

School board

Board member Joe Roby has resigned from his post. P. 5



MNCS News

MNCS held a Presentation Night last Thursday, while elementary students presented “The Wizard of Oz” last Friday. P. 10

Sports Wrap-ups

This week’s edition features the Winter Sports Wrap-ups: Belle Plaine Tigers, P. 7, LS-H Giants, P. 11

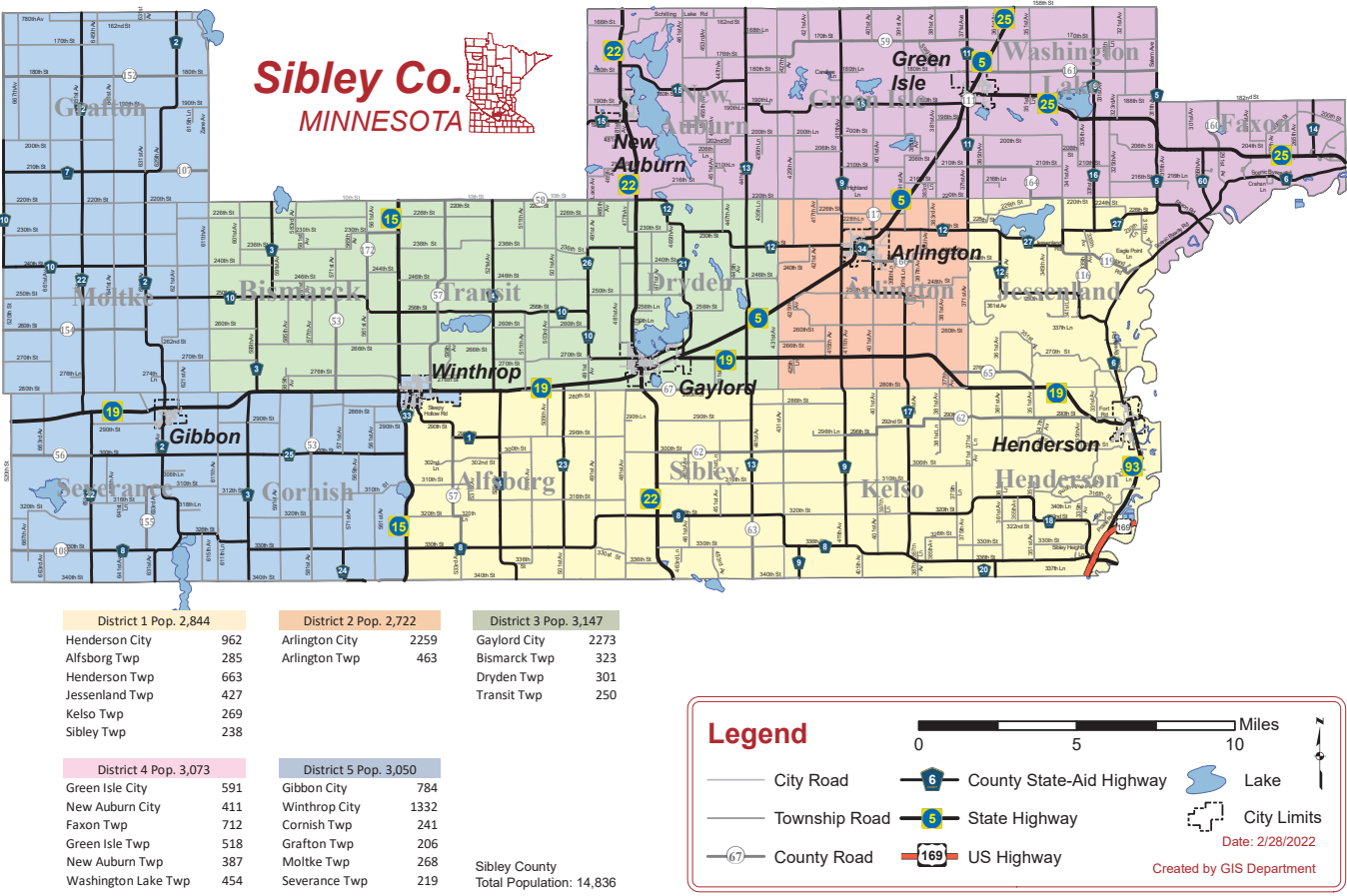


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Sibley County Commissioner Districts



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Sibley County will have to change its district configuration as part of the redistricting process this year. A public hearing on the proposal will be held March 31. Chief among the proposed changes will be the removal of Washington and Faxon townships from District 1. Instead, Sibley, Kelso and Alfsborg Townships will join the City and Township of Henderson and Jessenland Township in District 1. The City and Township of Arlington will be on their own in District 2; Dryden, Transit and Bismarck Townships will join District 3; Washington and Faxon Townships will join District 4; and Grafton and Moltke Townships will join District 5.

Redistricting will results in changes to Sibley County’s commissioner’s districts

By Marilee Peterson
Sibley County Auditor-Treasurer

Although the 2020 census revealed some population changes in Sibley County, they were not great enough to require redistricting of the county’s five Commissioner Districts. State law requires

redistricting if the population in any district varies more than 10 percent from the average of all districts in a county. The total population went from 15,118 a decade ago, to 14,836 in 2020; however district populations stayed within 10 percent of the five districts’ average of 2,967. There is a different reason why the present districts are being considered for

changes. Commissioner districts must be drawn to meet statutory requirements found in Minnesota Statute 375.025, subd. 1. These requirements include: Each county is divided into as many

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Controlling the blaze

PHOTO BY RACHEL MILLER

Dark black smoke billowed high in the sky over Henderson late Saturday morning, March 19....just as planned. The Henderson Fire Department was joined by the Arlington, Belle Plaine and Le Sueur Fire Departments, as well as Le Center Ambulance, to conduct a controlled burn of the barn and smaller buildings at the property across the street from the 300 block of S. 9th Street in Henderson. Controlled burns are a great training experience for fire personnel, and Saturday’s went off without a hitch. Firefighters wet the buildings in advance and continued to spray to keep the fire contained.



PHOTO BY JOEL KING

Purple Rain bike joins Prince tribute

The Prince space now located inside Heart of Henderson, 501 Main St., welcomed a Purple Rain tribute bike last week, which was donated indefinitely to the Prince Legacy Henderson Project, Inc. from an anonymous donor. The Prince tribute space now includes the Prince statue (in the background), a new Diamonds and Pearls light, the Prince bench and various Prince posters.

Election 2022

Sheets joins race for 17B House seat

Shane Sheets of Green Isle is announcing his candidacy to run for the Minnesota House of Representatives 17B seat.

He is a current council member for the city of Green Isle and has vested leadership experience as a medical examiner’s office director. He holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from St. Mary’s University of Minnesota and an undergraduate degree in criminal justice from Liberty University. During his career, he has held positions in healthcare, law enforcement, death investigation, and government administration. He is driven and eager to be the voice of the conservative community and has a unique investigative mindset that incorporates objective thinking, viewing topics from all sides, assessing the pros and cons, followed by making a firm decision that will benefit the region long-term.

Sheets has established leadership and experience working with local, state, and federal governmental agencies. In 2019, he streamlined and helped create a new planning and zoning commission in Green Isle. Today, the commission is overseeing their very first comprehensive plan to help prepare the city for growth and prosperity.

Numerous unit citations and



Shane Sheets

accolades for overall leadership practices, including commendable management of high-profile situations, and project completion to an extent that goes above and beyond expectations.

- Highly skilled and educated in crisis negotiation, police management/supervision, open-source intelligence gathering, interviewing techniques, and overall strategic communications and business management.
- His political priorities includes the following:
- Promoting economic prosperity for the local regions
 - Preservation of civil rights
 - Protection and enjoyment for Minnesota’s natural resources.
 - Improvement and support for education while ensuring American values and ingenuity remain in place.

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