



Pine City Area History Association

Preserve & Share Pine City Area History



Pine City about 1936 - photo courtesy of Michael Sauser



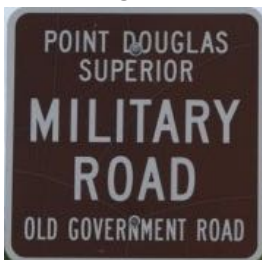
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

RURAL SCHOOL



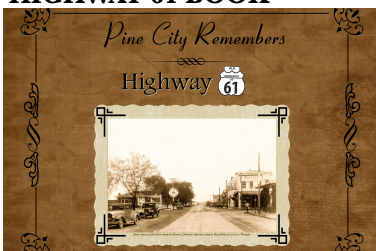
MILITARY ROAD



PRIVY DIGGERS



HIGHWAY 61 BOOK



Looking back at our third year

Message from the Board

Our third year of operation found us taking on more projects that encompass our mission to *collect, preserve and disseminate knowledge about the history of the Pine City area.*

- The Rural School Museum merged with the Pine City Area History Association this past spring. While the Rural School Museum committee will continue to oversee the operation of the Rural School Museum we are pleased to be able to partner with them to help preserve and share this important aspect of local history.
- We brought the privy diggers to town. We arranged a few different digs in town and would love to schedule some more. There is no cost to having them dig, it is fascinating and the homeowner ends up with some interesting finds.
- We entered the retail world this year with two products we created and sold. The first was a book entitled "*Pine City Remembers Highway 61*". Local history along Highway 61 was explored and recorded in the book. Our second project was a 2016 calendar which was based on the History Hunt program we developed with the Pine City Public Library. The calendar contained an interactive feature. In addition to the historic photo for each month there was a QR code that triggered a short video with more information about the featured site. Watch for our 2017 calendar coming out soon.
- We have created a guide brochure on the Military Road. It includes a history of the Military Road system, a map and

a guide to explore the local segments of the road. The brochure is available at area businesses and on line at our website.

- We have cataloged Bob Thiry's negatives. This was a huge task and we couldn't have done it without the help of Margery Swanson. Our next task will be to make the catalog available online.
- Our general meetings continue to be well attended. Topics this year were; history of the Pine City paper, telling your own personal history, privy digging, and when i35 came to town.
- We started an online collection of local family histories. They make fascinating reading even if they are not your relatives. They are available to read on our website. Click on the people tab.

This third year has been a busy one but we want to acknowledge and thank the family of Bayliss Swanson. Bayliss was one of the first members of the Thursday local history group and rarely missed a meeting. When Bayliss died last fall his family requested memorials be sent to the history association. This resulted in a nice nest egg for the association that we look forward to using on a future project. Thank you Bayliss, we miss your presence and your humor.

MISSION

The collection, preservation and dissemination of knowledge about the history of the Pine City area.



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Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance 7/1/15 = \$755.55

Income	
Memberships	\$660.00
Donations	\$381.74
Memorials	\$1,405.00
Calendars & Book Sales	\$981.00
Total	\$3,427.74

Expenses	
Mn Historical Society - membership	\$25.00
Pine Area Chamber - membership	\$55.00
Pine Co Ag. Society - Fair Booth Rental	\$50.00
State of MN - Sales Tax	\$57.00
Printing MinPack & Presto Photo	\$1,208.74
Cataloging Supplies & Postage	\$393.92
Cataloging Software	\$329.00
Total	\$2,118.66

Balance as of 6/30/2016 = \$2,064.63

Rural School Museum	
Balance	\$1,846.14



Local History Group

The local history group from which the history association evolved continues to meet weekly. You are invited to join us on Thursdays at 1:00 PM in the meeting room of the Pine City Public Library. The meetings are free and open to the public. They are casual meetings with no set agenda. Often participants will bring items of historical interest to share. Discussion usually lasts about two hours.

Going Forward

- Some of our goals this year include;
- Continue collecting family histories and making them available to the public.
 - Create another digital presentation.
 - Increase membership and awareness of the Pine City Area History Association.
 - Submit a project to the Minnesota Digital Library.
 - Get permission for some more dig sites for the Privy Diggers. It is our hope that we could find enough local bottles so the History Association could start to build a collection of local bottles.

Some of our Needs

- A person or persons who would be willing to enter data into the computer.
- Photos and memorabilia of the Pine City Area.
- People to help staff a booth at the county fair.

Numbers	2014	2015	2016
Members	29	36	42
FaceBook Friends	249	364	460

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

We are supported by memberships. An annual membership is \$20.00.

Please help by purchasing a membership.

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