



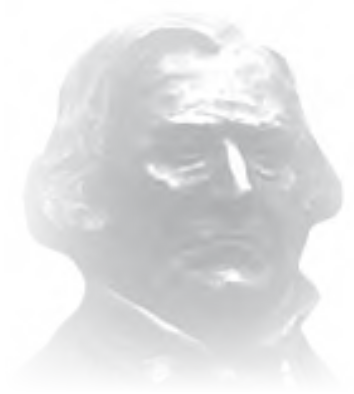
State Tennis

LS-H junior Chloe Brandt went 1-2 at the Class A State Tennis Championship in Minneapolis last week. P. 9



Statebound!

Hailey Juarez placed seventh in the Section 2A Cross Country meet and became the first female Giants runner to make it to the state meet. P. 10



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Special Election 2021

LS-H voters turn down referendum

By Rachel Miller
Editor

Voters of the Le Sueur-Henderson School District cast a resounding “NO” on Tuesday in regards to the proposed \$50 million building referendum.

By the time the polls closed at 8 p.m. and the ink had dried, just 40 percent of voters supported the referendum, which would have built a K-3 school onto the existing LS-H Middle/High School in Le Sueur, refurbished Henderson’s Hilltop Elementary, and done deferred maintenance and expanded the CTE space at the middle/high school.

The following results are unofficial and represent just Tuesday’s in-person voting; absentee and mail-in ballots were still being processed by the time the *Independent* went to press Wednesday morning.

The referendum was the only question on the ballot in the two cities, and 31 percent of eligible voters came to the Henderson precinct to cast a ballot. A total of 415 ballots were cast out of 1,310 registered voters that encompassed the city of Henderson, along with Henderson, Arlington, Jessenland, Faxon, and Washington Lake townships.

The referendum was a tough one even among those voting in Henderson, with 216 in support, and 199 voting against.

While the referendum had a close victory in Henderson, it was met with 65 percent opposition in Le Sueur.

Voters in Ottawa, Tyrone, Sharon, Derrynane, Kasota and Kelso townships, along with the city of Le Sueur, all reported to the Le Sueur City Hall to vote on Tuesday.

A total of 1,106 ballots were cast at that location,

and a mere 391 supported the measure, while 715 voted against it.

There was even less support for the second ballot question, which asked voters whether they would support building a \$7.5 million fieldhouse, in addition to the building referendum. Between the two in-person precincts, 414 voters supported building a fieldhouse, while 1,089 voted against.

The path forward is uncertain. Although these results are preliminary as absentee and mail-in ballots still need to be counted, the final results are unlikely to change as opposition to the referendum has a 307-vote lead.

The Le Sueur-Henderson School Board will be canvassing the final results on Monday, Nov. 8, and in the

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PHOTO BY RACHEL MILLER

Henderson voter Beth Cornish casts a vote at the Henderson Community Building on Tuesday, Nov. 2. The polling place looked a little different as the school district had to provide the voting booths, and used a couple dozen blue testing screens on tables as voting stations.



PHOTO BY RACHEL MILLER

Le Sueur Mayor Shawn Kirby cuts the ribbon to officially welcome vehicle traffic to the newly reconnected Main Street on Monday, Nov. 1.

In attendance for the Main Street reconstruction ribbon cutting on Monday morning were (from left) Planning Commission members Dan Ryerson, Melissa Huntington and Jack Roberts, council member Scott Schlueter, former council member Dave Johnson, Mayor Shawn Kirby, former council member John Favolise and council members Newell Krogmann and Mark Huntington.

Le Sueur’s Main Street reopens

By Rachel Miller
Editor

After roughly 40 years, Le Sueur’s Main Street is finally reconnected again.

On Monday, Nov. 1, a group of city employees and invested citizens came downtown for a ribbon cutting to officially open Main Street to vehicle traffic, with the Le Sueur Police Department making the inaugural trip.

It wasn’t more than a couple of minutes before others began turning down the road, even as the group of assembled people walked down it themselves.

Le Sueur’s Main Street was split when the existing mall was built, and in a symmetrical move, the mall’s redevelopment and city nego-

tiations are what allowed it to be reconnected once again.

Building Good Downtowns, LLC is the partner behind the Valley Green Square Mall redevelopment. Although they are financing the \$3.25 million mall redevelopment, the street reconnection is only possible because of a tradeoff between the city and the developer.

In order to reconnect and reopen Main Street, the city needed to acquire 20,000 square feet of right-of-way — no small acquisition, from Building Good Downtowns. In exchange, the city agreed to pay the developer \$250,000, reimburse \$300,000 for facade construction costs, establish a TIF district for the mall and

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Prince moves to new home

By Rachel Miller
Editor

In the last four years, Prince fans have flocked to Henderson in droves, a dozen or more every week, to visit Prince Garden by the Henderson RoadHaus. But sadly, as of Wednesday, Oct. 27, Prince Garden is no more.

A dispute over the Henderson RoadHaus’ WiFi that was used to operate the garden’s security cameras ultimately culminated in the removal and dismantling of the garden last Wednesday, and moving the various memorial pieces in

and around Heart of Henderson, owned by Lisa VonLehe.

All that remains of the public garden is the large Prince mural on the side of the Henderson Healing Hub building, and the stone that once housed the names of the mural donors now notifies visitors of the new location.

Joel King, who runs the Prince Legacy Henderson Project Inc. non-profit, brought in Dan Anderson/McGraw Monuments to move both the Prince bench and statue to its new home at 501 Main St. Anderson is also the designer of the Prince bench. The monu-

mental effort took the better part of the day to pull off, but Prince is now nestled nicely in his own little space next to the store’s Prince vault, filled with Prince memorabilia crafted by local artisans.

The purple flower boxes line the east side of the building, ready for next spring’s planting. The purple mailbox containing the guestbook is on the front step, ready for visitors.

And inside the store, a special area has been carved out for Prince, his memorial bench and road sign, and the two donor plaques that helped make the entire thing possible in the first place.

People can visit Prince during store hours, or contact King to set up an appointment outside of normal store hours.

King also wanted to lay to rest the rumors that Prince’s move is only a temporary one. Indeed, King said he had thought about moving the statue to the Le Sueur Theatre that is currently undergoing renovations, but that changed once VonLehe was willing to offer her space to the music superstar.

King said Prince will remain at Heart of Henderson as long as VonLehe welcomes him.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ice cream, malts and shakes are just one of many draws at Toody’s Sweet Treats.



Sibley County offering free flu shot clinics in November

During the month of November, Sibley County Public Health and Human Services is hosting three no-cost community flu shot clinics. Any Sibley County resident ages 4 and older who has not received a flu shot yet this year are encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is encouraged to save time at the flu vaccination clinic.

Go to www.co.sibley.mn.us to complete the online registration. Walk-ins are also welcome. The flu shot clinics are being held:

GIBBON
Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Gibbon Community Center, 985 First Ave.

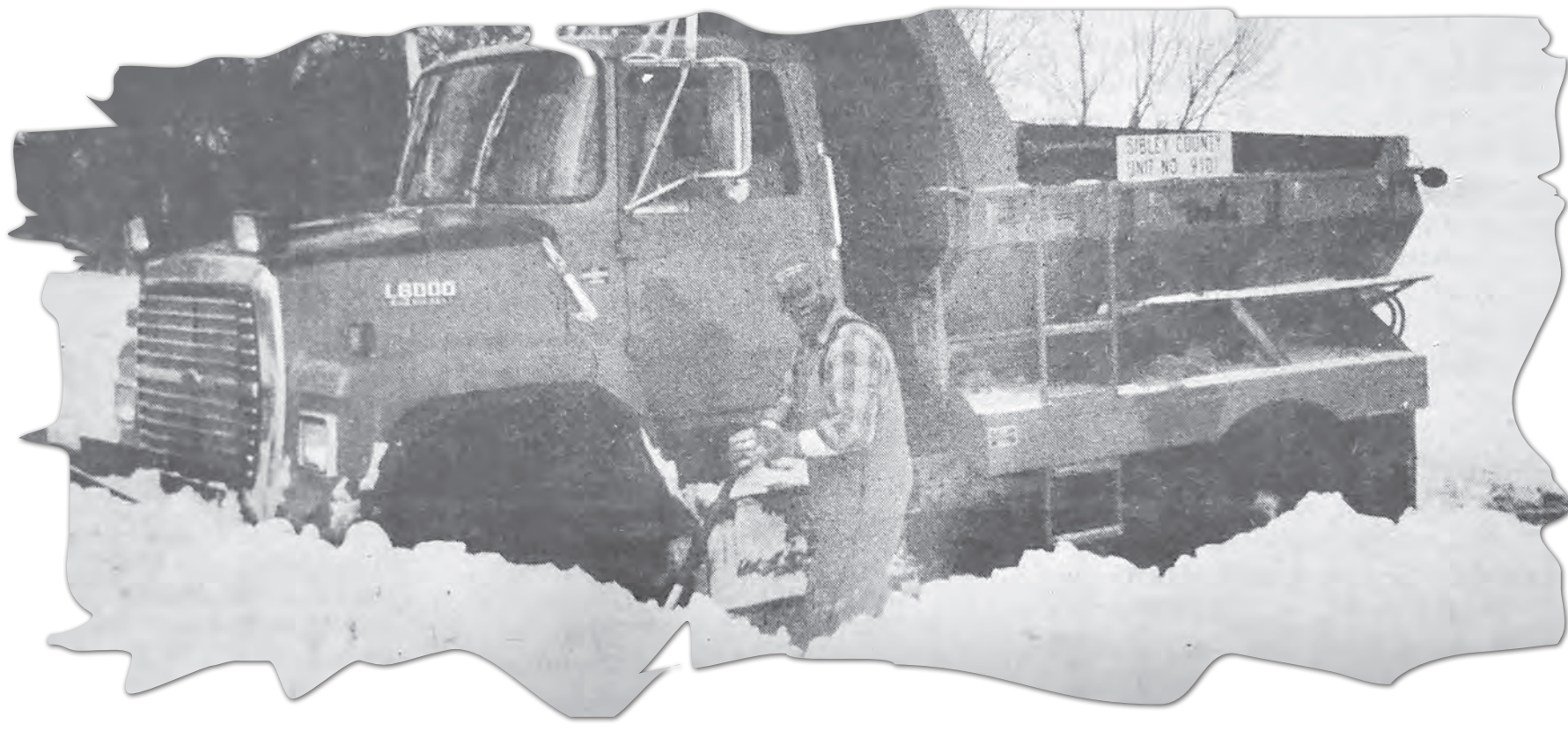
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Wednesday, Nov. 17, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
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ARLINGTON
Thursday, Nov. 18, 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Arlington Community Center, 204

Shamrock Drive
Free transportation is available through Trailblazer Transit. To schedule a ride, call 1-888-743-3828 and let them know it is for the flu vaccine clinic. Face masks are required. Please wear clothing in which your upper arm is easily accessible. If you are feeling sick, waiting for

COVID-19 test results, or have recently been exposed to someone that tested positive for COVID-19, please do not attend. For questions about the flu vaccine clinics or for assistance in another language, please contact Sibley County Public Health and Human Services at (507) 237-4000.

FROM OUR FILES



From the Nov. 7, 1991 issue of the *Henderson Independent*: Rich Buesgens was caught in the act of using his scoop shovel in an attempt to dig out his Sibley County Highway Dept. snowplow truck on the hill leading down to the Rush River Wayside Park, southwest of the Henderson community. Because of the blistery winds Friday, most state and county snow plows were called off the road and Saturday and Sunday found them working many overtime hours in an effort to open roadways. (Compiled by Beth Cornish)

130 YEARS AGO NOV. 6, 1891

Last Friday, October 30, Gustave Winter, aged 21 years and a son of Martin Winter of New Auburn, was suffocated by foul air while working at the bottom of a well 72 feet deep on the farm of Charles Rucks in the town of Green Isle. When he became aware of his danger he quickly caught the rope that was used to lower him and the men at the top began drawing him up, but when about four feet up he lost consciousness and fell from the rope to the bottom. His brother then fastened the rope about himself and essayed to go to the rescue, but he had not descended far when he was drawn back overcome by the poisoned air. The young man of necessity was left in the well until morning, when he was taken out dead.

Coroner Kelly went out and held an investigation on Sunday and found that the death occurred as stated above.

At the Henderson City Council meeting on Nov. 4, a petition signed by C. G. Wilcox and 20 others praying that the city council cause a street lamp to be erected at the cor-

ner of Main and Eighth Streets was read and granted. The city clerk was instructed to procure a street lamp and post of the same style as those used in the city. The council also approved a petition from the Henderson Cornet Band permitting them to put up a gymnasium apparatus in the upper hall of the Engine House, dependent upon the consent of the Fire Department.

120 YEARS AGO NOV. 1, 1901

William Youngren, who was shot by Fred Davis at St. Peter a week ago Sunday, died Thursday morning of last week. Davis was bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

The Pan-American exposition at Buffalo was not a glorious success from a financial point. The deficit is claimed to be \$4 million. Bad weather and the unfortunate assassination of President McKinley are some of the causes assigned for the falling off in attendance.

100 YEARS AGO NOV. 4, 1921

It is a common saying that the former service man is the most versatile cuss on earth – that he can do anything from playing chambermaid to an army mule to building a sky scraper. Over in Minneapolis this week, a buddy is flying a kite to keep the wolf from the door and helping stock his pantry by flying a huge advertising kite from the top of a sky scraper for the Fox Film Company.

90 YEARS AGO NOV. 6, 1931

According to the Maple

Lake Messenger, just before the pheasant season opened a man carrying a gun in an auto was stopped by a deputy game warden in Sibley County. The gun was loaded, the man was “loaded” and together with the pheasants the hunter had a jug of “moon.”

80 YEARS AGO OCT. 31, 1941

The state, counties and townships of Minnesota spend more money for road construction than they spend for maintenance, while municipalities spend more for maintenance, according to data gathered by the Highway Planning Survey, a joint project of the Department of Highways and the Federal Public Roads Administration. The states and the townships are the only branches of the government spending more than one-half of all their road money for construction, whereas interest and miscellaneous items brought the counties’ total expenditures to more than double their construction outlays.

70 YEARS AGO NOV. 2, 1951

The Henderson High School football team completed one of its most successful seasons in many years, with five wins, no ties and no losses. In running up their string of five straight, the Tigers outscored the opposition 188 to 30, including shut outs against Silver Lake and Nicollet. The final game was called off by Cleveland for reasons of their own.

According to Herbie Wigand, some hunters were not out for pheasants last Saturday. When he returned home to his trailer house after a long day of pheasant hunting with friends, he found that the Yale lock on his door had a hole shot through it, and further investigation revealed several more holes in the door near the lock. The unwelcome visitors had gained entrance to his home, but nothing inside seemed to be disturbed.

After serving 21 years as a missionary nurse in the Leper Asylum in India, Magdalene Kroehler was granted a year and a half leave.

Of her 36 flying hours from Bombay to New York, she commented, “It seems a bit farther when one experiences a very hot, steamy day in Bombay and then finds oneself positively freezing on the streets of London, and a few days later finds snow falling in Minnesota.”

She compared the life expectancy of the two countries, well over 60 in the United States and barely 30 in India and speculated that one key statistic tells the tale. In the U. S. there is on average one active nurse for every 500 of our population, while in India there is only one nurse per 50,000 people.

60 YEARS AGO NOV. 2, 1961

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Malz of Blakeley died in a two-car collision nine miles west of Henderson on Highway 19 Sunday evening. Mr. Malz died at the scene after he was thrown from their 1961 Pontiac that then ran over his body.

Mrs. Malz was also thrown from the car and died later at the Arlington Municipal Hospital. The highway patrol officer who investigated the fatal crash said, “seat belts would probably have saved them.” The front end of their vehicle took the head-on crash pretty well and the passenger compartment was not seriously damaged, but both the Malzes were thrown from the car.

The 1959 Ford, driven by Harlen Harwick of Dawson was damaged to a similar degree, but Harwick and his 11-year-old daughter Rita were reported in fair to good condition with multiple cuts and bruises. The initial investigation revealed that Malz failed to stop at a stop sign.

40 YEARS AGO NOV. 5, 1981

Henderson’s 41-14 Valley Conference football win over Cleveland Friday evening assured them of the 1981 Valley Conference Title with a season

record of 8-0. This is the fifth time Henderson has won the crown in the past six years. They will now enter the Class C playoffs for quarterfinal action on Nov. 7.

Ten persons were arrested last Monday by Sibley County authorities, culminating the five-month undercover drug investigation. A paid informant purchased marijuana and other drugs from 12 persons during the operation.

30 YEARS AGO NOV. 7, 1991

Youngsters making their Halloween rounds in the community and throughout the state last Thursday evening will probably remember this year’s early winter snowstorm for years to come. The trick or treaters had hardly finished their rounds before the icy fingers of winter started. Before noon on Friday reporters were talking about the record 28-inch snowfall received throughout the area. Traffic was at a standstill and nothing was moving. Saturday morning found snowplow operators and shovelers digging out sidewalks, driveways and cars with 30-40 mph winds descending upon the state.

20 YEARS AGO NOV. 1, 2001

With less than half of the county’s registered voters casting ballots, the citizens said loudly they did not approve of the Sibley County Board of Commissioner’s idea to sell \$1.375 million in bonds for new office construction and other improvements to the courthouse in Gaylord. There were 2,904 no votes to 927 yes votes.

10 YEARS AGO NOV. 2, 2011

The Giants volleyball team made quick work of the No.8 seeded Maple River in the first round of the Section 2A South Subsection tournament on Thursday in Le Sueur. LS-H won 24-3, 25-15 and 25-16 to advance and face Montgomery-Lonsdale on Nov. 1.

Facing some of the toughest teams in the state, the LS-H boys cross country team claimed 13th and the girls 18th at the Section 2A Meet in Montgomery last Thursday.

LS-H will meet WEM for the Section 2AA football championship on Friday night in Waterville.

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OBITUARIES

Edith M. Thoele - 83

Edith Marie Thoele, age 83, of rural Henderson passed away Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at Glencoe Regional Health Services.

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday, November 8 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Arlington. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until service time at the church. Interment will be in the Arlington Public Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Edith was born on July 10, 1938 in Glencoe to Carl and Esther (Pfeiffle) Woehler. She was a 1957 graduate of Arlington High School and furthered her education at Faribault School of Nursing and became an LPN. Edith worked at Gaylord, Arlington and Faribault Hospitals and Arlington Good Samaritan.

Edith married Karl Thoele on March 16, 1963 in Glencoe.



The couple was blessed with 7 children and 14 grandchildren.

Edith loved talking on the phone and was a very competitive card, marble and domino player. She enjoyed baking, canning, fishing, horses and chickens. She was a former member of the Arlington Merry Makers, New Ulm Night Owls and Christian Women's Club. She taught Thursday School and Sunday School and worked with the 4-H as a Key Leader

and as an Adult Leader.

Edith is survived by her husband Karl Thoele; children Sally Thoele, Karen (Scott) Boerboom, Donna (Donald) Carr, Daniel (Jamie) Thoele, Mary Thoele (Joseph Swenson), and Mark Thoele (Nichole Gruis); grandchildren Evan, Owen and Adam Boerboom, McKenna, Cambry and KyWynn Carr, Morgan, Maelynn, Macey and Maleena Thoele, Blake and Reed Swenson, and Hailey and Logan Thoele; siblings Charles Woehler (Vivian Grisham) and Sandra Bauco; sister-in-law Sandy Woehler, and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Edith was preceded in death by her parents and step father Harvey Eggert, Sr., son David, siblings Johnny, Marvin and Dennis Woehler, and siblings-in-law Carol Woehler, Kenneth Bauco, Norman and Delores Thoele and LeRoy and Verna Thoele.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Ehlers & Tuerk

Bruce Ehlers and Deb Boettcher are proud to announce that their baby girl, Dana, was joined in marriage to John Tuerk on October 23, 2021.

A small ceremony was held at the couple's farm in Owatonna.



WORSHIP SERVICES

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701 Locust St., Henderson
Pastor Dennis McManus, vacancy pastor;
Cell: (320) 808-0624
Sundays - 9 a.m. Worship

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213 S. 6th St., Henderson
Msgr. Eugene Lozinski •
507-248-3550
Sunday Mass - 9 a.m.
Tuesday morning service, 8:30 a.m.

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Wednesday morning - 8:30 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

32234 431st Ave. Gaylord
Pastor Scott Richards
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10:30 - Worship

Creekside Community Church

Christian & Missionary Alliance
114 Shamrock Dr., Arlington
Pastor Tom McCracken
(507) 964-2872
Email: creeksidecma@gmail.com
Video worship at www.creeksidechurchcma.org

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

229 S. 6th St., Le Sueur,
Church 507-665-3477
Rev. Patrick Feldus
920-918-9949
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Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
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stjohnsarlingtonmn.org
9 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study
10 a.m. Sunday Service

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Visit www.newhopebaptistchurchmn.com for links to online services

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www.wordoffilbc.org

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Pastor Mark Thompson
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217 N. 3rd St., Le Sueur
Fr. Chris Shofner
Parish Office: (507) 665-3811
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Rev. Rosemary Rocha, Visitation
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In person worship has resumed at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Alvin J. Heinz - 95

Alvin J. Heinz, age 95, of Henderson, died on Friday afternoon at Oak Terrace in Le Sueur.

Mass of Christian Burial was on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Henderson, MN. Visitation was at the Kolden Funeral Home, Le Sueur on Wednesday morning from 9-10:30 a.m. and proceeded to St. Joseph's in Henderson for the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Burial with Military Honors followed the Mass at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Henderson, MN.

Alvin was born August 17, 1926, in Henderson, the son of Nicholas and Marie (Durken) Heinz. He graduated from Henderson High School in 1944. Alvin honorably served his country from 1946-1947 in the army in the post-war oc-



cupation of Japan, where he was a section leader. He was a lifelong farmer on the land his grandfather purchased 100 years ago. He married JoAnn (Hessian) on August 2, 1958. He was also a life-long mem-

ber of St. Joseph's Catholic Church where he served as a trustee and finance committee member. He also served on the Sibley County Extension Committee.

He is survived by his wife, JoAnn; children Steve (Joan), Russ, Jerry (Marion), and Ellen (Dan) Kroehler; grandchildren Stephanie (Patrick) Murphy, Jessica, and Nick (Amber); Travis (Corissa), Jacob, Michael, Patrick, and Mary (Braiden) Trouten; Hillary (Nick) Leninger, Nicole (Jake) Meidl and Hollie (Anthony) Wilma; and great-grandchildren Levi, Stella, Charlie, Isabel, Victoria, and Eleanor.

Alvin was preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law Emmett and Oleta Hessian, brothers George and John, and sister Margaret Brosig.

HENDERSON SENIOR DINING MENU

Thursday, Nov. 4: Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, dinner roll, cake with frosting, low fat milk

Friday, Nov. 5: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, dessert, low fat milk

Monday, Nov. 8: Orange chicken, brown rice, Oriental vegetables, Mandarin oranges, low fat milk

Tuesday, Nov. 9: Beef goulash, peas, tropical fruit, dinner roll with butter, low fat milk

Wednesday, Nov. 10: Beef and bean burrito bake, lettuce, tomato and sour cream, pears, dessert, low fat milk

Phone number: 1-866-985-8514 (10 a.m. to noon, best time to call)

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781 Main Street, Henderson, MN

The Henderson Outpost is hosting a variety of events in November and December! Sign up, stop by and enjoy a FREE glass of wine while you make some holiday crafts and shop for holiday gifts!

Sunday, Nov. 21 3 - 5 p.m.
Make a traditional porch pot filled with winter greens and accessories for \$35. Space is limited so sign up by emailing khelgason@gmail.com or calling/texting (612) 860-2575.

Wednesday, Nov. 24 6 - 8 p.m.
Ladies Night is back! Stop by, pick up gifts of jewelry, home décor and beauty products, and enjoy free wine.

Thursday, Dec. 2 6 - 8 p.m.
Make a Christmas wreath with winter greens and accessories for \$45. Space is limited so sign up by emailing khelgason@gmail.com or calling/texting (612) 860-2575.

Thursday, Dec. 16 6 - 8 p.m.
Guys Night is here! Pick up gifts for the special ladies in your life (gift cards too!), and enjoy some craft beer and cocktails.

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Halloween brings out the good, the bad and the graceful

Parker Wentzlaff, 7, turned to the dark side as he dressed up as Darth Vader for Halloween, while sister Paige, 5, twirled in the treats as a ballerina.

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upcoming weeks, will need to decide the best path forward.

Superintendent Jim Wagner stressed that the proposed building referendum was “not a fancy Taj Mahal” construction, but was designed to be practical and efficient, while also taking into account the needs of learning in the 21st Century.

Wagner believes two factors likely played a part in the failed referendum: 1) the loca-

tion, and 2) the price tag.

The school board was previously asked to choose between two options: operating one K-12 school in Le Sueur, on the existing middle/high school site; or the proposed option to maintain Hilltop in Henderson, demolish Park Elementary and build a K-3 school onto the middle/high school.

Wagner said some residents expressed to him that they would only support one school, while for others, the \$50 million price tag was a problem.

“They are significant,” Wagner said of both factors.

If the price tag was the dominating factor, that could be an insurmountable problem for the school district. There is time for the school district to come back with a K-12 school referendum vote by early 2022, but at \$48 million, the tax impacts are unlikely to change very much.

And since the proposed referendum only passed by 17 votes in the Henderson precinct, Wagner believes that trying to pass a K-12 school in Le Sueur would have even less support among the Henderson area voters.

“I appreciate the fact everybody came out and voted,” Wagner said. “At this point, it does not stop the district in what we have to do to do our jobs and provide what is best for our kids. We will continue doing what we can within our means and figure things out.”

The *Henderson Independent* will post an update on its Facebook page when final results are tallied, and an update will be in next week’s paper, once the district has canvassed the results.

PRINCE MOVE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The move couldn’t have come at a better time as well, as just

days later, cold temperatures started moving in.

“He is warm and cozy, and I think it is a beautiful spot, and Lisa is a wonderful person and

we work really well together,” King said.

While it remains to be seen if the move will impact the flow of people to town, five

people did find their way to Heart of Henderson on Saturday, including a couple from Stockton, California.

Wherever Prince goes, his beloved Purple Family are never far behind.



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Darrin Grapentine of Henderson and Dan Anderson with McGraw Monuments prepare to move the Prince memorial bench on Wednesday, Oct. 27. It took the better part of the day to dig up and safely move the bench, street sign and statue to Heart of Henderson.

LS-H November Students of the Month



6th grade:
Gabe Roby

Gabe is an outstanding student and classmate. He is respectful to others and excels at everything he does. Gabe has a positive attitude, works hard and stays on task in class and is a great role model for others.



7th grade:
Jack Thelemann

Jack is an active participant in class. He asks good questions and provides thoughtful answers during discussion. Jack has a great sense of humor and brings a positive attitude to class every day. He always tries his best in everything he does.



8th grade:
D'Lisa Gonzalez

D'Lisa is very respectful and fun to have in class. She is always willing to participate and help others. D'Lisa is a true leader and always sets a good example for others. She works hard and takes pride in everything she does.



9th grade:
Koreyann Straub

Koreyann always asks great questions during class that pushes everyone to delve deeper into other theories and possibilities to solve problems. She works hard to understand the content in class. Koreyann is an enthusiastic learner and gets her work done. She is positive and fun to have in class!



10th grade:
Kylene Solomon

Kylene is responsible and a hard worker and always does quality work. Even after being gone for over a week, Kylene had her work complete and ready to turn in when she got back. She is willing to put in extra time when she doesn't understand something and is always ready to participate.



11th grade:
Phillip Beseke

Phillip has really done a nice job in Economics so far this semester. He is more than willing to volunteer his answer or opinion in group discussions and he turns in thoughtful answers in his homework assignments. Phillip is respectful and helpful. He pitches in without being asked.



12th grade:
David Gupton

David is an outstanding young man in and out of school. He is well respected by students and staff. David is a positive role model and is very self-motivated and respectful. He is courteous, does excellent work, and provides thoughtful answers during class discussions.

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Dine and shop local at Ladies Night Out

Henderson's Ladies Night will be held Friday, Nov. 5, from 6-9 p.m. at the Henderson Event Center, 514 Main Street in Henderson.

Ladies Night is a fundraiser for Santa's Helpers of Sibley County/Santa's Workshop, a program for low income and military veterans in Sibley County, which will be held Tuesday, Dec. 7 and Wednesday, Dec. 8 at the American Lutheran Church, 911 8th Street in Gaylord.

The Event Center will be host to home-based businesses. Please bring a toy or cash donation. Sibley County Royalty will be registering you when you come in and will give you a coupon to use at any vendor accepting them. (If a vendor is not accepting the coupon they will have it marked on their

table).

Henderson's businesses joining in the festivities include:

True Real Estate / The Cara Bishop Team, owner Cara Bishop, at 405 Main Street. Stop in and shop a sampling of Black Door Boutique merchandise, enter the gift basket giveaway and have a glass of apple cider mimosa (glass provided by New American Funding.) True will also have cheese by Red Headed Creamery.

Heart of Henderson at 501 Main Street, owner Lisa Von Lehe, has lots of new crafty products, or you can register for one of the craft classes they host. They will be handing out their famous headbands.

Picket Fence at 506 Main Street, owner Nancy Maloney, has mittens, doll clothes, baby

items, knick knacks, jewelry, masks, signs and much more. Nancy will have a wine sample, goodies, and a drawing for a gift basket. Stop in and see what the Picket Fence has in the shop.

Wagars Shell at 422 Main Street, owner Barb Conrad and crew are your ONE STOP for all your gas, groceries, lottery tickets and ATM. Stop in and see what Wagars has in stock. Open till 10 on Friday.

Charlie's Bar, owner Charlie Niesen, and the Henderson Fire Department will hold its first meat raffle. Stop in for a cold one and support the men and women of the HFD.

The Henderson Outpost is located at 781 Main Street. Owners James and Keely Brenno brought this new business to Henderson, a family-owned garden center. Hender-

son Outpost will have wine samples and they will be selling a variety of home goods including holiday decor, gift baskets, house plants, beauty products such as soap, lotions and perfume, and more. Stop in and say "Hi" to Keely and her friends at 781 Main Street and enter their drawing.

Henderson Antiques and Uniques at 507 Main Street, owners Jane and Sarah Schuette have an ever-changing selection of vintage stuff in their historic shop. Stop in and see what Jane and Sarah have on offer and take a moment to chat with them.

Henderson Wine and Spirits is found at 503 Main Street, next door to the clinic. Owner Kent Thostenson is offering a 10% discount off wine during the event hours. The business is in a historic building built in

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Henderson Classical Glass at 515 Main Street, owner Dee Thomas has some truly amazing glassware in her shop, as well as many gift items. Dee will have a hot chocolate bar and her famous goodies. She is offering a 10% discount on purchases over \$25.

Benders True Value at 527 Main Street is owned by Tom and LaDonna Bender. A family-owned business since 1955, they offer blade cutting and sharpening, carpet cleaner rental, glass cutting, key cutting, hunting and fishing licenses, and UPS services. Stop and see LaDonna and Tom to enter their drawing and grab a giveaway.

Henderson Healing Hub at 522 Main Street is a place to explore health and healing

from within. Services include traditional Chinese medicine, massage, reiki, mental health therapy and more. Stop in and see owner Jennifer Kolter, Dan, Kalynn, Jori, Margaret, Emily, Holly and enter the drawing. Check out the essentials they carry.

Evolution Shirts at 307 Main Street's owners Jeff Steinborn and Tom Kolter offer this challenge: Do you think you have what it takes to guess how many bobbin spools are in this jar? Come down to Evolution Shirts this Friday night to check it out. Entry guesses are electronic, so please bring your cell phones. Winners receive gift certificates for in-store shopping!

The Henderson Independent is offering \$5 off a new subscription, offer runs until Nov. 15. Regular price is \$35.

LS MAIN STREET

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upstairs apartments, and sell its partial ownership of the mall parking lot for the low sum of \$1.00 to the developer.

The Main Street reconstruction cost approximately \$1.5 million to build, and \$294,996 of that cost was paid for by a DEED Redevelopment Grant, while the remaining \$1,248,402 was paid by the city.

In doing so, Le Sueur city staff can cross off the #1 priority identified in the city's 2016 Comprehensive Plan.

Although, locals will still have to occasionally take the long way around to reach businesses like Treasures in Town and Wise Furniture. City Administrator Jasper Kruggel said he envisions the part of Main Street in front of the mall to be a festival street.

"I anticipate hopefully an event every week in the summer where this is closed down," Kruggel said.

The road may be open, but

there is still landscaping and aesthetic work that needs to be completed before the dream can come to fruition. Two large monuments similar to bridge trestles will be installed by the bump outs, along with colored concrete designed to mimic the river, and rope string lights will go across the street.

A rotary clock will adorn one corner, and on another will be a big kiosk listing community events. The mall block will also include bike racks and a bike repair station, and there will be flowers and landscaping along both sides of the street.

"The finishing touches will bring everything together," Kruggel said.

A lot of that work will have to wait until spring. The colored concrete cannot be completed until the temperatures are at least 50 degrees for 24 hours, which is unlikely to happen until spring 2022.

When all of those smaller touches are complete, the city plans to have a grand opening, hopefully in June 2022.



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After the ribbon cutting officially opened the now reconnected Main Street in Le Sueur, the gathered crowd watched as a Le Sueur Police officer was the first vehicle to drive down the street, then (below) the crowd walked together down the concrete road to where it connected with Highway 93. The city went with concrete instead of asphalt as it is better for pedestrian traffic and should last decades.



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Henderson City Council meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Community Building, 600

Main Street, Henderson.

For more information call 507-248-3234.

Henderson Lions Club meets twice a month from September to April on the first and third Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at the Henderson RoadHaus event Center.

Need a message on the Lions Club community message board? Call Judy Loewe at 507-248-3345.

The Sibley County Historical Museum will be open on

Sundays 2 to 5 p.m. through October.

Please call 507-248-3434 and leave a message if you need information or research.

Henderson Area Chamber meets the last Wednesday of each month at noon.

Henderson Township meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Henderson Public Library.

The Ladies Tourist Club, GFWC meets at 5 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in various locations from September through May.

For more information call

Judy Loewe at 507-248-3345.

AA meetings 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Joseph's Parish Center.

Jessenland Township Planning and Zoning Commission meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Jessenland Town Hall located on Sibley Cty Hwy 6. If the third Monday of the month falls on a national holiday then the alternate meeting date of the fourth Monday of the month will be used.

The Sibley Post #74 American Legion meets 6:30 p.m. every third Monday of the

month at Henderson RoadHaus. For questions contact Dean Lind at 507-665-2053.

Mental Health Support Group for Families meets at the Brown County Human Services building, 117 Center St., in New Ulm on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. For information, call Teresa at 507-217-1121.

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Notice is hereby given that the parcels of land described in the following list of Tax Forfeited Land shall be sold to the highest bidder at public sale. The sale will be governed by the provisions of M.S. 282.01, and by the resolution of the Sibley County Board of Commissioners authorizing such sale. The resolution reads as follows:

"BE IT RESOLVED, That all parcels of tax-forfeited land on the list of Tax Forfeited Property for Public Sale are classified as non-conservation land; that the basic sale price of each parcel on the list of Tax Forfeited Property for Public Sale is on file with the Clerk of the County Board, be approved and authorization for a public sale of this land be granted, pursuant to M.S. 282.01; that the sale will be held at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 23, 2021,

by the Sibley County Auditor-Treasurer in the Commissioner's Board Room in the Sibley County Courthouse, for not less than the basic sale price; and that all sales shall be full payment as set forth on the list of Tax Forfeited Property for Public Sale."

Information about the sale of tax forfeited land in Sibley County can be obtained at the Office of the Sibley County Auditor-Treasurer, Sibley County Courthouse, 400 Court Avenue, Gaylord, Minnesota 55334; Telephone: (507) 237-4070; e-mail PropertyTax@co.sibley.mn.us.

Given under my hand and official seal this 26th day of October, 2021.

Marilee Peterson
Sibley County Auditor-Treasurer

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TERMS FOR THE SALE OF TAX FORFEITED LAND IN SIBLEY COUNTY

Public Sales: Basic Sale Price

All parcels are offered at public auction and sold to the highest bidder and are sold as is without warranties or representation of any kind. The minimum bid acceptable is the basic sale price which is shown on the list of tax forfeited land. The basic sale price is equal to the appraised value or the appraised value plus any extra charges for special assessments levied after forfeiture or for hazardous waste control.

Extra Fees and Costs: In Addition to the Basic Sale Price

A 3% surcharge for the State Assurance Account will be collected at the time of the sale. The following extra fees will be collected when the basic sale price is paid in full: a State Deed fee of \$25.00, a Deed Filing fee of \$46.00, a \$10.00 Documentation fee, and a State Deed tax equal to the greater of \$1.65 or 0.33% of the basic sale price.

Payment Terms: Full Payment due on day of Sale - Cash, Cashier's Check, or Money Order

Special Assessments: Levied Before and After Forfeiture

The balance of any special assessments which were levied before forfeiture and cancelled at forfeiture and which exceed the amount of the net sale proceeds may be reassessed by the municipality. These special assessments are shown on the list of tax forfeited land under the column entitled "Special Assessments Before Forfeiture". Please contact the

municipality regarding their reassessment policy.

Any special assessments which were levied after forfeiture and certified to the County Auditor-Treasurer have been added to the appraised value and must be paid by the purchaser as part of the basic sale price. These special assessments are shown on the list of tax forfeited land with the special line entitled "Special Assessments After Forfeiture".

Conditions: Restrictions on the Use of the Properties

Sales are subject to the following restrictions on the use of the properties:

- (1) existing leases,
- (2) easements obtained by a governmental subdivision or state agency for a public purpose,
- (3) building codes and zoning laws,

(4) all sales are final with no refunds or exchanges allowed, and

(5) the appraised value does not represent a basis for future taxes.

Private Sales: Parcels Not Sold at Public Auction

Any parcel not sold at a public sale may be purchased after the public sale by paying the basic sale price plus extra fees and costs. The basic sale price cannot be changed until the parcel is re-appraised, republished, and again offered at a later public sale.

Title: Proof of Ownership

The buyer will receive a receipt at the time of the sale. The Department of Revenue will issue a State Deed after full payment is made.

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NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

PARCEL	NAME	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	APPRAISED VALUE	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AFTER FORFEITURE	BASIC SALE PRICE	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS BEFORE FORFEITURE	NOTE
36.0149.000	BRIAN MAKI	Lot 9, Block 26, City of New Auburn	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 20,205.91	*The City of New Auburn has agreed to waive the special assessments levied before forfeiture.
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IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD NOTICE

This will affect your 2022 property taxes and eligibility for Property Tax Refund.

Have you purchased or moved into a property in the past year?

Contact your County Assessor to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 31, 2021.

What is a qualifying relative?

For unoccupied agricultural property, a qualifying relative includes the child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or owner's spouse. For occupied agricultural or residential property, a qualifying relative also includes the owner's uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.

When do I apply?

You must apply on or before December 31, 2021. Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the County Assessor.

Contact the assessor by December 31, 2021 if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

If you sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the County Assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status.

Sibley County Assessor's Office
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF SIBLEY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SIBLEY COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE PETITION FOR PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF EXTENSION 1, OF COUNTY DITCH NO. 4 DRAINAGE SYSTEM

In the matter of County Ditch 4 Robert A. Fischer Petition for Partial Abandonment:

WHEREAS, on the 12th day of October 2021 a Petition for the partial abandonment of extension 1 of Sibley County Ditch No. 4 was filed in the office of the County Auditor-Treasurer of Sibley

County, Minnesota, and WHEREAS, the Sibley County Attorney has reviewed the Petition and finds that it is proper and pursuant to the provisions contained in Minnesota State Statute 103E.806.

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE, That the hearing to discuss the Petitioners request will be held before the Sibley County Ditch Authority on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse in the City of Gaylord, Minnesota. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard in this matter. Items may be discussed and considered include:

1. Receive the Petition to Abandon extension 1 of County Ditch 4
2. Consider accepting the Petition to Abandon extension 1 of County Ditch 4
3. Public Discussion/Comments
4. Consider directing County Attorney to draft Findings and Order
5. Other items of business as deemed necessary

If you have any questions, please contact the Sibley County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at 507-237-4070 or PropertyTax@co.sibley.mn.us

Dated: October 15, 2021.

Marilee Peterson, Sibley County Auditor-Treasurer

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COUNTY OF SIBLEY REGULAR MEETING BOARD PROCEEDINGS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021

The Sibley County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners' Board Room in the City of Gaylord, MN on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 9:00 AM pursuant to notice given as required by law. Members of the board present:

- District 1 Commissioner Bobbie Harder
- District 2 Commissioner Christian Lilienthal
- District 3 Commissioner Peter Koch
- District 4 Commissioner Joy Cohrs
- District 5 Commissioner Steve Saxton

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve the Agenda and any Agenda Additions or Corrections

A. Motion to approve the agenda by Commissioner Cohrs, second by Commissioner Koch with unanimous approval.

4. Appoint Don Lannoye as Sibley County Attorney

1. Resolution #2021-39 Appoint Don Lannoye as Acting County Attorney

Motion made by Commissioner Lilienthal, second by Commissioner Koch and adopted with unanimous approval.

5. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Saxton, second by Commissioner Cohrs with unanimous approval.

A. Approve Regular Board Proceedings of September 28, 2021

B. Approve Claims as submitted

C. Receive information on the attached EFT Report covering September 23, 2021 through October 4, 2021 (as required per M.S. 471.38 and County Resolution).

D. Approve September CUP Renewals: CUP #235, 410, 530, 1047, 1116, 1115, 587, 859, 1111

E. Motion to Approve Notice of Funds Available 2022 #2 in the amount of \$571.00.

F. Approve the 2022 to 2024 contract with the MNPEA Essential License Unit Employees Union

G. Approve the 2022 to 2024 contract with the MNPEA Essential Non-License Unit Employees Union

H. Approve the 2022 to 2024 contract with the AFSCME 65 Employees Union

I. Approve Salary Scales for 2022, 2023, & 2024

6. Tim Becker, County Engineer

1. Approve purchase 2 - 1/2 ton pickups from Brau Motors, Arlington for \$38,795 (Each)+ license and approve to auction units 1006 & 0301.

Tim Becker, Public Works Director, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of two 1/2 ton pickup trucks from Brau Motors for a total of \$77,590 plus the license. The vehicles would replace Unit 1006, a 2010 Chevrolet Equinox with 101,205 miles, and Unit 0301, a 2003 Chevy 3/4 ton with 197,300 miles with recommendation to send both vehicles to auction. Motion made by Commissioner Saxton, second by Commissioner Koch with unanimous approval.

2. Accept quote from RDO Equipment Mankato, MN for \$302,998.00 for purchase of a 772G Motor Grader for delivery in 2022.

Tim Becker, Public Works Director, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of a John Deere, 772G Motor Grader from RDO Equipment for a total of \$302,998.00. This will replace the oldest grader in the fleet, Unit 0402 with 7310 hours logged. This purchase is in the Capital Improvement Plan

(CIP) for 2022-2023, however with costs rising, Public Works would like to purchase as soon as possible. Motion made by Commissioner Cohrs, second by Commissioner Saxton with unanimous approval.

3. Approve 2022 Municipal Maintenance Agreements with Arlington, Gaylord, Gibbon, Green Isle, New Auburn, Winthrop.

Sibley County, following MN Statute 162.17, which allows the county to pay the average County State Aid Highway (CSAH) maintenance cost per mile to each city to maintain our CSAH routes within the city. This average maintenance cost includes all maintenance activities as well as prorated overhead. Tim Becker, Public Works Director, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve for the 2022 Municipal Maintenance Agreements with Arlington, Gaylord, Gibbon, Green Isle, New Auburn and Winthrop. Motion made by Commissioner Lilienthal, second by Commissioner Koch with unanimous approval.

4. Review and Approve Crop Damage Policy

Tim Becker, Public Works Director, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners review and approve the Crop Damage Policy which provides a standard payment per acre for crops which cannot be harvested due to planned damages associated with the repair or construction on the ditch drainage system. Motion made by Commissioner Lilienthal, second by Commissioner Saxton with unanimous approval.

5. Resolution #2021-40 Approve Resolution for need of added bonding for Sibley County Road #6

Due to the revised design estimates leading to an increase to the height of the roadway and an increase in materials, Tim Becker, Public Works Director, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve resolution 2021-40; supporting additional funding for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) #6. Motion made by Commissioner Harder, second by Commissioner Koch and adopted with unanimous approval.

6. Resolution #2021-44 Approve Resolution for Sibley County Application for grant funding from the State Park Road Account to support a road trail in conjunction with the construction of County Road #6

Tim Becker, Public Works Director, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve submission of an application for grant funding from the State Park Road Account to be used for the design and construction of a roadway trail along CSAH #6. Motion

made by Commissioner Harder, second by Commissioner Saxton and adopted with unanimous approval.

7. **Pat Nienaber, County Sheriff**
1. Motion to approve the bid from Thompson Construction and Remodeling LLC to repair Sheriff Building entryway overhangs
Sibley County Sheriff, Pat Nienaber, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve the quote from Thompson Construction and Remodeling LLC for \$9000 to repair the entry way overhangs on the building to the Sheriff's Office. Motion made by Commissioner Cohrs, second by Commissioner Lilienthal with unanimous approval.

8. Marilee Peterson, County Auditor

1. Quarterly Financial Reports
Marilee Peterson, Sibley County Auditor Treasurer, was available for questions about 3rd Quarter Financials.

2. Resolution #2021-41 Consider approval of the resolution for the county & joint drainage systems multi-year repair lien levies for 2022.

Marilee Peterson, Sibley County Auditor Treasurer, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve the multi-year repair lien levy for 2022 and set the annual interest rate with assessments to begin being collected with taxes payable in 2022. Motion made by Commissioner Cohrs, second by Commissioner Koch and adopted with unanimous approval.

3. Resolution #2021-42 Consider approval of the resolution for the county & joint drainage systems one year repair lien levies for 2022.

Marilee Peterson, Sibley County Auditor Treasurer, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve a 1 year repair lien levy for 2022 with assessments to begin being collected with taxes payable in 2022. Motion made by Commissioner Koch, second by Commissioner Cohrs and adopted with unanimous approval.

9. Geoff Beranek, Zoning Administrator

1. Resolution #2021-43 The Planning & Zoning Commission has recommended approval of CUP #1163 to allow for an agricultural related building not located on an existing site in the A-General Agricultural district on the property located at 40340 210th St. Arlington, MN 55307 PID #15.2812.020.

The Planning & Zoning Commission requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve the Conditional Use Permit #1163 on the basis that all criteria have been met subject to the con-

ditions outlined below to allow for an agricultural related building not located on an existing site in the A-General Agricultural district on the property located at 40340 210th St., Arlington MN 55307 PID #15.2812.020

1) Primary use of shed is limited to agriculture.

2) This CUP does not include a building eligibility for a dwelling.

Motion made by Commissioner Lilienthal, second by Commissioner Cohrs and adopted with unanimous approval.

10. Commissioners' Committee Reports

Commissioners provided reports on their board activities since the last meeting.

- A. Commissioner Cohrs
- B. Commissioner Koch
- C. Commissioner Lilienthal
- D. Commissioner Harder
- E. Commissioner Saxton

11. Clearing of Calendars

A. October 13, 2021 Budget Meeting 1:00 PM - Sibley County Courthouse, Basement Meeting Room C

B. October 26, 2021 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

C. October 26, 2021 Board of Commissioners Workshop follows regular meeting - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

D. October 29, 2021 AMC Fall District Meeting 8:00 AM- Golden Bubble, Wells MN

E. November 03, 2021 Redevelopment Landowner Meeting 1PM & 5PM - Sibley County Courthouse, Meeting Room "A" Basement (Harder)

F. November 9, 2021 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

G. November 16, 2021 Redevelopment Hearing 9AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Meeting Room "A" Basement (All)

H. November 23, 2021 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

I. November 23, 2021 Board of Commissioners Workshop follows regular meeting - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

12. Adjournment

A. Motion to Adjourn made by Commissioner Lilienthal, second by Commissioner Koch with unanimous approval.

Attest:

John Glisczynski,
County Administrator
Bobbie Harder,
Board Chair

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COURT NEWS

The following defendants appeared in Sibley County District Court between Oct. 11-14:

Ana Karen Romero-Gallardo, age 27, of Arlington, appeared for a first appearance on a charge alleging felony welfare fraud. The court released the defendant on her own recognizance. Her next court appearance is a rule 8 hearing scheduled for Nov. 18 at 1 p.m.

Rolando Banda, age 59, of Glenco, appeared for an omnibus hearing on a charge alleging first-degree

DWI. The defendant plead guilty to the offense. The court ordered a presentence investigation and scheduled sentencing for Jan. 20, 2022 at 9:45 a.m.

Trevor James Loverude, age 31, of Gibbon, appeared for sentencing for having committed the crime of first-degree DWI. The court sentenced the defendant to 36 months imprisonment. The court stayed execution of that sentence and placed the defendant on supervised probation to the Department of Correc-

tions for up to five years, with the following conditions: That he serve 180 days in the Sibley County Jail; follow all treatment aftercare requirements; not use or possess alcohol or non-prescribed controlled substances and be subject to random testing by probation and reasonable suspicion testing by law enforcement; attend a victim impact panel; and remain law abiding and follow all standard conditions of probation. The court also imposed \$1,000 in fines and surcharges.

Brittney May Nussbaum, age 24, of Brownton, appeared for an admit/deny hearing on allegations that she violated the terms of her probation on an underlying offense of felony financial transaction card fraud. The defendant admitted to violating the terms of her probation. The court vacated a previous stay of imposition of sentence. The court then sentenced the defendant to a year and one day imprisonment. The court stayed execution of that sentence and reinstated the defen-

dant on probation with the same terms and conditions as previously ordered, but with the additional requirements that she serve 90 days in the Sibley County Jail.

George Alan Vanzee, age 54, of Minneapolis, appeared for an omnibus hearing on a charge alleging third-degree burglary. The defendant plead guilty to the offense. The court ordered a pre-sentence investigation and scheduled a sentencing hearing for Feb. 17, 2022 at 1 p.m.

The last rose of summer is blooming alone

To declare that autumn of 2021 had strange natural occurrences is an understatement. Birds, animals, plants and insects have marched to a different tune. Some of those melodies have been pleasant, some sent us wondering.

For instance, years ago we planted a rose bush in a glade of forest along with other experimental ornamentals. We soon found that animals other than ourselves appreciated the red color and aroma. Among other delicacies, deer attack roses voraciously.

Thus, we surrounded the rose with wire. As soon as a bud lifted its head through the wire, the rose was nibbled off. Fencing, Irish Spring Soap, deer repellent chemicals, the roses all met the same fate. We accepted the fact, as we were in deer territory, not they in ours. Petunias in pots suffered the same lot, but placing the basket planters high above deer reach and surrounding the same with fencing, saved those beauties. Tulips became deer salad; however, daffodils/jonquils and allium repulsed the four-legged urchins! Those bloomers are members of the onion/garlic family. Evidently deer don't live a healthy lifestyle as humans do, garlic does not appeal to their palates.

In addition to the rose, a single clematis still clung to the vine on Nov. 1. Geraniums

placed close to warm foundations survived when covered. Usually both would have turned up their flowrets by now, leaving shriveled blossoms to be disposed of.

The final surviving bumblebee alighted on Mexican sunflower (tithonia) holdovers until Nov. 1. Killing frost spelled the end. Other flowers that escaped included some of the sages, assorted salvia and rosemary. Best of all, ripe tomatoes continued to be harvested right up to month's end. After that, lots of green tomato pie, green tomato upside-down cake, and best of all, fried green tomatoes!

The last week in October found hundreds if not thousands of American robins feeding on dried leftover fox grapes dangling high in trees on bare vines from Blakeley through St. Peter. The precipitation of the last week in October found hundreds of robins churning up puddles of water on gravel roads, drinking greedily as the mist surrounded them. Taking a bath in the rain? Odd sight.

Robin migration continues into November. Juncos which were abundant in mid-October, made themselves scarce the first days of November. Surely they will return to the bird feeding stations come snowfall.

Speaking of which, for us elders, Halloween will always be remembered for that three feet of snowfall 30 years ago.



PHOTO BY BARB/ART STRAUB

Abundant eastern red cedar berries save the lives of many a bird on a beastly cold night.

There we were, shoveling snow for the 'trick and treaters.' Area towns were almost shut down for 24 wind-swept hours. Sleds took the place of sports shoes.

November 2021? What predictions do "Indy" readers prognosticate? Not a flake of white precipitation thus far. Chipmunks remain above the earth gathering and storing last acorns and bird feed to survive

the winter. And the winter, will that be as strange as summer and autumn?

Red cedar and flowering crab apple trees currently abound with berries. The apples must be frozen again and again before robins cherish them, and as for the red cedar trees? Many green boughs are fairly sagging with wee cones or berries, but those trees serve as motels and hotels all



PHOTO BY BARB/ART STRAUB

Truly, 'tis the last rose of summer.

winter long for juncos, cedar waxwings and others. Closely leaved cedar branches provide food and protection for the icy blasts to arrive sooner or later.

Summer mysteries continue to puzzle us. We totally missed pelican migration; three great blue herons were all that were sighted between Le Sueur and Blakeley; two dusty leopard frogs crossed our paths on a sunny mid-October day, but to our knowledge, no annual froggy night-march toward lakes and ponds occurred. American bluebirds didn't arrive in most boxes to nest all summer. Add your mysteries to the list, please.

The death of Henderson's Vic Lueders in late October left many roles to be filled in the community. A man of faith, love of family, highly regarded by friends and a dedicated Army veteran entered into eternal rest. Vic will be greatly missed. A standing-room-only crowd gathered for his final farewell. Music fairly burst the beams of the Zion United Church in Le Sueur, with a closing hymn, "I'll Fly Away."

Upon departing the church, spectators were awed by a pair of bald eagles soaring leisurely above the church. Vic is part of all nature's energy now. Good-bye, but not forgotten, Victor!



PHOTO BY BRUCE BJORK

A great blue heron fuels up for the anticipated journey south.



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American robins take a bath as they make a leisurely journey southward.

COVID Update

Despite vaccinations, deaths return to November 2020 levels

By Rachel Miller
Editor

In the past week, the state added 16,573 (an increase of 1,598) new cases of COVID-19, with 32.8 percent, or 5,437 cases occurring in fully vaccinated people. To date, Minnesota has reported 789,800 COVID-19 cases since the pandemic began, including 57,023 breakthrough cases.

On the vaccine front, 3,306,034 Minnesotans (an increase of 20,229) have received a full vaccine schedule, which is 58.6 percent of the state's total population. The number of Minnesotans who have received at least one vaccine is roughly 3.468 million, or roughly 61.5 percent of the state population. In addition, 95.1 percent of people age 65+ in the state have received at least one vaccine dose, and 74.8 percent of people age 16 and older.

Right now, 7,339 (an increase of 37) Sibley County residents have received at least one vaccine dose, and 7,005 (an increase of 24) are completely vaccinated.

In neighboring Le Sueur

County, 15,558 (an increase of 82) people have received at least one vaccine dose, while 14,863 (an increase of 93) people are completely vaccinated.

In neighboring Scott County, which is part of the greater metro area, 93,948 (an increase of 355) people have one vaccine dose, while 89,786 (an increase of 512) have a completed vaccine series.

Sibley County added 87 new cases (an increase of 19) in the past week to surpass the 2,000 mark. The county is currently at 2,051 cases and 12 deaths.

Le Sueur County added 110 new cases (an increase of 45) to total 3,792 cases, and remains at 32 deaths.

Scott County added 441 (an increase of 218) cases in the past week, bringing its total to 19,000. Scott County also reported two new deaths in the last week, bringing its total to 162.

Scott, Sibley and Le Sueur counties all reported a new school to the outbreak list in the past week.

Sibley East High School in Arlington was added in the past week, and joins GFW High School in Winthrop on the list of affected schools in

Sibley County.

Cleveland Elementary School reported a new outbreak in the past week, and joins Tri-City United High School in Montgomery on the list of affected schools in Le Sueur County.

Scott County added one new school and had another fall off. Right now, affected schools include Twin Oaks Middle School in Prior Lake (new), Westwood Elementary in Prior Lake, Eagle View in Elko New Market, Raven Stream Elementary in New Prague, Falcon Ridge in New Prague, New Prague Middle School, New Prague Senior High, Jordan Elementary School, Jordan Middle School, Jordan High School, Shakopee East Middle School, Shakopee West Middle School and Shakopee High School.

STATE OVERVIEW

The state conducted 237,453 tests in the past week, bringing its total to 13,649,457 tests.

Deaths increased to 135 (an increase of 12) in the past week, which is almost exactly where the state was a year ago. Minnesota saw a big surge in new deaths in late October/November 2020, going from 114

weekly deaths to 457 in just six weeks. So far, COVID-19 has claimed the lives of 8,694 Minnesotans, including 372 (an increase of 41) deaths in fully vaccinated people. Of the 135 deaths, 27, or 20 percent, occurred in assisted living facilities in the past week. To date, 4,758 (54.7 percent) of the state's 8,694 deaths have been in assisted living facilities.

Of Minnesota's 789,800 total cases, 768,921 (96.3 percent) no longer need isolation.

Hospitalizations are climbing higher, with 837 (an increase of 131) more people being hospitalized. To date, 41,392 people have been hospitalized due to COVID-19, including 2,609 (increase of 184) fully vaccinated people. The state also reported 131 (a decrease of 29) more patients needing ICU hospitalization. To date, 8,367 people have needed ICU care due to COVID-19.

Exposure in congregate care facilities in the tri-county area has continued to increase. Exposure is defined as a person diagnosed with COVID-19 who visited, worked or lived at the facility while contagious. Facilities are removed if they have not had a new exposure

for 28 days.

In Le Sueur County, Central Health Care (new) joined Traditions of Montgomery on the list of affected facilities.

Sibley County added one new facility in the past week, and had another drop off. Affected facilities include Good Samaritan Society of Arlington (new), Good Samaritan Society of Winthrop, Oak Terrace Senior Housing of Gaylord and Oak Terrace Health Care Center.

Scott County added one new facility in the past week. Affected facilities include Kingsway Retirement Living (new), Benedictine Living Community of Shakopee, Shakopee Friendship Manor and New Perspective Prior Lake.

Demographics for deaths compared to total number of cases is as follows:

- **Age 100+:** 120 deaths (an increase of 2); 389 total cases (an increase of 17)
- **Ages 90-99:** 1,922 deaths (an increase of 18); 7,435 cases (increase of 256)
- **Ages 80-89:** 2,856 deaths (an increase of 29); 20,137 cases (increase of 738)
- **Ages 70-79:** 1,953 deaths (an increase of 42); 37,978

cases (increase of 1,411)

• **Ages 60-69:** 1,106 deaths (an increase of 27); 75,090 cases (increase of 2,464)

• **Ages 50-59:** 472 deaths (an increase of 9); 106,813 cases (increase of 2,914)

• **Ages 40-49:** 168 deaths (an increase of 7); 113,240 cases (increase of 3,241)

• **Ages 30-39:** 73 deaths (no increase); 131,904 cases (increase of 4,133)

• **Ages 20-29:** 20 deaths (an increase of 1); 140,333 cases (increase 3,877)

• **Ages 5-19:** 3 deaths (no increase); 141,898 cases (increase of 4,805)

• **Ages 0-4:** 1 death (no increase); 22,722 cases (increase of 900)

As it stands, the top 10 counties in Minnesota for cases are:

1. Hennepin: 144,471 (+4,296)
2. Ramsey: 60,651 (+1,476)
3. Dakota: 52,008 (+1,339)
4. Anoka: 47,562 (+1,338)
5. Washington: 31,856 (+846)
6. Stearns: 28,071 (+836)
7. St. Louis: 22,720 (+827)
8. Scott: 19,000 (+441)
9. Wright: 18,690 (+569)
10. Olmsted: 18,678 (+628)

SPORTS & OUTDOORS

TENNIS

Chloe Brandt picks up a win at Class A State tournament

By Rachel Miller
Editor

Le Sueur-Henderson junior Chloe Brandt capped off a phenomenal season with an appearance at the Class A Individual State Tennis Tournament at the Reed-Sweatt Tennis Center last Thursday and Friday.

Brandt opened up play against St. James' Jaelyn Haler, and lost a hard-fought match, 6-3, 6-4 on Thursday morning.

Following that loss, Brandt went into the consolation tournament that afternoon, where she faced Osakis' Leah Maddock. Brandt made quick work of Maddock, dispatching her 6-0, 6-0 to advance to the consolation semifinals on Friday morning.

Brandt had to face a tough and familiar opponent in the consolation semifinals: Providence Academy's Annika Harberts Ott, who Brandt defeated

in three sets to win the Section 5A Singles Championship.

But this time around, Brandt struggled to fall into a rhythm, and some mistakes helped Harberts Ott pull ahead. Brandt dropped the first set 6-2, and followed that up with a 6-0 second set loss to end her first state tennis appearance with a 1-2 record.

Harberts Ott went on to lose to Madison Packer of Wadena-Deer Creek in the consolation championship.

The Class A Championship came down to a battle of two buddies, as Minnehaha's Ancele Dolensek defeated teammate Isabelle Einess 6-0, 3-6, 7-6 to win the title. Rochester Lourdes' Ryann Witter, who defeated Haler after Brandt's match, finished in third place.

Brandt stepped up to play #1 singles for the Giants this year, and amassed a 9-1 season record and picked up her third Minnesota River Conference All-Conference honor.



PHOTO BY CASEY EK

Chloe Brandt hustles to return a serve against Providence Academy's Annika Harberts Ott in the state tournament.

TENNIS

Six Giants receive All-Conference honors

The Giants tennis team had six players receive Minnesota River Conference All-Conference honors, and another received honorable mention.

BRANDT

Junior Chloe Brandt played #1 singles for the Giants and had a 9-1 record in the conference and a two-year conference record of 14-2. This is her third all-conference selection. Brandt has great court awareness, her serve is powerful and her ground strokes are hit with placement. She is an extremely hard worker and her mental toughness and strong work ethic make her a very tenacious player.

She always displays a positive attitude and is a good role model for her teammates. She is a team captain and leader in many ways, both on and off the court.

She is the daughter of Kevin and Kim Brandt.

DUNNING

Senior Darbi Dunning is a five-year letter winner and is receiving her second all-conference award. She is a talented player who showed great poise when competing. Dunning is a tough competitor. Because of her hard work and determination, she is capable of playing an all-around court game.

She was a captain and a strong leader.

Her mental toughness and focus earned her many victories. She is the daughter of Cormac and Marni Dunning.

PAVLO

Senior Anna Pavlo received her third all-conference selection and ended the season at #1 doubles with a 9-1 record. She had a three-year conference record of 21-2.

Pavlo has strong cross court ground strokes and great touch at the net. Her court sense and strong volleys were a key to her success at doubles. She is an extremely hard worker and plays with a ton of determination and hustle, attacking whenever she has the opportunity. She was always mentally and physically ready for every match. She is the daughter of Craig and Jody Pavlo.

SCHWARZ

Senior Mia Schwarz received her second all-conference selection and ended the season at #1 doubles with a 9-1 record. Her aggressive play from both the baseline and net provided many offensive opportunities.

Schwarz is a great doubles player who has a very powerful serve, quick hands and is confident in her ability to attack at the net. Her aggressive play at the net and powerful serves made her a dominant and successful doubles player.

She was a team captain and a valuable leader on the squad. She worked

hard in the off season and it was evident in her playing. She is the daughter of Craig and Megan Schwarz.

BUESGENS

Senior Gracie Buesgens played #4 singles and is receiving her first all-conference selection. She has a steady serve, is consistent with her ground strokes and can move her opponent around the court.

Buesgens is a tough competitor and a strong singles player. She has a positive attitude and an infectious enthusiasm for the game of tennis and her teammates. She is the daughter of Jerry and Danielle Buesgens.

NESBIT

Junior Ella Nesbit played #2 doubles all season and received her first all-conference selection. She is a great doubles player with good awareness at the net. Her court sense, consistent groundstrokes and strong volleys were evident in matches.

Nesbit is tenacious at the net, making her a dominant doubles player. She has a positive attitude and a great work ethic. She is the daughter of Chad and Ginger Nesbit.

The MRC also gave All-Conference honorable mention to senior #2 singles player Morgan Jones.

LS-H Coach Linda Seaver was named the MRC Tennis Coach of the Year.

VOLLEYBALL

Tigers quickly dispatch Giants in section opener

By Rachel Miller
Editor

The Giants volleyball team got torn apart by a merciful Belle Plaine Tigers team in the opening round of the Section 2AA Volleyball tournament on Thursday, Oct. 28.

The Tigers limited the Giants to just 30 points in three games as they went on to win 3-0. The Tigers opened with a crushing 25-4 win in the first set, and then

won 25-13, 25-13 in the last two sets.

Belle Plaine then went on to defeat Glencoe-Silver Lake 3-1 in the quarterfinals on Monday, and will be playing Southwest Christian on Thursday night in New Prague.

The winner of that game will play the winner of the WEM/NRHEG game in the Section 2AA Championship on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 8 p.m. at St. Peter High School.

Le Sueur - Henderson Athlete of the Week

Chloe Brandt

Junior Chloe Brandt earned a 1-2 record at the Class A State Tennis Tournament last Friday and Saturday. Brandt defeated Leah Maddock 6-0, 6-0 to make it to the consolation semifinals.

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Le Sueur-Henderson Fall Sports Schedule

Football

Thursday, Sept. 2 LS-H @ Pipestone.....Loss, 43-0
Saturday, Sept. 11 LS-H @ Belle Plaine.....Loss, 37-16
Friday, Sept. 17 LCWM @ LS-H.....Loss, 34-6
Friday, Sept. 24 LS-H @ Blue Earth Area.....Loss, 55-6
Friday, Oct. 1 Windom @ LS-H.....Loss, 28-0
Friday, Oct. 8 Sibley East @ LS-H (Homecoming).....Win, 24-14
Thursday, Oct. 14 LS-H @ Maple River.....Loss, 49-13
Wednesday, Oct. 20 NYA @ LS-H.....Loss, 42-13
Tuesday, Oct. 26 Section Playoffs vs. Maple River.....Loss, 46-14

Girls Tennis

Monday, Aug. 23 LS-H home triangular.....Win, 4-3; Loss, 3-4
Thursday, Aug. 26 Tri-City United @ LS-H.....Cancelled
Friday, Aug. 27 LS-H @ Holy Family.....Win, 4-3
Monday, Aug. 30 St. Peter @ LS-H.....Loss, 3-4
Tuesday, Aug. 31 LS-H @ USC.....Win, 6-1
Tuesday, Sept. 7 LS-H @ Belle Plaine.....Win, 6-1
Thursday, Sept. 9 Sibley East @ LS-H.....Win, 7-0
Saturday, Sept. 11 LS-H @ Waseca.....Win, 6-2; Losses, 3-4, 3-4
Monday, Sept. 13 Litchfield @ LS-H.....Loss, 2-5
Tuesday, Sept. 14 LS-H @ Tri-City United.....Win, 5-2
Thursday, Sept. 16 USC @ LS-H.....Win, 7-0
Friday, Sept. 17 Maple River @ LS-H.....Win, 5-2
Tuesday, Sept. 21 LS-H @ Maple River.....Win, 5-2
Thursday, Sept. 23 Belle Plaine @ LS-H.....Win, 5-2
Tuesday, Sept. 28 LS-H @ Sibley East.....Win, 4-3
Saturday, Oct. 2 LS-H vs. Tri-City United.....Win, 6-1
Thursday, Oct. 7 Section 5A Semifinals vs. Sibley East.....Loss, 3-4

Cross Country

Friday, Aug. 27 LS-H @ Medford.....Cancelled due to weather
Thursday, Sept. 2 LS-H @ Loyola.....Girls 2nd, Boys 4th
Thursday, Sept. 9 LS-H @ Tri-City United.....Girls 21st, Boys 23rd
Tuesday, Sept. 14 LS-H @ NYA.....Girls 13th, Boys 14th
Thursday, Sept. 23 LS-H @ GSL.....Boys 4th Girls 5th
Tuesday, Sept. 28 LS-H @ New Prague.....Girls 8th, Boys 8th
Tuesday, Oct. 5 Giant Invite @ Ney Center.....Girls 3rd, Boys 4th
Tuesday, Oct. 12 LS-H @ Jordan.....Girls 8th, Boys 9th
Tuesday, Oct. 19 MRC Championship @ TCU.....Girls 4th, Boys 5th
Thursday, Oct. 28 Section 2A Meet.....Girls 9th, Boys 12th
Saturday, Nov. 6 State Meet @ St. Olaf.....10 a.m.

Girls Swim & Dive (TCU/LS-H Coop)

Thursday, Aug. 26 TCU/LS-H @ Austin Ellis.....Loss, 84-76
Friday, Sept. 10 LILA/Mounds Park @ TCU.....Wins, 58-42, 57-44
Tuesday, Sept. 14 TCU/LS-H @ Albert Lea.....Loss, 87-66
Saturday, Sept. 18 Mankato East Invitational Relays.....6th place
Thursday, Sept. 23 TCU/LS-H @ Bloomington Kennedy.....Loss, 88-54
Saturday, Sept. 25 TCU/LS-H @ St. Peter Invite.....4th place
Monday, Sept. 27 Mounds Park @ TCU.....Postponed
Thursday, Sept. 30 TCU/LS-H @ New Prague.....Loss, 97-52
Friday, Oct. 8 Lakes International @ TCU.....Win, 79-77
Thursday, Oct. 14 TCU/LS-H @ Marshall.....Loss, 105-50
Friday, Oct. 15-Saturday, Oct. 16 TCU/LS-H @ True Team.....9th
Tuesday, Oct. 26 TCU/LS-H @ St. Peter.....6 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 10 Swimming Sections @ Rochester.....6 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 11 Diving Sections @ Rochester.....TBD
Friday, Nov. 12 Swimming Sections @ Rochester.....6 p.m.
Nov. 18-20 State Meet @ University of Minnesota.....TBD

Volleyball

Thursday, Aug. 26 St. Peter @ LS-H.....Loss, 3-0
Tuesday, Aug. 31 Holy Family @ LS-H.....Loss, 1-3
Thursday, Sept. 9 LS-H @ Mayer Lutheran.....Loss, 0-3
Friday, Sept. 10 Marshall Tourney Day 1.....Losses, 0-2, 0-2
Saturday, Sept. 11 Marshall Tourney.....Win, 2-0; Losses 0-2, 0-2
Tuesday, Sept. 14 LS-H @ Sibley East-St. Mary's.....Loss, 3-0
Monday, Sept. 20 LS-H @ WEM.....Loss, 3-2
Thursday, Sept. 23 Belle Plaine @ LS-H.....Loss, 3-0
Saturday, Sept. 25 St. James Tourney.....2nd place
Monday, Sept. 27 LS-H @ Cleveland.....Loss, 3-1
Tuesday, Sept. 28 Sibley East @ LS-H.....Loss, 3-2
Thursday, Sept. 30 LS-H @ NYA.....Loss, 3-1
Thursday, Oct. 7 TCU @ LS-H.....Win, 3-1
Tuesday, Oct. 12 Mankato East @ LS-H.....Loss, 3-0
Thursday, Oct. 14 LS-H @ Sibley East.....Loss, 3-2
Friday, Oct. 15 Eastview Tourney vs. Shakopee.....Loss, 2-0
Friday, Oct. 15 Eastview Tourney vs. Esko.....Loss, 2-0
Saturday, Oct. 16 Eastview Tourney vs. Duluth East.....Loss, 2-1
Saturday, Oct. 16 Eastview Tourney vs. Sauk Rapids.....Loss, 2-1
Tuesday, Oct. 19 LS-H @ Lester Prairie.....Win, 3-0
Thursday, Oct. 28 Section 2AA Playoffs @ Belle Plaine.....Loss, 3-0

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CROSS COUNTRY

Hailey Juarez to make history at state

By Rachel Miller
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Hailey Juarez made Giants history last Friday, as she became the first female cross country runner to qualify for the state meet in school history.

Early on, Juarez was hanging with GFW's Madyson Steele and Lester Prairie's Miranda Mallak, and clocked around 6:10 for her opening mile. As the race progressed, Juarez fell behind Steele and Mallak, but remained a top competitor.

Sleepy Eye's Clare Fischer won the Section 2A Championship in 19:39, while Steele and Mallak ran neck-and-neck through the finish line to place fourth and fifth, respectively.

As Juarez crossed the finish line in 20:39, her seventh-place finish guaranteed her All-Section honors and a spot at the Class A State Cross Country Championship this Saturday.

"It's certainly a big moment for her and the LS-H cross country program," said Coach Casey Fails. "Both coach Froelich and I are very proud of the race she ran today and the improvement that she has shown this year."

Although she did not make her personal goal of breaking 20 minutes, Juarez said she was pumped to qualify. As she prepares for the state meet this weekend, Juarez still wants to take a crack at breaking the 20-minute barrier.

"The state course is quite challenging but she will have plenty of competition to give her a shot at achieving that goal, and she's really peaked at the best possible time during the season," Fails said. "If the weather cooperates, I think that she will be able to reach her goal."

Juarez has at times been weighted down by inconsistency, but Fails noticed a change in the past month. Juarez finally found her consistency, and has seen big time drops to go along with it. Friday's Section 2A Championship time tied for the second-best of her career. Her best was the 20:18 she turned in at the MRC Championships this year.

"I really think that the improvement has just come down



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Le Sueur-Henderson senior Hailey Juarez (center) hangs with GFW's Madyson Steele (right) and Lester Prairie's Miranda Mallak (left) in the first half of the race. Although Juarez fell behind Steele and Mallak, she held on to finish in seventh place and will end her cross country career at the Class A State Championship this Saturday.

to her having a different mentality and really making these last five weeks of her cross country career at LS-H count," Fails said. "She has treated each practice with the intention to get better each day."

The Class A Girls State Cross Country meet begins promptly at 1 p.m. this Saturday, Nov. 6 on the St. Olaf Campus in Northfield.

GIRLS PLACE NINTH

Aided by Juarez, the Giants girls cross country team finished ninth out of 15 teams at the Section 2A Championship in Blue Earth last Friday.

After Juarez's seventh-place finish, sophomore Brandy Wolf ran 23:56 to finish in 41st place, and the rest of the team ran tight and finished within 13 seconds of each other.

Junior Kenzie Kabes ran 24:36 to place 53rd, while eighth-grader Norah Renstrom was just seconds behind, in 54th in 24:39. Although this was only Renstrom's second varsity race, she shaved a cool 42 seconds off last week's time. Junior Cooper Vanden Einde ran 24:49 to place 58th, and helped the team to stay ahead

of WEM in the team rankings.

Although junior Melanie Smykalski's 74th place finish did not contribute to the team score (the #6 runner only counts to break a tie), her time of 26:05 was a new personal record, and 1:20 faster than her season-opening performance.

Lester Prairie won the Section 2A Championship with 103 points, followed by St. James in second with 109 points and Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial in third with 131 points. The Giants finished in ninth with 206 points, followed closely by Waterville-Elysian-Morristown in 10th with 210 points.

BOYS FINISH 12TH

The boys cross country team finished 12th out of 14 teams at the Section 2A Championship, with senior Dylan Novak leading the team as he just broke the 19-minute mark.

Novak pushed hard through the final stretch, as he gained ground on NRHEG's Devon Nelton but finished one second behind, in 18:59.80, to finish in 31st place.

After Novak, Riley Thelemann ran 20:02 to finish 57th, followed by sophomore Grant Adams in 61st with a time of 20:30. Teammates Owen Greisen and Nathan Tews were shoulder to shoulder across the finish line, a mere 13-hundredths of a second separating

their finishes. Greisen finished 76th in 21:11.64, while Tews was 77th in 21:11.77.

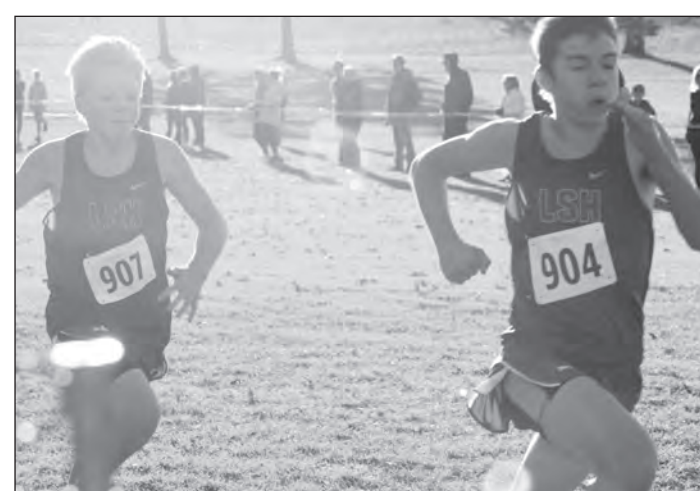
Junior Jacob Eibs ran 22:47 to finish 91st, while senior Luke Grapentine wrapped up his season with a 23:06 performance to finish 96th.

"The LSH cross country program will miss these three excellent seniors (Novak, Grapentine and Juarez) and we thank them for all of their contributions to the program," Fails said.

St. James won the boys championship with 39 points, followed by Mankato Loyola with 74 points and Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial



Hailey Juarez shows off the All-Section Team certificate that accompanied the medal she received. The top 15 runners earned All-Section honors, while the top eight runners not on the top two teams qualified for the state meet.



Above: Teammates Nathan Tews (left) and Owen Greisen race each other to the finish line, with Greisen beating Tews by 0.13 seconds.

Below: Sophomore Grant Adams pumps hard up the final stretch to hold off Minnesota Valley Lutheran's Josiah Guenther.

in third with 81 points. Minnesota Valley Lutheran bested the Giants by 5 points to place

11th (284), followed by LS-H's 289, Lester Prairie's 324 and Blue Earth's 367.



Teammates Cooper Vanden Einde and Norah Renstrom ran together early in the race, but Renstrom eventually pulled ahead and finished 10 seconds faster than Vanden Einde.



Brandy Wolf pushes hard across the finish line after hearing teammate Cooper Vanden Einde's mom yell that another runner was closing in.



Kenzie Kabes keeps pace with Norwood-Young America's Sarah Steinhagen near the start of the race. Kabes was the third finisher for the Giants, placing 53rd with a time of 24:36.