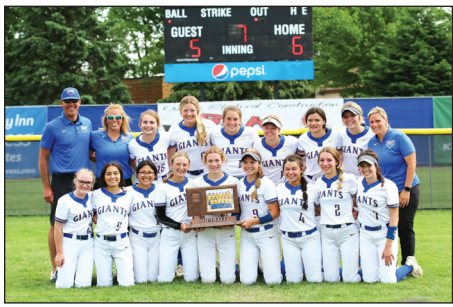




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## Yelpers give back

The communities of Henderson, Le Sueur and Belle Plaine recently received bench donations from the Valley Yelpers. P. 2



## Consolation Champs

The Giants softball team rebounded from an opening loss to earn two late wins and the Class AA Consolation Championship. P. 11



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# A shot above the rest

Emily Sullivan breaks wheelchair shot put state record in final appearance

By Rachel Miller  
Editor

Seated atop her special throwing chair, wheelchair track and field athlete Emily Sullivan gripped the bar on the left side for balance and stability, as with her right she used all her strength to launch the 8.8-pound metal sphere into the air.

Sullivan looked to her left as she waited for the electronic display to reveal her distance. As the display flashed 15'1", Sullivan's face broke out into a huge smile, and the gathered crowd erupted in cheers of excitement.

It was Sullivan's third and final appearance at the Class A State Track and Field meet in Jamison, and she left not only with three more state championship titles, but a new state record to boot.

But she was not done yet. By the time Friday's competition wrapped up, Sullivan had notched two more state championships, as she turned in a season best time of 29.68 seconds in the wheelchair 100 meter dash, which was almost nine seconds faster than last year's state time and an improvement of almost two seconds over her Section 2A time the week before. Sullivan also won the 200 meter dash in 1:05.40, which was a 10-second improvement from her 2021 state time.



PHOTOS BY RACHEL MILLER

Emily Sullivan and Denice Maus beam after hearing the news that Sullivan threw 15 feet, 1 inch to set a new Class A state record in the wheelchair shot put.

"It is great to leave behind a legacy for other kids to hear about," Sullivan said.

Sullivan is the first wheelchair athlete to go through Le Sueur-Henderson since the Minnesota State High School League added a wheelchair division to its track and field program in the spring of 2011.

For 10 years, Kathryn Lu-

bahn of Pine Island held the Class A Wheelchair Shot Put record (14'6.25"), until Sullivan beat it with her Section 2A Champion throw of 14'11.75" on June 4.

"I was shocked — it was so much better than anything I threw before," Sullivan said.

Beating that state record was the goal this season, and

Coach Sue Hynes had been pushing Sullivan hard all season, with the goal of leaving Sullivan with "spaghetti arms" by the end of practice.

"Sometimes she was really exhausted by the end of practice, but it really paid off,"

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With a giant effort, Le Sueur-Henderson senior Emily Sullivan threw the shot put 15 feet, 1 inch, to set a Class A Wheelchair Shot Put state record, at the Class A State Track and Field meet last Friday.

## LE SUEUR CITY COUNCIL

# Council, school board to host referendum meeting June 21

By Beth Cornish  
Independent staff

Monday, June 13's Le Sueur City Council meeting was over in less than 30 minutes. City administrator Joe Roby provided an update on items at the city office including:

1. On June 16, between 4-7 p.m. at the new South Main will be Summer in the Valley sponsored by the Le Sueur Chamber of Commerce.
2. On June 20, city hall will be closed for Juneteenth.
3. There will be a combined work session on June 21 at 6:30 with the school board, a public meeting for a listening and questioning session about the upcoming referendum.
4. The Community Development coordinator vacancy has been reposted as the previous offer fell through.

5. On June 15, city staff will participate in the South Central Healthcare Coalition Regional Exercise, a regional emergency preparedness exercise. This will be a tabletop drill where parties are given scenarios and have a chance to work together to answer a problem; this allows staff to be sure they have the necessary materials on hand and that they are prepared for any eventualities.

City Council Resolution R2022-028 passed unanimously to approve the contract with Niagara Power Transformer Corp. for \$767,766.00 for furnishing a Power Transformer for the Main Street Substation, located just north of the post office. The existing transformer is at least 70 years old, exceeding its useful life expectancy of 40-50 years. This was identified as a high-level need in the recent electrical system capital plan.

The bid guarantees delivery in 2nd Quarter 2024. The budget estimate was for approximately \$650,000 and it will be included in a future bond.

The council also passed Ordinance #594, amending the zoning ordinance regarding industrial building materials within the P-1, I-1 and I-2 Zoning Districts regarding exterior walls. Materials may be a combination including brick, dimensioned stone, rock faced block, decorative concrete panels, architectural concrete block, cast in place concrete, stone, wood, glass, or metal panels. Metal panels shall not encompass more than an average of 75 percent of all building elevations combined. Street-facing sides of all buildings shall not have metal panels that encompass more than 75 percent. This resolution will be published and shared with the county and become effective thereafter.

Resolution R2022-029 approved a conditional use permit allowing exterior storage added to 549 Elmwood Avenue South to owner John Favolise. The following two conditions were attached to this permit: 1. The applicant shall maintain vegetation behind the outdoor storage area. 2. No additional storage may be placed on the property without an amendment to this permit.

Under normal business, the council approved annual liquor license renewals for Froggy's, Holiday Station Store (3.2% malt Liquor), Scoop's Liquor, The 300 Club and The Bar under each applicant's specific requirements for operating hours and on or off sale.

Pay applications were approved for WW Blacktopping, Landmark Structures Inc., L.P., Magney Construction, Inc, and Pember Companies. WW

has completed the first phase of the 2022 Street Maintenance Patching Project in the amount of \$101,885.12 after retainage. The final turf restoration is anticipated to be completed this month. The second phase of this project involving the seal coating is scheduled for later this summer.


The application from Landmark was in the amount of \$19,000 for the Composite Elevated Water Tower project. Magney Construction, Inc. has been working on the Well No. 9 and Well House project and this application was for \$140,146.81. The pay application from Pember is for work on the reconnection of South Main Street in the amount of \$165,660.53 after retainage. The contractor is working diligently to complete the remainder of the project and estimation is that the project will be near final within the next two weeks.



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Henderson's  
Weatherman

By Jerry Gilman



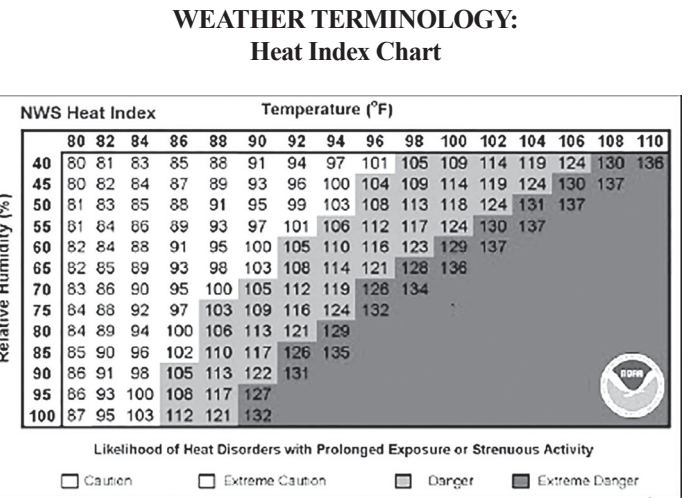
The heat is on!

**REGIONAL WEATHER HISTORY**  
**June 16, 1992:** A total of 27 tornadoes touch down across Minnesota, the second most in Minnesota history. The communities of Chandler, Lake Wilson, Clarkfield and Cokato are badly damaged; \$80 million worth of damage would occur, and Presidential disaster declarations would be made for many counties.  
**June 17, 2010:** The largest single-day tornado outbreak in Minnesota history occurs with 48 tornadoes across the state. This outbreak would set the stage for a record-breaking tornado year in Minnesota that finished with 113 tornadoes, the most of any state in the U.S. that year. There were three EF-4 tornadoes and four EF-3 tornadoes in Minnesota. Four tornado fatalities occurred, which was the highest daily number since July 5, 1978.  
**June 18, 1939:** A deadly tornado hits Anoka; nine fatalities and more than 200 injuries are reported.  
**June 19, 2014:** Heavy rain leads to widespread flooding

in the Twin Cities metro area. Minnehaha Creek has its record crest of 17.64 feet on this date. Eden Prairie records 5.47 inches of rain, while MSP airport receives 4.13 inches, the highest daily total in five years.  
**June 20, 1992:** Abnormally cold conditions occur across the north. Temperatures drop to 26 at Embarrass, MN and Hayward, WI, but the cold spot is 24 at Brimson, MN.  
**June 21, 1989:** Fairmont has a wind gust of 76 mph during a severe thunderstorm.  
**June 22, 1919:** The second deadliest tornado in Minnesota history hits Fergus Falls, killing 59 people. Like the #1 killer tornado for Minnesota (73 fatalities in St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids on April 14, 1886), it struck on a weekend.  
**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK**  
This period brings mostly hot and dry weather with temperatures at times flirting with 100 degrees  
**Week 1:** Thursday starts off dry with a strong low pressure tracking east across central Canada. Gusty winds out of the southwest will ensue and

should ease as we head into the evening hours.  
Friday looks dry as the heat dome lifts into southern Minnesota due to a low pressure developing in the northern Rockies. Look for breezy conditions to develop.  
Saturday looks hot and breezy as the low lifts into western Canada. It's possible we could see some rain chances develop along the warm front, but most of the day looks dry.  
Sunday looks to be a hot one as temperatures might hit a triple digit. Breezy conditions

look to continue with dry conditions.  
Monday again looks hot and dry with the possibility of triple digit temperatures. As we head into the evening hours chances for showers and thunderstorms develop as the low tracks north of the Minnesota-Canadian.  
Tuesday and Wednesday bring more chances for showers and thunderstorms as a cold front works its way across the state.  
**Week 2:** The long-range model is showing another heat wave developing.



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Hynes said.  
Heading into the state meet, Sullivan set her eyes on pushing her record across the 15-foot threshold. Little did she know, she would achieve that lofty feat on her very first throw.  
Sullivan hopes that her school legacy will be one that inspires other students with disabilities to compete, especially other females as they are few and far between. Of the 12 wheelchair athletes that competed at the state tournament, just three were female: Sullivan in Class A and Adaylia Borgmeier (Mankato East) and Tayla Gassman (Big Lake) in Class AA. By comparison, there were five male competitors in Class A, three in AA and one in the newly-formed AAA.  
“A lot of kids don’t know they can do things like this. There are programs and equipment, and they just have not had the resources or environment to realize they can do things like this,” Sullivan said.  
Neither Sullivan nor Le Sueur-Henderson have had to pay for the special equipment she uses to compete. The racing chair Sullivan uses for the 100 and 200 meter dash races is on loan to her from the Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute, and the throwing chair she used this season was borrowed from a friend.  
Sullivan will be heading to Augustana University in the fall to study Special Education and American Sign Language, and would like to become a role model for other students living with disabilities.  
“She is an excellent role model for the school and for other wheelchair athletes,” Hynes said, adding that she feels very fortunate to have been able to coach her.



Emily Sullivan with her family. Pictured from left to right are parents Jim and Marsha Sullivan, sister Anna, Emily, uncle Rich Pinney and grandmother Sharon Pinney.



Emily Sullivan pushes hard across the finish line in the 100 meter dash. She finished the race in a season best 29.68 seconds.

TOWN BASEBALL  
TIGERS  
COMEBACK CUT  
SHORT IN THE  
NINTH INNING

**By Beth Cornish**  
*Independent staff*  
The St. Peter Saints town ball team came to Henderson to face the hometown Tigers on Sunday, June 12 for an exciting matchup. The Saints emerged triumphant after a two-run ninth inning for an 8-6 final.  
The Saints got on the board in the top of the second after three walks and a fielder's choice set the table for a two-run double. In the third a leadoff walk came around to score after a single, a sacrifice fly and a ground out to short. A leadoff double followed by a mix of three singles, a balk and a sacrifice fly to deep center added three more to the Saints' total in the top of the fifth.  
After a sprinkling of singles and walks, the Tigers finally got on the score board in the bottom of the seventh inning. Peyton Telljohn started the action when he reached on a wild pitch. Luke Frauendienst followed him on base after an error, and Chase Boehne walked to load the bases. Another error put Talen Schwandt aboard and scored Telljohn. A walk to Joe Lewis scored Frauendienst and a sacrifice fly from Jesse Kaelberer scored Boehne to make the score 6-3.  
After a wild pitch moved the runners to second and third, yet another walk was issued to Logan Swalve to load the bases. Cael Willart hit a single to deep right to score Schwandt and Lewis and Swalve came home on an error to tie the game at six.  
After a scoreless eighth inning, the Saints combined four singles and a fielders choice to score two more runs, bringing the Tigers to the plate in the bottom of the ninth trailing 8-6. In a repeat of the previous inning, the Tigers hit two fly outs and the final out on a strikeout.  
The third pitcher of the game for the Saints pitched very effectively in the final two innings, throwing 11 balls, 17 strikeouts and striking out two of the six men he faced.  
Nathan Gregersen pitched four and 2/3 for the Tigers, allowing six hits, three wild pitches, one balk, nine walks and one strikeout for six earned runs. Frauendienst gave up seven hits, faced 19 batters and allowed two earned runs.  
The Tigers will host the St. Clair Wood Ducks on Saturday, June 18 at 5 p.m.

**LE SUEUR - HENDERSON ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**Brynn Biedscheid & Morgan Gregersen**

Giants softball players Brynn Biedscheid and Morgan Gregersen both contributed big hits in the Giants' Class AA State Softball run. Gregersen hit a two-run RBI in the Giants' opening 4-2 loss to DGF, while Biedscheid used two hits, including a home run, to drive in two runs in the team's 6-5 Consolation Championship victory over Pipestone.

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