for Deering reapers and mowers.

W.H. Russell is shipping his noted prize potatoes to St. Paul and Duluth for which he is getting a big price the way potatoes are selling at the present time.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 April 2022)
Pine City Music is again recognized for National excellence in Best Communities for Music Education in America list Pine City for third straight year. The NAMM Foundation last week announced the results of its 13th annual best communities for music education, which acknowledges districts across the U.S. for their commitment to and support of music education in schools. This year, Pine City has been designated a best community. Pine City first appeared on the list in 2010. Pine City was the only rural Minnesota school to be listed. 176 schools appeared on this year's list for demonstrating a commitment to providing music education for their students. According to the NAMM Foundation, this best communities designation represents not only a

distinction worthy of pride, but a call to action for local music education advocates to help preserve their current music education programs.
Crowds of Pine City residents turned out along Main Street on a damp Sunday, April 15 to welcome home a group of men and women who hadn't been out in the rain in quite some time: The Minnesota National Guard "Red Bulls" who were heading back to Minnesota after almost a year of service in Iraq and Kuwait.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 April 2022)
Lessons, lore and legends of the lumberjacks: A day in the life of a Saint Croix River logging camp was reenacted by Pine City fourth graders Tuesday with the help of National Park Service Ranger Jesn Van Tatenhove. Each student played a part, from road monkeys to river pigs, two bank beavers, and they laughed and learned when they read their scripts. The lesson was comprised of two parts, Camp life and the Log Drive, concluding with discussion on the impact logging had on the Saint Croix River Valley.
Rural School wants students: The old oneroom school is a thing of the past, except in Pine City. Just north of the First Bank, on Highway 324, the Pine City Rural School Museum stands in all its glory. It's quiet now but come June, it will be busting with children dressed as they might have been in the early 1900s.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 April 2022)
Average family income was $7,270 in Payne County in 1969, compared with $9,931 for the state, according to a report on the 1970 census by the Bureau of census, US Department of Commerce. The 1970 census counted 16,821 residents in the county.
The Pine City High School senior class will leave at 5 a.m. tomorrow on their senior class trip to the Denver and the Colorado Springs, Colorado, area. The group of 63 students and four chaperones will take the Blake's Bus Service to the international airport in the Twin Cities.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 April 2022)
Fire of unknown origin destroyed the entire stock and much of the building at the Walton General Store at Brook Park early last Thursday morning. The fire was discovered about 1 a.m. by Gordon Ripperton and Delmar Clark, who turned in the alarm.
The garage on the Gordon Kruse Farm northwest of Pine City was completely destroyed by fire last Saturday afternoon, when a grass fire ignited the building.
Clarence Herrud, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Herrud of Pine City, has opened a war Surplus Store at Kenmore, North Dakota. The store will retain Army and Navy Surplus, including clothing.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 April 2022)
Doctor Wiseman reports three new arrivals within the past few days. They are a 9 lb baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson of Meadowlawn last Sunday, a baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Carlson of West Rock last Sunday and a baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom France living north of town, last Saturday.
David Karsky, who has been working east of Pine City for his uncles, Joe and John Roubinek, is now working at the Madden Potato Warehouse.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 April 2022)
Extensive forest fires have been running in the woods east of town during the past week.

Dyer disaster is apt to befall some of the fresh young fellows who are in the habit of jumping on and off of moving trains in the depot yard.
The heavy sea that was running Sunday last, broke the boom at the sawmill and scattered the logs promiscuously over the southern arm of Cross Lake.
By the feeling of the sun for the past few days, summer is here in earnest.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 May 2022)
Not all Titanic survivors were in lifeboats. It was an unusually calm sea and the night was clear and cold when the Dream Ship Titanic departed on its maiden voyage from Southampton, England to New York. The largest ship ever built, over four blocks long, had previously been christened in Ireland before a cheering crowd of 100,000. Pine City's Chris McHugh has his own story to tell regarding the sinking of the Titanic. In researching his genealogy he has connected with distant cousins who descended from his grandmother Evelyn Kearney Connors side of the family. It was her sister, Edna Kearny Murray who survived the sinking of the Titanic but it wasn't in an overloaded life boat. Edna Kearney Murray had a ticket for the maiden voyage of the ill-fated Titanic in April, 1912. Little did she know that a coal strike would mean no journey ... and possibly save her life.
County Board votes down redistricting: After considering several plans to change district lines with in Pine County, the Pine County Board of Commissioners voted on May 1st to keep the boundaries of the five districts the same as they have been for the past 10 years.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 May 2022)
Their future in the making. The 6th grade student council from Pine City Elementary School broke ground last Friday for the new 7th grade house addition to Pine City High School. It will be their home base next year as 7th graders.
Syttende Mai race marks its 25th year. Be very popular 16.2 Syttende Mai Ray's at Grantsburg celebrates its 25th anniversary on the actual Norwegian holiday date, Saturday, May 17th. Grantsburg's first Syttende Mai race was held May 19th, 1973, when local merchant Carlyle Sherstad organized a run to commemorate the Norwegian special day. 49 Runners donned jogging clothes and competed in what was then called a 17 Mile Syttende Mai Marathon. Sherstad soon learned that a true marathon is 26.2 miles, so the word Marathon was dropped from the 17 Norwegian mile race.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 May 2022)
Glen Appelwick, Pine City High School senior, was presented with a $250 Masonic scholarship at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons recently held in St Paul.
Roy Carlson of Pine City filed for the school board at the last minute last week, bringing the total number of candidates to eight.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 May 2022)
Land O'Lakes was fined $100 and costs in justice Walter Blanchard's Court Monday, when they plead guilty to diverting oil into Snake River from their Pine City drying plant. The complaint was signed by game warden Saari, after the oil had done damage to wildlife and the shoreline of Crosslake and state officials had made a survey of the lake.
Contracts for a new pump house, Village Water means and excavation for the means were left by the Village Council at a special meeting Monday evening.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 May 2022)
A Toledo man is advertising to find his wife, who says she has rolled stockings and has a bird and Rose tattooed just below her right knee. John Biedermann, our genial Chief of Police, says she is not in Pine City.
Mrs. Gertie Johnson purchased a new Ford touring car from the Pine City Motor Company the first of this week. Leonard has taken over the chauffeuring and can now clip off the corners like a "Barney Oldfield." Recipe for Homebrew: chase a bullfrog three miles and gather up the Hops. Add 10 gallons Hemlock Tanbark, 2 quarts of turpentine, one pint of shellac and two bars of laundry soap. Simmer gently for 3 hours, then strain through a sock. Pour into brown bottles. Select your pallbearers.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 May 2022)
Pat Connor opened up his new Saloon on Wednesday, May 5th, just a week to a day from the time he was burned out. How is that for push? The village of authorities have about completed the new shed on the village Lots, where they will hold the first monthly Fair next Wednesday. Farmers and others having stock or anything else that they wish to sell or exchange should bear this in mind and attend the first monthly Fair of Pine City and help make it a success.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 May 2022)
The Pine City Girl Scouts invite both former and current Girl Scouts to a special birthday party and awards day to celebrate the 100th birthday of Girl Scouts.
After years of captivity in Iran, hikers marry: On Saturday, May 5, in a private ceremony among friends and family, former Iran hostages Sarah Shourd and Shane Bauer were married in California. Cindy Hickey, Pine City resident and mother of Shane, was there to celebrate with her son and new daughter-in-law. She called May 5 a joyous day for many reasons.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 May 2022)
Children can learn Voyager games: Educational games and toys are usually a parents first choice when they walk to a toy store with a youngster. But sometimes, a kid just wants to have fun. So, too, for children growing up fur trade territory in the late 1800s and early 19th century. Ball and hoop increased hand eye coordination, so important in hunting. Making pouches taught the skills needed to sew clothing and moccasins. And cat and mouse or Voyager tug of war, was just for fun. Kids can participate in these games and learn more about their counterparts of nearly 200 years ago when they visit the Northwest Company Fur Post for Children's Day. The Northwest Company Fur Post is an authentically reconstructed post from the winter of 1804–05. Costumed guides help interpret the site and guide the visitors back to the days when beaver pelts were currency and Ojibwe and Euro – Canadians traded under the British flag. The Minnesota Historical Society site is just west of I-35 at Pine City along County Road 7.
Schumacher's take over ownership of Bob's: The business name is a little different, and after 31 years, owner Genevieve Olson has called it quits, but a well-known Pine City service station is still in familiar hands. John and Janet Schumacher took over ownership of Bob's Tire and Auto, formerly Bob's Standard, on April 18. Janet is Genevieve's daughter, and John has managed the station for 26 years. It was purchased by Bob Olson in 1953 when the owner was Clarence Johnson. Bob sold it to Wally Teich in 1955, then brought it back 10 years later, in 1965. Bob died in 1981, and his wife, Genevieve, continued to operate the business.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 May 2022)
Among various matters to come before the Pine County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting Tuesday and Wednesday of last week was a discussion on the Sandstone airport matter. A petition was received signed by taxpayers from several areas of the county in opposition to the use of any Pine County tax monies for the purpose of supporting an airport.
Holding their trophies, which arrived this week, are the members of the champion team of the junior division of the boys state bowling tournament. They are Doug Odegard, Keith Carlson, and Willie Witte. In winning this tournament this team, sponsored by Blake's Bus Service placed first of 140 entries.
Brownie troops headed by Florence Kalenius and Mrs. William Harter will hold their annual Mother's Spring Tea next Tuesday at 3:30 in Miss Kalenius' first grade room at the elementary school.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 May 2022)
We, the undersigned farmers of the Pine City Trade Territory, protest against the closing of the stores on Saturday evening by the businessman of Pine City. We feel that since we are loyal customers, want to do our business in Pine City, and since we should be entitled to the courtesy and privilege of coming to town Saturday evening, do our weekend trading and visit with our neighbors. A friendly gesture from the businessman now in keeping the stores open Saturday evenings will go a long way in gaining the respect and confidence of the farms of the Pine City territory. 51 Farmers signed the petition.
The new Wurlitzer organ has arrived and been installed in the Methodist Church. Open house for the public to see and hear the organ will be held Saturday, May 10 when Miss Donna Cook of Saint Paul will play selections of organ music.
Showing at the Family Theater Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, “California” starring Ray Milland, Barbara Stanwyck and Barry Fitzgerald.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 May 2022)
Band director Dufec of Hinckley has moved to Pine City and is busy whipping the local band in shape for the summer concerts which it will give in the park every week.
Jim Wandel has been busy the past week erecting telephone poles that were blown down by the high wind last week. About 10 poles were down between town and the Chmelik farm and also on the line east of town.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 May 2022)
Dr. White took a reporter of this paper to his hotel on Sunday evening and showed him a string of fish caught in Jervis Bay in about three hours by five persons, weighing about 300 lb.

One of the most exciting events that has taken place in this village for some time was a foot race of 150 feet which occurred between Banker McAllen and tonsorial artist Murray on Thursday afternoon. They ran neck-and-neck the greater part of the way, but when near the goal, the barber made a spurt and won the race by about a head. Mr. Murray is thinking of challenging any Sprinter in the state weighing over 200 lbs for a hundred yard dash.
Mr. Sticho and Petricka had a rushing trade last week when their cash sales on Saturday last amounted to $190, also about one-third the amount in credit. How is that for one day?

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 May 2022)
Our snow is gone for a while, but memories of our snow falls past still linger with some of our Memory Lane readers. “It was an exciting time to see the snow plow come when, at that time, it went on Township roads maybe only twice a year,” Alberta said.
The Pine City Fire Department moves into new Station, conducts training burn.

This past Saturday a house burnt down in Pine City and the Pine City fire chief, Tom Miller, was pretty happy about it. “We conducted a controlled burn today on a tax forfeited property that was beyond repair, but it was still structurally sound so we could conduct training fires,” Miller explained.
Members of the Pine City Lions giveaway 500 4-year-old white pine seedlings in recent weeks. The gifts included 20 seedlings to help beautify Pine City, and the rest were donated to local residents. The project was of an international effort by the Lions Club.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 May 2022)
For future Social Security beneficiaries, Wednesdays will become one of the most important days in their lives. It’s the day their social security benefits will be delivered. People who applied for benefits

beginning May 1, 1997, will not receive their benefit on the third of the month as in the past. Instead, they will receive it on the second, third or fourth Wednesday of the month. Benefits received this June will be based on the new delivery schedule.
The Pine City Youth Hockey Association has reshaped its proposal for building a civic center arena in the community. The new plan asks the city of Pine City and the school district to join with the association in a non-profit corporation. The three entities would build and operate a Civic Center to provide recreational and Civic activities for the school and the community.
E – 911 addressing costs more than anticipated by the county: The enhanced 911 addressing system for Pine County will move forward again after a two-month delay. The delay occurred because the cost of identifying address points is significantly higher than what the county anticipated. County officials have been negotiating with the consulting firm it hired to handle the project, hoping to bring the bill closer to its estimates.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 May 2022)
Next Monday, May 22, 121 seniors will receive diplomas from Pine City High School. This will be the 70th class to receive diplomas here since the first commencement in 1903. The valedictory address will be given by Charles Novak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Novak, and the salutatorian address will be given by Katherine Blake, daughter Mr. and Mrs. Ward Blake.
Don and Donna Olson have just purchased the King Coin Car Wash from Walter Schwartzwald. To continue with the self-service car wash, Don has just installed new $0.25 meters.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 May 2022)
“We the undersigned employees of the Pine City retail stores wish to express our appreciation to our employers for closing on Saturday evening and giving us a free weekend. We are in favor of giving the Friday Night opening a fair trial.” This statement was signed by 22 retail employees.

As part of the summer Recreation program sponsored locally, is a softball league for adults. This league, in order to function successfully, will need sponsors for four teams at least.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 May 2022)
John D. Wilcox has been awarded the contract for sprinkling the village streets this summer and is already on the job.
The Pine City Junior Baseball team defeated the Snake River Aggregation at the Youngbauer farm last Sunday afternoon by a score of 16-5.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 May 2022)
Manker McAllen has purchased a fine new Phaeton and now has one of the finest turnouts in the village.
The brick work on Buselmeier’s new block is completed and it makes one of the finest blocks this side of Saint Paul. The opening of Pokegama, a week ago last Thursday, was an event long to be remembered by those who attended. Lack of space forbids a lengthy detail of how the evening was spent, suffice it to say that everybody went away well pleased with the evening’s entertainment.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 May 2022)
The United States Senate has passed a resolution to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Evergreen Square Southwest in Pine City, Minnesota, as the “Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office.”
Relay for Life returns to Pine County: Pine County residents are stepping up and stepping out once again this year for the second Pine County Relay For Life to be held from 6:00 p.m. on June 2nd to 6:00 a.m. on June 3rd at the Pine City High School track. Relay for Life raises funds for the American Cancer Society to fight the disease and support its victims.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 May 2022)

Stoffel Museum featured on television: Venture north, a program on Channel 2, will show a film on Ed Stoffel's Family Museum. Stoffel, of Pine City, has created the museum in the building on his property. It will appear on the Duluth public television channel.
Mille Lacs Band rescues seniors: A $10,000 donation from the Mille Lacs band of Ojibwe Grand casinos in Hinckley and Mille Lacs will enable the Hinckley Senior Center, incorporated, to buy the lot under its building from Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad and ensure the future of the Hinckley Senior Center.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 May 2022)
An explosion and fire destroyed the remains of Johnny and Jan's Tavern in Henriette early last Saturday morning. The building had been declared a total loss after a fire last January, although some work had been in progress recently in an effort to salvage some reusable lumber. Arson is suspected in this fire, say fire officials, as neighbors report seeing a man run from the building after hearing the explosion. This is the third fire for this building.
Effective July 1, drivers on Minnesota's streets and highways may turn right on a circular red traffic light.
Lion's president Cliff Darrow presented the keys for the new public restrooms in Wiseman Park to the Village Clerk. This was the Lions number one project of the year.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 May 2022)
There will be a meeting of the citizens of Pine City and the surrounding territory at the Pine City High School auditorium on Monday evening May 26th for the purpose of discussing the building of a hospital in Pine City.
On Tuesday evening, May 27, the senior class of the Pine City High School will embark on their careers when 49 boys and girls will be presented with diplomas of graduation.
The Pine City Women's Christian Temperance Union is holding their annual Institute at friendship hall, local Methodist Church, on Tuesday May 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 May 2022)
Rock Creek; the small brook trout fry that were planted in Rock Creek last year are still living and have obtained a length of from one to two inches.
Sandstone Courier; William Percy is back on the job as Marshall since Tuesday. Although still limping from the effects of a gunshot wound by the murderous assault of a "shiner" several weeks ago while searching his premises for "moon."

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 May 2022)
The park is looking fine, the grass is up and nice and green, and the trees are all leaved out and it is one of the beauty spots on the St Paul and Duluth railroad.
On Monday evening the Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the riding of bicycles or other vehicles on the sidewalks of this village. Now seeing that the council has passed such an ordinance, The Village Council should see that the streets are put in decent shape for riding and bicyclists should insist that they do.

Everything passed off pleasantly on Decoration Day until just as the procession got back from the cemetery, when Marshall Thomas took two boys to the lock up for using profane and obscene language. It is a shame and a disgrace for a village to allow the language that can sometimes be heard on our streets, and also the crowds of men and boys that sit along the edge of the sidewalks so that a lady cannot pass along without running a gauntlet of men's eyes on her.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 June 2022)

The heavy May rains have brought with them a deluge through local streams and rivers, raising the water level of lakes and waterways almost 2 feet between Friday, May 25 and Monday, May 28 and forecasters predict Waters could rise as much as two feet more before Saturday June 2. Many docks on Cross Lake and Pokegama Lake Properties have disappeared under water as the Snake River water level hit 6.7 feet at 5 p.m. Monday, and some islands along the edge of the water already appeared to be facing flood situations.
Flag etiquette: Why are flags raised from 2:30 at the end of a Memorial Day service yet, in other cases, the flags are raised full staff at noon? Answer. What are you going to do if, at noon, Taps is being played or a speaker is talking? The prevention of such conflicts is the first reason. Secondly, having the flag-raising as part of the program gives much more prominence to our U.S. POW/MIA and Minnesota Flags.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 June 2022)
Memory Lane: Bob Foster was thinking about Memorial Day observances of the past when he remembered the horse-drawn water tank that was used to sprinkle the dirt streets of Pine City in the 1930's. The streets were watered down before the parade to keep the dust down, but the practice was common during dry periods of the year. Bob remembers a big cylindrical wooden tank with a wooden undercarriage mounted on wheels. A horizontal sprinkler was on the back at the bottom of the tank. They started from the old Armory, Bob said, and would sprinkle a lane of traffic at a time, from the fairgrounds, where the parade started, South to Robinson Park. The units would stop on the bridge over the river, and the firing squad would fire a salute to those who died at Sea during World War II. The parade eventually ended up at the cemetery, as it does today.

The steel framework for the new grandstand at the Pine County Fairgrounds went up last week, with the majority of the work on the new structure expected to be finished by June 10. The grandstand will seat about 250 more people than the old one did and will be easily accessible to the handicapped.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 June 2022)
Two occupants of the local jail escaped briefly last week on the night of May 23/24 sometime after midnight. The absence of Nelson Weeder and James Ormston was discovered about 1:30 a.m. by sheriff's deputies. They were picked up in the Grafton area at about 8 a.m. They got rid of the hacksaw blade they used to saw their way out, and since they refused to talk, the sheriff's department hasn't been able to determine how they obtained the blade.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 June 2022)
Darwin Carlson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carlson, a Rock Creek, who is employed at Finley, North Dakota as a lineman with the REA, vainly attempted to save the lives of two small boys, 2 and 3 years old, when Flames swept through the small two-story house of their parents in Finley a week ago last Monday. Darwin West into the smoke-filled house and carried out both boys, who were immediately taken to a Sharon, North Dakota Hospital. They died shortly after reaching the hospital.
On Saturday of this week, May 31, the Kandy Kitchen with Merritt (Pike) Siebold as proprietor, will hold its grand opening. The new spot for after the show and midday sweet snacks is located just east of the highway 61 Café and will cater to the trade with the sweet Tooth exclusively, handling Russell's ice cream products, candies and soft drinks.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 June 2022)
Frank Bartos is now employed at the Beroun Creamery. The large amount of cream being received made more help necessary.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 June 2022)

I am neither Veterinary White, nor Veterinary Black, but I am Veterinary Grey. I practice on old shoes, read the news then bring your shoes and getnew soles for $0.40 at the North End of Snake River Bridge. I black them up and make them shine and put on three patchesfor just a dime.

We are informed upon pretty good authority that the prospects are that within six months from this time Pine City will have a large sash door and blind factory running in full blast. Manufacturers are beginning to look this way, and it will only be a matter of a few years before we will be one of the principal manufacturing centers of the state. A sash and blind factory is something we have needed for some time, and with the timber in such close proximity, it should be a success.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 June 2022)
Veteran newscaster Don Shelby did a feature about Pine City for Rick Kupchella's "Bring Me the News." The story describes many aspects of Pine City business and history.

Heavy May rains led to high waters in the Pine City area, and local lakes and rivers swamped waterside properties. Though the waters had been predicted to hit 8.7 feet, the actual crest was only about eight feet, but still high enough to force many lakeside mobile home owners on Pokegama Lake and elsewhere to pull off their properties.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 June 2022)
A small group of 85 seniors will celebrate the end of its school years when Pine City High School holds commencement exercises on Sunday, June 8. The class colors are green, silver and black, and the flower a silver tipped yellow rose. "Yesterday " is the class song. Due to construction at the high school, those who attend commencement will have to enter the building either through the west entrance or the east door.
The sign on the corner bakery no longer says "Schumann's," but the smell of fresh-baked goods still permeates the air and downtown Pine City. On April 30, the shop became the baking center for Nelson's Market in Pine City and North Branch, and Randy Nelson became the owner. Still open as a walk-in Bakery and coffee shop, the site is managed by Baker John Myers.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 June 2022)
Two Pine City service stations are presently involved in extensive remodeling projects. Both adding new additions to their facilities. Work at Bob's standard service includes the addition of a service Bay, a large storeroom, remodeled restrooms and a new glazed tile and stucco exterior on the whole building. At Pine City Fuel, the new addition will house a new Bay and office and display area. The existing quarters will also be remodeled and a new front will be put on the building.

Donald and Mary Miska announced the purchase of the Pine City Tastee-Freez.

At 8:30 a.m. on Monday June 5, the home of John Worrell located in Chengwatnana Township on the east side of Cross Lake was discovered to be on fire. Mr. And Mrs. Worrell had stepped out to the neighbors for a few minutes, when they heard a crackling noise, looked and saw visible flames and smoke. Mr. Worrell using a garden hose, and with the help of a neighbor, was able to get the fire under control before the fire department arrived. The fire is believed to have started from an electric toaster.
Dennis Shatava returned home from the hospital on Saturday after undergoing surgery a week ago on his foot, which was caught in the power lawn mower. He is getting along as well as can be expected.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 June 2022)
Joe Oliverius, local high school speedster, represented Pine City High School at the state track meet at Memorial Stadium in Minneapolis. Joe ran a very close race and finished fourth in his Heat against the other runners.

A business deal of considerable importance was closed here on Monday when Mr. And Mrs. Merrill Daniels sold the Coast to Coast stores to William & Don Gauthier of Duluth. The new owners took over immediately and are now operating both stores.
Ralph Teich was elected commander of the Heath Perkins Post, American Legion, on Tuesday evening, June 3. Past commander is Everett Johnson.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 June 2022)
Auction: As I have been asked to leave the country, I will sell you, at public auction, on my place 1 and ½ miles north of Chariton, 7 miles west and 1 ½ miles east of Lucas, beginning 1 p.m. on Friday, October 31, the following prescribed property: 18 head of horse one spavined mare, coming 1 years old; 1 bay horse, weight 413 lb; 1-iron Sorrel horsse, well matched, one mare mule, with Colt at side; One Brown worked horse; 1 jackass, just your age; 1 running horse, runs at nose; 9 head of colts; 6 steers and three geldings; one pedigreed Aberdeen stallion, sired by night, damned by everybody; 24 head of cattle, 12 cows, good kickers, will farrow in August; 7 yearling heifers, coming for years old; two broad sows, with cream separators at side; 1 Poland China bull; two calves, high military heels. 24 head of hogs; one hired man, coming 37 years old; 2 old boars, with milking attachments ... and other articles too sad to mention. Terms- Cash: balance 6 months in County Jail. Free lunch, if you pay for it, buy men's Aid Society of Poker Flat, R.U. Solde, owner. Ike N. Squeezem, clerk. Col. Hi Price, auctioneer.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 June 2022)
Hustletown: Constable Bee has been taken advantage of. While out of his jurisdiction as an officer of the law, he was pounced onto by 16 men, more or less. The result was he has had an eclipse on the eyes ever since. Had it taken place where his authority was respected, no doubt there would have been one the greatest battles that ever took place on the lower Snake.

Powerful friends are working for the pardon of the Younger Brothers, once the terror of the Mississippi Valley. Bob, the youngest, died in the state prison at Stillwater some time ago, but Cole and Jim are still living. Cole is now 53 and Jim 43.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 June 2022)
Poverty hits kids in Pine County. Childcare costs still below the state average: A recent report shows that life is not always easy for children in Pine County and that poverty and personal choices are putting many county children behind the curve compared to elsewhere in the state. According to the children's defense fund, the percentage of Pine County children aged 17 and younger living in poverty in 2010 was 21.7%. This was just a bit lower than the U.S. average of 22%, but much higher than the Minnesota average of only 15%. In 2010, the median household income in Minnesota was $55,422. In Pine County, it was $42,035. Given the economy, officials say the city of Pine City is doing a pretty good job of carefully monitoring revenue and expenses.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 June 2022)
The Pine City VFW Auxiliary will celebrate its 50-year anniversary with an open house on Sunday, June 22. The celebration runs from 2-4 p.m., at the Novak Milliren VFW Post Hall. The public is invited to help the auxiliary commemorate 50 years of service.
Canoe trip open to all: Paddle a quiet, scenic, 10 Mile Stretch of the St. Croix River on Saturday, June 28. Stop at interpretive stations along the way and end up with a lively presentation by Jacques Deseve, a Voyager lost in modern times. This is not a guided canoe caravan, but a fully accessible, travel at your own pace canoe float with naturalists from the Minnesota DNR, Wisconsin DNR and National Park Service station along the route to provide talks at points of interest.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 June 2022)
Glenn Truesdell, an area resident, had an anxious time last week waiting for word of his brother, Orville, a Rapid City, South Dakota resident. Glenn knew that his brother's home was directly

beneath the Rapid Creek Dam. When word was finally received, Orville, his wife and son were alive, but their home and all their belongings had been demolished by the flood.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 June 2022)
Next Sunday, June 15, the Pine City Commercial Club and Snake River Valley Conservation Club will sponsor the second annual community picnic in the St Croix Interstate Park. This is an annual gathering of all the residents of Pine City and an opportunity for a wonderful get together and picnic in a beautiful location.
The businessmen of Rock Creek are sponsoring free movies outdoors, to be shown every Monday evening during the summer months. In case of rainy weather, they will be shown in the hall above Wise's Store. The grocery stores will be open for Shoppers convenience.
"The Last of the Mohican's" is scheduled for next Monday evening.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 June 2022)
Frank Bukachek has completed the building of the Ed Rozum new home on their farm east of town. The house cost in the neighborhood of $10,000 and is modern in every respect.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 June 2022)
On Wednesday evening, quite a crowd of Pine Citiets went by team to Rock Creek to attend a dance given by John Alguier, at his farm about a mile east of the Rock Creek Station. John Bassett's Orchestra furnished the music, assisted by Morris Edwards of this place. Mr. Alguier has just completed a fine large barn, 50 by 100 feet, where are the dance was held. It was estimated that there were upwards of 200 present.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 June 2022)
Pine City Flea Market turns 40 on the 4th of July: On Wednesday, July 4, Myron and Joan Haug, along with their family, will celebrate 40 Years of making the Pine County Fairgrounds the place to be every Wednesday morning between April and October.
Northern Pine County reeling after flash flood strikes area: A torrential rainstorm set off flash floods in St Louis, Carlton and Pine counties last week, and many northern Pine County homes and businesses were still under water at press time. Waters on the Willow River were reported to reach as high as 25 feet above normal levels. Pine County Sheriff Robin Cole said that, according to information he has received, the last time floodwaters approached these levels in northern Pine County was in the 1950s. Municipal water systems we're maintained and we're still reported safe to drink in northern Pine County, though some water ponds were swamped by the flood. Those with wells are urged to test them immediately.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 June 2022)
Salute to Dairy Days: Fun facts for Dairy Month. For nearly 60 years, June has been designated as the time to celebrate America's great bounty of dairy products and to pay tribute to America's Dairy Farmers. Officially christened June Dairy Month in 1939, the annual tribute has blossomed into a national affair. Just take a look at some interesting and somewhat historic dairy trivia. Milk … America's got it: In 1884, the milk bottle was invented. 48 years later, in 1932, plastic coated paper milk cartons begin appearing in the dairy case. Today, consumers can choose from a wide variety of milk containers. Think that milk and cookies before bedtime is just for kids? Not true! Milk is a natural sleeping aid for all ages because it contains an amino acid protein that sends a signal to the brain to relax. Ice cream, the latest scoop: Who done it? Controversy surrounds the discovery of the ice cream cone. Some believe the first ice cream cone was produced in New York in 1896 by an Italian immigrant. Others give credit to a waffle vendor at the 1904 St Louis Fair. Ice cream a presidential favorite? Of course! In fact, George Washington ran up a $200 bill eating ice cream in a New York City ice cream store. And, Dolly Madison, wife of U.S. President James Madison, served ice cream at her husband's inaugural ball in 1813. Ronald Reagan declared July National Ice Cream month, and the second Sunday in July National Ice Cream Day. More ice cream is produced and

eaten in the U.S. than any other country. Ice cream consumption is still highest in June and July. Vanilla is America's favorite flavor.
Kids paint the town with potent message: The storm drains in Pine City bear a bright yellow message left by an industrious group of painters who descended on the town last week. "Don't Dump, Drains to the Snake River" is the reminder residents receive if they think about pouring paints, oil or other solvents into the storm drains. The stenciled message was put on the streets in front of the storm drains by students from the Pine City Area Learning Center. They were part of a Cooperative project called Paint The Town.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 June 2022)
Steve Prior, owner of Granny's 61 Way Café, announces that he has sold the business to Mrs. Anna R. Bengson of Cloquet. The sale was effective June 15. She plans to resume calling the café the 61 Cafe instead of Granny's.
Sandstone: Albert "Dutch" Eitens has been raising registered Belgian horses for the past nine years and states that there is a demand for trained Belgian horses all over the country. "Dutch" welcomes those who would like to stop by and see his horses.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 June 2022)
Pokegama: Hope is renewed that the REA will make our community a brighter place to live, soon as trees are being cut down along the way. Wiring is being done.
The Chengwatana Flyers 4-H club held a meeting in the town hall Friday, June 13.

Fred Becvar and Joseph Piha were appointed to go to Grand Rapids. A new captain was chosen for the ball team. The club made a motion to buy a new ball, bat and glove for the players.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 June 2022)
S. Kilgore has purchased the Dray line from Jack Karsky. Jack will devote all his time to the Standard Oil Station. Gus Luckow, who has been driving for Karsky, has purchased the truck and will operate a Dray line also.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 June 2022)
The opening of the Pokegama Park Hotel was not the success that it was planned to have it. Those invited from the city failed to respond but a very few from this place went on account of the threatening weather. Those that did go report having had a fine time. The party broke up at about 9 p.m., and after bidding the host and hostess goodbye and wishing them prosperity, they embarked on the steamer for home.
The steel has been put on Pat Conners new building and at a little distance, it is impossible to distinguish it from a brick building. It is very neat, and is reported to be as good as a brick veneered structure to withstand fire.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 July 2022)
City scopes out upcoming projects: new fire hydrants, street repairs, warning sirens, firefighter equipment and training, and trail development. These and other items topped a preliminary list of proposed capital improvements and budget items the Pine City Council will review at its work session in July.
Twenty-one nurses and doctors at First Light Health System underwent simulation training to prepare for medical emergencies in infants and children Thursday in the Children's Hospital and Clinics of Minnesota mobile stimulation Center. The mannequins come in various sizes from newborn infants to toddlers that can breathe, blink, bleed, cry, have a pulse and even have pupils that dilate. These features simulate various types of medical emergencies such as when a child is brought in with breathing difficulties or when a newborn needs resuscitation, which provides participants a chance to practice pediatric procedures.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 July 2022)
One man and four juveniles are expected to be charged with felony burglary and theft in Pine County after three cabins were burglarized near Bruno. On June 17, the Pine County Sheriff's Office was notified of the burglaries and given a description of a van which had been seen near the cabins. Witnesses also observed suspects riding an ATV near the cabins. Deputies located the van in the Sandstone area and found stolen property from the cabins inside. The Polaris 4x4 ATV that was seen by witnesses was recovered from a field behind one of the cabins.

Sandstone is the 143rd Minnesota Star City and one of the last Star cities to be certified in Minnesota, said Gerald Wenner from the Minnesota Department of trade and economic development at Sandstones Star City and volunteer recognition celebration on Wednesday, June 25.
Kids and community reap benefits of summer program: Buildings at the fairgrounds gleam with bright white paint. A new little bridge crosses a gully at the high school baseball fields, providing safer, easier access, along with a storage shed with new siding. And a group of Pine City High School students has accumulated work skills that will last them a lifetime.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 July 2022)
A group of five men have been arrested in Hennepin County for the robbery of the Rock Garden Lounge in Rock Creek early Saturday morning May 20. The robbery took place as the Proprietors and band were preparing to leave for the night, when the armed bandits took about $1,200 and left two men wounded. The arrested men are not local residents.
Chuck Field, Rush City, and Rodger Newton, North branch, have invented a device which will make it possible to pour from a paint can into any size container with no spillage. The device is a snap-on reusable plastic spout and the two men have formed a company for the manufacturer and marketing of their product.
A lot of Volkswagen owners are driving cars that are subject to windshield wiper failure without warning, the Department of Transportation has notified the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 July 2022)
Brook Park: Fourteen tired but happy boys returned Sunday evening from a Boy Scout camping party at Grindstone since Friday.
Thursday afternoon, the ladies of the neighborhood gathered at the August Peterson home and honored Mrs. Kenneth Peterson with a stork shower.
A contest, the viewing of the many lovely gifts and a delicious lunch, made it a very enjoyable afternoon.
The Fourth of July special at the family theater is "Love laughs at Andy Hardy" with Mickey Rooney and Lewis Stone.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 July 2022)
Connie Mack was asked to pick the best baseball combination of all time, and these were his selections: Buck Irving, catcher; Christy Mathewson and Rube Waddell, pitchers; GeorgeSissler, first base; Eddie Collins, second base; Hans Wagner, shortstop; Jimmy Collins, third base; Fred Clarke, left field; Tris Speaker, centerfield; and Ty Cobb; right field.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 July 2022)
The village of Barnum was partially destroyed by a tornado recently.
The water in the SnakeRiver is about as high as it has ever been, and there are grave fears of the Chengwatana dam going out.
There was quite a crowd here on Saturday from Rush Lake and Danewood. They came in two or three wagons which were tastefully decorated with trees, flags and bunting.

Cole Younger was seen at the prison in regard to the statement that the James boys participated in the Northfield raid, but refused to affirm or deny it. Said he, “FrankJames is enjoying his Liberty and Jesse is dead so I can’t see what good it will do for me to say anything either for or against them. No living man has ever heard me say they were with us.”

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 July 2022)
Beroun authors recall town’s people, history: A new book called “Beroun: A History of Beroun, Minnesota gives a window into the remarkable history of the town just north of Pine City. Co-authors Peg Skalicky and Judy Scholin worked on the 38-page book together, with Skalicky providing the research and Scholin creating the pages of the book.
Local Racers finish in Grandma’s Marathon. Many Pine City area runners participated in the 36th annual Grandma’s Marathon and other races Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 July 2022)
Pine Towners honored for 25 years as Polaris dealer: Pine Towner Sports, Pine City, has been honored for its 25 years of service as a Polaris snowmobile dealer. The award was presented at the recent Polaris dealer sales convention that was highlighted by the 1998 snowmobile model introduction.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 July 2022)
Woll Pharmacy was broken into and burglarized at about 2:30 a.m. in the morning of July 7. Damage to the door and door jamb resulted in greater actual cost then the amount taken. A number of watches and cartons of cigarettes were missing.
In action last Thursday evening, the Pine City Board of Education elected Arnold Johnson as its chairman, Ralph Ausmus, vice chairman, Robert Leibel, clerk, and Waldo Kick, treasurer. The board voted to proceed with the half day, every day kindergarten program for 1972-73.

Brunswick Road: Wednesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Pangerl came on snowmobile and were coffee guests at the Jerome Peters home.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 July 2022)
Miss Frances Robinson of New York City visited from Thursday until Sunday at the W.S. McEachern home. Miss Robinson is a magician and is known on stage as Lady Frances.

With the war restrictions off, the Sokols are planning for a bigger and better picnic at the Sokol camp, located five miles Northeast of Pine City to be held on Sunday, July 20. The Czech ladies will prepare particularly unlimited quantities of delicious chicken booyah which will be served from 11 a.m.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 July 2022)
The Kingsdale Hotel, owned by C.R. Grace, was dynamited last Monday night about midnight. The explosive had been placed a few feet in front of the building and it shattered all the plate glass windows in the front of the hotel and did considerable damage. Fortunately no one was hurt, only one man receiving a few minor cuts.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 July 2022)
The reports of freak gold discoveries in Alaska have caused intense excitement at Seattle, Washington, and hundreds of persons were leaving for the new gold fields. There is a good deal of sickness going around. Almost everyone is complaining of having acough or being under the weather in some way or other. It is now probably settled forever that the Younger boys will spend what remains of their lives behind the Prison walls of Stillwater. The board of pardons have denied their application and the probabilities are thatit will never be renewed.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 July 2022)
Art Fest returns in Pine City for its 35th year. “We think this is a great festival and prefer it to many of the larger events we participate in. Love the hometown feel and atmosphere.” This is a comment from one of the last year’s Art Fest vendors. This will be the 35th year that the Art Fest has been the summertime source of pleasure for those who appreciate the creations of artisans spiced with tasty food and good music enjoyment. Art Fest is held at Robinson Park, downtown Pine City.

New day at Golden Horizons. Golden Horizons Assisted Living celebrated the groundbreaking at their expanded Pine City facility.
Attention young ladies! Are you prepared to attend the finest dinner parties? Do you know how best to introduce yourself? Can you sip tea with grace and ease? Perhaps it’s time to enroll in the preeminent Etiquette School for young ladies. East Central Regional Library and the Minnesota Historical Society present an Etiquette School for young ladies. This Victorian Manor program is for teens and preteens. Class size is limited.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 July 2022)
The Jaycees Annual Car Show and Street dance attracted a lot of attention, from street rod and classic car owners who showed their treasures and from people who love to admire the prized automobiles. Threatening weather all day kept the entries down to 175 from the expected 300 to 500 cars. A variety of fun events in plenty of food made for an enjoyable time for spectators.

The Milburn Cemetery Association invites the public to its centennial celebration. A short program with refreshments is planned at the Milburn Cemetery east of Pine City.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 July 2022)
Woody Schermann, local conservation officer, has completed his duties here and accepted a similar position in the Brainerd District. He said he felt the Pine City District was too small for a full-time officer and has recommended to the state department that this District be divided up and added to surrounding districts, thus making it unnecessary to hire another full-time person here.
Although extremely heavy rains over the weekend brought the Waters of the Snake River, Cross and Pokegama Lakes to unusually high levels for this time of the year, no serious or damaging flooding had occurred on the local scene as of early Tuesday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Braasch announced the sale of the Montgomery Ward Sales Agency and South Town Furniture to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Adams, effective on August 1.
27 Pine City preschool and kindergarten children, with the help of their teachers, recently ended the six weeks of Head Start classes here. During the session the youngsters found out many things. For example, that painting with your feet can be, well, squishy, slippery fun!

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 July 2022)
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sauser are the parents of a baby boy born Monday, July 21 at the Barnabas Hospital in Minneapolis. He weighed 7 lb and 6 oz. “From Where I Sit” by Joe Marsh, a column in the Pine Poker-Pioneer:
A young man comes rushing into the clerk office the other day and wants me to print an ad right quick, saying he won’t be responsible for his wife’s debts from now on, as he’s leaving her for good immediately. I allowed it as how the forms were all closed up, and it was too late to take his ad. He says all right, Monday then and we agreed on Monday. Of course the forms weren’t closed, but I had an inkling what might happen. Then Sunday he phones me and says kind of sheepishly, you can forget that ad. Me and the misses have everything all patched up. And we’re having a friendly glass of beer right now. From where I sit, if you give time enough to think things over, those nasty quarrels that come so often from misunderstanding, will give way to tolerance and common sense.”

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 July 2022)

Thomas Gardner has purchased the Pine City Dray line from S. Kilgore, closing the deal late Monday. Dr. and Mrs George Olson are looking for a house as they are anxious to start housekeeping.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 July 2022)
“Cap” Hatfield, the notorious Outlaw and leader in the Hatfield McCoy Feud and credited with killing 17 men, escaped from jail at Williamson, West Virginia.
Captain McAllen made a trip from Pine City to Mora with the Daisy the ladder part of last week. She shot the Millet Rips in fine Style.

10 Years Ago, 2012; (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 August 2022)
The kids’ tractor pull was the place to be where determined riders as young as four pedaled with all their mught to take it as far as their legs coud carry them. Many young tractor enthusiasts watch the Pine County Fair tractor pull and dream of the day they too will be behind the wheel and compete in a tractor pull. Nate Ovick fulfilled that dream last year. He was nine. Now 10 years old, Nate was headed to his second tractor pull at the Pine County Fair.
The Pine County 4-H served up their famous pancakes and other edibles each and every moring of the Pine County Fair. Yum!

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 August 2022)
Rush City police officers are looking for the owner of a horse which wandered into the community early the morning of July 31. Authorities have made several contacts but have not been able to locate the owner. The horse is being boarded by a Rush City family. The owner can claim the horse by contacting the Rush City Police and describing the animal to authorities.
Pine City area residence got their first look at their new Walmart sore on Wednesday August 13, when the official ribbon cutting ceremony was held. The 58,000 square foot store features 36 general merchandise departments, including a pharmacy, a lawn and garden center, apparel and accessories, jewelry and a large health and beauty department. The Walmart store hours are from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m., 7 days a week.

50 Year Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 August 2022)
The Pool and Neighborhood Center Committee will hold a public meeting next Thursday, August 24, at 8 p.m., in the Village Council room of the courthouse to determine public opinion on several questions regarding the pool and neighborhood center. According to the revised plan submitted by the architectural firm, the tentative price of the neighborhood center is $793,000.
All teaching positions for the coming year in the Pine City schools are now filled.
In Mora a low rock dam at Knife Lake was started this week by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This temporary structure will raise the level of the lake some three to four feet. The old dam was washed out to a depth of some 20 ft under its piling, making it impossible to repair.
The Minnesota State Fair announced its grandstand lineup. The Sonny and Cher show was set for August 26 and 27, the Neil Diamond show on September 2, John Denver on August 28, Bobby Goldsboro, Anne Murray, and George Kirby on August 30 and 31, Up With the People on September 3, and Lynn Anderson and Sonny James on August 29. Merle Haggard, with Sammi Smith and Waylon Jennings will perform on September 1.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 August 2022)
The 1947 Pine County Fair will open with entry day Friday August 15. The Nelson shows and the Midway will be set up and open Friday evening. The Pine city band will play a concert on the ground in the evening. A new feature has been added to this year’s program in the staging of a hot rod race, which is open to everyone who has a Model T Ford.
In Brook Park the dedication Services of the new Lutheran Church Sunday drew a large crowd. The ladies of the parish served a free lunch at the Town Hall later in the day, which all enjoyed.

Dr John Russ is carrying his right arm in a cast this week, the result of chipping the ends of both bones on his forearm. He tripped as he was going downstairs from his office and in the resulting fall broke the two bones. The injury will keep him away from his dental duties for a couple of weeks or more.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 August 2022)
The members of the Church of Immaculate Conception will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the organization of this Parish next Wednesday.
A bad brush and grass fire just east of Beroun, menace the farms in the neighborhood last Saturday and Sunday and but for the strenuous work of the firefighters would have done considerable damage.
Chase Spickler has been doing quite a business in the sign painting the last few weeks. He has painted signs for the Fair store, Hotel Agnes, Webber's Service Station and other business houses.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City, 11 August 2022)
Lake Pokegama is lined with campers. The white tents can be seen in almost every direction you may look.
The stone for the new village jail is on the ground and Messers, Ries and Co., are pushing the work as rapidly as possible so as to have it completed before the cold weather sets in. The building. The building will be erected between the village hall and the courthouse so as to make it handy for both. It will contain two steel cells, a large corridor and a justice room. The building will be solid brick, 22 and ½ by 32 and ½ ft and will be an ornament to the village.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 August 2022)
Pine City School District voters approved $5,715,000 in bonds for a new auditorium for Pine City High School on August 14, 2012. With all district precincts voting, the unofficial count was 1,084 voting yes and 945 voting no on the referendum, 53% in favor, 47% against.
Governor Mark Dayton proclaimed August 5 to 11, 2012 as Farmer's Market Week I Minnesota to celebrate the benefits of farmers' markets and agriculture products that farmers provide. Minnesota has more than 155 farmers markets that offer farm fresh, healthful products and provide an important opportunity for consumers and farmers to interact. Pine City has one of those markets each Friday and Saturday mornings, from June through October each year.
Jason Davis of "On the Road Again" took a tour of Pine City's Stoffel Family Memorabilia Museum for an upcoming episode of his popular show.

25 Year Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 August 2022)
Central Rivers Cooperatives desire to expand its lumber division could facilitate additional development on prime property just north of Pine City. The co-operative wants to purchase 10 acres just west of County Road 11. The site could accommodate the co-ops need to expand its lumber yard, and allow it to do some light manufacturing of building and yard related products
Corn stalks 11 to 12 feet high are the tallest 74-year-old, Oliver Westman, oof Rock Creek has ever seen in his field. A look at almost any corn field around the Pine City area will show that Westermans are not alone. The corn appears to be thriving in the heat of August.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 August 2022)
The board of Directors of First National Bank announced this week the appointment of John Schrader and Matt K Alexander as directors of the bank. The appointments were made to fill the unexpired terms of Clark Pennington and Michael Baron, both of whom passed away earlier this year.
The contractor on Monday turned over the keys of Hillside Court, Pine City's new housing for the elderly apartments, to the Pine City Housing Authority.

75 Yearts Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 August 2022)

Bob and Bud Therrien sold their café to Mrs. George Brandt, of Mora, on Monday of this week. The new owner has been in the café and restaurant business in Mora for the past five years.

The Happy O'Malley family sold their big dance Pavilion Oil Station, and entire farm on Monday of last week to George Lang and Arthur Notch of Saint Paul. Mr. and Mrs. O'Malley expect to move to Hinckley. Happy is a salesman for the Benz liquor company and expects to continue in that work.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 August 2022)
Helen Jean Bettinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Bettinger, of Rock Creek, took second place in the baby contest at the county fair at Pine City last Saturday.
Marlin McNeal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McNeal, was given fourth place. About 35 babies were at the show.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 August 2022)
The Pine City Milling Company started up their mill on Thursday and are now grinding. Mr. McDowell, their head miller, is here and will no doubt give satisfaction as he is a miller of long-standing and is up today in all branches. The name of the flour they will put upom the market next week will be patent "Pride of Pine City" and "Bakers."

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 August 2022)
On August 27th, Pine City Post Office will become a permanent tribute to the courage and sacrifice of marine Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder. Fedder, a Pine City high school graduate, joined the Marines in 1994. He served on two combat tours of Duty in Iraq, and while working as an explosive ordinance disposal specialist in Afghanistan he was killed on August 27th, 2010 by an improvised explosive device. On June 5th, at the request of US Representative Chip Cravaack, President Barrack Obama signed into law legislation remaining the Pine City Post Office the master sergeant Daniel L. Fedder post office building in honor of his brave and distinguished serve to his country.
Home schooling, a movement that started out rather small and obscure, has grown by leaps and bounds as people are seeing the benefits of gibing their children a very individual schooling experience. Last year there were over 50 home school students that were reported in the Pine City School District. As reported in publications like the Washington Times, studies show that home schoolers score 30% higher than the average public school student standardization tests.

Pine County ATV riders may now legally ride on certain county roads to connect to trails, after a plan from the Park Four Wheel Club was approved by county commissioners. At its August 7 meeting at the Pine County Courthouse in Pine City, the Pine County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to hear four proposals submitted by the Evergreen Park Four Wheel Club laying out plans for corridors on existing county roads to connect some ATV trails to other trails to other trails in the general areas outlined.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 August 2022)
Cars were parked on Highway 324 last Wednesday morning, people flocking to the long awaited opening of the new Walmart store. The ribbon was cut by manager Kevin Rokosz while other Walmart company officials and community members looked on. In addition to the usual grand opening activities, Walmart gave away donations to Window, the crisis center in Hinckley, to United Way chapter and to Pine City Schools. Associates welcomed the crowd with Walmart cheer.

Just for Kids. First McGruff Camp, a big hit for everyone. About 175 children from throughout Pine County attended the first annual McGruff camp organized by the Pine County Sheriff's Department held at Westside Park in Hinckley. Elementary gets big technology boost this year. Technology will have a much more prominent presence in the classrooms when school opens at Pine City Elementary on Tuesday September 2, 1997. Every classroom will have a new Power Mac computer

with internet access, all network district wide. The schools boast of a new computer lab with 26 Power Macs, and six of the new machines were added to the media center.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 August 2022)
On Sunday evening, between 6 and 8 p.m., the Pine city Drug Company was entered by someone who broke the pane in the back door, reached in and unlocked the door. About $40 was stolen from the cash register and about $60 from the change drawer. The safe was searched for and found a spare key for a locked cupboard and some old drugs. Druggist Hoyt Haycock discovered the theft when he returned to complete some work at 8 p.m.
Everett Koecher of Kerrick reported that his bull had been slaughtered on his farm. The value of the bull was $400. Part of the bull was found in Carlton County. The sheriff's department is investigating the theft now.
Thirty children participated in the 4th annual kiddie parade sponsored by the Pine City Mrs. JC's and held in Robinson Park last Thursday afternoon. Patrick Doran and Melissa Blahnik, as Hansel and Gretel, were winners of the grand champion award.
Sandstone: Gunner Johnson, who lives west of Sandstone, shot a large bobcat in his own farmyard on August 4 at 6:30 p.m. The 36-in cat had been threatened by Johnson's dog.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 August 2022)
V.W. (Vic) Ziebarth of Pine City was honored at the State Convention of the American Legion at Faribault last week, when he was elected vice-president of the state chapter.
Beroun: Frank Ouradnik until recently with the Army intelligence and stationed in Austria for the past two and one-half years, has returned a civilian to the home of his father. L.J. Ouradnik, and is enjoying visiting with his father, relatives and renewing old acquaintances.
Pin Setter wanted: Anyone wishing to set pins for the coming bowling season please be at the Tropic Tuesday eve August 26 at 8 p.m.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 August 2022)
The Pine City Farm Bureau unit will meet at the Adolf Sommer home next Sunday afternoon. This will be melon day and Mr. Sommer promises all those present the opportunity to eat their fill of watermelons.
"Even the woodpecker owes his success to the fact that he uses his head and keeps pecking away until he finishes the job he started." Coleman Cox. :Perseverance" 1922.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 August 2022)
The new dock built by the railroad company along the riverbank west of the old dock is about completed and is an ornament to the town as well as a useful acquisition. The farmers from up river now have a fine place on which to unload their grain and wood.
England seen to be having a little fun of their own just now. With a war on her hands in Asia, another in Africa, some of her newspaper men are not happy. They want war in America. Truly, England wants the Earth.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 September 2022)
Drive safely. Be aware of school zones, buses and bus stops. School opens. Kids are counting on you.
Pine City High School choir students traveled Europe. This Summer with the Minnesota ambassadors of music program they spent 16 days traveling London, Paris, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and Germany. The trip consisted of 260 students from around the state, with 31 chaperones, all choir or band directors from the State of Minnesota, traveling by plane, bus, rail and boat to some of the most spectacular places in Europe.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 September 2022)

Pokegama system near completion; Cross well underway. More than 11 million will have been spent to improve water quality in Cross and Pokegama Lake when construction is complete on the wastewater collection systems around the two lakes. The Cross Lake Project, which began in June, is moving smoothly through its first phase, while the Pokegama Lake Project, which began in June 1996, will soon draw to a close.
Local boy wins authentic Top Gun Flight: An authentic Top Gun Flight was a great surprise for Bill Menigo, a 10-year-old from Pine City. Bill folded a paper airplane for his mom, to enter the First Bank/Science Museum's "Great Plane Toss" sweepstakes.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 September 2022)
Charter night was held for the new Rock Creek Lions Club at the VFW Club rooms in Rush City last Friday evening. The meeting was called to order by Pine City Lions president Ray Kosbab.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 September 2022)
The full-time Veterans Administration contact office in Sandstone will be closed effective September 19 because of budget limitations.
Beroun: there will be a baseball game Sunday at the Beroun diamond when the single men will have the married men as their opponents.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 September 2022)
The Pine County Agricultural exhibit captured first place in the Central Division of County exhibits at the state fair and was awarded a beautiful silver cup, in addition to about $440 in premium money.
Mrs. L.E. Breckinridge has sold her drug store, stock and fixtures, to W.G Holm of Stanley, South Dakota.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 September 2022)
Herman Borchers moved into his new quarters on Front Street Wednesday and now has the finest shoe store in the northeastern part of the state.
Our new cigar maker, Mr John Stockl, arrived Sunday Last and is now nicely settled in the residence recently purchased from Mrs. M. Warner.
Rock Creek: there is great excitement in the local circles of prairie chickens caused by the ravages of Mr Holmberg. He gets up every morning at 4 o'clock and up-to-date he has bagged just one chicken.
A.E. Webber begin towing down wood from up near the Greeley Farm on Tuesday. He has a contract for towing over 300 cords, and it will keep him hustling to get it done before navigation closes.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 September 2022)
The Pine City Fire Department has responded to 85 fire calls throughout the four cities and six townships the department serves. Volunteer firefighters also responded to 32 incidents requiring rescue or Emergency Medical Service.
The Martin family, owners and operators of Martin's Greenhouses of Grasston, have been named Pine counties 2012 Farm Family of the Year by the University of Minnesota.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 September 2022)
A 25-year dream comes true. Golden shovels were used to break ground and plant birch trees at the open house for the new environmental residential Learning Center at the Audubon Center of the North Woods.
The Minnesota Pollution Control agency has recognized Pine County volunteers for their efforts to help the agency keep track of the water quality of Minnesota lakes.
The Hinckley Fire Museum is featuring a new traveling exhibit on loan from the Minnesota Historical Society that will be on display at the museum through October 15.

Minnesota school days captures the flavor of school life toward the clothes of the 19th century, when times were changing and so were the schools. The era of the one room schoolhouse waned, and smaller school districts began the process of consolidation.
Pine counties townships have each been asked to appoint two people to serve as road naming coordinators who will help the counties e911 committee and it's consultants established names for roads in their areas. The purpose of the new addressing and road naming system is to make it easier for emergency services Personnel to locate people in times of emergency. Addresses in cities will not change, but rural addresses will be given street names, replacing the rural route and box number addresses now in use.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 September 2022)
Menard pole buildings, located at Highway 70 and I-35, was burglarized sometime on the morning of September 1st, with many loose items in the building stolen. The thieves entered the building by breaking the glass in a window and removed a typewriter, and adding machine, desk lamps, tools, and an electric skill saw.
It may be Texas corn, but this is ridiculous! Mary Pangerl of 820 West 3rd Avenue may be thinking as she measures the two corn stalks in her garden that are now 14 ft tall and still growing. The corn grew from two huge seeds, called Texas corn.
Ribbons were brought home from the State Fair by Pine County 4-Hers Robin Kara's and Sharon Ausmus. Sharon earned her grand champion ribbon on a jelly exhibit in food preservation. Robin earned her grand champion by giving a top-notch demonstration on herbs.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 September 2022)
The barn of the Fred Krummel farm, about 9 miles southwest of Pine City on the Brunswick Road, was completely destroyed by fire last Sunday evening. The fire was discovered by Richard Krummel, the only member of the family home, after a bolt of lightning had knocked out the electric lights.
The first days enrollment at the local grade and high school was 655. This was probably the largest first days enrollment in the history of the school.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 September 2022)
Duck season opens. License fee for all persons over 14 years of age, is $1.
There have been two dances in the new dancing pavilion at Beroun and two visits by Sheriff Hawley have been necessary. Parents are not going to permit their daughters to attend dances where rowdyism is a regular thing, and the sheriff is going to get tired of being routed out about midnight to quiet a free for all wrangle, no matter how harmless it may seem to the participants.

The 70,000 men employed by the Ford Motor Company were under orders from Henry Ford to leave all forms of liquor, wine and beer alone at all times, under penalty of losing their jobs.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 September 2022)
8 lb of Arbuckles coffee for $1 at Berg & Ihle's old store.
It is announced that a concession to complete the Panama Canal has been given to England.

The Dynamo at the Pine City Milling Companies Mill is being put in as rapidly as possible and it will be but a short time before we will have electric light in our village.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 September 2022)
Senior Abby Cummins has had an excellent start to the cross-country season. She has been the number one runner in the first two meets this fall. She also broke the school record for the Pine City Invitational with an incredible time of 16.34. Junior Paul Skalicky has impressed the coaches this fall with his positive attitude, strong work ethic and consistent improvement. He has finished first and

second for us in the first two meets. These athletes set high goals for themselves and work very hard to achieve them. Congratulations Abby and Paul. Keep up the good work!

The 2012 Minnesota State Fair is over and the 4-H results are in! Pine County was once again well represented at the “Great Minnesota Get Together” by a group of outstanding youth. Youth exhibited everything from crafts to critters that they received top honors on at the county fair. Top honors were given to Erin Fischer as an animal interview finalist and overall Havana rabbit champion. Ellen Harth received a purple ribbon for her summer junior yearling Jersey. Kati Lyseth also received a purple ribbon for her summer junior yearling Jersey. Pine County 4-H congratulates all of the youth that attended the state fair and thanks the chaperones that assisted with the state fair.
Good time had by all at Rock Creek relics. Kids of all ages checked out the classic machinery at Anderson’s Threshing and Sawing Show on Labor Day weekend.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 September 2022)
Education is just one focus of the telephone pioneers of America, a group made up of people who work for or are retired from U.S. West. They devoted their energies last Wednesday to repainting the map of the United States that has been on the Pine City Elementary School playground for several years. Normally, the pioneers use a stencil to create a map, then spend a day painting it. Because Pine City already had the basic form, the project took half a day. The maps have been created for schools by telephone pioneers of America all around the country.
Every fall at hundreds of fur trade wintering posts, traders and Indian customers would gather to conduct business and celebrate their partnerships. Such an event will be recreated at the Northwest Company Fur Post near Pine City. Visitors can join with costumed re-enactors to commemorate the historic Mutual Enterprise along the Snake River between the Ojibwe and traders of European heritage. As fall color sweeps into the trees along the river, the Minnesota Historical Society site will be transformed into the early 1800s where the British flag waves over the Palisades. Voyagers will entertain themselves with competitive events and the sound of bagpipes will fill the air.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 September 2022)
Pine City Schools open on August 28 with enrollment similar to last year’s total. The high school reports 827 students, while the elementary school reports 773. St. Mary’s reports 67.
On August 28 at 11:57 a.m. the Pine City Fire Department was called to a house fire at the Richard Hudlow residence in Beroun. The fire was confined to the upstairs area of the home. The fire was started in a clothes closet by a visiting child playing with matches.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 September 2022)
Norris K. Nelson of Pine City was appointed as county supervisor of assessors by the county board at their meeting held on Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gillen, who have operated the Jack Sprat store here for the past 3 years, sold their business this week to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dokken of long prairie. The store hereafter will be known as the Dokken Red & White Food Market.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 September 2022)
Chicken thieves have begun their work again this year and on Monday evening made a visit to the Otis Schmidt home. Otis was awakened during the night by the barking of his watchdog, and on looking out saw two men, one in his chicken pen and the other on top of the wood pile where the dog had him cornered. When Otis made himself heard, the thieves took a hasty departure without any chickens.
125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 September 2022)
Brook Park’s first wedding took place Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the home of the bride’s parents. Mr Elmer J. Hill and Jennie Pierce, both of this place, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 September 2022)

A Pine City dog, and his owner, are headed off to Louisiana to spend three days competing against the top hunting dogs in the United States and the world. Brad Steele and Old Blue are in the finals for the United Kennel Club World Championship finalists after advancing through the quarter and semifinals. “There were 500 dogs entered around the country and my dog made it through to the top 100,” Steel said. “He’s the only one from Minnesota.” Old Blue is a seven-year-old Treeing Walker, and he loves to hunt raccoons.
Whether it was costumed re-enactors, hand carving canoe paddles and cooking culinary delights over open flames, or visitors trying out the games and skills of the 1800s, the Northwest Company Fur Posts fall gathering was a huge success. From a wild rice cook-off, to liars contest and foot races, demonstrations, and even a candle-lit country dance in the evening, there was an activity to please every fall gathering enthusiast from the Snake River all the way to Hudson Bay.
Pickleball for adults at the Pine City Elementary multi-room will take place Fridays beginning in September. Pickleball is a great workout and a popular, growing sport.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 September 2022)
Fish Lake Lutheran Church in Stark is celebrating a completed restoration project of its worship area. Built in the late 1800s, the church had beautifully colored stenciling on the walls. It had been painted over and, as the years past, the balcony was closed off and a false ceiling put in covering the original domed ceiling. Now the balcony has been opened up, the false ceiling removed. The beautifully colored artwork has been restored.
The new school year marked a new chapter in junior high education at Pine City with the opening of the 7th grade house. The addition to the high school allows classroom and group gathering space just for 7th grade, allowing the students to more easily make the transition from elementary school to high school.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 September 2022)
Two hundred-day-old pheasant chicks received from Carlos Avery Game Farm and were distributed to 10 FFA boys for raising this summer. The boys are Jeff Pangrel, Douglas Norman, Scott Tiffany, Tim Geisler, Mark Soderbeck, Doug Lange, George Valvoda, Richard Kalb, Mark Stephan and David Karas.
St Croix: Mrs. Dennis Shatava and Keith saw a bear just below Shuey’s hill a few weeks ago when they were on their way home from the Harland Rubys.
Moose Lake: About 200 young people rioted in Pinehurst Park, Cloquet, on Labor Day evening. The mob threw rocks and bottles at police, indulged in name calling and set up a road barrier. They later placed white crosses taken from Labor Day festivities on the yards of City police officers and made numerous annoying phone calls threatening the lives of the police officers and their families.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 September 2022)
Walter Schwartzwald, of this city, completed a transaction on September 1, whereby he purchased the Osakis Recreation Bowling Alley from Mrs. Dorothy Harrison of Osakis. Mr. Schwartzwald, who managed his own bowling alleys and dancehall here for 11 and a half years, will remain in Pine City to care for his other business interests.
The River Diner at Grasston, operated by Adolph Sandberg, was completely destroyed by fire Wednesday morning about 5 a.m.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 September 2022)
Pine City is to have a new furniture store, to be known as the Kunesh & Richards Furniture Company and located in their own new building south of Richards Hardware Store.

President Harding vetoed the soldiers bonus bill. In a written message, he informed Congress that, while he was in accord with the avowed purpose of the measure, he did not subscribe to its provisions.

The new school year brings back the bright faced group of women and girls who teach the public schools. Formerly regarded as an old maidish and bookish kind of person, the modern school teacher has developed into a young person whose charms considerably agitate the masculine heart.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 September 2022)

Douglas Greeley has let the contract for the building of the addition to his hotel and work was commenced on the same on Thursday. The addition will be 28 by 50, two stories high, which when completed, will make a fine large hotel building. He will also remodel the old part and heat it throughout with hot air.

Rocky Mountain tea cures constipation, indigestion, headache, liver complaints and gives strength to the whole system.

Arthur Bartlett had laid up the Florence B for the winter and is making preparations to go into the woods.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 September 2022)

When Pine City's Brad Steele took his 7-year-old dog Old Blue down to Shreveport, Louisiana for the United Kennel Club World Championship, he hoped his pup would be able to compete against the best raccoon hunting dogs. He did – and more. Old Blue came in 19th in the contest and brought home the cup to prove it. Steele said this puts Old Blue in pretty rarified company among Minnesota hunting dogs. "I'm not sure of the number exactly, but less than a handful of Minnesota dogs have ever made it to the top 20."

Two Pine City poets are part of a newly released collection featuring the work of Minnesota writers. Margaret Marty and Shelly Odendahl were both included in the 21st volume of the Jack Pine writer's block series. A literary journal for amateur and experienced writers.

Pine City movie lovers have the chance to check out an amazing variety of films at the second annual Highway 61 Film Festival. The festival will feature comedies, action, horror, drama, documentary and student-made movies in nearly 30 short and feature length films over the weekend.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 October 2022)

The Pine City Lions Club is looking for a good photo of the Pine County Fair grandstand while it was on fire. The club wants to use the picture, as well as a photo of the new grandstand, on its 1998 calendar.

A public comment has been established prior to the start of Pine County board meetings. The board concurred with a suggestion by coordinator Brian Heck that the public be provided with a way to address the board. Heck went on to recommend that the board allow five to 10 minutes before the board meetings and do it in such a way so the board has some control over it. The board would set a time limit and people would call and say they want to be included beforehand.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 October 2022)

Pine Motors, Inc., the Chevrolet garage in Pine City owned and operated by George Schunicht since 1958, will discontinue its operations this week. At the present time it appears there won't be a Chevrolet dealer in Pine City. As yet, no one has taken over the franchise.

The Pine County Sheriff's Department has released the fact that the three men who robbed the Kerrick Bank last week got away with $11,500. They left Kerrick headed north on Highway 23 in a blue Plymouth and have not been seen since.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 October 2022)

Four young people miraculously escaped serious injury and death last Saturday night when the car in which they were riding crashed into the side of a moving southbound Great Northern freight train at the crossing north of Braham on Highway 70.

It was learned Monday afternoon that the federal correctional institute at Sandstone was to be closed as soon as arrangements carrying out the new orders could be made. Present plans call for the transfer of 50 guards and their families to other federal prisons in various parts of the country.

A disastrous fire hit the John Dedic farm, Northwest of Beroun Wednesday morning about 7 a.m., when the barn, its contents and 15 head of cattle were destroyed. The fire started from the backfire of a gasoline motor which operated the milking machine.
Dickie Holetz entertained eight little boys and his teacher, Miss Bremer, at a dinner party at his home Friday evening. Following the 6 p.m. dinner, all enjoyed the movies. This was Dickie's eighth birthday.
Showing at the Family Theater on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday was "The Yearling," starring Gregory Peck and Jane Wyman.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 October 2022)
The second game of the World Series being played in New York today between the New York Giants and New York Yankees was called at the end of the 10th inning on account of Darkness. The score at the end of the 10th stood at three and three.
J.H. Woehrle and Mrs. Bertha T. Chapman have purchased the Pine City Bakery from Louis Lessard and took possession last Tuesday.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 October 2022)
Frank and William Peter, two new settlers on Jarvis Bay, have erected fine houses and will commence clearing shortly.
J.E. Nordstrom, who resides at the north end of Lake Pokegama, is erecting a fine large dwelling which, when completed, will be an ornament to this part of the lake.
The forests in the northern part of the county are said to furnish excellent pastime for the bee hunter. Residents at Hillman have nearly all captured from one to five trees. E.F. Penny reports a find last week of a tree containing about 60 pounds of honey after extracted.

10 Years Ago, 2010 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 October 2022)
For a few moments on Friday night, the Pine County Fair Grandstand will look like a classic car show Mercurys, Cadillacs and Galaxies from the 1950s and 1960s will fill the arena. Then, the mayhem will begin. The Antique Derby promises to delight fans – and horrify classic car lover's – as driver's pound each other's vintage vehicles to pieces in the arena, each car from 1964 or earlier.
Oscar Sutherland of Stearns Bank presents a $500 check to Pine Center for the Arts Board Member Kris Seuntjens. Stearns Bank "adopted" the arts center by paying its rent for the month of August, and the center is still on the lookout for other groups to "adopt" the organization throughout 2010.

25 Years Ago, 1995 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 October 2022)
The Pine City Summer Recreation Peewee and Midget baseball teams recently concluded successful seasons. Both squads captured championships in post-season tournaments.

Four students from the Hinckley-Sandstone area are participating in the North American Indigenous Games being held in Blaine June 30-Aug. 6. Participating form Hinckley are Deloris Gibbs, 15, and Vanessa Gibbs, 12, in basketball. They are the daughters of Dianne and Oliver Gibbs. George LaFave, 13, is on the boxing team. His mother is Vanessa LaFave. Also chosen for a baseball team is Tony Benjamin, the son of Anita Audie, Sandstone.

50 Years Ago, 1970 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 October 2022)
Duluth Mayor Ben Boo, a Pine Citian, who has gone elsewhere and made good is to return for the big Aug. 15 events here to help the home folks celebrate Tom Connor Day.
Boo is the Republican endorsed candidate for lieutenant governor of Minnesota.
Charles Haussner, a year around Pokegama lake resident, passed away, following a boating accident in Wisconsin in which the outboard motor on the boat he was fishing from exploded.

One of the many outstanding marching units to appear at the Pine County Fair – Tom Connor day parade here, will be the Hennepin County Sheriff's Drum and Bugle Corps.

75 Years Ago, 1945 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 October 2022)
Pine City will be on the route of the newly proposed interstate highway system.
Rush City Fire Department was called to the Johnson Block to extinguish a fire of undetermined origin last Thursday. The firemen made short work of the blaze and had it smothered in a few minutes. The building was badly damaged, all of the offices on the second floor were smoked to some extent, the hallway and the apartment occupied by the Moses family came in for the greatest amount of damage. The Sommer Drug Co. directly beneath the Moses apartment had a great deal of water in their establishment.

100 Years Ago, 1920 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 October 2022)
Joseph Ouradnik Jr., shot himself through the foot while trying to remove a loaded shell from a .22 rifle.
Sometime last Tuesday night someone helped themselves to about $40 worth of gold plate in the office of Dr. Sculley at Pine City. Entrance was evidently gained by the use of a skeleton key as no marks were left.

125 Years Ago, 1895 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 October 2022)
Geo. Perkings and Ed Netser, returned Tuesday from Sandstone, they not being able to strike a paying job. The best they could do was to get a dollar and a quarter a day, and after paying four dollars and a half a week for board there was not enough left to pay for the hard work.
There have been more new farm machinery bought in this village this year than ever before in one season. Farmers are getting self-binders, mowers and all of the necessary machinery to do good farming.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 October 2022)
A bountiful year for the third summer of the Pine City community garden. Pine City Community Gardeners and Pine County Master Gardeners enjoyed a fall harvest picnic at the Garden.

Habitat for Humanity of East Central Minnesota is planning to build another house in Pine City, and is seeking a special family interested in receiving a new home for a no interest loan.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 October 2022)
The fireworks many feared would erupt at the Pine County space committees public forum in Hinckley last Thursday night were absent.
Instead about 100 county residents, most from the Pine City area, politely offered ideas and voiced their opinions on how county government might meet its need for additional office space. Many expressed reservations about the most prominent proposal in the space discussion to date, moving several county offices to Sandstone. Those who spoke repeatedly asked the space committee to slow down, to extend its timeline for making a recommendation to the Pine County board on the space issue.
“The state seal shows a farmer, a waterfall, a forest and an Indian riding into the sunset. It should be changed to ice cubes rampant on a field of white, a grinning, barefoot Swede in a grain belt t-shirt riding a snowmobile and a shivering visitor whose stricken breath is freezing into ice crystals.” Charles Kuralt. “Dateline America” 1979.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 October 2022)
The sheriff’s department was involved in searches for three lost hunters last week.
The first occurred when a Saint Paul man was separated from a companion while hunting in the Chengwatana forest on October 12. The sheriff’s department was notified and arranged for Bill Walden of Sandstone to fly department personnel over the area in search. The hunter was found and guided to safety.

The next night Sheriff Kozisek was notified that a hunter was lost in the Magic Forest Area of Nickerson Township. That hunter was found with the help of a search plane. Another lost hunter was reported and his two sons from Minneapolis were lost in the woods east of Sandstone and spent the night there.
The Village Council has been informed that Pine City is scheduled for a new National Guard Armory to be built here possibly in 1975 or 1976. Pine City, in order to get the new facility here, must provide a suitable site without charge to the Minnesota State Armory building commission. The federal government requires a site to be no less than 5 acres in size, and water and sewage utilities to the site must be provided.
The Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish will observe the 100th anniversary of its existence on October 8 this year. Pine City was still very much a lumbering town when the first priest from Stillwater began to serve the Catholic Community here a hundred years ago. The first church was built in 1879. A new church was erected in 1911, a new rectory in 1920 and St Mary's grade school in 1956.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 October 2022)
According to a bulletin received this week from the Adjutant General's Office, in St. Paul, Pine City is the states champion recruiter for the week ending October 4. Pine City has been in the top brackets in the present National Guard recruiting drive.
Henriette: Lyle Hancock had a telephone installed in his hardware store Monday. Let's all call him.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 October 2022)
Beroun: Frank Cabak sold his 40 acre farm for $4,300 to a party from southern Minnesota.

Partridge hunting within the village limits of the city of Virginia has occurred. Hundreds of birds were driven into the city by the recent forest fires.
Beginning November 1, there will be five rural mail routes running out of the Pine City Post Office. Pete Swanson will be the temporary carrier for Route 5.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 October 2022)
Rock Creek: There would be some excuse for the man who, when suffering from hunger, would help himself to a loaf of bread or a watermelon, but there is no earthly excuse for the party who entered Simon Johnson's door yard a week or so ago when the family was at supper and stole four nuts and one wheel from the light wagon. If the guilty party is found, the law should show no mercy as it was a rank and contemptible piece of cussedness.
More business is being done here in one day now then was done in a week at this time last year. What has caused the change? It is very easy to see. The mill brings people from all parts of the country and they do their trading here. The merchants, too, are helping their trade by buying everything the farmer has to sell, no matter what it may be.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 October 2022)
The test results are in, and Pine City school officials are pleased with the progress the district is making in boosting reading, writing, math and science proficiency. At Pine City schools, 90.6% of high school students graduated after 4 years, far exceeding the Statewide average of 76.9%.
Pine County is expected to be the lead agency to assist in the flood recovery buying program for those people hit hard by the record July flooding in the northern part of the county.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 October 2022)
A harrowing experience leaves a Pine City family shaken but unhurt. And we thought it couldn't happen in Pine City. Saturdays carjacking- turned- kidnapping at Mr. G's gas station and convenience store terrorized a local family and shattered then complacent that living in a small town can bring. Life was getting back to normal for the Bill and Linda Saumer family Monday afternoon, but the memories of Saturday's nightmare linger and the lesson that came from it Linda says she'll

never forget. “The reason I’ve been talking to everyone is to warn people,” she said. “Lock your car doors!”
Old theater becomes country music forum. The traditional country music show which began traveling around Minnesota 5 years ago has found a new home. The Midwest Country Musical Theater is the old Vogue Theater building in Sandstone.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 October 2022)
Westrock by Lillian Wimmer: Greetings neighbors! September! What a beautiful month before Jack Frost appears and he is a little late this year, which I am sure you all are elated over. The cool, crisp beginning of autumn, leaves turning a beautiful colorama of gold, rust and red hues. Just stirs the soul within and you almost feel like life is beginning again, no matter what age.
Hinckley: a meeting was held for those interested in restoring the Northern Pacific Depot and possibly making it into a fire museum. The depot was built after the first depot was destroyed in the great Hinckley Fire of 1894 and is slated to be demolished in the coming months if no citizen action is taken.
75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 October 2022)
Residents of this area will have an opportunity to see one of the more amazing developments of modern aviation, the helicopter, in action at Pine City in the near future. Popularly known as the “flying windmill,” “the flying eggbeater,” and the “copter,” the helicopter is the versatile aircraft that can go straight up, float straight down, fly backwards, fly sideways, whirl in a complete circle or just hover motionless in the air.
Pine City lost a pioneer businesswoman last week at the death of Mrs. A. A. Lahodny who has operated her well-known millinery store here, since she founded it March 2, 1898. She had been in excellent health up until a few weeks ago.
Brook Park firefighters have been fighting the fire west of town and report they have the fire under control, though not out. The fire, which started on the Whited farm, spread rapidly and the men with tractors and dozers worked late into the night the last few days, and the bigger Boy Scouts helped. It seemed hopeless as there is no moisture anywhere.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 October 2022)
Rock Creek: Everett Berglund, George Dahlstrom and Archie Doran have shouldered their packs and are now strongly entrenched on the flats near the St. Croix, where they will put in a couple of weeks in the gentle art of skunk hunting. They are all grizzled veterans at the job and should make a big hall. No doubt their friends here will be able to know when they break camp before they come in sight.
Rome: Benito Mussolini, the fascist leader who triumphantly entered Rome, has overtaken the government of the country with men of his own selection.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 October 2022)
If you want a heating stove, why not buy one with a reputation? The genuine round oak exceeds in sales those of any six of its imitators added together. See the name on the leg. For sale at H. N. Welch Hardware Store.
10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 November 2022)
Pine citizens are getting ready to go to the polls this Tuesday and among the state and national races they will also pick the next mayor of Pine City as well as two city council members. The next mayor of Pine City will serve a two-year term through 2014.
A Dodge Caravan accidentally accelerated in the Pine City KFC parking lot last Friday, just after 1 p.m., and went over the curb and through the wall of the building. The Pine County Sheriff’s Office reported that, fortunately, there were only minor injuries associated with the accident. The KFC quickly made temporary repairs to the wall, and the restaurant was soon back in business.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 November 2022)

Tracy and Kevin Schutt of Hinckley opened their new video store on Main Street in August. New products available for rental are the Nintendo 64 and PlayStation games. The Schutt's are concentrating on a large selection of video rentals and also have VCRs available for rent. TV video is the name of their business. It is open 7 days a week from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
The meeting of the Ambitious Pines 4-H club was held Thursday, October 16, at the Pine City Community room. It was parents' night and we served gross grub. Some of the menu items included queasy snail eggs, boogers on a stick, snake bits, kitty litter casserole, deviled mice, veggie vomit and green grassy cow pies.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 November 2022)
Mora: a hearing on a proposed new airport for the Mora area drew a crowd of 300 people and lasted for 5 hours last week. The plan includes an entirely new airport and the use of the present facility as an industrial park. Opponents feel that the cost is too great for a town the size of Mora and that expansion of the present airport is a better solution.
Representative John A. Blatnik reports that the Environmental Protection Agency has approved a grant of $79,000 to Grafton as part of the cost of the Town's new sewage treatment plan.
"The Creamery will now definitely be able to remain in town and continue to purchase milk from the surrounding area," Blatnik said.
On Tuesday, October 24, the Pine City Fire Department was called to the Ed Surdy farm, rural Grasston, 6 miles west of Pine City. One of the big bales of hay out in the field was on fire. It had been ignited by kids playing with matches.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 November 2022)
25 persons were injured when a Soo Line passenger train and a Northern Pacific Freight collided head on about 6 miles from the St Paul station.
Local happenings: Dean Stoffel celebrated his 9th birthday Saturday afternoon by having 10 of his playmates invited to his home for a party.
Pine Camp Ballroom advertised a Halloween night masquerade ball Friday, October 31. Music by the Variety Boys.
The Fireman's 9th Annual Halloween ball was planned at Happy's Pavilion on Saturday, November 1, with music by the Dick Mason 7 piece Orchestra.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 November 2022)
Joseph E. Therrien of Pine City was elected to the state legislature as representative for Pine County.
Specials at the Fair Store are fig bar cookies, 11 cents a pound, sunshine soda crackers, 11 and 1/2 cents a pound, Copenhagen snuff, 7 and 1/2 cents and men's heavy fleece union suits, 79 cents.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 November 2022)
P. W. McAllen, cashier of the First State Bank of Pine City, left Thursday of this week for Dakota to attend to business matters there. We hope that the wind will not blow as hard as it did when he was there the last time, for if it did, he would come back bald-headed for he has no beard to be slaughtered.
Born at the home of B. L. Mitchell, a daughter. Mother, child, and father are doing well.
Brook Park: Dr. Kelsey has commenced shingling his immense Barn. It has a circular roof and undoubtedly will be an ornament when finished.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 November 2022)
Voters picked Paul Janssen to become the next mayor of Pine City. Janssen was unopposed on the ballot. He'll begin a 2-year term as mayor in January, 2013.

Veterans Day: remembering Pine City's Navy. Pine City is not the first place many people would associate with having a Navy. But just before World War I there was a naval presence in the city, the Naval Militia.
The vestiges of this organization are preserved on a stone marker in front of the new library. As people wander in and out of the library some may stop for a moment to read the inscription and think it odd to have a Navy Monument in a landlocked city. People may shake their heads and wonder, where did these men train? Pokegama Lake? Well, the truth is, yes.
Duluth became the first city in Minnesota to have a naval militia in 1903. By 1906, Captain Guy A. Eaton, who is considered, according to the Minnesota National Guard web page, "the father of the Minnesota Naval militia" was permitted to bring a ship, the USS Gopher to train the militias. Eaton became the leader of all the naval militias in Minnesota, which grew to include, not only Duluth and Pine City, but also Bemidji and Crosby.
While Duluth had the first two divisions of the naval militia, Pine City was the third, thus the designation the third division. January 17, 1913 marked the beginning of the Pine City Naval Militia.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 November 2022)
It's a mammoth undertaking, but the cast and crew will be ready next week when Pine City High School's theater department presents "42nd Street." The classic musical involves a cast of 37, who go through 400 costumes and 19 scene changes in the course of the two-hour show. 20 crew members, including personal dressers for every girl and a few for the boys, and a set changing crew make it all possible. Three stage managers keep the show moving. The biggest musical Pine City has seen in several years, "42nd Street' is directed by Tom Larson with musical direction by Michael Zemek. Choreographers Wendy DeGeest and Jenny Hunt dedicated countless hours to teaching dance moves such as jumps, flips, spins, lifts, buffalo steps and jazz squares to the cast.

At the state capitol on Tuesday, October 28, legislators finally got around to voting on the issue of funding a new Twins stadium. This debate has been an interesting lesson in state politics. On one hand, there are Republican state senators fighting to uphold the wishes of the people in the state, to build an outdoor ballpark without spending a dime of taxpayer dollars. On the other hand the DFL leadership is fighting to protect the Native American casino monopoly from competition, while attempting to raise taxes to pay for the stadium.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 November 2022)
Moon rock samples that were returned to Earth by Apollo 11 will be on display at the Pine City National Guard Armory on Thursday, November 16 during the careers day program.
Pine City A&W advertised: "Over ½ ton of coneys sold. Thank you for your help in making this our most successful season. See you in the spring."

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 November 2022)
County Rural School news: In regard to teachers marks on pupil report cards, there still seems to be much misunderstanding. According to standard tests and measurements used, most teachers mark too high and very few estimate too low. Parents should not estimate the ability of a teacher by the marks she puts on the report cards. Many teachers aim to please the fond parents by giving pupils an A or a B when the mark should be only C or D, if correct standards of measure are observed. When in doubt, use standardized tests.
The Halloween party Friday evening, sponsored by the American Legion, 40 and 8 and the Pine City Commercial Club, was a grand success when over 400 children we're entertained at the Pine City Armory. The success was shown by the small amount of damage or the few pranks which were run off that evening.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 November 2022)
Rock Creek: A farewell party was held for Mr. and Mrs. Shoberg Tuesday night. They moved to Rush City Wednesday and their son, Gunnard, has rented their farm.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Holler on November 7. Irve says he is a “chip off the old block” and expects him to grow up and be a great bear hunter like his father.

125 Years Ago, 1897

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10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 November 2022)

The Jon Moulton dairy farm between Rock Creek and Rush City is one of 50 dairies in Minnesota and Wisconsin that have adopted a new wave of farm technology that is sweeping across the Upper Midwest. That technology is the sophisticated robotic milker, which not only milks the cows 24/7, but also controls feed, detects cow health problems and cleans itself.

The crime rate in the southern portion of Pine County is relatively low, and Pokegama Township residents want to keep it that way. Pokegama Township and the Pokegama Lake Association have joined forces to promote a township-wide neighborhood watch program whereby citizens can become the eyes and ears of local law enforcement.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 November 2022)

Pine City will be the host City for the Multiple Sclerosis Society’s TRAM (The Ride Across Minnesota) July 26-31,1998. The ride will start and end in Pine City, according to the Pine City Chamber of Commerce. 1800 bicycle riders are expected to participate, which will feature the most northern route ever used in the events 9-year history. Fully stocked rest stops, first aid, support vehicles and bicycle mechanics are all part of the tour.

Cyndy Skaff, extension educator in Pine County, was honored by the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents as the 1997 recipient of the National Achievement in Service Award. This award is given to an extension educator who is in their third to seventh year of their career and is recognized by their peers for demonstrating excellent quality programming.

The Pine City Fire Department was called to a serious fire November 7 at 9:15 p.m., at the John Woll residence on 5th Avenue Northwest. The family is unable to live in the home until considerable repair work is done as the heat of the fire caused smoldering in the hot water heat pipes to come apart and also destroyed much of the homes wiring.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 November 2022)

Sheriff’s report: Sheriff John Kosicek was busy finding lost hunters again this weekend. Five hunters who had been lost were found by the sheriff and deputies with the aid of Bill Walden and his airplane. One hunter had spent all night in the woods.

Mrs. Mary Tesch, resident of Hillcrest Manor in Rush City, will be observing her 100th birthday on Friday, November 17. Mrs. Tesch was a resident of Pine County for 70 years and is the mother of Mrs. Harold Buzzard of Pine City.
Cavallin, Inc. advertised a 1972 Mercury four-door, hard top, 400, cruise-o-matic, 11,000 miles, for $3,495. A 1966 Mustang two-door, hardtop, 3 speed was priced at $850.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 November 2022)
A snowstorm which was reminiscent of the blizzard of Armistice Day 1940 hit this section of the state last Friday and Saturday. The snow was wet and heavy and did thousands of dollars of damage to telephone, telegraph and electric light wires and poles.
An explosion at the Land O'Lakes milk drying plant at Sandstone Monday morning at 10:15 shook the entire building and created a great deal of excitement. Axel Sandberg and Vern Gage had been working in the warehouse of the plant, near a large pressure tank, and had just left the room when the 1500 gallon cold water tank exploded and was partially thrown through the roof of the building.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 November 2022)
Word received from South Dakota states that so much snow has fallen that it is unable to get the corn husked. Pine County looks pretty good after all.
Bill Bantleon came into his own this year and returned from his annual hunting trip with an excellent specimen of the moose family, which is the ambition of all deer hunters. The moose weighed 1,200 lbs and has a spread of 50 in between horns.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 November 2022)
Two young men, whose names we did not learn, came into town this week to cut wood. If we are to judge from appearance, we might say that they must have had a queer idea of this country, or else they came from the Wild and Woolly West. Each stalked forth with a pair of revolvers and a bowie knife swinging in his cartridge belt. How is that for civilization?
Everybody is getting married these days, even people who have never been married before, and it is a good sign of faith in the country, in people and in the future.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 November 2022)
Pine County's history has a new home in Askov. The Pine County Historical Museum is not only open, it is transforming day by day as more exhibits and attractions take shape. Located at 6333 HC Andersen Alle in Askov, the museum is the long time dream of the Pine County Historical Society. County historical artifacts that were being stored or partially displayed in three other locations are now being shown in all their glory at the HC Anderson building, the old East Central Middle School building in Askov.
Once again, workers from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources forestry division, with assistance from the Conservation Corps of Minnesota, harvested a 65-foot spruce in the Chengwatana State Forest and sent it south. The tree, cut down on Nov. 16, became the holiday tree at the governor's official residence in St. Paul.
Nathan and Suzanna Nelson, who farm east of Hinckley, were among farmers and ranchers from across Minnesota who met in Washington, D.C. during the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federations Young Farmers and Ranchers trip in September.
Participants met with senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Frankin.
Attendees also toured and met with officials at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 November 2022)
Composting municipal solid waste breaks down the organic components of garbage. It reduces the load on landfills, and the compost can presently be used as soil amendments on fields, gardens, laws, nurseries and golf courses. A new University of Minnesota research project shows that compost also can be used for bedding in cattle feedlots. Cattle in the study remained healthy and

clean on compost. For some feedlot operators, the compost could be a good bedding alternative to newsprint or corn stalks.
If the Pine County Soil and Water Conservation District is successful in obtaining a state grant, a two-year study will be conducted on the sinkholes in the Askov area.
A naturally occurring phenomenon, sinkholes, have been found near the Askov city well, its waste storage ponds in Banning State Park, as well as on the other sites in Askov and Partridge Township. The study will determine if the sinkholes promote contamination of groundwater aquifers.
Each year, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources forestry division selects a tree from state forest land to serve as the state Christmas tree. This tree graces the front lawn of the Governor's residence in St. Paul. Again this year, the state Christmas tree was selected from the Chengwatana State Forest, east of Pine City. The tree was selected, cut, loaded, and hauled on Nov. 18.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 November 2022)
The Pine City Board of Education has begun preliminary consideration of the district's building needs. At present, M.B. Rude, local surveyor, will conduct a topographical survey of the school site. It is located south of town, roughly southeast of the Evangelical Free Church.
The 1972 school census has now been completed and tabulated. The report shows an increase by 59 in the number of children through 18 years of age living in District 578.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 November 2022)
The toll of deer hunters killed in Pine County reached two on Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Buirge of Pine City will open a new grocery store, known as the Stop and Shop, next Wednesday, Nov. 26.
Jim Boo, star end of the Pine City High School football team was named on the Allstate Prep 11 by Ted Peterson, sports writer in last Sunday's Minneapolis Tribune. Jerry Hoefler was given honorable mention.
Brook Park: The Dean Fischer boys found a balloon sent out by the government weather bureau in their pasture a week ago Friday.
100 Years Ago, 1922
A 15-pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Plessel, living East of town, last Monday morning.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 November 2022)
Rather cool weather, 22 degrees below, on Nov. 26.
Anyone wishing to buy land in Pine County should look over the tracts in Pine City, Mission Creek, Brook Park, and Hinckley. Prices range from $4 to $6 per acre on very easy terms.
Brook Park: Some meddlesome figure maliciously tampered with some part of the Sawmill engine so that the mill was shut down long enough to send to Stillwater for repairs. If the guilty parties are discovered, they might have to go to Stillwater for repairs.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 December 2022)
Hunters Dan Weber, Reid Ovick, Marv Berghammer, and 12-year-old Dan Ovick, knew their day had just taken a very different turn. They were still hunting, but now they were a rescue party. The four heroes found and rescued a 51-year-old who had been lost since 7 a.m.
Several Pine Technical College faculty members have been nominated for the prestigious Minnesota State College and Universities Board of Trustees Educator of the Year award for excellence in teaching.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 December 2022)
When Cleansoils Minnesota, Inc. of Vadnais Heights started piling dirt on a low-lying piece of ground just north of Pine City, it got the attention of the Pine County Solid Waste Office. The dirt turned out to be contaminated with petroleum.

East Central Electic is offering its customers the option of buying wind generated electricity through a new green power program.

50 Years Ago, 1972(Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 December 2022)
The fire department was called to the Ralph Dickinson Farm located one and a half miles south of Henriette on Friday, Nov. 24. Lost in the blaze was a barn, two wooden silos, a pole shed, and also a corn crib. 5,000 bales of hay that had been stored in the barn and pole shed were also lost to the fire.
There was a report from Del Jelinek of Del's Tavern in Pine City that his tavern had been broken into and money and merchandise stolen. Entry was gained by breaking a window in the rear of the tavern. Two suspects are being sought.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 December 2022)
One of the hottest and closest elections in years is expected Tuesday, Dec. 2, when voters go to the polls to elect a mayor, village trustee and vote on a $100,000 bond issue for a new municipal hospital.
Mr. Kuske, pharmacist at the Lilija drug store, will spend Thanksgiving and a few days with Mrs. Kuske at Sleepy Eye.
Henriette: a basket social will be given at the Village Hall the evening of Nov. 29. Everybody is welcome.
A picture in the Pine Poker Pioneer showed the wedding of Princess Elizabeth inside Westminister Abbey, in London, England.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 December 2022)
The Pine City fire department was called to a fire in the Challeen store last Monday morning about 8 a.m.
Last Thursday evening, a bad chimney fire broke out in the Axel Johnson home, but the quick assistance of the neighbors prevented the blaze from spreading.
East Rock Creek: Last week, when John Anderson went out one morning to feed his chickens, he found 40 chickens gone. The robbers, however, were kind enough to leave the heads of the 30 chickens in front of the chicken house.
A basket social and dance will be held in the Larson School in District number 47, west, on Saturday evening Dec. 9.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 December 2022)
George Kick had the misfortune to sever the first finger on his left hand on Saturday while cutting fodder for his stock. Dr. Barnum dressed the wound and Mr. Kick is doing well as could be.
On Wednesday afternoon, the ladies of the M.E. Church met at the residence of W.P. Gottry. A lunch was served from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. The ladies cleared a nice little sum.
The following plan would be a good and creditable thing for any live town: the businessman of Rochester maintain a public waiting room for women and children who come to the city from the county. Very often, when the wives of farmers come to town, they are obliged to take their children, sometimes to fit them out, other times because they cannot leave them at home. Instead of compelling them to sit around the stores, they rent a room centrally located, head it, provide toilet rooms, and have women in charge. The women and children from the country have a comfortable place and an opportunity to wash and eat their lunch.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 December 2022)
Santa Bob returns to Pine City for Holiday Madness. Even though Bob and Mary Haedt moved to Red Wing last year, they returned to their hometown to celebrate Holiday Madness with Pine City friends, young and old.
Pine City is being asked to pitch in as much as $150,000 to encourage developers to bring a 32-room hotel development to the area. The proposed hotel would be built on property west of I-35 and

roughly a quarter mile south of the exit at County Road 7. The hotel would have 32 rooms and a small pool. If they hotel is successful, more rooms could be added.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 December 2022)
Last week, the Cambridge and Pine City Chambers of Commerce got together without any of the members leaving their own cities. Cambridge chamber members gathered in the community meeting room in the lower level of the library in Cambridge, and Pine City Chamber members met in the conference room at the high school. Through “Picture Tel,” a video conferencing system which is available for use by businesses and organizations in Cambridge and Pine City, chamber members saw each other on television monitors while they discussed various topics.

The Pine County Water Planning Task Force will meet. The main agenda item will be a presentation by the Minnesota geological survey on what a geological atlas of Pine County would involve. Items of discussion will include what is a county geological atlas, what are the benefits of a geological atlas, who would do it, how would the study be done, what will it cost, who is expected to pay and how might it benefit the planned sinkhole study of the Askov area.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 December 2022) The Pine City Fire Department was called to two serious fires and one false alarm during the last week. On Friday, the department was called at 5:45 a.m. to a fire in the basement under the 61 Way Cafe. Mrs. Anne Bengson, who operates the cafe, had arisen and made coffee for herself when she heard a popping noise from the basement.
Doris Luna, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Luna, junior of Brook Park, is the first place winner of the voice of democracy script writing contest sponsored annually by the Pine City Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 December 2022)
W.S. McEachern became the new owner of the Hotel Agnes last Saturday when he purchased the building and all equipment from Chris Eriksen in one of the biggest business transactions completed here in recent months. The McEachern Cottage on Cross Lake and the former Wiseman Home, owned by Mr. McEachern, were included in the purchase price.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 December 2022)
William Challeen was elected post commander to pilot the post in 1923 at the annual meeting of the Leon Heath post of the American Legion.
Most people, after buying war savings stamps of the 1918 issue, put them away for safekeeping and many are now searching safe deposit boxes, desk drawers, and various hiding places for their stamps, said postmaster Collins today. These stamps, which cost from $4.12 to $4.23 each during 1918, reach their maturity value of $5 each Jan. 1, 1923.
Little Catherine Christopher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Christopher of Pine City, who was run over by a highway truck last week, has had a remarkable recovery and is able to be up and around.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 December 2022)
The ancient Pine Grove grows thinner and thinner every season, and in the next century, nothing will remain of the dense forest except stumps. What will become of our sawmills then? Change them into stump pullers?
The valuable mule, formally owned by Frank Sickler of Hustletown, but recently disposed of to Alexander West of Chengwatana, met with its death on Sunday. Home lounging, proving stronger than his halter, he escaped from his new home, and in endeavoring to find his way, he was overcome by fatigue and died.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 December 2022)

Pine City earns conservation recognition: 51 rain gardens and a variety of other projects are meant to make the waters of Pine City a little cleaner. Now the city is being recognized for those efforts. The Pine Soil and Water Conservation District selected the city of Pine City as the 2012 Pine Outstanding Conservationist. The city was elected for its efforts in conservation, particularly with two major street reconstruction projects in the Woodpecker Ridge Neighborhood that comprise over 50 rainwater gardens designed to treat storm water before entering nearby Cross Lake.
Explore the winter world of the voyageurs: 200 years ago, in a drafty trading post on a windswept bluff above the Snake River, in the territory that would someday become Minnesota, a fur trader named John Sayer sat shivering at his desk and wrote in his journal, “Winter quarters, cold increased thermometer stands at 35 degrees below freezing point, the severity of the weather obliged all the hunters to desist.” Reading those few words, even the toughest among us probably can’t help but think, “Life was hard back then, and it was cold.” But there’s more, lots more, and all should know about the winter of 1804 at the Northwest Company Fur Post in Pine City.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 December 2022)
Violators will have vehicles towed away. If you park on a Pine City street during a snow storm this winter, don’t be surprised if your car disappears. The city’s new winter parking ordinance makes towing and not tickets the primary enforcement tool. Pine City prohibits parking on any city streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. between Nov. 1 and March 31 of every year. Failure to obey the ordinance will result in a fine of up to $200 and or the vehicle may be towed.
Governor to attend ribbon cutting ceremony. On Friday, Jan. 9, Governor Arne Carlson will be present for the ribbon cutting at the Audubon Center of the North Woods, in Sandstone, when the new dormitory and dining hall complex is officially opened.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 December 2022)
The Chamber of Commerce board of directors met last Monday evening to elect officers for the year. John Waters was elected president, while Jim Ryan was elected treasurer. Delphine Johnson was rehired as chamber secretary.
The Pine City Fire Department was called last week to the barn fire at the Roger Brown Farm located four and a half miles Northeast of Beroun. The dairy barn burned to the ground and was a total loss, including 6,000 bales of hay, a silo built into the barn, a snowmobile, and a silage blower.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 December 2022)
The Henriette Hustlers 4-H club met at the George Osborn home, Dec. 6. The topic was bread. How to make baking powder biscuits and cornbread.
Brook Park: The village election Thursday brought out more voters than usual. The vote for the liquor store in the village turned out 36 for no and 24 for yes.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 December 2022)
Father, mother and all the children of every family of this community are invited to attend the Christmas party in the family theatre on Saturday afternoon of this week, Dec. 23. There will be presents for all.
Albert Chalupsky purchased a new feed grinder.
A leak in the village water main made it necessary to turn the water off in that main last night and early this morning. Al Oman is on the job this morning and we’ll have it repaired today.
New Year’s dance is at the armory, Pine City, Saturday evening, Dec. 30. Good music.

125 Years Ago, 1897 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 December 2022)
No items from Brook Park last week. This post office war was on and the correspondent took to the woods.
Rock Creek: J. Johnson has completed his residence on his land on the bank and he and F. Lindstrom have come out as two full-fledged bachelors. Young ladies, have some regard for their

pitiable condition and arrest them before their case becomes a hopeless case of rejected bachelorhood.
The most enjoyable event of the season was the candy pull given by the Hustletown Club at the home of J.E. Nester on Wednesday evening.
Jos. Franta spend Saturday and Sunday in the Twin Cities on business. Mr. Heugh had charge of his harness shop during Joseph's absence.
Two barrels of winesap apples, slightly frosted, good to use now for Christmas, 20 cents a pack a peck while they last. Look this up at the drugstore, Pine City.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 December 2022)
It was just over 20 years ago when the Great Voyageur statue rolled up on the shores of the Snake River in what is now Voyageur Park.
Two decades later, the statue has become a symbol of Pine City and such a part of the community is it hard for many to remember what the city looked like before it. It took a team of dedicated Pine City residents, the generosity of a number of businesses, and the skills of a Hinckley sculptor to make the statue a reality.
At its Dec. 11 meeting at the County Courthouse in Pine City, the Pine County Board of Commissioners quickly passed the property tax levy at $14,000,0075.00. This is the same amount presented at the Truth in Taxation hearing, and it is the same for the 2012 budget. In fact, the levy has been the same in Pine County since 2010.

25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 December 2022)
It was a sweep for the Pine City students at the Knowledge Bowl meet in Rush City on Dec. 11. Nine teams from Rush City, Mora, and Pine City competed in the event, which challenges students to answer questions from every subject they study.
The city leans toward different site for Public Works building: Pine City's plan to build a new Public Works facility met with mild opposition at a public hearing Wednesday, Dec. 10, but most of that was diffused when residents learned the city will not erect the facility on 8th street, also known as the Hilltop site. The council is instead leaning towards a site East of the city softball field, what it calls the Hurley Street site.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 December 2022)
Santa Day last Saturday at the Family Theatre in Pine City was well attended with 600 youngsters on hand to see Santa, watch the free movie and collect a bag of candy.
The Pine City Mercantile had $140 taken last Thursday in a bold daytime theft sometime between 1 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. while owner Robert Carlson was out to lunch. Two men and one woman came into the store. Well one of the men and the woman each diverted the attention of a sales clerk, the other man coolly entered Carlson's office at the back of the store and emptied the cash box.
A car belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mullins of Pine City slipped into reverse while idling and backed into the front of the Frances Ann shop. The car was unoccupied at the time of the accident.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 December 2022)
Nash Motors last week turned its spotlight on Pine City to award the highest honor it can be still on a dealer to Clarence Schwartzwald, president of Midway Nash Motors.
Henry Broz and son, Earnie, of Pine City, have just completed a transaction whereby they have leased the Pine City Mill from E.G. Booth, owner, and will operate it along the same lines as have been followed.
Members of the Pine City Fire Department and their ladies enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner, served by the Ladies Aid of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, at the Village Hall Tuesday evening. The dinner replaced the annual stag affair that has been celebrated by the department for the past number of years. Oldest active member attending was Robert Wilcox, who has been a member since the department was first organized in 1890.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 December 2022)
Washington Irving's famous classic, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," is being brought to the screen with Will Rogers in the roll of Ichabod Crane.
The Christmas party hosted by the Pine City businessman at the Family Theatre was a big success with over 1,200 attending and will undoubtedly be an annual event in the future.

10 Years Ago, 2012 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 December 2022)
Wages increase for Pine County workers in 2013: At the Dec. 11 County Board meeting, wages for some elected officials and for union and non-union county workers were set to increase. It was proposed that there be no change in salary for county commissioners.
The youth of Pine City raised their voice in song at the Pine City Elementary band and choir concert on Dec. 13, 2012
A public hearing was held on Dec. 18 at the Royalton Town Hall to discuss the future of the rodeo and other events held at Heidelbergers' Farm Equipment; LLC located at 3923 Highway 70. Heidelbergers has held rodeos and other public events at the business for the past several years.
25 Years Ago, 1997 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 December 2022)
In another controversial move last Tuesday, the Pine County Board voted three to two to purchase the Arrowhead Stator and Rotor building in Sandstone and 18 acres of adjacent land in Sandstone's industrial park for $180,000.
With a Minnesota Municipal Board hearing looming, the city of Pine City and Pokegama Township will try again to work out their differences regarding a request for the city to annex township property near I-35 and County Road 11. If the two governments can't resolve the issue, the state municipal board will come to Pine City Jan. 5 and 6, hold a meeting, and issue a decision.

50 Years Ago, 1972 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 December 2022)
The Pine City School lunch menu will include Tuna casserole, tossed salad, minced ham, white and rye sandwiches, orange juice, Rice Krispie bars and milk.
A warming house at the hockey rink and a piano for Hillside Court are the two most recent improvements completed by Pine City Lions. The warming house, located at the rink on Woodpecker Ridge, has been donated to the hockey league and is in their care.
A call for an ambulance and deputy to go to Crosslake in Pine City: A man had been on a kite behind a snowmobile when the kite threw him to the ground, breaking both legs and causing other injuries.

75 Years Ago, 1947 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 December 2022)
Eugene (Bud) Voskia of Pine City suffered severe injuries on Monday of this week when he was pinned beneath a small building. Bud was helping load a government surplus wheat bin onto a truck near the home of Mrs. Augusta Zenker in the East part of town, preparatory to hauling it to the fairgrounds, where it was have been used as a paint shop the Thrun Machine Co., of which Bud was employee.
Featured a Little Deb toaster set for $1.35, mechanical races for $0.69, all metal, rubber tired scooters for $2.98 and big dolls for $2.98.
Some 30 members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post, Pine City, attended a dinner last Wednesday evening at the Village Hall in honor of William Korbel. Mr. Korbel was presented with a Veterans of Foreign Wars plaque for honorary service in the local post.
The Methodist Church has purchased a new chancellor rail last week, and the choir wore their new robes for the first time.
Hundreds of children from Pine City and surrounding communities literally took over the Armory here last Friday afternoon, when they heard an excellent program and saw Santa.

100 Years Ago, 1922 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 December 2022)

The Therrin family, who has been living in the Albrecht home on Cross Lake, plan on moving into the Kubicek house which they have rented for the winter.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 January 2023)
Pine City taxpayers will be paying more to the city this year, now that payments on bonds for the new Fire Hall are starting to come due.
Someone who picked up a $10 lottery ticket in Pine County now has a 1 million dollar prize waiting for them. The Minnesota State Lottery reported that two tickets drawn on Jan. 1, each worth $1 million was sold in Pine County and Crow Wing County. The winners from Crow Wing County step froward on Monday, but the Pine County winners had not done so at press time.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 January 2023)
A lawyer hired by business owners in and around Pine Plaza castigated the Pine City Council for its proposal to assess street repairs and utility improvements to the neighboring property owners.
The Greater Minnesota Credit Union of Mora is opening a branch office in the former Hardee's building in Pine City. According to information discussed at the Pine City council's meeting, the Greater Minnesota Credit Union has purchased the building and plans to make minor cosmetic changes to the exterior, to eliminate the Hardee's look. A canopy over the drive-thru area is one of the changes.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 January 2023)
Andrew Neville of rural Pine City sustained a compound fracture in a snowmobile accident Sunday evening.
Pine City's annual snowflake days winter celebration will be held this weekend on Jan. 21 and 22 with trail rides, a dance and races schedule to fill the weekend.
Sunday afternoon, nearly 500 attended the fourth annual fishing derby sponsored by the Snake River Valley Conservation Club. 55 fish were caught in all.
The Harvesters 4-H club met Jan. 8. A discussion and round of applause was given to the people who participated in the cookie giveaway to the old people in Pine City. Also, registration is still open for the course on sewing men's pants.

75 Years Ago, 1948(Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 January 2023)
Emil Behrendt escaped injury last Thursday morning when his car, a Ford Mercury, was demolished when hit by a North Pacific train. The accident happened at the crossing about a mile north of Pine City.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 January 2023)
A number of farmers have asked us to issue a call for a mass meeting, to be held in the Village Hall at Pine City next Monday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. sharp. They feel it is high time the farmers were taking an active partake in the local and state affairs.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 January 2023)
M.G. Scofield had the misfortune to lay up one of his horses. The animal slipped and fell and hurt one of his legs. He is a fine horse and one of the only team Mr. Scofield has, so he feels the loss greatly.
Professor J.J. Dye closed the school Friday and returned home Monday. He goes to recruit his failing health. The patrons of the school regret very much to have the school closed, and hoped it will be only temporarily.
Two timber wolves promenaded our streets between the post office and the depot Tuesday evening. They created quite a scene as they howled unmercifully. A dead cow by the railroad track was probably the cause of their visit.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 January 2023)

Due to lack of training and proper equipment, firefighters are four times more likely to die on a water call than in a fire. In response to this, Pine County Sheriff Robin Cole, sent deputy Chuck Moon, and Sergeant Jeff Nelson to become certified instructors for ice rescue, and they led a training on Saturday, Jan. 5 at the Pine City Beach for more than 50 local firefighters, EMTs, deputies, members of the Pine County SWAT and rescue teams who all came together to become certified in ice rescues.

New and returning members of the city council of Pine City took a vow to uphold the laws and serve the community. Pine County Judge Krista Martin administered the oath of office to the new Pine City Mayor Paul Janssen, new city council member, Steve Ovick, and returning city council member, Brian Scholin.

Cross Lake is getting a safety upgrade as the Department of Natural Resources places 10,000 tons of rocks and 450 large boulders on the downstream side of the Cross Lake Dam, at an estimated cost of $450,000.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 January 2023)

A Lindstrom company which bottles water and juice made an offer in mid-December to purchase the Arrowhead Rotor and Stator building in Sandstone, the same building that is being purchased by Pine City.

Pine County Farm Bureau President Arnold Swanson attended the Minnesota Farm Bureau 79th Annual meeting held recently in Bloomington. The Pine County Farm Bureau won awards for membership growth and voting member increases.

A second grader from Pine City claimed third place in the grade two to three category in a statewide poster contest conducted for Minnesota D-Day. Aislinn Rogalla, daughter of Rob and Peggy Rogalla, created a tobacco-free poster featuring people running. She won a gift certificate to Dairy Queen and two tickets to the Children's Museum in St. Paul.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 January 2023)

Dr. George T. Olsen is retiring this weeks following 50 years of practice as a dentist in Pine City. In fact, it's 50 years of serving this community from the same office, located above the theater, where he started his dentistry following his graduation from the University of Minnesota Dental School back in 1922.

A barn at the Art Wagoner Farm, located about five miles Northwest of Pine City, was totally destroyed last Saturday evening. Twenty-nine heifer calves were in the barn at the time of the fire, and six were rescued by the fireman wearing air masks.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 January 2023)

An early morning fire at the Pine City Plumbing Company last Friday morning forced Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Stinson, who occupy and we're sleeping in the upstairs apartment, to flee in night attire into 22 degree below zero weather. Earl Stinson, occupying a downstairs room, and the Stensons upstairs, were awakened by an explosion about 3 a.m. and found the building so full of smoke and the fire spreading so rapidly that they were lucky to get out of the building with just the clothes they had on. Besides the plumbing company, the building also houses the Pine City Radio Shop, owned and operated by Lloyd Pearthree.

East Rock: A week ago Friday evening, a number of families combined business and pleasure as they gathered at the John Shambauer home, bringing with them a delicious lunch and also a lovely gift in appreciation of their years together as members of the threshing ring.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 January 2023)

A committee chaired by Dr. G. T. Olsen has called a public meeting to consider the matter of a skating rink, toboggan slide or any other kind of outdoor winter sports if enough people are interested.

Judge Wilcox, commanding officer of the Pine City Naval Militia, has called a public meeting to be held in the club rooms on Tuesday evening of next week for the purpose of considering plans for reorganizing the local militia.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 January 2023)
Frank Sickler, who has been engaged as a mule chaster in the pineries for the Wilcox Logging Company, returned to his home at number 25 Rag Alley, Thursday of last week with an honorable discharge.

Talk about patriotism and loyalty to one's vocation. One of our fair young lady teachers rode 12 miles on a load of wood and cheerfully bought her ticket to Hinckley to attend the County Association and returning, rode home on the empty sled. Surely education should come to the front with such promoters.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 January 2023)
Pine City water rates will creep up a big higher in the first months of 2013, and may be raised again later this year. Pine City administrator, Holly Wilson, said prices would raise by $1 per 1,000 gallons. Water will be sold by loads per 1,000 gallons for $15, up from $12,50. Cemetery rates are also going up. At the regular January city council meeting, city council members also voted to raise the rates for grave openings and closings in 2013, Between May and October, grave openings went from $200 to $250.
Wolf hunt called success across county, state. Minnesota's first wolf season came to an end on Jan. 3, and DNR officials are saying the hunt went well in Pine County and around the state.
First Light Health System is excited to announce that speech therapy services will now be offered in Pine City. Speech language pathologist evaluate an individuals ability to comprehend spoken and written language. They treat a variety of communication disorders including word finding difficulties, slurred speech and stuttering disorders.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 January 2023)
Not just another education fad. Statewide standards of learning are here to stay. If we are unable to teach kids basic reading and math in 12 years, the public shouldn't forgive us. Cheryl Ostrom of the Minnesota Department of Children, Families, and Learning told Pine City teachers last week that Minnesota's schools can guarantee that all students who graduate have the skills necessary to live and work in today's world.
72 Pine City High School students age 17 or older took the opportunity to donate blood during a Red Cross Bloodmobile Drive especially for them. The St. Paul chapter of the American Red Cross came to Pine City to collect blood from the students, many of them first time donors.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 January 2023)
Interesting statistics were released this week by the office of Case Nieboer, Clerk of Court, Pine County births and deaths for the past year. The statistics show that the total number of babies born to Pine County parents went down by 37 this past year and that the number of deaths increased by the same number, 37. There were 26 fewer marriage licenses issued than the previous year.
Brook Park: Another sorrow came to our community while the passing of Henry "Hank" Hippen. He served the public in the capacity of mayor, stopping only because of ill health.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 January 2023)
J.J. Madden last week sold his seed house and business to Merle Hanson of Pine City, who will continue to operate the business with the same lines, adding a full line of feed. Mr. Hanson was formerly connected with the Fuller Brush Company and is quite well known here.
Brook Park: In spite of the severe cold last Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, a fairly good crowd attended the school carnival at the town hall. Mrs. Gruver reports the school cleared about $150 and

they are very grateful and appreciative to all the merchants of Pine City, Hinckley, Mora and Brook Park for their kind and generous donations.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 January 2023)
Pine City now has a first class toboggan slide with about a half mile run on the ice out on the lake, thanks to Dr. Olsen, chairman of the committee appointed at the last Pine City Development Association meeting to other interested hard-working citizens.
Lowest priced quality automobile. Every Chevrolet is fully equipped when sold. It has electric lights and starter, gasoline tank in the rear, demountable rims and extra rim and tire carrier, three speed transmissions and reverse, speedometer and all necessary indicators on the instrument board, curtains open with doors of open models; all closed models have high grade glass windows. There is nothing more to buy but the license. Cost of car $525.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 January 2023)
A buckwheat party was given at the Kruse home on Monday evening, last. It was doubly entertaining because of the novelty theme.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 February 2023)
The temperature had lifted just above freezing at the start of the 47th Annual Pokegama Lake Fish Derby on Jan. 27, and the ice on the Southeast end of the lake was packed with anglers vying for prizes. Gathered around the pre-drilled holes outside Kurtz Muffies on the Lake, they sat on stools, camping chairs, upturned buckets, metal folding chairs, and on gates of pickup trucks. There were a lot of hugs as friends visited each other on the lake.
The Pine City pond hockey classic was held Feb. 8 through the 10th at the west side park pond, the public swimming beach in Pine City. The tournament featured both competitive and recreational divisions.
Don your period or semi-formal attire and step back in time to 19th century high society at the annual Queen Charlotte's birthday ball on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Northwest Company Fur Post, in Pine City. Lively county dances will be taught and called. Refreshments will be served.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 February 2023)
Regional Medical Center open for sneak preview. The community will have its first opportunity to visit the new Fairview Lakes Regional Medical Center in Wyoming during a sneak preview open house on Saturday, Jan. 31 and Sunday, Feb. 1. The building, which blends physicians clinics with hospital and emergency care, will open to clinic patients on Feb. 9 and to hospital patients on Feb. 14.
Pine County Sheriff, Steve Haavisto, announces the availability of the Minnesota Sheriff's Association scholarship program for 1998. The association has established a scholar ship fund of $9,000 and will aware 15, $600 scholarships this year. It hopes to expand the scholarship program in coming years.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 February 2023)
Lewis Wagoner, originally of Moose Lake, has purchased Ike Gillespie, Incorporated. As of Jan. 1, it will be known as Wagoner Motors.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 February 2023)
County Rural School news: most schools have been closed for a few days during the cold and storm this past week. The schools closed because of the storms or bad roads. Those days lost are considered as legal holidays and need not be made up.
Pine County Farmers lost $4,839 as a result of corn borer damage in 1947. Total loss for the state was nearly 15 million or nearly $80 per farm compared with less than $1 per farm in 1946.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 February 2023)
The WTCU prohibition anniversary celebration on the evening of Jan. 16 at the Methodist Church, was pronounced an interesting meeting.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 February 2023)
If the snow continues to delay, our wagons will all be broken down. These sleds and the children will be barefooted by Spring.
And now the question arises as to what time of day the proverbial groundhog came out. One thing is certain, a groundhog who stayed underground all winter showed very poor taste in coming out on the coldest day of the season.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 February 2023)
Highway 70 is in rough shape– and it's about to get rougher, as Fracsand shipping operations get underway between Grantsburg and North Branch with loaded trucks running every few minutes. Highway 70 is planned to get an overlay.
The drought conditions that plague the rest of the county last year have settled into Pine County – and Pine City itself has been experiencing a severe drought since October. Northern Pine County moved from moderate to severe drought in the week of Nov. 27. The last time Pine County had a normal amount of rainfall was back in the week of Sept. 2.
The fourth grade girls Hoops basketball team earned first place honors at the Cambridge tournament on Saturday, Feb. 2. The girls went 3-0 on the day, defeating two teams from River Falls, Wis. and a team from Somerset, Wis. to take home first place honors.
A group of dogs sledding enthusiasts headed to the Northwest Company Fur Post to take part in a workshop led by Pine City's own Jim and Cindy Hickey. Participants learned the ins and outs of various sleds and scooters, gang line, harnesses and other dog equipment. They practiced fitting a harness, studied sled dog terminology, and picked up information on where to buy and how, tapes of sled dogs, care for the sled dog, signs of stress in sled dogs and heard an explanation of activities for sled dogs including different levels of racing. The five-hour day ended with each of those taking part having the opportunity to drive a team of sled dogs.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 February 2023)
Could Pine City's downtown someday feature a mix of residences and retail establishments, town homes sharing the riverfront with public walkways, restaurants and shops? Could its neighborhoods be linked by streets that are safe for foot traffic as well as automobiles, it's park connected by a green belt, a pathway around the perimeter of the city? Can the city embark on a Cooperative planning effort with the four townships that touch its borders, promoting ideas like cluster developments in the townships that don't require the extension of city utilities? These are some of the questions a group of planners have asked residents and city officials to answer in the process of developing a new comprehensive plan for Pine City. The plan will be used to guide the city in making decisions about land use in years to come.
Ordinance will be enforced county wide unless townships, cities adopt their own: Septic systems in Pine County now are only regulated if they are in shore-lands, but that will change in January 1999 if the county complies with a state mandate. The 1997 law says all counties will have an ordinance in place for individual sewage treatment systems by Jan. 1, 1999. And will enforce it county wide unless townships or cities have adopted an ordinance that is at least as restrictive as the counties.
Former Pine County Fair Board president, Ray Wimmer, was chosen County Fair Person of the Year at Minnesota Federation of county fairs meeting held recently in the Twin Cities. A resident of Pine City, Wimmer joined the Pine County Fair Board in 1971 and served for 26 years until his retirement in 1996. He was president for 20 years, from 1976 until he retired.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 February 2023)
Bob Wines, owner of Bob's 66, has sold his business to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tuckner. It will henceforth by known as Fred's 66. This is the service station located next to the Red Shed Restaurant.
The Pine County Board took action last week to approve sponsorship new Armory at Pine City. The vote on the matter was three members voting for and two against.
The Pine City Lions Club is considering construction of tennis courts in Pine City. Before starting the project, the Lions would like to conduct an informal public opinion poll on this subject.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 February 2023)
The fire department was called to the Riverview Diner last Monday morning about 4 a.m. when about $75 of damage was done to the interior of the building after fire started from an overheated furnace and smoking pipes.
Starting with the March 4 issue, the subscription price to the Pine Poker-Pioneer will be advanced to $250 per year for subscribers in Minnesota, $3 per year for all other states, and $3.50 for foreign countries. Papers sold over the county will sell for $0.07 per copy.

100 Years Ago, 1923(Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 February 2023)
By accident it has come to our notice lately that the conversation carried on by some of our young Joy Riders must be exceedingly interesting. So much so that the curiosity of the festive mule that was hitched to the cutter was so aroused that it turned around in the shafts, stuck its head over the dashboard, and listened in. We didn't learn the details of the conversation. Those who are curious might ask the mule.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 February 2023)
On Thursday this week, Fred Norstrom had a desperate encounter with a monster wild cat in the unfrequented wilds of the Pokegama Forest, and after a life and death struggle between the gritty combatants, Mr. Cat, forgetting to breath, came out second best and was carried into the settlement and as a professor once said, "He are a beauty."
The well-known land firm of Kluzak and Svanda sold 240 acres of Beroun last week.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 February 2023)
American Legion National Commander, Jim Klutz, came to Pine City on Feb. 6 in what may be the first visit by a national commander in the long history of the American Legion Heath Perkins Post 51 in Pine City. Post Commander, Dwayne Wilkinson, was ready to greet Klutz as he arrived.
Klutz was visiting 12 Legion Posts across the state over four days and stopped in Pine City for breakfast, to meet members and speak about the future of the American Legion.
The Pine City School Board is considering a plan that would give city officials permission to construct a public biking and walking trail across Pine City High School property, as part of a larger trail system intended eventually to join trails stretching South to the Twin Cities and North to Duluth. The trail would be built along a 20-foot corridor leading past the south end of the school track and football field, head northeast just outside the school baseball and softball fields, and head north to the Pine City softball fields.
Dennis Odegard and Brent Jahnz were given their respective of office by newly elected mayor, Paul Janssen at the Planning Commission meeting Jan. 22, 2013.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 February 2023)
Minutes show no action on annexation issue. The Pokegama Town Board has no record of authorizing is attorney to object to Pine City's proposed annexation of the Bob and Jane Jones property. The 36 acre parcel along Pine County Road 11 and I-35, has become the focus of a dispute between the township and the city since Jones', who are trying to develop the area, petitioned the city to annex it.
City council hears proposal to turn airstrip into drag strip. The Sandstone City Council on Feb. 4 heard a presentation from Mike Ramsey on the location of a possible race track in the city of

Sandstone. Ramsey told the council he represents a bunch of guys throughout the state of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Canada, and are interested in putting a drag strip in the airport.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 February 2023)
The Pine City Education Association announced this week that it's nominee for Minnesota Teacher of the Year is Marian Lones, junior high language arts instructor.
During the years of Vietnam war, five Pine County young men gave their country, not only their dedicated service, but their lives as well. Of these, three were Pine City area servicemen, Lawrence Lewellyn, Brook Park; Tom Bina, Pine City; and David Teich, Pine City. One other was from Hinckley and one was from Rutledge.
The first annual FHA honey bun, chosen last Monday, is Tim Chalupnik, first runner-up is Dave Hill and second runner-up is Steve Roubinek. The Honey Bun contest was conducted in the form of a muffin bake off in the home economics room of Pine City High School.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 February 2023)
Teach them to drive. When considering the safety on the highway, we are not so much interested in how intelligent the driver is as in how intelligently he drives.
Rock Creek: The Rock Creek barber shop is now open for business five days a week instead of the usual two days.
Pokegama: Mr. and Mrs. Art Prior have purchased the Kenneth Carlson Farm and will move into it this spring when the Ralph Brackenbury's move to the Henry Grandt Farm which they have purchased.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 February 2023)
The same board of directors was re-elected to the Pine City Cooperative Creamery: P.H. Anderson, president; Paul Dorow, vice president; S.A. Striegle, secretary; George E. Kick, manager and treasurer; Elmer Carlson will continue as operator.
One of the saddest catastrophes that has occurred in this community was that of last Tuesday night when the lives of four small children were snuffed out in the fire at Meadow Lawn.
Frank Poferl, Pine County's popular treasurer, and Pine City's Burbank, is exhibiting a healthy full grown lemon that dropped from his lemon tree the other evening. The lemon is 12 inches in circumference.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 February 2023)
Four new would-be firefighters are moving closer to joining the Pine City Fire Department, and the department is planning trainings to deal with winter and spring safety threats.
The public is invited to the Pine County History Museum's first anniversary celebration open house in Askov.
Residents of Royalton Township may soon be attending meetings and holding social events in a new, larger town hall. Although township supervisors disagree on how much that town hall should cost. The Royalton Township board approved spending up to $325,000 for their current town hall. The budget would include heat and septic but not demolition of the current town hall.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 February 2023)
The Pine City/Rush City hockey team captured its first ever League Championship as they defeated Mora/Hinckley/Finlayson in a classic confrontation between two of the best programs in the Rum River Conference.
A sister and brother from Pine City have been named the 1998 Goodwill ambassadors for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Aubrey Olson, 11, and her brother, Nicholas, nine, will represent the families served by MDA by making public appearances across the county. The Olson family will participate in meetings of national and regional MDA sponsors, will be featured in MDA promotional materials, and will appear on the 1998 Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon.

Move to Wyoming Medical Center proceeded smoothly. The first babies were born at new Fairview Medical Center in Wyoming on the first day open. Three older hospitals were blended into one new one on Saturday, Feb. 14, when the Fairview Lakes Regional Medical Center in Wyoming, Minn. officially opened its doors for hospital and emergency care. The carefully choreographed move required months of painstaking planning. The actual relocation of patience was completed in less than four hours.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 February 2023)
The dog sled races on Pokegama Lake last Sunday were successful with 62 entries and over 600 dogs participating. Unfortunately, statistics for the races were kept by the North Star Sled Dog Club and are not available. Drivers came from several surrounding states and Canada to compete for the 14 trophies and $300 prize money.
Brook Park: One hard winter task that has thankfully been done away with is cutting ice for storage in a sawdust filled ice house. This was used to cool refrigerators and to make homemade ice cream. The supply lasted well into the summer. Three ice storage businesses supplied our needs. Mr. B.J. Kelsey, Brook Park Creamery, and A.B. Ziegler.
Wes Tracy, president of the student council at Pine City High School, tried out the new pay telephone that, through the efforts of the council, has been installed down the stairs across from the high school office.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 February 2023)
Word has been received that the Connaker Bros. of Pine City have leased the Mobile gas station on Highway 61, next to the new era services.
Henriette: The Fairway store will celebrate their first anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 21. All are welcome to come and enjoy a good friendly cup of coffee and a snack.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 February 2023)
The banks, schools, post office, and the courthouse offices are closed today in observance of the birthday of George Washington. Most of the business houses and homes are displaying the national colors in commemoration of this great American.
William Challeen has installed a radio in his home and has developed into a real radio fan. He has heard concerts from Portland, Ore., and Los Angeles, Calif. the other evening.
The young folks of Metal Lawn report having a fine time at the dance Saturday evening in spite of the cold. Music was furnished by Sam Carlson and his sister, Josephine.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 February 2023)
Rock Creek: A visitor gives his impressions of this prosperous village: Five miles south from Pine City and two miles from the Chisago County line, is the romantically situated village of Rock Creek, which appears to the railway passenger as a modest hamlet supported by the industry of the woodsman, as piles of cord wood and stacks of railway ties are along both sides of the track and circle round stores and cottages. But back of Rock Creek Village are cultivated farms, with dairy herds, and beehives quite adorn the modest gardens. Rock Creek is a busy scene when the milk train goes and comes, with the silver like cans jingling.
Herman Borchers has just received a large and complete line of shoes for ladies, gents and children. His stock is complete in every particular, and when you are in need of another in the line of shoes, do not forget that you can get what you want there at the lowest price. If your shoes need repairing, call him. He can do it in first class shape and at reasonable prices.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 March 2023)
Rush City bank robbery investigation continues: Law enforcement is still searching for the man who robbed Northwoods Bank in Rush City on Feb. 19. The male told the teller it was a robbery and then

handed the teller a plastic grocery bag. After receiving the cash, the suspect fled in a vehicle described as a black, two-door compact passenger vehicle with a loud exhaust.
Quick thinking saves heart attack victim: Pine City's Ed Sauter and Cindy Novy didn't wake up on Feb. 11 thinking they'd be saving a man's life before lunch time. Sauter, who runs an accounting service from his home office, heard his 8:30 a.m. appointment pulling into his driveway a few minutes early, a married couple in their early 70's. He looked out his window and saw a man lying on the driveway. It was about then that Cindy Novy, who owns the Flower Box in Pine City, drove by. Sauter called 911 and both he and Novy did CPR until an ambulance arrived a few minutes later.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 March 2023)
U.S. West introduces new generation of services in Pine City. U.S. West is now offering a new generation of advanced custom calling services to residents of Pine City. At the same time, the services are being introduced in Braham, Mora, Ogilvie, Rush City, Sandstone, and Hinckley. The most popular of the seven new services is called ID, which lets customers know who is calling before they answer the telephone.
WCMP Radio's Home Show will be held at the Pine City Armory this weekend. Admission is free and door prizes will be awarded.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 March 2023)
The cause of the explosion and fire which destroyed the downtown Mobil gas station in Pine City Monday morning, and critically injured Michael Miller, is still undetermined. Fire chief John Skluzacek stated that he believed the explosion was caused by leaking gasoline fumes, which were ignited by the furnace in the building when it came on. The explosion, which came at 8:30 a.m., caused an immediate serious fire.
Rush City: The third major fire in two weeks destroyed the Harris farm home of the David Eberhardt family a week ago Friday, despite the efforts of Rush City and Harris fire departments. Eberhardt discovered the fire in the basement as he was preparing to go to work at 5:30 a.m.
The presentation of the play, "Father Knows Best," will mark the first time an all-school play has been performed at Pine City High School.
Last year, Pine City had its first regional wrestling champ in its entire history and again this year they repeated that feat with Dan Bina winning three straight matches, taking the gold medal in the 141 pound weight class.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 March 2023)
A $50,000 fire hit Hinckley Tuesday moring about 7:30 a.m. when the old Dempsey garage building was completely destroyed by fire.
Chengwatana: The Stitch and Chatter Club met at the Becvar home. Delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Becvar.
Sunday evening, some 50 friends and neighbors held a farewell party for the Henry Stoffel family. After the lunch, an orchestra kept the group entertained with dancing until the wee hours, when all departed wishing the Stoffels all the best of luck. The Stoffels have purchased a farm West of Pine City and plan to move by March 1.
Beroun: Goldie's Cafe, which has been closed since last Christmas due to oil shortage, is now open for business.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 March 2023)
Frank Stransky, Sr. suffered an injury yesterday morning while in Pine City. He was standing on the sidewalk east of the tracks near the lumber shed when a team became frightened and started to run away. The sled swung, striking Mr. Stransky and knocking him down. It was feared one of his legs was broken.
Quite a number of farmers have taken advantage of Ted Buselmeier's invitation in last week's Poker and have been listening to the market reports received at the Kozy Korner everyday at 1:30 p.m. sharp.

The break in the weather the past few days, while a welcome change from the cold wave of the last week or two, has made many of the county roads almost impassable.
Clair Shuey stared shelling seed corn Monday.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 March 2023)
Rock Creek: Shorty Doran says he intends to get married Saturday evening if the weather is favorable, but we do not take any stock in this statement, however.
The annual Town Election is nigh at hand, and we wish to inform those who have taken out their citizens papers during the past year that they're required to bring the said papers to the polls on Election Day.
Our sick list was large last week, quite a number having a tussle with la grippe, but most of them are recovering with only a loss of a few meals.
Hustletown: Women have a right to vote in political affairs now, at least so the judges decided on Saturday evening after the debate at the Chengwatana lyceum. Since they are allowed to vote, the subject for debate tomorrow evening is, "Resolve! That women have a right to propose matrimony."

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 March 2023)
DNR: No walleye worries, fishing just fine in Pine County. New fish regulations on Mille Lacs Lake made the news this week, but the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources said Pine County anglers have nothing to worry about: local fish populations are in good shape. The walleye are within the normal historic means. All the fish like bass, crappies, bluegills, and norther pike all are the result from natural reproduction in all our lakes. That's why it's important to maintain good habitat for them.
Is Bigfoot on the loose in Pine County? Some say Bigfoot is a myth, but Chad Lewis isn't so sure. What's more, the paranormal researcher knows many who say they have spotted the creature right in Pine County. Louis, author of mysterious creatures of Minnesota, said he first started receiving reports of Bigfoot sightings in the St. Croix State Park and Nemadji State Forest 19 years ago.
And Pine Counties 1 million winner is? Still unknown. A million dollar ticket in the January Minnesota Millionaire Raffle was sold in Pine County, but the holder has not yet stepped forward, according to the Minnesota Lottery.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 March 2023)
End of an era in the hardware business: Nuts and bolts have been sold on the same corner since late 1800s. By the end of the day on April 22, a building that has forever been a hardware store will stand empty. The wooden floors of JB's Hardware will echo the footsteps of customers who've come there seeking hammers and nails since Frank Smith built the place in the late 1800's. John and Pat Becvar, owners since 1973, will close the door on a successful 25 years of their lives and begin easing their way into retirement.
Prison construction right on schedule. Construction is progressing right on schedule on the new state correctional facility being built just north of Rush City. On any given day, there are from 77 to 92 personnel working on site. About half of the workers come from within a 25 mile radius of the site. The number will increase to 350 to 400 this coming summer. While the site is 345 acres, the facility will occupy 85 acres, with 65 acres being inside a 15 foot high razor wire security fence.
WCMP radio's Home, Recreation and Farm Show was held this weekend at the Pine City Armory. Admission was free and door prizes were awarded.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 March 2023)
The first annual youth hockey banquet was held at the American Legion in Pine City last Friday, March 3, resulting in a successful highlight and culmination of the local hockey season. Jack Bean, president of the youth hockey association, introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Lou Nanne of the North Stars.

After 40 years of operating a local business in Pine City, William (Bill) Korbel has sold Korbel's Sporting Goods to Larry Foster of Pine City. Korbel started his business as an auto supply store in the early 1930s. In 1937, he changed it over to a sporting goods store. The change of ownership took effect March 1.
Cal Stoll, head football coach at the University of Minnesota, will be the quest speaker at the athletic awards banquet to be held here on March 12.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 March 2023)
Dr. Joseph E. Halpin wishes to announce that beginning March 1, Dr. Ralph F. Mach will be associated with him in medical and surgical practice in Rush City. Dr. Mach is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and for the past year has been in practice at Foley, Minnesota.
One of the worst snow storms in recent years hit this section of the state last Friday and Saturday, with the result the roads were blocked and travel in general was tied up. The storm reached its peak Friday evening with a 45 mile per hour wind picked up loose snow that had been falling most of the day and started piling it into drifts.
Death came to one of the elderly pioneers of Pine City when Frank Saumer passed away in his home here last Thursday, Feb. 26
Henriette: The children of the Henriette School are conducting a paper drive to help finance their annual trip, this year to Minneapolis. This paper is to be stored at the Hancock Feed Warehouse in Henriette.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 March 2023)
The Farmers and Merchants State Bank installed a clock and burglar alarm.
John Doenz has been assisted in his bachelor life. He received a package of bachelor buttons the other day and would like to know who sent them.
Al Oman was at Automba last week where he was awarded a contract a mounting to $3,800 for installing the heating equipment in a new school building being erected there. His bid was $1 lower than the next lowest bid.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 March 2023)
Beroun: Six miles North of Pine City, on the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad, is the post office and village of Beroun, a point for the county that is being rapidly developed and quickly settled. A dozen families are expected this week and for the season it is confidently believed that the population will increase 50%. Beroun has a railway station, two stores, a hotel, post office, blacksmith shop, public school, and Roman Catholic school.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 March 2023)
Drought enters seventh month: Experts disagree on what spring weather will bring. The Pine City area has been dealing with severe drought conditions since Sept. 2 and
Northern Pine County has been in the same condition since Oct. 2. For farmers, the upcoming weeks and months are crucial to the 2013 growing season.
Pine County comes together in short story contest: From Sturgeon Lake to Rock Creek, from Brook Park to Markville, writers are sharpening pencils all across Pine County as the first ever Pine County Short Story Contest gets underway this March. Every story submitted must be an original work of fiction up to 2,000 words, and previously unpublished. To give the contest a local twist, each story submitted must be set in Pine County, in whole or in part, or have a strong Pine County connection.
Liquor store robbed at knife point. A Carlton County liquor store was robbed by a knife-weilding man on March 9, and a suspect has already been taken into custody by the Carlton County Sheriff's Office.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 March 2023)
Pioneer online: The Pine City Pioneer is now online at www.pinecitymn.com.

BevCo officials say they're pleased with Pine City's offer. Officials from the water and juice bottling company, BevCo, Inc., have responded enthusiastically to the Pine City Economic Development Authority's proposals to build a plant for BevCo in the industrial park. They told the city council on March 4 that they will let Pine City know this week or next if it will be site for their new plant.
Five finalists to interview for presidency of Pine Technical College. Five finalists for the presidency of Pine Technical College have been invited to participate in campus interviews beginning Monday, March 16. The new presidents will replace Eugene Biever, who is retiring June 30 and has served as president since 1981.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 March 2023)
Atscott Manufacturing Company of Pine City has completed payment of an Economic Development Administration Minnesota Area Redevelopment loan. Atscott, a job machine shop, thereby became the second Minnesota company to repay such an industrial loan. Since beginning operations 10 years ago in an abandoned creamery building, the company has grown to approximately 55 employees, a $300,000 payroll and annual sales of more than $600,000.
Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Rike were honored Sunday, March 11 on their 30th wedding anniversary at a party hosted by their children at the senior citizen center in Pine City.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 March 2023)
The Pine City High School basketball team won the District 25 championship in the tournament held at the auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of last week by virtue of wins over the Willow River, Moose Lake and Lindstrom/Center City quints.
Carl W. Colby, 72, editor and publisher of the Pine County Courier at Sandstone for its past 43 years, died at Veterans Hospital in Minneapolis, Wednesday morning March 10, at 8:10 o'clock.
Beroun: Ernest Kub, who is employed at the Beroun Creamery, was painfully burned while at work. It will be many days before his hand is well enough to allow him to return. His many friends hope that it was not be a long and painful recovery.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 March 2023)
Work has started this week on the new oil station for the Gehl Oil Company. It will be located on the Federal Highway on the corner opposite the Piper Furniture Company.
Jo E. Therrien, Pine County Representative in the state legislature, has been named chairman of the state parks committee of the House. It is unusual for a new member to receive a chairmanship of an important committee during his first session and it is quite an honor.
Plan to attend the Easter dance at the armory on Monday evening, April 2. Sid Striegel's famous Tinkertown Jazz Band of Minneapolis will furnish the music.
Art Biederman was a weekend visitor in Moose Lake. We understand that wedding bells may ring for Art this summer. When approached on the subject, Art wouldn't deny or confirm the rumor, but his happy face leads one to believe that it might be so.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 March 2023)
One day last week, as Andrew Feury was on the Pokegama Road, less than half a mile above the lake, being on his way back from Brook Park, where he had been after a wagon load of mixed personal property, animate and otherwise, consisting of three calves, some feed, ect. for a newcomer from Dakota, Mr. Feury stopped at Thomas Hady's and left his team in the road untied while he called at the house. His team soon discovered they had the lines and the open road before them. They started on one of their habitual spurts, appearing then on beating all their past dashing records of speed. As a result, the calves were thrown out, but fortunately they were not hurt. One of the single trees broke, wagon box splintered, reach broken and in passing over a large oak stump, the end of the hind wheels was socked into the stump so deep and solid that the combined efforts of three men, pulling and wiggling, failed to extract the reach, and they had to use other appliances. The horses cleared themselves, and were caught at the head of the lake, not very seriously hurt.

Mr. Sickler of Hustletown entertained a number of the young folks on Friday evening at what was to have been a candy pull. All had a good time, playing games and otherwise enjoying themselves. The only thing lacking was the candy

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 March 2023)
County sticks with Arrowhead Transit bus service: Arrowhead Transit reported that it had more Pine County riders, and made more money than expected in 2012. As its Feb. 19 meeting at the Pine County Courthouse in Pine City, the Pine County Board of Commissioners voted to renew its contract with Arrowhead Transit. Because ridership is up in Pine County, revenue was slightly higher than projected.
Faced with a need to create several hundred new parking spaces in connection with the new Pine City High School Auditorium, the school board is exploring the purchase of the former Car City automobile dealership site across the street. The school board voted unanimously last week on a resolution to purchase the 5.45 acre site and building as is for $30,000, and the school officials are working with the seller on due diligence issues and execution of a formal purchase agreement is expected soon.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 March 2023)
New teachers contract raises salary 6% over two year period. A new two year contract has been finalized between Pine City education association and the Pine City School Board. This was achieved with the assistance of a state mediator, the agreement raises the teachers salary base by 3% in each of the next two years.
U.S. West introduces a new generation of services in Pine City. U.S. West is now offering a new generation of advanced custom calling services to residents of Pine City. At the same time, the services are also being introduced in Braham, More, Ogilvie, Rush City, Sandstone, and Hinckley. The most popular of the seven new services is caller ID, which lets customers know who is calling before they answer the telephone.
Snowmobile trails are not for all season. An early spring brings an early reminder from the Department of Natural Resources that motorcycles, all terrain vehicles, and four-wheel drive trucks are now allowed on snowmobile trails.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 March 2023)
The Pine City American Legion held its annual birthday part dinner and dance last Saturday. Honored at the affair were legion members who have held continuous membership for 54 years of the post’s existence.
Mark Bina, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Bina of Pine City, was injured Tuesday, March 13 while helping to tear a barn down on the old Bina farm. He fell out of the hay mow and came down across an old arrow head which was lodged in the barn wall. His head was badly cut and he also suffered a fractured skull and broken right wrist. He was hospitalized at Sandstone overnight and a week later was able to return to school.
A meeting of those interested in securing an ice arena for Pine City was held on Monday evening of this week. This included both adults and junior hockey fans and backers. It was concluded that outside funding seems remote so local money and effort are being enlisted for the project.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 March 2023)
Brook Park: The primary grades under Mrs. Frances Carley have been busy dying Easter eggs for the Easter Tree and all have brought bunnies to put under and around the tree.
Albert Lick, who has been an employee at the People’s Oil Company here the past two and a half years, last week purchased the Mobile Oil Station in Hinckley, formerly operated by Donald Shoberg.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 March 2023)
The demon fire again rained supreme at Grasston last Monday evening when it destroyed the O.M. Nelson store, the meat market and building occupied by the Advance Ice House, barn and other outbuildings.
The First National Bank of Pine City has capitol and surplus of $57,500.
After a nine month stay at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Paul, Doctor J.J. Sculley is back at his home in Pine City.
Following was the scale of wages recommended by the county engineer at the monthly meeting of the county board: maintenance patrolman, 25 cents per hour for team; on construction, laborers, 25 cents per hour and 25 cents per hour for team; graderman, 50 cents per hour; farming, 37 and a half cents per hour; dynamiters, 30 cents; gravel checkers, 32 and a half cents; and tractor engineer, $140 per month.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 March 2023)
Frank Sickler, who last week offered to rent out a pine cottage, acquaint us with the fact that he has changed his mind. In the blizzard of March 19, he advertised for a wife. We would not wonder if that has something to do with it.
When Glasow, McLaughlin and Murray get there new buildings up on Front Street, the block, which was swept by fire last summer, will be a credit to the town.
There is some talk of organizing a bicycle club here this summer, and it would add much to the summers enjoyment. Other towns, not as large as this, have wheel clubs. Those interested should work the matter up and have a club organized by the time the warm weather comes.
Some of the neighbors are rejoicing that they got their ice houses filled just in the nick of time, while others will have to keep as cool as possible and wait until another winter for ice.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 March 2023)
PTCC adds 29 million to economy each year. Pine Technical College brings 29 million into the local economy each year, according to a new study. The Wilder research study, economic impact of Pine Technical College, reported that for every $100 produced in east central Minnesota, $1 can be traced back to Pine Technical College. The report notes that spending by the college and its students contributes to personal income, employment and tax revenues.
Auditorium construction bids come in high. Bids for construction of the proposed auditorium at Pine City High School came in considerably higher than expected, prompting school officials to consider scaling back some elements of the project to stay within budget, and/or seek additional ways to pay for it.
25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 March 2023)
McGruff Camp: The second annual McGruff safety camp, sponsored by the Pine County Sheriff's Office and the Pine County McGruff House Program, will be held at Westside Park in Hinckley. A planning session is set for March 28 at the Hinckley City Hall. The camp will be held in August.
County's major traffic arteries will see big repairs this summer: Travelers will encounter major construction projects on Pine County's busiest highways this summer. Highway 48, from Grand Casino Hinckley, to the Minnesota/Wisconsin state line, and both the north and southbound lanes of interstate 35 from Sandstone to the north county line will receive significant repairs.
Finlayson tradition - Saint Urho's Day Parade: Clowns and people dressed as grasshoppers entertained the crowd at the Saint Urho's Day Parade celebrated in Finlayson. The Hinckley Finlayson High School marching band was quite a hit during spring kickoff event.
Local boy's illness was not meningitis: A Pine City secondary student suspected Friday of having meningitis was instead diagnosed with having a brain abscess. The boy has undergone surgery at a Twin Cities Hospital and as of this paper's printing, was reported to be sitting up and eating in his hospital room.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 March 2023)

Clarence Nordstrom has been appointed to represent Pine County on the Region D Advisory Council on crime prevention and control. Nordstrom was nominated to the position by the Pine County Board of Commissioners.
Congratulations to Lawrence Mans and Calvin Harth. Lawrence was named Pine County's 1973 Outstanding Farmer/Sportsman and Calvin was the reserve champion.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 March 2023)
The Family Theatre, which has been owned and operated by the Turners for the past 31 years, was sold on Thursday of last week to Walter Schwartzwald by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Turner. Included in the transaction is the Turner residence, which is adjacent to the theatre building. Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Turner purchased the Family Theatre on March 8, 1917 when it was located in the building now occupied by the Petschel Cafe.
The show business grew to such proportions under their management that it became necessary to find larger quarters, and in 1921, the present theatre building was erected and completed in October of that year. In 1930, their son, Glen, became associated with them.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 March 2023)
Clarence Cook broke both wrists and the left cheek bone when he slipped and fell while working on construction of the new county garage.
The Pine City Hardware Store has been sold to Ben Boo, C. R. Boo, and Al Oman.
A.H. Becker of Braham has purchased the business building owned by Phil Silesky, which adjourns the Prochaska Pharmacy on Main Street and is now occupied by the Karsky barber shop. Mr. Becker will run a variety store here.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 March 2023)
Some of our neighbors are rejoicing that they got their ice houses filed just in time while others will have to keep cool as possible and wait until another winter for ice.
The maple sugar makers have closed their camps for a few days on account of bad weather.
Meadow Lawn: Those who attended the lyceum at Chengwatana Saturday, report having had a good time. We guess they did, for those from this place that attended did not get home for three days.
Chas Peterson went west a short time ago, and we are informed that he is at work in Fargo, N.D., and the young ladies are wearing a forlorn and far away look.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 April 2023)
Pine County commuters have a long drive, according to a recent study published in Minnesota Economic Trends magazine. Pine County had the seventh highest average commute time in the state, at 27.1 minutes one way, or 9.8 days per year. Isanti County had the longest commute time in the study, with residence clocking an average of 33.2 minutes one day, or 12 days per year.
Road construction season will soon be here again and improvement plans from the Minnesota Department of Transportation will affect many Pine County drivers. MnDOT will install cable median barriers on I-35 at four locations between Highway 70 and County Road 4 in Carlton County to improve safety.
Communities across East Central Minnesota are now really recognizing that broadband, high speed internet, is an essential tool for economic development and telecommunications providers, and local government officials are working together to make it available and help citizens take advantage of it.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 April 2023)
Concerned citizens hope a legal measure can stop Pine County Board. A group of taxpayers from Pine City and Hinckley has, in one week, raised over $5,000 to hire an attorney to bring litigation against the Pine County board. The legal action would attempt to stop the county from transferring ownership of the former Arrowhead Rotor building in Sandstone to East Central School District and from spending county dollars to renovate the building.

The Pine County Soil and Water Conservation District is the recipient of a $5,000 grant from the central Minnesota initiative fund. The grant will be used to help fund a comprehensive study of the sinkhole phenomena in the Askov and the Partridge Township area of North Central Pine County. The scientific portion of the sinkhole study will be completed by the geology and geophysics department of the University of Minnesota. This part of the study is expected to get underway by July 1st. The entire sinkhole study is expected to take two years to complete, with a total cost of about $135,000.
The Pokegama Town board approved a motion last week that terminates any effort to incorporate as a city.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 April 2023)
The 61-Way Cafe has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johnson of North Branch. Mrs. Anna Bengson, the former owner, plans to retire here in Pine City. She purchased the cafe in June of 1972.
The second meeting of parents interested in starting a cooperative nursery school in Pine City was held last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. R.K. Runquist.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 April 2023)
The Henriette school aged children, grades 4-8, and teachers, toured points of interest in Minneapolis last Tuesday, March 23.
Mr. and Mrs. August Hanson had the misfortune of having their car, a green Pontiac, stolen from directly in front of the courthouse when in Pine City last week. Mr. Hanson had left the car about ten minutes, and upon returning, found it gone. Sam Kirschbaum, who also was in Pine City that day, brought the Hanson's home.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 April 2023)
A sad accident occurred last Monday afternoon when little Mary Alice Duvall, six-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Duvall, was killed while on her way home from school. She was riding in a light wagon when the horses became frightened at the southbound limited N.P. train and ran away. C.O. Danials, the driver, Mary Alice, and her brother were thrown to the ground.
Federal prohibition agents and Sheriff Hawley, were busy the past week rounding up prohibition law violators whose fines netted the county over $600.
Holetz Brothers have taken over the agency in the Chevrolet in addition to the Oakland.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 April 2023)
On Wednesday morning, there were three families who left Brook Park for Church's Ferry, N.D. We understand that there are others going away sometime during the summer too. We must confess that we are sorry and don't know what to do to prevent this calamity to the community. We have good soil, crops do well, and all kinds of grasses could hardly be excelled and as a rule, our farmers are all good, honest, and industrious citizens.
On Tuesday afternoon, the wagon bridge crossing the Snake River at this place was condemned; it being considered unsafe for teams to cross.
The braces on the piling for four or five spans were broken out and the bridge over these spans shifted about two feet to the West.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 April 2023)
Pine Technical College incubator to hatch new business: Construction on the first business incubator in East Central Minnesota is now underway in Pine City. The groundbreaking ceremony for Pine City Technical College's new business incubator facility took place on April 3 at the Continuing Education and Customized Training building on the corner of Main Street and Hillside Avenue.
Auditorium goes back to the drawing board. Pine City School officials have decided to redraw plans and solicit new bids for the construction of the new Pine City High School auditorium after bids came in nearly $1 million dollars over budget.

Pine City Firefighters responded to 137 calls in 2012, ranging from alarm activation and smoke odor to extractions from machinery and ice and water rescues. According to a report submitted by the Pine City Fire department, the fire department took care of calls in a number of area towns and townships, including Chengwatana Township, Henriette, Mission Creek Township, Pine City, Pine City Township, Pokegama Township, Rock Creek, and Royalton Township. The fire department also responded to mutual aid emergencies in Braham, Brook Park, Hinckley, Rock Creek, and Rush City.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 April 2023)
City targets rifle range site for new public works garage: Plans and specifications for a new Pine City Public Works facility will put the building on the rifle range site along County Road 55 on the north end of the city. Instead of the concrete clad building originally proposed at an estimated construction cost of 1.4 million, the city councils is looking at a metal, pre-engineered structure that will cost about $850,000. The council adopted a resolution at its April 1 meeting that sets the maximum cost for the entire project at $1 million. Concerns about contaminated soil at the rifle range site have been mentioned at previous council meetings.
A ministry in glass: Bell tower's stained glass panels reach out to all. Usually, the colorful brilliance of stained glass shines within the walls of houses of worship. At Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Pine City, the glory of this age old art form is a delight to the eye of the any passerby. A bell tower, a work of art in itself, stands on a knoll near the church driveway. Three stained glass arches are incorporated in the tower design. The intent for that piece of ground was always a bell tower. A home for the bell that was taken from the old church and kept in storage. When this church was built in 1981, they left that piece of ground and black top around it.
Blue ribbons on the light post in Pine City and communities throughout the county area reminder that April is Child Abuse Prevention month. The Pine County Care Council sponsored the ribbon campaign.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 April 2023)
Twenty Brownies from Troop 47 toured Stark's Greenhouse on April 2. Mrs. Dave Mansavage explain the procedures of planting seeds, re-potting and temperature controls as she showed the girls the greenhouse.
Leonard Hinze of rural Pine City has been elected a 1973 voting delegate of the Midwest Breeders Corporative.
Despite the early spring weather, Minnesota smelt fisherman should be planning for an early smelt run, the Department of Natural Resources noted today. The lake is still packed with ice, and the smelt usually won't run until the ice breaks up or moves out into the lake.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 April 2023)
Thieves entered the Pine City Hardware Store sometime Saturday night and helped themselves to about $800 in sporting goods equipment. Discovery of the burglary was made by Ed Edin when he went to the store about 9 a.m. Sunday morning. The back was wide open with the glass taken from the door setting alongside without being broken.
Jim Wendel, local manager of the telephone company, was honored at a dinner at the 61 Way Cafe last Thursday by officials and employees of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company on his 35 years of service with the company.
East Rock: a large number of relatives and friends gathered at the Paul Miska home Monday evening and honored Leo Miska and Helen Kormendy with a bridal shower. The evening passed socially.
C.L. Smith of Finlayson, was honored as the 1948 Senior Honor Roll farmer from Northern Pine County at the annual rural leadership dinner, held at the Northeast experiment station on April 1.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 April 2023)

Braving the raging blizzard, which lost none of its pep as the day wore on, Miss Hulda Mossberg and Mr. Oscar Peterson, journeyed to Rush City last Saturday and were united in marriage at that place.
A Holstein calf was born on the August Wickstrom Farm yesterday, which weighed 117 pounds. This is a remarkable weight as the average is around 60 pounds.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 April 2023)
Irvin Holler and I. McAdam, while staying at John McAdam's during his absence, were one evening surprised on hearing a bear at the pig pen. The boys armed themselves with an ax and a gun with one load of fine shot and started toward the pen. Bruin, supposing he was in great danger, left the pen and took to the woods. The boys were afraid to stay in the house that night, and it will be some time before they fully recover from the scare.
Henry Kruse, an old time citizen of Sandstone, was down on Monday to spend a few days visiting with old friends. While in town, Henry made the Pioneer a pleasant call. He has been laid up with the rheumatism for the past month and has been very sick. His many friends are glad to see him around again.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 April 2023)
Locals survive Boston Marathon bombings: Two Pine City runners and their loved ones are counting their blessings after escaping injury in the April 15 Boston Marathon bombing. Pine City high school graduate, Jenny Weinholzer, and Pine City resident, Jennifer Gilman, both completed the race before the two bombs exploded near the finish line.
City may burn down Old Mill building: Pine City officials are discussing the possibility of demolishing the Pine City Mill through a controlled burn. The Pine City Mill, just east of the railroad tracks at 3rd Avenue southeast, closed in 2009.

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Grand March. The public is invited to attend the grand March for "Across the Distance." Pine City High School prom 1998. The prom goers will begin their evening with dinner at the American Legion, then back to the high school gym for the dance.
Taxpayers lawsuit against Pine County goes to court: Judges decision on temporary restraining order is expected. The Pine County taxpayers, who are suing the county board, expect to learn if their motion to stop the county from transferring the former Arrowhead rotor building to East Central Schools will succeed. The taxpayers are plaintiffs in a motion for a temporary restraining order that would stall the conveyance of the building and allow their arguments for a permanent injunction to be heard in court.
Council approves Pine City's first town home community: The initial concepts for Pine City's first planned unit development, a town home complex along 7th Avenue East, west of Lake Street, was approved last week by the Pine City Council. Clarence and Amanda Wimmer and Bob Jones are the Developers of the town home community, which will feature 21 buildings with 44 units. They are calling the development Meadow Ridge.

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A "MagnaBell" carillon was installed recently in the local Zion Lutheran Church. The instrument is a gift to the church from the Gust Schwartzwald family as a memorial to their parents.
Cornelius (Neil) Osterdyk of Pine City received a somewhat startling, yet most pleasant surprise in late March when his daughter, Patricia Orr, and her husband, Mike, who are missionaries, brought him a beautifully framed painting from Holland. It was indeed a big surprise for Neil as he quickly recognized it as the very picture he had painted and the frame he had carefully carved while in Germany way back in 1909.
Sheriff's report: April 14, a report of some Dynamite by railroad tracks outside of Pine city. Sheriff Kozisek took the dynamite and disposed of it, the same day.

Beroun: On Sunday, April 15, a very nice surprise birthday party was given for Emma Soukup at the RayMar Supper Club. Marge Pavek made a beautiful cake, and a good time was had by all.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 April 2023)
A disastrous fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the barn on the Lewis Patzoldt Farm six and a half miles east of Beroun, Tuesday evening about 6 p.m. Included in the loss were 29 head of cattle, a team of horses, and about 12 ton of hay. The cattle had been put in the barn just a short time before the fire was discovered.
The two Northern Pacific trains, number 61 and 62, that arrived here in the morning, will resume their schedule Friday, after being discontinued on account of the coal miners strike.
The Pine City Mercantile celebrated its 40th anniversary with a huge sale, including 440 count facial tissues, 23 cents per box; ladies anklets, 19 cents per pair; men's 100% virgin wool plaid sport coats, $10; and girls cotton dresses, $1.
Henriette: The Henriette school children are planning a program to help finance the purchase of a phonograph.

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The Busy Bees Club entertained the gentleman of Beroun last Thursday evening at the Prochaska Hall. Everyone had a good time.
Chas Butler was down with the grip last week.
A.O. Western of Rush City and Gilbert Hyland of Rock Creek have purchased the Fred Hartz store at Rock Creek and took possession last Monday.
The proposed $20,000 Bond bill for the construction of hard surfaced roads in Minnesota failed in the House, although it was passed by the Senate last week by a vote of 35 to 29.

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Mr. I.A. Collins, proprietor of the Pioneer House, informs us he will put into his hotel the acetylene gas that was on exhibition at the drugstore last week. Wherever this gas has been used, it has given the best of satisfaction.
Work on F.A. Hodge's new residence is about completed, and J.F. Stone is pushing the work of grading rapidly, and in about two weeks expects to have the lots graded and seeded, and the shores of the lake and river faced with rock to keep the high water from washing the soil away. When this residence is completed, it will be the handsomest residence, no doubt, on the line of the Duluth Road.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 April 2023)
Community garden plots available: A few garden plots are still available to grow vegetables this summer at the Pine City Community Garden. The garden is located at Challeen Park, 10 S.E. 3rd Street. This will be the fifth year for the garden which is a partnership between the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardeners in Pine County and the city of Pine City.
Coca-Cola plant remembered: The Pine County Historical Society has a new exhibit of the history of the Pine City Coca-Cola Bottling plant on display at the Pine County Courthouse. Owned and operated by Albert Nelson and Sons, the plant was a major employer and soft drink distributor in Pine County and the surrounding areas for 50 years. The building has now been converted to condominiums and is called Pine City Landings.

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Habitat help: East Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity is looking for the donation of a lot in Pine County on which to build a house in the summer of 1999.
East Central Habitat for Humanity is a five county effort that builds one house each year for families in need in a different county. The plan is to build a house in Pine County in 1999. Anyone with a lot, he or she would be willing to donate to this cause, please contact East Central Habitat for Humanity.

Lawsuit takes new direction: Taxpayers decry their lack of input into the Pine County Board's recent actions. The big Kettle room at Toby's in Hinckley was steamy on a Monday night, filled almost to capacity with taxpayers who expressed their anger over recent actions by the Pine County Board. Organized by the taxpayers group which is suing the County Board, the public meeting brought participants up to date on the lawsuit and solicited financial support for the legal battle.
BevCo signs agreement with city: BevCo, Inc., a juice and water bottling company from Lindstrom, will be the next occupant of Pine City's Industrial Park. The company signed a pre-construction agreement with the city of Pine City last week. The city's economic development authority will issue bonds to erect a building on the five acre center parcel in the industrial park. BevCo will lease the building and assume ownership in seven years, when the bonds are repaid.
Co-op's decision to close station worries patrons: They already knew the bad news. They came looking for reasons why. But many farmer patrons of Pine City Central Rivers cooperative left Rock Creek City Center on Monday, April 13 dissatisfied with what they heard. The cooperative recently closed its service station on 6th Street in Pine City and held the Rock Creek meeting to explain the decision. Manager Tim Kavanaugh from Central River's Princeton office led the meeting. He told the crowd that Central Rivers must reduce operating expenses to stem future losses. In Pine City, the bulk petroleum operation will remain open, as will the one in Cambridge. The Pine City Lumber Yard will be expanded by demolishing the service station building and erecting a 7,000 to 8,000 foot lumber and building center on that site.

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Rush City: final details are being completed between the fair board and the Chisago County Historical Society to build a pole type building to enclose the 100-year-old log cabin on the fairgrounds in Rush City. Rapid deterioration of the building prompted such action.

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The Guy Pitman home and its contents in Pokegama Township were destroyed by fire last Friday morning about 10 a.m. The fire started when a kettle on an oil stove boiled over, causing the flames to flare up, setting the room on fire.
Brook Park: Word comes from James Ziegler that he is now at Casa Grande, Arizona, and has a very dark coat of tan and feeling fine. He is working for a big contracting company on a very large cotton Plantation and Jimmy's job is driving a truck bigger than he's ever seen in Minnesota or elsewhere.

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Work is progressing rapidly on the new Gehl Oil Station and it will be finished and ready for business in the very near future.
Several cars got stalled Sunday while trying to go up the Shuey hill. They were compelled to call on the Shuey brothers to pull them out.

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Miss Bertha Hoagland returned from Goodhue County, where she has been teaching, last week. A pleasant smile on the faces of the young people and the shout of glee that went up when they saw their former teacher shows how she has endeared herself to every child in the community.
Next Saturday evening they propose to settle the question once and for all whether or not women shall have the right of suffrage.

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PTCC adds 29 million to economy each year. Pine Technical College brings 29 million into the local economy each year, according to a new study. The Wilder research study, economic impact of Pine Technical College, reported that for every $100 produced in east central Minnesota, $1 can be

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Brush fires rage across Pine City area: Pine City firefighters battle a raging brush fire east of Beroun on the afternoon of May 7. The DNR bucket helicopter was called in to help fight the blaze, which grew out of control after the resident lit a fire to clear a small patch of land. Fortunately the home, and propane tank, were upwind of the fire. Firefighters were able to keep the fire from jumping the road north of the property, and the fire was contained and then extinguished, though not without serious damage to property. This was only one of many grass and brush fires this past week in the Pine City area. A burning ban is in effect for Pine County, and remain until green up.
City won't Annex more Township land: The city of Pine City has no plans to annex additional land from neighboring townships. The Pine City Council reiterated that point following an extensive review of the city's updated comprehensive plan, which drew extensive comments from Pine City Township and Pokegama Township officials.
Finding fish? Eager anglers dealt with a blustery Saturday of fishing opener, but Sunday was a different story with bright sunshine and warmer temperatures. Though few reported having good luck fishing, there were still plenty of smiles as hooks hit open water for the first time.
Pine City garage sale day. May 18, starting at 7 a.m. great bargains to be found. Fifty-eight locations participating in the Pine City area.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 May 2023)
The Airport might be city's only choice for new garage site: The search for a site for a new Pine City Public Works facility has hit another snag, prompting the city council to consider closing the airport and building the facility there.
The council resolved last month to build a new City Garage on the site it leases to the Snake River Valley Conservation Club for a rifle range. The property is on the North edge of Pine City on County Road 55, adjacent to the Airport. In its previous discussion, the council acknowledged that led in the soil at the rifle range would need to be cleaned up before a building could be placed there.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 May 2023)
Fifty-two Pine City High School seniors and their chaperones returned from an exciting 3-day trip to Los Angeles Sunday evening. The group visited Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Japanese Village and the Wax Museum. The weather was fairly cool, occasionally sunny and partly smoggy. They came back with impressions of vast numbers of people, unbelievable traffic and exposure to ethnic culture.
C.C. Elder received 293 votes in the School Board election, William Woischke, 191, and Ralph Ausmus, 165.
Duane Baker and Dan Berglund, former Pine City High School baseball products, are members of the Bemidji State College baseball team.

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Local happenings: Jimmy Vosika returned to his home in Rock Creek Saturday after spending the past six weeks at Lakeside Hospital, recovering from injuries received when he was hit by an auto at the Rock Creek Crossing.
The Pleasant Valley Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Plessel Saturday evening, May 1. A new member Mrs Regina Reiser, was welcomed into the club. After the business meeting, cards were played with first and second prizes for men going to Matt Zalaznik and Joe Wurm. First and second prizes for women went to Sylvia Sward and Katie Zalaznik. The special prize went to Albert Johnson.

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Clarence Kalk and Arny Kowalke left for Ely where they will play ball with the Ely team this season.
Notice: Chicken owners in the village of Pine City are hereby notified by The Village Council that Hereafter all chickens kept inside the village limits, must be kept penned up
125 Years Ago, 1898
B.G. Murch of Chengwatana, while helping to unload the new press for the Poker office, met with a severe accident, a heavy piece of machinery falling on the two middle fingers of his right hand. Dr. Barnum attended to the injuries.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 May 2023)
No Grant coming for I-35 pipe: Pine City doesn't qualify for grants to help pay for extending water and sewer across I-35 to serve the proposed Black Hoof development project for a proposed Hotel to be located southwest of the intersection of I-35 and County Road 7.
Art in the Park starts the end of May: Prepare those lawn chairs and blankets. Art in the Park is right around the corner. Art in the Park is a weekly event held in the summer in Pine City, a tradition that brings Pine City and other neighboring communities together for music, performances, food, and fun.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 May 2023)
Pine City's annual Memorial Day observance will be held on Monday May 25. The Pine City High School marching band and several service organizations will be represented in the parade, which begins at 9:30 a.m. on the shores of Cross Lake at Lakeside Medical Center.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 May 2023)
One hundred and four seniors will receive diplomas from Pine City High School next Tuesday evening, May 29, at 8 p.m. This will be the 71st class to receive diplomas since the first commencement here in 1903. Tim Chalupnik will give the valedictorian address. Jay Odegard will give the salutatorian address.
Loren Samuelson turned in the top score for the Dragon's in the District 25 golf tournament in Moose Lake last Monday. He shot a 79 in 18 holes.

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Father Daniel McEnery, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, left here Sunday for St Louis on the first leg of a vacation trip, which will take him to his native home in Ireland.
Brook Park: Bernard Parsons recently took over the milk hauling route for the Brook Park Creamery from Archie Gross.

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The lights were turned on, and the new Gehl Filling Station opened for business in Pine City last Saturday evening.
A fire, which started about 4 p.m. last Thursday afternoon at the home of Ernest Olson, two and one half miles east of Rock Creek, destroyed the barn, chicken house, tool house, silo and silage and about four ton of hay.

Joseph Piha and Leonard Lyseth came together with their Fords last Saturday during the heavy rain, both cars being damaged.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 May 2023)
Following is the account of a disastrous fire which hit Pine City May 9, 1898.
“In Ashes.” Again Pine City has suffered from a disastrous conflagration, and all the business section of the city that was spared from the big fire of April 28, 1897 is in ruins, as well as a number of fine residences, the loss of property being far greater than that of last year.
Some time between half past 10 and 11: o’clock on Monday night, the foreman of the Pioneer office, just as he was retiring for the night, observed faint glimmers of light shining through the glass front of Louis Petricka’s Hardware store. The light grew steadily brighter and by the time he had reached the street and sounded an alarm, the entire rear portion of the hardware store, as well as Jos. Franta’s harness shop adjoining on the south, was a mass of flames. Almost the entire population was quickly gathered and many went to work in an endeavor to check the flames, while others lent their aid in removing goods from the adjacent buildings. Within half an hour after the first alarm, the flames had gained such headway that it became evident to all that the strenuous but unorganized efforts of the fire fighters were all in vain and that the destruction of the entire Village was imminent and president Breckenridge telegraphed for Aid to the Hinckley fire Department.
In the meantime, despite the efforts of the fire brigade, the flames rapidly spread in three directions from the point of origin. To the east, directly across the street, stood the K. of P. Building, the lower portion of which was occupied by Jos. Veverka’s Bakery and Restaurant. These were soon laid low and the large Burger building followed next. This was occupied on the ground floor by H.N. Welch, hardware and furniture, Abe Swanson, jewelry store, and the Pine Poker print shop and editorial rooms. On the Upper Floor were located the Pine County Pioneer and John Stochl’s cigar factory, while the rooms in the Rybak’s General Store and residence immediately adjoining Petricka’s on the north, was soon in ruins, and the flames, leaping the intervening space, soon had the large General Store of A. Pennington in their fatal embrace.
The story continues to tell that the new Lake View Hotel and Riverside cottage were destroyed, as were J.D. Vaughn”s residence and barns. Otto Kowalke”s buildings and W.F. Glasow’s two new store rooms were scorched but saved, and the large brick Hurley building, the Agnes Hotel, withstood the flames.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 June 2023)
Baseball wins five straight. After four more wins this past week, the Dragons Baseball team sits at 6-3 overall with five straight victories.
Softball wins three more, now at 7-2. The remarkable start to the softball season continued in Pine City this week as the team added three more wins to their season total, along with one loss now sit at 7-2.
Coming together to preserve Pine City’s history: A group of local citizens passionate about the Pine City area have come together to celebrate and Preserve Pine City’s rich history. The recently formed Pine City Area History Association plans to work closely with the Pine County Historical Society focusing specifically on the Pine City area.
25 Years Ago, 1998
Rush City Garage sales, Duck Race Saturday. Rush cities annual citywide garage sale and Lucky Duck Race is set for Saturday, May 16.
The 7th annual Lucky Duck Race, sponsored by the Family Center, begins at 11 a.m. Upstream of the area behind Hillcrest Health Care Center. The race consists of numbered plastic ducks floating in Rush Creek in a race to the Finish.
People donate $5 to get a numbered duck. If their Duck is among the first ten to be scooped up at the finish line, they win cash Awards. $150. first place. $50. second place. $25. third. And $5. fourth through tenth place.

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An unusual fire occurred at 12:44 p.m. last Sunday when a boat being pulled behind a car caught fire on Highway 70, 5 miles east of Highway 35. Myron Shermer, pulling the boat which belonged to Froelke Marine of Rush City, was flagged down by a motorist coming from behind, who noticed smoke trailing from the boat.
Scott Carlson, 9-year-old son of Mr and Mrs. J. P. Carlson of Pine City, caught a 5 lb., 19 in, largemouth bass on Lake Shamineau.
Doris Finger used the tree climbing spurs and safety belt to scale a Jack Pine some 20 feet up as a part of field experience in forestry class at Pine City High School.

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Last evening, Wednesday, May 26, 68 members of the Pine City High School senior class received their diplomas.
LeRoy Morris, son of Mrs. Loretta Morris of Pine City, participated in the state VFW marble tournament for grade school students at Duluth, last Saturday, May 22nd. Leroy, the winner of the local public schools tournament, won third place in a thrilling contest where some 20 boys from all over the state participated.
Local happenings: W.A. Sauser, Roy Carlson, Reg Johnson, Dr. J.F. Russ, D.R. Wilcox, Dr. A.K. Stratte and Dr. Harold Stratte of Windom, returned from a fishing trip at Lake Minnitaki, Canada, last Saturday with a string of fish. Dr Harold Stratte hooked a 30 lb lake trout which gave him quite a fight before he was able to land him.

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Commencement exercises of the graduating class of the high school will be held in the Family Theater tomorrow evening. J.D. Boyle, member of the school board, will present diplomas to 21 graduates. There will be music by The High School chorus and an address by the Hon. J. Adam Bede.
Royal Hunt, underwent and operation for appendicitis last week and suffered considerable for a few days but is resting easier now and on the road to recovery.

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The new Grist Mill is looming up in great shape. Messrs. Allen and Dewar have already got the framework up to the roof, and when the 10-ft. attic is put on and a cupola of 10 feet, it will be the highest building in town.
W.F. Glasow's new store is completed and he will immediately move into the same so as to give J.Y. Breckenridge more room for his drugstore. J.Y. is going to have his soda fountain running by Decoration Day and will need the whole of the room so as to accommodate his patrons and have room for his stock.
The GAR have constructed a new stand in Birchwood Cemetery for the services on Decoration Day.
The opening of "The Pokegama " a week ago last Thursday was an event long to be remembered by those who attended. Lack of space for bids the lengthy detail of how the evening was spent. Suffice it to say that everybody went away well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

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Lawmakers take rough ride down Highway 70. A US congressman, the head of MNdot, the Minnesota house Transportation chair and local lawmakers had the chance to experience all the bumps, bangs, dips and drops of Highway 70. In other words to endure what regular riders on Highway 70 live through every day.
Pine County and Pokegama Township have announced plans for some major road improvements as well. Pine County will resurface County Road 11, the entire Henriette Road, from the west county line to Highway 61.
Ride Em! A night of cowboy action was in store for all those who stopped by the Pine City Bull Ride held at Heidelberger's Arena in Rock Creek. From bull riding to mutton busting, kids and adults

enjoyed the show and all for a good cause: Viking, Jared Allen's charity, homes for Wounded Warriors.

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Valedictorian Jaclyn Werner and co-salutatorians Meagan Jeske and Molly Sloan will address their classmates, families and friends.
Federal bill allocates $900,000 for Highway 61: Funding to aid in the long-awaited reconstruction of Highway 61 through Pine City is included in the federal transportation bill that's expected to be signed by President Clinton. The bill, the largest, most comprehensive public works legislation in history, earmarks $900,000 to upgrade County State Highway 61 from Highway 324 to the Snake River Bridge. The money becomes available in the year 2000.
Pine County will turn home care over to private sector: Pine County plans to be out of the home health care business, and private agencies will assume the role of caring for the 170 clients it serves. The change will save the county an estimated $199,000 per year.

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Chief Petty Officer Van H. Day has just announced the opening of the new Navy Recruiting branch office in the Enterprise Building, room 101, Pine City.
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Mary Hodge joined the staff of this newspaper starting with this edition in the capacity of general news reporter.
Pokegama: School District 42, with Mrs. Art O'Donnell as teacher, had its annual picnic last Friday with a very large attendance of the community. All enjoyed the very generous dinner and grand treat of ice cream following. Sunnyside School, with Miss Kelly as teacher, also held their picnic and had the usual good crowd and eats. They expect an increase of 29 pupils next year.

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District Court was convened last Monday noon with the largest calendar that Pine County has ever had. There are 199 civil cases and five criminal cases.
Rock Creek: Thieves entered the A&B Garage last Monday night and escaped with 28 castings and about 40 tubes. Entrance was made by prying open the front door. Messrs. Anderson and Baker are fully protected by the Gale Insurance Company, who had men on the job here early Tuesday getting the full particulars of the burglary.
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Auditorium, district office construction to start: Project totals come in at $6.5 million. The Pine City School district will break ground next month for construction of a 790-seat performing arts auditorium at Pine City high School. And the project will include construction of a relocated district office and instructional television classroom. Total cost of the auditorium alone is estimated to approach $6 million, somewhat higher than the $5.7 million authorized by school district voters last fall.
Bear takes stroll through Pine City: A young one-year-old black bear was spotted moving through Pine City on the night of June 24, causing no known damage but a lot of shock and surprise.
Pine County Sheriff Robin Cole said the first report of the bear came in at around 9 p.m. The bear reportedly headed south towards Hillside Avenue before moving back north into the residential area west of Main Street.
Gopher hockey players set to make Big splash at freedom fest: Minnesota Golden Gopher hockey player Christian Isackson will be sitting in the Pine City hockey boosters dunk tank from 10-10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Isackson will also be on hand to sign autographs as his schedule permits. Isaacson's hockey career began right here in Pine City as part of the Pine City youth hockey program.
Canoeists safe after St. Croix scare: A trip down the St. Croix River became a frantic rescue effort on June 23 after two canoes tipped over and the occupants found themselves struggling to get to shore.
The sheriff reported that responders located two counselors and eight campers on the shores of the river two of their five canoes had overturned.
All parties were together and no one sustained physical injuries.

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Explorer post 188 hits Nationals spotlight: The young people in Pine City's Explorer Post 188 grace the front of the national boy scouts publication, "Exploring" this spring. Pine City's North West Post is mentioned often in the story as home to post 188, the place where the young people learned and practice their skills from.

Resource board to tour Snake River Watershed: State and local officials and staff got a first-hand look at environmental management in the Snake River Watershed, which includes portions of Kanabec, Pine, Aitkin, and Mille Lacs counties, during a resource tour and issues forum last Wednesday, June 24.
The Snake River Watershed Joint Powers board formed in 1993 to manage water within the watershed.

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Retirement for Harold and Alberta Rademacher, formerly of Brainerd, certainly doesn't mean the rocking chair. After 18 years in the fuel oil business, this energetic couple have opened a unique shop called, a cheese chalet. The building is a unique, attractive A-frame dwelling at the I-35 and Highway 70 intersection in Rock Creek.
The Pine City mass class reunion got off to a good start Saturday night, June 23, at the American Legion club rooms with Waldo Carlson's band; 412 people attended the very successful event.

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kubat, Jr. sold their business, Concrete Products Co., and their home, both located in the east end of town, to Dallas D. Fowler, formerly of Belle Fourche, South Dakota.
Pokegama: Pokegama Grange sponsored a booth at the Henriette Carnival, selling hamburgers, hot dogs, coffee and pop. As the carnival lasted several days, the different members took turns at the booth and did well financially.

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A.H. Becker will have his stock in place and will open for business in his new Pine City store in the former Silesky building on Saturday of this week.
The Great Northern Steamship Company is sponsoring a round trip to Europe for $110.
During the storm last Sunday afternoon, the John Bloomquist home in West Rock was completely destroyed by fire when lightning struck the building.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holetz were in the Twin Cities last week and brought home a new Oakland. The Holetz Bros. also delivered a new Oakland to Jim Veseley and Nick Sauter the week before.

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Pine City will celebrate the 4th of July, the national holiday, with a grand, patriotic outburst. In spite of fire and flood, we are still on Earth and intend to let everyone know it.
The Meadow Lawn correspondent was sick last week. No, not lovesick, but sick of mosquitoes.
Hustletown: Potato Kruse was in Pine City Saturday, laying in supplies.
Meadow Lawn: Ask Charlie Franklin why he turned his hog loose in a certain party's potato patch.
Otto Kowalke is destroying the scars of the recent fire on his residence and saloon by treating them to a fresh coat of paint.
Haying will commence in this locality next week, and there will be a heavier crop this year then there has been for some time past.

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Pine City has added another incentive to bring new business to town. Over 40 acres in the city's industrial park are now 'shovel ready' making it one of the few communities statewide to have certified shovel ready lands.
Home robbed, suspect found inside asleep: According to the criminal complaint filed in Pine County court, a Hinckley woman called dispatch to report that a man she did not know was sleeping at the bottom of her stairs.
A deputy reported to the woman's home and found the burglar asleep at the foot of the stairway. The Hinckley woman told the deputy she did not know or recognize the man, who was then placed under arrest. The suspect told the deputy he thought he was at a friend's house and was going to borrow a few things, like a car, flat screen TV and any money he could find. After the deputy placed the man

in his squad car, he observed a broken basement window on the east side of the residence. The man is now in the Pine County Jail.
County faces road funding pothole: The Pine County board has scheduled a special work session next month to consider two new highway funding options made available to counties that have been approved by the Minnesota legislature this year. Pine County currently has 425 miles of paved roads. The Pine County board said it would take 25 years to resurface every road in the county at the current funding levels.

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Old timers game: The Pine City pirates annual Old Timers Game is set for Sunday at the Pine City Fields. All former pirates players and spectators are invited to the game which will begin at 2 p.m.
Commuter rail coming north, Committee forms to work on link to Metro: North suburban commuter rail took a small step forward last week when officials from more than a dozen communities along the Highway 61 corridor agreed to form a committee to oversee the project.
A special meeting organized by Ramsey, Washington and Chisago county authorities to discuss the abandoned and active portions of the Soo Line Railroad drew more than 50 high-powered city and township officials to Forest Lake on June 18.
The community leaders agreed that North Suburban Commuter Rail, backed by millions of dollars in federal and state planning funds, could become a reality within the next 10 to 20 years.
Pine City teams capture tournament titles: Two Pine City teams recently emerged as champions in baseball tournaments against opponents from Wisconsin.

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Bill Ferguson of the village maintenance crew had to take a hacksaw to some street signs in order to remove them for replacement. All of Pine City's street signs are in the process of being replaced with attractive new green and white ones.
E.G. (Pedro) Johnson, a familiar face behind the post officer counter for 25 years, retired last Friday. He was assistant postmaster.
Playing at the Pine Outdoor Theatre: "Nashville Story" and "Swamp Girl", and Rated X, "The Swingin' Pussycats."

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Only one other community in the entire state of Minnesota can boast of a better record to date in regular baseball league play than Pine City. Winthrop, a member of the Twin cities League, boasts of a record of 11 straight wins to top the Pine City Pirates with a record of 10 straight ballgames listed in the win column. Installation of a 1,000 KW generating unit to supplement the supply of electric power from the Pine City steam generating plant will begin shortly, Edward E. Wolter, manager of the Rural Cooperative Power Association, operators of the plant, announced today. The additional power will greatly relieve the existing power shortages in and near Pine City. At the same time, it will permit the East Central Electric Association of Braham, which operates power distributing facilities in Pine City, to extend electric service to many people in rural areas who still are without it.
Ruby Sorenson is announcing in an advertisement in another part of this issue that she is opening a cafe in the Rys building in Beroun today, with fresh coffee and donuts being served from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The cafe will be called Ruby's Cafe.

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Last week's issue of the Poker had an announcement of the marriage of Andrew Johnson and Miss Helen Soderbeck. The announcement was brought into the Poker office and was printed as it was written. Mr Johnson states that no such wedding has taken place. Whether the writer of the article was perpetrating a joke, or thought the wedding had taken place, we do not know.

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The log drive is still here and will be until the new dam is completed so as to hold another head of water. The crews left the latter part of the week.
A.E. Webber's steamer, the Stowe, has been laid up for the past week on account of an accident that occurred last Friday, the cylinder head having blown out. It will be ready in a few days to run as usual.
Big plans were being made for the celebrating of July 4th with Mayor J.Y. Breckenridge on the executive committee making plans for the big event.

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New auditorium breaks ground July 18 Pine City School officials will break ground next week to begin construction of the long-awaited auditorium at Pine City High School, along with new district offices and a special technology based distance learning classroom. The event is scheduled to get underway at 8 a.m., and the public is invited.
Homemade explosive found near Robinson Park: a small, homemade explosive device was found on Railroad Street Southeast near Robinson Park on the afternoon of July 8. Pine County Sheriff Robin Cole said a passerby first spotted the device. It was lying near the west curb on Railroad Street Southeast, across from the mailboxes and close to where the sidewalk leads from the parking area to the Robinson Park pavilion. A deputy arrived at the park and was shown the object. The deputy thought it looked like an improvised explosive device. It appeared to be a homemade, extremely large firecracker that either didn't go off or partially went off. Sheriff Robin Cole requested that a state bomb squad technician come to Pine City to deal with the device. Which they did. The device was then inspected and taken back to St. Paul to be detonated.

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Dancers at a local bar prompt city to consider changing liquor ordinance: Exotic dance performances at The Brass Rail in downtown Pine City have gotten more people excited than the bar owners ever anticipated. Prompted by complaints from other downtown business owners and a petition bearing over 200 names, the Pine City Council is considering changes in its on-sale liquor ordinance that would prohibit nudity and sexual conduct in establishments that have a liquor license.
MS TRAM Bike Tour finish line in Pine City: Pine City is set to host the finish line celebration for "The Ride Across Minnesota" on July 31. Participants of the ninth annual bike tour, will bike into town, Friday afternoon, from Milaca.

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Local golfer Walt Duzan had a bang up Fourth of July when he rocketed out a drive from the seventh fairway tee and scored a hole in one, the second one to be tallied in Pine City Country Club history.
Over 600 breakfasts were served at the Rush City Municipal Airport, as the Continental flight breakfast proved to be one of the biggest events of the weekend. Over 250 of those served were reportedly fly-ins.
Sheriff's report: A call came into the office that Marty Swanson's dog was outside of Del's Tavern in Pine City refusing to let people in. It was reported that the dog had bitten two people. This complaint was cleared by a deputy.
Who would predict the senior citizens would get a bang out of watching a turtle race? That is what happened when more than 20 seniors enjoyed an outing two weeks ago. C.B. Thomas was invited to join the group for chicken dinner so he could acquaint them about the features of the turtle race. He conducts the races once a week for the five summer months.
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At a meeting of the centennial committee in Pine City on Tuesday evening, Representatives from Askov, Willow River, Beroun, Hinckley, and Pine City were present. It was unanimously decided to

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Groundbreaking moment for Pine City High School: Community Representatives, including Miss Pine City, her court and candidates, joined school board members, administrators, Chamber of Commerce members, city staff and the project management team to celebrate the beginning of construction of Pine City High Schools 790 seat auditorium, remodeled band and choir practice rooms, and district office. Excavation of the project began this week in 2013.
Citizens confront board on NLX. Opponents of the proposed Northern Lights Express high speed train continued to express their views during the public comment at last week's Pine County board meeting.
St. Croix State Park CCC celebration: In honor of the 80 year anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), St. Croix State Park in Hinckley will feature music and storytelling about Minnesota lumberjacks and life in the lumber camps.
Device found in Robinson Park described as firecracker, not bomb. The St. Paul bomb squad has completed their analysis of the device found in the street next to Robinson Park on July 8, and determined that it was simply a large homemade firecracker.

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Carefree laughter, big, warm smiles, and tentative hugs. Like petals on a flower, two girls from northern Ireland are opening up this summer to the emotions, the give and take of family life in America and the quiet peace of Pine City.
The girls and their host families are taking part in the Children's Program of Northern Ireland, which celebrates its 25th year anniversary this year. In their five weeks away from the danger and anxiety of daily life in Belfast, the children learn to resolve conflict peacefully, the program theorizes. They

see Catholics and Protestants living together in harmony and experience a different culture. Most of all they're free to have fun without thinking about the troubles all around them.
Anderson golf tournament raises $25,000: The first annual Marge Anderson golf scholarship classic raised $25,000 for high school students pursuing further education and community youth interested in golf.

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William Newsome of the Pine City area received a broken leg and facial cuts last Friday morning when the bulk milk truck he was driving left the Henriette Road and overturned. The truck cab had to be cut with hacksaws and pulled apart in order to free Newsome.
Another local golfer has tallied a hole in one. He's John Connaker, 17, who scored his fantastic shot last Wednesday evening at the Grantsburg Golf Course.
This year, the Pine County Fair will be having two nights of demolition derbies. A grudge match will be held between the Neubauer Gang and the Olson Crew on Friday evening, in addition to the regular Derby.
John Becvar and his wife, Pat, are the new owners and operators of the Ace hardware store in Pine City. They recently purchased the business from Edwin Edin.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 Jul 2023)
Don and Bill Gauthier, owners of the local Coast to Coast stores, have extended their personal invitation to Mayor and Mrs. Machart of Pine City to be their guests at a smorgasbord dinner, television demonstration and entertainment program on Wednesday, July 28, during the Minneapolis Aquatennial Mayors of Minnesota Day in Minneapolis.
Frank Cort was critically injured last week when he fell from a scaffolding while shingling a barn. He returned home Tuesday from Lakeside Hospital, where he received treatment for a broken rib and a leg injury.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 Jul 2023)
The house and barn on the D,J, McKay farm, southeast Rock Creek, were completely destroyed by fire during the storm last Sunday night.
The house on the John Peil farm East of town was struck by lightning during the storm Sunday night. John Peil.Jr., who had gone in the basement during the storm, was struck on the head by a bolt and was unconscious for over 4 hours. It made quite a dent in his skull, but it is thought there will be no bad results from the accident.
John Mista Beroun suffered the loss of several cows last Sunday, being killed by lightning.
Walter Blanchard suffered a broken arm last Tuesday morning while cranking the motor of the Gust Luckow truck.

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Joe Broz of Beroun met with quite a serious accident on Saturday. While splitting wood with an axe, holding the wood with one hand and wielding the axe with the other, the axe slipped and he cut a gash 1 and 1/2 in. long in his wrist, severing the artery.
While the family was away from home last Saturday afternoon, the residence of John McAdam, at Meadow Lawn, with entire contents, was destroyed by fire. The young couple lost everything they had.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 Aug 2023)
PTCC adds 29 million to economy each year. Pine Technical College brings 29 million into the local economy each year, according to a new study. The Wilder research study, economic impact of Pine Technical College, reported that for every $100 produced in east central Minnesota, $1 can be traced back to Pine Technical College. The report notes that spending by the college and its students contributes to personal income, employment and tax revenues.

Auditorium construction bids come in high. Bids for construction of the proposed auditorium at Pine City High School came in considerably higher than expected, prompting school officials to consider scaling back some elements of the project to stay within budget, and/or seek additional ways to pay for it.

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McGruff Camp: The second annual McGruff safety camp, sponsored by the Pine County Sheriff's Office and the Pine County McGruff House Program, will be held at Westside Park in Hinckley. A planning session is set for March 28 at the Hinckley City Hall. The camp will be held in August.
County's major traffic arteries will see big repairs this summer: Travelers will encounter major construction projects on Pine County's busiest highways this summer. Highway 48, from Grand Casino Hinckley, to the Minnesota/Wisconsin state line, and both the north and southbound lanes of interstate 35 from Sandstone to the north county line will receive significant repairs.
Finlayson tradition - Saint Urho's Day Parade: Clowns and people dressed as grasshoppers entertained the crowd at the Saint Urho's Day Parade celebrated in Finlayson. The Hinckley Finlayson High School marching band was quite a hit during spring kickoff event.
Local boy's illness was not meningitis: A Pine City secondary student suspected Friday of having meningitis was instead diagnosed with having a brain abscess. The boy has undergone surgery at a Twin Cities Hospital and as of this paper's printing, was reported to be sitting up and eating in his hospital room.

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Clarence Nordstrom has been appointed to represent Pine County on the Region D Advisory Council on crime prevention and control. Nordstrom was nominated to the position by the Pine County Board of Commissioners.
Congratulations to Lawrence Mans and Calvin Harth. Lawrence was named Pine County's 1973 Outstanding Farmer/Sportsman and Calvin was the reserve champion.

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The Family Theatre, which has been owned and operated by the Turners for the past 31 years, was sold on Thursday of last week to Walter Schwartzwald by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Turner. Included in the transaction is the Turner residence, which is adjacent to the theatre building. Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Turner purchased the Family Theatre on March 8, 1917 when it was located in the building now occupied by the Petschel Cafe.
The show business grew to such proportions under their management that it became necessary to find larger quarters, and in 1921, the present theatre building was erected and completed in October of that year. In 1930, their son, Glen, became associated with them.

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Clarence Cook broke both wrists and the left cheek bone when he slipped and fell while working on construction of the new county garage.
The Pine City Hardware Store has been sold to Ben Boo, C. R. Boo, and Al Oman.
A.H. Becker of Braham has purchased the business building owned by Phil Silesky, which adjourns the Prochaska Pharmacy on Main Street and is now occupied by the Karsky barber shop. Mr. Becker will run a variety store here.

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Some of the neighbors are rejoicing that they got their ice houses filed just in time while others will have to keep cool as possible and wait until another winter for ice.
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Man shocked by high voltage power line, attempted copper theft suspected: An area man is in medical induced coma after being severely shocked by a high tension power line south of Pine City High School.
The folks at the power company said there's no way he should have survived. They said anyone that was out at 2:00 a.m. would have thought that was lightning. It would have been seen for miles. Investigators suspect that the man was on the ground, attempting to jerk the top of the line free from the pole when the grounding wire touched the power line. The copper whipped, made contact and he received a 69,000 volt shock.
Pine County last week joined the list of more than half of Minnesota counties that will implement a new Wheelage tax next year. The tax will apply to cars and trucks registered in Pine County.

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With nearly 1,600 bicyclists participating, the 1998 Ride Across Minnesota was the biggest ever. Funds were raised by the riders, reportedly around 600,000 this year. Pine City was the end point on the journey which started in Breckenridge. The finish line was in front of the VFW Hall.
The Minnesota Sokol Camp in Pine City will again play host to the Sokol Camp Booyah Picnic featuring Czechoslovakian Folk Dancers in full Czech costumes.
The Minnesota Sokol Camp is on Cross lake, five miles from Pine City on the east side of the lake.

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Construction workers were busy this week putting up the new steel framework of the new Ford-Mercury garage building being constructed by Cavallin Inc. Their new quarters, located just north of Hwy 324 near the freeway, should be ready for occupancy early this fall. Contractor is Walt Johnson Construction of Pine City.
Brook Park: A past resident commented, "This week when I was putting up dills, I thought of The Pickle Factory that used to be in Brook Park. It stood in back of the tavern on the road between there and the tracks. Dills were made there. Later that building became a feed store.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Luedke and Mr. and Mrs. Heron Eckstein, formerly of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, are the new owners of the Joe Prochaska building known as the Beroun Cafe. The tavern will be open for business Saturday morning. A restaurant will be opened after redecorating is completed.
Quite a number of people from Pine City visited the men at Camp Ripley Sunday. Many enjoyed their first glimpse of the camp and the way the men live. They found the food good and plentiful and the living quarters far above the average of army camps.
There was a large crowd in Rock Creek last Friday night to see the free out-of-doors movies, which the merchants are sponsoring every Friday night. Everyone welcome to these free movies.

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W.J. Franta says that whoever took the lock belonging to the school house south of Pine City might as well have the key to go with it and can get the same by applying to him. The lock is not much good without the key, and Mr. Franta says the key is certainly useless without the lock.
The west has paid tribute to the memory of President Warren G. Harding and the east was given its opportunity as the funeral train bearing his body from San Francisco to Washington sped steadily toward the national capital. Pine City and the community will pay fitting tribute to the memory of our late president with appropriate services to be held in the park commencing at 1:30 p.m. President Harding died very suddenly after a battle against pneumonia. Calvin Coolidge now is president.
Thos. Gardner has purchased the city dray line business from Gus Luckow and will combine it with his present dray business.

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The sound of heavy firing down the river last Monday morning alarmed some of the campus on Mission Island, but it transpired that it was only Matt Hurley assassinating a skunk.
Born, to the wife of Joseph W. Neubauer, a daughter.
James Wandel and Herman Borchers have greatly improved the appearance of their dwellings by adding a new wire fence, which is neat and attractive. Mr. Wandel has also given his house a coat of paint.
Louis P. Ferguson was killed August 5, 1898 by a Seattle Northern train by the pilot bar on the engine. Mr. Ferguson was well known in Pine County, having lived a number of years in Rock Creek, Mission Creek and Hinckley.

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Community groups barred from school sign: Pine City churches, service groups, and other organizations will no longer be able to use the electronic sign in front of the Pine City Elementary School to promote their events, after a decision by the Pine City School Board to restrict the sign to school activities only.
City officials ask: Should Railroad Street stay closed? Should the city reopen Railroad Street Southeast behind the new fire hall and public library?
That's a question city officials will consider as they review traffic patterns and the need for more public parking at the library.
Railroad Street Southeast has been vacated since 2006 as the city began planning for the new fire hall construction.
Now that construction of the new Pine City Fire Hall is complete, Pine City planning commission suggests the city start a conversation about the potential need to reopen the street.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 Aug 2023)
Council defers dance issue again.
The Pine City Council last week danced around the adult entertainment issue, again referring to the liquor committee the question of whether or not exotic dancing should be allowed in local bars.
When a petition against exotic dance reviews at the Brass Rail bar and Grill surfaced 2 months ago, the council asked the liquor committee to find out how other cities regulate adult entertainment. The committee produced several samples from other cities, most of them prohibiting exotic dancing in establishments that hold a liquor license, especially in an establishment located as close to Robinson Park as the Brass Rail.

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Woischke's Island Resort on the north end of Pokegama Lake reported tornado damage resulting from a twister on Wednesday, August 8. Among the damage reported around the resort were operated trees, damaged canoes and broken windows of two nearby trailers. Most significant was the loss of a new porch edition to the Woischke's Island Resort just completed a month previously.
The Board of Education of District 578 announced this week that they are seriously considering the building of a new high school on the 60 acres site located on the south edge of Pine City. The cost of the project is estimated to be about $3,000,000.
Some members of the Chengwatana Riders Saddle Club enjoyed horseback riding in the Wind River Mountains last week. The group camped in Dickinson State Park, 25 miles west of Lander, Wyoming.
Members of the club who went were Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Youngbauer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Youngbauer and Teri, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carlson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Schwarz and family, and Scott and Randy Root. Others accompanying the group were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Jacobson, Sue and Kelly Osterdyk, Julie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Peterson, Brian Rookie and others from The Rush City, Mora, Hinckley and Superior Wisconsin area.

The 1973 Minnesota State Fair grandstand entertainment lineup includes The Fifth Dimension, Mac Davis, The Brady Bunch Kids, Dawn, featuring Tony Orlando, The Pat Boone Family, Rich Little and the Engelbert Humperdinck Show.

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The new Street sweeper, purchased by the village Council at their last meeting, will be used on the streets for the first time today. The sweeper, a Roscoe Street cleaner, was purchased from the Rosholt Equipment Company of Minneapolis at a cost of $1,585. The sweeper is not self-propelled but will have to be towed by a truck.
Top grandstand feature of the big Minnesota State Fair will be the famed Zucchini Double Cannon Act, in which two girls will be shot high in the air from a cannon and will land in a net 175 ft. away.
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Which will you have first, a furnace for your dwelling, or drinking cups for your barn? Let Richard's Hardware and Well Drilling Company help you decide.

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Pearl bearing clams have been discovered on the flats of Mission Island.
The attention of the proper authorities is called to the needless slaughter of dog-fish. But then, of what earthly use is a dog-fish anyway?
Some of our resident farmers have circulated the report that the creamery was only paying 40 cents a hundred pound for milk, but such is not the case. At the present time they are paying .60 cents per hundred for four percent milk. If those who are trying to run down and institution that is doing business on a square basis, giving the farmers a good market for their milk, would investigate before they tell such stories, it would be better for all concerned, and not do an injustice to the gentleman running the creamery. If you cannot tell the truth about the creamery, keep your mouth shut!

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A powerful storm went through the Pine City area on the evening of August 29, leaving downed trees and power lines and battered docks and boats in its wake. East Central Energy worked to restore electricity to Pine City residence on the morning after the storm as they fixed the downed power lines near the elementary school. The most damage was reported on the eastern shore of Cross Lake. Several residents said they had only seen this type of damage from a tornado.
Pine County had the fourteenth highest percentage of residents without health insurance of the 87 Minnesota counties, according to released statistics from the U.S. Census.
The city of Henriette will celebrate its one hundredth birthday beginning at noon on Saturday September 14. There will be a historical display at city hall.
Henriette Free Methodist Church will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary on Sunday September 15. The public is invited to the church located one mile north of Henriette on Highway 107.
Crowds headed to the seventh annual Pine City PRCA Championship Rodeo at Heidelberger's Arena for two full and exciting nights of bull riding, calf roping, wild cow milking, clowns, and cowboy poker.

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North West Fur Post realizes dream: Federal funds will make Visitors Center a reality. North West Company Fur Post is one of four state historic sites included in the Transportation History Network. The site now consists of an authentically rebuilt fur trading post from the winter of 1804-05 on the banks of the Snake River.
The Bruce and Cindy Olson family of Pine City will make its second appearance on the national broadcast of the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.
Pine City teacher raises over $4,000 on AIDS Ride: Pine City teacher Peter Schield not only met the physical challenge of the Minneapolis to Chicago AIDS Ride but contributed an awesome $4,000 to the cause as well. Donations came from the faculty at the high school and elementary, a number of local businesses and from individuals Schield doesn't even know.

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Land O' Lakes District 11 Board, a Cooperative in this area for several years, voted recently to donate over $4,000 to the Pine City Area Vocational Technical Institute for the purchase of Kjeldahl forage testing equipment.
Becky Kick recently graduated from St. Cloud Beauty College. She has passed her state board tests and started work at Elaine's Beauty Mark in Pine City.
Moose Lake: A cattle patrol is being organized in Windemere Township with the first meeting to be held at the Windemere Town Hall. All township residents were invited, not only farmers who have cattle, but also all persons concerned with the welfare of the entire township.
In an effort to protect the campground and canoe launching site at the Highway 70 bridge over the St. Croix River southeast of Pine City from further damage and deterioration, steps have recently been taken to close the area to vehicle use.

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W.P. “Woody” Johnson, well known Pine City resident, resigned recently from the Minnesota State Highway Patrol after 13 years of service. Beginning September 7, he will assume the position of safety director for the Land O’Lakes Company.
Quick work by Marshal Chester Larson and deputies last Monday evening, August 23, nabbed a robber 20 minutes after the cash drawer at the Amos N’ Andy’s Ice Cream Bar at Rush City was cleaned out. The bandit was a woman from Delhi, Minn., who has a prison record.
Betty Robinson returned Sunday afternoon from a two-month trip through the Midwest. She bicycled across Indiana and parts of Illinois, visited relatives in Joplin, Missouri and Kansas and spent a few days in the Colorado mountains. Miss Robinson, a watercolor artist, will leave for the University of Cincinnati on September 13, to resume her art studies there.

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Everything is ready for the big Pine County F air. U.S. Senator Magnus Johnson will speak Wednesday. Pine City business houses will close Tuesday and Wednesday from 1-4:30 p.m.
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John Saumer, who resides on the Rock Creek Road about three miles south of here, is building a fine large barn.
The county board proceedings should be news of the greatest importance to the citizens of the county, but too many of them look at the heading and say, “Oh, it is nothing but the county board proceedings. There is nothing there that interests me,” and yet these same people will wonder why the county is in debt and will kick against the commissioners. Such would not be the result if they read the board proceedings, as they would then see what was done with the money.
Died, John Wimmer, at his residence in the town of Royalton, on Sunday at 6:40 a.m. in the presence of his entire family, after a lingering illness of nearly a year with lung trouble.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Sep 2023)
At the Pine City School Board meeting on September 9, residents addressed the board with messages both critical and supportive of the school districts new policy which includes barring community events from being displayed on the electronic sign outside Pine City Elementary School.
The Pine City Planning Commission has asked city staff to draft an ordinance that could allow residents to raise chickens in their backyards, provided that they meet certain criteria. City staff noted that over two dozen cities now have ordinances in place to allow chickens.
The Pine Area Fall Fun Run/Walk 5k and Cub Run (for kids 12 and under) will take place Saturday September 14, at 9 a.m. with registration at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. All proceeds will be donated to the Pine City Elementary gym department, to be used to purchase new equipment for students.
Typing it up the old way: Tom Rolf, of rural Pine City, sat at the linotype in the Newspaper Museum at the Minnesota State Fair. Tom volunteered two days this year. The museum in Heritage Square is being moved to another location at the fair, yet to be determined.
Award-winning Minn. journalist Cathy Wurzer is heading to Pine City on October 4, to show her film “Tales of the Road: Highway 61” at the Pine Technical College Auditorium.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Sep 2023)
The Pine City Council is one sentence away from settling on an ordinance that would ban exotic dancing in licensed liquor establishments. Ignoring the liquor committee’s recommendation that the city adopt zoning laws to restrict sexually oriented businesses and adult entertainment, the council last week almost decided to model its ordinance after a League of Minnesota Cities’ dancing

ordinance. Pine City will call on state officials to help with airport hangar decisions. After a committee meeting with the owners of hangars at Pine City Airport, the city council is still unsure of how to proceed with getting the hangars moved north of the runway. The council has decided on the airport property as the site for a new Public Works facility, making it necessary to get the hangars out of the way.
The North Chapter of the Chisago County Historical Society has received title to a M60 A3 Vietnam type tank for display purposes. The tank has been placed on a concrete pad by the “Welcome to Rush City” sign. The tank is there in memory of all the men and women who served in wars fought by the United States.
The annual threshing and sawing show at Anderson’s Rock Creek Relics will feature displays and demonstrations of antique farming and domestic activities, and is open to the public. Anderson’s is located south of Pine City on Highway 61.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Sep 2023)
Cattle rustlers were busy in northern Pine County last week, and they trucked off 69 head of yearling stock, including a 1200 lb bull, none of which were branded, reports Pine County Sheriff John Kozisek.
Vandalism occurred at Blake’s Bus Service in Pine City, Sunday, September 9. Fire extinguishers were discharged into buses and in storage areas and gas caps and keys were stolen.
Three 4-Hers from Pine County will participate in the State Fair Horse Show at the state fairgrounds. The three are Sandy Klar of Hinckley, John Sickler and Andy Schwarz, both of Pine City.
Residents of Chengwatana Township met last Thursday evening and decided to go along with patrolling for cattle rustlers.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Sep 2023)
This Sunday, September 12, will be a festive day at the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. The Lutheran Church that stood for many years in Pine Grove was moved into town in the fall of 1946 and completely renovated and rebuilt.
Pokegama: Another term of school opened Tuesday morning at District 42 with Agnes O’Donnell as teacher.
Helen C. Callahan, Veteran World War I, is seeking election to the second district Pine County Commissioner seat, also running for that position is H.H.Grandt and incumbent Wm. Ausmus.
Starting this fall, Pine Poker-Pioneer is adding a new interest packed magazine section, called “NOWADAYS”, as part of this paper each week.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Sep 2023)
Several pupils are out of school with the whooping cough.
Fire completely destroyed the house and all its contents on the Kirk Bassett farm southeast of town last Thursday.
The Pine County Fair drew a large crowd in spite of the cold weather. About 30 babies entered the baby show. The Otto Torke baby winning first, the Russell Wilson baby second, the Fred Kaeble baby third and the L.J. Skluzacek baby fourth.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Sep 2023)
J.J. Murray offers the following special premium: for first home run made by members of the Pine City baseball nine, five shaves, for the second home run, three shaves and for the third home run, one shave.
Henry Glasow had quite a close call to having a severe accident, if not being killed. He was on the north side of the river and had Otto Kowalke’s double-barreled shotgun. He saw a yellow Hammer flying by him and pulling up the gun, shot the left hand barrel, which exploded, blowing out about two inches of the barrel an inch and a half from the breech. Henry shot left-handed, which was all that saved him, for if he had been right-handed it would have blown his head off.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 Sep 2023)
Leisure Designs started a year and a half ago. After filling up two buildings in the Pine City Industrial Park, and going from 18 to 40 employees in a year, they need to make another large expansion.
Pine City's soccer fields may be relocated to make space for potential new businesses opening in the Pine City Industrial Park. According to the minutes from the Pine City Economic Development Authority meeting, the last two businesses which expressed serious interest in building in that section of the Industrial Park said they do not wish to be the industry that "takes away" the soccer fields in Pine City.
From a Pine City farm, 17-year-old Jake Rix has taken his rodeo dreams down to the State Fairgrounds to represent Pine County in the bull riding competition.
The newly organized Pine City Area History Association will have a small display inside the Pine City Chamber reception area to share information about their organization and provide notices about upcoming meeting dates. The mission of the Pine City Area History Association is the collection, preservation and dissemination of knowledge about the history of the Pine City Area.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 Sep 2023)
This year's Pine City High School fall play was written by five high school students, Heidi Seivert, Joe Bombard, Zach Hamill, Jon Mathison and Brian Hobson. "The Underside" is about life in Chicago during the 1920s. It shows how many different people may have viewed Chicago and the activities that went on during that period. Filled with twists and unexpected surprises, "The Underside" has something for everyone.
While Minnesota's Forest lands provide a multitude of outdoor recreational opportunities, horse riding is usually not one most people think about. That is, unless they're members of the Minnesota Horse Council. This organization recently presented the Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry with a $20,000 check that will be used to expand and improve the Tamarack Horse Camp in the St. Croix State Forest. The Tamarack Horse Camp was first established in 1976. It is located in a remote and scenic area of the forest and provides access to 45 miles of horse trails.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 Sep 2023)
Pine City's most unusual vehicle these days is probably the PPV (people powered vehicle) owned and demonstrated by Harold Carl. Weighing just 135 lb, the three-wheel fiber glass contraption is pedaled by its driver and passenger at speeds up to whatever it's occupants can muster with leg muscles.
Lorrie Stark from Stark's Greenhouse was on hand at the Fast Freighter's 4-H Club meeting to judge the cabbage growing contest which he had sponsored early this spring. Winners in the contest were Lola Shuey and Jeff Emslander.
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cummings were among the 111 Riders at the Pine Creek Saddle Club trail ride at Rutledge on Saturday and Sunday.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 Sep 2023)
The Riverview Cafe, located on the river near the bridge in Pine City, has been leased by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Betz and opened for business last week after considerable redecorating and rearranging. They have installed a Bar-B-Q machine of the latest type and offer barbecued chicken and other meats.
Frank Pranghofer, pioneer resident of this community, died September 5, at Rush City Hospital.
The faculty of Pine City Public School held their annual picnic at Pine Camp Monday evening. A treasure hunt along the beach served wet appetites for the picnic lunch.
'The New '49' Kaiser: A Dream in Design Come True.' The Kaiser Special will be on display Monday, September 20, at Pine City Electric Co., Holstein Bros. Pine City.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 Sep 2023)
The turkey outlook for Thanksgiving and Christmas is growing less promising because of serious losses from the dreaded disease blackhead.

Hunting season opened last Sunday with practically every nimrod in the community out to try their luck, and according to all the reports from the hunters, there can't be much game left if all these stories are true.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 Sep 2023)
Jos. Franta, in his new store in the new Miller block, is getting nicely fixed in the line of harness and the horse fixin's generally. If you are going traveling, just drop in and take a look at his line of trunks and valises.
A dance was given in Lambert's Hall on Monday evening which proved quite a social success, notwithstanding the fact that such a thing was not thought of until after 6:00 o'clock that evening. The credit belongs to several of our young ladies.
According to arrangements, the baseball boys left here on Thursday morning for Princeton, Jerry Connor and J.D. Wilcox, Jr. fixed up a wagon and put four horses on it, started with 14 baseball cranks at about 10:00 o'clock a.m. for Princeton, where they arrived in the evening at about 7:00 o'clock.
Adam Biedermann has improved the appearance of his place in this village, by giving his shop, warehouse and barn a coat of red paint. Adam doesn't paint very often, but when he does, he puts a red tint on all he comes in contact with.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 Sep 2023)
Pine City's Third Annual Highway 61 Film Festival is coming and local movie lovers are looking forward to the chance to see a great selection of local, national and even international films. The festival will feature student-made movies throughout the weekend.
The Pine County Sheriff's Office reported that it executed a search warrant at a farm on Holly Road in rural Pine County. During the warrant, investigators and deputies discovered and seized 12 starving horses. 21 dogs of various breeds, 18 ducks and 84 chickens which were described as covered in filth.
It took Henriette City Council Member Giles Nelson three days to slow cook his batch of booya, but it was worth it. Nelson served the savory concoction at the Henriette centennial celebration.
State declares Pine City "Shovel Ready," one of only 15 shovel ready sites. Business Park developments in three Minnesota cities have been certified for the Shovel Ready Program. The certifications were awarded to the cities of Becker, Pine City and Stewartville.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 Sep 2023)
Hockey association presses school board to support Civic Center Arena. The Pine City Hockey Association hopes a cooperative agreement can be reached with the city and the school district so a multi-use building can be erected on the site of the outdoor rink known as Korbel Arena.
Pine County will attempt to get several agencies involved in funding a GPS base map of the county. It can serve as the basis for a Geographical Information Survey, which counties use to pinpoint property lines, to map roads and right of way, locate fire calls, identify wells, utility lines and more.
The Pine City Arts Council invites people of all ages to enter its twelfth annual photography show. The public is invited to a reception at the library and cash prizes will be awarded.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 Sep 2023)
Heath Perkins Post No. 51 has a new sign on its American Legion club building. Sta-Brite Signs were busy installing it Monday afternoon.
The first regular meeting of the PTA here Monday was marked by a substantial turnout with over 130 people in attendance. Sparking interest in the meeting was a cake walk presented by the AFS.
Rutabaga harvesting is going full swing these days at Henriksen, Inc. of Askov. A summer and fall of good weather and ample rainfall has produced a crop that ranks above average.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 Sep 2023)

Little Audrey Martinko, eight years old, was first prize winner on the Cedric Adams, Philip 66 Junior Talent Show. The little vocalist made quite a hit at the radio show.
Mr. and Mrs. George Warhol took over ownership and operation of the Coast to Coast store here last Monday, following completion of the purchase from Bill and Don Gauthier.
Warning Notice: At the last Henriette council meeting, the discussion was that a notice be published that all parents of Henriette are requested to keep children home after 9:30 p.m.
SuperValu advertise a five pound pail of honey for $1.19, Lifebuoy soap, three bars for 23 cents, Bliss coffee for 39 cents a pound, and Gold Medal flour, 50 pounds for $3.69.
The following new officers were elected at the Mission Creekettes 4-H Club meeting at the Frank Kosik home. John Neville is president, Raymond Zestera, vice president; Betty Teich, secretary; Mike Hady, treasurer; Pat Kosik, reporter, and recreational chairmen Russell Zastera and Doris Tracy.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 Sep 2023)
Philip John Planert, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Planert, disappeared from his home Thursday evening while looking for a horse that had strayed away. Philip was found Saturday evening near the Fred Engler farm, which is about one and a half miles east of the Planert's farm. He was uninjured but hungry.
Thieves entered the Joe Plessel home, south of town, last Sunday afternoon and took about $50 worth of wearing apparel and some money. The Plessels were away at the time.
Chicken thieves are getting busy out east of Beroun. Mr. Hlavek lost 250 last Tuesday night. Automobile tires also take the fancy of some of the night riders, two of Ausmuses front tires.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 Sep 2023)
While Andrew Jungbauer was at work in his field, he noticed his straw stack was on fire, and at once ran to the house, but before he could get there his stable was ablaze. He at once directed his attention to the granary, and tried to save some of his grain, but the fire spread so rapidly that he succeeded in getting out but a very small quantity. His house then caught fire and burned. He estimates his loss at about $1,000, with no insurance.
Three of the Meadow Lawn boys who went out to thrash in Dakota have returned home.
A partridge was observed perched on one of the upper window sills of Hurley block. Whether it wanted to subscribe to the Pioneer or Bede's Budget, or stopped to get a tooth pulled, is unknown, as it made a hurried departure when some of the boys tried to interview it.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 Oct 2023)
Ten years ago, a bull moose, believed by DNR wildlife officials to be about one and one-half years old, has been grazing with the cows at the Matt and Connie Takala farm east of Pine City. It is thought to be the same moose reported by residents east of Sandstone a couple of weeks ago. According to DNR wildlife habitat specialists, young bulls will wonder wildly at this time of year in search of the a female moose. They also caution people not to get too close because males in rut are unpredictable and could be dangerous.
Kubesh, Lutz to join Dragon Hall of Fame: The public is invited to attend the Induction Ceremony at the Pine City Country Club on October 5 at 7 p.m. Ron Kubesh, class of 1951, and Andrew Lutz, class of 2008 will be inducted.
Pine City School test scores above average: Pine City schools student assessment scores in reading and mathematics mirror the Minnesota state average and trend higher than average in science proficiency.
Youth work hard, pray hard on mission trip: A group of 21 students and three adults from Pine City Evangelical Free Church brought back great memories of ranch life in Rapid City, S.D. best of all,

they expressed their satisfaction with the opportunity to serve others. The students spent a week working on projects at the Rainbow Bible Ranch Youth Camp and in the Rapid City community.
Wurzer seeks Pine City stories for next “Tales of the Road.” Cathy Wurzer is on the hunt for more tales of Highway 61, and that search is taking her right through Pine City. She is now working on a sequel to “Tails of the Road” and is coming to Pine Technical College on October 4 to meet the public and to show her first film at the Highway 61 Film Festival.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 Oct 2023)
Severe storm pummels Pine City Friday night. Roaring wind and pelting hail rouse Pine City area residents from their beds and into their basements early Saturday morning. Straight line winds raced out of the west, toppling trees, breaking power poles and knocking down lines, causing outages for more than 14,000 East Central Electric customers. No injuries were reported.
The storm swept into the area so swiftly that the sheriff’s office did not receive notice from the Duluth Weather Service as it usually does.
WCMP radio measured almost 3 in. of rain in the course of the storm, which began at 12:30 a.m. and lasted only about 20 minutes. Hailstones 1 and 1/2 to 2 inches in diameter broke windows, damaged siding and dented cars. Pine City was the worst as far as the hail.
Chamber sponsors customer service seminar: The Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce invites employers and employees to a seminar on customer service.
The seminar will define what a positive attitude is and the advantages of having one, customer needs and expectations, skills to respond to customer needs, personal appearance, facilities and surroundings and knowing your job.
The seminar will be held at the Pine Technical College auditorium. The cost is $10 per person.
Oklahoma City bombing survivor speaks at Historical Society meeting: The Pine County Historical Society will hold its annual membership meeting at Toby’s restaurant in Hinckley.
Everyone is invited whether or not they are members of the Historical Society.
The speaker will be Clark C. Peterson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Peterson is formally of Hinckley. He is one of the survivors of the Oklahoma City bombing and has written “Unto a Pile of Rubble.” He is also the author of “The Great Hinckley Fire.”
The Pine County Historical Society observed it’s 50th anniversary during the Askov Fair in August with an open house at its new History Center.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 Oct 2023)
Over 250 4-H members from throughout Minnesota participated in the 4-H Horse Show held at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Andy Schwarz of the Ambitious Pines Club received a blue ribbon in showmanship and a white in horsemanship. Sandy Klar of the Sunnyside Club received a white in showmanship and horsemanship and John Sickler of the Ambitious Pines received a red ribbon in horsemanship and a white in showmanship.
Clarence Nordstrom reports a very good day, with weather favorable and a large crowd on hand, for the old fashioned horse plowing contest held at the Sherburne County Fairgrounds in Elk River. Nordstrom entered seven horses in all four classes. He came in second in the show.
Lee’s Pro Shop announced its grand opening on Saturday, October 6, 1973.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 Oct 2023)
For the past several weeks, the Pine City Athletic Association has had under discussion a lighted baseball field. At the last Commercial Club meeting, the club unanimously voted for the erection of a lighted baseball field.
Monday of this week, Otto Wiedemann, in partnership with his son, Kenneth, took over the business of Braun’s Equipment.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Witte purchased Clara’s Eat Shop this week from Clara Brandt, and have taken over its operation. Mr. Witte, who has the milk delivery route, will continue with that business also.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 Oct 2023)

The Richards Hardware Store, building and stock, was completely destroyed by fire last Monday evening. The building and store room were 30 by 90 ft. and valued at $2,500 and the stock at $9,000 to $10,000.
The Buchan and Glaede meat market ran a contest whereby a certificate with each 25 cent purchase was given to the customer.Five beautiful dolls were awarded to girls collecting the most certificates.
There is much enthusiasm this year regarding organizing a parent-teachers association in school.
The chief sport of the seventh graders is fly catching and now that the flies are getting scarce, the hunters are becoming discouraged.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 Oct 2023)
The village will soon settle down to the usual routine of business, as court has adjourned, and the jurors and witnesses who have been here for the past week have all returned home.
Meadow Lawn: Mrs. Kilgore fell down the cellar recently. She says the stop at the bottom is all that hurt her.
Sam Glanville and Jack Workman of Hustletown have returned from their trip to Dakota. Sam wore a nice new suit of clothes, and Johnny wore his old original smile.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 Oct 2023)
City comp plan approved at last: Years in the making, Pine City's new comprehensive plan was finally approved by the city council last week, and the vote was unanimous.
Representatives of Pokegama and Pine City Townships indicated their support for the plan, which serves as a guide for community development over the next 10 years.
Waterfront development tops city's project wish list. Developing the waterfront in and around Pine City continues to be foremost on the cities economic development wish list.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 Oct 2023)
Every connoisseur of great massages would love to find a friend who also happens to be a professional massage therapist. They might think Cindy Hickey is just the person they want to meet. The only problem is that to qualify as one of her clients, you should weigh about 900 pounds and eat hay. This Pine City area woman is one of only eight certified equine massage therapists in Minnesota. Her clients are horses, and her goal is not simply to relieve pain but to improve the comfort and performance of the equine athletes.
"Fantabulous Apple Festival" is theme: All women are invited and encouraged to attend the monthly meeting of the Pine City Area Christian Women's Club at the Pine City Community Room in City Hall. Helen Foster, Pine City, will share creative ways to use apples. Jody Karas, Pine City, will provide music.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 Oct 2023)
The future home of Carpet Unlimited and Fabric Land is under construction with hopes to be at least partially opened by November 15. The 40x80 block with frame roof building will feature a stucco front.
Henry Fedder, Dick Gregor, Gene Wiener, and Howard Larsen returned recently from a four-day moose hunting trip to Ontario, Canada. The party traveled by camper pickup, one mile by canoe and the last three quarters of a mile on foot. Howard Larsen was able to shoot his moose on the first day.
Mr. and Mrs. Iver Peterson, who live on the east shore of Pokegama Lake, were "bolted" out of bed early Tuesday morning when lightning struck their TV antenna on top of their house. The lightning followed the lead in wire down the side of the house, knocking three cement blocks from the foundation, busted the window as it entered the house, shattered three sheets of paneling and melted the Styrofoam insulation in the wall.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 Oct 2023)

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners convened Tuesday, with all members present. The levy for welfare purposes as submitted by the Welfare Board was set at $140,000.
At 2 p.m. this Thursday afternoon, funeral services will be conducted for Lawrence Atkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Atkinson of Pine City, who was killed in action in Italy.
Fruit salad ice cream is the Russell's flavor of the month for October.
The Boston Braves won the National League pennant, the first since 1914, 34 years ago.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 Oct 2023)
Wendell Huber, Lawrence Therrien and DeWitt Gottry spent the weekend at their homes here. They are surveying the road running east from Sandstone to Markville and expect to be on the job for the next couple of months. Wendell is the county surveyor.
Petit jurors drawn for the October term of the district court included the following: Fred Allgood, John Connaker, John Westman, John Freeman, James Gardner, Earnest Olson, William Korbel, C.H. Lane, and Frank Skalicky, Sr.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 Oct 2023)
Joseph Thomas, our village Marshall, departed on Wednesday morning for Michigan, where he will remain a few days. George Payne carries the star and revolver during Joe's absence.
Snow on the 13th and still there are hundreds of bushels of potatoes still in the ground. But it is predicted that we will have some warm weather before winter sets in, which scores of farmers are looking forward to.
The Pine City Creamery Company announces that unless they can secure patrons enough to ensure the creamery paying expenses, they will be compelled to shut down by the middle of next month. It is to be hoped that events will so shape themselves that the creamery may continue in operation.
Will Schmale and John Fischer, who left here early in the spring to join the army, arrived home Wednesday, having spent the spring and summer in Dakota, working on a farm. The boys say that when they got to St. Paul, there were over 200 more men than were needed, who wanted to enlist, so they started for the West, where they have been ever since.
There is talk of building a new Road at the head of Cross Lake. Boys, be careful. The town is very heavily loaded now.
The Years Ago column is presenting articles of interest as they were previously published in the Pine Poker and Pine City Pioneer newspapers. Hope you enjoy them!

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 Oct 2023)
Electronic sign meeting set for October 29: The Pine City School Board has scheduled a special study session to review its policy governing messages on the electronic sign along Main Street on Pine City Elementary School property.
Earlier this summer, the school board voted to restrict messages to school only events in the wake of complaints from the public about the content of some messages from community organizations that were posted on the sign.
History museum asks County for $20,000: Over a dozen representatives of the Pine County Historical Museum Board asked Pine County officials to double the county's annual contribution next year to $20,000 to help cover sharply rising utility and operation costs of the museum at Askov.
Cross- country squad wins conference championship: The Pine City Dragons boys and girls cross-country teams showed their talents at the Great River Conference Meet in Pine City. Both teams won their respective Conference Championships.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 Oct 2023)

Highway 61 planning begins; Project opens doors to new downtown look: The dirt and the detours won't occur until the spring of 2,000, but plans for rebuilding Pine City's main thoroughfare are getting underway this fall.
A task force will be formed with its members asked to meet about eight times over the next eight months to identify opportunities and constraints and to work with the public on ideas for the reconstruction.
City bans nude but not exotic dancing in bars: The liquor committee couldn't decide, and it was close on the city council, but Pine City will ban nude dancing in liquor, wine and beer establishments.
City promises money to Civic Center Arena: Verbal support for the Pine City Hockey Associations quest to build a Civic Center Arena was plentiful at last week's Pine City Council meeting.
The council took no official action, but promised, by consensus to contribute financially.
Attorneys Howard Ledin and Kevin Hofstad, of Ledin and Hofstad, Ltd., Pine City and Hinckley, were named as "Super Lawyers" in the August 1998 issue of Minnesota Law and Politics magazine.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 Oct 2023)
The tension and suspense was finally over for Julie Anderson as she felt the Homecoming Queen crown being placed on her head by football captain Kelly Osterdyk during the program at the school last Friday.
Floor plans and sketches of the proposed new high school were displayed by the architect, details of construction were outlined and questions answered at a school advisory committee meeting.
A group of local citizens who are against the present plans to build a new high school in Pine City has now organized into an opposition committee called Citizens Advisory Committee Against the Bond.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 Oct 2023)
Joyce Baker was crowned the Homecoming Queen at the Hobo Day Coronation. The Hobos voted Joyce their Queen by a majority of 650 votes. Marian Brown and Jackie Lehet acted as ladies in waiting. Ruthellen Tomlinson, Louis Chalpusky, Dorothy Stoffel, Nola Nelson, Nancy Fleming and Eleanor Schwartzwald also attended the queen.
Hubert H. Humphrey, DFL nominee for the United States Senate, will speak in Pine City Wednesday, October 20. Two talks will be given at the Commercial Club dinner and another at an open-air meeting in Robinson Park at 8:30 p.m.
The St. Joseph Church of Beroun was the scene of a very impressive wedding Saturday, October 9 at 9 a.m. when Adeline Soukup, daughter of Mrs. Emma Soukup of Beroun, became the bride of Roy Reiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Reiser of Hinckley. Father Andrew Gallik performed the high nuptial mass.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 Oct 2023)
Miss Geneva Therrien and Fred Brandes sprung a complete surprise on their friends last week when it became known that this popular couple had been married at St. Paul.
Three Pine City homes have been quarantined where a member of the family has diphtheria.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 Oct 2023)
Election in this village is commencing to warm up some. The candidates are getting out their cards and distributing them among their friends.
Erick Troolin of Friesland was a county seat coller on Tuesday. Mr. Troolin says his farm is just beginning to pay him. All the farmers in this county seem to be perfectly satisfied this fall, and there is no reason why they should be otherwise as they have all had good crops and have received good prices for their products.
Mrs. O. Scofield of Meadow Lawn has been very sick with the measles.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 Oct 2023)
Haunted trail pride of Brook Park couple: Fourteen years ago Jeremy and Jenny Ringler of Brook Park stumbled into an unexpected passion, scaring the living daylights out of the young and old. They have had the opportunity to do that for over 300 visitors who attended their haunted trail and they welcome visitors again this Halloween season.
Every fall this small, private event grew larger and larger and the length of the trail grew longer. After many years with only friends and family they realized it was time to open up the event to everyone and be open to the public.
Remembering a whale of a tale: A story has surfaced at local coffee shops that a whale from the Pacific Ocean was once on display in Pine City. Leo Skluzacek and Clark Kick have verified the story as they, along with many other townspeople saw the whale. Both men had vivid memories of the awful smell coming from the display. It was early during the Great Depression, the 1930s, they recounted. It was on a flatbed train car and they had to pay a nickel to get up close to see it.
Time for tea: Pamela Jambeck and PJay Siltanen were hosts to a group of young ladies at the Pines Center for the Arts. They all enjoyed an afternoon of tea and the American Girl Dolls series of Doll Days.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 Oct 2023)
Halloween dance: The Pine City Jaycees are sponsoring a Halloween dance for students in grades 7 through 12. It will be held in the Commons at Pine City High School. A DJ will provide music, and there will be prizes for the best costumes.
Students write fall play: A treat is in store for those who go to see “The Underside,” the fall play at Pine City High School. Five local students, Joe Bombard, Jon Mathison, Heidi Seivert, Zach Hammill and Brian Hobson committed themselves to writing the script. Some of them are acting in the play as well.
Pine Area Lions fundraiser: A tote bag featuring Pine City themes and landmarks will be available at the Pine Area Lions October breakfast and bake sale. It will be held at the American Legion Hall. The bags cost $10. Pine City afghans are also available at a cost of $39.95. Corner Photo and the Schwartzwald Motel have both items available as well.
Pine City teachers among outstanding educators honored: Four Pine City teachers, Julie Berglund, Steve Farquharson, Wilma Smith and Curtis Wagner, we’re honored at a banquet and ceremony to recognize outstanding achievement by educators, aides and administrators.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 Oct 2023)
The Pine County Sheriff’s Posse has now drawn up its bylaws and incorporated as a non-profit entity under the title of the Sheriff’s Mounted Patrol of Pine County.
Three boys found a bank bag containing $861 in cash and checks lying on a Pine City street last week. Marty Sanders, 12, and his 13-year-old twin brothers, Terry and Tom, promptly took their find to the sheriff’s office. The boys received a $10 reward from the owner of the bag.
Last Wednesday night, the Dragons defeated the North Branch Vikings 33-0. This victory broadened their record in the conference play to six wins, no losses and also assured them the East Central Conference Championship.
Mike Ovik and Everett Baker, both from Pine City, were with a party that recently returned from a week’s moose hunting trip to Pickle Crow, Ontario, Canada, which is 636 miles from Pine City.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 Oct 2023)
Mrs. Walter Rydberg and Grace Bevers went to Minneapolis Wednesday evening to hear President Truman speak. They also visited the WCCO studio, and while there, had the opportunity to meet and visit with Mrs. Margaret Chase Smith, of Maine, the only woman Senator-elect in the United States.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 Oct 2023)

Sheriff Hawley has appointed Jack Woodhead of Pine City as a deputy sheriff for Pine County, and he commenced his duties with the first session of this term of court, which opened last Tuesday. The biggest dance of the year will be the Halloween Ball, to be given by the band in the armory on Wednesday evening of next week, October 31, with dancing from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 Oct 2023)
William Baker is progressing finely with his new residence and will soon be ready to give us that long- promised dance.
The nights are beginning to get quite cold, and the boys are fixing up their skates preparatory to the winter's sport.
A number of hunters came to this place on every train. They are mostly in search of deer, and go out east of town. A few of them are in quest of smaller game and they go west of this place.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 Nov 2023)
Creative Kids Discovery Day, sponsored by Pine County 4-H, brought youth from across Pine County to Hinckley/ Finlayson High School to discover a variety of new skills and knowledge at Project Exploration Day. Sessions included woodworking, cooking, crafts, and more. In all of these sessions, youth gained new knowledge and were able to bring items home to continue in that project area. Governor Mark Dayton issued emergency executive order 13-11, declaring a state of emergency in Minnesota due to the late maturing of the corn crop across the upper mid-west. Effective immediately, motor carriers and drivers transporting propane and anhydrous ammonia to affected areas of the state and providing direct assistance for emergency relief efforts, are exempted from regulations pertaining to hours of service. Another season at the Pine City Farmers Market came to an end among falling leaves and blustery breezes, and fans of fresh vegetables and other market goods are already looking forward to next summer's market. Pulled pork, sweet and sour red cabbage, German potato salad and apple cake were all on the menu at the Pine Area Lions German Fest celebration on October 13 at the American Legion.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 Nov 2023
The Pine City Jaycees will hand out Halloween bags and candy on Saturday from 4-6 p.m. at the Holiday station on Highway 61 in Pine City. The Pine City Public Library will hold a used book sale on October 30 and 31. The sale will be held in the community room at city hall. Books will be bargain priced with newer titles priced slightly higher. East Central Regional Library was the winner of the Minnesota Library Association's 1998 Public Relations Award. ECRL received a traveling trophy for its efforts.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 Nov 2023)
Pine City finished it's conference football season undefeated, 7-0 after last Friday's 46-8 trouncing of the Hinckley Vulcans. Dr. T.W. Buselmeier, 59, a dentist at Buffalo for the past 34 years, died suddenly on October 21 near Hamilton, Montana. He was on a hunting trip. He was born in Pine City to Theodore and Marjorie Buselmeier and was an honor student in high school. Swirl `n Curl is a new beauty shop opening at George Rathbun Barber, 245 6th Street, Pine City, next to Jimmy's Cafe. Mark Jennings, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jennings, is a starting safety for the Carlton College Football team.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 Nov 2023)
St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Beroun was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday, October 16 when Miss Agnes Plasek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Plasek of Beroun, became the bride of Frank C. Chihos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Chihos of Browerville, Minn. The Fair Store is advertising Nan Dorsey blouses, lace trimmed, tucked and tailored, from $2.98 to $4.50.
100 Years Ago, 1923 Margaret Kick and Lucille Somers are back in the third grade again, after a short illness. Work will start this week on the graveling of the road running east of town. The

election! The Republicans could not carry the state ticket. The governor won. Walter Eng left for Duluth, Monday, where he expects to be employed this winter.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 Nov 2023)
F.E. Smith's shelving for his hardware store arrived on Tuesday, and he is getting it up and his goods placed there on, and will be prepared to open up with a fine stock of light and heavy hardware the first of next week. The whole of the Chas F. Stephan's family are quite ill. The family is under the care of Dr. Wiseman. Dr. E.L. Stephan of Hinckley went out on Tuesday evening and held a consultation with Dr. Wiseman and said that the coroner was doing all that medical science could do for them.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 Nov 2023)
Roots run deep for orphan train descendants: Susie Lehner and Lyn Johnson our history buffs and are especially interested in the history of the 250,000 orphans that came to the midwest, particularly Minnesota from the Children's Aid Society and the Sisters of Charity Fondling Home in New York City. The orphan trains ran between 1854 and 1929. It is particularly difficult to trace one's history if an ancestor arrived in Minnesota on an orphan train because their birth name was often unknown. They arrived with a tag pinned to their coats listing their first name. They took the name of the foster parents that took them in. Many children as young as two years old arrived in Minnesota on those trains.
Tennis squad looks back on strong season: The Pine City Girls Tennis team had their banquet at the Pizza Pub and put an official wrap on another solid season. There were over 50 in attendance between the players themselves, their families and the coaches.
Walls up at new Pine City High School Auditorium: As construction of the new Pine City High School Auditorium goes forward, school officials are looking toward completion of the project sometime in late spring, 2014.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 Nov 2023)
Pine County chooses Jesse: Pine County voters helped Minnesota make history by choosing Jesse Ventura for governor, the first time in the nation that a reform party candidate has won a major office. At 4:45 a.m. on Wednesday, November 4, with Pokegama Township and Pine City West precinct not yet reporting, Ventura's vote total stood at 4,130. Norm Coleman had garnered 2,415 votes and Hubert Humphrey III, 2,284 votes.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 Nov 2023)
Voters turned out in good number Tuesday to elect Kenneth Clementson as Pine City's new mayor and Roger Erfourth and William Challeen as village trustees. The village Council has taken an option to purchase approximately 34 acres of property from Walter Blanchard, part of which would be used for the new armory planned for Pine City. Whether the village will actually purchase the property is uncertain at this time. Cost of the land, located at the south edge of the village, is reported to be 63,000.
Last Friday the Dragon football team traveled to Esko to play the Esko Eskimos, champions of the Polar League conference. Although the night was cold and nippy, the Dragons put together a game which they described as "probably the best we've played," and walked away with the trophy and a 40-0 shellacking over the Eskimos.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 Nov 2023)
Pine County continues to support the national Democratic ticket when they gave President Harry S. Truman a 1,700 vote margin over Governor Dewey with all but nine voting precincts reporting in last Tuesday's general election. The election was a smashing victory for President Truman.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Skalicky last Sunday took over the operation and ownership of the Stop & Shop grocery store in Hazel Park, making the purchase from Ralph Buirge, who instituted the business. Mr. and Mrs. Skalicky plan to remain open evenings and Sundays for the convenience of the residents of that area across the river.
Henriette: Calling all girls! There will be a sewing class held in the Fairway Store every Tuesday evening. If you want to learn how to knit one, pearl two or crochet or sew, come to the Fairway Store and join us.
The Coast to Coast store, under the new ownership of Geo. Warhol, will hold its grand opening Saturday, November 6 with free coffee and donuts and gifts all day.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 Nov 2023)
The construction crew of the Eastern Minnesota Power Company, who have been working in the vicinity of Milaca all summer, arrived here the first of the week and started work on a transmission line that will run direct west from Pine City via Pokegama Lake, connecting with the Brook Park – Grasston line.
School children of District 25, two and one-half miles east of Beroun, were given a thrill about 10 o'clock last Tuesday when a big wolf passed within a few feet of the school house. The wolf came from the south and crossed the road by the building. After the wolf had disappeared from view, many were the brave stories told by some of the young folks of the school as to what would have happened to Mr. Wolf if they had only had a gun. Miss Blanche Shuey is teacher of the school.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 Nov 2023)
John Lind, has been elected governor last Tuesday. Now that John Lind will have a chance, the people of the state will watch with considerable anxiety for proof of Republican corruption and mismanagement during the years since the last Democrat occupied Minnesota's executive chamber.

It may be thought that people do not read ads, but this is often disproven in a practical way. The laundry published a price list at which washing would be done, and a young man who read of the ad as a matter of course, was looking for the store that sold shirts at 12 and 1/2 cents and collars at 2 cents.
Born to the wife of Albert Glasow on Monday night, November 14, 1898, a son. The mother and child are doing well and Albert is passing around the cigars.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 Nov 2023)
County finishing Main Street, work on trail goes forward: Pine City residents are looking forward to the cones on Highway 61 finally disappearing, as weeks of road work on the south end of Pine City come to a close. The next project is to build the first portion of a walking and biking trail through Pine City. That was supposed to have been done earlier in the summer, but it was pushed back.
America owes our veterans more than we can ever repay: At the annual Veterans Dinner at the Pine City American Legion, the assembled veterans saw old friends, enjoyed a good meal, and heard more than a few words honoring them and their contributions to the country.
County railroad Club gets on track: In the middle of the Pine County History Museum, railroad enthusiasts are working to create a line into the area's transportation past. The volunteers of the Pine County History Museum Rail Road Club are creating an 18-foot by 30-foot model railroad recreation of the trains that once serviced the Pine County area. The project layout is being built to represent the railroad industry that existed in Pine County during the early and mid 20th Century.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 Nov 2023)
City now hopes to buy land for new public works facility: The search for a place to build a new Pine City Public Works facility has, in the past year, gone from one end of town to the other and now from

one side of a road to the other. Last week the city council decided to make an offer on the former Dick Haavisto property on the south side of County Road 55. For the past several months the preferred site has been city-owned land at the airport, north of 55, where the airport hangers are now located.

Prison construction proceeds on schedule: Completion of the new state prison in Rush City is progressing on schedule. Substantial completion is expected in the fall of next year, 1999. And will open in early 2000. The project consists of six buildings, occupying about 82 acres of the 385-acre site.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 Nov 2023)
Voters in School District 578 are expected to turn out next Tuesday, November 20 in record numbers to vote on the $2,900,000 bond issue put before them which, if passed, would build a new high school for grades 7 through 12 on 60 acres of school land south of the village on Highway 61. Over 100 persons attended the Advisory Committee Against the School Bond public meeting held in the community room last Thursday evening.
An undisclosed amount of cash, checks, receipts and some credit cards were taken over the weekend when a person or persons broke into the safe at the Pine City Ericson Holiday Station store, either late Saturday evening or early Sunday morning.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 Nov 2023)
Clair Shuey recently had the misfortune to lose 14 heifers that had eaten grasshopper poison stored in a shed on a field where the stock was allowed to graze in the fall. The door of the shed had not been securely fastened, making it possible for the cattle to push it in.
The Family Theatre advertised “The Iron Curtain,” “Speed to Spare,” “The Luck of the Irish,” and “So Evil My Love.”
Pine County will have one of the 50 stops of the Dairy Caravan which will tour the state this winter. The feature of the show is to show the quality products of dairy and poultry. A cooking school, featuring the use of dairy and poultry products, will be run in connection with the other exhibits. The Pine City Commercial Club will be the sponsoring organization.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 Nov 2023)
Fire which completely destroyed the barn, ice house, machine shed and storage house on the Ed Nelson farm about three and a half miles southeast of Rock Creek, was discovered last Thursday night about 12:30. Eight horses, nine head of cattle, about 150 ton of hay, machinery, the barn, a 130x32 structure, and other building aggregates a loss of about $11,000.
Two rather serious accidents occurred here last week when Carl Peterson received a broken nose while out cleaning when a piece of root from a tree flew up and struck him on the nose. Wendal Carlson received a broken arm when he was thrown from a horse that he was riding.
Hans Bartheidel, recently of Hamberg, Germany, has enrolled in the third grade on Monday of this week.
The biggest burglary ever staged was pulled off about 2 p.m. this morning in Sandstone when thieves entered Klein’s Big Store and carried off from $8,000 to $10,000 worth of merchandise.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 Nov 2023)
The reason for the delay in construction of the bridge at the Chengwatana dam, across the Snake River, states contractor Adolph Munch, went to Chengwatana to arrange for the payment of the bridge at the agreed price of $600. The supervisors, seeing that the bridge was more than half done, wanted them to make a new trade at a less price, which proposition was declined and stopped work on the bridge.
We hope that all our readers have a good big turkey on Thursday and that they give thanks for the manor in which they have received their share of blessings. We are truly thankful that we are still among the living, eating our three meals every day, and that business is better than it has been for

the past two or three years, and with square dealing and low prices, we intend that it will get better still.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 Nov 2023)
Elderly homeowner shoots, kills alleged burglar: An elderly Pine County man shot and killed an armed intruder in his home in the early morning hours of November 14, and a second alleged intruder now has criminal charges filed against him.
Pine City remembers President John F. Kennedy, honoring his life and legacy: The assassination of President John F. Kennedy had a profound effect on those who lived through that terrible, shocking episode in our nation's history, and the implications of November 22, 1963 have become part of who we are today as Americans.
Courthouse shut down after white powder found in mail: The Pine County Courthouse was shut down on the early afternoon of November 19 after six letters were received by the courthouse mail room that contained an unknown white powder. The letters contained a white, powdery substance which spilled out after the letters were opened. The Sheriff's office reports that the envelopes were isolated to two locations within the Pine County Courthouse .
A hazardous materials team was called in from St. Paul to investigate and assess the substance found in the envelopes.
No injuries were reported, and the incident is under investigation by the Pine County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Wisconsin Hunter finds Pine City child's balloon: Ever wonder what happens to balloons that float away? A balloon launch was the final event for children attending vacation Bible school at a local church last summer. A hunter in Wisconsin found one of those balloons and responded.
"Our balloon launch was on the final evening as a last hurray of sorts," said pastor Dennis Eng. Five children released 20 balloons, with multicolor notes protected by plastic sleeves attached with strings. The notes were brightly colored so they would not be mistaken for trash.
The hunter sent a note back saying he found the yellow balloon on his property which is four miles south and one and a half miles east of Boyd, Wisconsin. The Hunter said he looked Pine City up on a map and concluded the balloon had traveled 150 miles.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 Nov 2023)
Road names approved, look for new addresses in the spring: There's Pansy Landing Road and Chickadee Lane, Butternut Hollow Drive, and Bears Ear.
Some are melodic and some are plain, but the titles that will now fill 25 sheets of paper will soon be affixed to every Road in Pine County.
The county board last week adopted a resolution officially naming the roads in the county. The list is known as the Master Street Address Guide.
Math meetings for parents: After more than a year of curriculum review, the Pine City High School Math Department is recommending a new program called Plus Math. Informational meetings for parents of seventh and eighth graders will be held November 19 at the Pine City High School at 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend and select the time most convenient to them.
Pine City Elementary has 203 computers: At the primary level, students use computers for activities such as practicing the alphabet, beginning sounds, math facts, telling time, story writing, left and right, etc. Some classes go to the computer lab, while others have computers clustered within a classroom.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 Nov 2023)
The bond proposal for a new high school was defeated 1,546 to 863.
Brook Park: Several friends and neighbors gathered at the Leroy Youngblom home for a housewarming in their newly built home and presented them with a picture in remembrance of the evening.
Births in October ... Jon to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kirchberg, of Pine City. Thomas to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Miller, of Pine City. Chad to Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Fedder.

The Hinckley Quarterback Club is sponsoring an exciting donkey basketball game as a benefit for local Athletics.
Officers re-elected to the Pine County Agricultural Society on November 14 were Ben Sauter, president; Ed Stoffel, vice president; Al Erhart, secretary; and Leonard Hinze, treasurer.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 Nov 2023)
A fire, of spontaneous origin, spring up in a clothes closet in the downstairs of the Elton Hanson home, northeast of Pine City Monday evening about 5:00 o'clock. The fire department was called, and the members soon put the blaze out.
Beauford Johnson, manager of the East Central Electric Association, announces the completion of the Motorola two-way communication system between the East Central Electric offices at Braham, Cambridge Milaca, Pine City, and Rush City and the trucks.
George Warhol, owner of the local Coast to Coast store, had the misfortune to break his foot last Thursday, when an electric stove, which he was helping to move into the upstairs of the Lewis Shelpley residence, fell on his foot. At present, he is getting about on crutches.
Gambles Super Market advertises Thanksgiving Turkey for 59 cents a pound, sweet potatoes, 3 pounds for 29 cents, Libby's pumpkin, two cans for 29 cents, fancy fatted geese for 51 cents a pound and fancy western ducklings for 53 cents a pound.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 Nov 2023)
Fire, which started about 8:00 o'clock this morning, completely destroyed the school at Rock Creek. The fire started when Sparks from the chimney ignited the shingles and quickly spread to all parts of the building.
Dick Ruby, who was working in Duluth, was home to spend the weekend with his family here.
The junior class of the Pine City High School is rehearsing for a play entitled, "The Dream That Came True," which they will stage in the Family Theatre on Wednesday evening.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 Nov 2023)
Pat Connor has put in a pump and watering trough at the southwest corner of Robinson Park, opposite his place of business.
The foundation of the new G.A.R. Hall, at the corner of First Street and Second Avenue, was commenced Thursday afternoon. The hall is to be 36 x 70 and will be fitted up with chairs and a stage.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 Nov 2023)
23)The white powder mailed to Pine County officials on November 19 has been determined to contain bacteria; tests ruled out what county officials called bioterror organisms. The first screening for bioterror organisms such as anthrax turned up negative. That screening also concluded that the white powder was a carbohydrate-based material such as flour.
The Pine County Board voted to stop contributing county taxpayer funds to the NLX Rail Alliance, a lobbying group supporting the development of the proposed Northern Lights Express high speed rail line through Pine County.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 Nov 2023)
Pine City's traditional Christmas shopping kickoff boasts a new name this year. Moonlight Madness has become Holiday Madness, reflecting the full day of hometown fun that has been planned by the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce.
Relive the past in Pine City: Shoppers will see Frosty the Snowman wondering the streets of Pine City throughout the day. The Pine City Senior Singers will perform at Pamida and Nicoll's Cafe and fill the downtown streets with music. And Santa Claus has promised to make his first visit of the season to Pine City, where he will ride through town on a fire truck at noon and then ending at Pine

Plaza. The community Christmas tree lighting will be held at 6 p.m. in the park. And there will be caroling by the Pine City High School Singers.
Dragon Video, at 805 6th Street in Pine City, features new releases, PlayStation, Nintendo 64 and a large inventory of stock movie titles, and formerly known as Connection Video.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 Nov 2023)
The Pine City Youth Hockey Association held a recent board meeting to discuss the need for, and the possibility of, a second outdoor hockey rink in Pine City. It is understood that the new second rink will be located on vocational institute land just north of the village skating rink.
Joining other outstanding High School gridders from all parts of Minnesota on WCCO Radio's All State Football Team of the week in early November was Pine City's Jeff Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Peterson.
Susan France, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil France of rural Pine City, is featured in the seventh annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students 1972-73.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 Nov 2023)
Frank F. Reinhold, well known Pine County attorney and resident of Hinckley for nearly 30 years, died very suddenly of a heart attack early Saturday morning, November 20, while on his way to hunt deer in the Lake Eleven territory.
Boxing instruction will be held every weekday night except Monday in the Pine City Armory at 7:30 p.m.
Ruth Yocum, daughter of doctor and Mrs. C. G. Kelsey, and Calvin Harth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harth of Hinckley, were united in marriage Friday evening, November 12 at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Edwin Nordstrom, east of Pine City.
30 Nov The dinner will be held Tuesday, November 30 at the Village Hall. The mothers of the members will prepare the 100 pounds of turkey for the occasion.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 Nov 2023)
Frank Schneider and Miss Elva Whiting, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Whiting of Pokegama Lake, were united in marriage by Father Leo at the parish house Wednesday noon of last week.
The junior class of the Pine City High School will present the play, The Dream That Came True, Wednesday night at the Family Theatre.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 Nov 2023)
Most of the country roads have been blocked by snow since the storm, but they are now being broken out so as to be fairly possible. About six inches more snow would make good sleighing.
Nick Perkins and Nick Morrisett, two of Pine City's boys who wear the uniform of the U.S. regulars, were up from Fort Snelling the latter part of last week. Army life appears to agree with them as they both look hale and hearty.
Quite a number of the young men of this place who have heavy teams have hired out to work for a new railroad company. They are receiving $.35 per hour and pay only $3.50 per week for board. This is good wages, and the boys should save some money between now and spring.
E. C. Gottry and family left here Tuesday for Reedsburg, Wisconsin, where they will reside and he will practice law.

10 Years Ago, 2013, (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 Dec 2023)
NXL looking at routes to casino: MnDOT officials have unveiled five alternate routes for the proposed Northern Lights Express train to take from the main rail line in Pine County to Grand Casino Hinckley.
Buy cheap, do good at local thrift stores this Christmas: Pine City's two thrift stores, New Horizon and Family Pathways, are getting into the Christmas spirit, and those looking to save money and help the community can find bargains galore this holiday season.

Holiday Madness and Christmas Parade: The annual Holiday Madness and Christmas Parade in Pine City begins at 6 p.m. at the corner of 8th Avenue and Main Street and ends at Robinson Park. Prizes will be awarded by the Pine City Pioneer to the first and second place winners for the most creative or entertaining floats. After the parade is the tree lighting in Robinson Park.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 Dec 2023)
Pine City goes mad about shopping: Spring-like temperatures didn't melt the holiday shopping mood in Pine City. Frosty the snowman kept his cool all day long. Santa Claus cruised the town in an open-air fire truck, handing candy out to kids. Carolers shared their lovely voices with shoppers, who kept local businesses bustling into the evening hours.
Join in the festivities during the 1998 Snowbabies Winter Celebration! Exclusive event pieces and prices. Premier Editions. Koppen's Kollectibles. Pine Plaza Shopping Center, Pine City, Minnesota.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 Dec 2023)
The village Council entered into a lively discussion with concerned citizen Gordon (Sarge) Rupp before voting to buy 34 acres of land in a special November 27 meeting. The land belongs to Walter Blanchard and was primarily purchased to provide the five acres needed for the proposed armory.
Because of the fuel crisis, the Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota State High School League took action directing all of the public high schools in the state to cancel all extracurricular activities during the holiday vacation period.
Bob Stanchfield missed his usual night of barbering here Friday because he was unavoidably detained in Minneapolis, where he had gone. He will tell you all about it when you get your hair cut.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 Dec 2023)
Art Lundin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albin Lundin, met with a serious accident while hunting east of Pine City Thanksgiving morning. He was one of a party of 10 deer hunters who had stopped for a short rest with rifles placed against a tree. In some manner, one of the guns slid off the tree and exploded when it hit the ground. Lundin, seeing what was happening, jumped out of the way, but not in time to miss the explosion. The rifle slug hit the soul of his right boot, cutting through the fleshy part of his foot under the in step but not hitting any of the bones. At present his condition is improving.

The Rock Creek PTA was fairly well attended. An election was held then a nice program had been arranged by the teachers. Songs and music were performed. After the program lunch baskets were auctioned off, a nice sum of money was taken in. Lunch was sold to those that did not get baskets. A suggestion was made to try to build a skating rink in Rock Creek.
Tuesday, December 7, citizens of Pine City will go to the polls to make a decision as to the location of the proposed new hospital. The two sites which have come up for vote are that of the present Lakeside Hospital, east side of town, and the one on the west side of town, listed on the ballot as on the Brunswick Road.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 Dec 2023)
Clint Boo has been elected a member of the Northwestern Athletic Officials Association and will referee a number of games in the Twin Cities and other parts of the state during the winter.
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Jack on Sunday, December 2. Mr. Jack wrote this item up for the news, but as he had nearly three columns about this boy, which weighed eight pounds on arrival, we were forced to refuse. Charlie says he wouldn't care; only there was never such a boy before and he thought the public was entitled to know all about him.
The local 100F Lodge acted as a host for about 150 members Monday night, including large delegations from Askov, Brook Park, Pine City, and Sandstone Lodge.
Leonard McNeal, who has been working in the Karsky Barber Shop, has returned to Rock Creek and will operate a shop there. Mr. McNeal had the shop at the creek before coming to Pine City to work.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 Dec 2023)
Cord wood never came in faster than it has this fall to our village, coming from all directions, and in a steady procession that would remind you of a funeral.
Abe Swanson has moved his jewelry shop into the drug store, where he can always hearafter be found as polite and courteous as ever to his many customers.
Mary Kodak was married to John Houdek at Pine City the other day.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Dec 2023)
Ugly weak for winter driving: 19 spinouts, 8 injuries, but no fatalities reported in Pine County.

The numbers tell the story: With Paine County Dispatch reporting 19 vehicles in the ditch, 8 personal injuries, and 13 incidents of property damage and external vehicle damage, it's clear that snow and ice on the roads made the past week dangerous for local drivers and busy for first responders.

Fire burns as snow storm gathers: A fire caught hold of a separated garage in Beroun in the midst of falling snow. Pine City and Brook Park firefighters responded to the blaze, wearing masks against the smoke that billowed out of the burning remains, and were able to get the fire under control within a few minutes. No one was injured, the house appeared undamaged and the resident was able to get all the children out and the pets to a safe location. However, the garage was a total loss.

Farms transition through generations: What could be America's largest transition of farm and ranch land ownership is underway, a trend that has many across Minnesota and the nation wondering about their next steps.
Another change across the world landscape is the increase in the number of women landowners. Women now own or operate half of the farmland in the Midwest. A lot of women end up being decision makers on farms, and whether they farm the land themselves or whether they rent their land to other people, they find themselves in the decision making role.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Dec 2023)
City finds tentative spot for Habitat for Humanity house: The Pine City Council is interested in selling a city lot to Habitat for Humanity so a house can be constructed for a local family.

The property being considered is on the east side of the street which leads to the fishing pier.

East Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity has built four homes in the five-county area, having recently completed a project in Braham. This would be the first in Pine City. With construction planned for spring 1999.
Peterson display lights the sky: A spotlight two miles into the sky is capturing a lot of attention, one and one half miles southwest of Hinckley.
The spotlight protrudes from one of 18 humongous Christmas lighting displays powered by batteries, electricity and the brightest reflector tapes.
Half as many colorful displays were lit last year, and these decorations won fifth prize in international competition.
Fifty cents per passing vehicle will be donated by Clark Peterson, who designed the displays. His donations will go to the Pine County health Care Auxiliary as part of the "Love Lights" Charity Drive. Peterson's goal is at least 2,222 passing cars or snowmobiles. The more times people pass by, the greater the donation to "Love Lights."
Pine Area Lions Club members served hot cider to the many people who came out to Robinson Park, downtown Pine City, for the community tree lighting on Friday evening, November 27. The tree was again donated by Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Kick. It comes from their tree farm near Pine City.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Dec 2023)
Councilmen spent some time discussing the remodeling of the village bar. Leaking doors have necessitated the replacement of the back bar, and the village accepted a $2,080 bid for the job while turning down the $3,600 bid. Mayor elect Ken Clementson speculated that a horseshoe bar would serve twice as many people as the present straight bar, and Mayor William Challeen said that the establishment should be carpeted.
St Croix Valley: If you think someone has been busy, you should see the beautiful afghans that Mrs. Shuey has crocheted. She has made one for each one of their children, and that takes quite a few. The two shades of green and white afghan is the one she likes the best, but they were all beautiful. Good going, Louise.
A Brook Park resident remembers a Time when a large lighted Christmas tree used to be put in the street by the post office in the middle of the square. Villagers gathered around the tree, sang carols and visited. Afterwards, groups went to homes and had cocoa and sandwiches. That was a fun time for all.
In Rock Creek, about 20 members of the Homemakers enjoyed a Christmas party at the Richard Gossen home on Tuesday night. Everyone enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch, games and a gift exchange.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Dec 2023)
In the village election held on Tuesday, voters showed their preference for the Lakeside site for the proposed new hospital, rather than the site on the Brunswick Road, south of the Catholic church. The vote was 429 to 310 in favor of Lakeside.
New traffic control units were installed at the crossing north of the school house on Highway 61 last week and were put in operation on Monday of this week. These are special control units and operate only when school children are likely to use the crossing. After checking the crossing the first day of operation, we find that there are about two of three drivers who do not know the Minnesota highway regulation “Flashing Red Light, means Stop.”
There were four diphtheria carriers found in the Sandstone School recently so an immunization program was held in the school on Wednesday, November 24 for all the school youngsters.

The S. and S. Furniture and Upholstering store, located across the street from the Family Theatre, will hold its grand opening Saturday, December 11 when they will serve free coffee and cookies all day.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Dec 2023)
The fire department was called to the Pine City Hardware Company Store, which was burning in the basement of the building. The fire was preceded by a muffled explosion, followed immediately by dense smoke coming from the furnace. It is thought the explosion was caused by coal in the furnace forming a gas, which blue open the furnace door and started the fire. It was extremely fortunate the fire occurred during the day and was discovered before gaining any headway as an hours start would probably have caused the destruction of all the buildings in the block.
About 50 attended a surprise party at the W.H. Hind home last Monday evening in honor of Mrs. Hind’s birthday. Dancing was enjoyed during the evening after which a delicious luncheon was served. All report a fine time.
V. A. Mikyska installed a radio last Monday. It is working fine. Mr. Mikyska has taken the agency and will have some in stock to sell.
Miss Lela Beery, teacher at the Frank Drimel School, District 69, announced a basket social and Christmas program will be held in the schoolhouse on Friday evening, December 21 to which everyone is cordially invited to attend.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Dec 2023)

North Branch is making a strong effort to take the county seat of Chisago County away from Centre City.
Alfred Rice, our new milkman, has more customers then he can possibly supply. This is a new industry in our village, and we are pleased to know that he is meeting with such good success.

Jas. Bauer, the successful canvasser, informs us that he has orders to the amount of nearly $800 to deliver before Christmas. Jas. began canvassing about two years ago and has been meeting with splendid success. The Pioneer wishes him unbounded success, as he is an honest upright young man. And all those in need of anything he has to sell should patronize him.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 Dec 2023)
Senior Center New Year's Eve party: The annual New Year's Eve party at the Pine City Senior Dining Site will be Tuesday, December 31, with music and door prizes starting at 10:30 a.m. Celebrate the coming of 2014 at noon.
Santa receives landing permit for Pine County: During a short ceremony on December 11, Pine County Sheriff Robin Cole issued the required permit for Santa Claus to land on rooftops in Pine County. Although the permit has been issued, Sheriff Cole makes no guarantee that a roof top landing will occur, as that is based entirely dependent on the naughty or nice list.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 Dec 2023)
Winter wears brown but most retailers not greatly affected: Colorful lights twinkle in the night, Pine City and the surrounding countryside decorated for the Christmas season like never before.
Pine City retailers say their customers are coping with the snow-bare conditions, creating the Christmas atmosphere with outdoor lights and enjoying the mild weather while they fill their wish list without having to freeze.
Music Cafe closed and county revokes liquor license: Lakeside Music Cafe, formerly known as Pokegama Lake Yacht Club, had its liquor license revoked by the Pine County Board on December 3 because it's insurance has been canceled. The Pine County Board was informed they had not paid any insurance premiums since they opened.
Live nativity staged at Zion Lutheran Church: A live nativity will be set up in the sanctuary at Zion Lutheran Church in Pine City on Wednesday, December 23.
Live nativity scene in Grasston: The people of Grasston Baptist Church have planned a live nativity as a gift to the community.
Everyone is invited to come and view people and animals portraying the night Jesus was born.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 Dec 2023)
The Pine City Fire Department was called out on Monday, December 17 at 12:40 p.m. to the Andrew Saumer home, six miles Southwest of Pine City, where about 1/5 of the pump house was destroyed by fire.
The Pine City Ministerial Association will sponsor a Christmas Carol sing at Robinson Park, Friday, December 21, from 7-9 p.m. there will be a bonfire for the community to gather around, and hot chocolate will be served.
The nine Canadian honkers normally seen lounging around the environmental center have neither died nor migrated, reports the Pine City FFA. Instead, they are alive and warm in their winter headquarters at the Ben Sauter Farm.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 Dec 2023)
With the season for celebrating the holidays still ahead, more than 3,600 Minnesota motorists to date have been barred from the wheel by drivers license revocations for drunken driving, the Minnesota State Highway Department announced.
A number of men from Pokegama met at the local church last week to aid in getting it wired, and now the lights are ready to be turned on. This is a much-needed improvement, and will be greatly appreciated by the congregation.

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that Pine Citians can look upon their village this year. No one can remember a year when our village has been lighted up more beautifully for Christmas.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 Dec 2023)Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allgood of Rock Creek entertained at a “500” card party Saturday evening. Mrs. Fred Holm and Oscar Hartz won the head prizes and Mrs C. Anderson and Herb Baker the “booby” prize.
The number of families in the United States increased by 175% between 1890 and 1920, while the population as a whole gained only 110%.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 Dec 2023)
Our young people are taking advantage of the nice evenings and have cleared a nice large skating rink at the foot of Second avenue, on Cross Lake, and the ring of their skates and merry voices can be heard every evening.
Oliver Wilcox has had a carpenter at work fixing up his barn so that he can accommodate 10 horses. Archie Axtell did the work, which is a guarantee that it is done in a workman like manner.
M.S. Watt, of this place, and Captain Clements of Rock Creek, have completed arrangements for putting up ice at this point this winter, and will be ready to serve customers as soon as the ice crop is ripe enough to pick.
Before another issue of the Pioneer, Christmas will have come and gone. We hope that all our readers will not only have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, but a great many of them. We also wish them all increased prosperity for the coming new year.

10 Years Ago, 2013 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 Dec 2023)
Concert shares spirit of christmas and community: Christmas music is steeped in tradition, and in Pine City; those timeless familiar songs that spark memories of Christmas through the years have inspired a new tradition.
That’s what happened eight years ago when Pine City citizens Jane and Gerry Robbins, with the help of Reverend Glen Kleppe and Jennifer Krinke, planned a musical event of Christmas music and invited the community. And it was just too much fun to be only a one-time event.
Zion Lutheran Church is the scene of this new tradition. Their pipe organ adds immeasurably to the grandeur of Christmas music and is the primary reason for this location of the concert.
January 1, 8 and 12: Open skating/hockey. There is open hockey for Mites/Squirts, PeeWees/Bantams, and adult/high school at the Pine City Civic Center.
Pine City area residents were invited to take part in Pine City Reads. The first “Orphan Train” at the Pine City Library. Discussion groups and events, including presentations by Orphan train descendant are being planned.

25 Years Ago, 1998 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 Dec 2023)
Co-op sees lumber as its future in Pine City. A $350,000 expansion of the Central Rivers Cooporative Lumber and Building Center has made an unmistakable change in the look of Pine City’s main thoroughfare.
Once dominated by the co-op’s gas station and service center, with a small lumber yard hidden behind, the block now holds a big, contemporary, easy access lumber operation.
Included in the Central Rivers Lumber yard expansion is the re-roofing and reciting of the building which has served the lumber operation for years. Customers will be able to find their building supplies on the cantilevered covered racks which have been erected where the service station building used to be.
New office: Hopkins Sand and Gravel in Beroun constructed a new office building.
Extension programs aim to help crop farmers in Minnesota: New programs to help Minnesota farm families cope with hard financial times have been funded through the Rural Options program of the University of Minnesota Extension Service.
Statewide, the crisis is less visible than it was in the last prolonged farm crisis in the 1980s. Losing crop farmers is as serious as losing livestock farmers.

50 Years Ago, 1973 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 Dec 2023)
Cornelius (Case) Nieboer, a fixture in the clerk of district court's office for a quarter of a century, has announced his retirement to be effective January 1. Nieboer was first elected clerk of court in 1948. Since then, he has run six times without opposition.
Santa Day, held last Saturday at the Family Theater, was well attended with 500 youngsters on hand to see Santa arrive in his fire truck, watch the free movie and collect a bag with over 50 pieces of candy in it.
Installation of newly elected officers was held by the Masonic Lodge of Pine City on Monday evening of last week, with Leonard Johnson as installing officer and George Clem as marshal.
On Monday of last week, Les Ausmus made a trip to Minneapolis to pick up a load of furniture. He had the truck all loaded at the loading dock and then went inside to sign the freight papers. When he stepped back out on the loading dock, his 1971 Ford pickup and it's load of furniture were gone. The incident happened at high noon in broad daylight.
The Pine City Jaycees were busy boxing up toys before Christmas for the needy children of Pine County to help make their Christmas more enjoyable.

75 Years Ago, 1948 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 Dec 2023)
In a transaction completed Tuesday of this week, A. H. Becker, owner and operator of the Red Owl Store here, sold his fixtures and inventory to Roy E. Lee of Minneapolis, who has taken possession. Mr. Lee will be assisted in the store by a former fellow worker. Adolph Becker started the present store in the spring of 1923 and has run it ever since.
A radiophoto from London, England appeared on the front page of the Pine Poker - Pioneer. Infant Prince Charles was featured in his first solo appearance before the camera after his christening.
Clarence Siebert won first place in the home decoration contest sponsored by the Commercial Club.
Due to the slippery condition of the streets and sidewalks, walking has become a hazardous performance. Mrs. Etta Wiley suffered a broken wrist in a fall on the park side of Main Street, and Miss Anne Nelson fell and broke her right arm just below the shoulder.

100 Years Ago, 1923 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 Dec 2023)
Jim Cherrier is taking a day off from his mail route this week, due to a broken rib which is causing him some pain. He broke the rib a short time ago when skating. He fell and rammed his own elbow in his side, which resulted in the fractured rib.
Old Man Winter was just a day late with his blanket of snow, but he put in an appearance last evening, and by the looks of things, he is here to stay. As long as he was so near, he might have been a couple of days earlier to gladden the hearts of the kiddies on Christmas Day. A green Christmas in Minnesota is a rare thing and while it makes a hit with dad's pocketbook on the fuel bill, it was a little disappointing to the kids.

125 Years Ago, 1898 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 Dec 2023)
Doctor Fridley, the dentist, will be at the Pioneer House, Pine City, on January 5, 6 and 7, 1899.
Our public schools closed on Friday last week, and all the teachers who reside abroad went home to spend the holidays.
Colman & Reid's "Ten Nights in the Barroom," that great temperance drama, shows this evening in Hurley Hall.
Lost, a string of sleigh bells, between the livery Barn and the Reverend H. Taylor's farm on Wednesday afternoon.
Nick Perkins, who enlisted in the Third Regiment, United States Regulars, and has been stationed at Fort Snelling for the past two or three months, returned home on Thursday morning, having been discharged with the rest of the recruits.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 Jan 2024)
Red Hatters celebrate 10 years of fun: It has been a decade since the “Magnificent Red Hatters” became the new social group in town, and what fun it has been. What other group enjoys a monthly outing with friends that requires zero dues, doesn’t have bake sales or any particular responsibilities or mission to accomplish, and focuses mainly on enjoying the company of each other at a luncheon, tea, play or sightseeing trip? The only requirement is that members must be at least 60 years of age or older, wear a red hat and wear purple clothing with wildly colorful beads, boas and other accessories. Women between 50 and 60 are invited to join the group but they must wear pink hats. Outhouses allowed under new septic plan: Pine County officials plan to adopt a new Subsurface Sewage Treatment System ordinance early this year that would require a septic inspection whenever a home is sold. Outhouses still allowed. Specifically, “Hunting cabins with outhouses are allowed.” Pioneer headline gets chuckle from Readers Digest: The Pine City Pioneer was featured in the “Life in these United States” section of the January 2014 Readers Digest magazine. The magazine shared the headline of one of the Pioneer’s news briefs items: “4-H Training Scheduled for Shooting Instructors.” The Pioneer promises that no instructors were harmed in the writing of that article.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 Jan 2024)
Pine City State Bank expands so it can add investment services: A 3,500 ft. addition to Pine City State Bank will take shape in the weeks ahead, allowing the bank to house a new investment center. The two-story addition to the north and east sides of the building will also let the bank expand its bookkeeping area and provide office space for the existing staff. Use of new 651 area code becomes mandatory: On Sunday, January 10, use of Minnesota’s new 651 area code becomes mandatory. In general, Minneapolis, it’s suburbs and communities to the north, south and west have retained the 612 area code. Saint Paul, it’s suburbs and communities to the north, south and east, formally in the 612 area code, now have the new 651 area code.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 Jan 2024)
Roger’s Rootbeer Refuge donned a 1,600 pound hat last week, no doubt to protect itself from the frigid temperatures. Work on the new A&W continued undaunted, despite the cold. Proprietor Roger Erfourth expects to open the doors to the public in April. The “hat” in reality is the chimney to the central fireplace. The Pine City Public School has had to dip into its standby fuel oil reserves three times since the fuel shortage became official.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 Jan 2024)
The Minnesota Dairy and Egg Quality Show rolls into Pine City on Friday. The doors of the Pine City Armory, where are the show is set up, will open at 11 a.m. for farmers and homemakers of this area to view the latest in quality poultry and dairy production. About 10 loads of wood were cut at the H. Williams home, in Brook Park, by a wood sawing bee on Monday. Jack Slade, furnished the saw machine. Announcing! The Pine City Fuel Company is now giving Gold Bond Stamps on all purchases of coal, coke, briquettes. One stamp for every 20 cents.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 Jan 2024)
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Carlson of Fish Lake Township, residing seven and one half miles north of North Branch, are the brand new happy “adopted” parents of a brand new baby. He just “planted” himself in the Carlson Family. Early December 17, Mr. Carlson went to the barn to do his chores, when he heard a peculiar sound that was different from the usual morning bellowing of his cows. He looked around, and right in front of a manger, discovered a gurgling 6 lb. baby boy. How he came to be placed there is still a puzzle, along with who his parents really are, but the Carlsons are so pleased with him and have decided to keep him. Ed Larson had a thrilling experience while crossing the Saint Croix River in his automobile last Tuesday when his car suddenly dropped through the ice, going down about 3 ft. He was halfway across the river at the site of the Soderbeck Ferry. He

couldn't open the door of his car so he threw the car into low and "pulled for shore." Water got into the motor and he had quite a time to get to Pine City.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 Jan 2024)
On Thursday morning, Al Kelabel's fine black team took a short but lively run, but were stopped without injury to the horses or sleigh. Peter Engel has purchased the combination Pool and Billiard table, recently owned by I.A. Collins and has placed the same in his sample room on Front Street. Senator McKusick departed on Tuesday afternoon for Saint Paul, to resume his labors in the Senate, after spending Sunday with his family in this place, January 13, 1899. Miss Anna Kick, who was assistant teacher in the kindergarten last term, has accepted a position in the Register of Deeds office.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 Jan 2024)
Lions at work on new community sign: All those who miss seeing community events broadcast on Pine City's Main Street may soon have the chance to do so again, thanks to the Pine City Lions. The Lions have set out to build a new community sign and hope to do so in a prominent location right at the Pine Government Center.
They want to get the message out to people about the Lions Pancake Breakfast, or Art in the Park, or the Pine County Fair. The intent is community events.
Propane shortage persists, prices spike: Prolonged bitter cold, transportation issues, and a wet harvest season have led to a significant propane shortage leaving residents paying the highest price per gallon of propane since 2008, yet only getting their tanks half filled.
Minnesota gas companies have struggled to get the propane they ordered shipped into the state. Wisconsin is experiencing a propane shortage as well.
Trees for tees: The Pine City Lions carried out their annual Christmas tree collection in the Pine City area. The club gathered up 59 trees and brought them to Muffies on Pokegama Lake for use in their annual ice golf tournament.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 Jan 2024)
Schools observe Martin Luther King Day: A play will be performed at the elementary for students in grades fourth through sixth and at the high school for students grades 10 through 12. The media centers at both schools will have displays of print and non-print multicultural materials.
Owner spots man riding stolen machine: A snowmobile that was reported stolen on December 23 in Hinckley was spotted on January 8 by the owner, who followed the male driver to a Pokegama Lake residence.
Pine County deputies arrived at the residence and spoke with a man who admitted to riding the snowmobile. He allegedly told them he owned the machine.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 Jan 2024)
The Pine City Village Council voted for a 10% raise for all full-time village/city employees in its first meeting of the year. Recipients of the raise should direct their thanks to the liquor store since an impressive increase in sales over 1972 put everyone in a good mood.
On Saturday evening, January 12, a most unusual event occurred in rural Pine City at the residence of Leo Gallik and Andy Hudak. A Tupperware party for men only was hosted by Leo, Andy and Albert Gallik. Twenty-eight men attended and the party was a huge success, being the largest yet for this dealer both in attendance and sales.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 Jan 2024)

Monday of this week, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Witte purchased the interest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spry in the jewelry store located in Pine City.
Mr. and Mrs. George Lehet of Pine City have opened a recreation parlor in the Walt Schwartzwald building, formerly housing the Surdey Tavern, and have installed a new shuffleboard, the first of its kind in this area.
On Thursday, January 6, the body of Richard France, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas France, who was killed in action, was returned to Pine City and graveside Services were held in the new Birchwood Cemetery. Richard met his death during The Invasion of Iwo Jima on March 3, 1945.
Several new stained glass windows have been installed in the Methodist Church, adding more beauty to an already impressive building. The windows are memorials by individual members of the congregation.
County Rural School News: We have been informed that under the new state aid laws affecting high school transportation and attendance, all eighth grade graduates under age 16 must continue in high school at least until their sixteenth birthday. Thus, completion of the eighth grade seems no longer to be a reason for a pupil to be excused by the school board.
Playing at The Family Theater was “Sorry, Wrong Number, “ starring Barbara Stanwyck and Burt Lancaster.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 Jan 2024)
“Mrs. Tubbs of Shantytown,” a home talent play, will be given in the Family Theatre on Friday of this week, January 18.
The basketball game last Friday evening was won by the local team, who grabbed the long end of a 43 to 5 score from the Barnum Quint.
The Creamery Board of Rock Creek met Monday evening when bids for the packing and cutting of ice for the creamery were opened. The work goes to Adolph Gross at a bid of $70.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 Jan 2024)
Ice cutting has commenced at this point in earnest, and the ice is about 25 inches deep and as clear as glass.
Married at St. Joseph’s Church, Beroun on Tuesday, January 17, 1899 by Father Rabsteinek, Mr. C. V. Drazan of the State of Washington, to Miss Mary Chalupsky, of Beroun.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 Jan 2024)
The winter of 2013-14 has made many residents sick of shovels and snow plows, but the Pine City Fire Chief urges locals to move a little more snow for safety’s sake. With the ice and snow building up on the fire hydrants around the city, the fire hydrants and the fire department just need a hand.
What should be done with the Old Pine County Courthouse and Jail? County Commissioners must decide whether to install a heating and air conditioning system in the Pine Government Center at an estimated price tag of $250,000. They must also determine the fate of the old Pine County Jail.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 Jan 2024)
Polka service: A polka worship service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Pine City on Sunday, January 24. The public is encouraged to come and enjoy the special event, which begins at 9 a.m.
State officials tell Commissioners to make solid waste facility work. The Pine County Commissioners last week received a visit from the State Office of Environmental Assistance staffers encouraging them to get their questions about the East Central Solid Waste facility answered and get it operating productively.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 Jan 2024)
The times have changed when the telephone you are using to talk to a male operator has been installed by a female. But Northwestern Bell, as an equal opportunity employer, has cut into both stereotypes, and the Pine City installation crew includes in its numbers one Jeanne Backowski.

Provided that the valuation has not increased much on their property, most Pine City taxpayers can expect their real estate taxes to drop for the third straight year.
A new business, to be called The Curiosity Shop, is scheduled to open in Pine City on Friday of next week, February 1. It will be located between Wall Pharmacy and The Outdoorsman on 3rd Avenue. The Curiosity Shop will feature antiques and used merchandise, state the owners, Ann Vach and Mary Ann Pangerl.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 Jan 2024)
A group of pictures of old time scenes, buildings and early settlers of Pine City are on display in Johnson's Drug Store and another display of old time implements and relics in the Power Company window are causing a lot of reminiscing and entertainment this week.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 Jan 2024)
Prochaska's Pharmacy was broken into last night. About $50 in the cash register is missing.
There will be a band dance in the armory on Saturday evening. Music will be furnished by Larson's Jazzerinos.
A very peculiar accident occurred last Tuesday evening when one of the plate glass windows in the Buselmeier store was broken. An automobile was driving past the store when one of the wheels ran over a chunk of ice. The ice flew up against the window, breaking the glass. It will cost about $90 to replace the broken window.
James Wandel, Sr. County Register of Deeds, has been confined to his home since Tuesday. This is the first time he has been absent from his office on account of sickness in 24 years.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 Jan 2024)
On Saturday last, Mr. F. McCormick of Duluth was in Pine City in regard to putting in an electric plant. He informed the businessman and Village Council he would put in lights so cheap that it would not pay anyone to burn oil and the danger of lamps exploding will be done away with. The exact location of the plant is not yet known but it will be somewhere in the heart of the city. The installation of this enterprise marks another step in Pine City's march of advancement, and we bespeak for the management a liberal patronage from our citizens. Won't we shine when we get that electric light plant?
The past year has been the banner year for births in the history of the village. In 1897 there were 28 children born and 12 deaths. In 1898 there were 43 born, 27 girls and 19 boys and there were 16 deaths, seven female and nine males.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 Feb 2024)
Propane emergency declared as prices skyrocket: Unrelenting cold and transportation issues this winter has led to a severe Minnesota propane shortage that has residents who heat with propane paying high prices yet receiving only 200 gallons per delivery.
On January 27, 2014, Governor Mark Dayton declared a Peacetime State of Emergency in Minnesota in response to a severe shortage of propane and other home heating fuel supplies statewide.
Canada pipeline explosion put local natural gas in short supply. Customers asked to use alternate fuels, turn thermostats down to 60 degrees, January 25 - 27.
A natural gas pipeline exploded in Winnipeg, Canada on January 25, and the shock waves were felt in Pine County. On January 25, Minnesota Energy Resources asked all its customers to immediately reduce and limit their use of natural gas: to use alternate heating fuels and electric space heaters if possible, to turn down thermostats to 60 degrees to avoid using gas hot water and avoid using gas clothes dryers.
Ten Pine City Junior High Band members were nominated and accepted to perform in the 6th Annual Minnesota Band Directors Association Honors Band held on January 18 in Duluth.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 Feb 2024)

Sister- brother team return as MDA National Ambassadors: Twelve-year-old Aubrey Olson and her brother, Nicholas, 10, have been appointed as National Goodwill Ambassadors for the Muscular Dystrophy Association for a second year.
Personal watercraft owners advised to delay license renewals: Owners of personal watercraft are being advised by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to delay renewing their registration until the fate of a proposed repeal of the $50 surcharge on the craft is known.
The surcharge was placed on personal watercraft by the 1998 Legislature as part of a comprehensive personal watercraft bill and was designated to help fund enforcement by DNR conservation officers and County sheriffs departments.
Pine Technical College receives share of Technology Grant: Pine Technical College is one of 10 colleges to share a $1.48 million Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system Grant to enhance use of instructional technology such as computers and distance education in teaching and learning.
This is the second major technology grant received by PTCC. In 1996, the college received $197,000 as part of the Electronic Academy initiative.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 Feb 2024)
Sheriff John Kozisek may be nearing the end of a puzzle. The important pieces are the fire which destroyed the sales barn, Friday night, the burglary of George W. Johnson's jewelry store, which happened around the same time, and a car which raced out of the town soon after the fire was reported. If the cause of the fire was arson, as fire chief John Skluzacek believes, and if the burglar was the arsonist, as Kozisek suspects, the scheme may have backfired. The car, which was noticed by fireman on the way to the fire, had been seen in Grantsburg last week when there was another instance of arson and jewelry store robbery.
Helen Coltvet and George Saunders have been nominated as candidates for Minnesota Teacher of the Year. Coltvet is a home economics teacher and Saunders is the biology teacher and athletic director at Pine City High School.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 Feb 2024)
Edwin Skalicky, 19, son of Rudolph Skalicky, has completed the Basic Airborne Course at the Infantry school in Fort Benning, Georgia. He was presented with the Silver Wings of a qualified paratrooper on December 16.
The Girls Interest Group of the Methodist Church is appealing to all who have any old ladies stockings to give away to please leave them at the Ed Anderson and Joe Pechacek homes. The girls plan to send the collected stockings to a "Home of Aged Ladies" in Minneapolis, whose only source of income is from the making and sale of rugs from the stockings collected and sent to them.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 Feb 2024)
Mrs. Sarah Ann Wiley passed away at the home of her son, Fred A. Wiley, at Pine City last Monday evening, January 28, at 9:10 o'clock, two hours and 50 minutes before her 102nd birthday.
Ben Boo is some marathon runner. The fire department was called to the Ben Boo residence, but fortunately they were not needed. Mr. Boo is having some repainting done and Gregory Kunz, who is doing the work, placed a quart glass jar containing varnish on the oil stove to heat. The varnish began to boil, the jar broke, the varnish ran over the stove and then Ben got awfully busy. He made a trip to the Power company office, where he borrowed a Pyreen fire extinguisher from Cliff Perkins and started back for the house. Somewhere between the Power office and the house, he passed Mr. Jorgensen and hollered at him to get the fire department. Ben was closely followed by Cliff Perkins who also carried a fire extinguisher. Ben arrived at the house before much damage had been done and extinguished the blaze.
Paul Klande was cutting ice for himself and Dr. Wiseman on Cross Lake last week and reports the ice was 21 inches thick.

Brazil Mathis' automobile burned up last Saturday evening about 7 o'clock. He and his son were in the car and were passing the Norman Ward home on the Government Road when the car burst into flames under the floor boards.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 Feb 2024)
Cold weather and the grippe are making their presence felt this week. The thermometer at 44 degrees below zero is pretty snug winter weather!
Dr's. Stephan and Barnum performed a surgical operation on Allie Axtell on Saturday evening and found that his liver was found to be covered with abscesses and had become fastened to the diaphragm. At last accounts, Allie was slowly improving and it is the hope of his many friends that his restoration to health may be speedy.
Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Neal McCormack to Miss Mitchell at the home of the bride's parents in Iowa. Although Neal surprised the boys at this place a little, he has the best wishes of all.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 Feb 2024)
Pine Tech is taking on new programs, a new focus, offering new kinds of degrees and changing its name in the process. The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees approved on January 22 an expansion in the mission of Pine Technical College to a comprehensive Technical and Community College. The change enables the college to offer the Associate in Arts degree.
Pine City median income up, barely: The Great Recession hit Pine County hard, and the latest U.S. Census Data figures show it. In the 12 years since 2000, the county median income fell back to where it stood in the 1990s.
But Pine City bucked this county-wide trend, and shows a median income holding steady between 2000 and 2012. Looking back further, Pine County incomes rose 36% between 1990 and 2000.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 Feb 2024)
Radar Run: The Pine City Jaycees will hold their second annual Radar Run on Saturday, February 7.
The snowmobile competition will begin with sign up at 10 a.m. in front of Muffy's on Lake Pokegama. Competition is open to the public. All class winners will receive a wall plaque.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 Feb 2024)
Militant trucker action came to Pine City Monday morning at the junction of Highway 70 and I-35. As Dave Thompson opened the Texaco station which he leases from Mel Kutzke of Pine City, Larry Nielsen, an independent trucker from Askov, sidled his rig alongside the diesel fuel pumps, where he parked it. Meanwhile, a similar scene was occurring across the overpass at the DX station. In both instances, the blockade was approved by the gas station operators. The trucker's main complaint is the cost of fuel. Nielsen said the diesel fuel he bought a year ago for 26 cents, now cost from 45 to 50 cents.
In a meeting attended by representatives of area service organizations, Bill Korbel last week presented a cost breakdown of the proposed indoor ice arena. The cost total comes to $130,050, and about half of that must be raised before there can be a loan from the bank. So far, about $25,000 has been raised and another $5,000 to $10,000 has either been pledged or promised once the project is actually underway.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 Feb 2024)
James B. Kuzel, well known resident of the community east of Beroun, died at his farm home Saturday, January 29 at the age of 72. Death was caused by a heart attack.

Ben Boo announced this week that he has purchased the Pine City Seed and Produce Company, located just south of the depot, from Merle Hanson. Jim Mullins, formally connected with Pine City Milling Company, will operate the business.
Willard Hendrickson had the misfortune to get his hand in a chainsaw Friday and had two fingers on his right hand severed. He is a patient at The Rush City Hospital at present.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 Feb 2024)
A Ford delivery car was passing the Henry Buirge home when one of the front tires blew out. The driver evidently lost control of the machine and upset. Mr. Buirge rushed to the car and pulled out four men who were riding in it. Dr. Wiseman was hurriedly sent for, and he bandaged up the men so they were able to return to Minneapolis on The Limited. The doctor was of the opinion that one of the men had a fractured skull and one received some broken ribs, another was badly cut about the head and the fourth was also bruised and cut. It was reported the car was only traveling 15 miles an hour when the accident occurred.
The Farmers Club met at the home of William Houde last Saturday. The following were elected officers for the following year: John Hancock, president; Casper Kruse, vice president; Mrs. A. Henderson, secretary, and H.A. Barnes, treasurer.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 Feb 2024)
Fifty degrees below zero is nice snug winter weather. The thermometer has not been above 30 any morning for the past three weeks.
On Tuesday evening, J. Adam Bede, who occupies the rooms in the rear of the Pioneer office in the Hurley building, took up the ashes in his stove before he went to supper, and on returning found the rooms filled with smoke. Upon investigation, it was found that the floor under the ash pan was on fire, there having been live coals in the ashes. Mr. Bede at once secured an ax and cut up the floor and with a couple of pails of water, the fire was extinguished.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 Feb 2024)
Fourteen teams took part in the third annual Pine Pond Hockey Classic Three-On-One Tournament, which included food, raffles, silent auction, and live music.
The latest data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows that Pine City is growing in population and building more and more units of housing over the past 22 years. The population of the county is more educated than it was, though a lower percentage of county residents own their own homes. Pine County has continued to grow over the past 12 years, though not as quickly as it did in the 1990s.
The sub-zero weather of 2014 has left several homes and businesses around Pine City without water, as service pipes running from the property to the water main in the street freeze up.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 Feb 2024)
The Pine City Jaycees are sponsoring a Valentine's dance at Pine City High School. It will be held on friday, February 12. Admission price is $5. Music will be provided by Pro Sound and Light.
Looking for a place to walk safely out of the path of puddles or ice? If so, the Pine City Elementary School will be open for recreational walking from 3:30- 8:00 p.m. on days school is in session. There is no fee, but phone the Community Education Office, before your first walk to register.
Proponents of a Pine City Civic Center hockey arena crossed their highest hurdle last week when the Pine City Council promised to contribute $50,000 toward construction of the facility.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 Feb 2024)
The Pine County Sheriff's Office spent a considerable amount of time this week and last escorting trucks, Sheriff John Kozisek has told the Pioneer. The truckers who have requested escorts claim they have been threatened and told to stay off the road. A lot of activity has been centered at Tobies restaurant in Hinckley, which is heavily frequented by Truckers. The sheriff's office has received calls for help from the restaurant from truckers who could not leave because they were blockaded in.

Mrs. Eleanor Hinze, a Pine City resident since 1913, passed away on Tuesday, February 5 at the Rice Hospital in Willmar. She taught rural school in Pine County for 10 years and served as Pine City Village Assessor and had been librarian at the Pine City Public Library from 1943 to 1971. She retired from the Pioneer staff in June of 1958 after 10 years as a reporter, office manager and bookkeeper.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 Feb 2024)
The Edwin Rolf home, located east of Henriette on the Pine County line, was leveled by fire about noon last Wednesday in temperatures hovering below zero.
Rush City lost one of its best known businessmen on January 24 when August F. Froelke passed away very suddenly at his home in that place. He opened a hay and grain business in 1930 and since then was known by many as “A.J. the Hayman.”
Observance of the law requiring drivers to signal before making a right or left turn is expected to improve as mechanical turn signals come into more general use, according to a Minnesota Highway Bulletin. Two provisions now in the State Traffic Act will soon require their use on an increasing number of motor vehicles.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 Feb 2024)
The Village Hall was crowded to capacity last Saturday after noon with stockholders of the Pine City Creamery who had gathered for the annual meeting.
Jack Woodhead has the long distance record for receiving over the radio when he listened to the sending station from Fairbanks, Alaska, one evening last week. The Woodhead radio was installed by William Challeen recently and is one of the best ever. Mr. Challeen has installed seven radios in this community.
William Olson had the misfortune of breaking his wrist on his right hand last Friday. He was cranking up the flivver when it decided to kick a little, with the result that Bill is now carrying his arm in a sling.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 Feb 2024)
A number of our young people sent and received Valentine’s last Tuesday. Almost all of the young men were remembered with comic ones, and a few with those that expressed the regard with which they were held by the senders.
Our severe cold weather began to subside on Sunday and by Wednesday it was just as warm as a spring day. The water was running on the sidewalks on Wednesday, and the streets were filled with farmers’ teams.
Frank Reis, the St Paul contractor who built F.L. Rybak’s new store and the Hurley Block last summer, came up last Thursday to figure on the new Radly building which we are informed will be erected on the lots near the bank. Mr. Reis has built several buildings in this place, and they have all given perfect satisfaction.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 Feb 2024)
Pine City Schools Superintendent Wayne Gilman ask the Pine City School Board to consider creating a part-time auditorium supervisory position to oversee both the high school and elementary school auditorium facilities and serve as a primary contact for auditorium use, operation and maintenance after construction of the new high school auditorium is completed in the spring.
Water service pipes are freezing across Pine City. City officials are recommending a simple diagnosis and remedy for those whose pipes are still working. Residence should test the temperature of their water to see how close their pipes are to freezing. If the water temperature is at 35 degrees Fahrenheit or below, the property owner should call city hall.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 Feb 2024)
It no longer seems likely that a water bottling company from Lindstrom will occupy the center lot in Pine City’s Industrial Park.

The BevCo, Inc. owner recently sent a memo to the city of Pine City and to all of the company's vendors saying BevCo is experiencing cash flow difficulties.
East Central Electric's Year 2000 coordinator Linda LaTourelle says she's not planning to buy a generator for her home before the stroke of midnight on December 31, 1999.
Having spent countless hours over the past several months on the enormous project of updating equipment software and systems for East Central Electric in preparation for the millennium turnover, she feels confident with the testing that has been done and confident that the power will continue to flow.
The city's desire to work with a Sauk Rapids developer on building apartments near Car/Truck City has cooled. After receiving an appraisal of $150,000 on a 5.4 acre parcel, the Pine City Council last week rejected and offer to buy just over two Acres for $27,000.
Church and community leaders are meeting at Pine City Evangelical Free Church on Tuesday, February 23 to discuss emergency preparedness for Y2K.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 Feb 2024)
National Guard administrator Earl Foster met with the school board last Thursday to discuss the possibility of building a dual purpose armory. If Pine City builds a new school, it would be across the road from the new Armory.
The fate of the proposed ice arena rests solely on the amount of money raised next week by area service organizations canvassing door to door. Proponents of the arena have so far raised $25,000 and have another $5,000 - $10,000 in pledges. They need around twice that figure to obtain a loan.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 Feb 2024)
Pine City's Dragon's annexed the 1949 East Central Conference Championship at the expense of Rush City, and by the help of their neighbors to the north, Hinckley. The win over Rush City was significant in more ways than one. It marked the 100th win for the Dragons since coach Nell took over the coaching reins, against 36 losses.
Pine City Dairy has filed a petition of bankruptcy with the United States District Court in Duluth.
W.A. Sauser attended the convention of the Hall Hardware Co. Dealers in Minneapolis, Monday through Thursday. W. A. Sauser drove down from here each day to attend the convention.
100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 Feb 2024)
It is reported that Mr. Monoham of Minneapolis, who suffered a fractured skull in an auto accident here recently, died last week. The injury happened when the truck he was riding in upset in front of the Henry Buirge home on February 3.
S.A. Striegl and P.H. Anderson were elected directors at the annual meeting of the Pine City Cooperative Creamery.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 Feb 2024)
There is talk of a boom in this place, with a store and a post office.
Dr. Trowbridge has decided to give a liberal reduction on all class of dental work except extracting, during the month of March.
John Ingraham, who has rented the Pioneer House for a term of years, is a first class hotel man and is having some needed improvements made in the hotel. Mr. Ingraham says that he will run a first class house or none, and the traveling public can rest assured of being treated right when they visit the county seat of Pine County.
There was quite an excitement last Friday when Leo Haberman's team ran away from town and Jos. Novy being on his way home got off, and in trying to stop them, they crashed into his wagon and his team went too. Haberman's team stopped when they ran into a fence on the Bazil farm and Novy's team stopped at the Kuzel barn after the Flivvers had their spin in heading them off. Luckily no one was hurt and little damage was done.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 Feb 2024)

Pine County is taking the first steps toward the possible demolition of the disused Pine County Jail building in Pine City. At its February board meeting, the Pine County Board of Commissioners discussed making a request for proposals for demolition of the old county jail with an eye toward turning the site into a parking lot. The Pine County Board is leaning toward adoption of a $10 wheelage tax on all Motor Vehicles registered within the county and will use the extra money exclusively to pay for County Road projects.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 Feb 2024)
Provide adequate facilities or trials will be moved: The Chief Judge of the Tenth Judicial District has notified Pine County that it must upgrade it's Court facilities. Over 200 players participated in the February 20 Golf on Ice Tournament sponsored by the Pokegama Lake Association and Muffies on the Lake.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 Feb 2024)
The final drive to save the idea of the ice arena is underway this week with door-to-door solicitations by area service organizations. The solicitors are offering shares for $100 and half shares for $50.
The city has received so many complaints about dogs running loose that the city clerk reminds dog owners their pets will be picked up and tranquilized and kept for only two days. Then they will be disposed of.
75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 Feb 2024)
Indian relics, Old Time costumes, pictures, and coverlets are on the way. Many of the Pine City Merchants have located interesting items for window displays for the Minnesota Territorial Centennial Week of February 28 through March 5. John Churchill, chief of the Chippewa tribe at Ogema for many years, died February 6th, and his funeral was conducted Wednesday, February 9th by the Hills Funeral Director. Mr. Churchill was born in Pine City in 1874 and died at the age of 75 years.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 Feb 2024)
Pine City is in excellent financial condition and is decreasing its indebtedness rapidly each year. The village is now on a cash basis, has no outstanding warrants and over $2,500. In the treasury to apply on the bonds. This leaves a total indebtedness of $27,260.
Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson returned home from their wedding trip last Friday and that evening were welcomed back by a large crowd of serenaders who rendered a fine charavaria selection. A charavaria dance was held in the hall on Wednesday evening and all reported a fine time.

A flat tire sent the A.W. (Sandy) Gunn car swerving into the ditch a mile south of Mission Creek last Friday evening. The rear left wheel hit a hole at the end of a culvert, causing the wheel to break. The car rolled over a couple of times and came to rest right side up. Riding with Mr. Gunn were Roy Carlson, George Staacke and W.S. McEachern. They were on their way to Hinckley for a Whist Tournament and after some delay, the tournament went on with Pine City winning 319 to 208.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 Feb 2024)
F. McCormack, the electric light man, has been stringing the wire in some of our business houses during the week. J.Y. Breckenridge will have 12 lights in the drug store, which will make it as late as day.
Mr. Rankin, State High School inspector, visited the school Monday forenoon. His report was much more flattering than on any of his previous visits. When he comes again, he will notice still greater improvement.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 Mar 2024)
Shots were fired at a Pine County residence on February 24 after the homeowner found a Wisconsin man allegedly attempting to break in through the front door.

The homeowner called dispatch saying he was holding a man at gunpoint during a burglary in progress. The operator heard three shots fired, then the line went dead. Four deputies arrived on the scene and found the homeowner uninjured. They then found tracks in the snow leading from the house, back behind a pole building, where they found the alleged burglar hiding behind a tree. He was unharmed and taken into custody.
Excitement is brewing for tourism opportunities along Old Highway 61. What used to be US Highway 61, through Chisago, Pine and Carlton counties, runs 1400 mi from New Orleans, Louisiana, North up to Wyoming, Minnesota, once ran through Duluth to the Canadian border.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 Mar 2024)
Robert Shuey was recently honored at a Minnesota School Board Association Convention banquet for his 20 years of service on the Pine City School Board. It has been his love for kids and his belief that each student should have the opportunity to meet his or her potential that has led him to run for the school board all those years. He has been elected for seven consecutive terms.
Bob was born and raised in Pine City, where he still resides on his farm near Chengwatana, with his wife, Virginia.
The District Lions are getting ready for the summer youth exchange program. Young people will come from Austria, Denmark, Belgium, Netherlands, England, Switzerland, Finland, Poland, Japan, Germany, and Norway to live in Minnesota.
The young people will be in Minnesota for six or seven weeks during the summer. They will be at a youth Exchange Camp for one week during that time. They can be boys or girls and range in age from 16 to 20 years. Most of them will be able to speak English very well. They will stay with host families and be a part of that family. No special entertainment is required or suggested.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 Mar 2024)
Pine City lost another of its more active and helpful citizens of the past half century due to the heart attack which caused the death of Dewey Wilcox on Friday afternoon, March 1. He published the Pine Poker, a weekly newspaper (now the Pine City Pioneer), from 1920- 1958. In 1937, he was appointed postmaster and served in that capacity until 1969.
Total assets of the Pine City Cooperative Association passed the million dollar mark for the first time in its history, manager Henry Sommer reported at the co-ops 37th annual meeting last Thursday. Over 400 members and patrons were on hand to learn that the co-op had grossed nearly $1.7 million in 1973.
Make a cup of cocoa and look at it closely. The frost on it could well be a Pine City product. Last year, the local Land O Lakes plant manufactured 18,000,000 pounds powdered milk and some of it was made “lite and airy” and sent to hot chocolate companies.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 Mar 2024)
Art Biedermann, member of the Pine City Fire Department for 30 years, was elected fire chief at the annual meeting of the department held Tuesday evening.
Mrs. John Bergwick brought two ripe and perfect tomatoes into this newspaper office. She has raised them from ordinary garden seed in her window Garden, and has had ripe tomatoes for table use for the past month.
Mrs. Mike Birkeland had a carpet rag tearing party Thursday. Lunch was served at the close of the afternoon. Several ladies from the neighborhood attended.
County Rural School News: Miss Anna Meyer of Pine City has resigned because of ill health. Miss Meyer has been one of our very best and most faithful teachers during the past 25 years.
Featured in The Pine City Mercantile ad: Saddle Shoes, Red and White, Green and White, Brown and White, Black and White. Popular Scamperoo saddles with pure white rubber soles, $4.95.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 Mar 2024)
Fred A. Heyn and Miss Amelia Hintz were united in marriage last Tuesday evening.

Miss Gladys Halstrom, teacher of the first grade in the Pine City Schools, was the winner of the Overland car which was given away last Saturday.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 Mar 2024)
Dogs are again being poisoned by some unprincipled individual who shall be dealt with to the full extent of the law if found out.
Mr. Peters, who lives on the west side of Lake Pokegama, had the misfortune to lose one of his horses by drowning on Tuesday morning at the mouth of Lake Pokegama.
Sheriff Hawley took a man to the Fergus Falls insane asylum on Saturday last, he having been adjudged insane by doctors Barnum and Stephan at the probate office on Friday last. It will be remembered that some four or five weeks ago, this man was found near Beroun in a frozen condition, his hands, feet and face being badly frosted. He was taken to Hinckley, and Dr. Stephan summoned, who has been treating him ever since, hoping that when his frozen members healed his mind would be more settled, but instead he gradually grew worse and was taken to the asylum at the mentioned time.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Mar 2024)
In a report to the city council on March 5, the Sheriff's Office responded to close to 570 calls over the course of the month.
Immunizations needed for school attendance: The state is changing the immunization requirements for children attending school, and Pine City Schools health officials are urging parents to get their children ready for the new standards.
Laws requiring student immunizations have been in place since 1967 when measles vaccinations became a requirement. Since then, vaccines against polio, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, and others have been added to the standard.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Mar 2024)
The city's need to establish a public street has run head on into the plans of a local couple for landscaping their yard.
Sauter Street, north of the Snake River and west of the Pine City VFW Hall, has never been officially dedicated a city street, although it was paved by the city several years ago and is maintained by the public works crew.
The Pine City Council's efforts to change that have met with resistance from some of the Sauter Street property owners, who have all been asked to deed to the city 15 ft of their land so the right of way easements required along a city street can be established.
Lakeside Medical Center would like to expand its services to include an emergency room, but to do so, it needs better access to the facility.
At the request of Lakeside owner Max Blaufuss, the Pine City Council is determining whether it's possible to acquire a railroad crossing on fifth or sixth avenue and extend one of those streets to the west. The matter has been discussed by the city's planning Commission and agrees that Pine City needs more east-west streets.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Mar 2024)
Busy train workman took time out last Thursday to rescue a little dog that was lying on the track. Since he was living, they took him over to Elmer Chases, where he was kept warm and fed. The little fellow belonged to Julius Petras and is now doing fine after that mysterious adventure. Pepper and the Petras were glad to be back to normal living again.
Notice: Terri Meyer and Jan Nordrum are moving from Broz Beauteria to join Kathy Neinstadt at Swirl 'n Curl next to Jimmy's Cafe.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Mar 2024)
Charles Spickler, well known retired interior decorator of Pine City, died Sunday, March 6 at Lakeside Hospital.

County Rural School news: We were all shocked and saddened at the sudden death of Mrs. Olga Headland of Henriette, teacher of District No. 59. Mrs. Mildred Anderson Wood will substitute there for the remainder of the year.
At Pokegama: A wood cutting bee was held last Saturday, when a number of men and young people met and cut, hauled and sawed a pile of wood for the church. Mrs. Selma Anderson furnished the wood. The WSCS furnished dinner and lunch for the crew at the church basement.
Wednesday evening, Junior Clementson, Marilyn Ericson, Rodger Soderbeck and Mrs. Stanley Anderson drove to the Cities and attended the circus.
At Chengwatana: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, Glen, Sharon and Shirley, are the folks who moved into the Ernest Skalicky farm, which they purchased this winter. They moved here from Minneapolis.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Mar 2024)
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pocta had a narrow escape from death last Monday afternoon when their automobile was struck by the Northbound Limited at Beroun.
Officers being elected at the Village election were W.A. Sauser, president and mayor. Clark Pennington, clerk. J.D. Boyle, treasurer. C.F. Stephan, justice of the peace. W.S. McEachern, trustee. And Chas. Beechel, constable.
Henry Stoffel has rented the Voss Farm west of town and will move on April 1. The Voss' are undecided as to their future plans, but may possibly move to the Twins Cities.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Mar 2024)
George Walton of West Rock is going into the poultry business.
A.W. Kent of Rock Creek made a flying trip to Rush City, Saturday.
There is no one who wants snow. We have plenty at present, but when more comes, if it does, let it come without a wind accompanying it.
Burger Bros., a sawmill, is running every night until 9:30, and even then it is feared that they will lose quite a number of hardwood logs by sinking, as soon as the ice goes out.
It is reported at the election in the town of Chengwatana last Tuesday, one of the citizens approached the polls and called for a blank ticket, and was told by the judge to take one which was already filled out. The citizen replied that he wanted to vote his own ticket, not someone else's, but was informed that he could take what was offered him or go without. We are informed there is considerable kicking over the way elections are conducted in the above named town and that there is trouble brewing when an election is held on the holiday of St Patrick's Day.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 Mar 2024)
Study declares Cross, Pokegama Lakes impaired.
Both Pokegama Lake and Cross Lake are polluted with phosphorus to the point of being considered impaired lakes according to the draft version of a study conducted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The Snake River Watershed Restoration and Protection strategy report states that Cross Lake and Pokegama Lake have the highest levels of phosphorus of any of the 87 lakes in the Snake River Watershed.
Visit the Mille Lacs Indian Museum to learn traditional and contemporary methods for harvesting and processing maple sap. Samples of maple sugar will be available for tasting.
The Pine City Dance Line finished up their inaugural winter sports season at the Section Meet in Class AA in Chisago Lakes back in February. The Emerald girls dance team also performed their high kick routine at the final girl's basketball game of the season, for a special Pink Out the Gym night. Both events served as memorable moments as the team's first season came to a close.
The Knights of Columbus are serving up hearty helpings of fried fish and other good food at the Immaculate Conception Church, on Friday nights during Lent.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 Mar 2024)
The fresh snowfall left a perfect setting for the filming of a documentary at North West Company Fur Post. Producer- director Lorraine Norrgard from WDSE in Duluth is creating a six-part historical

series on the Ojibwe tribe in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. It will be aired in March on PBS stations across the state.
Courtroom crunch. Judge says whole top floor of courthouse not enough.
If the entire top floor of the Pine County Courthouse was used for the needs of the court system, it would provide maybe half the space that's needed.
That's what the Honorable Gary J. Meyer, chief judge of the 10th Judicial District, said when coordinator Brian Heck asked him to be more specific about Pine County's court needs.
The Easter Bunny is coming to Pine City for an Eggstravaganza plan by the Pine City Chamber of Commerce.
The famed rabbit will visit stores throughout the community and will be available for pictures with children from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cover Looks Studio will take the photographs at the Bunny Hutch on 5th Street, downtown. There will be a fee to purchase the photos.
At 10 a.m. on Saturday, the Pine City Jaycees will have their Easter Egg Hunt. Families are encouraged to come to Robinson Park, bringing canned goods for the local foodshelf.
The Pine City Girl Scouts will have hot chocolate and hot dogs available.
The weekend fun will also include the annual Pine City Lions pancake breakfast on Sunday, at the armory. Pancakes, sausages and beverages, all you can eat, will be served from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 Mar 2024)
The idea of an international demonstration farm received a cooler reception at the school board's March 12 meeting then it had when the idea was first introduced a month ago.
A site was provided for the proposed Ice Arena on March 12, when the Pine City Village Council deeded five acres of recently acquired land to the Pine City Arena Corporation. The motion, presented by councilman Fred Holstein and Roger Erfourth, stipulates that the necessary funds must be raised and that the promoters must demonstrate that the arena will be used for the public good.
Bill Nelson, and artist who has been hiding his talents, presented a pencil sketch of the Pine City Golf Course to the Country Club Board of Directors last week. The picture will hang in the clubhouse.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 Mar 2024)
Being well aware of the fact that Pine County has not had a fair that has met with the approval of many people the past few years, every effort is being made this year to give this county one of the finest fairs in the state. Hans Grandt, fair board president, announced this week that at a recent board meeting, the stockholders agreed to reshuffle and reorganize the entire set up so as to give Pine County the type of fair it can be proud of. One of the largest carnivals in the State of Minnesota, Rocco Shows, has been contracted. This show consists of nine different rides, as compared to last year's three and also four sideshows and 25 concessions. To further push their program for a new and bigger fair, the board is rapidly completing plans for a new grandstand.
A spectacular and disastrous fire destroyed the Barn, Machine Shed, Granary and Tool Shed and all of the contents at the Robert Dipprey Farm south of Pine City early Monday morning.
Louis Milgrom announced that he is taking over the possession and operation of a Saint Paul theatre, which he purchased March 6. The Deluxe theatre, on 3rd and Maria Avenue, will be taken over by Mr. Milgrom on March 26.
Next Saturday Rasmus Petersen and Siebold Brothers will open a new shoe store in the former Kandy Kitchen building next to the 61-Way Cafe. The new firm will be known as The Family Shoe Store.
Herman Gretzmocker is expected to open his barber shop next to Stan's Tavern, next Friday.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 Mar 2024)
Vanity cases and powder puffs have been officially banned from the Ortonville City schools. Too much attention is paid to cosmetics and not enough attention is given to study, the school authorities say.

Leonard Downing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Downing, living southwest of town, who had been seriously ill with pneumonia is now recovering nicely.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 Mar 2024)
There is no doubt but what we will have better cooking to dispose of now, since so many of our ladies attended the cooking school during the Farmers Institute.
Herman Teich came to town on Tuesday with a load of bear, he having come in contact with a bear and two cubs, which he proceeded to kill with an ax, the only weapon he had.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 Mar 2024)
City picks up lot abandoned in World War II: A strip of land in Pine City that has been stuck in tax forfeiture since 1945 will be purchased by the city for $1,300. The land, which has been sitting vacant for the past 69 years, is described as being 20 ft. by 200 ft. It can now be purchased by the city with the goal of putting it to use in future economic development.
Blake wins state award for Football and Leadership: Pine City High School senior Andrew Blake was nominated by Dragons Head Football Coach Jared Polzine. Blake is the first Pine City student to receive the award, and of only eight high school players to do so in 2014.
The Northern Lights Express is a proposed high-speed passenger rail train from the Twin Cities to Duluth. Current plans are for a 155 Mi Line with stops in Minneapolis, Coon Rapids, Cambridge, Grand Casino Hinckley, and Duluth. The top possible speed for the NLX is 110 mph, but it would only achieve this speed for short stretches. Current plans have the train traveling at 70 mph or below for most of the route. Travel time is estimated at 2 hours 15 minutes for a trip from Duluth to Minneapolis. According to Google Maps, a trip from Duluth to Minneapolis by car down I-35 takes 2 hours 17 minutes.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 Mar 2024)
Pizza Pub owners Rick and Kathy Herzog are moving their business to the heart of downtown, having purchased the historic 3rd Avenue building where the Ben Franklin store has operated for many years. Grizzly's will expand to remodeled freeway site. Doug and Susie Fore expected success when they opened Grizzly's Sports Bar and Restaurant three years ago. They didn't expect to outgrow their kitchen. To meet their acute need for more space, the Fores have purchased the building where the Pizza Pub is and will remodel it inside and out, using the same Sportsman's motif of the existing Grizzly's.
Plans for off -highway vehicle trails in the Chengwatana, St. Croix, General Andrew's and Nemadji State Forests continue to move forward. Bid for elementary sprinkler system comes in lower than expected: With the addition of a sprinkler system this summer, Pine City Elementary School will finally meet State Fire Safety codes.
With Census 2,000 just a year away, hundreds of temporary Census Bureau workers will hit Minnesota streets April 3 to begin checking the addresses of city and urban housing units. Their work will ensure the completeness and accuracy of the address list used to mail out Census 2,000 questionnaires to more than 1.8 million Minnesota households next March.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 Mar 2024)
Charles Stenvig is off and running. The former Minneapolis mayor and freshly minted Republican apparently isn't sure what he is running for yet, but his keynote address at the Pine County GOP convention Monday night, had the familiar ring of a campaign speech.
Mrs. Ted Bliss stated that the Church Women's United just sent over a 19 lb. box of plastic pill bottles to the Elwa Hospital at Monrovia, Liberia. The hospital there was so short of any kind of bottles for medicine.
Approximately 350 people enjoyed pancakes and sausage last Sunday in the VFW Club rooms. The pancake supper was sponsored by the Pine City Boys Scout Troop 188 under the leadership of

Scoutmaster Howard Larsen. The money was raised to help finance Scouts who want to spend a week at Jamar, a summer camp 15 miles east of Hinckley.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 Mar 2024)
The county fair board announced this week's plans for the financing and construction of a new 1,200 seat grandstand on the county fairgrounds. Success in this endeavor will depend largely upon the interest and cooperation of all citizens in our area, for as was the case in the construction of the baseball lights last fall, volunteer labor for night work will be needed.
Mrs. William Bantleon recently resigned her office as deputy sheriff of Pine County after serving in that capacity since 1918. Even before that, she was custodian of runaway girls and female delinquents. Until Pine City had adequate jail facilities, Mrs. Bantleon kept and took care of women prisoners and mental patients in her home while they were waiting transportation to institutions.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Olson were pleasantly surprised last Wednesday when Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nelson from Kenmare, ND dropped in on them for a visit. They got acquainted while visiting in Sweden in the summer of 1947. Mr. Nelson is the owner of a 2,080 acre farm and the farm work is all done by machinery.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 Mar 2024)
The Ramsey farm home in Pokegama township was completely destroyed by fire last week. The fire occurred about 11:30 in the morning and is thought it was caused by the chimney.
The Lobdell brothers' barn was completely destroyed by fire last Monday between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.
W.G. Akin has moved into the old Jake Kaelble residence. They have been living in the rear of his harness and shoe shop, but the increase in his business made necessary the use of all the room for the shop.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 Mar 2024)
G. C. Tallman of Hustletown has a new chef at his farm, J.J. Husted being chief cook and bottle washer.
Mr. Kruse was loading his potatoes onto the cars on the 23rd. He kept Glasow's team and his own hauling for two days to the car.
Are you thin? Would you like to get fat and plump? Take Rock Mountain Tea.
Next Tuesday is Village election day but one would think that election was six months away as not a word is heard on the streets one way or the other, and our citizens would not know that it was election day, but for the notices posted.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 Apr 2024)
Water tower springs leak as temps take toll on Pine City: With two dozen homes and businesses dealing with frozen pipes, with iced up sewers and cracked water mains, one might of thought winter had done everything it could to Pine City.
Then the water tower sprung a leak.
Standing outside the Pine City Fire Hall on Sunday morning, the sound of falling water was unmistakable. Looking up, a tear several inches long was visible above the "C" in "Pine City."
Until the tank is repaired, the water level in the tower is being kept lower than the hole that formed two-thirds of the way up the reservoir tank.
On Sunday, public works crews were also kept busy working to repair a broken water main on 2nd Street and 1st Avenue. On Monday afternoon, they were dealing with a frozen sewer on 6th Avenue.
Repairs, improvements vie for limited school dollars: A new running track; high school roof replacement; expanded paved parking at the high school with improved traffic flow; snow removal equipment; New World languages and art textbooks; and technology.
Now that construction of the new auditorium and district office is winding down, Pine City School officials are considering these and other capital improvement items they believe need to be addressed soon. Unfortunately, the wish list contains several big- ticket items that exceed existing

funding sources. Topping the list of projects for consideration are repair or replacement of the high school running track and expanded parking at Pine City High School to accommodate more Auditorium traffic.
Yerke ends season with All-Star appearance: Pine City senior Amie Yerke wrapped up her high school basketball career with an appearance in the 10th Annual North Central All Star Games played at Bemidji High School.
Snake River water quality report up for public comment through April 23, 2014: A new report by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and local groups in the Snake River Watershed in the St. Croix River Basin recommend restoring several water bodies in the southern part of the watershed and protecting others in the north.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 Apr 2024)
Decision on treaty ends years of discord: The 5-4 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, upholding the rights of the Ojibwe people in an 1837 Treaty.
That opinion will allow the Mille Lacs and seven other Ojibwe bands to regulate their own hunting, fishing and gathering in East Central Minnesota free of State interference.
Pavek resigns Pokegama clerk's job: Pokegama Township clerk Darlene Pavek resigned her position at the town board's Thursday, March 25 meeting. She has been clerk for nine years. Pavek, who read a statement to the board members announcing her resignation, told the Pioneer that too much time is being spent at town board meetings on correcting her minutes.
Seasonal fire restrictions will include most of area: The restriction area will encompass the northern two-thirds of Minnesota, including the northern half of the Twin Cities metro area. Last year, a similar restriction was imposed in northeastern Minnesota.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 Apr 2024)
Clarence Nordstrom, one of the county commissioners serving the Pine City area, proposed a 10% salary increase, from $5,800 to $6,400 for the county commissioners but saw his motion die for lack of a second in Tuesday's county board meeting.
Mr. and Mrs. Harv Lindstrom, of Lindstrom Construction, returned from several days in Las Vegas. The trip was won by Mr. Lindstrom as a result of outstanding sales effort on behalf of Nordic Shelter Corporation, St. Paul. Mr. Lindstrom represents Nordic in this area.
When the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Pine City decided it needed a covered stairway leading up to the vestibule, it did not have to turn to an architect. It's monsignor, George Gallik, while he has never taken a formal mechanical drawing course, is a self-taught architect and took the project on himself.
James Dennison, Jr. and Leonard Hinze, both of Pine City, were elected as 1974 voting delegates of the Midwest Breeders Cooperative at the recent district meeting.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 Apr 2024)
A former editor and co-publisher of the Pine Poker-Pioneer for 26 years, W.S. McEachern died at his home here after an illness of two months duration.
The McEacherns came to Pine City in the early part of 1919, when he joined the staff at the Pine Poker. In October of 1919, he and D.R. Wilcox purchased that paper and he was editor and Co-publisher until April of 1946, when he disposed of his interests to the current publisher. In 1940, The Firm purchased the Pine County Pioneer and consolidated the two papers. In December of 1947, he purchased the Agnes Hotel and has managed it since that time.
C.M. Young, of Cross Lake, Minn, completed a business deal this week wherein he became owner of the Gamble Store formerly operated by Mel Kutzke and K.C. Whalen.
Henry Sommer, local manager of the Pine City Cooperative Association, was elected to the board of directors of Midland Cooperative Wholesale at their annual meeting March 28-30.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Fagerstrom and Skippy left Sunday for North Branch, where they will make their home. Mr. Fagerstrom and Allan Alvin are setting up a new manufacturing business in North Branch, the Branch Novelty Company.
All those in Pine City and Rock Creek townships who have not given this year and wish to give to the Red Cross are asked to leave their donations at the Olson Grocery in Rock Creek or at the Peterson store in West Rock Creek. Because of the poor roads, a house to house solicitation wasn't possible in all areas. Donations are way below their quotas this year.
Pine City Radio advertised the new Motorola Television Consolette for $349.50.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 Apr 2024)
It began to look as if March in Minnesota would be one of this State's exceptions, but the proverbial lion came in a blinding snow storm that was by far the worst this winter and the worst so late in the season for many years.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 Apr 2024)
It is generally conceded that the backbone of Old Winter is effectually busted.
Mr. John Jumar, of Gibbon of this state, the gentleman who bought the barber shop of J.J. Murray, moved his family here the first of the week and will soon be nicely settled in J.C. Miller's house opposite the Webster School.
The boiler for the electric plant arrived on Tuesday night and was taken up to the power house on Wednesday by A.F. Brackett. If this weather continues, the poles will be set at once and in less than two weeks, our village will be lit with that great invention of Edison's electric lights.
Mora Times; Pine City gives the least support to its newspaper of any town we know of, and it has two live newspapers. One Rush City Merchant absorbs more space in the Pine City papers then all of its local advertisers put together. A town is generally judged by the support it gives its paper.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 Apr 2024)
Chemical Treatment Center expanding: Meadow Creek, a residential chemical health facility for women located in Pokegama Township is preparing to expand from 26 to 50 beds, nearly doubling the number of clients.
The deer are in big trouble: The harsh winter of 2014 has been especially rough on Pine County's wildlife, and Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer Bret Grundmeier is finding new evidence of this every day.
Local author Joe Hobson has completed "Growing Up on the Snake," the third and final book in his Snake River Adventure trilogy. Although the new book continues to support Hobson's view that kids can still have adventures without needing a lot of money or fancy equipment, the main characters in his books have matured and are preparing to move on to college and other adult pursuits. And so too has Hobson entered a new stage in life. It is a bittersweet time for fans as excitement to read the new release mingles with the knowledge that not only is the book the last in the series, it is likely the last writing that Hobson will publish.
Pine City Firefighters are dealing with the aftermath of a March flood that left an inch of water on the floors of fire hall offices. The fire hall fell victim to a sewer freeze-up. The water that entered the building was run off from the Fire Halls roof drains.
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25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 Apr 2024)
Senior class finds Florida a mecca of food and fun: A group of 65 Pine City seniors departed the chilly weather of Minnesota for the sunny skies of Orlando, Florida on Tuesday, March 16. The group, beset with anticipation and sleeplessness, arrived at the Orlando Airport on schedule at 12:30 p.m. The day was for exploring or catching up on sleep they had lost the night before.
Public input wanted on impact of logging on tourism industry: The Pine County Land Department is seeking public comment on newly developed guidelines that relate to the visual aspects of logging and other Forest management activities and their impact on tourism and resorts.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced that $200 million will be distributed to dairy farmers who face drastic plunges in milk prices.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 Apr 2024)
The Village Council learned at its April 3 meeting that Pine City has received a state grant of $125,685 to help with the sewage lagoon. The grant came as a surprise to the council, which had understood that there was little possibility of getting it.
Mrs. Paul Mettling, Mrs. C. Rasmussen, Mrs. Cliff Caza and Mrs. L.A. Petersen were among those who attended a bridal shower for Miss Becky Doran at Fred's Red Shed on Monday night.
Smoked hams were 89 cents per pound at Doran's Jack and Jill. All grinds of Folgers coffee were selling for $2.89 a 3 lb. tin and a 30-count box of Pampers, with a coupon, cost $1.69.
This should be the last year the village will have to suffer from the unpleasant interval between the thaw of the lagoon and the time when the algae and the bacteria have effectively broken up the winter sewage. Presently being built are three aeration pounds, a control building and a laboratory, which should end the problem.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 Apr 2024)
Bob Thiry of Pine City is opening a flower shop to be called the Flower Box,and located on the highway in the building formerly occupied by Wiedemann Appliance. Bob arrived here Saturday of last week after completing a course at the Brights School of Floral Design in Chicago.
Since the snow has gone off, much work has been done on the Pine City Recreation Field. The men of the village have turned out and last Sunday completed the assembling of the light towers. Now the towers have to be tightened, which will take many man hours.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 Apr 2024)
The "Goddess of Luck" was extremely kind to Mrs. A. C. Connaker last Saturday afternoon when she was awarded the Chevrolet in the advertising campaign put on by a number of Pine City merchants.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Buirge have rented the room adjoining the post office and the upstairs of the building. They will take possession May 1 when Mrs. Buirge will open a bakery and lunch room downstairs and they will use part of the upstairs for living rooms and also have rooms to rent upstairs.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 Apr 2024)
The water in the river is rising quite rapidly, and if it keeps warm, the lumbermen at this place look for the ice to break up about Monday and Tuesday.
Herman Borchers spent Thursday in St. Paul on business. He took with him a large assortment of hides and pelts that he purchased recently. He had three bear hides that Herman Teich brought to town. They were fine hides and he will no doubt receive a good price for them. Mr. Borchers says he has shipped more hides the past winter then he has any previous winter for a number of years.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 Apr 2024)
Pine City may soon have new sidewalks on 8th Street by the Pine City Elementary School.
The Pine City Council last week decided to pursue a grant for those sidewalks.
Queen Charlotte's Birthday Ball: Don period or semi-formal attire and step back in time to 19th Century High Society at the annual Queen Charlotte's Birthday Ball at the North West Company Fur Post, Pine City.
Lively country dances will be taught and called.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 Apr 2024)
Restructuring government a possible first step toward making space for courts.

Combining departments to group similar functions into one space is a possibility.
Public safety and justice would include the sheriff's staff, county attorney, court services and civil defense/emergency management.
Public works would include land and zoning departments and merge with the highway department.
Property, taxes and finances would combine with the auditor, treasurer, recorder and assessor.
Rural School students learn about Pine County: The Pine City Rural School Museum Committee is preparing for another summer of activities.
The theme for the week will include nationalities and foods of Pine County in the early 1900s. Other topics included are printing, maple syruping, plants of those early days, and of course, reading, writing, and arithmetic.
The following is a list of rules for teachers in the early 1900s.
1. You will not marry during the term of your contract.
2. You will not keep company with men.
3. You must be home between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless attending a school function.
4. You may not loiter downtown in ice cream stores.
5. You may not travel beyond the city limits unless you have the permission of the chairman of the board.
6. You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.
7. You may not smoke cigarettes.
8. You may not dress in bright colors.
9. You may, under no, circumstances dye your hair.
10. You must wear at least two petticoats.
11. Your dresses must not be any shorter than two inches above the ankle.
12. To keep the school room neat and clean, you must sweep the floor at least once daily, scrub the floor at least once a week with hot, soapy water, clean the blackboards at least once a day and start the fire at 7 a.m. so the room will be warm by 8 a.m.
Nursery School celebrates 25th year with May 1st open house.
Pine City Cooperative Nursery School we'll celebrate it's 25th anniversary on Saturday, May 1 with an open house and program. The public, and alumni from 1973 to the present, are invited to come and visit the nursery school. Refreshments will be served.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 Apr 2024)
The 11th annual search for the Minnesota Teacher of the Year has been narrowed to 30 teachers, and Pine City is the only school in the state to have placed two candidates on that list. The list started with 166 nominees representing 135 communities.
For the past two years, Percy Paulson, a sheep farmer on the Henriette Road, has been building a large sailboat. The boat is too big for any of the local lakes and has elicited such comments as, "They thought Noah was crazy too."
On the school lunch menu were tuna salad, buttered green beans, hamburger gravy over rice, fish steak on a bun, beef stew and cabbage salad.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 Apr 2024)
Stores in Pine City will remain open every Saturday evening until 9 p.m., beginning Saturday, April 16.
Phil Silesky of the Fair Store announced this week that installation is being completed on a new frozen food department in that store.
The final traces of ice left both Pokegama and Cross Lakes Tuesday afternoon and evening.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 Apr 2024)
One of Pine City's popular young ladies became a bride last Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock when Miss Magdalene Swanda was united in marriage to Mr. Jos. Schultz. The ceremony was performed by Father Leo in the Church of Immaculate Conception.

There was a large congregation present last Sunday morning at the Presbyterian Church to greet the Rev. G.S. Reinhardt, new pastor here, when he delivered his first sermon to the local charge.
Rasmus Hansen returned to his home in Denmark after having lived in the U.S.A. for 45 years, 20 of which were spent on a farm west of Pokegama Lake.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 Apr 2024)
Frederick Hoffman, dramatic reciter and lecturer, will give a vivid description of stirring scenes in the struggle between the United States and Spain, interspersed by comic and dramatic recitations, at Hetzenecker's Hall this evening.
A.H. Johnson of Morris, agent for the government school at that place, was in this Village on Tuesday and took six Indian and half breed children to the school. This is a good school, and the little ones will get a good education and be able to take care of themselves when they return.
Mrs. H. Brandes met with a serious accident on Tuesday. She was descending the stairs at the Endiward residence when she slipped and fell to the bottom, breaking three ribs and otherwise bruising herself. Mrs. Brandes is a large woman, and the fall gave her a bad shaking up. She can consider herself lucky that she escaped with her. life.
Coroner Wiseman was called to Kerrick on Tuesday afternoon to view the remains of Erick Olson, who had been suffering from consumption for some time but who died very suddenly on Monday night under what was supposed to be peculiar circumstances.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 Apr 2024)
Fire danger high in Pine County: With sunshine and warm temperatures replacing the snow and cold in the Pine City area, the threat of springtime wildfires is on the rise. Burning restrictions went into effect in Pine County on April 21, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has the threat of wildfire listed as "high" in Pine County. What's the real story behind Brown's Corner? In response to information about Brown's Corner at the intersection of county roads 11 (Henriette Road) and 13 (Brook Park Road), Barbara Christensen adds the following information. County records show that Robert Brown purchased his land in January of 1898. In 1900 the records include his wife, Caroline Francis Brown. They sold their land in September of 1929 to Clarence and Ethel Anderson. Since there were no street signs at the end of the 1880s and early 1900s and Browns were the first settlers on the corner, it became a landmark known as Brown's Corner. That designation continues today, and hopefully in the future. Mister Pine City canceled: The Mr. Pine City High School event scheduled for April 26 has been canceled due to the number of participant drop-outs. With the weather and sports being rescheduled, many athletes were unable to attend the required practices. Event organizers hope to have this event next school year at a more convenient time.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 Apr 2024)
Daffy Duck stamp gets top billing at Walmart: Daffy Duck may finally get the respect he deserves on Saturday, April 17 when a U.S. postage stamp bearing his animated likeness joins his animated archival, Bugs Bunny, and the lovable cat and canary team of Sylvester and Tweety, as part of the Looney Tunes stamp collection. A collectible, custom pictorial cancellation will be offered at the event. The collectibles will be offered by postal employees at the Pine City Walmart beginning at 10 a.m. Daffy Duck joins other Looney Tunes characters in helping promote stamp collecting through the postal services youth program, "Stampers."
Council listens but can't act on apartment rezoning question: Only three Pine City Council members were there, and after listening for two hours to the residents' concerns, City Administrator Bob Voss announced that the council couldn't vote that night. "The state law, our ordinance, requires that on a zoning issue, two-thirds of the council (four of the five members) vote on it," he said. "One is ill and one had another meeting."
Pioneer Day Camp offers summer fun: Making paper, butter, ice cream and frybread, weaving and dipping candles and cooking lunch over and open fire. These are just a few examples of the kinds of pioneer activities girls can explore at Rendezvous, a new day camp coming to Pine City this

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summer. The camp will run from August 2-6 at the North West Company Fur Trading Post, and it's open to all girls in kindergarten through sixth grade this year. Rendezvous Day Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., not including the free transportation provided from several locations in the Pine City and Rush City areas. The cost is $65 per girl, and financial assistance is available.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 Apr 2024)
The first snowmobile, or something like it, was invented around the turn of the century by a one time Pine City man who died two weeks ago in St. Paul. Earnest Splittstoser is remembered by a number of Pine City's older residents as a mechanical genius.
Just two months after the fair barn burned, the holes were drilled for a second building. Progress has been rapid, and the basic pull structure is already completed.
Pat Foley, Lloyd Otto and Marge Braasch viewed progress being made on Foley's new store front for Pine Clothing. The only first places accumulated for Pine City in a track meet at North Branch last week was by John Mettling in discus and Mike Kern in pole vault.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 Apr 2024)
Sunday, April 24 has been chosen as the day to begin the razing of the present grandstand and bleachers at the fairgrounds. The work is to be done by volunteer labor with as much material as can be salvaged to be used in construction of the new grandstand. There was a community hymn sing Wednesday evening at the Edwin Noreen home. A very good attendance was present and a delicious lunch was served.
Pine City Mercantile's 41st anniversary sale starts Friday.
On April 9, the Loyal Leaders met at the John Marety home. A talk was given by Charles Rike on tractor maintenance and by Beverly Beavers on the cleaning and scouring of pots and pans.
(Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 Apr 2024)

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 Apr 2024)
The Pine Poker is informed on reliable authority that Matt Poferl has decided to run for the nomination for county commissioner of the Second District and will file for the office in the near future.
The Family Theatre was crowded last Friday evening for production of "When a Fellow Needs a Friend" by the senior class of the local high school. The play is an extremely funny one and kept the large audience in an uproar throughout.
Sig Striegel's Tinkertown Jazz Band will play at the dance at the armory on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Fitch suffered and extremely painful injury Saturday when she slipped and fell at her home, the fall causing the fracture of her left shoulder and also causing her to lose consciousness. Cecil Blanchard, who was varnishing floors, was alone with Mrs. Fitch at the time. He succeeded in carrying her to a couch and ran for Mrs. J. J. Madden, who called Dr. Wiseman. She was taken to a Twin Cities hospital Monday.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 Apr 2024)
The herd law makes everybody get to the front. Fencing is the order of the day.

At about 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, fire was discovered in the roof of the wing of Mr. Radan's residence at Rock Creek. The family and neighbors set to work to try and quench the flames, but it had gained such headway when first discovered that their labors were in vain, and the large dwelling, only erected a couple of years ago, together with nearly all the household goods, was soon nothing but a pile of ashes.
More milk is coming into the creamery every day, and by the middle of May, they expect to have at least 3,000 pounds daily.
Levi Ardner moved his family into the Erhart house, opposite St. Mary's Catholic Church, on Friday last week and will reside there for the summer at least.

The water in the Snake River reached its highest point on Thursday of last week as at that time it began to run over the gates. The farmers and those wanting the damn taken out can now see how much of their land will be underwater when old Snake is at its highest.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 May 2024)
Farm values spike in Southern Pine County: The value of farmland in parts of southern Pine County leapt up by 15% or more in 2012 and 2013, though for Pine County as a whole, agricultural land values were up only 3.46%. It's significantly different from north to south.
March jobless rate best in seven years: Pine County unemployment held steady at 9.3% in March, well above the mark it hit last fall, but a half a percentage point down from where it stood in March 2013, and the lowest March since 2006.
Years after St. Croix Forest blowdown, recovery just beginning: The July 1, 2011 windstorm cut a swath across Pine County taking down trees across roughly 185,500 acres of land, much of it, over 97,000 acres, in the St. Croix State Park and Forest Area.
The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources workers have spent the last two years focused on reducing the fire threat posed by miles of failed timber. And now, in the spring of 2014, the recovery is finally beginning.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 May 2024)
Decision angers residents: City council votes unanimously to rezone lots for apartments.
Woodpecker Ridge residents last week lost their battle with the Pine City Council over a rezoning that will allow apartments to be built in their neighborhood.
The council's unanimous vote in favor of the change to multi-family zoning was followed by the angry comment, "Remember who votes for you," and the sarcastic, "Thanks for listening."

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 May 2024)
Pine County experienced its first hijacking last Thursday when Mike Miller Bernetta, a member of the Northwestern Bell construction crew, was forced to drive from Hinckley to Rush Lake by a man wielding a gun. Pine County Sheriff John Kozisek said that the strange thing about the incident is that it apparently lacked a motive.
A clinic for Pine City, which has long been in the public mind, will become a reality by September 1 of this year. Ground was broken for the building this past Tuesday.
The clinic will be located next to the Lakeside Nursing Home and is being built by Max Blaufuss, president of the home.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 May 2024)
The local school district will buy the block south of the athletic field if the voters of the district approve the purchase at an election to be held on Tuesday, May 17. This land will be used for additional playground space, enlarging the athletic field and a site for a bus garage which will probably be built in the near future. The purchase price is $2,000.
A surprise party was given for the Wm. Erharts at the A. Erhart home Sunday afternoon, April 24, by a group of about 80 relatives and friends to celebrate the 45th wedding anniversary of the Erharts. A mock wedding furnished the entertainment, with music by Thomas Kaim, grandson of the honored couple, after which a delicious buffet supper was served.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 May 2024)
H. W. Harte of Brook Park entered the race for state representative last week, and P. W. McAllen of Pokegama paid over his filing fee yesterday.
M. B. Hurley, Pine City attorney, has filed for the nomination for district judge, which comprises Pine, Chisago, Kanabec and Washington counties.

Quick work by neighbors saved the Joe Hejny Farm home from destruction by fire last Sunday morning about 11:30. A wood pile containing six or seven chords of wood was burned up and the roof of the granary was damaged.
Arrangements have been completed for the best boxing show that has been staged in this part of the state. Among the bouts listed, Rick Von Busch of Meadow Lawn will fight it out with his brother, Art. This promises to be a real boat and already has all the Lawn boys up on their toes waiting for the day.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 2 May 2024)
H.S. Akin of Willow River was a county seat caller on Wednesday on legal business.
Mr. Akin said that he could see a vast improvement in this place since he was here last and predicted that in the near future our village would develop into a quite a large city.
We are in receipt of a letter this week from Roland Grant, an old time resident of Pine County, but now of Canada. He says he likes it out there but would much rather be back in Pine County, and if nothing happens, he soon will be. Mr. Grant was a prosperous Rock Creek farmer until a couple of years ago, when he sold out and went to Ontario, Canada.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 May 2024)
Cold, wet spring delays field work: Late planting may mean lower yields. Area farmers are behind on their spring field work and planting due to the late spring thaw and slow warm up followed by recent rainy weather. Farmers are facing several challenges. One is to have a long enough growing season for crops to mature. Another is to be able to get into the fields without getting stuck and/or causing soil compaction.
The legend of the Lost train in Devil's Lake: Opinion piece by Ron T. Keagle.
"I suspect that most residents of the Pine City area have heard this old legend and probably do not know what to make of it. Maybe you think it sounds far fetched and dismiss it as a made-up story. After all, if it were true, wouldn't everybody in the area know about the details? How can a train get lost? Why would a railroad company leave their train in the lake? The railroad past Devil's Lake was originally built as the Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad in 1870. An article in the Pine County Pioneer dated March 15, 1889. The article says that the trestle across the south end of Devils Lake is in very bad condition and is almost impossible to maintain because of the West Shore of the lake seems to be sliding down into the water. The article also notes that the railroad track has been known to move as much as 6 inches in a single night. They say that the railroad company should keep a Watchman there night and day for the purpose of signaling trains in case the track is disrupted by the landslide. While not actually proving the legend to be true, these peculiar geological conditions surrounding the railroad's encounter with Devil's Lake certainly set the stage for some kind of train wreck, with the probability of that happening being so obvious that the newspaper warns of it. The story has been recounted over the years from the old timers who lived here. 'They heard the Northbound coming, blowing the whistle, but it never came into Pine City. Upon investigation, they found only the land slide and the train tracks leading into Devil's Lake.'"

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 May 2024)
Virtual Reality Center comes to Pine Tech: Construction is expected to begin this fall on renovations that will make Pine Technical College home to the seventh Virtual Reality Center in the nation.
Register now for day camp: August 2- 6, 1999 at Northwest Trading Post. Picture your daughter learning new skills and building her self confidence, meeting new people and making friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. All this can be hers for only $65 at Girl Scout Camp! And she doesn't have to be a girl scout to attend.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 May 2024)
As temperatures dropped to record lows Sunday night, close to 100 searchers were combing the woods and marshes near Wallace Lake for a lost 4-year-old. The search ended happily as Kristine

Hanson was found at 5:15 a.m. on Monday morning, 13 hours after her father had called for help. Kristine, the daughter of Robert and Marilyn Hanson of New Brighton, was with her father and brother on a fishing trip two and a half miles north of Cloverdale.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 May 2024)
Ray McDermaid sold his Super Value food store to Jack Snyder of Barron, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. McDermaid came here in December 1941 and established the Super Value food store.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson of Webster, Wisc. have bought the meat and grocery market known as Driver's Market from Mrs. Falena Driver. The Olson's operated a grocery store in Webster the last nine years. The Drivers came here from Mora, two years ago.
Fire of undetermined origin gutted the Ernest Olson store at Rock Creek early Saturday morning, April 30. Mr. Olson who was asleep at the rear of the store, was awakened at about 3:30 a.m. by the crackling of the flames and merchandise falling from the shelves.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 May 2024)
Lambert Odendahl received a serious injury last Friday when his right hand was practically blown off by dynamite. His hand was so mangled that Dr. Wiseman found it necessary to amputate the hand at the wrist.
Phil Silesky was a visitor in the Cities the first of the week and drove up a new four-door Ford sedan which he purchased from the Pine City Motor Company.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 May 2024)
At about five o'clock on Wednesday afternoon the Burger Bros. Mill sounded the alarm that fire was raging in that locality and the residents and fire department at once set out for that portion of the village. They had not gone far before they saw that the entire brewing plant of Theo. Buselmeier was in flames. The citizens at once set to work to remove all that was possible before the flames drove them from the building and also to take the household goods from the house, which was done in short order. This is the third time the brewery has burned in the same site, and it was 14 years ago since the last fire. The cellar contained some 500 barrels of beer, which weren't damaged at all and will be enough to supply his customers for the next three months, and by that time Mr. Buselmeier will no doubt have a new Brewery ready to start up.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 May 2024)
Pine City's new Parks Use Policy allows citizens to reserve parks for special events by paying a $25 facility use fee per event along with a refundable $50 damage deposit. The policy is a step in the direction of a long range Park Development Plan and is part of an effort to make the use of city parks more user friendly.
The Pokegama Lake Association will host the Fresh Water Fair for fifth grade students at Voyageur Park in Pine City. This year's Fresh Water Fair will feature a variety of topics on the environment and wildlife stewardship. This is a fun opportunity to educate youth, and the public, on the importance of healthy, unpolluted lakes and rivers.
Pine City businesses can expect County assessor's visit in 2014. Commercial properties in townships around Pine County received extra scrutiny last year by the Pine County Assessor's office, and the results were dramatic: a percentage jump in value as high as 61% in Arlone Township east of Hinckley, and a percentage drop of over 32% in Pine Lake Township west of Finlayson.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 May 2024)
The Pine City Jaycees are accepting orders for their 9th Annual sandbox fill. The Jaycees will deliver sand, donated by Hopkins Sand and Gravel, to homes within a 4-mile radius of Pine City. There is no charge for the sand, but donations are appreciated.
Larsen sets new School record in high jump: The Pine City tracksters went to Ogilvie last Thursday, and, despite the cool and rainy weather, the highlight of the afternoon came from Dragon eighth grader Heidi Larsen, who set a new school record in the high jump when she cleared 4 ft.10 in.

Building will start soon; City approves permit, waives fees for civic center: The administrative details have been cleared with the city, allowing construction of the Pine City Civic Center. The Pine City Council granted a conditional use permit to the Pine City Civic Center Association, the new name for the non-profit corporation which will build and operate the facility. It's purpose is promotion of ice related sports, athletic contests, recreation and community uses, according to the bylaws. The Civic Center will be built on what is known as the Korbel Arena site, just north of the National Guard Armory.
City ceases maintenance of Sauter Street until residents agree to easements: The Pine City Public Works crew will no longer maintain Sauter Street. Feeling that it has exhausted all attempts to acquire the easements necessary to make it a legal city street, the Pine City Council last week voted to "cease and desist" maintenance of Sauter Street effective immediately.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 May 2024)
The day of the isolated, rural hospital is over, according to Max Blaufuss. Blaufuss, president of Lakeside Nursing Home here in Pine City, desires to build a totally integrated health care delivery system for the Pine City area.
Jimmy's Cafe, across from the courthouse, is under new ownership. The name has been changed to Pat's Cafe, and the new owner is Pat Monigold. Formerly the manager of the Red Shed, Monigold got into the restaurant business after graduating from college.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 May 2024)
Beverly Birkeland and her accordion copped the grand prize, a $25 savings bond, at the VFW sponsored amateur show, held at the Pine City High School auditorium Wednesday evening of last week.
The Pine Cone Troop of Girl Scouts had a hamburger fry at the conservation building last week. At their Tuesday meeting, they were entertained by O.R. Dickson, who showed them a excellent film on first aid treatment.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 May 2024)
Prowlers broke into the John Nelson's blacksmith shop last Saturday evening. It is thought they were after the crank for the gas pump outside, but they were unable to find it.
A tennis season was officially opened last Sunday morning at the Allen courts.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 May 2024)
Farmers were looking blue the first of the week on account of the cold, wet weather which prevailed. A large number have their corn and potatoes in but were afraid if it does not get warm soon, the seed will rot in the ground.
One of the most successful farmers in Pine County is George L. Stevens of Rock Creek. George came to Pine County about 12 years ago, and by hard work and economy, has one of the finest farms in the county. He has four horses, about 16 head of cattle, one of the largest barns in the county and last fall, he built an addition to his residence, and the best part of it all is that he is completely out of debt. Anyone that wants to see what Pine County farming will do should call and see George.
The electric light plant shut down Friday evening at a quarter past 9 o'clock on account of the engine shaking so much the engine bed being deemed by Engineer Fairbanks unsafe to run. On Saturday, the bed was torn out and a good substantial bed of rock and brick put in, and on Monday evening, the lights were on just as though nothing had been the matter.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 May 2024)
Pine City's bond rating drops again: For the second time in two years, the city of Pine City's bond has slipped – largely due to the city's high debt burden, water and sewer revenues that don't cover costs and recent declines in property values that have caused the local tax base to shrink.

Should Pine City continue to lease or purchase space in the Pine Government Center or seek out other options to locate City Hall? City and county officials have been meeting the past few months to explore long range solutions for the city's space needs, which could impact the county's long range plans for the building and former jail next door.
Five years remain on the city's 10-year lease with the county for office space on the first floor of the building.
County bars get OK for earlier Sunday sales: The Pine County Board has approved a modified liquor ordinance that allows bars and restaurants to sell liquor as early as 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings and requires those business owners to be current with their property taxes by August 1.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 May 2024)
Polka Fest: Music, food and fun will be the order of the day on Sunday, May 23 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Pine City. There will be music by the Big Fat Dutchman, Gary and Rick Martens, in the parking lot from noon to 2 p.m.
The Pine City School Board intends to ask voters in November to approve a referendum for additional facilities at the high school, plus an excess operating levy referendum. Specific building requests and cost estimates have not yet been developed.
ShopKo purchases Pamida: ShopKo Stores Inc. and Pamida Holdings Corporation announced, on May 11, the signing of an agreement for ShopKo to acquire Pamida. The Pamida store will continue to operate under the same name with the same products.
In the future, Shopko will be taking a look at putting pharmacies in some of the Pamida stores. The Pine City Pamida already has a pharmacy.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 May 2024)
The Pine City Area Vocational-Technical Institute has received approval to establish a new course in fabrics and notions coordinator beginning in August, 1974. The objective of the course will be to prepare students for employment in the fabric and garment raw materials areas.
The Pioneer said goodbye to one of its old presses last week. An old Miller press, purchased by the late Dewey Wilcox to print the East Central Electric "Pickings" was hauled out for junk. It was a letter press, and the "Pickings" went offset, like the Pioneer in 1972.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 May 2024)
The marble tournament, sponsored by the VFW, will be held on the school ground this Saturday at 2:30 p.m. All you marble fans, let's go play marbles.
At the annual school election of District Number 3, Pine City, held Tuesday of this week, Dr. A.K. Stratte and V.L. Vanstrom were elected directors for three-year terms.
Billy Fohrman, Richard DeLong and Lynn Stephan travels to Cedar Lake, Pine City and Pokegama Saturday on their bicycles, and Sunday afternoon, the boys again bike to Pine City and Pokegama, where they enjoyed fishing. The boys all live in Brook Park.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 May 2024)
The Family Theatre was crowded to capacity last evening when the graduating class was presented their diplomas at the commencement exercise.
Roy Carlson received a fish hook from his brother-in-law, O. L. Nelson of Miami, Florida, this week. The hook is about 6 or 8 inches in length and is attached to a chain. It is used in Florida for catching sharks and other monsters of the deep. If anyone should locate a fish in these waters large enough to use this hook on, they are kindly asked to corral it until Roy can try out his new tackle.
There will be a barn dance at the Henry Broz farm southeast of Pine City on Saturday evening of this week. Freeman's Orchestra will furnish the music.

Miss Ella Lahodney closed her school in District number 30 on Friday with a picnic which was well attended in spite of the rain and snow storm. One feature of the day was the issuing of perfect attendance diplomas to Waldo Peterson, Helen Karas, Lawrence Schmidt, and Helen Schmidt.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 May 2024)
Memorial Day will be fittingly observed in Pine City, with the ceremonies to be conducted by B.F. Davis Post, G.A.R.
The creamery building is now completed and the machinery arrived Wednesday, so in about 10 days, it will be running. Much credit is due to the officers of the company for the time and money spent to make this a success, and it is hoped everyone will do their share in making this the largest creamery on this line in the course of a few years.
Our village is large enough now that we should be an independent school district, as we will reap a great benefit from the change.
Tuesday morning's Limited had to stop twice between the station and the railroad bridge on account of half a dozen hobos who insisted on riding on the blind baggage.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 May 2024)
Business conditions are expected to improve in Pine County and around central Minnesota over the next several months, according to a recently released State economic study.
The report said the regions index of leading economic indicators is now 7.9% higher than one year ago.
The Pine City Royal School Museum is open to the public every Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. beginning in June through the end of August. The school is located one block north of Highway 324 on 7th Street South.
Many community groups and businesses made a commitment to further the education of Pine City High School graduates. School officials reported over $317,000 being awarded for the first year of college, and of that, over $79,000 coming from generous local contributions.
Of the graduating Class of 2014, 43% will attend a 4-year college, 31% will attend a community or technical college/school, 20% will work full time, 1% will be in the military and 5% are undecided.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 May 2024)
Pine City Schools dismissed after terroristic/bomb threat; School district will prosecute to the full extent of the law.
A reward is being offered for any information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the perpetrator.
The message, recorded on May 17, targeted the violence for May 20. A crisis management team consisting of 24 school staff members, fire department personnel, with bomb squad training, and sheriff's deputies begin searching the school top to bottom. Classrooms, lockers and storage space we're all included in the search which ended at 10 p.m.
On May 20, the sheriff's department sent teams to search and maintain surveillance around the school's perimeter.
All entrances to the high school building were sealed except one. As students entered the school, their backpacks and book bags were searched. A deputy remained at the school's entrance throughout the day.
Once in school, a statement about the threat was read to the children and they were given the option of calling their parents if they felt uncomfortable staying in school.
Pine City will observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 31, with the annual parade to the cemetery ceremony.
The Pine City High School Band and several civic organizations will be represented in the parade, which begins at 9:30 a.m. on the shore of Cross Lake at Lakeside Medical Center.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 May 2024)

After a lifetime of working in different art media, Betty Karas seems to have found the one that best suits her talents and ideas. Most people are familiar with tie dye and techniques, but in the skilled hands of Mrs. Karas, the form reaches new heights.
Sheldon Nascene is the new president of the First National Bank of Pine City, filling the position vacated by Keith Bedford, who is leaving.
Highway patrolman Donald Olson escaped injury Saturday night when a 64-year-old motorist fired at him with a sawed off shotgun. The man is being held in the Pine County Jail on $25,000 Bond. Olson had stopped the man for speeding on Interstate 35.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 May 2024)
L.C. Sommer, well known farmer of the Pine City area, will be featured this week in an advertisement by Land O' Lakes Creameries, Incorporated.
Mrs. Folsom and Mrs. George Clark took the 7th and 8th grade pupils on a tour of the Twin Cities on Saturday. After visiting the state capital, the historical building and science museum, the group had a picnic lunch at Como Park. From there they went to Fort Snelling and Wold Chamberlain Airport, then to the Foshay Tower and Dayton's Skyroom. The last stop was Excelsior, where they had the pleasure of attending the WCCO broadcast. Joe Blahnik was the bus driver for the group.
An open house was held Saturday afternoon, May 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs.Fred Ausmus on their 25th wedding anniversary.
Centennial open house will be held at Pokegama church next Sunday. The meeting will start at noon with dinner.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 May 2024)
Plans are now being made for a big Fourth of July celebration.
William Korbel left on a month's trip last Saturday, during which he will go to British Columbia and then make the circuit down the coast to California and back home by the southern route.
Leonard Melsha came home from the Twin Cities last Sunday, with his father F.C. Melsha going down to get him. The young man is getting along fine following his long siege of sickness from infection.
The Zinsmaster Bread Company will hold a picnic for all their employees at Pine City on June 28 and 29. The employees of both the Duluth and Twin City plants will meet here for their annual outing.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 May 2024)
A heavy rain fell on Tuesday evening and somewhat interfered with the dancing at the wedding in Royalton of Miss Mary Peterson to Frank Saumer.
The largest crowd ever in attendance at the Decoration Day ceremony in this Village took part in the exercises on Tuesday. It was estimated that between twelve and fifteen hundred we're in the cemetery at one time.
Fifty-five to nothing. This was the vote at the meeting held on Monday evening to vote whether or not we would have an independent School District.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 June 2024)
Pine City's water, fire, dance fees rise: The dance permit fee was increased from $3 last year to $30 this year; however, the fee can be waived by the city administrator for non-profit dances. The city is also considering a Parks reservation fee that would be determined for 2014/2015.
City officials continue to discuss the need for new outdoor sirens to warn anyone outdoors in Pine City that a severe storm or other disaster is imminent.
At their May 28 meeting, the Pine City Council amended the city budget to reflect a city contribution up to $550 to the local Farmers Market to offset the cost of the rental fee for use of city parks. Under the new Parks Use Policy, the city charges $25 per event/week, which caught Farmers Market

organizers by surprise. The city routinely contributes to Arts in the Park and did not realize that the policy would have an adverse financial impact on the Farmers Market.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 June 2024)
Pillows for home decorating will be the topic when the Pine City Area Christian Women's Club has they're meeting next week.
Internet users will have access to a web page that focuses on the public works of Pine County. Hopefully, it would be a place for taxpayers to get information that may save them a phone call or trip to the courthouse.
An anonymous donor has made it possible for an elevator to be added to the Pine City United Methodist Church.
The 400 square foot addition on the southwest side of the church will house an elevator Lobby and a elevator.
Encouraged by a $45,000 infusion of funds in just one week, leaders of the drive to build a Pine City Civic Center are getting ready to order the building.
The facility will be owned by the Pine City Civic Center Association, a non-profit corporation.
Residents should see dirt work commencing in July and building construction underway in August.
The 120 by 220 square foot building will be flooded for skating during the winter months and available for community use the rest of the year.
Pokegama citizens say no to tax abatement: There will be no tax abatement for Bob and Jane Jones' proposed developments in Pokegama Township. Residents voted 55-38 last Tuesday against a motion that would have allowed the town board to abate taxes for 10 years on projects being planned for a small part of Jones' 36 acre tract of land.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 June 2024)
After angry words and a partial walkout, the county board signed the deputies' 1974 contract. Gerry Robbins, the one commissioner to vote against the contract, said that he didn't think the sheriff could handle his department with the contract. The statement set off an argument between him and commissioner Edward Anderson.
Max and Betsy Blaufuss are hosting an open house this Sunday at Lakeside Nursing Home to give the public a chance to see their new addition. One of the guests scheduled will be State Senator Florian Chmielewski.
Ben Franklin in Pine City advertised a denim sale in its new fabric department: 100% cotton blue denim, regular price $1.99, was on sale for $1.77.
The Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor Holy Cow Days June 15 - 22 in Pine City. Several events are planned in honor of June Dairy Month.
The Pine City Public Beach opened on Wednesday, June 5. The lifeguards are Mary Hawley and John Kessler.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 June 2024)
The day (or night) that baseball fans in the Pine City area have been waiting for has now been set for June 7 at 8:30 p.m., for this is when the new lighted baseball field will be used for the first game.
Dr. H.C. Tamke announced this week that he has sold his chiropractic office and practice in Pine City to Dr. Sylvan H. Lovely of Minneapolis.
Tamke came to Pine City in 1917 and practiced here until the present time. He will retire from active business.
"Dainty is the word for the delicate young blouse created for actress Dorothy Malone for early spring where with skirts and suits."
Don Strickland and his orchestra are appearing Friday, June 10 at the fairgrounds. Dancing until 2 a.m., following the Cedric Adams Talent Show.
Joe DiMaggio, Yankee clipper sidelined for a month and a half because of an ailing heel, gets set to take a healthy cut during batting practice at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Rural schools are coming to a close this week with state examinations, general tests, picnics, exhibits, etc.
The Fair Store advertised pedal pushers, Out of the West, 8 oz. sanforized denim for $1.98.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 June 2024)
Miss Lela Beery left for Storm Lake, Iowa, last Saturday, where she will visit with relatives. She will play in an orchestra there during the summer vacation.
Ed Hakes is Village Marshall this week, subbing for John Biedermann, who has been Marshall of Pine City for the past 11 years, and this is his first regular vacation during that time.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 June 2024)
On Thursday morning, Job Guy received the sad news by wire from Mora that his eldest son, Ed Guy, had been drowned about four miles from Mora in the Snake River that day while working on a log drive, and the body had been recovered. He at once took the train for the scene of the disaster.
Brook Park has a barber shop in town, and the hotels are doing a good stroke of business. Next they need a meat market.
Mr Berg, our genial postmaster, is starting a new Enterprise in the way of raising mocking birds. He has one of the fine important kind which he is contemplating crossing with the bobolink.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 June 2024)
Compost site ‘mess’ causes month-long shutdown: The heavy spring rains and winter snows took its toll on the site, located at the southwest corner of the I-35 and Henriette Road interchange. The nine-acre site is owned by the city of Pine City and served as a former city dump, but technically located in Pokegama Township. The site has been open to both city and township residents, and the general public.
Airplane crashes in Rush City: Pilot and crowd are uninjured after vintage plane goes down during fly-in/drive-in event. The pilot lost control of the vintage single-propeller plane and crashed during Rush City Regional airports annual event. The plane, a 1936 Tailor 12 aircraft was attempting to land when it veered off the runway into a deep drainage ditch and crash landed away from the crowds at the event.
Farmers’ Market ready to dig in: A new season of fresh vegetables and locally made crafts and concoctions is ready to begin this weekend in Robinson Park. The Pine City Farmers’ Market in the Park starts up again this Friday and Saturday. The market volunteers are just as excited as the customers to see what delicious gifts this summer’s gardens will off er.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 June 2024)
Developers change plan for Riverfront: The developers who have purchased the old Land O’Lakes plant in Pine City are leaning toward building town homes on the Snake River Waterfront site rather than a hotel and restaurant complex. In a letter to the city administrator Bob Voss, SVS Properties of Forest Lake said it is still pursuing the option of a hotel/restaurant combination but will devote most of its energy to the possibility of constructing town homes. The buildings on the property are known as the creamery and weigh station.
After 28 years as a chiropractor in the same building in Pine City, Dr. John Knox has sold his practice to Dr. Jon Krecklau of Apple Valley. Jeanne Jacobson, the office manager at Pine City Chiropractic, for many years, will work with Dr. Krecklau.
House burn training exercise set: Pine City firefighters and instructors from Pine Technical College will conduct a house burn training exercise in Pine City on Saturday. The purpose of the exercise is to give firefighters and opportunity to deal with a “live fire” situation and, more importantly, to observe how a fire spreads in a structure and how it reacts within its environment. The public may observe the training session, but those who do will be asked to follow the firefighters instructions. Weather and wind will dictate whether or not the exercise will take place.
Knappers to show ancient skill: Knapping, the skill of working stone into spear points, arrowheads and other tools, will be demonstrated at the North West Company Fur Post in Pine City on June 25

and 26. Knappers come from many parts of the United States to this annual event, co- sponsored by the Minnesota Flint Knappers Guild. The Knappers will exhibit their skills and talk about the ancient art that once meant survival for hunting societies.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 June 2024)
Howard Larsen, Jr. and Norman Sherman recently spent a week's time helping with the Boy Scout tree planting project. About 1,000 Norwegian Pine were planted along the sandy shores of the Snake River as it winds through the Scout forty.
A proposal to make a park of the Snake River Bank just east of the Highway 61 Bridge met with the approval of the Village Council in its June 5 meeting. Councilman Roger Erfourth introduced the motion to develop the land as far as funds would allow and suggested that it be called the William Challeen Riverside Park.
Mrs. Stella Rasmussen wrote in to say, "I remember L. L. Johnson who owned the first car in the village of Brook Park. We used to run outside to hear the sound of the horn and were fascinated by the big rubber bulb that you had to squeeze to make the sound come out."

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 June 2024)
Pine City dedicated it's new lighted field Tuesday night as they entertained the Pine County All Stars. Pre-game ceremonies included a short talk by George Sausen, introduction of players on both clubs and the umpires.
The first wind storm of the season hit this section of the state last Wednesday afternoon with considerable damage done in the territory northwest of Pine City. The silo was blown down and 18 trees uprooted on the Ernest Mohr Farm, the silo on the Chas. Blazek farm was hit and small buildings on the Joe Valvoda and Ed Houde farms were also damaged.
The Fair Store advertised Hershey Bars, plane or with nuts, 24 in a box, 89 cents. Also cigarettes, all brands, $1.92 a carton, carrots, two bunches for 15 cents, boiling beef, 18 cents a pound.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 June 2024)
Don Thompson, manager of the Pine City Hardware Company, stole a march on his friends last week when he quietly married. Mr. Thompson and Miss Grace Underwood of Bayport were united in marriage at Duluth on Tuesday of last week.
George Phares believes Cross Lake has a future as a summer resort that is evident by the fact that he has constructed four cottages on the east side of the lake, near the Chengwatana Dam.

June 14 is Flag Day: While most other nations' flags have been designed by their political leaders to represent their governments, the American flag was designed by average, everyday, patriotic citizens to represent the American people. Only later was Old Glory adopted by the American government as the national flag, on June 14, 1777.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 June 2024)
Chester Gorman had his head badly lacerated by a stone falling from a moving train while he was at work near the bridge east of town.
William Peters, who resides on the Brunswick Road, about five miles west of this place, has a large barn in the course of construction. It is 28 X 70 feet with 18 foot posts. One end he will use for a horse barn and the other for a cattle barn.
On Monday morning last, Jos. F. Petschel started running a milk route from Jos. Jungbauer's place on the Brunswick Road to Pine City, making the trip every day. Those wishing to send milk to the creamery can either see Mr. Petschel or leave orders at the creamery.
Theo. Buselmeier this week commenced once more the manufacturer of the famous Pine City Beer. Robert Hoff man has repaired the engine and boiler and it works as smoothly as ever. Mr. Buselmeier has built his new brewery so that it is much handier than the old one and just as roomy.

In looking over the list of those killed at New Richmond, Wisconsin, during the Cyclone of last Monday evening, we note that Chas. F. Talmadge, a former resident of this place, is among those reported dead.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 June 2024)
The Pine City Council has ordered the Old Pine City Mill to be torn down. The Old Pine City Mill was found to be deteriorating, with sections of the foundations and siding rotting and collapsing. City officials have determined that the buildings located at 320 3rd Street Southeast are hazardous and ordered the owner to repair or rehabilitate the buildings at the site or completely demolish the structures. The council resolution declared that the situation constitutes a fire hazard to public safety and health, as a result of the abandonment and lack of maintenance.
Pine City officials have received a letter signed by 10 businesses and homeowners requesting 24-hour police protection in Pine City. The city currently contracts with the county for 13 hours of law enforcement service each day.
The combination of high winds and soft, wet ground felled trees across the Pine City area last Monday, night. The Pine City Fire Department responded after a downed white pine struck a home on Woodpecker Ridge. A capsized 24 ft boat on the north end of Pokegama Lake was recovered by East Central Towing after three hours of effort. Many other boats were reported lost and damaged after the storm.
Pine City's annual Freedom Fest celebration begins on Saturday with the Freedom Fest Triathlon at the city beach/ Westside Park. A 4-H pancake breakfast in the 4-H building at the Pine County Fairgrounds will be held. Also at the fairgrounds are the Pine Classic Cruiser Car Club show and Antique Tractor show.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 June 2024
The Pine County Board of Commissioners authorized Highway Engineer John Stieben to secure funding from the Transportation Revolving Loan Fund for a $2.225 million surface removal and overlay on CSAH 61 from Trunk Highway 18 to the north county line. Highway 61, from Hillside Avenue to the Snake River Bridge, will be reconstructed next summer, creating, in the end, more than just a nice, smooth street.
A task force has been meeting for the past six months to consider options for enhancing the look of Pine City's main thoroughfare. The 20-member task force, made up of abutting property owners, business owners, citizens at large, city and county officials, maintenance workers and highway personnel, has discussed everything from decorative street lights to landscaping easements for park benches and shrubs. They have looked into specialized pavement treatments like brick or cobblestone in the crosswalks. Also the possible addition of stop lights at the existing four-way stop, where 8th Avenue crosses Highway 61.
Implementing E911 in Pine County is taking longer than expected due to corrections that have had to be made in the address grid. Pam Oslin, coordinator for the county E911 project, had planned to notify residents of their new addresses in February or March, but she now expects to do so by the end of the summer.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 June 2024
The school board realized, in its June 11 meeting, that if the combined gym-armory proposal is to be at all a possibility, it will have to act fast, and so instructed superintendent Clarence Espeseth to talk to the head of the State Department of Education to determine whether such a project is legal.

Next Sunday, the Zion Lutheran Church of Pine City will observe its 90th anniversary.

Sheriff 's report: A motorcycle crashed into the window of Sauser's Hardware in Pine City on Sunday, causing about $200 worth of property damage. Three individuals on a drinking spree tore down a tower at the Pine City ecology site, rolled over a tractor and pushed down Mabel Star's

outhouse before being apprehended last Saturday. Grand Opening, Friday, Saturday and Sunday for Dave's Superette, corner of I-35 and Highway 70, behind Dave's Truck Stop.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 June 2024
Phil Fretag, who has operated the Scenic Sign and Poster Company here the past several years, disposed of the Neon Sign business to Gene A. Lewis of Saint Paul, in a business deal which was completed on Thursday of last week. Otto (Pat) Patzoldt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Patzoldt, had his leg broken Saturday afternoon when the car in which he was riding skidded into the ditch and rolled on its side. He is now in the St. Andrew's Hospital in Minneapolis and will have to be there for several weeks yet.
The new Revere Magazine Camera is available at Lilja Pharmacy for $132.50, tax included.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 June 2024
The local Pine City Battery E has 84 members now and is more fortunate than some of the others of the 125th as some of the units may have to wear civilian clothes to camp, but most of our members have received their equipment.
As predicted in last week's issue of the Poker, the charivari on Mr. and Mrs. William Challeen was a grand and glorious noisy event. Friday night Bill attended drill and passed the cigars around there. About 10:30 o'clock, the band, headed by a number of young fellows carrying burning torches, rounded the corner near their house and treated the couple to an impromptu band concert. The newlyweds were brought to the front porch and a speech was called for, but they were too overcome to respond. After a few cheers, a lot of noise and good wishes of the crowd, the gang dispersed and the newlyweds were left to the quiet of a beautiful moonlight night when two hearts beat as one.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 June 2024)
Prosperity will show itself. If you are in doubt, take a walk around the corner to the Brook Park House, and you will see the new screens there on. Ask Mr. Ziegler what marvelous thing has happened to him, and his answer will be, "Prosperity."
At about 4 o'clock last Saturday afternoon, the sad news was taken to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson that their oldest son, age eight years, three months and nine days, had been wound up on a shaft at H.J. Rath's mill and when found was dead. The young boy had been in the habit of going under the mill and playing on the main shaft and near it, and although told to keep out several times that day, it was a surprise to the men when they discovered him.
Mr. A. Wirf's, the popular shoemaker and baseball crank of Hinckley, was a visitor at this place Sunday; he was coming down to see the ball game and take a steamboat ride. The greatest burlesque on the national game came off at the ball grounds on Monday evening, in which a team known as the Bal-Toots played the Old Reliables. Peter Iton was the umpire and some of his decisions were the most comical ever heard. The teams played four innings, and the score was three to three, but the umpire called the game on account of rain and not a cloud could be seen in the sky and the sun shining bright and warm.
Mr. Parish of Sandstone came down on the noon train and informed us that a thief broke in this stable and took one of his best teams and a spring wagon, and it was supposed that he came south. Hanging is what such men should get, the same as is given them in the West for horse stealing.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 June 2024)
Board approves wage increases: The Pine County Board of Commissioners has approved labor agreements with four county employee unions, Highway Maintenance, Human Services Workers, Courthouse Workers, and Sheriff's Clerical. The labor agreements provide for a 1.5% wage increase this year plus modified employee health insurance benefits.
Flags receive dignified farewell: Pine City Girl Scouts, Boys Scouts and the American Legion held a Flag Disposal Ceremony on Flag Day, June 14. Approximately 75 old and worn flags were respectfully destroyed.

Thompson honored for long service as Lion: Pine City Lion Robert Thompson was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award on June 19, 2014 in recognition of his many years of service to the Lions, including over 30 years as the club secretary.
The recipients of this award are model Lions because of their exemplary service to their club and the community which it serves.
Find the perfect campsite with ParkFinder: Looking for a Minnesota State Park with a swimming beach, a bike trail and drive-in campsites? Or a park with an accessible camper cabin and fishing pier? ParkFinder is the new, interactive tool that can help people find which of Minnesota's state parks and recreation areas best match their needs and interests. ParkFinder can be found on the DNR website.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 June 2024)
Voyageur theme, park-like "pauses" proposed for Highway 61, businesses push for assessing the costs citywide:
Using the travels of French voyageurs as a theme, Pine City's Highway 61 task force is suggesting a new look for the city's main artery.
It includes decorative street lights with banners, six small park-like oasis with benches and shrubs and a pavement design in the intersection at 3rd Avenue by First National Bank.
The Pine City Council has proposed assessing 80% of the cost of the decorative elements to those who own property along the street and 20% to properties citywide. The corridor owners who attended a task force meeting on Wednesday, June 16 made it clear they feel the whole community should bear the cost.
Pine City area lock-up to benefit MDA: The good citizens of the Pine City area will be arrested by the Northland Chapter of the MDA on Monday, June 28. The notorious citizens will be locked up at the Heron's Nest, at 205 5th Street, for having big hearts. Each jailbird will be locked up for an hour and asked to raise his or her bail through donations to benefit local residents who have neuromuscular diseases.
Don't feel sorry for the jailbirds; Cindy Olson, at the Heron's Nest, will provide them with comfortable jail cells and coffee. Nelson's Bake Shoppe is providing rolls, McDonald's cheeseburgers and Subway a party platter for lunch. Tom Freehling at Cell 2000 has donated cell phones for the jailbirds to make their calls for bail money. Pamida had donated film for mug shots so each jail bird will have a souvenir of his or her stay in jail.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 June 2024)
Some plans have been made and construction begun on the improvements for the Pine City Airport. After the Village Council voted for $3,000 in funds for improvements, Airport Manager Roger Erfourth, the councilman who initiated the proposal, met with representatives of the Minnesota Department of Aeronautics to explore the possibility of receiving state funded lighting. Possible improvements include a lighting system to make night landings and take off possible, a Runway extension to accommodate larger aircraft more safely, a taxiway to the southwest corner of the field, a level area for construction of hangars, the installation of Aviation fuel facilities and fencing for the area.

Most golfers go through life without ever hitting a hole in one, but Mark Roubinek did it after less than a year of golf last Wednesday on the third hole of the Pine City Golf Course.
Lynda Bible and Jean Blackowiak, the 10-year-old daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Don Bible and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blackowiak, will be appearing on KSTP TV channel 5 on Saturday, July 6 on the Chmielewski Fun Time Show. They will be accompanied by Dick Hambly on the guitar. The girls sing country western and have appeared on several programs in the local area.
A few cows turned out to laugh at the people in the park last Friday. The occasion was a milking contest, which pitted Pine City's nimblest fingers (Arnie Christenson, John Kozisek and Jane Robbins) against a two minute clock and some wayward heifers.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 June 2024)
On Friday and Saturday evenings a special treat is in store for those who attend the grandstand performances at the Pine County Fair. A half hour program of fireworks will be the featured closing attraction of these two evenings.
Rhubarb juice makes a refreshing drink winter or summer. When made from rhubarb from the home garden, it is also an inexpensive thirst quencher.
Here is a valuable opportunity that the Red Cross is providing for everyone. Knowing how to swim may save your life someday. You are also getting worthwhile exercise and a lot of fun. Sharon Lindell will be the instructor. Miss Lindell is well qualified, having spent the last two years in water safety work.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 June 2024)
It sounded like a small sized Fourth of July celebration in Pine City early last Tuesday morning, when Marshall Biedermann, with the assistance of Clarence Gottry, tried to stop a car. The marshall got a phone call from Hinckley about four o'clock in the morning. The Hinckley marshall stated that he had seen a man in the act of breaking into the power office there. The fellow ran to a car and headed south. The Hinckley marshall had fired one shot and then his gun jammed. Marshall Biedermann had about 10 minutes to get to the bridge. On the way past the Gehl Oil station he hollered at Gottry, the night man there, to fire at the car in case it got past the bridge.
There was a car parked on one side of the road at the south end of the bridge. Ed Pirkle was on his way home with a horse and buggy, and when he saw them approaching, he parked on the other side of the road. The bandit car didn't even hesitate but passed between the car and the buggy with the speed of an express train.
Marshall Biedermann tried to halt them but without result, and he then emptied his revolver at the fleeing car. He feels certain that at least one of the bullets entered the rear of the automobile. Gottry also took a few shots at the machine as it speeded past the oil station. Marshall Biedermann then phoned the Rush City Marshall but he could not be located in time to stop them there. Marshall Biedermann boarded a car from Hinckley, which went as far as Rush City, but no trace of the bandits could be found. Chas. Spickler, whose house adjoins the highway, heard the first shot and got to a front window in time to see the car speed past and hear the fuselade.
Battery E of Pine City will entertain next Sunday for Camp Custer. A special coach and baggage car will probably be set out here Saturday. Those who will take the trip will assemble at the armory at 12 o'clock noon sharp. They will march to the several restaurants in town where dinner will be served. After dinner they will return to the armory where the cars will be picked up by a special train from Duluth which will be met in St. Paul. There they will board a special train and leave over the C.M. & St. Paul at 6:30 and go straight to camp, arriving there about Monday noon.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 June 2024)
We had another big rain the 27th! Will it keep on forever?
R. Holland, of Brook Park, was around Monday asking the people to donate their might toward the building of a new Baptist Church. He was met with good success.
M.G. Scofield and his son, Ray, spent Saturday in the county seat trying to purchase a horse.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 July 2024)
City sticking with Pine Government Center: City and county officials have agreed to work together to hammer out a long-term deal to keep Pine City Hall on the main floor of the Pine Government Center.
The deal could involve a long-term lease, or even having the city purchase a portion of the former County Courthouse at 315 Main Street in Pine City.
Lone gunman rob's Willow River Bank: The Northview Bank in Willow River was robbed at gunpoint on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 25.
The Pine County Sheriff's Office reported that the bank, at 8132 County Road 61 in Willow River, was robbed by a lone gunman at approximately 12:06 p.m. on June 25. According to the Federal

Bureau of Investigation, the robber approached the teller counter, brandished a handgun, and demanded cash. After receiving an undisclosed amount of cash, the robber departed the bank in an older model, red Chevrolet Blazer bearing Wisconsin license plates.
Citizens speaking out about city water: Sediment in the city's downtown water tower is causing discolored water across town, the Pine City Public Works Department reported, and Pine City residents are speaking up about it.
The problem stems from a large amount of ice that accumulated in the bottom of both water towers which caused iron and sediment to settle out more. Residents and businesses were notified of hydrant flushing, but the process is taking a while. The city is installing mixers in the water tower tanks to stir up the sediment and hopes the situation will improve soon.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 July 2024)
Boat parade: The Cross Lake Association is holding its annual Independence Day Boat Parade on Sunday, July 4.
Participants are asked to meet at Norway point at 1 p.m. The boat parade will proceed south, along the west side of Cross Lake. The parade will then travel north, along the east side of the lake. There were about 35 boats in the parade last year, and the group would like to have many more this year. Even though it is not necessary, many boats were decorated, becoming part of the festive occasion.
Fireworks: Pine City will have a fireworks display to celebrate the Fourth of July.
The show will begin at dusk, around 10 p.m., on Saturday, July 3 at the fairgrounds. Americana Fireworks will present the show, which was made possible by over $9,000 in contributions from clubs, businesses and individuals in the Pine City area.
High School plan nearly finished, additions would almost double building size: Additions proposed at Pine City High School would nearly double the square footage of the building, adding about 104,000 square feet to the 120,000 that exists.
The Pine City School Board and district administrators are preparing a bond referendum to finance the proposed additions and renovations. Included in the proposed expansion are classrooms, a fine arts center and a field house style gymnasium. The estimated cost for the expansion as proposed now is $15 million, but that figure is subject to change.
Y2K concerns, stock up on 5-day supply of food and water: Because there may be disruptions in the supply of goods, shortages may occur during January 2000. Another consideration is if there are power failures, stores may not be able to open. By stocking a minimum 5-day Supply of non-perishable goods and essential items, families will not find themselves going without necessities. Sanitation items that should be stocked include toilet paper, antibacterial soap that doesn't need water, feminine supplies, baby needs and disinfectant. When determining the amount of water to store, keep in mind that a normally active person needs to drink at least two quarts of water each day, and you may need water for cooking. Also don't forget about your pets needs.
Communications: There is a possibility that telephone communication systems and pagers may fail. By refraining from making unnecessary calls on New Year's Eve, emergency calls will have a greater chance of getting through the system and problems will be kept to a minimum.

Revival meetings come to Pine City Fairgrounds: Radio evangelist Henry Vanderbush, known as the "Cow Barn Preacher of the Midwest," will hold revival meetings at the fairgrounds in Pine City, July 4-7. Services will be held at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 July 2024)
The saying, "everything but the kitchen sink," didn't hold true at the annual Lions Club white elephant sale Sunday, June 23. Six sinks were auctioned off in little more than a wink of an eye. The auction raised a record $2,000 for the club, which will use it for community service projects.
A load of garbage and trash was dumped on County Road 55 north of the airport. The trash was strewn over a half mile stretch of road. The Sheriff's Department investigated and apprehended a juvenile, who volunteered to pick up the trash and who will appear in court.

Phillip Baum escaped serious injury a week ago Monday when scaffolding broke while he was working on a project in St. Paul and left him dangling until he was rescued. Not the best way to get your picture on the front page of the St. Paul paper.
The Daily Brothers Circus, America's Third Largest Three Ring Circus, is coming to Pine City, Wednesday, July 10th. The big tent will go up on property owned by the Development Corporation.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 July 2024)
Pine City Baseball fans will get their first look at a Negro aggregation, the Broadway Clowns, here on Saturday, July 2, at 8:30, at the ballpark. From advance information on the Broadway Clowns, they play entertaining baseball and have many antics worth seeing.
The J.W. Craig Co. of Minneapolis started work the first of the week on resurfacing about 30 blocks of the black top streets in Pine City. Two coats of oil and a covering of crushed granite will be used in the reconditioning work.
Wild Words by Lucky: "Let's open this column with a tip of the hat to the guy who signs the check for this column. At last, the Poker has a separate Sports sheet and its readers can get the lowdown on all the activities without searching between the marriages, deaths, stock markets, and local crime waves (if any). It's a good move and it will increase reader interest."

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 July 2024)
The chilly rain failed to dampen the ardor or cool the enthusiasm of the employees of the Zinsmaster Baking Company on Saturday, when they held their annual picnic in Pine City. The orange colored trucks were seen speeding along the highway, and folks living along the right of way swear that they could hear the hot dogs barking as the trucks went by.
An accident that might very easily have proved fatal happened last Friday evening at the bathing beach, when Clarence Cox of Hinckley was in bathing. He dived into the water and struck his head on the concrete pier near the diving board. The top of his head was cut open with a deep gash.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 4 July 2024)
On Sunday morning last, the local ball team went to Harris to play the return game of ball with the Harris aggregation of ball tossers. The boys reached Harris in due time and were taken care of by the Harris boys at the Montdel House, and after doing justice to the splendid meal which was set before them, they were escorted to the baseball park where a large crowd from Harris, North Branch and Rush City had assembled to see the game. Although Harris tried to redeem themselves every inning, Pine City won 35-4.

10 Years Ago 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 July 2024)
The first phase of constructing the Twin Cities to Twin ports Trail through Pine City will stop just short of reaching Pine Technical College, due to questions about property ownership along the last 58 feet of the trail section.
Under the circumstances, the Pine City Council approved stopping the trail short. As it stands, the northward extension of the trail will end at the east end of the Dairy Queen property along Johnson Avenue.
Movie lovers wanted to judge Pine City's Highway 61 Film Festival. The Highway 61 Film Festival is looking for a few good judges from all over East Central Minnesota.
Those interested in being a judge for the festival will need a computer and a good internet connection, since some of the films are only available online. Judges will receive access to the films on August 22, and then have until September 5 to watch them and rank them from favorite to least favorite. In the past, some people watch the films by themselves, but some make it a party and invite friends. The only real rule is you watch all the selections submitted to you and rank them as best as you possibly can - and send in your rankings by September 5.

Flags receive dignified farewell. Pine City Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and the American Legion held a Flag Disposal Ceremony. Approximately 75 old and worn flags were respectfully destroyed.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 July 2024)
The Seventh Annual Pine City Jaycees Street Dance on Saturday, July 10th at the fairgrounds in Pine City will feature music by the Mooners. In addition to the dance, from 8 p.m. to midnight, a sand volleyball tournament will be held all day, as will the sixth annual car show.
Voyageur's Park in Pine City will be the site for a Fun in the Sun Day Camp.
Kids entering grades one through six can attend the camp, which will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants should bring their own lunch, wear comfortable clothes and shoes that can get wet and dirty.
The day activity is being sponsored by the University of Minnesota Extension Service. The camp will let kids explore wetlands and meet their inhabitants.
As time draws nearer to the century change, shortages of goods and inflation could occur due to public panic over the Y2K problem. Furthermore, there may be disruptions in the flow of consumer goods after the year 2000 due to business failures, productions difficulties and disrupted transportation lines.
To avoid price increases and shortages, consider slowly building a supply of stored necessities over the course of 1999.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 July 2024)
Ever wonder who is keeping jigsaw puzzle makers in business? Meet Genny Witte, who is surely Pine City's top jigsaw puzzler. She has over 100 puzzles displayed on the walls at Pine City Lanes, which she and her husband, Bill, own.
State Senator Florian Chmielewski of Sturgeon Lake has scheduled an open air press conference at the Anoka Shopping Center on Monday noon, July 15, where he is expected to reveal his candidacy for the 8th District Congressional race.
The Agnes Hotel will be auctioned off at a sheriff's sale on August 26 at 10 a.m. "Let's hope the old brick structure will finally be demolished. Whatever use the property is eventually put to, be it a retail business or a parking lot, it will be a great improvement," said Richard Viets, publisher and editor.
The Pine City Fire Department has been called out on four grass fires and one barn fire over the past week. On Thursday, July 4, a call came from the Ray Zastera farm, located four miles northwest of Pine City, where the barn and contents were completely destroyed. Zastera received second degree burns attempting to get one of two tractors out of the barn .

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 July 2024)
Workers at the Pine City Coca-Cola plant, who went on strike on Tuesday of last week, were still off the job as the strike went into its second week. An offer of 10 cents an hour raise made by the company has been turned down by the bargaining of the union.
A.W. Piper turned over the first shovel of dirt in a ground breaking ceremony held at the site of the new Methodist parsonage, Tuesday, July 5 at 1:30 p.m.
Grasshoppers are becoming quite destructive in certain sections of Pine County, according to reports received by County Agent Erwin J. Wamhoff.
Margaret Stratte, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A.K. Stratte, left Tuesday for Rochester where she has accepted a position as laboratory technician at Mayo Clinic.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 July 2024)
Specials from the Pine City Mercantile Company: medium red salmon, one pound can, 30 cents, four cans, 95 cents; Sunmaid seedless raisins, 10 cents a pound; Sunkist lemons, 29 cents a dozen; sardines in oil, five cents a can; Kellogg's Post Toasties or Corn Flakes, large package, 11 cents.

The heavy rain and electric storm which swept Beroun last Friday did considerable damage to the Frank Kubesh farm when lightning struck the house. The house was badly torn up but was not set on fire. The only one hurt was the baby, who was knocked unconscious. After several minutes, she was revived and is none the worst for the experience.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 11 July 2024)
The sound of the mower is heard in the land and haying is now in full blast.
Since 1896, Father Rabsteinek has administered faithfully to St. Mary's Parish besides Hinckley, Beroun, Sandstone, Rutledge, Kerrick and Nickerson. Now, after nearly four years work under various difficulties in these newly settled missions, where churches have been built and membership of the parishes doubled and finances bettered by his energy, he leaves reluctantly, not on account of trouble, but merely on account of his own will. The public is fully acquainted with the facts and are sorry to lose him, when he could have enjoyed the fruits of his work.
Instructions in the German language will be given at the Lutheran church every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 9 a.m. services at the German Lutheran Church Sunday morning. Begins at 9:30, main service at 10:00.
Frank Cort, who resides four miles west of this place, wishes, through the columns of the Pioneer, to announce that he has money to loan on good security.
The Pioneer is pleased to announce that an acquisition is to be made to Pine City professional life in the establishment ... of a branch law office of the St. Paul firm of McDonald, Kelly and Stobbart, an established law firm of considerable reputation in the saintly city. The local office will be under the personal supervision of Mr. A. J. Stobbart, who will shortly take up his residence in our midst.

10 Years Ago, 2014 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 July 2024)
Bank robbery suspect caught: A suspect has been charged with robbing the Northview Bank in Braham on July 10, but law enforcement officials are unable to say whether this bank robbery is connected to the June 25 robbery of the Northview Bank in Willow River.
Local dog, trainer head to World Championship: Jake and Jenny Schneider, owners of All Breeds North Dog Training in Rock Creek have a reason to be very proud. Their dog, Cato, a Belgian Malinois breed, has qualified to represent the USA in competition in Merano, Italy in October, in a new sport for dogs called Mondioring.
Veterans honored with 'Moving Wall': The sacrifice of those who fought and died in the Vietnam War and the memories of those who lost friends and loved ones will be honored in Sandstone this weekend from Thursday, July 17 to Sunday, July 20.
The Moving Wall, a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, will be installed in the Sandstone Train Park. The memorial is open 24 hours a day during that time.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 July 2024)
Task force removes some amenities from Highway 61 design, revises costs: Pine City's Highway 61 task force members have sharpened their pencils and trimmed about $146,000 worth of decorative items from the design they're proposing for the city's main thoroughfare.
Gone are the six park-like oasis, called "pauses " by the landscape architect. The new estimated total cost, with the revisions, is $3,266,600, down from $3,678,700. Also contributing to the total project cost is a signal and crosswalk at 8th avenue, where there is now a four-way stop.
Wisconsin man struck by train after fleeing State Trooper: The Pine County Sheriff's Department reported that a 19-year-old Cornocopia, Wisconsin man was killed near Sandstone just before midnight July 9, when a train struck him as he was sitting on the railroad tracks. Kevin Martens was killed by a Northbound train about a mile south of the Sandstone Airport. The incident was reported to the Pine County Sheriff's Office at 11:50 p.m. by the Burlington Northern Railroad. The report states that police had sought Martens earlier in the evening when he fled from the scene of a traffic stop that had occurred on I-35 just north of Hinckley. The traffic stop was made around 8:15 p.m. by a State Trooper because of erratic driving. The driver was arrested for DWI. After the vehicle was stopped, Martens and another passenger ran from the vehicle. The other passenger was captured

but Martin's managed to evade police. It is believed that Martens was walking the tracks, became tired, and sat down to rest when struck by the train. The incident continues to be investigated by the Sheriff's Office.
Second highest honor: Girl Scout Rebekah Zemek, Troop 43 of Pine City, this spring received her Girl Scout Silver Award at the College of St. Catherine. The silver award is Girl Scouts' second highest honor. Rebekah earned it by serving as a reading tutor for elementary students. She is the daughter of Duane and Karen Zemek, Pine City.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 July 2024)
Pine City volunteer firemen had to wait for the water to be turned on so they could put out a small fire on the door of a shed owned by Ike Gillespie. The fire did no damage to the contents of the shed and is thought to have been set. The shed is located by the railroad tracks near the Land O' Lakes plant.
Former Pine County Sheriff Adam Martin has filed for election to that office, seeking to defeat John Kozisek, the man who turned him out of office four years ago. Bob Foster entered the race for Sheriff Monday, calling for a major overhaul of the department.
A fire of unknown origin destroyed a house owned by the David Halls in rural Brook Park in the early morning hours. No one was living there.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 July 2024)
The County Board set the tax levies for the next year at their semi-annual meeting held at the courthouse on Monday, with an overall reduction of $29,000 over the levy for this year. The welfare fund shows a drop of $38,000 ... the reduction was made possible by the increase in the allotment of State funds for welfare purposes.
A pilot from Duluth, who crashed in a plane near Hinckley, May 8, appeared before justice court Tuesday morning and was charged with reckless operation of an aircraft. He was fined $50 and costs, $25 of which was suspended. His pilot's license was also suspended for six months.
Corn seven feet high on the Fourth of July is no doubt one of the best fields in Pine County. If in doubt, see the Bill Ausmus weedless cornfield on Pokegama Lake.
An advertisement ran: "Royal Bohemian Beer now distributed by Lloyd's Distributing, Pine City."
"A few weeks ago, Louis Stoffel and Vic Clementson were fishing below the dam on the Snake River, when they noticed an old cream can in the water. When they investigated further, they saw two fish tails protruding from the mouth of the can, which was on its side in the water. Cautiously approaching the can, they tipped it up, and had captured two catfish, one five pounds and the other six pounds. Hope all the farmers don't start throwing their cream cans into the river, it's hard enough walking around down there as it is," said Dick Tampke, lino operator.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 July 2024)
The Grasshoppers are proving to be a menace in some localities in Pine County as well as in some of our neighboring counties.
In addition to using the state highways without paying a commensurate share for their upkeep, the buses seem to be becoming more and more under the impression that anyone else on the highway is trespassing.
Judge Wilcox and William Johnson returned home last Saturday from a two week's cruise on the Great Lakes with the naval militia. The judge is a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 18 July 2024)
Marshall Madden has put up a glass box on the fire engine house, in which the keys are placed, and anyone found meddling with the same will be punished to the full extent of the law.
J. P. Holmberg has sold his farm to Oscar and Albert Erickson of Rush City.
Frank Nordstrom of St. Paul, who owns a farm about five miles southeast of this place, came up on Tuesday to spend the rest of the week camping out on the shores of Pokegama Lake.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 July 2024)
County Road 7 Bridge open to one lane only, bridge to stay single-lane until 2015 replacement: One lane has been opened on the County Road 7 bridge, with drivers directed to take turns using the lane through a system of portable stop- lights.
The bridge was closed for several days last week after serious damage- cracked and missing pilings were reported by a fisherman traveling under the bridge.
Pine County's 'Derby Fever' captured in new movie: Who has the most competitive, most exciting, hardest-hitting demolition derby in Minnesota? Who has the best fans, the fiercest rivalries and the richest history?
Ask any driver in the region, and they're likely to give you the same answer: Pine County.
Now the Pine County Fair Derby has a film about that history, those rivalries and the legendary drivers who made the derby known across the Midwest. After over a year of filming, "Derby Fever: The Movie" will finally be available at this year's Pine County Fair.
Clean up the neighborhood: Looking for a fun way to volunteer in the community? Come out on Thursday, July 24 between 3-6 p.m. to Anytime Fitness, 925 Main Street, and join others as they pick up garbage and have fun as they head north toward the fairgrounds.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 July 2024)
Spruce up: The City of Pine City is requesting that its residents spruce up their properties for the Pine County Fair by cutting grass and weeds and picking up other debris.
No parking: Beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 31, there will be no parking on both sides of the streets around the perimeter of Pine City's Robinson Park, due to the parade at 4 p.m. All vehicles left on 5th Street or 2nd Avenue will be tagged and towed by the Pine County Sheriff's Office. Streets will be posted for no parking.
Year 2000 grads must pass basic skills tests: Next year will be the first year that high school seniors will have to pass the Minnesota Basic Skills Tests in order to graduate. Seniors will have two opportunities to take the Basic Skills Tests next year, in February and May.
Workshops for the basic skills tests in reading, math and writing have been scheduled. Some students are taking tests in more than one of the three subjects.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 July 2024)
Since October of last year, Pine County has had a law in force regulating the management of shorelands. The ordinance has been in effect for almost a year, but many in the county are unaware of the regulations.
Frank Warfield of Pine City took top honors in the first annual Senior Golf Tourney held at the Country Club on Saturday, July 20.

Mrs. Wally Connaker took Wally and Dave Pera to the airport, where they met about 200 other teachers and all chartered a plane for Brussels, Belgium, the first stop on a five-week tour.
A Root Beer Rastlin' Rampage will be held at the A&W on Friday, July 26. Arm wrestling contests will be held every hour on the hour from 4 - 11 p.m. An elimination tour will be held each hour. Losers will receive a baby root beer. The winner each hour will challenge Root Beer Roger Erfourth to a Left-handed Grand Finale.
The Ambitious Pines 4-H club met June 13 at the Royalton Town Hall. Dennis Howard called the meeting to order. Bob and Bill Schwarz told about 4-H Camp. Bob Kraft and Steve Auers are going to the Junior Leader Conference. Reported by Ted Kraft.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 July 2024)
In what promises to be the single greatest attraction in the history of the Pine County Fair, it was announced this week that Bronco Nagurski, former world champion wrestler from International Falls, will meet the popular Pine Citian, Otto (Pat) Kuss, on a special wrestling card.
Carpenters working on the Great Northern Railroad Depot, here in Brook Park, found several well preserved bills in between the walls, last week. Upon closer examination, they were found to be

freight bills issued in July 1917. At that time, Art McClellan was dray man and Chris Slade was blacksmith.
Born to Mr, and Mrs. Howard Hady, was a son at Rush City Hospital on July 13. Weight nine pounds.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 July 2024)
Joe Engle was proclaimed tennis champion of Pine City last Tuesday evening when he defeated John Gray, three sets to one.
United States Senator Magnus Johnson and Mr. George Brewer, candidate for Congress, were callers at the William Albrecht home at Birchwood Thursday.
A family reunion was held at the Chas. Spearing home last Sunday when all the boys were home with their families. It was the first time in 20 years they were all home at the same time.
Ed Havel of Beroun had the misfortune of breaking his arm last week while cranking his “Lizzie.”

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 25 July 2024)
The circus given here Wednesday was, as a whole, a rank swindle. Quite a crowd of our citizens took in Sands & Astleys Circus and all report having been badly taken in. Considerable trouble was experienced with the “buncoe” men, and it kept the local police force busy getting back the money which the swindlers took from the “rubes.”
John Madden Takes the Cake for putting up building in a hurry, as his buildings are all enclosed and lathed and by the first of next week will be ready for plaster. He commenced the foundation a week ago last Monday and in just a week’s time he had the buildings enclosed and lathed. How is that for speed?

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 August 2024)
Pine County Fair roars into town! Five days of exhibits, rides, food, and excitement are underway at the 122nd Annual Pine County Fair. And just like every year at the fair, there is always something brand new that regular fair goers will be itching to see or try out.
Brothers rescue man after boating accident: Brothers Barry, Byron and Jerry Werner pulled more than a fish from the Waters of Lake Wabinosh on their family vacation.

25 Years Ago, 1999, (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 August 2024)
Groundbreaking: Everyone who has contributed to the Pine City Civic Center effort is invited to attend a groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday, August 4.
County supports Pine Tech’s effort to become fiber optic hub: The Pine County Board agreed last week to send a letter of support and commitment to participate in creating a fiber optic hub site at Pine Technical College.

50 Years Ago, 1974, (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 August 2024)
The past never dies for Aurelia Lahodney. Known as Ella to residents of Pine City, the 78-year-old former teacher, owner of the town’s original millinery shop, still has hats dating back to the turn of the century.
Vandals knocked over about a dozen tombstones in Birchwood Cemetery in Pine City, probably Saturday night. No one has yet been apprehended in connection with the incident.
Last week, Pine County deputy Bob Foster was cited as one of the state’s outstanding legion chaplains. A member of Pine City Post 51 for over 27 years, Foster got the most points ever accumulated by a legion chaplin in Minnesota. The points reflect the number of times Foster has been called upon to open a meeting with prayer and has visited families, hospitals and nursing homes in hard times.
Governor Wendell R. Anderson has announced that highway speeds in Minnesota have dropped significantly since the 55 mph limit was imposed in March of this year.

75 Years Ago, 1949, (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 August 2024)

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday by the Zion Lutheran Church here for Robert Teich, a well known farmer living north of Pine City, who passed away on Saturday, July 23.
Geo. Sausen and a friend used to feud over who would have the first ripe tomato. Last year he bribed a greenhouse man for a plant that had semi-ripe fruit on it before he ever planted it. This year, the friend was all set for him, as he had a hot house tomato plant that had ripe fruit on it the latter part of June.

100 Years Ago, 1924, (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 August 2024)
Action in three damage suits were started against the village of Pine City last week totaling $55,000. These suits are brought by three men who were injured when the automobile in which they were riding upset on the Federal Highway opposite the schoolhouse early last spring. They claim the accident resulted from a hump on the road where some sewer repairs had been made.
Miss Lillian Korbel, deputy county auditor, left for the Twin Cities yesterday and will have her summer vacation at this time. Miss Hazel Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson, is assisting in the auditor's office.
A. G. Ballata brought in a tobacco leaf the other day, which was grown on his place, measuring 33 inches long and 19 inches wide. There are quite a number of farmers in this vicinity who are growing tobacco and there is a possibility it may develop into quite a product around here.

125 Years Ago, 1899, (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 August 2024)
Born to the wife of W.P. Gottry on Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock, July 31, was a young printer. The mother and child are doing well, and W.P. is passing around the cigars. Especially at the newspaper office.
The employers of Hamms Brewery and about 75 of the saloon keepers and their families of St. Paul came up on Saturday last and spent a few days the fore part of the week camping out and rusticating on the shores of Lake Pokegama.
On Saturday afternoon last, a party of local typestickers were invited by Captain A.E. Webber to take another ride on his little steamer Nyroca, and at 2 o'clock, a party consisting of Capt. Webber, A.M. Matson of Rock Creek, C.H. Griffith, C.P. Struble, Z.M. Edwards, and ye scribe, boarded the little vessel, and in due time and without accident, were plowing our way through the tempestuous waves of Lake Pokegama.
The sad news was brought to this village on Sunday morning, that Mrs. Eli Hustad had gone to that bourn from whence no traveler ever returns.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 August 2024)
Pine County deer hunting limits set: The bitter winter of 2013-'14 hit area deer populations hard, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has placed conservative hunting limits in Pine County and across the state to rebuild deer numbers for the future. Only one deer can be harvested in 95% of the state.
Bloomquist retires after 30 years serving Pine City: Over the past 30 years in Pine City, three mayors, 12 city administrators and a score of city council members have come and gone. But one steady quiet person has been working with all of them to keep city government on track. Chris Bloomquist began working at City Hall as a deputy city clerk in 1983, at $5 an hour and only one computer in the office. Now after 30 years, she is going to retire.
Sokol Camp Booya Picnic: The 84th annual Sokol Camp Booya & Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 10 at the Circle Camp on the northeast corner of Cross Lake in Pine City. Food available includes booya, meatloaf sandwiches, cabbage rolls, Czech sausage, hot dogs and kolacky. This event is open to the public and free to attend. There's plenty of dock and shoreline space for those arriving by boat, as well.
A High Flying Fair! Five packed days of action and activities made the 2014 Pine County Fair one to remember. From blanket jumping to Polka dancing, from derbying, to fun with animals, there was a nearly endless array of events and attractions thanks to the tremendous efforts of fair volunteers. Parade goers were especially appreciative of the Brook Park Fire Department, who provided parade

management after the sheriff informed parade officials that he would not offer traffic management and security for the Pine County Parade this year.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 August 2024)
Pine County seeks to be Hub of fiber optics project: Public agencies would see a reduction in cost for their communication services, and the private sector would have a choice in service carriers if Pine Technical College becomes a hub for the connecting Minnesota project.
Pine County Fair succeeds despite heat: Sizzling temperatures and stifling humidity threatened to scorch the success of the 1999 Pine County Fair, which saw lower attendance than normal during the oppressive conditions. Only Saturday's cold front saved the day, setting the scene for a perfect afternoon parade and a jam-packed fairgrounds that night.
Art Schultz and Regina Reiser recognized as Outstanding Seniors: Steve Hallan of the Pine County Fair Board awarded plaques on Friday, July 30 to the county's Outstanding Senior Citizens of the Year.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 August 2024)
Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce secretary Delphine Johnson reports that plans are moving along nicely for the Pine County Fair Parade scheduled for Saturday, August 17 at 7 p.m. in Pine City.
The secretary announced the selection of Clair Shuey of rural Pine City as this year's Grand Marshal. Shuey, a long time resident of this community, is a retired farmer. The Brook Park reunion was Great! A large number attended and you might say it was a perfect day in spite of the rain.
Did you know that the first school before the fire was built where the Walter Besser home now stands? The Besser house was erected by Dr. Carlton Kelsey's father. The school was then rebuilt after the fire on the site of where the Jon Nowling home is. So at that time, education made a new start in Brook Park, thereby forming roots for this reunion.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 August 2024)
The Schmidt's Indians, clad in the Royal Mounties new summer uniforms with white porcelina hats from Italy, will play an exhibition at the Pine County Fair, Pine City, on August 5 in the evening program. The corps comes to Pine City through the courtesy of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company, of St. Paul.
"When summer puts up your hair, wear earrings for subtle flattery. You'll be adding color and charm to your costumes. We have a large selection of earrings especially designed for summer wear." - Witte Jewelry.
The Wm. Burmans purchased a new Buick last week. The John Clarks bought a '46 Chrysler and Elmer Chase purchased the former car of the Clark's.

100 Years Ago, (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 August 2024)
Nads Nielson, farmer southeast of Askov, met with a terrible accident early Monday afternoon, being kicked in the face by a horse, which caused his immediate death.
Mrs. Jos. Holetz is the champion tennis player of the fair sex in Pine City, having defeated Miss "Peggy" Carlson in the final game of the tournament.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poferl and children, left last Sunday on an automobile trip to the Dakotas.

Stanley Runa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Runa, received a serious accident last Thursday when his leg was caught in the sickle of a mower, when the horses became frightened at something, causing bad cuts about the ankle. He was taken to the hospital at Braham for treatment.
Ludwig Johnson was surprised last Saturday evening by a large crowd of friends and relatives, the occasion being his birthday. A very pleasant time was had by all.

125 Years Ago, (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 August 2024)
Mr. J.A. Johnson had the misfortune to have four head of cattle poisoned with Paris grass.

Grandma Woodbeck of Brook Park has had very good health the past week.
We noticed that S.P. Marlette, who was considered to be at death's door, is able to be out again.

We are informed that John Faulkner has taken to eating pickerel, owing to the lack of more desirable fish. Hard luck, John.
The new M.E. Church at Rock Creek will be dedicated on Tuesday, August 22 by the Rev. Dr. Forbes, presiding Elder of the Duluth.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 August 2024)
Water quality, hydrant flushing come under fire; City taking steps to clean up water tower tanks: Imagine turning on the faucet in your home or business and finding brown diarrhea colored water ... spewing out.
The city's hydrant flushing procedures will continue to be done during the day as the city is taking steps to improve water quality. The Pine City Council approved a $7,500 contract with the engineering firm SEH to inspect the tanks at both water towers and bring in a diver to clean out the bottom of the tanks. The diver will use a vacuum hose similar to a swimming pool cleaner and remove sediment that typically collects at the bottom of the "bowls."
Fun with Fiber: Visit the North West Company Fur Post for "Traditions of the Trading Post: Fun with Fiber." Visitors will see how to turn bark into rope, leaves into mats and branches into toys. After enjoying projects like hide scraping, sewing birch bark and making twine, visitors can also make a toy to take home.
As late as August, you can still put in a few last plantings. Quick maturing crops and those that are good eating while young and immature are good choices as temperatures cool and the hours of daylight decline.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 August 2024)
School supplies: The Pine City American Legion, with help from the Pine City Walmart, will have school supplies available for pickup at the Legion Post on Saturday. These supplies are intended to give a little help to parents who need it in getting their children ready for school.
A dream is coming true: The long-awaited goal of having a Civic Center in Pine City will become a reality this year, and those who have made the dream come true were thanked at an open house and official groundbreaking ceremony last Wednesday afternoon.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 August 2024)
August 2, rain! August 3, continued rain! However, rain didn't dampen the spirits of the Brook Park people for they had too much of their ancestors' pioneer blood still in them. August 3 proved to be a day of rejoicing as around 300 people gathered at the Stockman's Steak House and Cafe and the arena of the Besser Sale Barn for the Brook Park School Reunion.
Sheriff's report: On August 1, Barry White, Lake Street, in Pine City, hit a cow broadside on Highway 70 but escaped injury.
Bill Gross is busy at the John Pangerls tearing down the old pump house, which is a relic, being built in 1912.
A chicken plucking party was held at the Jim Southwick home last Wednesday. The girls had a fine time, but it was too bad some 35 chickens lost their heads.
An interesting fact from a lady in Quamba about one of our pioneer teachers who lived in Brook Park: Her name was Winnie Seymour and she and brother, Fred, owned the farm where McKellars now live. She taught in Quamba and used to ride to school with the section men on the hand car. Compare that mode of travel to our comfortable, warm cars.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 August 2024)

Creditors unanimously rejected the bid of Julius E. Davis, of Minneapolis, in the amount of $5,000 for the trustees' equity in the Pine City Dairy. Parking on Highway No. 1 without lights was the cause of an accident last Sunday night that might have proven serious. While driving home from Hinckley after church services with his wife and son, Joseph, the Rev. Reinhardt collided with the rear end of a Ford car that was parked on the right side of the road without lights and wholly invisible. The car was occupied by two young couples, all of whom jumped out when their car was hit. Fortunately, no one was hurt.
Clarence Hagen, had perhaps as close a call to death or permanent serious injury Monday morning of this week as he will have until his time comes. Mr. Hagan was turning his cattle out to pasture, and among them was a Guernsey bull, which had always been gentle. This morning his Bullship was peeved about something, however, and deciding that Hagen was the cause of all his troubles, started to settle matters right there. Mr. Hagan had nothing to defend himself with and was knocked down and pretty badly used up. Finally, Hagen rolled and scrambled and was pushed by the bull to a log in the lot. The bull became confused upon seeing the log and begin butting it, giving Mr. Hagan a chance to get away. He was rushed to the hospital at Princeton and given surgical attention, and it was found he was not as seriously injured as it was first thought, but it was a remarkable escape.
John Gray is chief cook and bottle washer at the local depot these days while J. A. Peterson is on his vacation.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 August 2024)
We are informed that the other telephone line that is coming through this place from Duluth to St. Paul is completed as far as Willow River and will be here in a short time.
Harvesting is about completed in this locality and some farmers have already threshed. The crops are turning out very good.
The banks of Lake Pokegama on both sides are dotted with the tents of camping parties and the Bergman Hotel is well-filled with guests from the cities. Surely Pokegama is gaining a name as a summer Resort.
Mrs. A. Lahodney and Miss B. Janacek leave tomorrow for St. Paul. The former will go through to Chicago and by their fall and winter stock of Millinery and fancy goods.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 August 2024)
City sewer bill questioned: Cross Lake and Pine City officials are looking into whether the city has been double-billing Cross Lake Preserve homeowners for sewer services.
The Pine City Council met with representatives of the Cross Lake Area Water and Sanitary Sewer District concerning sewer billing associated with residential homes in the Cross Lake Preserve housing development of the city of Pine City whose wastewater flows through a lift station to be treated by the city.
Museum mural dedication: The Pine County Historical Society invites the public to celebrate the completion of their 2,000 square foot mural painted by local artist Lucas Campbell. It is visible from State Highway 23; the mural depicts the roles that railroads and logging played in local history.

Orphan Train presentation: Join Pine City Reads at the Northwest Company Fur Post, for a free presentation on the arrival of the Orphan Train in Pine County and Minnesota's history.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 August 2024)
A touring exhibit from the Minnesota Historical Society, "Someone to Lend a Helping Hand: Rural Older Women in Central Minnesota," is on display at the Pine City Library.
It features 30 portraits of women from Central Minnesota who shared their stories on aging as part of a two-year study.
The Pine City Arts Council made the display possible.
Tennis tourney: There will be a mixed doubles tennis tournament at the Pine City High School courts on Sunday.

There will also be a potluck and barbecue. Meat, plates, silverware and beverages will be provided. Bring a dish to pass.
The entrance to Pine City Hall was in full bloom during last week's flower show. Entries in the gladiola category saluted visitors who came to admire the flower show put on by the Pine Gardeners.
This year's annual flower show had 28 entrants that came from Pine City, Brook Park and Mora.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 August 2024)
The Ice Arena Association continues to move ahead with plans to build an indoor ice facility for Pine City. The Arena Association is expected to begin construction of a preliminary outdoor rink within 90 days, the outdoor rink to be later made into the full indoor facility.
On Friday evening, between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m., a strange and wonderful experience was had by several fortunate people at the Pine County Fair when Gandalf, the Wizard, of wizardly fame, made a grand and glorious entrance and exit, and in between had a good time himself. We are happy to report that he is from the Saint Croix Valley area, although most people would know him to be from the third age of Middle Earth as related in J.R.R. Tolkien's masterpiece, "The Lord of the Rings."

Lakeside Pharmacy is now open to the public. Located in Lakeside Nursing Home, first floor, new addition.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 August 2024)
Raymond Shuey of Grand Rapids, formally of Pine City, shot a 350 pound bear north of Bass Lake out of Cohasset on August 6.
A bolt of lightning struck the Otto Ostwald, Gust Luckow and Allie Klicker homes in the west part of town during the storm Tuesday about 7:30 p.m. Mr. Ostwald was knocked unconscious. Mrs. Luckow, who was washing cucumbers in the kitchen sink when the bolt struck, had her right arm burned from the elbow down. Gust, standing beside her, was unhurt. At the Klicker home, a scorched spot on a door casing showed the course of the bolt.
"We Are Pleased to Announce that we are now stocking the Joan Doris of New York line of finer dresses. They come in two price ranges, $8.90 and $10.90." - Challeens-Pine City.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 August 2024)
Chalmer Smith of Rock Creek went to the cities Monday, where he underwent and operation for goiter.
Matt Poferl had a dandy fair all his own in the Village Hall last Saturday when folks brought in produce, grains, etc. for him to choose from for the Pine County exhibit at the State Fair. Mr. Poferl is a veteran county exhibitor at the State Fair and has been extremely successful.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 August 2024)
The Reverend Lloyd is pushing the work on the new church in Brook Park this week. Mr. Chas. Tingley is boss carpenter.
Pavek Bros. of Beroun received a new threshing machine on Wednesday and are now prepared to thresh all the grain grown in that vicinity.
Quite a number of our citizens purchased goats of E. Mark on Wednesday and it will not be a great many days before we will see them hitched up to wagons, making all kinds of sport for the youngsters.
Call and see Dr. Douglas, the dentist, at the Pioneer House. Not necessary to have any work done, just call and get acquainted, ask his prices and go home and think it over. He will make regular monthly visits to Pine City.
Riverside Circle, Ladies of the G.A.R., will give a grand ball in the Smith building as soon as it is completed. They expect to have the North Branch Orchestra, and a royal good time is planned.
The dance and excursion given by Jas. Hurley and L.H. McKusick Friday evening was one of the most enjoyable events of the season. About 75 couples were in attendance. Dancing was kept up

from the time the boat left the dock until the Bergman Pavilion was reached and after dancing a short time there, started on the return trip as a rainstorm was threatening.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 August 2024)
Locals fight to keep zebra mussels out: Zebra mussels haven't found their way into Pine County Lakes, and local folks want to keep it that way.
Lake association volunteers, sheriff's deputies and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources conservation officers will distribute brochures to watercraft owners at major lake boat launches, advising them of the dangers associated with aquatic invasive species.
Volunteers will be spot checking boats and personal watercraft to be sure the drain plugs are pulled before entering and exiting Pine County lakes and rivers. Both Cross and Pokegama lakes already are infested with curly leaf pondweed, and Eurasian milfoil has been reported.
Once in a Minnesota lake, one zebra muscle female can lay a million eggs per year.
Welcome to the new Pine Technical and Community College: Pine City's institution of higher learning celebrated a milestone on August 6 with a community picnic to commemorate it's official name change to Pine Technical and Community College. The college is now able to offer an associate of arts transfer degree. Games and prizes were offered to youth along with a free meal and a historical tour of PTCC covering all the changes that have taken place in the half-century the school has been in existence.
The 25th Annual Anderson's Rock Creek Relics, Threshing and Sawing Show will take place September 6 and 7, 2014, with a corn maze, tractor and car parade.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 August 2024)
Pine County will be well represented at the great Minnesota get together, the Minnesota State Fair. Over 80 Pine County 4-Hers will exhibit throughout the State Fair. Be sure to stop in and see the Pine County exhibits in the 4-H Building on the northeast side of the State Fairgrounds near the Snelling Avenue entrance or at the barns on the southwest side of the fairgrounds.
Suspect caught after Kerrick robbery: The Pine County Sheriff's Office received a "hold up" alarm from the Kerrick Bank on Tuesday, August 17 at 1:58 p.m.
Pine County deputies and State Troopers responded. Other area law enforcement agencies were notified.
A short time later, a Carlton County Deputy located the suspect's vehicle, described as a black 1989 Buick Century with Iowa license plates. A chase ensued, with Pine County deputies joining a Carlton County deputy.
The suspect vehicle was forced off Pine County Road 44, just east of Bruno, and a female suspect was taken into custody with nobody being injured. A short time later, it was learned that the suspect vehicle had been stolen in Cherokee, Iowa.
Authorities are attempting to identify the suspect. All of the stolen money, the amount of which will not be disclosed, was recovered.
District 25 alumni enjoy reunion: Almost 60 people gathered at CG's in Beroun on Sunday, August 8 for a reunion of the former students of District 25 Shady Oak School. It was east of Beroun.
The afternoon was spent reminiscing and getting reacquainted. Gertrude Fosvick (deceased) taught at Shady Oak School for 19 years and had as many as 44 students at one time in grades one through eight. The school closed in 1967.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 August 2024)
Pine City has a new veterinarian, Dr. C.M. Towers, who joined Dr. John W. Nelson, at the Pine City Veterinary Clinic this week.
The Hustletown Community Church observed it's 25th anniversary on Sunday, August 18.
Folks from far away fill the church to overflowing as the old bell in the steeple announced morning worship.

It was the Rev. Moritz who, in 1948, came into the area east of Beroun and northeast of Pine City and held a summer Bible School mornings in Cedar Lake schoolhouse, afternoon here in this church.
Four and one half acres of land was recently purchased by the congregation of the First Assembly of God Church from Mr. And Mrs. Nick Stoffel. The property is located west of the Interstate 35W Bridge at the intersection of County Road 7 and County Road 23. The congregation is planning to build a new church at this site in the near future.
A number of the town ladies attended a fine brunch and get acquainted party at the Glen Kurzhal home last Thursday and had a fine time. We welcome the new residents to our community.
Work has been started on the blacktopping of the stretch in front of the St. Joseph's Church and the parking lot, which will be a very nice Improvement.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 August 2024)
A near tragic accident occurred Monday about 11 a.m. when the tractor driven by Louis Teich was hit by a semi trailer. Louis was driving the tractor, pulling a four-wheel trailer loaded with Lumber on Highway 61 north of town and proceeding south. A car, driven by Anton Witte, of here, pulled up behind, also traveling south. A semi-trailer of Arrowhead Shows, Duluth, came from behind, hit the rear of the Witte car and continued on to plow into the tractor, overturning it. Mr. Teich jumped clear of the tractor and was uninjured. The driver of the semi was shaken up and bruised.
The anniversary of the Hinckley Fire will be commemorated on September 1 with a special cachet as part of that community's centennial year observance. The cachet envelope will be stamped with the Minnesota Centennial stamp.
Roy Nowling's new barn is going up. This will be a big improvement on the Nowling farm.
Something new in dancing will be presented at Pine Camp when Frankie Yankovic and his Yanks, the greatest Polka Orchestra in the nation, take over the bandstand on August 7.
Mel's Texaco softball team won the playoff series to be crowned the city softball champs for 1949.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 August 2024)
Many automobile accidents occurred near Pine City last Saturday afternoon, and it was a hectic day for The Wrecking Crew at the Petschel garage.
A Willy Knight and a Ford locked horns near the Haynes Farm, south of town, and both went into the ditch, although they didn't upset. The cars were damaged considerably but no one was hurt.
Jos. Petschel and George Fyten were there to tow in the cars when a man and a woman came along in a Ford. The driver was watching the wrecked cars and in some mysterious manner his car upset right in the middle of the road, rolling over and missed Fyten by a few feet. The woman was pinned under the car, and she was released and rushed to Dr. Wiseman.
Then while Mr. Petschel and Mr. Fyten were getting the last car that upset, a man came along in a Buick and became so interested in watching the proceedings that he ran into the ditch. He kept right on going, however, and was able to get back on the road without doing any damage.
Moonshine was found at five places and arrests were made yesterday. At one place near Sandstone, there were found 52 gallons of moon, 1,600 gallons of mash and a big still in full operation with all the necessary equipment to operate a first class Moonshine Distillery.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 August 2024)
Brook Park: This town is in need of a bank to furnish our Merchants with change if nothing more.
Mike Carlson will add 20 more men to his section crew as soon as possible and wages will be $1.50 per hour.
Conductors Duffy, Sullivan and others were at Pokegama Lake fishing Thursday. They returned with a load of bites, mosquito bites.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 September 2024)
Both the elementary and high school will be completely secure buildings. When the kids are in class, the doors are locked. All visitors must present a picture ID. That identification will then be run

through a computer. Once they are physically identified by way of the camera, a button will be pushed to let them in.
Flesh-eating plants abound in Grasston bogs: Ryan Weigel saw a wild carnivorous plant for the first time in 2006 – right here in Minnesota at Big Bog State Park. Now he has found them other places in the state including near his home in Grasston.
The Pine City PRCA Championship Rodeo brought buckin' broncs and much more to Heidelberger's Farm Equipment over Labor Day weekend.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 September 2024)
A town that used to be: The Memoirs of the late Helen Haglin, hold many clues to what the town of Groningen used to be. A thriving northern Pine County community on the St. Paul - Duluth Railroad, Groningen was typical of many of the small towns in this area in the early 1900s.
Back when Groningen was booming, it not only had the train depot with the large Groningen letters printed on it, it also had a store, a mercantile, a post office, a garage, a dancehall, a potato warehouse, a bank and two blacksmiths shops. There was a little schoolhouse, located on the small hill along the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad. On February 20, 1973, Burlington Northern permanently closed the tracks through Groningen.
Fred Lere and his wife Alyce spend 11 hours per day, for the 12 days of the Minnesota State Fair, selling Veggie Pie.
Some people know Alyce Lere of Pine City as the master gardener who's won acclaim for her beautiful dahlias, but she has another claim to fame.
This is also her 13th year selling Veggie Pie at the Minnesota State Fair. Lere says the secret of her success is the special dressing

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 September 2024)
Jerome Nordrum, 11, of Pine City is the winner of the Pioneer subscription contest and the 10-speed bike that is the grand prize. Scott Stennes placed second. During the contest, eight kids sold 39 new subscriptions for the Pioneer.
The Rum River CB Radio Association had a booth at the Pine County Fair on August 15 - 18. From the many visitors who signed up for the free drawing, Mrs. Art Geisler of rural Pine City won the clock radio.
On Friday evening a group of friends and Neighbors of rural Henriette chivareed the newly married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Asher, of the West Rock vicinity. Welcome to the neighborhood, folks.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 September 2024)
The first school bell of the year will ring Tuesday at 9 a.m. The building has been completely cleaned and many of the rooms have been redecorated, and everything is spic and span for the opening.

Carl Stoffel, 19, of Pine City, was among five 4-H corn producers who won purple ribbons at the State Fair on Monday August 29.
Roller Skating: At the Armory in Pine City. Every Friday night starting at 8 p.m. Admission, 40 cents.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 September 2024)
Ed Netser of Duluth and Dr. Wiseman took a trip up north last week to pick out a hunting ground for their annual trip this fall. Ed also has taken a logging contract up near Cotton.
To date 248 pupils have been enrolled in the grades, 128 in the high school and 14 in the normal department. That makes a total of 40 more than enrolled last year.
William Schumacher is dragging for the Strohkirch Brothers.
Mr. and Mrs. Casper Kruse entertained the Beroun Farmer's Club last Thursday evening in honor of their 15th anniversary. A very delicious supper was served to about 40 people. The Reverend

Barnes gave an appropriate talk and also presented Mr. and Mrs. Kruse with an elegant cut glass bowl, a gift from the club.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 September 2024)
Cal Ketchum was the first to be immersed in the pool under the Baptist Church.
The fair managers have secured some fast horses for the races at the Pine County Fair next week. This Fair promises to eclipse anything in the fair line ever held this part of the state.
E.A. Jesmer will be at Gottry's Livery stable every Saturday. Anyone having Veterinary work to do should call him at the above named place.
Attorney Stobbart and wife spent the first of the week in St. Paul. Mrs. Stobbart visiting relatives and friends and Arthur attended to legal matters.
Mr. John D. Wilcox obtained a valuable patent for improvements in potato diggers.
J.D. Vaughn's new store is complete and John is busily engaged in getting his stock of clothing and gent's furnishing goods in place.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 September 2024)
A severe storm whipped through Pine City on the evening of September 3, leaving toppled trees and dropped enough rain that water levels were still rising five days later. The first and most severe cell of the storm hit Pine City about 6:40 p.m. bringing at least 3 inches of heavy rain and 60 mph winds with it. A funnel cloud was caught on film near Pine City. Quarter size hail was reported near Henriette, and the storm temporarily knocked out power to some area homes as trees came down.
Scammers pretending to be representatives of the Internal Revenue Service are now targeting Pine City. According to the IRS, the scammers may demand money or may say the taxpayer has a refund due and try to trick them into sharing private information.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 September 2024)
Health Directed Riding will sponsor a ride-a-thon on Sunday, September 12 at 10 a.m. at Wild River State Park. The Chengwatana Riders Saddle Club will be there, and members encourage other riders to join in.
City officials will let the State Fire Marshal decide whether the Pine City Civic Center Association can delay for two years installation of a sprinkler system in its new facility. Because the board of directors has chosen to have a pay as you go policy, it would in-deed be a hardship to require that this Civic Center have a sprinkler system before there is a concrete floor.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 September 2024)
Serious frost damage to Minnesota and Midwest field crops last week will tighten the cost - price squeeze on the states already suffering dairy, livestock and poultry farmers.
Three 4-Hers from Pine County will participate in the state 4-H Horse Show in the State Fairgrounds beginning Monday, September 16. Andy Schwarz, Ambitious Pines; Cathy Dickenson, Henriette Hustlers; and Marty Young bauer, Ambitious Pines, will represent Pine County at the state horse show.
Mrs. James Youngbauer, Mrs. Morris Sickler and Colleen enjoyed a shopping trip to Mora and enroute home they observed a bear standing up at the edge of the woods, looking at them. Luckily, they were in the car.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 September 2024)
Edward J. Bever, 57, former Pine City resident, died in University Hospital, Minneapolis, last Thursday from the effects of polio. He was stricken with the disease on Tuesday of last week and rushed directly to the hospital but passed away within two days.
C.A. (Teet) Blanchard will be proclaimed the "champeen" Pine City fisherman unless someone comes along to beat his 32 pound lake trout which he caught last week. Teet, along with Jim Olson and Walt Swartzwald, were fishing in Lake Superior at Hovland when the big fellow hit.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the church of St. Joseph's in Beroun Tuesday morning, August 30 at 9 o'clock Miss Evelyn Ausmus, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ausmus, became the bride of Mr. Edward Ellingson.
This is the opportunity which all those who have been boosting for a kindergarten have been awaiting. The school board meets Tuesday evening of next week at 8 p.m., in the office of the superintendent. By the sound of the article by the opening of school, run in last week's paper, it seems that Superintendent Ziebarth would be in favor of such a primary class and that there were plans being made for it.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 September 2024)
The chicken culling demonstration was well attended at the Ebert Farm Monday afternoon.

Ernest Wilcox left for St. Paul last Monday and will attend Macalester College there this coming term.
Cecil Blanchard has taken the position vacated by Ernest as timekeeper for the county road crew, which is working near Sandstone.
The following pupils were enrolled in the grades and High School during the past week: Bernice Whiting in the first grade, George Fyten in the second, Leonard Whiting in the third, Kenneth Whiting in the fourth, Yelda Pague and Harry Hayes in the sixth, Harold and Glen Truesdell in high school.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 September 2024)
The average man's taste always remains a short distance ahead of his income.
Fire last night destroyed part of Robert Hoff man's residence but prompt work of the fire department saved the main part of the structure.
James Madden opened up his new produce store on Wednesday morning and now our citizens and farmers can buy or sell all kinds of farm produce. Mr. Madden has a delivery wagon and will deliver anything purchased at his store.
Be sure to see the ball game at the fairgrounds this afternoon as it promises to be the hottest one ever played in this place. Both teams have loaded up with players from the league teams, and all equal any professional game played in the larger cities.
10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 September 2024)
Who's coming to Pine County? Well ... The good news is that nobody's moving out of Pine County. The bad news is that no one seems to be moving in.
According to a study by the U.S. Census Bureau, Pine County had a net immigration of zero for the time period 2008-12.
Major road work plan for southern Pine County; Pokegama Lake Road Bridge job could last five months.
This was a banner year for road construction in Pine County, and it isn't over yet. The Pine County Board awarded a contract for two more projects in southern Pine County this fall and 15 more are lined up in the county's 2015-19 Highway Improvement Plan.
Old Highway 61 Business Expo: On Saturday, September 20, the Hinckley, Rush City and Pine City Chambers of Commerce invite the public to the Pine City Armory, for their first annual Business Expo between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The free expo is intended to promote the historic highway as a dynamic tourism destination in hospitality, retail, recreation and more.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 September 2024)
A Harvest Moon Dance is being held on Saturday, September 18 at the Pine County Fairgrounds in Pine City. Sponsored by the Pine City Jaycees as a fundraiser for the Civic Center, the dance will feature live music by The Mooners. It will run from 8 p.m. to midnight.
Lake surveys being done in area: Rock Lake near Markville in Pine County is one of several area lakes being sampled this fall by the biologists with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission.
The samplings determine if juvenile walleye have entered the population.

The surveys are conducted on behalf of its member tribes to generate sound scientific data that will help in the understanding and management of fishery resources within the 1837 ceded territory. The survey allows fishery biologists to estimate the strength or weakness of the two most recent year classes of walleye.
Pine City Co-Op holds reunion: The former Pine City Cooperative Association held an employee and board member reunion at the Pine County Fairgrounds in Pine City on Sunday, August 29. About 75 people attended the event.
Henry Sommer, who was manager from 1937, when the co-op started, to 1979, when he retired, gave a talk on the history of the organization.
Eldon Johnson, manager from 1979 to 1995, also spoke to the crowd.
Most of the afternoon was spent visiting and renewing old acquaintances.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 September 2024)
An armed robber held up the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Hinckley at 9:15 Tuesday morning, escaping with several thousand dollars. Dennis Volden, bank president, described the robber as wearing a mask made of burlap and painted green.
The first meeting of the PTSA (Parent- Teacher- Student Association) of Pine City will be held on Monday, September 23 in the multi-purpose room at the elementary.
Frank and Adeline Luedtke had their home, in Beroun insulated by the Northwest LP Gas Company with foam insulation last Thursday.
Anderson-Freitag, Inc. is happy to announce their opening of a new office in Pine City. Al Dusek is the district manager. Eileen Robertson and Mark Vedder are sales associates.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mettling and boys motored to Grand Rapids on Saturday to see the Itasca Junior College football team beat the Moorhead freshman team. Their son, John, who is enrolled at Itasca, was in the starting lineup. John then spent Saturday night and Sunday with his parents.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 September 2024)
What could have been a very serious and disastrous accident happened last Friday evening when a Buick car driven by Harvey Rydeen of Minneapolis and the 6:45 southbound Greyhound bus both ended up in the ditch about three miles north of Pine City. Luckily none of the 35 passengers in the bus nor Mr. Rydeen and his woman companion in the car were seriously injured.
The tremendous challenge of widespread polio epidemics in the state and nation has made it necessary for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to make a special appeal for funds to meet the present emergency. The Foundation’s epidemic fund is practically exhausted as a result of this unprecedented demand.
Pine County has a public health nurse once again. Mrs. Carley Engwall began her work as a county nurse September 6, filling the vacancy which was created when Mrs. Lucille Hill left last May. The nurse’s office is now located on the second floor of the Village Hall at Pine City.
School opened in Brook Park, Tuesday, September 6 with an enrollment of 91. Mrs. Eleanor Folsom is the principal and teacher of fifth and sixth grades, Mrs. Lorraine Back, third and fourth and Mrs. Alice Carley, first and second.
A surprise party was held at Pine Camp on Thursday of last week on the occasion of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Novak. The table, decorated by Mrs. Ray Salonek, boasted a silver tree from which silver coins were suspended and a three-tier wedding cake, baked by Mrs. Reuben Blomberg and Mrs. George Roubinek.
W.A.Sauser, Pine City, advertised the new SuperFlame oil heater for $34.95.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 September 2024)
The Frank Milliren house at Henriette was completely destroyed by fire last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Milliren was cooking at the Hotel Agnes at the time and was called home.
Chas. Franklin was down from the north the first of last week. He has a homestead in Cook County and has put up a house the past few weeks.

Webb Hodge and Herman Kowalke were out hunting last Friday and Saturday and returned home with 19 ducks. The boys say they have a dandy place but are keeping its location kind of quiet.
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pearson of Rock Creek were very pleasantly surprised Sunday by a number of their relatives and friends at the home of her parents, the occasion being Mrs. Pearson's birthday and their wedding anniversary.
George Haberman of Beroun had the misfortune of breaking his finger last week while filling a silo.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 September 2024)
Will Nyquist wheeled over from Braham Saturday to take in the fair and ballgame.
The second game of the series between the Pine City and North Branch ballteams was played at the fairgrounds in this Village last Friday with Pine City winning with a score of 6-4.
Miss Agnes Glanville departed on Sunday afternoon for Barnum where she has secured a school three miles from the station. Agnes is a good teacher, and Carlton County is to be congratulated in securing her.
Some of our merchants are discussing the subject of a street fair. These street fairs are getting to be quite a fad, and we notice through our exchanges that wherever they are held, they prove a success, and why Pine City should prove an exception. We, for one, cannot see. Let those who are talking it up go around and see what can be done, and let us have a street fair that will eclipse anything of the kind ever held in this part of the state. Everybody should put a shoulder to the wheel and push the good work along.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 September 2024)
Big changes ahead for Pioneer readers - Same owners. Same great content. Different look: Pine City Pioneer readers are in for a treat when the newspaper reveals its new layout and design in October. The Pioneer and it's sister papers are undergoing a transformation from what is called a "broadsheet" to a "tabloid" size newspaper.
The African Children's Choir will come to Pine City on October 1 at 7 p.m. for a free concert at the new Pine City High School Auditorium. Eighteen girls and boys from Uganda, ages seven to ten will sing, dance, and share their message of love and faith with visitors. The concert is sponsored by Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Pine City.
A beautiful Saturday brought more than 300 people to the Changing Gates pig roast and fundraiser on September 20, offering support to the recovery program that uses horses as part of its treatment process. Director Guy Kaufman welcomed guests who had the chance to not only see, but to ride his favorite horse Shadow at the event.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 September 2024)
The International Education Organization and Performing Group, Up With People, will make its first ever visit to Pine City on Thursday, October 14, bringing 21 Nations to town. The student cast of 146 young adults between the ages of 18-25 represent young people from around the world. These students bring their enthusiasm and world views to share with the people of Pine City and learn from the local residents in turn. The two-hour musical performance is great family entertainment.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 September 2024)
John Eberhart, president of the Pine City Athletic Association, writes a check to the Arena Association for the proceeds from the Athletic Association softball tournament. The approximately $1,000 the arena got from the tournament put them two thirds of the way toward the figure necessary for building an indoor arena.

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75 Years Ago, 1949(Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 September 2024)
Prowlers broke into the Pine City Mill last Friday night and ransacked the office. They tried to pry open the big door, and then broke a glass in the window to get into the building. A few personal articles, including an expensive Parker pen, were missing.

The ladies of the North Group Sewing Circle who have bunny quilt blocks, please turn them in by Sunday so the quilt can be finished.
Under a picture titled, “In Good Shape: Film starlet Dorothy Abbott,” strikes a fetching, if not exactly professional, pose in the manly art of self-defense and shows off a plaid cotton swimsuit with halter bra and trim, cuffed trunks.
Playing at The Family Theatre, “Take Me Out To The Ballgame,” with Frank Sinatra, Esther Williams and Gene Kelly.
The school lunch menu featured American chop suey on Monday, vegetable soup with meat on Tuesday, luncheon meat and cheese sandwich on Wednesday, scalloped corn and bacon on Thursday and creamed cheese on baking powder biscuits on Friday.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 September 2024)
It seems assured that Pine City is to have a Canning Factory. The soil around here seems to be well suited to raise peas, beans and sweet corn products used for canning.
Considerable excitement was caused the first of the week when the report was circulated that an attempt had been made to break into the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Hinckley, but had been foiled in the attempt by the appearance of the night watchman.
Mr. E. L. Bettinger of Rock Creek was most pleasantly surprised Saturday evening when a number of friends gathered at his home. Dancing was enjoyed until a late hour, after which a dainty lunch was served. The guests departed, announcing their intentions to hold another dance at the Bettinger home in the near future, they being royal entertainers.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 September 2024)
Miss Inga Peterson and Miss Selma Mandall of Stark came up on their wheels Thursday and are visiting their cousin, Mrs. Fred Norstrom.
D. Wilcox has his new house on his farm about one mile southeast of this place enclosed and shingled. He will side the building and put in the windows this fall and will finish it up in the spring. Mr. Wilcox will have a very fine dwelling and the location enables him to look over the city in fine shape. Last spring, the Rev. H. Taylor received of the county auditor 13 ounces of sugar beet seed, and this fall he reports to us that he will have about 100 bushels of sugar beets. If a couple of carloads can be gathered up, they will send cars to ship them to the factory.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 October 2024)
A hunter was attacked by a wounded bear on Saturday in a heavily wooded area of Northern Pine County.
According to the Pine County Sheriff’s Office, dispatch received a 911 call reporting that a man had been attacked by a black bear in a forested area northeast of Duxbury.
The victim was found with severe lacerations and bites to his chest, arms and legs. Before being loaded into an air ambulance, the victim told deputies that while tracking the wounded bear, it charged out of the darkness and knocked him to the ground, clawing and biting him.
The hunter was transported by air ambulance to North Memorial Hospital, where he is listed in stable condition.
Pine City native Al Milgrom returns home October 5 to present a sneak preview of his latest documentary.
Demolition derby fans have one more chance to catch the action this Saturday with a big-screen presentation of “Derby Fever: The Movie” - a documentary film all about the cars, the tradition, and the legendary drivers who make the Pine County Derby memorable year after year.
Students, parents and community members are invited to meet at 7:15 a.m. at the Pine City Civic Center for International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 8. Principal Stephanie Lorsung will lead the walk to Pine City Elementary to raise awareness of the need for safer walking and biking routes and physical activity for children as well as concern for the environment and other issues.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 October 2024)
Purple peppers, Swan gourds, pink banana squash and bright orange pumpkins from the Jones Farm east of Hinckley and the Sower Farm of Sunrise brighten the Farmers Market and signal the fall harvest.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 October 2024)
Pat Pangerl and Doug Wiener were presented with their new bicycles from John Becvar of JB's Ace Hardware. They were the recent winners of the drawing in connection with Ace's widely advertised bicycle giveaway promotion.
Sheldon Nascene, president of the First National Bank of Pine City, was elected a director for District 6 of the Minnesota Bankers Association at their annual district meeting at Madden's in Brainerd on September 24.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 October 2024)
Ira C. Holt, clerk in the Pine City Post Office for the past 27 years, will retire at the close of his tour of duty on Friday, September 30. DeWitt Gottry, who has been the regular substitute in the office, has been promoted to the clerk's position and Pedro Johnson will now be the regular sub.
Two Ohio state men escaped without serious injury when their light Ercoupe plane crashed as it attempted to take off last Monday afternoon from a field on the Frank Kozak farm, north of town. They had flown here to inspect the equipment in Pine City Dairy and to attend the sale on Tuesday.
Norval Jacobson escaped without injury when the Maple Island truck he was driving was hit by the northbound passenger train about 10 o'clock last Saturday morning. The accident happened at the crossing on the Frank Allen driveway south of Rock Creek.
Leading the Dragon Touchdown Parade is Peter Boo, with five. Dick Striegl and Charles Hoberg are tied at three each and Harold Thiry has two.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 October 2024)
The Pine Town Farm Bureau unit will meet at the Ed Boreen home east of town on Saturday afternoon. There will be a social meeting and basket lunch. All are invited to attend.
Dick Ruby and family, who spent the summer on the road with the Richards Show, arrived home the first of the week.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 October 2024)
Miss Louise Brackett commenced a nine months school in the Lingreen and Nelson district in the town of Royalton on Monday.
Lost: white Angora goat. A liberal reward will be paid for its return to Theo Buselmeier.
Sile Loucks, who has been visiting at his old home in Canada for the past month, returned to this place on Sunday. Sile says that Canada is all right, but give him Minnesota, and especially Pine City.
It is peasant news to the public at large and especially the parishioners of St. Mary's Church, the fact that the Reverend Rabsteinek will remain here and serve the Pine City and Beroun Church. Many personal appeals were sent to Bishop McGolrick of Duluth, and through his influence, the Rev. Rabsteinek was induced to remain.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 October 2024)
Children ages 2-7 and their parents are invited to come in costume and enjoy a variety of "Pirate & Princess" activities with a snack in the Pine City Elementary School multi-purpose room.
The Andersons' Rock Creek Relics Corn Maze is open on Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12 at 54433 Forest Boulevard in Rock Creek.
Vintage train trip: Milwaukee Road Steamer #261, with two blocks of vintage passenger coaches, will pass through Henriette around 2:30 p.m. since freight trains have higher priority, the time given is approximate.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 October 2024)
Help needed in tracking Trumpeter Swans: Trumpeter Swans are large, weighing 25 to 30 pounds or more, with seven to eight foot wing spans. Their feathers are pure white and can be found in any Minnesota county during the fall migration. Minnesotans can help track trumpeter swans by reporting sightings to the Department of Natural Resources non-game wildlife department. People should note the date, location, number of white adults and the gray in color, young adolescents.
Piano Workshop comes to Pine City: A three-hour workshop on playing piano without reading music is coming to Pine City. Kris Simonson will teach the nationally renowned, “How to Play Piano in Three Hours” workshop on Monday, October 11.
The Pine City Library will hold a used book sale on Friday and Saturday. Paperbacks will be sold for 25 cents each or five for $1. Hard covers cost 50 cents each or three for $1. A $1 bag sale will be featured on Saturday.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 October 2024)
The Minnesota Highway Department is studying the possibility of constructing and interchange between Interstate 35 and the Henriette Road north of Pine City. The commitment to begin the study came after a rapid round of politics last week.
Featured at Pine Clothing, “The Men’s Store,” Buzzard Boots, rough, tough, thick, slick leather with a wedge sole, squishy ankle wrap and rope laces.
Five area saddle clubs will participate in the recreation of the spirit of the Pony Express, to raise money for Camp Courage. The Pine Creek Saddle Club of Rutledge will take the first leg from Willow River to Sandstone. The Hinckley Saddle Club will carry the mail from Sandstone to Hinckley. The Chengwatana Riders will cover the run from Hinckley to Rush City. The Double RC Saddle Club will take the run from Rush City to Braham and the Sky High Riders of Braham will complete the run, carrying the now heavy load from Braham to Cambridge.
A 200-acre discing project was recently completed in the Chengwatana State Forest east of Pine City. It was performed to prepare the site for seeding Norway Pine and White Spruce this winter.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 October 2024)
The school newspaper is being started again this year, after being discontinued for two years.

At the meeting of the County Board held on Tuesday, freeholders from the unorganized towns of Belden, Dosey and Keene petitioned that these towns be reorganized into one township, which was granted by the board.
Priscilla, the fastidious pig, who performed at Pine City Feed and Produce on Tuesday of this week, surely was an example of what an animal can do with the proper handling and training. Great crowds gathered at all the shows, and a total of 748 people came and went throughout the day. Priscilla ate at the table with a knife, fork and spoon, turned on the radio, ran a quiz show and ran an electric vacuum cleaner.
The Jolly Thimble Club held a picnic at the dam on Sunday. Everyone had a wonderful time and the following families attended: John Heydas, Richard Heydas, Allan Johnsons, Otto Haugs, Roy Henrys, William Gilberts and Harry Haugs.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 October 2024)
One of the big social events of the season took place last Tuesday afternoon, when more than 50 friends gathered at the home of Mrs. F.A. Hodge at a farewell party in honor of Miss Susan Shearer, who will leave here after some 40 years and return to St. Paul to retire.
Quite a little damage was done to two automobiles when they ran together last Thursday evening on the state highway in town. Ray Point was the driver of one of the cars, and the other was driven by Ray Anderson. Miss Clara Heyda, who was in the Anderson car, was quite badly bruised and shaken up but not seriously injured. Point received a cut over his right eye.

Les Wilcox of football and track fame at Macalester College, has a strong rival for athletic honors in his own family. The college writes us that Ernest Wilcox has already distinguished himself and won a steady berth on the eleven.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 October 2024)
In view of the fact that smallpox is prevailing to so great an extent throughout the entire country and that the danger from infection will be increased as cold weather comes on, all schools throughout the state, at the fall opening, must require a certificate of vaccination before admitting a pupil.

Quite a number from this place went to the Twin Cities to welcome the 13th and get a look at President McKinley.
Andrew Burger's little daughter was quite badly bitten on the arm by a large house rat last Saturday.
J.L. Van Gordon has a fine new residence in course of construction on his farm, three miles east of town. John believes in keeping abreast of the times.
Quite a sensation was created the first of the week by the appearance of a mad dog on the streets of the village, and several local canines were reported badly 'chawed up.' The village marshall is keeping a sharp lookout, and if necessary will exterminate the unfortunate 'perps.'
Work on the road between Chengwatana and the copper mines is progressing finely under the supervision of Messrs. Smith and Chase. They expect the machinery here in a few days and it will be put in position as soon as possible. They will also build a large boarding house, barns and before long, copper ore will be shipped from here by the car load. The machinery will consist of a diamond drill, engine, boiler, and crushers.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 October 2024)
Human remains found buried beside house: Workers replacing the foundation of a house on the shore of Pokegama Lake made a gruesome discovery on October 13 according to the Pine County Sheriff's Office. Possible human remains had been unearthed during the construction project on the 15000 block of Sunset Trail, on the eastern shore of Pokegama Lake. According to county reports, the house was built in 1951, and the current couple has owned the building since 1999.
A Pine County deputy described the remains as "skeletal" and it appeared that the deceased individual had been buried at that location for at least several decades.
At this time, it is unknown whether this is a previously undisturbed historic burial site or something else. A historic burial site is a possibility and that is why there is an anthropologist and a archaeologist looking at the remains.
Needless to say the owners were taken aback by the dramatic discovery on their property.
City, county mull long-term lease: The Pine County Board has approved the general terms of a proposed lease agreement with the city of Pine City that will extend the city's use of the main floor of the Pine Government Center for another five years. The new lease terms will take effect January 1, 2015 and continue through the end of 2019.
The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources urges motorists to be especially alert this autumn to avoid vehicle/deer accidents.
When you see deer along the roadside, reduce your speed and be wary of any sudden movement. If a deer crosses the road, others may follow in its path. And while deer may be seen crossing roadways at any time of day, they are most active at dawn and dusk. Drivers can avoid hitting deer by slowing down during these hours and being particularly alert in areas where deer typically cross.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 October 2024)
Girls hoops: An organizational meeting for Pine City Hoops girls basketball will be held on Saturday, October 16 at the high school gym. Girls in grades five through eight may participate.
The Pine City Civic Center could open this winter: Board members ask city for advance on financing so skating can start.
The construction on the Pine City Civic Center is proceeding ahead of schedule.

The civic center association is attempting to raise the necessary funds so the building can be used for skating this winter.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 October 2024)
Jackie Pangerl is the 1974 Pine City High School Homecoming Queen.
Last Friday night, the Pine City football squad went out before a large Homecoming crowd and soundly beat the previously unbeaten Hinckley Vulcans 16-8. This was the first victory for the Dragons this season, and it was the best they have played all year.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 October 2024)
Monday, October 10, will long be remembered by the residents of Pine City as the day of the "Big Blow," the likes of which had never been seen here, even by the oldest residents. The storm started brewing in the morning with a heavy downpour of rain, and then the wind came on, reaching its height here about two o'clock in the afternoon. The storm was general throughout the state, and velocities close to 90 miles per hour were recorded at the airport in Minneapolis. In Pine City, extensive damage was done to trees, some windows broken, shingles torn from roofs and some damage done to the fence around the ballpark at the fairgrounds, but with no apparent damage to the light towers
Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Betz have sold the Riverview Diner, which they have operated for over a year. The new owners, Walter and Mabel Wilprecht, will take possession on Saturday, October 15.
The Pokegama Parent Teachers Club will meet at the school house Friday evening, October 21. All are invited to attend. Mrs. Harold Seedorff and Mrs. Rudy Smetana are on the eats committee.
The Girls Interest Group is collecting old clothes that are in good condition for the faculty of schools in Hiroshima. Anyone having any clothes to give away may leave them at the Joe Pechacek residence by November 1.
The Henriette Commercial Club will sponsor another card party and white elephant sale October 19 at the Henrietta Village Hall.
Sorry, please change the last sentence of the last article for 75 years ago to read ... at the Henriette, not Henrietta, Village Hall.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 October 2024)
Completing a 600- mile "hike" that was interspersed with rides proffered by kindly motorists, Miss Louise Thieman, 19-year-old Pine City girl, and her cousin, Miss Luella Rupert, reached Peru, IL. on Tuesday, October 14 at 11:45. The two girls left Pine City last Friday, traveling 35 miles the first day, 175 the second, 166 miles the third, and then the final jaunt into Peru the fourth day.
Bernie Hady has a cabbage that weighs 36 and one-half pounds.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 October 2024)
A moose visited the farm of Fred Glasman one day last week. Mrs. Glasman, thinking some of these stock had got loose, started for the barn when his mooseship walked off into the woods.
There will be a dance at Hetzenecker's Hall tonight. Good music and a good time guaranteed.
The county commissioners were in session the first of the week and several road appropriations were made, one for the sum of $325 to be expended on the road between Pine City and Hinckley.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 October 2024)
Human remains 'historic,' to be re-buried elsewhere. A team of law enforcement and archaeological experts have determined that skeletal human remains discovered in Pokegama Township on October 13 were buried long before a house was erected on that site in 1951. The Pine County Sheriff's Office reported that the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Anoka County Medical Examiner and Hamline University anthropologists had determined that the human remains were "most likely connected to a historic burial site."
The sheriff's office reported that it was not known as to where the skeletal remains will be relocated, "but all parties agreed that re-internment will follow cultural guidelines."

The whole experience was unusual for Pine County officers working the case, who had to stand guard over the site and treat it like a potential crime scene until the exact nature of the remains were determined.
Lights, camera and action! Those are the very words that will be echoed on Saturday, October 25, as the Pine City School staff presents the 25th anniversary addition of the Blackboard Review.
Landmark or eyesore? Either way, old Pine County Jail building is no more. Pine County construction crews first hallowed out the interior of the old Pine County Jail, then knocked down the walls and cleared away debris, leaving the site open for its future use as a parking lot serving Pine Government Center.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 October 2024)
Local man offers free chess lessons: Free chess lessons are being offered on Tuesdays by Tom Miche of Pine City.
Anyone interested in learning the game may meet Miche in the community room at Pine City Hall at 3:30 p.m. The next session will be Tuesday, October 26.
County getting estimates for Highway building in Sandstone, discusses moving more offices out of Courthouse: The Pine County Board voted 3-2 last week to get cost estimates for constructing a 5,000 or 8,000 square foot building in Sandstone. The building would house the highway engineering offices.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 October 2024)
Kenneth L. Clementson, Mayor of Pine City, proclaimed Wednesday, October 30, Dr. A.K. Stratte Day in Pine City, a day for “all citizens of our community to honor Dr. Stratte for his more than 50 years of dedication to this community.”
A fire in the forested area known as St. Croix Flats, southeast of Pine City near Highway 70, began Monday and was still burning Tuesday. No buildings were in danger, and a fire break had been cut around the blaze. The Department of Forestry estimates that 2,000 - 2,500 acres will be burned.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 October 2024)
Dean Stoffel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stoffel, is about to release a carrier pigeon with a message for the Minneapolis Star- Tribune that he was the top carrier in Pine City when he turned in the most subscriptions to these papers in a recent contest.
Death came to Pine City’s dean of businessman when Adam M. Biedermann passed away at Lakeside Hospital last Monday. He had been seriously ill for the past six weeks.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 October 2024)
The Sauser Hardware store was broken into last Monday night and two 22 rifles were taken.
L.F. Appleby has rented his farm south of town and will move to Pine City for the winter. He has two or three houses in view and may possibly get the Carlson house on the north side of the river, where the Ira Holt family has been living.
J.L. Shuey tendered his nephews and nieces a real surprise recently when he arrived from California for a visit at the Shuey farm east of town.
The dance at Prochaska’s Hall Saturday October 25 was just dandy. The Beroun Orchestra played.
Little Winifred Dodd had the misfortune of being run over by a wagon last week. The doctor was called, but he reported no serious injury. Her mother, while trying to rescue her, was some bruised.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 October 2024)
County Superintendent of Schools Blankenship has spent the past couple of weeks in the northern part of the county visiting schools. He reports that the high water has taken out the bridges so that it was impossible for him to travel with his horse and was compelled to leave him at Willow River for a few days.
Arnold Cranton purchased the old F.A. Hodge residence recently occupied by A. Pennington last week and has a crew of carpenters at work erecting a new barn and making other improvements.

Cape, as he is better known, has rented his farm two miles west of here for two years to the Smith Brothers.
During the week past our town has been crowded with farmers from all directions of the surrounding country hauling in their grains for shipment to the Pine City Roller Mills. Taken from the Moose Lake paper.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 October 2024)
All volunteer thrift store pours earnings back into Pine City: The best part of New Horizons Thrift Store, for the unpaid volunteers whose staff it, is that after paying their monthly bills, the rest of the money goes back into the community.
Human remains may be of Ojibwe descent: Rumors of Al Capone slayings and missing person identification may have been laid to rest at the site in Pine City where two bodies have been recently unearthed. Hamline anthropology forensic students, along with officials from the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, are leaning toward the remains found on the eastern shore of Lake Pokegama being those of Ojibwe descent.
Trunk or Treat: Parents are invited to bring kids to “Trunk or Treat” on Friday October 31, from 6-7:30 p.m., at the Pine City Evangelical Free Church parking lot. Participating businesses on 5th Street Southeast (between second and third Avenues) in Pine City invite kids and pets to trick-or-treat until 7 p.m. on Friday, October 31.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 October 2024)
Hallelujah Party: All families interested are invited to a Hallelujah Party on Sunday, October 31. It will be held at 5 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Pine City, beginning with a light supper. Games, prizes, food and fun will be featured. The event is sponsored by the Pine City Ministerium. Do not wear scary costumes.
Congratulations to the 1999 Dragon Girls Tennis Team – 1999 Section 7A Champions!

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 October 2024)
Early Tuesday morning, the Hardy Onash’s had the misfortune of losing their barn by fire. The barn contained some animals, which were lost. The fire was not discovered until it was well underway, but the volunteer fire department was able to save the other buildings. Many of our residents are alarmed by the many fires we have had all around us recently, and we understand no fire permits are to be issued until further notice.
Meet a new teacher: Stephen Hallan has been hired to fill the new position of media technician at PCHS. He is a native of Bagley and graduated from the Hutchinson Area Vocational Technical Institute.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 October 2024)
With the 20-12 win over a tough St. John’s Prep aggregation, the Dragons finished their 1949 season with a perfect record of eight wins against no defeats.
After a cloudy week of chilly rains and the first appearance of snow, the weather of last Sunday was ideal for the annual Saint Joseph Parish Bazaar at Beroun. Some 375 people gathered at the basement hall for the chicken dinner, and many remained to patronize the other bazaar features.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Boo returned Tuesday of last week from their wedding trip and are at home in their new residence recently built for them in the southwest part of town. A charivari and surprise party was held on Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henrikson’s Monday evening. About 25 were present and lunch was served at the close of the evening; 500 was played by all.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 October 2024)
President Coolidge was returned to office at the election last Tuesday by an overwhelming vote that equals that for the late president, Harding, four years ago.

Pete Resch is building a new home on his lots in the south part of town. The work of construction is well underway and they expect to have the house ready to move in within a short time.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 October 2024)
The residence of William Staples narrowly escaped destruction by fire Wednesday, October 24. But willing hands and a goodly supply of water soon extinguished the blaze.
Levi Ardner commenced the erection of a new schoolhouse in District No. 1 on the Government Road at what is known as the Freedom Landing, one mile north of Chengwatana. Levi expects to have it completed in about three weeks.
John Selzak met with a painful accident while working for the St. Paul and Duluth railroad at Duluth. In some way, a large timber struck him on the head, fracturing his skull.
Beroun can boast a brand new schoolhouse built on Chalupsky's addition to Pine County.

W. H. Gilson and Mr. Henderson have arrived in Beroun from western Minnesota and have settled. Mr. Gilson bought the Diebert farm and Mr. Henderson the C.E. Tuttle place. They make a good acquisition to our community.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 November 2024)
Veterans dinner: On Tuesday, November 11, all veterans are invited to a free dinner in celebration of Veterans Day at the Pine City American Legion at noon.
An observation with winter approaching. You know you're a hardy Minnesotan when ... a foot of snow isn't a lot of snow.
Flower Box marks 65 years of bringing joy, doing business: Bob Thiry first threw open the doors of The Flower Box in Pine City in October of 1949 and looked sharp in sport coat and tie as he greeted guests to the store for the Flower Box's anniversary party celebrating 65 years of business in October 2014.
Cindy and Richard Novy took over The Flower Box from Thiry in 1977.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 November 2024)
Voters say no to Levy and building questions: Voters in Pine City School District declined, by a very narrow margin, to support both the access Levy proposal and building referendum on last Tuesday's ballot.
The $15.25 million building bond would have allowed the district to add classrooms for fifth, sixth and eighth graders at Pine City High School, to add a Fine Arts Center to the building and a physical education and fitness facility.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 November 2024)
Tom Connaker of Pine City accidentally drove his car through the front window of Woll's Pharmacy Friday afternoon. His brakes failed as he was parking diagonally. John Woll estimated the damage at $4,500.
Juette Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peterson of Pine City and a freshman at the University of Minnesota, Saint Paul campus, bowled a 235 game to set a new conference record on the U of M bowling team.
A couple of deputies were in Beroun last Sunday to take care of the excessive dog population, but the lucky dogs were nowhere to be found. Perhaps visiting, it being a Sunday.
Sheriff John Kozisek was re-elected in Tuesday's election. Jim Youngbauer won in the First Commissioner District.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 November 2024)
Christmas Seal workers everywhere in the United States have encircled the date, November 21, on their calendars, it was announced this week by Mrs. Fred Holstein, Junior, local Christmas seal chairman. That day will mark the beginning of the 43rd annual campaign to raise funds for fighting tuberculosis.

Negotiations for the purchase of the privately owned toll bridge over the St. Croix River connecting Minnesota Trunk Highway 70 east of Pine City with Wisconsin State Highway 70 west of Grantsburg have been completed by the Wisconsin State Highway Commission, with approval of the Minnesota Commissioner of Highways. The bridge will become toll free as soon as legal formalities are completed. The span had been owned by the St. Croix Interstate Bridge Company.
In this paper is an announcement telling of the opening of a new barber shop by Fred Karsky. It will be located in the Pine City Hotel building.
A crowd of about 50 people journeyed to Hinckley Friday evening to chivaree the Harold Berndts.
The Pine City High School Dragons roared right into an undefeated and untied football season when they knocked over a very good football team from St. John's Prep School of Collegeville. The Dragons now become one of the few elite teams in the state boasting and untarnished record for the season.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 November 2024)
D.R. Wilcox, Paul and Otis Schmidt and George Dahlstrom of Rock Creek and William Miller of Rush City left for the North Woods last Saturday, where they will put in a few days in the quest of venison.
The Bill Schroeder's House in West Pokegama burned to the ground Thursday night. The people were unable to save any furniture, clothing or coal to keep them running.
Work has been started on the bridge over Mission Creek near the Pobuda farm and expect to have it completed this fall.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 November 2024)
Mr. Staples, who for the past year has held the position of head miller for the Pine City Milling Company, departed for his home at Elk River, Monday. Frank Poferl has charge of the mill for the present.
The dancing party given last Saturday evening at Pioneer House Hall was one of the most enjoyable parties given in this place for some time. The music was first class and everything was done to make the guests enjoy themselves by mine host Ingraham.
George Perkins' team took a lively run for themselves Tuesday morning. They started at the flour mill and ran up Third Avenue to the bank, where they brought up against an electric light pole, breaking it entirely in two. Aside from that and a few breakages about the harnesses, no damage was done.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 November 2024)
Chili Cook-off contest: During halftime of the football game on Sunday, November 16, the Pine City American Legion will host a Chili Cook-off contest with prizes for the best entries.

Winter punches in early, what a difference a day makes: Bare lawns and clear streets on November 9 turned white in a matter of hours, and the snow kept coming all day long on November 10, eventually totaling 14 inches. Pine City Schools and Pine Technical and Community College closed early, as did a number of local businesses. Those that could stay home stayed home, some ventured out with shovels and snow blowers, while others were forced to battle the icy roads. By the morning of November 11, city and county crews were well on their way toward clearing the streets of Pine City, but few will forget the November blizzard of 2014.
USDA declares Pine County disaster area: The USDA's Farm Service Agency has designated Pine County and 17 other counties as primary natural disaster areas, making farmers and ranchers in those counties eligible to be considered for emergency loans to help recover and rebuild from the extensive damage caused by this summer's heavy precipitation and flooding.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 November 2024)
The pressure's on: The City will require owners to erect a fence around old building. The Pine City Council will keep the pressure on the owners of the old Land O' Lakes plant to secure the structure

from intruders, deciding last week to require a fence around the property. Acting on the recommendation of council members, the group voted to notify the developers who recently finalized the purchase of the building from Central Rivers Co-op, that they must comply with the city's Blight and Public Safety Ordinance or be charged with a criminal misdemeanor.

Hats and mittens: Pine City Community Education is offering a class on making fleece hats and mittens. It will be held on Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon at Pine City High School.

City Council advances money to get Civic Center open: Money from a 30-day certificate of deposit will be used to pay the Pine City Civic Center Association the remaining $25,000 the city pledged toward the arena project. The Pine City Civic Center Board of Directors approached the council last month about advancing the money so it can complete the building and open for skating this winter.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 November 2024)
Announcement was made last week that Mr. Bruce Quiggle of Braham has purchased the Hinckley Granite Works. The Hinckley Granite Works has been in operation in Hinckley for the past 48 years. The business was founded by Nels Maygren in 1926.
Bruce Reiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reiser of Beroun, has been named to the 1974 All Conference Football Team, announced this week by his football coach, Ham Nelson.

The Pine City organization of the Women's Christian Temperance Union met on Tuesday at the home of Willard Smith.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 November 2024)
The Hinckley Post of the American Legion will hold their annual turkey stag at the Legion Hall on Thursday evening of next week. Manager Jeff Hurley has made arrangements for a large number of dressed and live turkeys, geese, ducks, and chickens for the occasion. All men invited.
George Biedermann, son of the late Adam Biedermann, formerly employed in Minneapolis, has returned to his former home, Pine City, to become manager of the meat department in Gambles Supermarket.
Mrs. C.M. Young of the Gambles store is happy to announce the beginning of a class in Dresden Craft.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 November 2024)
Fire razed the Island Farm Creamery at Hinckley early Friday morning, causing $13,500 in damage. Fireman fought the flames during one of the coldest nights of the season and midst a snowstorm. The loss placed on the machinery is about $9,000, supplies, $1,000, and the building, $3,500.
Strohkirch Bros. Lost a fine horse last Saturday which died.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 November 2024)
Otto Will, of Hinckley, spent the time between trains on Thursday in the county seat attending to Legal business.
Chas. Avery of North Branch, manager of the Northwestern Telephone Company, was in this Village Wednesday and while here placed a telephone in the courthouse and rented the room in the rear of the Connor Saloon for a central office. As soon as the polls and wire arrive, they will put in a local exchange. We understand that the rate will be $1.50 per month for a business place.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 November 2024)
Despite petition, no speed bump on 7th Street: The Pine City Council has received a petition signed by 26 people to add a speed bump along 7th Street Southwest, south of Hillside Avenue. After considering the petition, council members concurred with the city's public works committee recommendation to not install a speed bump at that location.

No recount in Pine City mayor's race: A gap of only seven votes separated Mayor-elect Carl Pederson and current Mayor Paul Janssen in the 2014 General Election, but Janssen has chosen not to call for a recount.
Janssen said he would not ask for a recount because that recount would not be publicly funded.
Open skating/open hockey: There is open skating at the Pine City Civic Center on Sunday, November 23.
The Pine Gardeners will meet Tuesday, November 25 at 9 a.m. in the Pine City Library community room. Small Thanksgiving centerpieces will be made from gourds. Supplies will be available. Visitors are welcome.
Pine City Elementary School has a new drop-off zone for students in grades 3-6, and school officials hope that this will make the morning rush safer for students and less congested for parents.
The drop-off zone is on Eighth Street Southwest between Seventh and Eighth Avenue Southwest just west of the elementary school.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 November 2024)
Ice House class: A class on building a wooden Ice House is being offered through Pine City Community Education.
It is open to teams of two, who will supply their own materials to build and 8x8 or 4x8 Ice House. The class will meet from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 4 and 11, in the Pine City High School shop room. There is a fee, which must be paid prior to the start of the class.
Minnesota ranked healthiest state in the nation again.
For the fourth consecutive year, and the seventh time in 10 years, Minnesota is the healthiest state in the country, according to a national report released recently.
The report, previously prepared by ReliaStar and this year prepared by United Health Group, ranks the health of all 50 states according to several criteria, including lifestyle, access to health care, occupational safety and disability, disease and mortality. Minnesota comes out on top, thanks to low premature death rates, low unemployment, low risk of heart disease, high rate of high school graduation and high rates of health insurance coverage.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 November 2024)
Fred and William Holstein donated a 110 volt A. C. Generator with 3,500 watt capacity to the Pine City Fire Department. It will be used to generate electricity at fire sites for lights, smoke exhaust fans and other emergency equipment.
Ron Henderson is the new welding instructor at Pine City's Area Vocational Technical Institute. A 1961 graduate of Pine City High School, he has worked in welding for 12 years in our local area.

The Pine County Planning Advisory Commission held a hearing Tuesday, November 12 in Hinckley on the proposed rezoning to general use of property on the south end of Pokegama Lake, including the old hospital building next to Pine Manor. Area residents, including all 25 members of Pokegama Estates, Inc., which adjoins the property involved, oppose the move.
Cassidy's Restaurant ad: "If you're paying more than $4.50 for prime rib, you're being extravagant. This year we are featuring Thanksgiving dinner at last year's prices."
Cranberry pudding by Mrs. Donald Schwarz of rural Pine City is the first winner in the Pioneer's new feature, Community Cookbook. She will win a free six- months subscription to the Pioneer.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 November 2024)
Deer hunting in Pine County this year has been spotty, but in no sense of the word has it been as good as preceding years.
Leo Smetana arrived home Saturday of last week, pleasantly surprising everyone. He has been employed at Mahal, ND, for the past six months.
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swedlund have purchased the Leroy Stewart grocery store in Brook Park and are taking possession Tuesday of this week.

The school carnival last Thursday was well-attended and was very successful financially. Loren DeLong was crowned queen for the year 1949-50 at the carnival.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 November 2024)
Gust Hoffman was killed in Noxon, MT, being stabbed and robbed of his watch and some money. Mr. Hoffman's remains were brought to Pine City for burial.
Wm. Challeen, local radio enthusiast, told us the other day that he picked up Kelsea, Wales the other night about 11 p.m. He was using his father's federal radio at the time.
The Jack Seedorfs moved to Pine City last Monday, where they will make their new home.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 21 November 2024)
Willie, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Pennington, was run over by a horse and buggy in the middle of the street last Friday morning. Aside from a badly bruised ear, no serious results will follow the accident.
We noticed that Mr. Walker, our popular station agent, has a new wagon, all painted red, in which to carry the mail to and from the post office. The mail from and to this place has increased so during the past year that it is impossible for the agent to carry. So the postal department supplied him with the wagon.
In response to invitations, a party of young people gathered at the home of Miss Amber Rice, last Friday evening to participate in an old fashioned candy pull. Clinton McKusick had charge of the culinary department and performed his arduous duties in a highly satisfactory manner. After the candy had been disposed of to the satisfaction of all present, games were indulged in until about 12 o'clock, after which the treat of the evening came in the shape of a recitation by Miss Rice, entitled, "A Face in the Moonlight," rendered in a manner showing that Miss Rice is an elocutionist of no mean ability.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 November 2024)
Judge rules Old Mill must go: Pine City officials are continuing with the process of cleaning up the former Pine City Mill property, bolstered by a court order that entitles the city to conduct environmental studies of the site along with complete demolition of the buildings.
Suppliers, homeowners stocking up on propane: Homeowners and suppliers are filling up propane tanks as winter 2014-15 begins, hoping to stave off the shortages and price spikes that marked January 2014.
The price of a gallon of propane leapt from just over $2 to nearly $5 in late January 2014 as supplies ran short.
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will host their annual free Thanksgiving dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 825 Golf Avenue SW, in Pine City.
Small Business Saturday: Shop local in Pine City on "Small Business Saturday." Participating businesses will offer special promotions and deals. Customers will have the chance to sign up to win Chamber Bucks in a prize drawing on December 23.
Pine City Holiday Madness: Friday, December 5 is the annual Holiday Madness celebration and Christmas Carol parade in Pine City. The parade begins at 6 p.m. on Main Street. Prizes will be awarded by the Pine City Pioneer to a first and second place winner for the most creative and/or entertaining floats. After the parade is the tree lighting and holiday program in Robinson Park.
Build a Gingerbread House! The Pine City Public Library invites families to get in the holiday spirit with a Gingerbread House making program on Saturday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Supplies will be provided.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 November 2024)
Ventura attends dedication of new prison: The $89 million Minnesota Correctional Facility at Rush City is the first prison to be built in the state in two decades, and the only level 4 facility in Minnesota's correctional system.

Governor Jesse Ventura was among the dignitaries who attended and spoke at the dedication ceremony on November 16.
Chengwatana, home of the Governor's Christmas tree: A 34-foot white spruce from the Chengwatana State Forest east of Pine City will lend holiday splendor to the lawn of the Governor's Mansion in St. Paul this season.
It's the third consecutive year that the official state tree has come from the Pine City area forest, but this year its cutting drew Twin Cities media coverage.
A cellular 2000 ad: It's 20 below and her car won't start. Boy, is she glad you didn't buy her a blender this year.
In fact, a digital phone could be one of the most valuable gifts ever. And right now, Cellular 2000 has Nokia digital phones for as low as $59. Not to mention a huge "no roaming" home rate area that includes St. Cloud and Minneapolis. Try that with a blender.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 November 2024)
The Super Value store in Pine City is in the process of enlarging its store area from 6,600 sq. ft. to over 10,000 sq ft., a 35 percent increase.
Basic phone rates in Pine City will go up 12.8 percent from $5.45 to $6.15 for residential service and from $11.70 to $13.20 for business phones, Northwest Bell announced.
Jimmy Youngbauer and Marty and Justus Johnson were Friday and Saturday hunting guests at the Donald Schwarz cabin at Cloverdale.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 November 2024)
The American Legion Community Development Program, after a survey of Minnesota towns, has designated Pine City as one of two towns in Minnesota as a sort of "guinea pig" to put their program in operation, the goal of which is to start more businesses and create more jobs right here in this community. Ortonville is the other town chosen for this experiment.
Mrs. Robert Carlson entertained the members of the library board and the librarians at her home Monday evening in honor of Mrs. Portia H. Gunn, secretary of the board for over 20 years, and Mr. A.K.Stratte, outgoing president who served two years.
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swedlund, who have purchased the Stewart Cash Grocery, will have a grand opening Saturday, November 26. Free coffee and donuts will be served all day.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 November 2024)
Vince Parish, one of the old railroad men of this division, was seriously injured here Sunday evening as he was preparing to leave with his train. While on top of a car, he caught his foot or stumbled over a nail protruding from the top of the car and fell to the ground between the cars, landing on his back across a rail, after falling 14 feet. Had the train been moving, he would have been killed immediately. He was rushed to Superior, where he was placed in a hospital.
Cross Lake is frozen over and quite a number of young folks were out for a skate last Sunday.
A farewell party was given at the Charlie Beaver's home last Saturday night for Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Bettinger who are leaving for Iowa where they will make their home.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 28 November 2024)
On Wednesday, J. F. Stone erected a windmill at the Pioneer House to supply water for the same. It is on a steel tower and the wheel is 10 foot in diameter. In a short time he will build a large tank so as to have water in every room. J.F. Stone is always making improvements in his hotel, and is bound to have it up to date in every respect.
The Misses Theresa Erickson and Maggie Heywood finished their schools near Sturgeon Lake Friday and have returned home for the winter vacation.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 December 2024)
Find holiday happiness at Christmas Carol parade: Pine City families will be filling up thermoses of hot cocoa and heading out into the winter night on December 5 to enjoy the annual Christmas Carol

parade – that is, if the thermometer complies. The night of the 2013 parade turned out to be an ugly one, with temperatures of -5 degrees Fahrenheit with a -20 windchill. The youngest citizens of Pine City should take note that Santa Claus himself will be joining the parade again this year and sticking around to meet with young fans and spread the Christmas spirit at Robinson Park after the parade.
Pine County unemployment fell to 4.2% in October, the lowest unemployment rate in the county since before Facebook was invented.
Gas station planned for Wal-Mart parking lot: Murphy Oil USA proposes to construct a gas station and convenience store at the northwest corner of Wal-Mart property in Pine City, and the project cleared the first hurdle by winning a nod from the Pine City Planning Commission last week. Murphy Oil proposes to purchase approximately seven tenths an acre from Wal-Mart at the top of the hill overlooking the Evergreen Square shopping center.
Grasston Lions Club will hold a Potato Sausage Feed on Sunday, December 7 from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. All-You-Can-Eat. $8 Donation at Braham Moose Lodge.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 December 2024)
Armed robber hits Sandstone Credit Union: Two suspects were arrested in Pine County on Monday, November 29 in connection with a bank robbery in Sandstone on November 27 and one in Stacy the week before. One of those men was stopped on I-35 near Pine City shortly before noon on Monday, was arrested and taken to the Pine County Detention Center. The second suspect was apprehended at a trailer house by Pine County deputies and the FBI, which was involved in the investigation.
About Hanukkah: The story of Hanukkah and Jewish Customs will be the subjects of a program in Pine City on Wednesday, December 8. Rabbi Yonassan Gershom of Sandstone we'll speak at the Pine City Senior Dining Site at 11:15 a.m. and at Westchester Apartments at 12:15 p.m.

Dance to Zuks: A "Warm Heart Dance" is being held at the Pine City American Legion Hall to raise money for the Knights of Columbus scholarship fund. The Jolly Zuks will play for the event, which runs from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Saturday. The cost is $5 per person.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 December 2024)
Pine City initiated a first on Monday, December 2, when a girls basketball team, under the coaching of Miss Coltvet, traveled to North Branch to play the first game of their season. Bonnie Swanson, with 10, was High Point player for Pine City. Lori Gross contributed 8 points. Other team members include Tammy Hoefler, Kim Novak and Karen Duzan.
A number of our industrious citizens drove to the Harold Reiser Ranch to help him dress 22 geese and had a fine time doing it.
Z-Bricks, the doit-yourself wall covering, were advertised by Stoffel's Home Improvement Center in Pine City.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 December 2024)
The Undefeated **High** School Football Squad was honored at a banquet sponsored by Pine City businessmen and mothers of the boys Tuesday evening at the Village Hall. The large gathering was filled with turkey and all the trimmings and enjoyed a splendid after -dinner program.

Mrs. W.A. Sauser and Mrs. Karl Vander Horck entertained at a pre-nuptial shower in honor of Patricia Callahan, Saturday afternoon, at the Sauser home. Miss Callahan is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F.F. Callahan. Her marriage to John Klarich, of Buhl, will take place December 26.

Sergeant Wilfred Stockmeyer of Camp Campbell, Kentucky, spent Thanksgiving at the home of his parents, Mr. And Mrs. John Stockmeyer. He drove up with a new "Pontiac 8" accompanied by five boys from the camp who got off at Lake City, St. Cloud and Mora.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 December 2024)

The contents of two first class mail pouches were stolen from the Northern Pacific Depot last Sunday evening and to date, no arrests have been made. Five hobos were in the waiting room that evening to keep warm, while waiting for a freight train. The warehouse door happened to be unlocked, and it is thought that one or two entered, found the pouches, slit them open with a jackknife, hid the rifled pouches under the coal and the five jumped a train out. The only financial loss known so far is a party sending a five dollar bill in a letter.
A bad cold and the la grippe, has been raging quite a little the past week.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 December 2024)
George Veenhoven departed for Rush City Monday, where he went to accept a position in the Rushmore Hotel.
A Biederman is wearing a broad smile this week, on account of the arrival of a 12 pound blacksmith at his residence, Wednesday evening.
Mrs. Pennington has kindly extended an invitation to the women's Reading Club, their husbands and sweethearts, to meet with her next Wednesday evening. The club will hold an open session. Mr. Wilson will give a talk on Scotland.
E. A. Hough loaded his household goods Wednesday and will depart the first of the week for Perkins, Iowa, where they will join Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Armstrong.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 December 2024)
Council rejects gas station in Wal-Mart lot: The Pine City Council overturned the recommendation of the city's planning commission and denied the site plan, variance and minor subdivision request for a proposed Murphy Oil gas station and convenience store at the top of the hill near Wal-Mart.
Therapy dog comes to Therapeutic Services Agency: A new therapist has come to Pine City. She has passed all the exams, has an excellent record, and plans to help out patients of all ages in the Pine City area. She also comes with a tail and four paws to boot. Bertha, an eight-year-old black lab mix, has just become a therapy service dog at Pine City's Therapeutic Services Agency, also known as TSA.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 December 2024)
City orders owners to take major security measures at old Land O' Lakes plant: The old Land O' Lakes plant is an irresistible object to children and teenagers and for purely public safety reasons, the city has ordered the owner to secure the property. The order gives SVS Properties, the developers who purchased the building, 10 days to begin specific procedures, among them boarding up windows, sealing an entire wall, removing a cooler, trees and other debris, constructing a minimum six foot high wood wall on top of some of the roof lines and installing security lights.
"Save yourself! Get a set of ice rescue claws" and article from Minnesota DNR: Every year people drown because they broke through ice they thought was safe. To increase your chances of surviving a sudden, icy dip, you can purchase a set of commercially made ice rescue picks or claws. If you do break through, try to remain calm. Turn in the water toward the direction you came from. That is probably the strongest ice. Dig the points of the picks into the ice and, while kicking your feet, pull yourself onto the surface. Roll away from the area of weak ice. Rolling on the ice will distribute your weight to help avoid breaking through again.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 December 2024)
Vandals struck the Pine City Airport recently smashing threshold and other lights, putting out of commission half of the runway lights. Pilots have been notified of the changed status of the airport, which is not now safe for night landings.
The annual cribbage tournament, with teams from Pine City, Rock Creek and Beroun to slug it out, started last Tuesday with the RayMar crew smothering Beroun 9 to 16. Captain Dick is about to revamp his lineup by next Tuesday as Beroun is determined to keep possession of the trophy they won last year, come what may.

Sheriff ’s report: On December 8, a kind of reverse Christmas spirit was reported. Nine strings of outside Christmas lights were stolen during the night from the Henriette Village Christmas Tree.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 December 2024)
Archie Doran completed a business transaction last week whereby he purchased the eat shop known as Vi’s from Mr. and Mrs. William Bjorklund.
The Dorans have sold their house in Rock Creek and moved to Pine City.

Will car owners changing license plates drop off the old ones at one of the local garages or service stations? Cub Scouts will pick them up and ship them to the Kenny Fund drive now underway.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 December 2024)
Roy Schnapp and family have moved into town and have rented the Kowlke house, where the Al Omans resided before building their new home. Old King Winter has arrived and is making up for the nice weather we had the fore-part of the winter.
Last Tuesday night was the coldest reported so far this year when the thermometer dropped to 12 below with the weatherman stating that we will have colder weather for a spell.

A farewell party was given the Curtis Swansons at the Pokegama Town Hall last Saturday evening. A large crowd was present in spite of the cold night and quite a sum was netted. They had their sale last Tuesday and are expecting to leave for the Cities in the near future.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 12 December 2024)
The ladies of the M.E. Church will hold their annual sale and supper at the Pioneer House Hall Tuesday evening December 19. Following is the bill of fare: roast pork, roast beef, chicken pie, potatoes, turnips, corn, pickles, beets, cucumbers, mustard, beans, brown bread, white bread, rolls, mince, apple, lemon, pumpkin pie, tea and coffee. Price, 25 cents.
We are informed that our sister town on the south, Rush City, has about 15 cases of diphtheria, but they are all in a light form but one proving fatal.
The heating plant in the courthouse has been completed and was started up Wednesday morning. The work of painting and papering the offices is fast nearing completion and when finished Pine County will have one of the finest and most convenient courthouse in the state.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 December 2024)
Sign right here, Santa: Everybody has paperwork, even Jolly Old Saint Nick. Santa Claus took a few minutes out of his busy schedule to stop by the Pine County Sheriff’s Office in order to receive his “Special Landing Permit” from Chief Deputy Jeff Nelson.
Santa is now cleared to land on rooftops throughout the area in order to bring toys and gifts to good girls and boys. Rumor has it that he is especially partial to children who make sure to go to bed very, very early on Christmas Eve. Ho ho ho!
The Pine City American Legion Auxiliary Unit 51 is hosting a free children’s Christmas party at the American Legion in Pine City. There will be cocoa, cookies and snacks, games, prizes and a visit from Santa.
Turn, turn, turn: Pine City became just a bit more urban this past week as left turn arrows were installed on the streetlights at the corner of Hillside Avenue and Main Street.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 Dec 2024)
Need volunteers: The Pine City Civic Center Association needs volunteers to go to Century College in White Bear Lake on Saturday to disassemble bleachers.
Anyone interested may meet at Korbel Arena at 6 a.m. on Saturday. Everyone is welcome.
The Pine Gardeners erected a cute little evergreen in front of Pine City Hall and decorated it with strings of cranberries and blueberries. They rolled suet in seeds and nuts and used it to adorn the branches.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 Dec 2024)
The winners of the turkeys from the drawings at Peterson's store were Axle Anderson, Mrs. Bud Peters, Eddie Schermer and Harold Olson.
Sheriff's report: On the 12th of December, skunks were reported walking through the Pine City business district at about 3 p.m. After doing a little Christmas shopping, they proceeded down the railroad tracks and life returned to normal.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 Dec 2024)
The story behind the establishment of the Pokegama Sanitarium is retold in a new book on tuberculosis in Minnesota called, "Invited and Conquered." The book recalls how Dr. Longstreet Taylor agitated for years for a state sanatorium.
The Buick car of Mrs. Ben Boo was stolen from in front of her home last Saturday evening at about 7 o'clock. It had been left there for a member of the family to drive into the driveway, and before he got around to do it, the car was stolen.
A Coca-Cola ad in the Pine Poker Pioneer features a picture of Santa Claus drinking from a bottle of Coca-Cola. The heading, "He Travels Best Who Travels Refreshed." The price, five cents.
There was a community hymn sing at the Chengwatana Town Hall Friday evening. We had a pretty good attendance, and lunch was served by the ladies.
Pine City Mercantile's Gift Shoppers Guide: Regal Ties for $1, $1.50 or $2. For baby, safe, sturdy Tykie Toys, 39 cents to 95 cents. For Mother, stadium boots, $5.95 to $7.95. Berkshire nylons, $1.35 to $1.75. For brother, gabardine slacks, $8.95 to $14.95. Letter sweaters for $7.50.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 Dec 2024)
Mrs. Leonard McNeal received a broken collar bone when an auto in which she was riding upset Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. McNeal and their two children were on their way to Rock Creek when the car skidded on the icy road and turned over.
Another attempt was made to rob the Jelinek clothing store about 3:30 a.m. last Saturday morning.
Frank Hady is home from St. Cloud to spend the Christmas vacation with his mother and sister. He is a professor in the St. Cloud High School.
A.M. Challeen has donated a box of apples to all the schools and Sunday schools of the community that have had Christmas programs.
Wendell Huber, Mrs. A.W. Gunn, Miss. Clara Kaim and Miss. Alice Petschel drove to the Cities last Thursday in the Gunn car. They found the roads extremely slippery, which made driving anything from a pleasure.
Frank Kadavy lost his granary last Thursday when it was destroyed by fire. About 200 bushels of oats and some potatoes were a total loss.
Mrs. O.E. Nelson has been having quite a time with one of her wisdom teeth and has been unable to scold her old man the past week, but her friends are very glad to hear she is fairly able to attend to her duties again.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 Dec 2024)
Mrs. J.P. Holmberg went to the cities Monday to do Christmas shopping and selected presents for the Sunday School. She might easily have been mistaken for Santa Claus on her return.
German school has closed for Christmas vacation until the second Tuesday in January, 1900.
A gentleman named Pitt has rented J.F. Stone's cottage on the bank of the river and will use the same as a dwelling house and testing station for the long distance telephone.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 Dec 2024)

County tax levy up 5%: The Pine County Board has approved a 2015 property tax levy of $15,199,541, up $711,317 or 4.8 percent.
Cribbage League at the Legion: Cribbage players are wanted for the Pine City American Legion Cribbage League starting Monday, January 5.
New Year's Eve "Day" party: The public is invited to enjoy a time of celebration and fellowship to ring in the New Year during daylight hours beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 31 at Open Arms Church in Grasston. Valet parking is available and seating tables begins at 11:50 a.m. at this free event.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 Dec 2024)
Writers group: The Pines and Prairie writers group will hold its January meeting at the Pizza Pub in Pine City.
The post-holiday celebration will run from 6:30-9:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 4. The February meeting will be held at the high school in Braham.
Winter parking: Pine City residents and visitors are reminded of the City's winter parking ordinance. Parking on all streets is prohibited from 2-6 a.m. from November 1 through March 31. Vehicles will be towed at owner's expense. Any damage occurred by towing will be the owner's responsibility.
We're ready for Y2K: East Central Energy has completed an extensive review of the cooperative's mission critical systems and systems operated by our business partners to minimize the risk associated with Y2K. We are confident that our distribution system will continue to deliver power into the next millennium. East Central Energy has contingency plans in place for the unexpected, such as ice and wind storms and we will be prepared to react if the unexpected happens on December 31.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 Dec 2024)
The Pine City Mrs. Jaycees are sponsoring a babysitting clinic for beginning babysitters. The course will be held for five consecutive Monday evenings at the Pine City Vocational Institute.
Quick response by the Pine City Fire Department kept a wall and chimney fire at the Lyle Powley farm, Route 3, from becoming a blaze that might have destroyed the two-story house. The fire call came at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, December 26.
Playing at the Family Theatre, "What's Up, Doc?" Starring Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benson, owner of Benson AMC Jeep, recently previewed American Motors' new wide small car, the Pacer, at Universal Studios in Hollywood, California.
On the 26th, just passed noon, the Chic Shoppe in Pine City had an unusual customer. A man in his early thirties came into the shop and said he needed a nightgown for a costume party. After choosing one from the store's selection, he asked if he could try it on and was shown a dressing room. Unfortunately, he came out wearing it and nothing else. The sheriff's department was called after he left, but he was not apprehended.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 Dec 2024)
A meeting which may have far reaching effect on the raising of the water in Cross and Pokegama Lakes and the Snake River was held here on Friday, December 23 with U.S. Senator Ed Thye, Congressman Fred Marshall and Chester Wilson, state conservation commissioner. George Sausen acted as chairman of the meeting and called on Mr. Wilson, who covered the history of the litigation that has come up over the Chengwatana Dam since the time it was first put in by logging interests, up to the present day.
"1949: Studebaker's Biggest Year. More people bought new Studebaker cars and trucks in 1949 then in any year before."

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 Dec 2024)
Ruth Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith of West Rock, died of small pox in the Dale Street Infirmary at St. Paul last Saturday evening.

The New Year's Eve dance, given by the local Legion Post, was a very enjoyable affair, and close to 150 couples were there to dance the old year out and the New Year in.
There hasn't been much long distance walking this year, but Phil Silesky still meanders around the country and once in awhile induces someone to hike with him. Last Sunday, he hypnotized Walt Smith to hike to Beroun and back in two hours and 50 minutes. Phil was able to be around as usual Monday and Walt succeeded in dragging himself down to work also.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 Dec 2024)
Mrs. J.Y. Breckenridge was the happy recipient of a beautiful $50 side board for a New Year's present.
Thos. Quinn has rented the J.W. Plummer house and will move his family down here from Brook Park.
The electric light plant has been closed down pending further improvements. The plant has not been giving satisfaction for some time past and the owners have decided to make several improvements before starting up again.
Mr. Levi Ardner will begin work at once to construct a bridge over the Snake River before the ice goes out in the spring, in the amount of $2,715.
The old building known as the Goodwin Barn at Chengwatana was burned to the ground at about 1 o'clock Monday morning. The structure was one of the oldest in Pine County, it having been built in 1855, six years before the outbreak of the Civil War. It was first used for a carpenter shop but since 1864 has been used for stabling purposes.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 Jan 2025)
How low will it go? Gas prices dipped below $2 in Pine City this week for the first time since 2009, part of a nationwide trend of tumbling gasoline prices following a precipitous drop in oil prices worldwide. Last year, 2014, at this time, gas prices were well over $3. It is predicted that prices are likely to rise again before spring and peak in mid-summer, with prices for the Twin Cities region peeking somewhere between $2.85- $3.20.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 Jan 2025)
The 31st annual Snake River Valley Conservation Club fishing derby will be held on Sunday. The Derby runs from 1-3 p.m. on the south side of Lake Pokegama. Prizes are awarded for various fish caught during the contest.
Advertisement in Pioneer newspaper: Battery Service and Charging System Check. Includes: Service battery and fully charge. Clean cables and connections. Check alternator output. Car/ Truck City.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 Jan 2025)
The Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner has reported that a preliminary estimate by the U.S. Department of Agriculture indicates that Minnesota has put the brakes on the four-decade erosion of it's family farm system for the third straight year.
The Pine City Boy Scout Troop 188 picked up around 600 Christmas trees in the Pine City area last Saturday. The trees were hauled to the Scout Forty, where they will be used for winter survival and overnight camping, to be held later this month under the supervision of Arnie Bowers.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 Jan 2025)
Minnesota had 502 deaths from tuberculosis and 3,783 newly reported cases of the disease during 1948, according to information from the state Christmas Seal organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holstein left Saturday by car for New York City. They will visit relatives enroute. On January 6, they will embark on the S. S. Veendam for Rotterdam, Holland, on their way to visit relatives in Germany.

The Pine City hockey team won its first game of the 1950 schedule from Webster, 5-4, last Wednesday evening, on the local rink.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 Jan 2025)
The Holety blacksmith shop building was practically destroyed by fire last Sunday morning. A six cylinder Overland touring car, owned by Alex Pangerl, which was in the building for repairs, went through the fire and was badly burned.
Dr. Olsen is confined to his bed with a severe attack of Quincy and flu, we are informed. Leonard Machart has installed a new three tube radio set and is enjoying it immensely.

Don't forget the big prize dance at the Beroun Pavilion on Saturday. There will be two prizes given to the two best dancing couples on the floor.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 9 Jan 2025)
Fred McKusick and Mike Hurley, who have been spending the holiday with friends and relatives, returned to St. Paul, Monday to resume their law studies at the State "U."
Young man, don't swear: There is no occasion for it outside the printing office, where it is useful when the paper is behind time. It also comes in handy in proof reading and is indispensable when the ink works bad and the press begins to buck. It is sometimes brought into use when the foreman's mad and it has been known to entirely remove that tired feeling of the editor when he looks over the paper after it is printed. Outside of the printing office, it's a foolish habit.

The deputy game warden was in this place on Wednesday, and going to the head of Pokegama, he found five fish houses, which he burned, and came down with an armful of spears, which he took away with him.
F.W. Kvech has opened up a new jewelry store in the rear of Pat Connor's building where he is prepared to do all kinds of watch, clock and sewing machine repairing.

10 Years Ago, 2014 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 Jan 2025)
High radon ongoing health problem in Pine County: Radon – an odorless, colorless and tasteless radioactive gas – is the leading environmental cause of cancer deaths in the United States. And, according to the Minnesota Department of Health, Pine County has radon levels much higher than the national average.
Minnesota has some of the highest radon levels in the country, with the highest rates found in western, southern, and far northeastern Minnesota.
City chokes on $35,000 Trail cost overrun: The Pine City Council agreed to pay its share of the cost for constructing the first phase of the Twin Cities to Twin Ports Trail through town but expressed surprise and disgust at the $35,000 cost overrun. Now the city will need to come up with $35,000 in cuts. Taxpayers are on the hook for it.
Rural mail will suffer with mail plant closures: It is time for lawmakers to consider how rural and small town mail is suffering.
The U.S.P.S. plans to close more than 80 mail processing plants in 2015. Smaller plants will be consolidated into urban plants. It has already closed nearly 150 plants in the past three years and says service was not affected. That is hard to believe, at least in small towns.

25 Years Ago, 1999 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 Jan 2025)
A ten and one-half pound northern was hauled through the ice of Pokegama Lake during the Snake River Valley Conservation Club fishing derby, winning the prize for the largest fish. A Pine City girl, Della Taylor, caught the northern.
Council extends Sunday liquor hours to 10 a.m. Pine City will allow licensed bars, restaurants and clubs to begin selling liquor at 10 a.m. on Sundays, rather than at noon.

State seeks input on protecting rivers, lakes: Open house meetings to start the process of developing a plan to protect Minnesota's rivers and lakes are scheduled throughout the Upper Mississippi River Basin this month.

50 Years Ago, 1974 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 Jan 2025)
Mayor Ken Clementson sustained serious injury on Thursday, January 9 at about 2:30 p.m. when his car was hit by another driver. Clementson was returning from his rural mail route on the road continuing from 2nd Street around the south end of Cross Lake. He was taken to Rush City Hospital with severe neck injuries and minor leg and foot injury.
Following 20 weeks of registrations, the WCMP Scorpion Sweepstakes promotion ended with the drawings for two Scorpion Stinger machines and $1,500 worth of suits, boots and gloves. Ralph Darwin, Pine City, and Betty Classert, Luck, Wisconsin, were lucky winners of the machines.
A complaint has been issued charging two area residents of cruelty to an animal following last week's removal of an underweight female lion cub from an unheated cabin east of Hinckley.
An advertisement: C and S Independent, Inc., 740 6th Street. We are now open to serve you with the lowest gas prices yet. 47.9 for regular, 51.9 for premium.

75 Years Ago, 1949 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 Jan 2025)
The Pine County Agriculture Society this week announced plans for the staging of a Pine County Fair Jubilee to be held at the armory on Saturday, February 11. Announcement of this event begins the fair board's new policy in 1950 of staging at least two civic events in addition to the fair each year.
Pine City School hot lunch menu featured Frankfurt schnitzel, cheese, celery, bread, and butter; Cream of tomato soup, cheese, sauce, bread and butter; Chop suey, rice, cheese, fruit juice, bread and butter.

100 Years Ago, 1924 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 Jan 2025)
Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Jack Woodhead took a couple to St. Peter last Friday.
Mrs. O. W. Barringer took Russell and Raymond to Pine City Saturday to have them vaccinated.
Walter Carlson returned home Friday after spending the winter with the telephone crew in Chicago. Before leaving Chicago he was backed into an alley and relieved of $85.
Ernest Rohlf has changed his day of shipping cattle from Monday to Tuesday as the railroad runs a cattle train on that day.

125 Years Ago, 1899 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 16 Jan 2025)
Dr. R.L. Wiseman was called to Beroun Wednesday morning.
The little flurry of snow that fell on Saturday has brightened up business a little, and it is surprising to see the way cord wood is coming in.
Thos. Henderson has finished filling his large ice house and will be prepared to furnish his customers with ice when the thermometer gets up around the hundred mark.
State Superintendent of Schools Lewis has named the counties where summer schools are to be held, and we see Pine among the number.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 Jan 2025)
City studying environmental hazards at old mill site: Pine City is moving ahead toward demolition of the old Pine City Mill but must test the ground for contaminants before going forward.
City officials said it is hoped that state petroleum clean up funds will be available to help defray the costs; otherwise, costs may be assessed to the property.
Road deaths drop in County: Four Road deaths is four too many, but that tragic 2014 total is nearly half what it was in 2013 in Pine County.
A preliminary report from the Department of Public Safety shows that there were four total traffic fatalities in Pine County last year, down from seven in 2013. This was the second year in a row Pine County Road deaths have dropped. In 2012, there were a shocking 13 road deaths in Pine County.

Hallan named new County Board chair: And it's organizational meeting last week, the Pine County Board unanimously chose commissioner Steve Hallan from the Pine City area to be board chair this year. Commissioner Steve Chaffee, representing the Hinckley area, was re-elected Vice chair for the year.
No fatal fires in Pine County last year: Minnesota fire officials say they are encouraged by the continued downward trend in fire deaths over the past decade, a trend which continued in 2014. There were 41 fire fatalities in 2014 across the state, but none in Pine County according to a preliminary report from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety State Fire Marshal Division.
Road Warriors, Dragons win seven away: The Pine City Dragons boys basketball team is on quite a roll. Not only has the squad won seven games in a row to improve to 12-4, but all seven wins in this streak have come on the road. The Dragons added two more wins this past week and have already equaled last season's win total with 10 games remaining.

25 Years Ago, 2000 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 Jan 2025)
Free throws: All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2000 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship: The local competition will be held Sunday, January 23 at 1 p.m. at Pine City High School.
Civic Center open to public: The Pine City Civic Center is now open for public skating and hockey. Skating hours are noon to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. There will be no charge for public skating or hockey this year.
Brown becomes certified real estate auctioneer: Continental Auctioneers School of Mankato announces the graduation of realtor Maxine Brown of Hinckley on December 11, 1999.
Each student received instruction in all phases of the real estate auctioneer profession and was awarded a diploma and "Certified Real Estate Auctioneer" designation from Rich Haas, president of the school. Brown also completed the personal property appraisal course and was awarded a diploma and the "Certified Personal Property Appraiser" designation.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 Jan 2025)
Dave Trampe came up with what every winter- loving Minnesota child must want, an igloo built from blocks of heavy, hard snow. The snow left by last week's blizzard was perfect for the job.
Sheriff's report: On January 14, the Coffee Shop in Pine City was vandalized. Two adults have been jailed and one juvenile will be petitioned into court for the window breaking incident. The Super Value store in Pine City was burglarized the night of the 15th. Cigarettes were stolen, along with some non-prescription drugs.
Duane Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker of Pine City, recently accepted employment as a physical education teacher in Victoria, Australia.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 Jan 2025)
Upon returning from the annual Convention of County Fairs held at the Radisson Hotel in Minneapolis on Thursday of last week, the Pine County Agricultural Society announced the signing of two more outstanding features to be presented on opening night of the fair this year. Randy Merriman, KSTP radio star, will be on hand with an original show called the "Penny Auction." Another big name in local radio who will be on hand is Burt Hanson, WCCO's tenor, who recently won Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scout program in New York.
Bernard Webber, son of Mrs. Fannie Webber, arrived Wednesday from Norfolk, Virginia. He has received his honorable discharge from the Navy after five years, nine months in service. He spent considerable time in California and Guam.
An hour and a half of colored movies from scenes taken on his trip to the west coast last summer will be shown by Father And. Gallik at the parish hall this Sunday evening, January 22. Everybody is invited.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 Jan 2025)

Phil L. Hamlin, son of William Hamlin of Pine City, is now register of deeds and will complete the unexpired term of the late James H. Wandel, Sr. Which expires January 1, 1927.
The first social venture of the Sokol Society was a decided success when a capacity crowd attended the dance given by the society in the Armory last Saturday evening.
A difference between a “tomahto” and a tomato is regarded by some as the difference between “high culture” and agriculture.
“Dad” Barstow was a visitor in Pine City Saturday between trains.
Miss Tillie Caroon is now employed in the Petchel Cafe, taking the position formerly held by Miss Hattie Haynes.
The young folks are enjoying the coasting on the Bloomquist Hill.
Miss Blanche Kittleson, sister of Mrs. William Bantleon, gave a dance at the schoolhouse where she teaches last Friday night, which netted quite a sum of money to be used in buying things for the children.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 23 Jan 2025)
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Simonton left Thursday morning for their future home at Glenwood, Minnesota.
The Misses Bessie and Lillian Lambert departed Wednesday for St. Paul to be absent a couple of weeks.
August and Ben Bjork, Chas. Stephan and William Fisher, all Pine Town farmers, went to Mud Creek Tuesday to begin operations in the woods, where they have a contract for banking some Pine Timber.
George Perkins displayed quite an amount of detective skill in the manner in which he found and caused the arrest of Black Jack.
Fritz A. Johnson left Tuesday for Sturgeon Lake where he is interested in the Saw mill business. Fritz had been employed in the flour mill at this place for the past two years and has many friends here who are sorry to see him leave but wish him success in his new venture.
After the routine of business, the ladies were invited to partake of a lunch which was served in the good old fashioned GAR style, with baked beans on the side. There was a full attendance and a very enjoyable time. Even the grandsons and daughters of veterans clustered around the tables for a healthy taste of the ancient army viands.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 Jan 2025)
Opinions mixed on NLX station: The Northern Lights Express is a proposed high-speed passenger rail train from the Twin Cities to Duluth. Current plans are for the 155 mile line to make stops in Minneapolis, Coon Rapids, Cambridge, Hinckley, and Duluth/Superior. The top possible speed for the NLX is 155 mph. Current plans have the train traveling between 79 mph and 90 mph for most of the route. The closest proposed station to Pine City, would be in Hinckley.
City water rates among highest in region: Pine City’s residential water rates rank high when compared among seven area cities, between most expensive and second most expensive depending on the amount of water used.
Cost estimates climb for new high school track: With interest, estimated cost of entire tract project comes in at $519,656.
Pine City High School has been planning to build a new track for months, but the estimated cost of the project has risen from $300,000 in October up to $394,700 currently – and with interest included the price tag is over half a million dollars.
Newman retires from Pine County: Pine County Board Chair Steve Hallan presented a commemorative clock to Building Maintenance Supervisor Kevin Newman, who is retiring after 39 years of service to the county. Hallan praised Newman’s work, saying he believes the Pine County Courthouse and other county buildings are looking better than ever, and even the Pine Government Center is looking “ charming.”

25 Years Ago,2000 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 Jan 2025)

Women learn about quilting at meeting: The Pine City Area Christian Women's Club will meet on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the community room at Pine City Hall. All women are invited to attend. Mary White, Pine City, a quilter, will show what can be done with fabric and plenty of time. The cost of a continental breakfast is $2.25.
First Game On Indoor Ice: A huge night in Pine City hockey history came to pass last Tuesday, January 18, 2000, when the Pine City Civic Center opened its doors for the first indoor game. The Dragons took the ice before a giant crowd of cheering fans and came away with a better result than they could have imagined, beating the North Branch Vikings 18-0. Blake Anderson's first period blast made history as the first goal scored in the new arena. The building has been made possible by donations of money and labor from hundreds of Pine City area organizations and individuals. The Pine City Civic Center Association, made up of hockey enthusiasts, has spearheaded the effort.
Great Trail Sled Dog Race slated at Grand Casino Hinckley: More than 100 mushers from around the world are preparing for the third annual Great Trail Sled Dog Race at Grand Casino Hinckley February 3-6.
Many of the participating mushers are top finishers in the famous Iditarod and Grand Portage Passage races. They will compete for $100,000 in cash.
The "Great Trail" is the passage early Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe people used to move their families from Sault Ste Marie and Drummond Isle, Michigan to the Hinckley area.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 Jan 2025)
Pine City Superintendent of Schools C.M Espeseth has been chosen to represent the U.S. educational community in an international study mission. He was chosen by the American Association of School Administrators to travel to Leningrad, Russia and to Moscow, then to Erevan and Zurich, Switzerland.
Brook Park, a reader's comment: "I've been remembering what a handy item a flour sack used to be. Since it now comes in a paper sack, we've forgotten those things that used to be made from material used for those sacks. First thing that comes to my mind is the bloomers that girls used to wear then. Then sometimes they would be used for pillow cases, luncheon cloths and dish towels ..."

75 Years Ago, 1950 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 Jan 2025)
Everett Hill, of Owen, Wisconsin, took possession on Monday of this week of the Red and White store, which he purchased last week from C.M. Dokken, who had been operating the business.
Robert (Bob) Olson on Tuesday of this week took over the management of Gamble's Authorized Dealers Store, which had been operated the past year by Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Young.
Henriette: The Olsen brothers have purchased a snow plow for their truck so Henriette had a thrill to get all streets plowed.
From the Fair Store advertisement: Aunt Jeremiah presented in person all day Saturday, January 28. Making her famous pancakes, served with Staley's Sweetos Waffle Syrup and delicious Folger's coffee. Come in early and bring the entire family.
Word was received from Mrs. Julia Broz that she and the Rudy Skalicky family reached their home in Merrill, Oregon safely. They were held up in Madias, Oregon, for about 12 hours waiting for the snow plows to plow out the highway. They arrived at home Saturday evening, January 14, just before another bad storm had struck the northwest.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 Jan 2025)
H. N. Turner, proprietor of the Family Theatre, has added a new lighting system to his picture machines, which is one of the latest improvements.
Fire destroyed the Chevrolet car owned by Chas. Meriott of Rock Creek last Tuesday morning. Charlie had started for town and became stuck in the snow. He left the car running and returned to the house for a shovel. On his return to the car, it was a mass of flames which could not be put out. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is thought that either it became overheated or was caused by backfire through the carburetor.

A.M. Challeen and son, William, were visitors in the Twin Cities last week, making the trip by auto.
Passengers on the bus going to the basketball game at Forest Lake last Friday evening had quite a thrill when the bus came near to hitting a train on the Y at Wyoming.
Lewis Chalupsky suffered a painful injury last week by driving a large sliver into his hand but is better now.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 30 Jan 2025)
Will draw like a mustard plaster: The North Branch Orchestra, at Hetzenecker's Hall, February 20.
Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, Miss V.E. Griffith and W.J. Gottry attended the blowout at Hinckley, Wednesday night.
Schuyler Kilgore spent the fore part of the week in St. Paul finishing up a deal for the sale of 160 acres of land about a mile north of this place, the consideration being $1,200.
McAllen and Hodge have purchased the Pine City Creamery and will have it put in first class condition at once. They will engage a first class buttermaker and endeavor to put the creamery business on solid basis in Pine County.
The village of Braham was visited by a fire last Friday morning between the hours of eight and nine o'clock. The Lloyd building was completely destroyed, as was also the Braham Journal plant which was located on the second floor. Lloyd and sons succeeded in saving nearly all their stock of merchandise. The building was insured for $1,000.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 Feb 2025)
Miss Pine City represents in St. Paul's Winter Carnival: Jackie Westeren, Miss Pine City 2014-'15, attended the Winter Carnival in St. Paul representing Pine City amongst 90 other town representatives. She visited snow sculptures, met King Boreas and the Queen of the Snows, attended events like the Grand Day Parade, and ice skated in Rice Park.

25 Years Ago, 2000 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 Feb 2025)
Hundreds of mature workers needed for Census 2000: Green Thumb Employment and Training and the U.S. Census Bureau are teaming up to recruit mature workers (55 and older) for Census 2000.
Pine City Civic Center Grand Opening: Sunday, February 6, 12-4 p.m. at 2 p.m.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 Feb 2025)
Kevin L. Petersen, Rock Creek, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Petersen, has been named by Senator Walter F. Mondale among the 10 Minnesotans as nominees to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Petersen will compete for an appointment to the class of 1979.
Craig Pulkrabek, the 17-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Pulkrabek of New Brighton, was rated the second most outstanding soccer player in the state on Thursday January 9.
Sharon J. Ausmus has been named Pine City High School's 1975 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow.
The Snake River Valley Conservation Club will hold a membership party on Saturday, February 8 at the VFW Club room (the old conservation building). Slides of Alaska will be shown by Gerald W. Sword, a 13-year resident of Alaska. Free lunch and free beer will be served to all who have a 1975 membership.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 Feb 2025)
Senior class on the March: This year's Pine City High School senior class is really going places. Not only have they started publishing the Chengwatana again, but plans are now being made for a mimeographed annual.
Lawrence Therrien, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Therrien, recently received an appointment as tax commissioner for Northern States Power Company, all divisions. He will devote his entire time to tax matters for the company.

The Brook Park Beavers gathered at the Henry Hippen home January 30 for their regular monthly meeting. Leroy Hippen demonstrated the making of a rope halter. Doris Eklund showed how to prepare a hot dish.
Lonnie Johnson, Pine City, recently acquired a registered Holstein-Friesian bull from the herd of E.L. Birkeland, Pine City. Change of ownership of this animal, Chengwatana Topper Heart, has been officially recorded by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 Feb 2025)
Three St. Paul men and a 12-year-old boy, trapped Saturday night in a car at the bottom of Rush Lake, 25 feet below the ice, tore open the side curtains, swam up to the small hole through which their car plunged and were rescued.
West Rock: The basket social held at the schoolhouse Friday night proved to be a success. The baskets bring in a total sum of $24.45. Part of the proceeds is to be used for a gas lamp for the school and window shades for the primary room.
Adolph Blazek was around the community selling silos, having quite a number signed up already.
H. W. Daley, president of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, is up and around again and was able to take a little walk outdoors a few days ago. Mr. Daley had a serious attack of heart and stomach trouble.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 Feb 2025)
Jos. Hetzenecker has placed a pin-pool table in his sample room in the Buselmeier block.
Chas. Peterson is home from the woods with a crushed foot, a log having rolled onto it.
Contractor Levi Ardner suspended work on the bridge for a few days last week on account of an accident which befell him the latter part of last week while splitting wood at his residence. An ax, a clothesline and sore head is about the way it ran, but we are pleased to say that he is again at work, his wound having healed.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 Feb 2025)
Plans for construction of a proposed Murphy Oil gas station and convenience store near the Wal-Mart Super Center inched forward last week as the Pine City Council approved a request to create a minor subdivision that would allow splitting off a seven-tenths of an acre from Wal-Mart property at the top of the hill for the project.
Queen Charlotte's Birthday Ball: Enjoy an evening of early 19th Century entertainment with a lively country dance at the North West Company Fur Post. Country dancing was a favorite diversion for the genteel classes in the early 1800s. Dance steps will be taught and called at the ball. Period or semi-formal attire is requested.

25 Years Ago, 2000 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 Feb 2025)
A workshop will begin Tuesday, February 15 for anyone interested in learning how to knit and make mittens.
The Lifestyles Show at the Pine City Armory will be held Friday and Saturday February 18- 19.
Dragon Hockey captains Chris Piha and Aaron Samuelson held the ribbon while Minnesota Lieutenant Governor Mae Schunk did the honors at the ribbon cutting for the new Pine City Civic Center last Tuesday, February 8.
An objection, from the Department of Natural Resources and a letter from the Minnesota Attorney General's office have convinced the Pine City Council not to vacate Third Avenue, Northeast where it terminates at Cross Lake.
The Pine City Knights of Columbus will sponsor a sweetheart dance on Sunday, February 12 at the Pine City American Legion Hall.
The sweetheart dance begins at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available from Knights of Columbus members or at the door.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 Feb 2025)

Bob Kraft, president of the Future Farmers of America, displayed the fabled cream can and the FFA treasure hunt button which makes the cream can worth $25 more to the finder.
Starting Friday, February 14, Pine City telephone customers with one and two party service will no longer hear the operator come on the line momentarily to ask their number on direct dialed long distance calls. Instead, according to Ray Kosbab, Northwestern Bell manager, the number will be automatically recorded on punched paper tape and then processed to customers bills.
The city council was told last week that the city's new sewage treatment building has sunk (estimates varied from eight inches to 24 inches) and instructed the clerk not to pay any more money to the contractors or the engineer until the problem has been corrected.
Grandy became the unexpected stop for a Burlington Northern freight train Wednesday morning, February 5, when it derailed. About 40 cars were in the train, all of which left the tracks, blocking County Road 6.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 Feb 2025)
Ladies, how long has it been since the old gent surprised you by coming home and announcing, "Honey, tonight we are going out to wine, dine, dance, and have a merry old time?" If you have been waiting for a chance like that, you may not have to wait much longer because this coming Saturday night is the evening he undoubtedly is saving for you. It is the night that the Fair Association has set aside as County Fair Jamboree night. There will be lots of good dancing including modern rhythms, as well as square dancing and circle two-steps.
Folks in Grantsburg, Wisconsin are putting everything in readiness for their big mid-winter Log Jam-Boree to be held Saturday, February 18. Three hundred dollars worth of cash and merchandise awards will be given out during an afternoon program that will include a large parade with floats depicting early days.
The 1949-50 basketball captaincy, a reward for leadership, ability and sportsmanship, was accorded Harold Thiry by his teammates.
Harold Karnowski is now attending the U of M for a short course in lumberman's schooling.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 Feb 2025)
A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Wiedemann brothers' home last Sunday afternoon when Miss Doris Scott of St. Paul became the bride of Frank Wiedemann, Junior of this place.
The farm home of Chas. Beckman, one mile north of Rock Creek, was destroyed by fire between 8 and 9 o'clock last Monday morning.
The dance at the Prochaska hall drew a big crowd Saturday night and everyone claims they had a good time even if they did get their feet stepped on.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 Feb 2025)
H. Cheney of Minneapolis is handling the lever in the Burger mill.
Mrs. D. Greeley met with quite a loss last Saturday afternoon at the Merchants Hotel in St. Paul while attending the Assembly of the Women's Reading Club which met in that city the latter part of last week by losing her purse and $53. She and Mrs. Hugh MacLean had been out shopping and coming to the hotel, took the elevator up to the floor that their room was on. While in the elevator, Mrs. Greeley is positive her purse was in her muff. On reaching her room, she unlocked her door and going in threw her purchases and muff on the bed and went out, leaving the door on fastened for five minutes and when she returned her purse was missing.
Tuesday evening, two sleigh loads of our citizens drove out to the pleasant home of Patrick Buckley, about three miles southwest of this place, and spent a very pleasant time playing cards, dancing and visiting until 12 o'clock, when a bountiful supper was served.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 Feb 2025)
Pine City officials have authorized consulting engineer SEH to do the absolute minimum environmental work required in order to proceed with demolition of three buildings on the old Pine City Mill site.

The Pine Pond Hockey Classic will take to the ice this weekend, bringing 3-on-3 style hockey action to Westside Park in Pine City for its fourth year. There will be food, raffles, silent auction and a DJ to keep the fans and players pumped up with a steady stream of music. Visitors to the contest can watch fast-moving, no-goalie hockey.
There will be a fundraiser spaghetti luncheon and bake sale on Sunday, February 22, from 12-4 p.m. at the Pine City American Legion to support Savannah Jo Clifford go for a crown at the National American Miss Pageant.

25 Years Ago, 2000 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 Feb 2025)
The Pine City United Methodist Church invites the public to an open house to celebrate completion of the elevator and new entry to the south side of the building. Elevator rides will be given, and there will be cake, coffee, a free magnet or pin and balloons for the children.

Pine City area leaders meet to plan for “wired community:” The goal is to locate telecommunications hub in Pine City. Community leaders from the greater Pine City area will assemble in late February to Envision what this area would look like as a “wired community” in the new millennium. The workshop will take place at Pine Technical College.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 Feb 2025)
The county board Tuesday defeated a proposal to begin planning for better health care in Pine County, including a proposal to support the planning of a non-profit, non-government supported emergency health care facility for Pine County that might have become a way to keep Pine County Memorial Hospital in Sandstone open. The proposal for an emergency care facility for Pine City met with stiff opposition from some residents of Sandstone.
Smoke billows from the upper story window as fireman fight the blaze which almost completely destroyed the contents of the Ron Utter home on West 7th Avenue, Friday night.
Gene Hanson and Bennie St. John were the only two Dragons in Saturday’s District 25 wrestling competition, but both emerged as champions.
At least two of our citizens are trying to help the economy, with Fred Ausmus purchasing a new Plymouth and Curt Reiser, not to be outdone, sporting a Cadillac.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 Feb 2025)
The Herald Stapf family, living on the old John Tachney farm in Chengwatana, was routed from their beds about three o’clock last Saturday morning when fire broke out around the chimney.
Dick Temke received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holstein of Pine City this week, who at the present time are visiting with relatives in the British zone of occupation, Germany.
Frank F. Rys of Grasston won the county corn growing contest and also placed third in the state with a yield of $133.46 bushels per acre from a field of five or more acres.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 Feb 2025)
Thursday evening, March 5, is the night of the Big Fat Men’s Basketball Game at the Armory. Phil Silesky has accepted the challenge of Judge Wilcox and has gotten together a gang of would-be players who think they can handle the judge’s team. J.P. Peterson is considered the star of the Silesky team and has taken the game very much to heart. He and his teammates were together last Monday evening, on their way to the Armory through the alleys so their opponents wouldn’t get wise. Peterson was overheard to say that he hadn’t smoked for a week and his wind was much better. Silesky has increased his daily walk about 10 times to get in shape.
For the first time in history, the inauguration of a president will be broadcast by radio when, on the morning of March 4, all America will tune in. The Gold Medal Station, WCCO, is included in a list of 12 outstanding radio stations over the country which will broadcast the ceremony and inaugural address of President Coolidge.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 Feb 2025)

Another fire at Rush City this week burned out Tilquist's blacksmith shop.
Dr. Wiseman's team took a lively run from the Bede residence on the north side of their quarters in the west end Tuesday but did no damage.
Peter Engel met with quite a serious accident last Monday. While in the act of opening a bottle of champagne, the bottle broke and a piece of glass struck him on the cheek, severing one of the small arteries causing it to bleed profusely for some time.
The ball given Tuesday evening by the members of the K of R was one of the pleasantest Terpsichorean events of the season. About 50 couples were in attendance, and it is needless to say all thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 Feb 2025)

The Pine County Board approved writing a letter in support of a plan to study the feasibility of bringing wild elk to the Nemadji State Forest.
Mike Schrage, wildlife biologist for the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, said elk or native to Eastern Minnesota back when the 1837 and 1854 ceded territories were established, and bringing elk back to the region would help to diversify and restore the traditional wildlife heritage, which goes beyond whitetail deer and moose.
The public is invited to "Super Saturday" classes at Pine Center for the Arts. Paint an acrylic landscape scene with Peg Skalicky or paint daisies blowing in the wind with Cindy Furstenberg.

25 Years Ago,2000 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 Feb 2025)

Andrew Nicholson, four and one-half years old from Pine City, caught a 20 pound northern while fishing on Goose Lake in Harris. He is the son of Dave and Chris Nicholson.
Suspect arrested following second robbery of Mr. G's: According to the sheriff's report, the first incident took place on February 8, at approximately 9:37 p.m. when a man wearing a ski mask entered the store, ordered the clerk to the floor and took money from the cash register. The man was armed with a knife.
The second robbery took place at approximately 9:20 p.m. on February 17. The same clerk was on duty as the previous robbery.
The robber entered the store wearing the same type of mask and an army jacket, armed with a knife just like the first incident and took cash from the register.
As the robber left the store, a customer saw him and followed the suspect to his getaway car, brandished his knife at the witness and then got in his car to leave.
The witness got the license plate number to the vehicle and gave the information to Pine County deputies.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 Feb 2025)

Donna Kryzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kryzer, found the FFA cream can last Wednesday. A fire escape figured prominently in one of the clues that led her to the can, which was worth $100 to the seventh grader.
Gene Hanson etched his name into Pine City sports history Saturday by winning the 126-pound Region 7 Wrestling Championship. His accomplishment made him the third Dragon ever to claim such an honor.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 Feb 2025)

The barn at the McAllen farm on Pokegama Lake was totally destroyed by fire about 10 a.m. Thursday morning. The call to the Pine City Fire Department was made through the medium of the short wave radio on an East Central Electric Association truck. Dick Kiel and Dick Hegman were working at the Albin Zastera farm on the east side of the lake and turned in the alarm via radio when they discovered the fire.
William Saari, game warden of Pine City, was seriously injured Wednesday evening of last week at about 6:25 p.m. when he was involved in a head-on collision with a 1949 Chrysler two miles south of Harris.

“Happy” Haugen of the telephone company had the misfortune to break an ankle bone in an 18 foot fall from a telephone pole while working on the wires in the Hazel Park Addition Wednesday of last week.
The new Erickson Bros. Super Service Station, which has been under construction since last fall, will have its grand opening on Friday of this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Milgrom, Morris and Ethel, left Monday to make their home in St. Paul, where Mr. Milgrom owns and operates a moving picture theatre. They have lived here and conducted business the past 26 years.
About 50 neighbors and members of the 4-H club gave the Dean Fischers a very pleasant surprise at their home Saturday evening. The Swan Eklunds showed motion pictures from Sweden, some exciting games were played and a full evening of fun and fellowship was enjoyed.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 Feb 2025)
The much talked of “fat men’s” basketball game was played in the armory last night. With every seat taken early in the evening, and standing room at a premium, there was a crowd of men, women and children, numbering between five and six hundred. The Pine City band was on hand to liven up the occasion, but the people came to see the “fat men” play. They couldn’t picture Jim Boyle, Bob Wilcox, Rube Allen, Orin Ingram, Andrew Edin, Phil Silesky, and John Peterson in scanty basketball attire. The game ended in a tie, 28-28.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 Feb 2025)
Albert Nelson has purchased the John W. Kilgore farm at Meadow lawn and will make that section of the country his future home.
No after regret goes with those Funk’s fine chocolates, at the drug store.
Jordan Pangerl departed on Saturday for St. Paul to dispose of the clock engine and deliver some furniture he has made for parties in that city.
Louis Cline of Meadow Lawn was struck on the head by a falling limb and seriously, if not fatally, injured Wednesday. He was brought to this village and Dr. Wiseman was called and dressed the wound. The lad, who is but 13 years of age, showed splendid strength and nerve throughout the operation.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 Mar 2025)
Pine County townships plan March elections, annual meetings: There are 34 townships in Pine County, and a number of local townships will be holding both their supervisor elections and annual meetings. Some hold their elections and annual meetings on separate days. Townships are the original form of local government in Minnesota. A Township, is the term that refers to an organized but unincorporated community governed by a local board of supervisors.
Kingston Trio ‘Art on the Road’ trip: Join the Pine City Arts Council and Pine City Community Ed on Friday for a bus trip to hear the Kingston Trio perform at the Paramount Theater in St. Cloud. The bus will leave Pine City Elementary School at 11:30 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m.
‘Puzzle Mania’: Teams of 2-4 are invited to compete in “Puzzle Mania” on Saturday, at Pine City Center for the Arts. Each team will race to be the first to assemble identical 500-piece puzzles while raising funds to support classes, gallery lessons and programs offered by Pine City Center for the Arts. Coffee, treats and puzzles will be provided.
Neid wrestles his way to State: Dragon wrestler Dakota Neid’s February 21 victory at the individual sections meet brought the sophomore to St. Paul for the State Tournament. Though he did not win the match at the state level, he said he’s happy with the season he’s had.
Pine EMS marks five years of saving lives in Pine County: Pine EMS is celebrating it’s fifth year serving the people of southern Pine County, with Pine City First Responders beginning in 2009 and Hinckley First Responders joining up in 2011. The all-volunteer group responds to between 600 and 800 medical, fire and emergency calls per year, and also help provide a medical presence at football games and other community events. The first responders provide care and stabilization until an ambulance can arrive at the scene.

25 Years Ago,2000 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 Mar 2025)
Pine City Mayor Jane Robbins will hold her next Chat with the Mayor at the Lifestyles show in the Armory on Saturday. The Mayor will be on hand from 8:30- 10:30 a.m. to answer questions and hear comments from area residents.
The Pine City Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Business and Industry Banquet on Tuesday, March 14 at Grizzly's. Motivational speaker Randy Dorn will give a talk. Special guests will be Highway 61 business owners.
Fog blamed for SUV - school bus accident: The fog which smothered much of Minnesota last week is blamed for an accident near Sandstone involving a sport utility vehicle and a school bus. Nineteen children and the bus driver were injured, two of the children seriously. The 16-year-old driver of the SUV received minor injuries. Visibility at the scene was estimated at about 150 feet due to the fog. There was also drizzle in the area at the time.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 Mar 2025)
Financially, the Pine County Memorial Hospital is in rough shape. If current trends continue there, it will probably need extensive finances from the Pine County Revenue Fund to maintain operations. That was the consensus of an informal report to township and city officials at an informational meeting Monday night at the Lakeside Nursing Home.
A special honor was shown to Julius Pitra upon his retirement Friday. Forty attended the farewell at the Sandstone Railroad Station where cake and coffee were served and at which Julius was presented with a pin in which a diamond was set.
Playing at the Family Theatre were "Macon County Line" and "Soldier Blue," starring Candice Bergen and Peter Strauss.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 Mar 2025)
A loan bandit held up the Deep Rock Service Station on the south edge of town about 9:30 Thursday evening of last week and got about $175 for his efforts. Max Meyer, proprietor, was just closing up for the night when the bandit walked in, brandished a .38 caliber revolver and told Meyer that he would take the money. Max was then locked in the men's room and the stick-up man went on his way.
Dr. Charles M. Truesdale, dentist, of Taylor's Falls, passed away February 15 at the age of 90 years. Dr. Truesdale was the first dentist to come to this part of the state. He made periodic visits to Pine City, Rush City and North Branch.
Richard Downing, who is planning a trip to England, will leave March 7 and will sail from New York aboard the Queen Elizabeth. His insurance office will be open as usual and will be taken care of by his bookkeeper, Mrs. Warfield.
A Television has been installed at the Ward Delong Tavern, and many of the local people are enjoying the programs.
A large crowd gathered at the Nelson and Bohn Fairway Store in Henriette Saturday on the third anniversary of the owners, who received many congratulations.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 Mar 2025)
Claus R. Miller, section foreman of the Minneapolis Railway Transfer, was killed by a train last Friday, March 6. Mr. Miller was blinded by smoke by one train and stepped in front of another oncoming train. He had been employed by the company for 37 years.
March came in like a lion, but it only lasted one day, and last week was extremely lamb like. Last Monday we were treated to a thunder and lightning storm, with a little hail and sleet and a real rain storm.
Last Monday, Dr. Stowe of Rush City had an accident when his new Dodge Coupe skidded through the railing and turned bottom side up in the creek in front of the J.C. Carlson residence. Mrs. Stowe was with him, but neither were injured, although the car was badly damaged.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 6 Mar 2025)
The receipts at the creamery are increasing fast, and it will be necessary to put in another separator inside of a month. All the farmers are more than pleased with the factory.

The Women's Reading Club met with Mrs. Pennington Wednesday evening, and after partaking of a bountiful lunch, proceeded to elect officers. The arrival of George Walton's wife on the noon train Monday was the cause of the charivari in the evening, which ended in a popcorn feast.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 Mar 2025)
Property values stable, but taxes going up: The decline in real estate property values in Pine County seems to have subsided, but property taxes are going up this year, thanks to recently adopted city, county, school, and some township Levy increases.
Sauser's welcomes five generations of customers: Mike Sauser welcomed Jack and Colleen Long, their son Mike Long, his son Jack Long II, and his daughter Grace Long. Grace brought a photo of her great- great-grandfather Joe Long, the first of the five generations of Sauser's Hardware customers, and who first shopped at the Pine City landmark back in 1953.
Business Expo: Come and learn more about the products, services and employment opportunities available in this area at a Business Expo now being held at the Pine Technical and Community College. Admission is free.
St. Patrick's Day VFW Bingo: Get the luck of the Irish and find a pot of gold at the VFW Hall in Pine City. Bingo starts at 2 p.m. Open to players of all ages. Proceeds benefit the VFW Education Scholarship and Pine City Cub Scout funds.
Alms proclaimed Pine City puzzle champs: The mother- daughter duo of Cheryl and Vanessa Alm proved to be the speediest puzzle professionals around, besting four other teams of Jigsaw Junkies to win the first 'Puzzle Mania' at the Pine City Center for the Arts on March 7.

25 Years Ago,2000 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 Mar 2025)
Open house: The Pine City Community Food Shelf invites the public to tour its new building during an open house on Friday, March 17. The Food Shelf is at 220 7th Street, Pine City, behind Voyageur Bottle Shop. Community support needed for post-prom luau: Parents have been busy planning a postprom luau for Pine City students following the prom on Saturday, April 15. The luau will take place from 12:30 - 4 a.m. on April 16 at Pine City High School. The goal of the event is to provide a fun-filled, safe night for Pine City students. The luau events include bingo, casino games, mini golf, sumo wrestling, radar pitching, glow in the dark softball, adult trike races and movies. Minnesota Anglers broke nine Big Fish records in 1999: Nine anglers caught Minnesota record-breaking fish in 1999, joining the ranks of those who've landed the largest of particular fish species in this state. Most years only about five or six records are broken.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 Mar 2025)
The Pine City School Board has set March 25 as the date to open bids for development of athletic field facilities at the 60- acre school development site here.
Jemco Discount announced its grand opening at 640 8th Street. "We are a new store in your area," their ad stated. "Bringing you low discount prices on new and up-to-date merchandise." Stan Boniarczyk and Jim Morgan are the owners of the new business.
Dean Fischer, Brook Park postmaster, has authorized the rural carriers to leave the post office one half hour earlier, at 9:15, beginning Monday, March 17, this to continue until the roads have settled after the spring breakups.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 Mar 2025)
Pine City and surrounding territory was in the direct path of the storm that hit Tuesday afternoon, with the result that roads and streets were blocked, no school held on Wednesday and the district basketball tournament set back one day. Buses left the school early Tuesday afternoon when the blizzard hit but not all were able to complete their route. The Brook Park bus was forced to turn back

when the driver felt it was unsafe to continue on with the possible result of getting stuck with a full load of children. They were cared for at various homes in the village.
The Otto Ziegler Hatchery opened at Mora about a week ago and is running at full tilt.
Pews are a new addition to the remodeled West Rock Church.
Mr. and Mrs. William Challeen and family moved Saturday into the home formerly owned by Miss Nellie Madden on Cross Lake. The residence has been completely remodeled and modernized making it one of the finer homes in the village.

100 Years Ago, 1925 The basketball game Saturday between Beroun and Brook Park was a good game throughout. The score ended 44-5 in favor of Beroun.
The children have no school on Thursday and Friday as the March State examinations are to be held then.
Paul Klande suffered a broken rib on the right side recently. He was drilling a hole through a wet 2x4 and bore down too hard on the bit.
Miss Minnie Gardner has resigned the position at the Family Theatre, last Sunday being her last day there. She has been employed there the past five years and patrons at the theatre will miss her smiling countenance when they buy popcorn there in the future.
While the recent Village election was a quiet one and didn't create much interest amongst the majority of the voters, it was an important event in the life of one voter at least. It was the first time that Cecil Blanchard has had the privilege and the honor to cast his vote, which he did with that voter's thrill that comes once in a lifetime.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 13 Mar 2025)
An accident to the engine at Burger Mill Wednesday caused them to shut down for the day.

German School instruction every Tuesday and Thursday evening.
Alf Rice and Arnold Cranton have returned from Sturgeon Lake, where they have been driving piling.

John Stochl, our popular cigar maker, informs us that he is kept busy filling orders for his popular brands of cigars.
The machinery for the new Steam Laundry has arrived, and Mr. Johnson, the laundryman, is busily engaged in setting it up in the Radden building. They expect to be ready for business the first of the week.
The juvenile band has purchased all the instruments belonging to the old band and will hold their first practice this evening. They are under the leadership of Morris Edwards and should do well.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 Mar 2025)
Why are property taxes going up in Pine County? Don't blame Pine County for the full amount of the increase on property tax statements mailed out this month by the Pine County Auditor/ Treasure's Office. While the statements do reflect a 4.8% increase in the county's levy for this year, it also includes an 11.65% increase in the levy for Pine City Schools, a 2% increase in the city of Pine City's levy, plus nominal increases for some area townships.
Hazards found in Old Mill: The Old Pine City Mill contains high levels of mercury in the floorboards, along with asbestos in the floor and ceiling tiles, and lead in the exterior paint. Those are among the findings of environmental samplings conducted by the city's consulting engineering firm.

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Schools approve 6 early-out days: The Pine City School District will dismiss students at 1 p.m. on six days during the 2015 - '16 school year in order to give teachers and staff time to meet, train and collaborate – a process school officials believe will result in improved student achievement and test scores.

25 Years Ago,2000 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 Mar 2025)

Census help: People who need help filling out their census form can find it at the Pine City Senior Citizens Center. The U.S. Census Bureau will have someone on hand to answer questions at various times from now through April 14. Hours will be posted at the center.
Seniors leave for Florida March 21: Seniors at Pine City High School will embark on their class trip on March 21 and return on March 28. Fifty-five students and five chaperones will leave Pine City at 4:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 21. Their flight departs for Orlando, Florida at 8:30 a.m. The students will stay at the La Suite motel, arriving at about 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The return flight leaves Orlando at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28. Students should arrive at Pine City High School at 5:30 p.m.
Veterans Council purchases van: The Pine County Veterans Council recently replaced it's 1997, 12 - passenger van for a new 2000 model. The purchase was made possible by the generous donations of many organizations and individuals.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 Mar 2025)
Brook Park: Do you remember when our mothers always had a batch of cottage cheese going on the back of the cook stove? In our home, we called it Dutch cheese. Good with raw fried potatoes.
Pine City Country Club ad: Poor Peoples Party, Dogpatch style. Saturday, March 22. Dinner and dancing. Chicken and ribs. Open to the Public.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 Mar 2025)
Hoyt H. Haycock of Mora is the new owner of the Johnson Pharmacy, having completed a business deal on Friday of last week whereby he purchased the drug store from Mr. and Mrs. Art Johnson. Mr. Haycock is now operating the property under the name of the Pine City Drug Company.
Carl Iverson has sold his gas station on Highway 61, north of the river, to the Zephyr Oil Company of Minneapolis. The station was built by Mr. Iverson in 1937. The sale includes a frontage of 110 feet on the highway but does not include the Streamliner night club.
The Pine City Hockey Club was awarded the coveted sportsmanship trophy by the referees of the St. Croix Valley Hockey Association for their clean and sportsmanlike playing of their games during 1949 and 1950.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 Mar 2025)
John Daras had his leg broken while skidding logs at the sawmill last Monday.

Peter Holm came down from the north woods last Wednesday night and went on to St. Paul the following day to see Mrs. Holm, who is in the University hospital there.
Beroun came out on the long end of a 24 to 6 score in the basketball game played last Saturday evening with Brook Park.
Owen Jones, the new assistant butter maker, arrived last Friday to take up his new work at the creamery.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 20 Mar 2025)
Robert Derr of Beroun says he is in the matrimonial market so if you know of any handsome widow who wants a situation as housekeeper, let him know.
Born, to the wife of John W. Chalupsky, on Sunday, March 18th, 1900, a young postmaster.

August Bergman, of the Pokegama Park Hotel, has purchased a fine new steamboat which he will use in the passenger traffic between this place and his hotel on the west shore of Lake Pokegama.

Mr. Chase and son of Faribault, the owners of the copper mine below Chengwatana, were in town the first of the week. They will begin operations at the mines as soon as the weather will permit.

F. T. Wilcox, one of our popular merchants, has sold out his stock of merchandise to Mrs. Wall of Duluth. Mr. Wilcox has been in business in this place for the past three years and has always

enjoyed the esteem and confidence of his patrons, and by fair dealing and attending strictly to business he has built up a fine trade Tuesday evenings freight brought to this place a diamond drill outfit which will be set up at the copper mines near Chengwatana and work will be commenced at once.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 Mar 2025)

Chance to challenge property valuations: Think your property evaluation is too high? Local cities, townships and Pine County will soon be considering challenges to property valuations starting this April. Property owners are encouraged to take a close look at the proposed valuations for 2015, since these numbers will be used to calculate property taxes in 2016. If property owners question the value or classification of their property as determined by the county assessor for the following tax collection year, it is very important that they pay attention to the dates listed on the valuation notice.

Firefighters prepare for rough Wildfire season: As the temperatures rise in March, April and May, so does the danger of spring wildfires, and this winter's light snowfall means acres of dried out vegetation that could turn to kindling in a moment.

Pine City is one of the few fire departments in the state with its own track vehicle, which the fire department acquired from the DNR as they were decommissioning it.

Though the fire department is ready to fight wildfires this spring, they ask area residents to do their part to keep those fires from starting in the first place.

County zeros in on major goals: Pine County officials continue to fine-tune an extensive list of goals for 2015, ranging from facility and technology planning to addressing blight, outdoor recreation, economic development, and household hazardous waste.

Dragon Trap Team: Pine City High School students will have a chance to get outdoors, learn about gun safety, compete and have fun this spring in the new high school trap shooting team.

25 Years Ago, 2000 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 Mar 2025)

DNR bestows Firearm Safety Instructor of the Year award on Kick: The Department of Natural Resources recently recognized Harold Kick for his efforts, presenting him with the Minnesota Firearm Safety Education Volunteer Instructor of the Year award. The presentation was made at the Northwest Sport Show in Minneapolis. In addition to a plaque and $100, Harold received what he considers a special treasure, a Browning .22 automatic, hand engraved and decorated with gold inlay.

Finlayson's Saint Urho's Day Festivities: The sun didn't shine on Finlayson's Saint Urho's Day festivities but it didn't stop the Finn's from celebrating.

Everyone was a Finn for a day as they donned their purple togs and joined the activities including the pancake breakfast, parade, volleyball, cribbage tournament, medallion hunt, pork chop feed, and dance.

Bald eagle population rebounds in this area: Eagle population rebounds in central Minnesota.

In 1982, it was uncommon to see a bald eagle soaring above the pines and the lakes of East Central Minnesota. The population of east central Minnesota has grown to 179 eagle territories. The eagles are nesting in agricultural counties that have lakes and trees.

The DNR's Nongame Wildlife program will conduct a survey this spring to determine the number of bald eagle nesting pairs in the state. They are estimating over 700 nesting pairs.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 Mar 2025)

At 8 p.m. Thursday, Pine City telephone operators shut down operations here, ending a 14-year stint in the new office facilities and marking the first time that no local operators have been on duty here. Local operator duties will be handled out of the St. Paul Bell office. All of the 16-18 local operators were given transfer opportunities by the company. The changeover will provide more efficient and economical service to area customers, according to local Bell Telephone Manager Ray Kosbab.

If March came in like a lamb, it certainly is going out like a lion this week as Pine County and much of the remainder of Minnesota, was hit by a spring storm which dropped over 15 inches of snow on the area.
The Department of Natural Resources announces it has at the present time a conservation officer assigned to Pine County, Harris Mills, with headquarters at St. Croix State Park.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 Mar 2025)
John Pulkrabek, a retired farmer living northwest of Beroun, passed away at his home March 20 after an illness of one month.
Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Art Biedermann will be pleased to learn that they have purchased the Red Owl grocery store and will have a grand opening of their business about April 1. The deal was completed on Saturday of last week when they purchased the interests of Roy Lee, who has been operating the store for the past year or two.
Seems to me by Dick Tamke: I know a lot of you residents in Pine City have at one time or another felt the need for expressing your displeasure or pleasure with certain physical characteristics of the village and have approached almost anyone connected with the village in your efforts to get things corrected. The village clerk, Mrs. Viola T. Daley, is the proper person to call in case of street difficulties, lights burning out, sewers clogged, water mains bursting, etc.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 Mar 2025)
The John McAdam farm home in Meadow Lawn was completely destroyed by fire last Tuesday afternoon. The contents of the house were also a total loss.
Next Thursday, April 9, will be a red letter day for Battery E of Pine City. Federal inspection will be held that evening.
Henry Johnson went to the Braham Hospital Tuesday to have a piece of toothpick removed from his throat.
A dancing party was given at the Albert Madison home Saturday night and also one at Bernie Blank's home.
Dr. and Mrs. Stratte have moved into the residence owned by Mrs. James Wandell, Sr. on the Federal Road. Dr. Stratte will also maintain his office there in the future.
Paul Dorow injured his back while working at the Pine City Motor Company last Monday night. He had the roller jack under a car and was pulling on the jack when it slipped. Mr. Dorow fell back against another car and severely injured his spinal column. He is liable to be laid up for some time.
Four Pine City women decided last Sunday that they were as good hikers as Phil Silesky and other local long-distance walkers and started out to walk to Rock Creek and return. The first mile or two rolled by very nicely. The air was warm and balmy and the ladies were enjoying the scenery and were of the opinion that there is certainly nothing about walking to make such a fuss over. The third mile was a little longer. The fourth mile seemed endless and the road got very hard and the feet got soft and began to swell. Still they figured that there wasn't much to this hiking business, but about a mile and a half this side of Rock Creek, they came to the sudden conclusion that folks were very foolish to walk when they could ride just as well so they put in an S.O.S. call for Henry Buirge. Hank hopped into his trusty fliver and dashed down the road to get the stricken ladies. As they sank onto the cushions of the car, they heaved a sigh of relief in unison.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 27 Mar 2025)
The new steam laundry started up on Monday and has been kept as busy as they wanted to be all week. The laundry does first class work and we bespeak for Messrs. Cranton and Jessmer all the work they can possibly do.
J. B. Sower of Brook Park has two cows and a horse for sale, which he will sell cheap, for cash.
The new bridge is completed and the approaches should be put in so that it will be ready for travel as soon as the ice goes out. It will not be long now until the river will be unsafe for crossing and the bridge should be in shape.

Matt Swanson's team took freight at Wednesday's Down Limited and broke loose from where they were tied in front of A. Pennington's store and took a lively run. The only damage done was the breaking of the harness, neck yolk pole and reach.
A wreck in this village on the St. Paul and Duluth derailed 13 cars and demoralized one on Tuesday night as the through freight, due here about 12 o'clock, was coming in. The train broke in two and the engineer put on the air, stopping the head, and waited for the back end to come up, but it came quicker than he expected and it caused the trouble, which delayed No. 5, the night passenger, for more than one hour.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 Apr 2025)
Mom, baby doing well after roadside birth: A firefighter helped deliver his own child on a roadside in Carlton County. The Carlton County Sheriff's Office reports that at 5:57 a.m. on Friday, March 27, Carlton County Dispatch received a call from Justin Jahr of Carlton. Jahr, who is a firefighter with the Cloquet Area Fire District, told the dispatcher that his wife was in labor and he was bringing her to the hospital. He asked the dispatcher to have Carlton Ambulance meet him at their station.
However, labor was progressing rapidly and they had to stop their vehicle outside of Wrenshall at the intersection of Webbking Drive and County Road 101. Carlton County deputies arrived on scene and were joined within a few minutes by Carlton Ambulance. Shortly afterward, Jahr helped deliver the baby girl in the back of their vehicle. The Carlton County Sheriff's Office reports that baby, mom and dad are all doing well.
Dining site reaching out to seniors: Dining at the Senior Center is open Monday through Friday for anyone 60 years or older. Just for fun, seniors can come in for Monday Morning Bingo starting at 11:15 a.m. and every Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. It's time to get out the cards for "500" or play some dominoes. The Pine City Senior Center can be found at 670 Main Street, across from the Pine City Elementary School. New volunteers are welcome at the Senior Center for on-site dining, Meals on Wheels and other programs.
Plant milkweed for Monarch butterflies: Gardeners and farmers have been trying to get rid of milkweed for decades. However, milkweed is the plant that monarch butterfly larvae live on. Monarch butterflies have been declining in recent years for several reasons. What we can do to help sustain and hopefully increase the number of monarchs is "Plant Milkweed," that was the main take-home message from a University of Minnesota monarch butterfly researcher.
Join Sheriff's Volunteer Reserve: The Pine County Sheriff's Office is looking for citizens to become part of the Sheriff's Volunteer Reserve. The reserve is a group of volunteers in police services that helps enhance the capacity of the Sheriff's Office to provide critical public safety services to Pine County. Members of the Sheriff's Volunteer Reserve can be a part of Patrol Support teams and Community Emergency Response teams. Members will receive uniforms, training in disaster response, search and rescue, first aid, traffic/ crowd control and much more.

25 Years Ago,2000 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 Apr 2025)
A visit to Washington, D.C.: U.S. Senator Rod Grams met in Washington, D.C. with Pine City students who visited the capital as part of the Close Up Foundation's government studies program. During their visit to the Capitol, Close Up students attended seminars with members of Congress and met with representatives of the Washington Press Corps, lobbyists and government officials to learn about U.S. government.
Add in classifieds: Help Wanted. Full-time fry cook/manager, evenings and weekends. Apply at: Red Shed Restaurant, Pine City.
Pine County well represented at rally in Washington, D.C.: Twenty Pine County citizens spent March 19- 21 in Washington, D.C., asking that rural America receive economic and social justice in an otherwise prosperous national economy. They were part of a delegation of 500 Minnesotans and 3,200 people from across the country who participated in the Rally for Rural America. It was the largest farm rally in the nation's capital in 20 years.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 Apr 2025)
Marc Daniel is the latest addition to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Teena) Bacigalupi of Pine City. He arrived at the Minneapolis Airport on February 4, 1975 where he was greeted by his new mommy and daddy and sisters and brother. Marc was born in Seoul, Korea.
Frank Luedtke was in the Twin Cities last Thursday to bring Adeline back from Unity Hospital where she spent some time having corrective foot surgery and claims her dancing feet are in as good a shape as ever.
“Uptown Saturday Night” starring Sidney Poitier, Bing Crosby and Harry Belafonte is playing at the Family Theatre.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 Apr 2025)
The annual meeting of the Pine City Cooperative Creamery Association was held in the armory last Saturday afternoon. Although road conditions were extremely bad, more than 350 were present to enjoy the noon lunch, and most of these stayed for the meeting.
The new head man guiding the destinies of the track and field teams of Pine City, beginning with the 1950 track season, is Geo. Saunders. Saunders is not new in the coaching field, having held the position of coach in the local high school before his entry into the armed services in World War II.

Screen star Elizabeth Taylor models one of a number of dresses she picked during a trousseau-hunting tour of New York’s dress salons. The 18-year-old actress is engaged to marry Conrad Hilton, Jr., son of the prominent hotel chain owner.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 Apr 2025)
Miss Gladys Hallstrom was united in marriage to Dr. John Olson of Rush City on April 8 at the Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. West Rock: The attendance in the upper grades is very poor due to spring work and “spring fever.”
Roy Schnapp is now in charge of the Farmers Exchange, having taken the position formerly held by Otto Wiedemann.
Judge Wilcox ruptured a blood vessel in his right leg on Tuesday night of last week while answering the fire call for the Schultz home that evening. He was attending a school board meeting in the bank and in running to the fire hall, the accident occurred. He has been confined to the house most of the time since, getting down to the office a few times with the aid of crutches.
Elmer Henderson has his barn almost finished with the exception of the inside work. The barn is 34x50 feet.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 Apr 2025)
The Women’s Reading Club will be entertained by Mrs. S. G. I. Roberts next Tuesday evening at which time J. Adam Bede will tell what he saw while visiting in England. Refreshments will be served and a literary program rendered.
Farmers, remember that the creamery will commence operations on the 17th day of April, and they will be glad to see all of their old patrons and in fact, all those farmers having milk for sale tributory to the creamery. P. W. McAllen has quite a number of cows for sale, and those farmers wishing to purchase good cows should give him a call and get terms and prices.
Jas. E. Netser, who has been at North Branch for the past two years, moved his family up to this place the latter part of last week and has taken up his abode in the Perkin’s house, where Mrs. Netser will reside during the summer, while J. E. and the boys will be down on the farm at Hustletown six miles northeast of this place. We are pleased to welcome J.E. and his family back to Pine County.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 Apr 2025)
The housing market is picking up steam in Pine City. Reviewing the city’s home construction and real estate markets, the Pine County deputy assessor reported that 24 homes were sold in Pine City

between October of 2013 and December of 2014. New construction in Pine City during the past year topped $1.86 million, compared with a value of $1 million in new construction one year ago at the same time.
Trap Team takes aim: The Pine City High School Trap Team held its first practice with 68 athletes in attendance. The group included experienced shooters as well as some who shot trap for the first time.
Pine City Council Members have agreed to take another 60 days to meet with school district officials to iron out plans for additional parking at Pine City High School in connection with the new auditorium.
City officials noted that even though the city reduced the number of required parking spaces by 10 percent, the school district still is not in compliance with terms of an agreement reached two years ago.

25 Years Ago,2000 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 Apr 2025)
Maple smell wafts from the sugar shack as sap bubbles. At the first hint of winter's end, Ty Johnson, land and building manager at Audubon Center of the North Woods near Sandstone, is out hanging buckets on the maple trees. Most years, beginning in February, he hangs 1,200 syrup buckets to collect sap for the center's maple syrup operation.
The public is invited to attend the Pine City High School Prom, Grand March, on Saturday, April 15, in the Pine City High School gymnasium.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 Apr 2025)
Terri Saari, the 8-yearold daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Saari of Pine City, was the first place winner in the Easter coloring contest held recently by the Pine City Pioneer. She will receive $15.

The Pine City Council move to accept a previous agreement to purchase the old Armory at a cost of $19,000 next year when the National Guard unit is moved to its new facility.
Dale Martinson won five gallons of root beer, collectible anytime in the next year, in a root beer drinking contest during A&W's first anniversary celebration last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Duane Finger, Mr. and Mrs. Ed France, Sr. and Mrs. Margaret Mohr helped Mrs. Russell Zastera celebrate her birthday Friday evening.
George Haberman is busy remodeling the Lawrence Lundgren home.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 Apr 2025)
Pine County had 139 motor vehicle accidents in 1949 serious enough to be reported, according to a summary furnished by the Minnesota Highway Department.
The Northwestern Bell Telephone Company has purchased the C. M. Pennington lots, just west of the Village Hall, and plans on erecting a building which will house their offices in Pine City. The Pine City Post Office, which has had quarters in the Rybak building for the past 20 years, will move into the Pine Poker- Pioneer building on July 1. A new building for the newspaper plant will be built on a site just east of the Pine City Mercantile.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holstein return Wednesday of last week from a three-month trip to Germany.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 Apr 2025)
Fire destroyed the greater part of Cloverton's principal business block last Friday night.

Cape Cranton was quite seriously injured last Wednesday morning when he walked into a car while crossing the federal highway on his way to work. He didn't hear the car and was unable to see it. He was knocked down, and while not bruised very bad externally, he was quite sick following the accident.
The Beroun school meeting held last Saturday was well attended, 32 votes being cast, all in favor of bonding the district for the purpose of erecting a new school.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 Apr 2025)
Potatoes are coming in at a lively rate. W. F. Glasow and J.J. Madden are doing most of the buying and pay a good fair price for the same.
H. B. Elwood had the misfortune to lose his fine stallion, “Robert Burns,” on Tuesday morning. Mr. Elwood’s many friends sympathize with him in his loss.
The fore part of the week we were reminded that spring still lays in the lap of winter. Saturday everyone thought that summer had come, but Sunday afternoon there was a decided change in the atmosphere, and Wednesday morning the ground was covered with snow.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 Apr 2025)
The County Road 7 bridge over the Snake River is expected to close completely to traffic while a new bridge is constructed.
Traffic on the two-lane bridge has been reduced to one lane with traffic control signals since last fall when structural damage was discovered. The old bridge will be removed in its entirety. The new bridge will be 280 feet long with three spans and two sets of piers. Clearance above the Snake River will increase slightly.
Mucket and Spike mussels have been documented in the Snake River in the vicinity of the bridge replacements, so the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will relocate mussels found within the impact area in the next couple of weeks.
Be ‘bear-aware’ - Wildlife managers remind homeowners who live near bear habitat need to be “bear-aware” and check their property for food sources that could attract bears this spring.

25 Years Ago, 2000 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 Apr 2025)
Egg hunt: The Pine City Jaycees welcome children 12 and under to the third annual Easter Egg Hunt. It will be held on Saturday, April 15 at 10 a.m. in Robinson Park.
Curator needed: The Pine County Rural School Museum in Pine City is looking for a curator.
The Beach Park in Pine City is going to be expanded, with the work set to begin this summer. The city has applied for a $50,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources to help with the expansion, which will provide more picnic tables, a shelter, grills, and a fishing pier.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 Apr 2025)
Since 1970, Pine County population has grown three times as fast as the rest of Minnesota, stated Dr. Hazel Reinhart, state demographer, at the annual meeting of the Pine County Soil and Water Conservation District held on Friday, April 4 at Tobies Restaurant.
Two drug store burglaries last week have resulted in the theft of 15,000 narcotic tablets in Pine City, according to the Pine County Sheriff’s Office. The thefts occurred April 8 and 10 at Lakeside Pharmacy and Pine City Drug.
This week we have had two fires, the first destroying the house and barn on the Earl Entner farm northwest of Brook Park. Nothing was saved. On Sunday, the barn on the Harry Baker farm was completely burned.
First place winners in the Cub Scout Pack 188 Pinewood Derby were Kevin Thompson, Todd Beise, Ricky Thompson and Gary Hopkins.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 Apr 2025)
Henry Sommer was appointed a member of the Village Council at their regular meeting Wednesday, April 5 to succeed James Olson, who resigned after taking a new position at Montevideo.
The local school will be closed the remainder of this week because of poor road conditions. Classes will begin on Monday, April 17.
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schmidt and Mrs. Schmidt’s father, Joseph Pitka, return Tuesday of last week from a six-week trip to California. They toured the whole state, visiting relatives and friends and saw the sites. They also visited Mr. Schmidt’s cousin, Herman Engler, who left here about 20 years ago.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 Apr 2025)

Thieves broke into the Challeen store sometime last Thursday night and were evidently scared away and Mr. Challeen reports nothing missing. However, about $2,300 worth of merchandise was stolen from the C. A. Muenzer and Co. store at Rush City the same night. There were between 75 and 80 men's suits taken and a quantity of men's furnishings.
A new sidewalk is being built from Mikyskas to the Rys store and then on to the bank, which will add greatly to the looks of the town as well as to the people using it in wet weather.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 Apr 2025)
We have an ordinance in this Village forbidding cattle to run at large, but still they can be seen in some portions of the village almost any time. Why not have the pound master earn his salary and look after them?
Miss Vernie Griffith, who is teaching up near Kerrick, came home on Saturday. She returned on Monday and commenced her spring term of school on Tuesday which will last until the latter part of June.
Mr. Vincent Stephan of Chadron, Nebraska will be among us in a few days. He is driving through overland and will settle in our community.
Wednesday evening the council held a special meeting to designate what should be done in regard to lighting the village. There will be four arc lights and 12 incandescent 32 candlepower, distributed in different parts of the village.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 Apr 2025)
The Pine City American Legion presents "Ole N Lena's Wedding" dinner theatre on Friday. Gathering starts at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and the show at 6:30 p.m.
High School artists make a vivid impression: Students, parents and visitors spent the evening of April 20 being amazed by the work of Pine City students on display in the entryway to the new auditorium at Pine City High School. Works included pottery, painting, drawing, and digital imagery.
East Central Regional Library presents The Looney Lutherans, a team of professional actresses, who have come together in a fun, interactive, family- friendly show at the Pine City Public Library on Tuesday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. Using music, comedy, and some help from the audience, these gals share some age-old wisdom for living a long and healthy life the Lutheran way. This program, inspired by the Church Basement Ladies, is free and open to the public.
A single-vehicle crash killed a man in northern Pine County this past Sunday. According to the Minnesota State Patrol, at approximately 11:30 a.m. on April 19, the 1999 Ford Super Duty Truck driven by Patrick A. Nelson, 46, of Ham Lake, drove off Highway 23 near Mile Post 310. The vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed and crashed into a tree. The roadway was wet when the crash took place.

25 Years Ago,2000 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 Apr 2025)
The Pine City Area Christian Women's Club will meet on Tuesday in the community room at Pine City Hall. All women are invited to attend. Mary White, Pine City, a quilter will show what can be done with fabric and plenty of time. The cost of a continental breakfast is $2.25.
Frigid fun in the park: Shivering on a frigid April morning, and eager bunch of kids nevertheless waited to make the dash for Easter eggs. The Pine City Jaycees' Egg Hunt in Robinson Park, part of the Pine City Chamber of Commerce's Easter Eggstravaganza, was a success, despite the cold weather on Saturday morning. After each child had picked up five prize-filled eggs, the whole group was turned loose to collect all of the leftovers. After all the eggs were found, a drawing for prizes was held. Jordan Willette, Pine City, won the grand prize, a new bike.
Lifestyles show: The lifestyles show at the Pine City Armory will be held Friday and Saturday.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 Apr 2025)

The Pine City Jaycees received the Silver Key Award as the number two chapter in the East Central Region at the regional caucus held Thursday in Mora. The East Central Region contains over 30 chapters.
Rumors that St. Mary's School might close are completely false according to Sister Claire Marie, principal who has been with the school for the past nine years. She also said in the past three years the student body has increased, with a total of 78 students presently attending the school.
Waldo Kick and Bob Leibel have filed for re-election to the Pine City School Board. The election will be held on May 20.
A paint party was held at Lillian Rieser's home last Monday with a large number of our ladies attending and having a fine time.
"The new hairstyles for spring are very casual, short and easy to care for," said Dorothy Kliegle of Dottie's Beauty Shop as she spoke to 81 ladies at the Pine City Christian Women's Club April luncheon.
Approximately 80 high school students plan to attend the junior-senior dinner dance to be held at the Pine City Country Club on Friday, April 25 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. The theme for the dance is "Stairway to Heaven."
Kirk Lindahl attended a birthday party for Jeffrey Thiesen on Saturday evening. They went roller skating.
Seems good to hear the passenger train (Amtrak) going through our town and wouldn't it be nice if we could get them to stop for any of us who would like to travel?

75 Years Ago, 1950 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 Apr 2025)
John Shermer, long time resident of Pine County, passed away at the age of 66 years on Tuesday morning at the Mora Hospital following an illness of one week.
Doris Adamec, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Adamec, became the bride of Leonard Pangerl of Braham at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, April 11.
LaVelle Foss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Foss, is the local winner in the National Essay Contest, sponsored by the auxiliaries of the Veterans of Foreign Wars held on March 1st to April. The first prize is the sum of $15. Second prize winner of $7.50 was Donna Pechacek of Brook Park.
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ziegler had the misfortune of losing two brooder houses and 400 baby chicks last Tuesday night by fire. It seems that the wind was so strong Tuesday that the flames from the brooder stoves were blown down and ignited the oil tanks.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 Apr 2025)
A temporary golf course will be laid out on the fairgrounds where they will have a seven hole course. While the players will be a little cramped for space there, it will do very nicely until arrangements can be made for a larger course.
Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mann arrived last Sunday and have moved into the upstairs of the Fred Wiley house. Mr. Mann is a linotype operator and will be in charge of the machine in the Poker office. He has been working in the Askov American Plant.
There was no church service last Sunday afternoon at West Pokegama, the Reverend Sanderson being ill with the grippe and unable to serve.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 Apr 2024)
J. F. Stone expects to take the management of the Pokegama Park Hotel in about two weeks. Mr. Stone is a thorough hotel man, having had years of experience, and those patronizing, this getting to be a very popular summer resort, will be sure of receiving the best that the market can afford.
The ice has all gone out of the lake and river. The fishing season has commenced and quite a number of the finny tribe have been taken. Pine City is becoming noted among the sportsman of the Twin Cities as a place where they can always find good fishing, and we bespeak for the town the most prosperous season it has ever known.
Building is taking quite a boom in our village. Jos. Prochaska has broken ground for a new residence on his lots south of Dr. Barnum's residence. F.E. Smith has broke ground for a new house

on his lots between his residence and the house I.E. Richardson lives in. H.J. Rath broke ground for a new store and saloon building just west of the Berg & Ryan store. The building will be 48x70 feet, one story high but built in such a manner that as soon as lumber takes a drop, it can be raised another story.
Henry Stelzner, a farmer living about six miles west of town, is erecting a fine large barn.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 May 2025)
DNR suspects arson in a string of brush fires: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Central Region Fire Manager Mark Wurdeman said they currently haven't done any damage – but they could. Fortunately they haven't burned anybody's house down, but ... the conditions are still really, really dry out there, and the fuels out there are still really ripe for a fast - spreading fire if we get wind. What we're asking the public to do is to keep an eye out for unusual vehicles in the area and unusual activity. If a vehicle stops along the road and somebody is out in the road ditch, get the license number of the vehicle. Don't stop – don't interfere with what they're doing. But just report the suspicious activity. Wurdeman noted that there is a potential $5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the arsonist or arsonists.
Kindergartners get their goats: Many new friends were made as a petting zoo made up of goat, donkey, pony, sheep and steer visited Pine City Elementary on a sunshine-filled April 27 afternoon. Children had the chance to pet and brush the animals – and sometimes even give them a hug.

Ojibwe X-ray paintings: Learn about Ojibwe star knowledge, observe the sun and moon through telescopes, and make an Ojibwe X-ray painting with artist and instructor William Wilson on Saturday, May 2, at the Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post in Onamia.
This is a free program. A presentation entitled "Immigrant Settlers and the Military Road in Wild River State Park: from Abstract to Personal," will take place at the Rushseba Town Hall, one-half mile, north of the Grant House in Rush City. The talk is Illustrated with maps, photos of families and family heirlooms, and an 1870s hand-drawn layout of a farm and its fields and buildings. The public is invited to this free program.

25 Years Ago,2000 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 May 2025)
Diamond Skills: Kids ages seven to 14 are invited to showcase their baseball skills at the Pine City Jaycees' Diamond Skills event on Saturday. Batting, fielding and throwing, and base running are the skills tested in the contest. The Diamond Skills event will be held at 10 a.m. at the Pine City High School baseball field. There is no charge to participate, and each child will receive a Toys R Us coupon for $5 off the Sony PlayStation TriplePlay 2001. Winners will receive ribbons and special print baseball cards and can advance to regions.
East Central Energy (ECE) and 38 other Touchstone Energy corporations throughout the state are joining with cooperative customers and the Minnesota State Parks Service to hold improvement projects at 40 state parks in May.
Public invited to tour prison, see exhibit: The exhibit, "Corrections in Minnesota: Yesterday and Today," traces correctional history from the time of the Territorial Prison in 1853 to the recent opening of the Rush City Correctional Facility. Historic events are featured and over 40 historical photos will be on display. Tours of The Rush City Correctional Facility will be given in conjunction with the historical exhibit on Friday, in the facility's lobby. Times for tours of the facility are 9 – 11 a.m. and 1– 3 p.m.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 May 2025)
Sixteen separate incidents of vandalism, resulting in damage estimated to be well over $1,000 were reported in Pine City last Friday night. All of the 16 incidents were shooting out car, garage and house windows with what is believed to be an air rifle or pellet gun of some sort.
"The Way It Happened" is a recent publication of "poetic sentiments that lift the heart and soul," written by Tine G. Fedder of Pine City. Through 80 pages of heartwarming true experiences, she

unfolds her life, from the bright sunny summer day, July 24, 1904, when she was born in Lohbarbek, Germany, up to her present day retirement.
Mrs. Elsie Scoggins and Mary Greig returned from a seven-week trip on April 20. They spent a month at Torremalinus, Spain, and other points of interest.
John Nowling and Eugene Martfelt have bought out the big machinery and business of Harold Wiener of Hinckley and so a new business in our community. Good luck, say the Brook Parkers.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 May 2025)
William (Billy) Shimek of Pine City has the honor of winning first place in the boys division of the 10th District Essay Contest, sponsored annually by the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs, locally, by the Wednesday Study Club.
Hey, you marble shooting experts, don't forget to show up for the marble contest, sponsored by the VFW Post 4258, at the school grounds this Saturday. Cash prizes and medals will be awarded to the lucky winners.
Pokegama: some of the folks on side roads in this vicinity have had their first mail delivery last Saturday in two months, due to the bad roads. All were glad to see road patrols out at work.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 May 2025)
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rybak of Pine City had a narrow escape from serious injury last Sunday morning between seven and eight o'clock when their automobile turned turtle on the highway about a mile south of Rock Creek. They were shaken up a little but escaped with minor injuries.

Spring is here! That is, the season is here, but the warm weather is not. A few flakes of snow and some hail fell last Tuesday morning, and folks were glad to back up to a stove and absorb a little heat.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 1 May 2025)
Miss Anna Kothera departed for Beroun on Wednesday to spend a week visiting with relatives.
"Coontown 400," which played to a crowded house last Friday night, was one of the bumiest shows that ever struck this town. It is no wonder that good, deserving shows meet with poor houses when such shows as the "Coontown 400" are allowed to inflict themselves on the trusting public.

W.A. Nason, who is cruising N.P. Railroad in Montana, sent his mother-in-law, Mrs. Henry Brandes, a very unique and useful present some time ago, being a chair made of the horns of cattle. It is a very beautiful article of furniture.
Pokegama Park, the popular summer resort, having been thoroughly refitted and furnished, will be open for public patronage on Saturday, May 12. Capt. Aug. Bergman, controlling the staunch new steam yacht, "Victoria," will make every passenger train both ways on the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad. The hotel will be under new management and all the delicacies of the season will be bountifully served. We keep cows, and the coffee, shortcake and ice cream will be tempered with the top side of pure Jersey milk.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 May 2025)
Pine County unemployment rose to 7.9 percent in March after holding steady at 7.8% for January and February, but despite the rise, it is still the second lowest unemployment rate for any March in Pine County since records began being kept in 1990.
Harter Memorial Field Day is a spring tradition in Pine City. The families of young Dragons come out to cheer on all the competitors, and stroll the halls of Pine City Elementary looking at the familiar names holding past records.
City-wide garage sale: The Pine City City-wide Parade of Garage Sales begins at 7 a.m. on Saturday.

25 Years Ago, 2000 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 May 2025)
The kickoff breakfast for the Pine City Women's Morning Golf League is on Wednesday. All women including new golfers are invited to attend.
The three Pine County commissioners who were sued by a group of taxpayers for violating the open meeting law have been exonerated. In an order filed April 19 with the Pine County District Court, Judge Stephen Muehlberg dismissed with prejudice the plaintiff s' allegations.

The Pine Gardeners observed Arbor Day on Friday, April 28 by planting a White Crabtree on the lawn south of Pine City Hall. President Julie Gallus read a short memorial, dedicating the tree to "people who have touched our lives, shared a path with us and as a symbol of those we've lost and what they meant to us."
The Pine City Jaycees are taking orders for their sandbox fill. Club members will deliver sand on Saturday, May 13 to anyone who signs up.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 May 2025)
Forty-eight seniors and four chaperones left Pine City by bus at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, arriving in Sioux Falls between midnight and 1 a.m. for the first lap of the 1975 senior class trip. Other stops on their itinerary include Chamberlain and Murdo, The Badlands National Monument, Deadwood, the Crazy Horse Memorial, Mount Rushmore, Rapid City and the famous Wall Drug.

Carl Madison of Pine City was elected and installed as commander of the Pine County Barracks 3128, veterans of World War I.
Mrs. Irma Hippen was honored Sunday with a certificate of recognition and gift from the Emmanuel Lutheran Church congregation and Sunday School. Irma retired from Sunday school this past year after more than 30 years of service.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 May 2025)
The best shooting in the marble contest sponsored by the VFW was done by Mike France, who won first. Gene Stoffel took second and Chuck Shimek was third.
Mrs. Ted Rasmussen resigned her position as clerk in the Fair Store grocery department effective May 1. Mrs. Rasmussen completed 17 years and 10 months of faithful service in the store.

The Our Own Hardware Company fishing contest, sponsored by the Sauser Hardware Store before the war and discontinued during the critical world situation, has been resumed with a fine contest set up for fishermen in this area.
Leo Smetana has written from Canada saying there is very little field work being done, but it is starting to get warm up there.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 May 2025)
Mrs. W. S. Holler was the victim of a serious accident last Sunday when a .22 rifle which she was handling was discharged, the bullet striking her just below the heart. Her brother-in-law, Clarence Holler, was just entering the house when the accident occurred, and he took her at once by auto to Superior, where she received medical attention.
The Gillespie Auto Company of Cambridge has purchased the Petschel garage, building, equipment and stock and will close the deal during the last week in May when they will be here to take inventory.
The golf course at the fairgrounds is practically completed and members of the golf club met on Wednesday evening of last week and organized their new club.
Will Guptill is carrying his arm in a sling as a result of a mishap with the crank of his Ford.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 8 May 2025)
Quite an accident happened to the observatory at Pokegama Park, it being struck by lightning during the storm Thursday night and shivered to atoms. Mr. Bergman informs us that the flag pole looks as if it had gone through a sugar cane mill.
Chas. R. Gehl departed the first of the week for Harding where he is interested in a gold mine. Charlie has made many friends during his stay here the past winter who wish him success.

Petricka and Barta wish to announce that they will give a grand ball in their hall two weeks from tomorrow night,

10 Years Ago, 2015 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 May 2025)**
Chloride and bromide in two city wells indicates a path exists for contaminants to penetrate the city's aquifer. At present, none of the contaminants of concern for which the Safe Drinking Water Act has established primary standards are present in the city's water supply. However, low levels of tritium – an isotope of hydrogen that occurs naturally in groundwater but is extremely rare – have been detected in all three of the city's primary water wells, and should continue to be monitored.

After the worst cropping year in memory in 2014, area farmers are experiencing and ideal planting season this spring. An estimated 90 percent of the corn and 50-60 percent of the soybeans have already been planted throughout the region. Wheat is already up with nice even stands. Robert Shuey, 83, who crop and beef farms with his son David, east of Pine City, said that they finished planting their soybeans last Saturday. He added that it has been many years since the soil conditions were as ideal as they were this spring.
The community is invited to Pine County's free Public Safety Day on Saturday, in the Pine County Courthouse parking lot.

25 Years Ago, 2000 P(ublished in Pine City Pioneer, 15 May 2025)
The Snake River Valley Conservation Club will clean up the Snake River between Pokegama and Cross Lakes on Saturday.
Fresh Water Fair enthralls Pine County fifth graders: The Pokegama Lake Association's second annual Fresh Water Fair played under sunny skies last Tuesday to enthusiastic fifth graders from as far away as Moose Lake. About 430 students from Pine City, Hinckley, Finlayson, Sandstone, Askov, Willow River, and Moose Lake descended on Voyageur's Park at 9 a.m. They spent the next several hours learning about the importance of clean, fresh water to all living organisms and creatures on earth including humans.
The Arts Council, which sponsors the Friday night Art in the Park concert series, is spearheading an effort to build a bandshell for the performers. It would be erected on the southeast corner of the park, facing northwest, so concert audiences won't have to look into the sun. In addition, it will provide protection to the entertainers from light rain showers and allow their music to project better to the audience. The gazebo can then be used as the concession stand.
The Chengwatana Riders Saddle Club has planned a trail ride for Sunday, May 21. Anyone interested in participating should meet at St. Croix State Park at 1 p.m.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 May 2025)**
Monsignor George A. Gallik, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, passed away after a long and painful illness on Friday, May 16 at St. Mary's Hospital in Minneapolis.

Write-in candidate John Skluzacek and incumbents Robert Leibel and Waldo Kick were elected to the District 578 School Board Tuesday night. Voter turnout was fairly heavy, with a total of 478 persons casting ballots.
Sharon Ausmus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ausmus, will give the valedictory address when 117 seniors received their diplomas from Pine City High School next Tuesday, May 27. The salutatorian address will be given by Ann Marie Rupp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rupp.

Barbara Cummings was presented with a $25 savings bond for the winning sketch she submitted for the Tom Connor's Day button.
Les Nell, former Pine City football coach, was inducted into the Minnesota Football Hall of Fame on Friday, May 9. At one time, coach Nell's Dragon football team compiled a string of 23 consecutive victories without a loss. Nell coached at Pine City for 26 years.
Mrs. Ed (Mary) White was the winner of the $50 savings bond during Pat's Cafe's first anniversary last week. Mrs. White is going to donate the money to the Evangelical Free Church chorus group that will be competing this summer in Denver, Colorado.
Top news of the week: Marge Pitra has ripe tomatoes on her vines.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 May 2025)
At the annual election for Independent School District Number 3, held Tuesday evening, Mrs. Quin Hodge and Robert Berglund were re-elected as directors for a term of three years without opposition. A total of 25 votes were cast.
More corn borers are on hand in Minnesota today than at any time since the pest became a menace seven years ago. Figures released by the State Department of Agriculture.

A very disastrous fire swept through the John Clark residence in Brook Park last Thursday forenoon when a wall behind the kitchen stove caught fire from an overheated stove.

Mrs. John Westerlund of Braham was a substitute teacher the past week for Mrs. Roy Doyle in District 13 due to road conditions which made it impossible for Mrs. Doyle to get there. Mrs. Westerlund stayed with Beda Nelson during the week.
What about chickens taking a ride? Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Mielke decided Sunday evening to visit the Nelson and Bohn home. Looking back at the car, they saw a chicken roosting on the top of the car. They did not know the hen wanted to go for a ride.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 May 2025)**
Walter Saumer and Matt Youngbauer started the excavation of a cellar for A. W. Piper in town on Monday of this week.
A young man by the name of Bobby Wallace rushed into the Poker office to see his uncle, Dewey Wilcox, yesterday afternoon and was so overjoyed and enthusiastic at the meeting that he flipped a brand new hat into the air with all the vim and vigor of his grandfather, Judge Wilcox. The hat, built on the sailor style of headgear, sailed in the air for a few seconds and although Dewey, who is a former baseball catcher, made valiant efforts to get under it, missed and the hat made a dandy landing in the water pail.
Thoefil Steele had an accident Monday evening when his car turned off the road and smashed the front of the car. Thoefil came out quite lucky being unhurt.

125 Years Ago, (1900 Published in Pine City Pioneer, 15 May 2025)
Thos. Receine of Brook Park has built a kitchen on his house and now has a large and neat residence.
Edwin Bouchie sold his farm for $15 per acre, which was cheap as Mr. Bouchie had a very nice farm.
Chas. Mullen, who went to Bowdle, South Dakota to work on the railroad, has not been able to do a day's work as yet owing to the illness of one of his horses.

Quite a number of our farmers are investing in new buggies which is a pretty sure sign that prosperity has come during the present administration.

10 Years Ago, 2015 2015 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 May 2025)**
Ed McGrath, a documentary filmmaker from Los Angeles who was in the process of writing a book and shooting a movie about Lauren Bruner, one in a group of sailors who were the last to leave the U.S.S. Arizona following the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941. The filmmaker was interested in finding information about another man in the group, Pine County's Alvin Dvorak, who grew up on a farm near Bruno before moving to Stillwater and enlisting in the Navy.
When the U.S.S. Arizona was bombed, Bruner, Dvorak and three others escaped using a rope strung 60 feet above the broiling, fiery water between their ship and the USS Vestal. Dvorak, who had tied the knot for the rope and insisted on seeing that it held, was the last person to leave the Arizona, preceded by Bruner. Dvorak had burns over 83 percent of his body, and, sadly died on the hospital ship 17 days later. Bruner, who was burned nearly as severely, not only survived but lived a full and interesting life with a strong focus on his friends and fellow soldiers who were lost on that fateful day in December.
The annual Memorial Day Parade in downtown Pine City will take place on Monday. The parade begins at Lakeside Medical Center at approximately 9 a.m.

25 Years Ago, 2000 2015 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 May 2025)**
The Pine City Lions Club will hold its annual White Elephant Auction at noon on Sunday, at the fairgrounds in Pine City.
Wow! That's what Pine City's U.S. Postal Service carriers said when they picked up food shelf donations on their routes recently. Pine City rural and city residents left 1,756 pounds of food out on May 11, 12 and 13 in response to a nationwide Postal Service call for replenishing local food shelves.

50 Years Ago, 1975 2015 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 May 2025)**
Tammy Lindahl is this year's delegate to Minnesota Girls' State to be held at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul. Each year, the Pine City American Legion Auxiliary sponsors one high school junior girl to attend this event.
Miss Karen Newsome has graduated from a bookkeeping and clerical course and is now vacationing at her home.
Mrs. Don (Donna) Olson, Pine City, was among 386 students who made up the largest graduating class ever from St. Mary's Junior College on Friday, May 21. She graduated with a degree in nursing.
Nancy Striegl, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Striegl, swam the solo number in the annual synchronized swim show at Irondale Senior High School recently.
A very special thank you to Patrolman Yost for getting Adolf Skalicky's cattle back in the pasture and for letting us know. Someone had backed in the gate and completely broke it down so there was no fence.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 May 2025)**
The Gust Lindberg home, located two miles east on No. 70, was completely destroyed by fire last Friday evening. Mrs. Lindberg discovered the fire, which started upstairs.

Everett (Pedro) Johnson, his three-year-old son, Robert, and brother-in-law, Phil Fretag, got a cold ducking last Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock, when their boat capsized near the railroad bridge.
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Connaker recently moved into the former Albert Lick home in the south end of town. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Connaker now live in the farm home just vacated by A. C. Connakers.
A new school house will be built this summer in our Indian School District No. 129. The money was appropriated by Congress.
An Advertisement: Ma's Place, (Mrs. Bertha Rydberg) Friday - Fish fillet supper. Sunday - Chicken or ham dinner. Wednesday- Baked bean supper.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 May 2025)**
The barn on the S. Kilgore place was destroyed by fire. The fire was discovered by Marshall Biedermann about 3 a.m. when he saw the flames shooting into the sky. The alarm was sounded, but the barn was already doomed.
The barn dance at Vincent Stephan's Saturday was well attended.
Mr. Ed Bernecker bought a second hand Overland car for $35.
A school picnic, held at the Rock Creek Schoolhouse Friday afternoon, completes the term of this school year.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 22 May 2025)**
Fred Nordstrom had the misfortune to cut himself in the hollow of his right foot last Saturday. He cut an ugly gash between two and three inches long and to the bone.
Grass and grain are suffering for the want of rain. Are there no rain makers nowadays? Where is the man with the machine for this purpose?
J. E. Norstrom bought a buggy last Wednesday. Now he has a cart to sell cheap.
Frank Woodward of Minneapolis spent Sunday at Pokegama Lake and took down quite a string of the finny tribe on Monday's noon train.
Arthur Bartlett, who with his father, Darwin Bartlett, left last fall for the West, but who came back this spring, has moved his family up to the head of Pokegama Lake and says that Pine County as a whole, and the country around Pokegama Lake in particular, is good enough for him.
In the Want Ads: Wanted - All the pretty girls in town to form in line in front of our store and induce the young men to treat them to soda water. Your druggist.
Everybody go and get a good square meal for 25 cents served by the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church, June 7, 1900.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 May 2025)**
A Pine City woman asks for recognition of great-uncle's service and heroic death.
Pine City's Kathy Marenchin had no idea that researching her family tree would lead to the long -overdue honoring of a World War I hero with a Purple Heart. Thomas Bell, was a great uncle of Marenchin's, her grandmother's brother.
Bell had served in the 43rd Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Corps Regiment during World War I and had lost his life at the infamous Battle of Belleau Wood. This confrontation, which took place approximately 60 miles outside of Paris, lasted for nearly a month and was one of the bloodiest battles in the war. It became legendary

because of the bravery and tenacity shown by the Marines who eventually captured the position from the Germans, saving Paris. Private Bell was killed during an intelligence mission on June 8, 1918. He was 23 years old. Bell was buried near the battlefield in France.
It's the war of 1812 and the Americans are attacking British territories. The North West Company, Pine City, is enlisting all able-bodied voyageurs to help defend the business of the fur trade. Join in musket drills, march in formation and make a militia hat on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Students in grades kindergarten through ninth grade are invited to sign up for Pine City's free Summer Recreation program. Baseball, softball, tennis, golf and more are available to different age groups. The full program begins Tuesday.
The Pine City Farmers' Market begins on Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at their now permanent location at the Pine County Fairgrounds in Pine City. The Farmers' Market runs every Friday and Saturday through the end of October.

25 Years Ago,2000 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 May 2025)**
Pine City Community Education is recruiting former and current band members (ages 15 and up) for an I-35 Community Band.
Musicians from Rush City, Pine City and Hinckley are encouraged to participate.
The commitment will be limited to five or six rehearsals and three performances. The rehearsals will be held at the Hinckley/ Finlayson High School.
A canoe flotilla, archeology activities, a hot dog roast, buffalo burgers and celebrations to open something new or just some of the events being offered by various state parks during the annual Minnesota State Park Open House from 8 a.m - 10 p.m.
Each year the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources invites the public to visit Minnesota's state parks for free on the first Sunday in June. No vehicle permit is required to enter state parks during the open house.
WCCO Radio's Farm Service Director Maynard Speece will speak at the Pine City Chamber membership meeting on June 18 at Woischke's Island Resort.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 May 2025)**
Diane Vander Venter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Rouster, Pine City, will leave Pine City on June 23 for a two-day orientation period in New York before leaving on an AFS summer program in Switzerland.
Playing at The Family Theatre June 6-12, "The Towering Inferno," with Steve McQueen, William Holden, Paul Newman and Faye Dunaway.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 May 2025)**
A fatal accident occurred in the Northern Pacific Railroad yards in Hinckley early Friday morning when Henry Von Rueden, coal dock foreman, was coaling the engine, when it moved several feet, throwing Mr. Von Rueden under the wheels. He died enroute to the N. P. Hospital.
The Blanchard Bakery is closing this week to permit all employees to take their vacations at the same time. Mr. and Mrs. C. Blanchard and son, Jim, are on a fishing

and vacation trip at Chick Wauk lodge on Lake Saganaga at the end of the Gunflint Trail.
Mrs. Louise Wiseman of Frederic, Wisconsin, is spending this week visiting Mrs. Anna Korbel and Mrs. H. J. Buirge and other friends. She is here also to attend the graduation of her granddaughter, Mary Shuey.
The Coca-Cola Bottling Company was host to about 50 Coca-Cola bottlers from all over the state at their annual meeting Saturday. They entertained their guests at a banquet and social time at the village hall.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 May 2025)**
Sons, daughters, grandchildren and other relatives gathered around the banquet table at the Lars Grothe home in Pine City yesterday noon to celebrate two happy events, for it was the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Lars Grothe and it was also the 80th birthday of Mr. Grothe.
Chief Collins, Art Biedermann and Herman Kowalke left for Crosby in the chiefs car last Monday to attend the state fireman's convention.
Miss Carrie Boyle graduated from Hamlin University.
Mrs. Gust Christopher is in Asbury Hospital in Minneapolis, recovering quite nicely from her operation for appendicitis.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 29 May 2025)**
At the meeting of the fire department on Tuesday evening, it was decided to trim up the engine and hose carts and have them in the parade on the Fourth.
Hon. L. H. McKusick received a telegram Thursday morning calling him to Owatonna to defend a criminal who is to be tried before the district court at that place. He departed on the noon train.
The committee that has been in charge of the Fourth of July Celebration are doing all in their power to make it a grand success. They have money enough subscribed to pay all the prizes and buy the fireworks for a grand display. One of the principal features of the celebration will be the baseball game. The parade on the morning of the Fourth promises being worth going miles to see as those intending to take part in it have commenced to get their floats ready, and the committee having the parade in charge were never known to do things by halves.
The village schools have closed on Friday last week, having put in a very successful nine months work. The exhibit of the work done by the scholars was very fine and there was not one but what showed a marked advancement. The teachers have all departed, accepting Mrs. Marsh and Miss Badger who are running a kindergarten for two hours each day in the old school building.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 June 2025)**
The long-waited Highway 70 resurfacing project is set to begin. The Minnesota Department of Transportation has released more details of the road work intended to keep Highway 70 drivable for the next 20 years.
Local band hitting national stage: The Christian rock band Render, featuring musicians from Pine City and Mora, will tour across the United States this summer.

Golfers from Pine City were in action this past week competing in a Great River Conference meet at the Grand National in Hinckley. It was a great day for the Dragons boys as they posted their best team score in at least three years.
A Safe Sitter course for kids ages 11-13 will take place on Tuesday, June 16 at the Pine City High School Seventh Grade Commons area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The course teaches skills to safely care for children from infant to school age.
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Pine City, will wrap up their spring rummage and bake sale, with a bag sale on Thursday morning. Marilyn's homemade caramel rolls will be served.

25 Years Ago, 2000 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 June 2025)**
Last week, fourth graders at Pine City Elementary, learned about the logging industry of old. Ranger Jean Tatenhove, from the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, explained the many tools used in logging camps. Students were then given a chance to re-enact a day in the life of a logger.
Pine City area residents gathered Tuesday, May 30 to watch in curiosity as the 250-foot smokestack at the old Land O'Lakes plant was pulled down. The Land O' Lakes operation opened in Pine City in 1946 and closed in July 1984. Former employees remember when it would process one and one-half million pounds of milk per day.
The weigh station and garage building, behind the old JB's Hardware, have been sold and will be moved to property in Munch Township.
Pilot escapes serious injury when plane flips on landing: A single engine light plane flipped over during a landing at the Sandstone airport on Tuesday, May 23, causing extensive damage to the plane and slight injury to the pilot. High winds in the area may have contributed to the cause of the accident.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 June 2025)**
Miss Tammy Skalicky, the nine-year-old daughter of Adolf Skalicky of Pine City, proudly displayed the two blue ribbons which she won at the Minnesota Special Olympics fifth annual field, track and gymnastics meet on June 4-5 at Mankato State College.
Pine City Post Office supervisor Cary Rootkie has been promoted to postmaster at Stanchfield, effective last Saturday.
Eight of our Pine City women were in the cities one day last week, where they toured the Betty Crocker kitchen and did some shopping. All reported having a good time.
The old and the new were displayed June 2 at the first annual street meet by Freedom Machine Car Club of Pine City. Cars from Iowa and Wisconsin, plus the Pine City area, attended the event.
In the recent drawing at Carlyle's dress shop, Liz Kuzel was the winner and with a few alterations will have a new dress to wear.
Under the direction of Norman Maki, grade school principal, the elementary student council organized and held their fourth annual talent show recently in the Pine City auditorium. Tim Werner, president of the student council, was the announcer for the program.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 June 2025)**

Joanne Pehler of Pine City will be among the graduates when Vassar College holds its 86th commencement exercises on the morning of June 12. Miss Pehler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Pehler of Norway Point Farm.
The much discussed production of “Horsecapades” will be presented at the fairgrounds at 9 p.m. this coming Saturday. The show, produced by the Northwest Saddle Club of Minneapolis, promises to be the most exciting and unusual show ever seen in Pine City.
Klein’s advertisement: “Final Call To Thrifty Folks, Last Few Days of this Great Closing Out Sale. Then We Shut the Doors on Klein’s of Pine City.”

100 Years Ago, 1925 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 June 2025)**
Dr. J.L. Kennedy, Dr. A. Reutendahl and Harry Judd visited with A.M. Challeen the first of the week. While here, they enjoyed a fishing trip and are very enthusiastic over Pine City and the surrounding country.
A large crowd was at the barn dance at Joe Houdek’s last Wednesday night and all reported a good time.
We have done our best to acquaint the fisherman with the game laws and keep them out of the clutches of the game wardens, but quite a number have already been compelled to pay a fine for breaking the game laws. Game warden Greig took in several on Decoration Day and last Sunday nabbed seven more, three being from Sandstone. If you do not know the difference between a bass and a pike, as one of the Sandstone victims acknowledged, you had better wait until after the 21st of the month when all varieties of fish can be taken.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 5 June 2025)**
F. E. Smith has added very much to the looks of his hardware store by giving it a fresh coat of paint.
Chas. Glanville and Eli Hustand left on Wednesday morning for Jos. Jungbauer’s where they will sink a well. Charlie has a good rig and Joe can be sure of having a good supply of water, when he gets through digging.
One of the finest things in this country to clear land is a flock of sheep and then you get a return from your mutton and wool.
A two-year-old red steer with a white spot on forehead came into the Louis Foreman enclosure about a mile and a half west of Pine City near George Kick’s farm.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 June 2025)**
A curious young bear was an uninvited guest to Richard Hopkin’s birthday party at his home on the Snake River East of Pine City. JacLynn Cavallin found a bear climbing her bird feeder on June 12. Nolan Montague spotted a bear watching him from the roadside. And Stacy Hanson found a bear vandalizing her hummingbird feeder beside Cross Lake.
Firefighters from Pine City and other regional fire departments took part in a controlled burn exercise this past Saturday. The building was the former Beroun Saloon, now owned by the Hinckley/Pine City Flames, and was found to have too many structural and environmental problems to make it worth rehabilitating. The firefighters made the most of the exercise, practicing fighting various types of

structural fires as the hours wore on, until eventually the building was gutted and leveled. The Flames report that the site will be made into a parking lot for the time being.

25 Years Ago, 2000 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 June 2025)**
A WSCA horse show will be held in Pine City on Saturday, June 17. Sponsored by the Chengwatana Riders Saddle Club, the allgame show begins at 8:30 a.m. at the club's arena just south of the fairgrounds.
Besieged by requests for money from non-profit groups and others, the Pine City Council balked last week at augmenting outside budgets. The Pine City Civic Center Association was the first group to feel the council's frustration. It's request for $20,000 to allow the refrigeration pipes and concrete floor to be installed in the Civic Center was denied.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 June 2025)**
Janet Sward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sward of rural Pine City and a member of the Fast Freighters 4-H Club, was named the reserve champion showman at the 1975 Northeast Dairy Day at Barnum.
Gerry Robbins, a member of the Pine City Lions Club, has been endorsed by the Lions of Minnesota, Manitoba and Northwest Ontario Canada for the office of International Director.
Dennis Olson has been elected Commander of the American Legion, Pine City, for the coming year.
Another one of our landmarks hit the dust this week with the razing of the Beroun Creamery building by Glenn Kerzhal and his crew.
Last Friday evening about 5:30, lightning struck the home of Ethel Berndt, doing some damage to the house, also killing the dog who was wearing a chain.
Jerry Fisher is the new owner of Pine City Motors, Inc. the dealership was formally Waggoner Motors, Inc.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 June 2025)**
A 20 percent discount will be allowed on water statements for the period from June 15 to September 15, 1950 if paid within 10 days after receipt of statement.
The Russell Road Sewing Club took a trip to the Twin Cities on Tuesday of last week, visiting the Farmers Kitchen and the Home Brand Food, Inc. in St. Paul. Then to Minneapolis, where they spent the afternoon shopping and attending a show.

Carl Thore, of east of Pine City, received painful injuries Monday morning when he tried to drive a bull into the barn. When Mr. Thore realized the animal was not inclined to be controlled, he started to run for the fence nearby. The bull chased him, pushing him into the barbwire fence, then tossed him over the fence.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 June 2025)**
The Bever Brothers have purchased a new threshing machine which will give them a first class threshing outfit.

The rain Wednesday was not what the management of the Rock Creek Creamery had ordered, but it failed to dampen the spirits or appetite of the crowd that gathered for the annual creamery picnic.
Adam Biedermann, proprietor of Pine County Oil company, is having another new visible gasoline pump installed in front of the station. The tank put in for the pump has a capacity of 550 gallons.
A shingling bee was held at the George Peters home on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. He is reshingling the barn and quite a number of the neighbors helped with the work.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 19 June 2025)**
If you have a stove to set up, call on the Hoaglund sisters of Brook Park.

At about noon on Saturday last, about 30 farmers who have land overflowed by the dam went down to Chengwatana with 25 pounds of dynamite and made an attempt to remove the cause of the overflowby blowing out the dam. All the damage that was done to the dam was to blow out about 10 feet of the pier and loosen the sleuth gate so as to let the water out and somewhat demoralize the wagon bridge, but not so it cannot be driven over, although it is not the safest thing in the world.
Every evening horses can be seen going over to the race track getting ready for the race on the fourth. Some of the horses are showing remarkable spurts o

10 Years Ago, 2015 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 June 2025)**
Polka in the park brings home memories: Four of the five daughters of Marge Perron – Bonnie Gruhlke, Nancy Halbert, Lori Carlson, Donna Winters and Debra Haugrud – hit the dance floor of the Robinson Park Pavilion during the Jolly Zuks performance at Art in the Park on June 19, 2015.
The Perron family sponsored the performance in honor of Marge, who ran the Birchview Inn for years with husband Jerry, and was considered the “Polka Queen of Pine City.”
Burglary suspect now in custody: A burglary suspect has admitted to burglaries at multiple locations across northern Pine County.
According to the Pine County Sheriff’s Office, on June 22, Pine County deputies received a call that a home was being broken into on County Road 43 east of Willow River.
When the first deputy arrived he encountered a male who took off running. The deputy was able to catch up to and apprehend the suspect.
Rural School Museum: The Pine City Rural School Museum is open to the public every Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. through the end of August. The school is located one block north of Highway 324 on 7th Street South in Pine City.
Summer library program kick-off: The Pine City Public Library summer reading program is free for children. Stop by the library and pick up a flyer listing all the activities and events offered this summer for both kids and teens.

25 Years Ago, 2000 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 June 2025)**

Water aerobics: Water aerobics will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Rush City Aerobic Center. The cost is $2 per session.
Funding granted for exhibits at Fur Post: A $500,000 appropriation from the Minnesota Legislature this year gives the North West Company Fur Post in Pine City the final piece in its plan for a visitors center.
The money, to be used for exhibits explaining river transportation in the fur trade period.
Movement begins to split county: An organized effort is underway to split Pine County into two smaller counties, with the southern 14 townships succeeding from the north. During the first week in July, a petition will be circulated in the southern townships specifically to those who voted in Pine County in the 1998 general election.
If 25% of those who voted sign the petition, and it is validated by the Minnesota Secretary of State, the question of creating a new county will be put to a countywide vote in the November 7th general election.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 June 2025)**
With plans well underway for the first Pine City Jaycee's Tom Connor Days, to be held July 11, 12, and 13, a tribute is given this week to Leland R. Cooper, anthropologist and archaeologist for over 30 years who received a grant from the Minnesota Historical Society for excavation of the Thomas Connor Fur Trading Post at Pine City in 1963-64.
Lee's Pro Shop is moving to a new location: Highway 61 and 8th avenue, just across the highway from Carlyle's.
Sandy Pangerl, of Pine City, was the grand prize winner recently at Spies Super Value grand opening drawing. Pangerl received a 19 inch Sylvania color television.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 June 2025)**
Mrs. W. S. McEachern recently sold the Agnes Hotel to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur B. Koplitz of Minneapolis. They are experienced hotel people, the owners of the Mora Hotel in Mora and apartment houses in Minneapolis.
The Lester Lindgren family of Beroun moved the house they recently purchased from Arney Schultz to Beroun last Friday.
Used Bicycles in any condition. Reconditioned bicycles for sale. Free pick up and delivery on all types of bicycle repair. Harold Kick, Pine City.
Joe Mans was seriously injured while shingling his house Friday. He is slowly improving but still unable to move himself.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 June 2025)**
The grand jury of Blue Earth urges a ban on all public dances, indicating that they are so conducted as to be detrimental to the youth and morals of Blue Earth County.
The famous cartoon,"Mutt and Jeff in Havana," will be coming to Pine City in a big tent Saturday, July 11.
John Splickal has been working at Lambert Odendahl's on the new house, which will be a good one.
The contract for the new schoolhouse in Beroun was let to Bock Building Company of Milaca for the sum of $11,718.

H. C. Jorgenson, manager of the Gillespie Auto Company, brought his family over from Cambridge and moved his household goods here last Tuesday. He has rented the Levi Ardner house, where they will make their future home.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 26 June 2025)**
Wheat - 86 cents a bushel!
Otto Kowalke has a crew of Carpenters at work on his new house in the western part of the village.
Dr. Wiseman, accompanied by his valet James Heywood, took Wednesday's noon train for St. Paul, where he took unto himself a wife on Thursday evening at the Presbyterian Church at Merriam Park.
Thos. Ling and a crew of the fire laddies have been engaged this week building landings for the engine, subject to and under the supervision of the council.
Plans are almost finalized for the Fourth of July celebration, and it should be the best ever held in the northwestern part of the state.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 July 2025)**
Snake River bridge work starts: Construction of the new CSAH 7 bridge over the Snake River west of Pine City is expected to begin July 13. The road will be closed to traffic for about 12 weeks from mid-July to mid-October. Of the 3,000 to 4,000 vehicles that use the highway each day, local traffic will be diverted to CSAH 53 while out-oftowners will be detoured onto CSAH 13 and CSAH 11.
Pint Sized Polkas at the Library: Learn to polka at the Pine City Public Library as the summer reading program. "Read to the Rhythm" continues each Wednesday. Enjoy catchy sing-along polka songs, trivia questions, name that tune, the chicken dance, and more. The free event is family fun for all ages.
Bob Haedt and his wife Mary, brought a wooden podium up to the council chambers in Pine City Hall on June 23. Haedt is donating the podium he hand-built for use in city council and other community meetings. He said he would like to dedicate the podium to all the quiet volunteers of Pine City.

25 Years Ago, 2000 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 July 2025)**
Boat parade: The annual Cross Lake Association boat parade will start off the Fourth of July celebrations. The parade will meet promptly at 1 p.m. at Norway Point, the north end of Cross Lake. Participating boats and pontoons are not required to be decorated, although decorations add to the festivities.
Pine City holds Freedom Fest celebration: Freedom Fest 2000 is the name for Pine City's expanded Independence Day celebration, which will end with a fantastic fireworks display. It will be held at the Pine County Fairgrounds, featuring children's games, water games, a pie eating contest, bike parade, music and more.

Tribes from around the United States compete: Participants in the dance competition entered the pow wow grounds in their elaborate and colorful costumes. The men's 4-star dance competition included Northern Traditional, Grass Dance, Northern or Southern Fancy and Southern Straight. The competitors are judged on story line, rhythm and harmony with the drum to name a few criteria. Some of the tribes that

competed in the celebration included Osage, Lakota, Ojibwe, Oneida, Navajo, Sioux, Apache, Comanche, and Cree.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 July 2025)**
A Lions Club member, Gerry Robbins of Pine City, was elected to the International Board of Directors of Lions International on Saturday, June 28 at the Lions International Convention in Dallas, Texas.
Mr. Ray Kosbab, from N.W. Bell Telephone Company in Pine City, contacted Carol Sundin last week and encouraged her to find a meeting place and set a date for a confrontation with officials of the phone company and residents of the Beroun area.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wimmer, Sr. of Sandstone came Saturday morning bringing a beautiful birthday cake from Stacy's bakery for Alice Lindahl, and it was delicious!

Al Worthington, former Minnesota Twins pitcher, will be the guest speaker at the Hinckley Business and Professional Couples Club.
The big news seems to be the weather. About four inches of rain fell in a very short order. The driveway at Adolph Skalicky's looked like the Snake River for a while.

An anniversary party was held at the Leroy Gardner home on Friday evening in honor of their 15th anniversary.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 July 2025)**
Raymond Schultz of Minneapolis, son-in-law of the O. R. Dicksons, suff ered injuries in an auto accident Friday evening while enroute to Pine City to join his wife and children who were visiting at the Dickson home. Mr. Schultz is at Lakeside hospital with both legs broken and other injuries.
The Pine City Legion Drum and Bugle Corps made two appearances last weekend, showing off their precision and style.
Glenn Truesdell of Hinckley, known here as an auctioneer, will leave by plane July 1 for Arizona to regain his health. He has been in bed nine months with rheumatic fever.

"12 O'Clock High," starring Gregory Peck, is coming to the Family Theatre, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 July 2025)**
Sigurd Turnquist, 15-year-old son of C. F. Turnquist a Royalton, drowned in the Snake River near the Hay Creek schoolhouse last Thursday evening.

Mrs. E. M. Blood, 23, of Rush City, was killed last Thursday morning when she was struck by an automobile near Rochester, the driver of the car speeding away without giving assistance and before his license number was obtained.
The barn and silo on the Jos. France, Sr. farm, northwest of town, was destroyed by fire resulting from being struck by lightning last Sunday night.
A week ago, the house of John Ettel, east of Rock Creek, was destroyed by fire.

Joseph and Alfred Broz left for Hopkins last week where they will be employed for the summer. Matt Youngbauer and Ernest Pangerl left for Kansas on Tuesday of last week where they expect to help with the harvest.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 3 July 2025)**
The largest crowd that Pine City ever saw came to help celebrate the Fourth. Pine City celebrated the nation's birthday in a manner that is a credit to the village. The parade was viewed by fully 4,000 people who pronounced it one of the best they ever saw. The fire department made a fine showing and was ready with steam up to make a run in case of a fire, the chief and first lieutenant rode black horses and blacks also drew the engine and hose carts.
The ball game between Hinckley and this place was won by the visiting team, score 18 to 7.
The dance in the evening was given by the fire department which was the finest given in this village for a good many years, ending in the wee hours of the morning.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 July 2025)**
Vandals force early closure of Highway 7 Snake River bridge: The Pine County Public Works Department had announced plans to close the County State Aid Highway 7 over the Snake River on July 9, but those plans were moved up after safety equipment protecting drivers on the bridge was found destroyed on July 4.

A hiker was rescued from Banning State Park on July 4 after falling down the bluff and breaking his leg. Park officials found the hiker along the Kettle River down the bluff. The man's leg was broken, and the Pine County Sheriff 's office reports that it was necessary to use ropes and a stretcher basket to rescue the hiker from along the River Bank and bring him up the bluff.

25 Years Ago,2000 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 July 2025)**
The North Star Lily Show, "Lilies, the Bold and the Beautiful," will be held at Pine City High School on Saturday and Sunday.
There will be no country school session at the Pine City Rural School Museum this summer. Miss Esther Schmidt will be unable to teach because of a broken ankle.

Pine City State Bank last week answered a challenge to help make it possible for the Civic Center to raise the $58,000 it needs to install artificial ice equipment in the building and finish the concrete floor. Pine City State Bank, presented a check for $5,000. Samuelson's Lee's Pro Shop has also donated $5,000.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 July 2025)**
Pine Villa, Inc. has announced plans for a 70x100-ft restaurant and supper club to be located in the northeast quadrant of intersection I-35 and Highway 324. Construction is expected to begin sometime in August and will be completed in 120 days. Initially, seating will be provided for 200 persons, with 25 employees expected when the new business opens its doors.

Pine City Motors is your new Chevy dealer in town. Jerry Fischer is President and general manager.
Oak Grove Dairy has come to Pine City with its returnable plastic milk container, showing both a concern for the environment and a progressive idea in serving the public. Distributed by Drew Stoffel, Oak Grove has been in Pine City for about six weeks.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 July 2025)**
Walter Molten of Indiana was slugged and robbed of about $200 on Highway 70 east of 61, last Monday evening. Molten was traveling west when a car came up behind him and forced him into the ditch. The occupants of the second car then jumped out, cracked him over the head with a beer bottle, and robbed him of his money.

Pine City showed a game of 214 in the 1950 census count, compared to the one in 1940. Official 1950 census count gives us a population of 1,932.
Pine City Mercantile Co. advertisement: Be slim, be supple, be youthful. Playtex girdles give you the figure of the 1950s, $3.95.
Driving with the right hand while the left hand loafs on the window sill, or hangs lazily out the window or tries to prop up the roof of the vehicle is very risky, the Minnesota Safety Council cautions motorists. In spite of the obvious risk, the practice is common.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 July 2025)**
During the storm Monday morning, hail fell in some sections though not enough to do much damage. Practically every farmer had hay cut in the fields, and the wet weather is making haying very slow and the hay of a poor quality.
Members of the golf club are becoming very enthusiastic over the game and some mighty good players are developing. Dr. Stratte heads the list with a score of 26. Dr. Olsen and Clark Pennington have scores of 30 each, and there are a number of players who make the course in the thirties.
Miss Frances Melsha arrived from Hollywood, CA. last Sunday. She says she was about a hundred miles from Santa Barbara and could feel the earth tremble and the buildings shake during the recent earthquake.
Albert Kryzer is driving a new Ford.
Little Gerald Johnson of West Rock had the misfortune to have his hands caught in the hay fork pulley. Two fingers had to be amputated on his left hand and the right hand is very badly crushed and burned.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 10 July 2025)**
The Bear’s Ear Boom Crew commenced work again on Monday as the rains of the last few weeks have raised the water in the Snake so that O’Neal has been able to get his logs that were hung up in Knife River. The fire department cleared $105.43 at their dance given on the evening of July 4 and will at once order dress uniforms so that when they go on parade or to visit other organizations, Pine City may not be ashamed of their appearance.

Mr. Chase of Faribault, who is the owner of the Chengwatana copper mine, was a Pine City visitor on Wednesday and went down in the forenoon to investigate the work at the mine.
Svanda and Vojta gave a grand ball at their new hall on Saturday evening. The best of music will be in attendance and those attending can be sure of a good time. Tickets for the dance only 50 cents.
The severe wind of a week ago blew down the railing on the north side of the wagon bridge.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 July 2025)**
County alerting public with CodeRed system: Imagine receiving phone calls, emails, text messages, and social media alerts from Pine County to notify you of emergency road closures, traffic jams, weather alerts and early school closings.
The Pine County Board has approved a contract with the Emergency Communication Network to launch a new CodeRed public alert system this month.
Reeling in the big one: While fishing on Pokegama Lake this past Saturday, Rod Bochniak snagged a sturgeon after a half-hour of reeling it in. Though he didn't weigh or measure the fish before releasing it, he guessed it to be about 4.5 feet long and 30-40 pounds.
'Extra, Extra, Come Hear All About It!' The next meeting of the Pine City Area History Association will be held on Sunday, in the meeting room of the Pine City Public Library, Pine City Pioneer Editor Mike Gainor will present "Extra, Extra, Come Hear All About It" - 130 years of Pine City's favorite newspaper in a nutshell. The public is invited to bring items related to the topic to share.

25 Years Ago, 2000 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 July 2025)**
Petition drive collects 1,250 names: Over 1,200 southern Pine County residents signed their names to a petition that would place the question of creating a new county on the November election ballot.
The new county would be made up of Pine County's 14 southern townships and the cities of Rock Creek, Pine City and Hinckley. It would be called Pioneer County.
Citizens group will fight proposal to split county: Organized by Doug Carlson of Sandstone, a group of 18 concerned citizens who are opposed to splitting Pine County met at Tobies in Hinckley.
The purpose of the meeting was to organize an effort to stall a proposal to petition a referendum onto the 2000 general election ballot in November.
After initial discussion, the group adopted the name, Citizens for Uniting Pine County to project a positive message and decided to develop a committee and an effort to oppose the petition.
District 25 reunion: A reunion of the former students of District 25 (Shady Oak) School will be held on Saturday.
It begins at noon at C&G's in Beroun. Those who live in the Pine City area are asked to notify former students who no longer live here.
Freedom Fest 2000 event comes off with a bang: Freedom Fest 2000 and the promise of family fun attracted hundreds of visitors from near and far to Pine City to

participate in games, win prizes and be thoroughly entertained with music and a jubilant, spectacular display of fireworks.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 July 2025)**
Cheryl Smetana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smetana, Pine City, won the title of Miss Teenage Pine County for 1975-76 at the county pageant held Sunday evening in the Pine City High School auditorium. She also received a poise and personality trophy for having scored the highest during her judges' interview.
Pine County deputies and the Minnesota Highway Patrol on Saturday, apprehended a man accused of robbing the First National Bank of Grantsburg last Thursday.
Chengwatana Riders Saddle Club queen Donna Schwarz will preside over the ninth annual Chengwatana Riders horse show this weekend at the Saddle Club arena across from the fairgrounds.
On sale at First National Bank, the official State of Minnesota American Revolution Bicentennial Medal.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 July 2025)**
Incorporation with the Pine County Agricultural Society to make this year's fair the biggest in history, the Pine City Commercial Club has organized a parade to help launch the festivities this year. Initial response to this latest Fair attraction has proven that the parade will be second to none in this area.
Friends who gathered at the Gerald Gray home Monday evening for a catfish and turtle fry were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ferguson and Diane, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Unverzagt and family, Walt and Bob Molden and Jimmy Collins of Tipton, Indiana.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 July 2025)**
Speeding along at 50 miles per hour and the next minute flying through the air with the car turning turtle twice was the experience of the occupants of a Chevrolet touring car Sunday afternoon. They were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Marudas, James J. Pappa and Miss Mary Zimbrick. Luckily, no one was seriously injured.
Mrs. Carl Holmberg of Sweden and Mrs. Olander of Aberdeen, South Dakota arrived last Thursday for a visit at the home of their son and brother here, Mr. Carl Holmberg of the Pine City Mercantile.
Edwin Nelson was quite ill last Wednesday with convulsions caused by blueberry poisoning.
About 2 a.m. Friday morning, Mr. O. Bjorklund at Fish Lake heard the dogs barking, then about 5 a.m. Mrs. Bjorklund got up as she thought she heard mourning doves fussing about the weather and afterward she went out to feed the chickens and heard a wailing down by the road and going down to investigate, found a nice little baby girl snugly wrapped in a blanket. The baby is about two weeks old and weighs about eight pounds. Mr. and Mrs. Bjorklund have successfully raised 10 children of their own and are well pleased with their find and will keep the little girl until some young couple comes along to relieve them.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 17 July 2025)**

Abe Swanson, the jeweler, has a new chainless bicycle, which is the first one brought to this place. It is a dandy and is for sale at the small price of $35.
O'Neal's drive of logs is here at the railroad bridge and with fair wind will be sluiced through the dam in another day. There are about 22 million in the drive, and he has a crew of 75 men to push them along.
J. M. Roach and family of Arthur, Ontario, are visiting at the home of Jas. Madden this week. Mr. Roach and family were old neighbors of Mr. Madden's and came to the states to visit and see what kind of a country eastern Minnesota was.
Commodore Michael Hurley is busily engaged caulking up the "Helen Blazes," which is lying high and dry on Lambert's Point. As soon as she is seaworthy he will launch her and take her up to Mission Point to use for a kitchen for the campers at the favorite camping ground.
H. J. Rath is fixing over his barn and making a very nice house of it opposite his residence near Burger's sawmill.
What might have been a serious fire was averted on Friday evening by the timely noticing of smoke coming from the transformer on the German Lutheran Church. On that day, Archie Allen connected the wires for the electric light and forgot to cut out the transformer and as a result it got so warm that the siding on the south and of the building under the transformer was charred. Archie was on hand in a very short time and cut the wires, but in doing so, fell a distance of about 12 feet, injuring his right leg and right arm slightly.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 July 2025)**
Motorcyclist injured after striking bear: A Brook Park man had to be airlifted from the scene after crashing into a black bear on his motorcycle on Interstate 35, just north of Pine City. At mile marker 174, about one mile south of the Beroun exit he collided with a black bear crossing the road. The motorcyclist's injuries were later determined to be non-life threatening. The bear did not survive the crash.
City, school continue to mull PCHS parking: City and school district officials have once again agreed to meet this month in an effort to hammer out, hopefully once and for all, a long-term agreement on parking at Pine City High School.
Back in 2013, the city approved a variance that required 600 parking spaces as a result of the building expansion which included the new auditorium and district offices. School officials objected to spending upwards of $1 million to pave 600 parking spaces, most of which may only be used a few times each year for special events like graduation.
County considers bike/walk trail: Pine County commissioners have discussed pursuing funding that would connect a Duluth-to-Twin Cities biking and walking trail through Pine City.
Currently, there are trails heading north from the Twin Cities to the southern Pine County line, and a trail from Duluth ending in Hinckley.
This final 32-mile section of the trail, once complete, would make the Twin Cities to Twin Ports trail one of the longest biking and hiking trails in the world.
County officials also pointed out that if state legacy grant funds are awarded to finish constructing the trail, Pine County would be obligated to maintain the trail forever.

25 Years Ago,2000 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 July 2025)**
Janet Rootkie named Postmaster of the Year: Janet Rootkie of Pine City was selected Postmaster of the Year at the state convention of the Minnesota Branch National League of Postmasters.
The Postmaster of the Year award recognizes postmasters for their outstanding services in their post office, in their community and with the Minnesota branch and national league of postmasters. Janet is the Postmaster in Grasston.
Janet's husband, Cary Rootkie, had the honor of being Postmaster of the Year in 1985.
Marching band: The Pine City High School band will be marching in the Pine County Fair Parade on Saturday.
City names Hurley Street as site for new public works garage: The Pine City Council has finally declared where it will build a new public works garage, choosing a site that raised considerable objections when it was first proposed two years ago.
The city-owned property lies east of the softball fields, north of Pine City High School, on Hurley Street.
The budget for the facility was set at $1 million.
Vikings cheerleaders named fair parade grand marshals: Four members of the Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders squad will be the grand marshals for the Pine City parade on Saturday, July 29.
The parade, held in conjunction with the Pine County Fair, will begin at 4 p.m. The Vikings cheerleaders will be available at 3 p.m. in Robinson Park, downtown Pine City, for autographs and pictures. They will perform some of their cheers at 3:30 p.m. on 5th Street in front of the park and then will ride in the parade.
Camp New Hope Wagon Train assembles at Luedtke's: The Camp New Hope Wagon Train will assemble at Luedtke's in Beroun on Thursday, August 3, where it will kick off its fundraising ride.
Camp New Hope in McGregor is a private, non-profit organization which serves people with developmental challenges. It has been operating since 1968. The wagon train raises money to help campers attend Camp New Hope.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 July 2025)**
Northwestern Bell Telephone officials told a group of Beroun area residents service problems in their area may be solved as early as 1976 under proposed changes in the Bell System in this area.
Work on the developing the site of athletic fields on school property south of Pine City began last week after much delay because of strikes and rainy weather.
For the first time in history, property taxes went up in all of Minnesota's 87 counties, according to a report issued by the Minnesota Taxpayers Association.
Property taxes in Pine County increased by 20.78%.
Playing at the Family Theatre, Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express." At the Pine Outdoor, "The Trial of Billy Jack." Coming up were "The Sting" and "Red Sun."

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Warren (Jug) Brown recently sold his school bus and newspaper route to Franklin Hulett of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin. Jug, who has been in business here the past five years, is the star catcher of the Pirate ball club of Pine City.
This year marks the 50th anniversary of Dr. James J. Slaven's practice in the dental profession.
Dr. L. W. Onken, optometrist, will open a permanent office Tuesday, August 1, upstairs in the Rybak building, Pine City.
Al Mingo of White Bear Lake took over as manager of the Interstate Lumber Company at Pine City last Monday.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 July 2025)**
Last Saturday, while a steam shovel was working on State Highway No. 1, just north of the Soo trestle, four graves were dug up by the machine. The highway at this point was close to the west side of the cemetery, and the bodies had been buried close to the edge. Very little of the caskets were left, being decomposed by the moist earth.
The local pickling plant opened last week with William Miska the first to bring in pickles. The plant is being run by Ernest Chalupnik as manager and Miss Anna Chalupnik as bookkeeper.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 24 July 2025)**
In a course of a few weeks, William Tierney will commence remodeling his residence on Front Street and intends to put in a store front. This will make a fine store building and will be a fine location for someone.
Otto Kowalke's new house in the western part of the village is fast nearing completion, and when completed he will have one of the finest houses in that part of town. William Tierney has it rented for a residence we understand.
John Lindgreen and Henry Studt of Greeley drove over on Thursday morning to take the excursion train for Duluth. They report that crops were never better in their section of the county. They say that wheat will average about 18 bushels to the acre, and corn and potatoes were never so far advanced at this season of the year.
M. O. Horvig, the grocery man, has opened up a first-class stock of staple and fancy groceries in the Miller block.
August Swanson, on the north side of the Snake River, has the frame of his new residence up and enclosed. When completed, August will have a nice home.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 July 2025)**
Derby drivers, and fans, will be putting the pedal to the metal this Friday night. The state championship is on the line. The Pine County Fair Demolition Derby will host the Minnesota State Championship - Imperial Class, with a purse of over $10,000.

PolyMet explores mining in township: PolyMet Mining Corporation is investigating potential copper deposits in Pine City Township, and plans to drill for core samples on private property in the township in weeks ahead. The company contacted the township, and described plans to bore for three separate core samples. All three core drilling sites are on private property south of the Snake River, north of St. Croix Road and west of Sunnyside Street not far from Copper Canyon Road.

Holiday celebrates 65 years in Pine City: Staff and customers at Pine City's downtown Holiday station celebrated 65 years in the city on Saturday, July 25. The station was only the sixth Holiday station in Minnesota when it got its start, and the franchise has since expanded to nearly every city and town across the state.
Pine City youth ready to babysit safely: This June, 148 students completed the Safe Sitter course offered by a FirstLight Health System instructor, including 20 from Pine City. The Safe Sitter program is offered throughout the year to 11-13 year old boys and girls. In 2013, CPR was added to the curriculum, and since then, 369 students have been instructed in this life-saving skill.
Pine City's summer baseball squad brings home league championship: On July 16, the Pine City Baseball team traveled to Mora for their league playoff s. They won the league championship (called "The Majors") with victories over Isle and Mora.

25 Years Ago,2000 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 July 2025)**
Return surveys: A short time ago, 450 surveys regarding phone and telecommunications were mailed at random to Pine City area residents. These surveys are part of an eff ort by a regional task force to get increased telecommunications capabilities in east central Minnesota homes and businesses. Called Netplan, the effort is aimed at locating a telecommunications hub at Pine Technical College and attracting high tech jobs to the area. Those who have not returned the survey will receive another one this week. Everyone who receives it is asked to complete and return it to Pine Technical College or Pine City Hall as soon as possible.
Pine City parade: The annual Pine City parade will get underway at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Spectators are reminded that parking is not allowed on both sides of the street around the perimeter of Robinson Park beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Signs will be posted. Vehicles will be tagged and towed.
Petition contains 2,200 signatures: The petition to create a new county has 2,200 signatures, just 460 names short of the necessary 2,660. The petition must have the required number of signatures if the question of splitting Pine County is to be placed on the November 7 ballot. Only the names of those who registered to vote in Pine County in the 1998 general election can be counted toward the 2,660 total signatures needed.
Pine County Fair turns the spotlight on fun this week: The rides are up and running and the excitement has begun. The 108th annual Pine County Fair opened to enthusiastic crowds last Wednesday night and will continue through Sunday.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 July 2025)**
Sheriff John Kozisek announced today that he is deputizing several volunteer citizens to help patrol the Pine City area in an eff ort to stem what he calls "a rising wave of night vandalism."
The Pine County Fair Board reports final plans for the 83rd annual free gate fair to be held Thursday through Sunday, August 7, 8, 9, and 10.
A 52-mile stretch of the Kettle River in Pine County has been designated by the State Department of Natural Resources as the first segment of Minnesota's Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

John Crowe caught an 8 pound, 14 ounce walleye in Pokegama Lake last week. It's the biggest walleye of the season entered in the Outdoorsman's fishing contest.

It is reported Max Martini is the new owner of the Brook Park Tavern. Max was born and raised in this community on a farm east of town, now operated by Garry Ausmus.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 July 2025)**
This Sunday is a happy day for one of the churches in our community. For on it, the new parsonage of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will be dedicated by the Reverend Doctor Emil Swenson, president of the Lutheran Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Lutheran Church.
Brook Park Postmaster Mrs. Stella Rasmussen informs us that after August 1, our village will be spilled with two **words**, that is Brook Park, not Brookpark.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 July 2025)**
Jos. Gland and J.E. Wolfe have leased the Lakeside Garage and we'll go into the automobile painting business there.
Oscar Westrom took a car of stock to South Saint Paul last week and returned with a Ford roadster, which he purchased in the Twin Cities.
Donald Peterson of Rock Creek had the misfortune of being hit by an automobile Sunday. He suffered only minor bruises and will be able to be about again on Monday. His riding a bicycle was the only thing that saved his life.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 31 July 2025)**
On Monday afternoon, Hugh Alguire was stacking hay and was just about finishing an eight ton stack when he was called to supper, as he drove up with the last load. He left the horses hitched to the wagon. Hugh and his men had been gone barely 15 minutes when they noticed smoke coming from the direction of the stack, and when they arrived at the scene, the stack was in flames and so was the load. The horses started to run and were severely scorched before they were released from the wagon. All the hay, wagon and rack were totally consumed by the flames. It is presumed the fire started by somebody smoking too near the hay.
Peter O'Brien has just finished setting up another pool table and hereafter will have two running for the benefit of the lovers of the scientific game.
All of the railways announce a half fare rate for everybody going to the State Fair, which dates are September 3-8.
John D. Wilcox, Jr. has purchased the old Stroinsky threshing outfit and is busily engaged in getting it ready for the fall's work. He expects to begin threshing at the farm of Jos. Jungbauer about 10 miles west of this place and work his way in.

George Veenhoven, who has been at work for J.J. Jumer in the barber shop in this place for the past few months, resigned his position on Saturday last to accept a more remunerative position in a shop at Sandstone.
S. Gordon of Rush City was fishing on the Snake on Sunday and left his horse tied to a tree at the copper mine. He was gone for about three hours, and upon his return found that his horse had gone and left him. He walked up to this place, arriving at

about 9:30 p.m., where he got a team to take him down home. He had very good success, bagging 13 rock bass and several pike and pickerel.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 Aug 2025)**
"Derby Fever: The Movie," a 2014 documentary film about the Pine County Demolition Derby, will air several times on Channel 2. The film, made by Pine City's Dell Gross, captures the fierce action and the local legends that have helped to make the Pine County Derby famous.
As the TPT reader's guide puts it, "The Pine County Minnesota Derby is known as the greatest and hardest-hitting derby in the Midwest. Derby Fever puts all that excitement on the screen and brings out the personalities, the traditions and the passions of the derby drivers who work year- round to get their cars ready for a few thrilling minutes in the derby pit."
Pine City Pioneer 130th birthday celebration: The Pine City Pioneer invites the community to help celebrate 130 years of "bringing the news to you" on Friday, August 7 in Robinson Park. There will be free food and beverages, live music by Eddie P. and Friends, prizes, games, kids activities and more!
All revved up for the Pine County Fair! The Kids Power Wheels Demolition pitted young drivers against each other in the derby arena behind the wheels of battery-powered plastic vehicles. Though the speeds were slow, the action still got wild, and each competitor received a well-earned trophy at the end of the event.

25 Years Ago, 2000 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 Aug 2025)**
Flower show: The Pine Gardeners will hold their annual flower show in the community room at Pine City Hall.
The gardeners encourage anyone interested in gardening to enter. There's even a "little person's" category for children.
McGruff Camp: The annual McGruff Safety Camp for Pine County youth will be held at Westside Park in Hinckley.
The camp focuses on the dangers of drug use and on prevention of violence. There is no cost to participate. Bus transportation is provided from several communities in Pine County.
Card Marathon: The Pine Area Lions are looking for bridge and 500 card players to join the card marathon charity group.
The club will set up the teams in August.
Saddle Club: The Chengwatana Riders Saddle Club meeting will be held at the horse arena next to the fairgrounds on Tuesday.
The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Be prepared to be outdoors for the duration of the meeting.
Pine County Fair 2000: Perfect weather, a lot of new rides and great grandstand entertainment made the 108th annual Pine County Fair a tremendous success.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 Aug 2025)**
The secretary of the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce announces the selection of Ike Gillespie, of Pine City, as this year's Grand Marshal for the Chamber parade to be held on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Brook Park: Have you noticed how nice the park is kept? Scott and Jaye Hippen are the new care takers and they are taking personal pride in the work they are doing. They trim the trees, haul away the loose rocks and fill the holes. Glad these young men are a part of our friendly village.
Rodger Hagstrom, Arne Feist, Sheldon Nascene, and Dan Bina were chaperones for 16 boys who had each sold 60 boxes of candy for the summer rec program. They were treated to a night out at the Holiday Inn, Minneapolis, and saw the Minnesota Twins beat the Kansas City Chiefs 7-2.
Among the units in the Pine City Chamber Parade will be the Rochester Cycle Patrol, Granettes Drum and Bugle Corps, Brian Boru Bagpipe Band, St. Paul Police Band, the Cathedral Girls Band, the Burlington Northern miniature train, the St. Paul Winter Carnival Vulcans, and Buster and Bozo.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 Aug 2025)**
The annual Beroun Community Picnic, sponsored by the members of St. Joseph Church, was well favored by the weatherman, and a very good crowd enjoyed the happy midsummer get-together and homecoming fete. Lydia Pulkrabek, upon receiving 1,100 votes on the dance tickets sold, was crowned as this year's picnic queen and was given a 10k gold locket on chain and a pair of sterling silver earrings. She was sponsored by the Joe Mikyska store.
In a recent transaction, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hill sold their Red and White Store to Vernon Glidden of Minneapolis and his brother, Leo Glidden, of Waukesha, Wisconsin.
In Beroun, the 1950 crop of pickles are now arriving at the pickle station.
In Brook Park, Harrison Towle had the misfortune to break his arm while pitching ball for Henriette on Sunday.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 Aug 2025)**
There has been a lot of petty thieving in the village the past week, which is getting on the nerves of folks who have been the victims of this petty larceny.
The farmers in this vicinity are busy stacking grain. The grain is nice as there was plenty of rainfall during the summer.
"Cap" Hancock, former county commissioner, was a visitor in the village last Saturday. He is visiting at the home of his son, Ben Hancock, in Beroun.
Joe Carlson, office manager at the Pine City Mercantile Company, left on his annual vacation last Monday.
Fifty-three relatives gathered at the Chas. Spearling home last Sunday for a family reunion.
Al Oman left for Moose Lake yesterday, where he is completing a plumbing job and from there was going to Arthyde, where he is installing plumbing and heating equipment in a new school building under construction.
The Poker enjoyed a pleasant visit from our brother publisher, Hjalmer Peterson, of the Askov American, last Monday afternoon.
Mr. Babcock, one of the publishers of the Enterprise - Messenger at Cloverton, was a caller at the Poker office Tuesday. Mr. Babcock does not get to Pine City very often

but he is in hopes of the county soon having a good road into the eastern part of the county and promises to visit Pine City more often.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 7 Aug 2025)**
Rain and hot weather seems to be in order nowadays.
On Monday night at about 11:45 p.m., during the storm, lightning struck the barn of August Teich, about a mile north of town, and it was burned to the ground, together with many tons of hay and about 50 chickens. We understand that it is a total loss, there being no insurance.
On Monday night an agent of Allen Marshall, cigar manufacturer of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, drove into town with two teams, one being a team of Colorado burrows and the other team composed of six dogs. He was advertising the cigar known as the Yukon Girl for sale by J.Y. Breckenridge. He departed on Tuesday evening for Duluth, which place he intends to reach by the 15th.
The uniforms ordered by the fire department have arrived. The boys wore them for the first time to Hinckley on last Tuesday evening, the occasion being the annual ball given by the fireman of that place. Those who saw the uniforms of the Pine City boys say they are the most handsome ones they ever saw. They fit each one of the boys as if they were melted and they ran into them.

10 Years Ago, 2015 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Aug 2025)**
Construction crews were hard at work this week sinking the pilings on the new County Road 7 bridge over the Snake River. The new bridge should be completed by mid-November.
The Stoffel Family Memorabilia Museum will welcome visitors to help celebrate their 20th anniversary on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.
Pine City families brought a bevy of blankets to Robinson Park on Tuesday night for the annual National Night Out event. Superhero capes were a popular item among the younger crowd, and fresh popcorn and games were offered by a host of different organizations before the showing of the automated film “Big Hero 6” after the sun went down.

(**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Aug 2025)**
The Pine Area Lions will sell tickets to a shopping spree at Nelson’s Market in Pine City. The Pine City Arts Council is planning the first ever Pine City Home Tour. It will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Five Area homes will be on display featuring various architectural design, styles and vintage.
New street signs are scheduled to go up at the end of August on the Pine City streets that are being renamed as part of the Enhanced 911 project.

50 Years Ago, 1975 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Aug 2025)**
State Senator Florian Chmielewski has announced that effective August 19, Curtis Rossow will join Harris Mills as a fulltime Pine County game warden. Rossow will be stationed in Willow River.
Winning the championship flight in the demolition derby at the Pine County Fair on Saturday night were Steve Broberg, Mike Youngbauer and Wally Beise.

Found while reading through a record book of The Brook Park Ladies Aid Society (the group organized November 5, 1896): The Ladies Aid voted to pay May Kelsey, daughter of Mrs. Lucy Kelsey, 10 cents for washing dishes left over from the Honey Sociable.
On Friday, August 8, at 4:47 a.m., the fire department was called to the fairgrounds where a fire had started from a deep fat fryer in the 4-H lunch stand. The fryer was a total loss, along with minor damage to a partitioned wall and overhead rafters. There was extensive smoke damage.

75 Years Ago, 1950 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Aug 2025)**
The new fire truck recently purchased by the village council arrived here Tuesday and is now undergoing tests before being officially accepted by the village council.

Mrs. Nina Lindahl, a resident of Pine City for many years, died Tuesday August 8 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Gray, Hinckley.
At Rock Creek, the 10 o'clock train started a fire Friday morning in the Chas. Riggleman's pasture. They were afraid their grain field would catch fire, but it was put under control and not much damage was done.
On the Brunswick Road. We all have been busy cutting grain this week, but Matt Youngbauer has been the first one to start threshing on the Brunswick Road this year, starting with his rye on the Herman Youngbauer farm.
Mr. and Mrs. John Karas and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Karas recently returned from a 2,000 mile trip through Canada, first to Kenora, then through Ontario and Manitoba, to Saskatchewan, where they visited relatives, then home by way of Lankin, North Dakota, were they visited friends.

100 Years Ago, 1925 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Aug 2025)**
Walter A. Kwiatkoski, better known in the carnival world as Kid Smith, saved the lives of two carnival mates Wednesday noon. Dot Moore and her husband, Chas. Moore, were swimming at the dam. Dot suddenly became seized with a cramp. Her husband swam to her rescue, but the frightened lady caught him in a death grip and the two went down together. Walter had taken his dog down for a bath in the river and was attracted by the lady's screams. Without stopping to remove his clothing, he swam to the rescue and after a heroic struggle, brought the two to shore and with first aid tactics soon had the unfortunates in their normal condition.
Harry Larson and Lawrence Therrien drove to Mille Lacs Lake last Sunday. Their orchestra, Kinky and His Six Cylinder Four, has been engaged to play for a number of dances there during the next few weeks.

125 Years Ago, 1900 (**Published in Pine City Pioneer, 14 Aug 2025)**
The banks of beautiful Pokegama Lake are dotted with tents by campers from the cities. A party of five came up on Tuesday and have pitched their tents on the old Pokegama farm at the mouth of the lake.
Farmers in this vicinity are a little blue on account of the constant rains. The grain that is cut is musting in the shock and that not yet cut is so ripe that it is shelling out, and

unless the weather becomes settled before many days, the grain crop will be a total failure.