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### 'It must be my family heritage'

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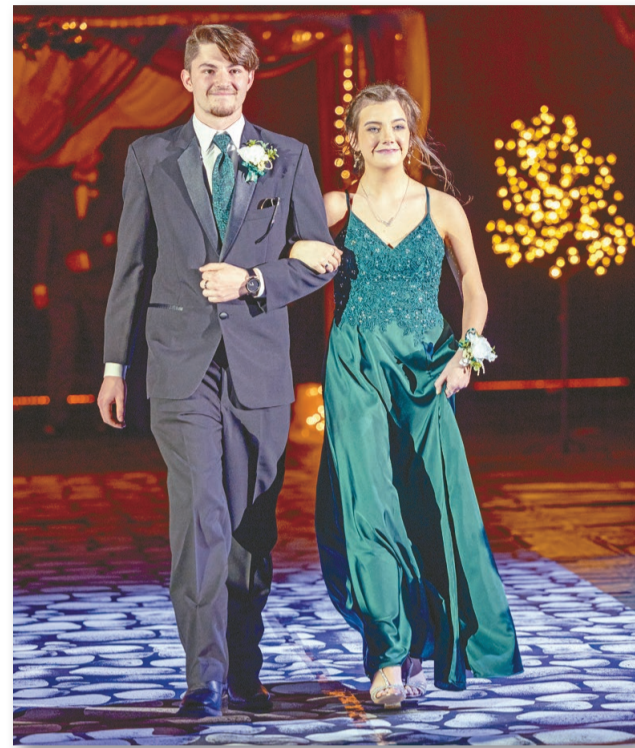
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#### Marjorie Hawkinson

When asked, to what do you attribute your longevity, Marjorie Hawkinson replied, "It must be my family heritage." She named many family members that lived into their 90s. Her father lived to be 93, and her mother was 95 when she passed.

Marjorie was raised on a farm in Nebraska. She had two older brothers and two younger sisters. She and her siblings had to milk cows before they could go to school in the morning. Her family bought a farm near Brook Park just before Pearl Harbor happened. Marjorie met and married Kenneth Hawkinson in 1948. Their family consisted of their oldest son Dick who succumbed to cancer in 2011, second son, Cory, daughter Barb,

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### Enchanted evening at PCHS

Pine City High School held its 2022 prom last Saturday, May 7 at the Pine City High School gymnasium. The theme was 'Enchanted Garden.' Pictured above left are Gavin Schueller and Ashley Peters. Making a special appearance were 'Dumb and Dumber,' Jason Thiemann (in orange) and Cole Waxberg (in blue).

### Pine City area townships, cities moving closer toward a fire district



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Townships and cities gather at the May 3 Pine City Council meeting to express concerns over fire contracts.

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Townships and cities who contract fire services with Pine City Fire Department attended the most recent Pine City Council meeting on May 4 to address issues concerning their contract

with the City's fire department. The following townships who contract with the city fire department, Chengwatana, Mission Creek, Munch, Pine City, Pokegama, and

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### Pine City Schools parts ways with superintendent

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Pine City Schools have parted ways with Pine City School Superintendent Paula Foley as of Thursday, May 4. A separation agreement was drafted to allow Foley a paid leave of absence through the remainder of her contract on June 30.

Also as part of the agreement, Foley will receive 18 days of vacation. Foley, as part of the agreement, which will be presented to the school board on Friday for a special meeting, will have to release the school district, along with current and former school board members, its current and former officers, employees, agents, representatives, insurers, attorneys, and other affiliates from any and all liability.



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#### Pine City School Board meets for a special meeting on Friday, May 4.

Foley has the right to rescind her release of claims in writing within 15 days after signing the agreement. If she rescinds the agreement, this separation agree-

ment states that Foley will remain on leave but such leave will be unpaid.

The separation agreement states that the two parties are entering into

the agreement in order to avoid any dispute over Foley's employment with the District, and

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