

SAUERKRAUT DAYS
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this year it was good to see people support Sauerkraut Days,” Graham said.

By the time the festivities wrapped up around 5 p.m. Sunday, attendees had scarfed down 2,000 brats and gone through 1,300 pounds of sauerkraut. Just three T-shirts were left, out of 500 ordered, and all 700 can koozies were gone.

Graham said that Friday “was a record breaker,” and Saturday’s sales were definitely in the top two.



Snake oil, you say? Nonsense! Dr. Kraut brought his medicine show to the Owl Parade. One spritz of this kraut juice can cure what ails you!



A flock of brightly-colored butterflies were spotted flitting around town during the Saturday night Owl Parade, spreading cheer to all.



Willow Milbrath, 6, of Le Sueur, was overjoyed to bounce high on a trampoline on Saturday. Rains shut the ride down early, but it was back up on Sunday.



Shelley Galvin channeled her inner rock star as she played guitar and sang with Wreckless on Saturday night in the Bender Park shelter.



Ian Nelson covers bratwurst with a layer of kraut to soak in the flavor for the hungry masses. A total of 1,300 pounds of kraut and 2,000 bratwurst was consumed over this year’s Sauerkraut Days.

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George’s Concertina entertained the crowd early Saturday afternoon.



LeRoy Buck of Henderson was prepared with a rain jacket for the wet return to town during Saturday’s Tractor Ride.



Lukas Graff made his solo debut at Sauerkraut Days on Saturday.



A member of the SuFuDu Drumline lets a young boy clap the cymbals together in between performances in the Grand Parade.



Henderson American Legion Post 74 and Le Sueur VFW members led Sunday’s Grand Parade, including a gun salute at the start while Lee Greenwood’s “Proud to be an American” played over the speakers.



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The Shaw Brothers were rocking the house in the Bender Park shelter on Friday night.



Mason “The Mullet Man” Simon of New Prague is this year’s Kraut Eating Champion, with a time of 3 minutes, 20 seconds. He is also a two-time Giant Days corn-eating champion and reported that he was “feeling fine” and going to save his winnings.



Children representing Essential Workers marched in the Kiddie Parade on Saturday afternoon. They included Paige Wentzlaff as a teacher, complete with apple and Zoom meeting; Kane Thelemann as a firefighter; Parker Wentzlaff as a farmer; Jase Thelemann as a police officer; and Reese Thelemann as a nurse.



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Brianne Berger and Casie, Lincoln, and Aleda Klockmann were the lucky recipients of this year’s Kraut Can Medallion. They found it at Henderson’s latest business, the Henderson Outpost.



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Clockwise from left: The Henderson Fire Department team of Sam Hardel, Adam Arnst and Isaac Arnst took home the Sauerkraut Days Firemen’s Water Fights trophy; a young boy waves as the Henderson Fire Department trucks pass by; Sauerkraut Days Grand Marshal Arden Kroehler had a horse-drawn ride through town for the Grand Parade; and there was fun to be had even for man’s best friend. While Little League games were being played, Reggie enjoyed chasing and leaping to chomp on bubbles.

