

MNCS Prom

Minnesota New Country School students hosted its first prom in three years on April 9. P. 2



Track and Field

Le Sueur-Henderson finished third at its home MRC meet last Tuesday. P. 8



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3 and Under Division

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Age 2

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Age 3



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Age 5

2nd Place:
Paige Wentzlaff,
Age 5



6-7 Year Old Division

1st place:
Paisley Gilbertson,
Age 6

2nd Place:
Mabel Renstrom,
Age 7



8-10 Year Old Division

1st place:
Addison Gilbertson,
Age 10

2nd Place:
Hazel Renstrom,
Age 9



Easter Bunny peppers Hilltop



PHOTOS BY RACHEL MILLER

Kathryn Rose, 7, of Henderson, returned with an armful of Easter eggs to add to her basket.



The grounds at Hilltop were littered with thousands of Easter eggs, just ready to be claimed. Each child was allowed to grab 35 candy-filled eggs.

TOP: Hana Ahrens, 3.5 years, grabs an Easter egg hidden in the tire swing on the Hilltop playground.

ABOVE: The Boelter family stopped to visit with the Easter Bunny before the hunt. Pictured from left to right are Levi, 6, Blakelee, 1, Karsee, 3, Jackson, 8, and Beckett, 1.

Henderson Tigers reform for 2022 season

By Rachel Miller
Editor

The Henderson Tigers amateur baseball team is reforming after the decision was made last year not to play. That decision was not due to lack of interest in the team, but rather the fact Henderson was left without a playable field.

The Tigers play on the ball field up by Hilltop Elementary School, but according to Lon Berberich, the Le Sueur-Henderson School District shut down the field after COVID hit in 2020.

"In 2020 we played all our games on the road, and last year nobody wanted to do that," Berberich said.

But now that the school district is leasing the field to the city, the Henderson Baseball Association can take the lead on cleaning up the field and get it into playing shape again. There are some weeds that need removing, the dugouts need a new roof and paint, and the fencing needs some work, Berberich said.

The baseball association is looking for some people to help this season, with cleanup efforts or with running games.

Some of the other responsibilities they need help with are running the concession stand, cleanup after games, taking tickets, cooking burgers and hot dogs or even singing the National Anthem at games.

The Henderson Tigers start the season this Sunday at 2 p.m. in Gibbon, and are scheduled to play seven homes games.

A reorganizational meeting will be held this Sunday, April 24 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Henderson Community Building. Anyone who would be interested in donating their time and services can attend the meeting, or contact Berber-

ich at 507-327-0646 or HBA President Denny Graham at 507-380-3386.

"It is our goal to get that looking like a really nice ballpark again," Graham said. "It won't happen overnight, but we hope over time that it is something the community can be proud of."



MNCS dazzles for first prom in three years



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Minnesota New Country School held its Prom on Saturday, April 9 at Edgewood Barn in Henderson. It was the first Prom for many students, as the school had not hosted one since 2019.



This year's Prom Royalty included Princess Sami Pollack, Queen Alli Westra-Smith and her King Ivan Brattelid, and Prince Lawson Weber.



JT Bisek, Desmond Boone, Ivan Brattelid, Jordan Strube, Alia Meyer, Sophia Cooley, Lawson Weber, Nya Anselmo, Tejha Martin and Ben Covington pose for a group photo.



MNCS students had a blast at this year's prom. Students JT Bisek, Ethan Bessel, Jordan Strube and Ivan Brattelid are lifting Desmond Boone for a fun photo.



MNCS students dance the night away.

NEWS BRIEFS

Sibley County Historical Society annual meeting

The Sibley County Historical Society will be hosting its annual meeting on Sunday, April 24. The meeting will keep off with a social time at 11:30 a.m., with a meal at noon. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m., and Dwight Grabitske will speak on the topic of genealogy starting at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting will take place at Hahn's Dining and Lounge, 206 N. Main St.,

Winthrop. The meal costs \$15 and includes a two-meat buffet.

Reservations and payment are required. If you are interested, send payment to Tom Frauendienst, SCHS Treasurer, PO Box 407, 700 Main St., Henderson, MN 56044.

Upcoming Red Cross blood drive

The American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive at Redeemer Church, 14226 W. 280th St., Henderson on Thursday, April 28 from 1-7

p.m. This event is being sponsored by the Ladies Tourist Club, GFWC. Contact Judy at 507-248-3345 if you would like to schedule an appointment.

Noteables concert

The Noteables will be holding a "We're Back!" concert this Sunday, April 24 at 4 p.m. in the LS-H Middle/High School Auditorium, 901 Ferry St., Le Sueur. The program will feature American folk songs, spirituals and showtunes.

COVID Update

Fully vaccinated make up 2 of 3 hospitalizations and deaths

By Rachel Miller
Editor

COVID-19 cases are climbing again, with 4,668 cases being added (an increase of 1,326, or 39.6 percent).

Of the newly-reported cases, 2,560 (an increase of 495), or 54.8 percent, occurred in fully vaccinated individuals, dubbed "breakthrough cases."

The state also reported 21 new deaths, including 14 deaths (66.6 percent) in fully vaccinated individuals.

A total of 185 (no change) people reported needing hospitalization in the past week, of which 127, or 68.6 percent, were fully vaccinated. To date, 61,977 people have been hospitalized due to COVID-19, including 10,916 fully vaccinated people. The state also reported 34 (an increase of 5)

more patients needing ICU hospitalization. To date, 11,459 people have needed ICU care due to COVID-19.

Sibley County reported 8 new cases (an increase of 4) to bring its total to 3,183 cases. The county did not report any new deaths, and remains at 24.

Le Sueur County added 8 new cases (a decrease of 2) to total 6,063 cases. The county did not report any new deaths, and remains at 51.

Scott County added 81 cases (an increase of 34) in the past week, bringing its total to 31,178. Scott County also reported one death, bringing its total to 260.

VACCINE STATUS

On the vaccine front, 3,694,409 Minnesotans have received a full vaccine schedule (an increase of 3,218), which is 64.8 percent of the state's total population. The

number of Minnesotans who have received at least one vaccine is roughly 3.9 million, or roughly 68.4 percent of the state population.

In addition, 96.5 percent of people age 65+ in the state have received at least one vaccine dose and 93 percent have a completed series. The state is also reporting 74.9 percent of people 5 and older have had at least one dose, and 70.9 percent have a completed series.

Right now, 8,219 (an increase of 13) Sibley County residents have received at least one vaccine dose, and 7,848 (an increase of 10) are completely vaccinated. Among residents 65+, 82.8 percent are completely vaccinated, and 55.9 percent of people 5 years and older.

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**130 YEARS AGO
APRIL 22, 1892**

Henry Furch was appointed marshal for the coming year at a salary of \$500. Mr. Furch will no doubt make a good marshal as he at one time served several months and gave complete satisfaction.

Poehlers have received a delivery wagon with their name printed in gilt letters on the sides. All goods bought from them will be delivered to any part of the city, which will be appreciated by our citizens. Other merchants should do the same.

Editor's note: Some people have queer ideas of what a country newspaper ought to contain, and think that every brawl, divorce suit, etc. should be given in detail. Now we differ slightly with you in this respect; anything that does not materially benefit the community does not help a newspaper. A country paper needs the support of every citizen and cannot afford to make enemies. The majority of people want good news matter and not "thrash."

On Tuesday afternoon, Henry Wenholtz, one of Heinrich's men, drove out to Fred Lieske's place to get seed wheat. Johnnie Heinrich and Dadie Parker, aged about 12, accompanied him and on the way back the Parker boy fell off and one of the wheels of the truck passed over his right leg, breaking it below the knee. They carried him into Lieske's house and Dr. Simpson was sent for to set the leg; he is now resting quietly.

**100 YEARS AGO
APRIL 21, 1922**

Henry Hammon, who has been acting as policeman for several weeks, was officially appointed marshal by the new council last week. Henry will no doubt prove himself a good guardian of law and order.

Walter Commick has completed a course in pharmacy at a preparatory school in Minneapolis and is now back on the job at Blasing's Pharmacy. Needless to add that Walter is as welcome as flowers in spring.

Measurements of the Minnesota River are being taken this spring at several points along the stream, under the direction of the Minnesota State Drainage Department. The data secured will be used in plans for proposed flood control projects.

**70 YEARS AGO
APRIL 18, 1952**

Henderson Cub Scout Pack 56, sponsored by the Parent Teachers Association, is again buzzing with activity. Officially appointed as Cubmaster for the pack is C. J. Ehlers,



From the April 25, 2002 issue of the *Henderson Independent*: Peer mediators from Hilltop Elementary's fourth, fifth and sixth grade picked up trash and branches at Allanson's Park in honor of Earth Day on April 22. (Compiled by Beth Cornish)

who has had considerable experience in the overall Scouting program. He served as a Neighborhood Commissioner in South Dakota and was formerly the chairman of Pack 56. Mrs. Logeland, wife of the superintendent, has consented to be Den Mother for Den 1 of the pack.

Mrs. Henry Brede is hospitalized in Mankato for injuries sustained in a fall in the St. John's Lutheran Church in Arlington Township last Friday evening. Mrs. Brede suffered a fractured vertebra and sprained ankle when she fell backwards while stepping down from the altar of the church after placing Easter lily plants on the altar before the Good Friday evening service. She entered the hospital Monday for x-rays. A cast was placed on her back Tuesday, and she will remain at the hospital for some time.

"Safety in Automobile Driving" by Doris Burke and "Safety in Hunting in Groups" by Roland Pogatchnik, were the two essays selected as the best out of 40 entrants submitted by the Henderson High School English pupils, grades 10 to 12 inclusive, in the Outdoor Safety contest sponsored by the Minnesota Federation of Womens Clubs with the cooperation of the Minnesota Department of Conservation. The essays will be forwarded to the MFWC district president, where two winners will be chosen for the district, one written by a boy and one by a girl. The 20 winners will be awarded a week's vacation at Douglas Lodge, Itasca State Park, as a member of the Conservation Caravan.

**60 YEARS AGO
APRIL 19, 1962**

At the Henderson-Jessenland Farm Bureau meeting on April 12, Hans Pederson showed slides and talked of his native country, Sweden. He is an exchange student attending

Le Sueur High School. The chocolate cake contest was held with Home Agent Margaret Olson as the judge. For Jessenland Township, Mrs. Art Griep received first prize with a score of 98 and Mrs. Joice Sohm with a score of 96 took second. For Henderson Township Mrs. Roney Kroehler took first prize with a score of 97 1/2 and Mrs. Ted Schrupp second with a score of 97.

Waldo "Ole" C. Oldenburg, 67, Sibley County Auditor for the past 27 years, announced his retirement effective June 1 at a special meeting of the county commissioners last Tuesday. Board Chairman LeRoy Pinske said that the commissioners would probably make an appointment to fill the unexpired term at the regular May meeting. His term expired on Dec. 31. William C. Novasad has been serving as deputy auditor for over 10 years.

A native of Henderson, Oldenburg was elected to office in the fall of 1934. He assumed the auditor duties on Jan. 1, 1935 and has held the post ever since. He was re-elected six times without any opposition.

**50 YEARS AGO
APRIL 20, 1972**

Senator Earl Renneke has served Nicollet, Sibley and McLeod Counties in the State Senate since his election in a special contest March 25, 1969. He was re-elected, unopposed, in Nov. 1970. This week he announced his candidacy for the State Senate seat in the new court-apportioned 13th Legislative District, which consists of the counties of Brown, Nicollet, Redwood, Sibley, Watonwan and 12 governmental subdivisions of western Blue Earth County.

Henderson American Legion Post Commander Ivan Schmidt announced that Tom Nagel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nagel, has been selected

as this year's delegate to Boys State. Legion Boys State was first held in Minnesota in 1949 with 169 boys attending on the St. Paul Campus, University of Minnesota. In 1971 there were 432 Boys Staters on campus at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter.

A 19-year old Arlington man, Phillip Gaffney, jumped from a second story window of his home on April 7 to escape the custody of Sibley County Sheriff Maynard Hahn. Hahn said Gaffney was being transferred from the Sibley County Jail to St. Cloud State Prison where he was to be placed under the control of the Minnesota Youth Conservation Commission.

"We stopped at his home to allow him to change his clothes and pick up his personal belongings," Hahn said. He added that the young man brought some items downstairs then went back upstairs to drop off a pair of shoes and that is when he jumped. Gaffney had been on probation since Feb. 1971 after he entered a plea guilty to charges of burglary. Parole violations included theft, possession of intoxicating liquor, providing liquor to minors and traffic offenses.

**40 YEARS AGO
APRIL 22, 1982**

Last year's GT-1 record holder at the Brainer International Speedway, a 1981 Camero belonging to Myron Cottrell, will be on display all day Saturday during the grand opening of Ace Auto Body in Henderson. Tom Stelljes opened the former body shop for business last month.

The former Hillside supply — Harry's Feed Mill building on the west edge of Henderson will soon become the office and shop for two of Henderson's construction businesses.

River City Contractors (Doug Thomas and Curt Blaschko) and Swenson Brothers Construction (Keith and Bryan Swenson) have joined services to create New Leaf Development, a partnership in planning and construction management.

**30 YEARS AGO
APRIL 23, 1992**

As part of the state historical society provisions just passed by the Legislature, the former Sibley County Courthouse in Henderson has been "designated as the Joseph R. Brown historical interpretive center." As the people of this community are well aware, J. R. Brown was a leader in the development of southern Minnesota. In 1819 he was a part of the military contingency that established Fort Snelling and he later spearheaded the development of a number of towns, including Henderson. Wrote Senator Renneke after the announcement: "I am very happy that the Legislature has recognized the historical significance of the role Brown played in helping to establish Henderson and much of southern Minnesota, as well as his entrepreneurial exploits throughout the region."

**20 YEARS AGO
APRIL 25, 2002**

Six students from Le Sueur-Henderson High School and the Minnesota New Country School took part in the Minnesota State High School League state speech tournament on April 20. Senior Joe Roby earned first place in extemporaneous reading and junior Tyler Sunderman took the top spot in discussion. The duo also earned a trophy from U. S. Bank as outstanding fine arts students.

Dee Grover-Thomas of Henderson, an educational innovator and 2000 Fulbright scholar,

has been named a recipient of the Minnesota State University, Mankato, 2002 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award. This award is presented to MSU graduates who have achieved high rank or honor in their professions, have a widespread effect on their communities and are recognized for their achievements over the course of their careers.

Thomas has been an advisor and facilitator at MNCS since 1996. She serves on the Minnesota Board of Teaching, is president of the Minnesota Association of Charter Schools and is recognized in the Minnesota Hall of Fame as a charter school distinguished educator. She has been a consultant to the National Association of Secondary Schools Principals and the President's Council on Education.

**10 YEARS AGO
APRIL 18, 2012**

Four years ago, Brad Strobel, grandson of Don and Betty Strobel of Henderson, was living an active life in Gaylord. A jailer at the Sheriff's Office, Brad also volunteered on both the local Fire Department and Ambulance crew and had a broad circle of supportive friends and family. A simple conversation with a family friend in 2008 turned his life upside down. She told him she was going on a mission trip to Africa and suggested he come along. His initial thought was "no," but the idea took root over the next three days as he pondered the trip. He shared the notion with friends who encouraged him to go.

Brad began the task of raising the \$4,000 needed to make the 10-day trip to an orphanage in Uganda. Within the first 30 minutes at Noah's Ark, a Dutch owned orphanage, three-year old Henry ran up to Brad and an instant bond formed. Over the next ten days Brad and others from the mission worked directly with the children in the orphanage and went out into the community as well, with Henry always close to his side.

After returning to Minnesota, Brad spent the next six months raising money to return to Africa, and Henry, whom Brad was sponsoring. Brad had already made the decision to try to adopt Henry when he learned he had a brother, Nathan, and the two were a package deal.

The boys were found living on the streets at ages two and six months, with Henry scavenging for food for the pair. The process of adoption took three years, with Brad remaining in Africa and working whatever jobs he could find after his funding ran out. After numerous hurdles, including threats of kidnapping, the adoption was finally completed and Brad returned to Minnesota with his new sons and moved in with his parents, Joe and Alice, in Gaylord.

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OBITUARIES

Charles E. Pfarr - 84



Charles Edward Pfarr, age 84, of Le Sueur, passed away Thursday, April 14, 2022, at Le Sueur Ridgeview Hospital.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at Kolden Funeral Home in Le Sueur, from 4-7 p.m., followed by a K.C. Rosary. Visitation continued on Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 10:30 at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 20 at St. Anne's Church. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery following the funeral service.

Charles was born on the Pfarr Family Farm on April 10, 1938, near Le Sueur, to Joseph and Rose (Helget) Pfarr. Charles attended the Rush River Country School near his family farm and graduated from Le Sueur High School in 1956. He then joined the United States Army Reserve.

He married Kathleen (Roe-hl) Pfarr at St. Anne's Catholic Church on August 17, 1974. Charles was a dairy and land farmer near Rush River, and he also worked at M.G. Walbaum in the feed mill from

1994-2012. He was known for his outstanding work ethic and knowledge of agriculture and farming.

He was a life-long member of St. Anne's Catholic Church, as well as a member of the Knights of Columbus. Charles had a kind heart and loved his family dearly. His wife and three children were the biggest joys of his life. They enjoyed family trips to Duluth every summer, where Charles would grill Pfarr Farm-raised steaks on a makeshift grill on the stone beaches of the shores of Lake Superior. He adored his grandchildren and great-

grandchildren and was known as their "Super Pa." He will be dearly missed by all those who knew him and especially those who loved him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen "Kathy" Pfarr; his three children, Mary Ellen (Charlie) Miller, Keith (Jill) Pfarr, and Karen (Eric) Pfarr Anderson; his six grandchildren, Alyssa Filand (Dylan Deegan), Callie Jo Miller, Lauren Miller, Alison Miller, Ethan Charles Anderson, and Ava Anderson; two great-grandchildren, Lee and Henry Deegan; siblings Carolyn Macrafic, Rosemary Skramstad, JoAnne (Dale) Jones, Patricia (Allen) Israelson, Virginia (Marwood) Neilson, Norma Jean (Roland) Swanson, and Kathleen (Ronald) Gates; and brother-in-law Kenneth Wolff.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Rose Pfarr; siblings John (Catherine) Pfarr, Robert (Ar-lene) Pfarr, Marilyn (Jerry) Zeiher, infant Joseph Pfarr, and Jane Wolff; and brothers-in-law Bernie Macrafic, Keith Johns, and Larry Skramstad.

Lorna L. Jones- 95



Lorna L. Jones, age 95, of Le Sueur, Minnesota died on April 16, 2022 at the Ridgeview Nursing Home in Le Sueur.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at Zion United Church of Christ in Le Sueur at 3 p.m. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church on Sunday. Interment will be in the Mound Cemetery, Le Sueur. A light lunch will follow the services.

Lorna was born near Ot-tawa, MN in Sharon Township on February 12, 1927 to Hugh and Hertha (Bratsch) Jones. She graduated from Le Sueur Public High School and then graduated from Gustavus

Adolphus College in 1948. She taught math, science and Spanish in Grenada and Wayzata. Lorna worked for Green Giant/Pillsbury from 1950 until retiring in 1988. She worked various positions, retiring as a computer program-

mer. Lorna enjoyed classical music, traveling, brisk political conversations, researching and publishing Bratsch and Jones family genealogy, tending to the roses in her yard as well as playing bridge. She was a long-time member of Zion United Church of Christ.

She is survived by a nephew, David (Ann) Jones of Belle Plaine and three nieces, Lori (Robert) Kloth of Norwood, Sharon Croom of Prior Lake and Beth (Donald) Westphal of North Mankato; sister-in-law, Hazel Jones of Belle Plaine, cousins and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Paul and twin brother Loren.

HENDERSON SENIOR DINING MENU

Thursday, April 21: Pork loin, candied yams, broccoli, bread/margarine, dessert, low fat milk
Friday, April 22: Cheese ravioli, romaine salad with dressing, fresh apple, bread/margarine, dessert, low fat milk
Monday, April 25: Tater tot casserole, green beans, warm peaches, dinner roll with margarine, dessert, low fat milk
Tuesday, April 26: Chicken fajita meat, soft shells, Spanish rice, pineapple, black bean and corn salsa, low fat milk
Wednesday, April 27: Spaghetti noodles with meat sauce, romaine salad with dressing, tropical fruit, Texas toast, dessert, low fat milk
Phone number: 1-866-985-8514 (10 a.m. to noon, best time to call)

COVID UPDATE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

In neighboring Le Sueur County, 17,559 (an increase of 11) people have received at least one vaccine dose, while 16,765 (an increase of 20) people are completely vaccinated. The county reports 90.2 percent of people 65 and older are fully vaccinated, and 63.2 percent of people 5 and older.

In neighboring Scott County, which is part of the greater metro area, 106,545 (an increase of 21) people have one vaccine dose, while 101,260 (an increase of 56) have a completed vaccine series. The county has reported an impressive 98 percent completed vaccine rate among those 65+, and 74.9 percent among those 5 and older.

SCHOOL IMPACT
COVID-19 exposure in schools is very low, with just 15 impacted schools statewide, none of which are in Sibley, Le Sueur or Scott County. Schools are included on the state outbreak list if they report five or more cases among students and staff who were in the building while infectious in the past two weeks.

STATE OVERVIEW
To date, Minnesota has reported 1,438,566 COVID-19 cases since the pandemic began, including 383,967 breakthrough cases.

The state stopped reporting the number of new tests as of April 13 due to federal test reporting requirements that took effect on April 4. Positive test results still need to be reported, but not negative results.

While the number of newly-reported cases rose, deaths declined by 34 percent in the past week. The state reported 21 new deaths (a decrease of 11) in the past week.

A total of 12,468 people have died from COVID-19 since the pandemic started, including 2,021 (an increase of 14) deaths in fully vaccinated people, and 5,701 (an increase of 9) deaths in assisted living facilities.

Of Minnesota's 1,438,566 total cases, 1,420,468 (98.7 percent) no longer need isolation.

Just 28 congregate care facilities are currently reporting exposure. The only one in the tri-county area is Savage Senior Living at Fen Pointe in Scott County. To be included on the outbreak list, a congregate care facility must have at least 10 residents contract COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

Demographics for deaths compared to total number of cases is as follows:
• **Age 100+:** 155 deaths (an increase of 2); 543 total cases (increase of 1)
• **Ages 90-99:** 2,387 deaths (an increase of 2); 10,606 cases

(increase of 59)

• **Ages 80-89:** 3,773 deaths (an increase of 8); 31,039 cases (increase of 179)

• **Ages 70-79:** 2,868 deaths (an increase of 4); 62,303 cases (increase of 327)

• **Ages 60-69:** 1,864 deaths (an increase of 3); 127,497 cases (increase of 523)

• **Ages 50-59:** 880 deaths (an increase of 1); 182,484 cases (increase of 625)

• **Ages 40-49:** 331 deaths (an increase of 1); 203,685 cases (increase of 639)

• **Ages 30-39:** 157 deaths (no increase); 248,830 cases (increase of 814)

• **Ages 20-29:** 44 deaths (no increase); 251,080 cases (increase of 738)

• **Ages 5-19:** 8 deaths (no increase); 262,018 cases (increase of 506)

• **Ages 0-4:** 1 death (no increase); 58,370 cases (increase of 258)

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

1. Hennepin: 258,754 (+1,223)
2. Ramsey: 106,605 (+399)
3. Dakota: 88,663 (+250)
4. Anoka: 79,310 (+150)
5. Washington: 53,861 (+155)
6. Stearns: 48,333 (+77)
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Belle Plaine Bulletin

Lucid Tattoo owner fights back after license denial

By Rachel Miller
Editor

A downtown Belle Plaine business owner has found himself embroiled in a right to work battle after the City of Belle Plaine denied his license to work in town, along with a subsequent appeal.

Since the city denied his body art establishment license in January, and subsequent appeal on March 9, Lucid Tattoo owner Sam Erickson is looking to move his business out of town and secure a civil rights attorney.

Erickson grew up around tattoos as a child in Belle Plaine, and began experimenting with tattoos when he was 11.

Now at 43, Erickson is an award-winning tattoo artist, and his accolades include Best in Show at the 2012 A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, 2nd Place Best in Show at the 2016 Minneapolis Tattoo Arts Convention, 2nd Place Tattoo of the Day (Black and Gray) at the 2016 Minneapolis Tattoo Arts Convention, and 3rd Place Medium Color at the 2017 Minneapolis Tattoo Arts Convention.

In the 10 years since he opened his business (originally in New Prague), it has grown from a sole proprietorship to a

booming business with seven employees, most of whom are part of minority groups. Erickson also uses his business to give back in various ways, like collecting jackets and blankets for the homeless, raising more than \$30,000 for food shelves, and offering to cover up Satanic and gang tattoos, along with self-harm scars, free of charge.

Erickson decided to move his business to Belle Plaine in May of 2021, and alleges that he and his staff have faced discrimination from the get-go. A series of unfortunate events then led to Erickson's license being denied.

Erickson said he fell sick in October of 2021, although he did not get checked out at a hospital for five weeks. Erickson said he was "sick as a dog" for those five weeks. He had a hard time eating, he was constantly throwing up, and lost 50 pounds and was unable to move by the time he was finally admitted the day after Thanksgiving. He was ultimately diagnosed with COVID, but by that time both of his lungs had collapsed and he was on life support.

His odds of survival were very low, but against those odds he recovered, although he remained away from work for a few weeks after being discharged.



PHOTO BY RACHEL MILLER

Lucid Tattoo owner Sam Erickson is faced with having to move out of Belle Plaine and possibly declare bankruptcy after the Belle Plaine City Council voted to deny his license for the year. It is especially troublesome as Erickson signed a 5-year lease on his building last May.

When he finally returned to the shop in early January, it was to two pieces of bad news: the deadline to renew the license for 2022 had passed, and despite being paid for a year, his insurance had been cancelled.

According to Erickson, the cancellation was due to a lapse in paperwork on the insurance company's side. Erickson said he had submitted paperwork

confirming the date on a fire extinguisher, but the lady handling his case quit, the paperwork didn't get filed, and his policy was automatically cancelled. This happened right around the time he was sick, which was why he did not find

out until January.

But in the meantime, the city found out about the insurance lapse, and denied his renewal application.

The denial has landed Erickson in a very sticky situation. When he moved to Belle Plaine

last May, he signed a five-year lease for the building at 139 E. Main St. If he cannot get out of the lease, he will be stuck paying \$1,800/month in rent for the next four years, while simultaneously prevented from operating his business until at least 2023.

Erickson said he may be forced to declare bankruptcy as a result, and also sees it as an economic loss for other downtown businesses. While some people travel from out of state to get a tattoo (Erickson said he recently had a client fly in from Texas), he estimated that 75-80 percent of his clientele are from the Twin Cities or surrounding suburbs. Tattoos can take hours to do, depending on the size, and Erickson said his clients regularly spend money elsewhere in town, like local restaurants.

Regardless of everything that has happened, Erickson is not prepared to go down without a fight. But in order to remain in Belle Plaine, Erickson said the city would need to provide him with a four-year business license and retract all of the tickets he has been issued for operating his business after the license was denied.

Belle Plaine School Board

Board mulls graduation car parade

By Josh Wilson
Independent Intern

On Monday, the Belle Plaine School Board held a work session to discuss upcoming events, updates, and changes in the district. The meeting focused on upcoming Belle Plaine High School graduation plans, summer programming for local students, notable construction projects for the schools, and food service as well as transportation adjustments.

GRADUATION PLANS

The work session began with a discussion about the upcoming Belle Plaine High School (BPHS) graduation ceremony and events. Superintendent Dr. Ryan Laager brought up the recent car parade tradition that honors seniors on the streets of Belle Plaine.

Board members agreed on the possibility of planning a senior car parade leading up to the graduation ceremony.

"I think it's a great tradition," Board Member Tracy O'Brien said. "It's easy, it's fun, and people are out watching it," she added.

Superintendent Laager plans to send out a senior survey about the car parade and other commencement activities for BPHS seniors. The graduation ceremony will take place on May 27 and be live streamed using the Hudl platform.

DISTRICT

TRANSPORTATION CONSIDERATIONS

The district sent a survey out to collect information from

families about the number of students that use the bus transportation service. Superintendent Laager mentioned the current longest route in the service is "about 58 minutes and seven seconds."

With enrollment declining within District 716, board members discussed the challenges of decreasing the 10-route bus service to a 9-route service. The increase in the bus service may cause a re-configuration of the district's budget and funding towards certain areas.

Observations from parents, guardians, and board members have noticed that vehicle pickup lines have gotten longer each year at Oak Crest Elementary and Chatfield Elementary. The district's survey has hundreds of responses and will be a main consideration in the upcoming transportation decisions.

FOOD SERVICES CONTRACT

District 716's food service management company contract is up for renewal. What does this look like for Belle Plaine's K-12 students? Chuck Keller, the board's Business Manager, gave an overview of how the food service companies bid for a contract.

On March 29, mandatory pre-bid letting began for food service management in the Belle Plaine School District. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture provided a list of management companies available for school districts.

Board Member Karl Keup asked Keller to describe what the costs look like for student

meals.

"We pay per meal, so they have to price it out for lunch and breakfast," Keller said.

Along with this, the costs also pay for the staffing needs of the food service management company.

Belle Plaine currently works with Taher Inc, who happens to be the district's sole bid for food service management. On April 29, the food service bid is due, and Superintendent Laager believes that Taher will be the best vendor for the district.

Recently, Taher Inc. hired a new chef for the district who has come up with unique ideas to engage students with the food service and the daily meals. The chef even offered an idea to have a food truck at school events and allow K-12 students to help prepare the food.

Since BPHS allows grades 10 through 12 to have an open lunch, the new chef is working to create ways for students to stay at school.

SUMMER PROGRAMMING FOR DISTRICT STUDENTS

Keller also informed the board about the \$70,000 that the district has set aside for student summer programming and activities. Superintendent Laager mentioned the possibility of partnering with the Jordan School District for summer events.

Some of the events may include outdoor activities with the district's new agriculture teacher, health and wellness community opportunities, and even a magic show.



PHOTO BY RACHEL MILLER

Dollars for Scholars winner

Terry and Jenny Schmidt were the lucky winner of a \$500 gift card from Berger Interiors, a prize from the Dollars for Scholars mail-a-thon fundraiser sponsored by Kevin and Cindy Berger. Everyone who donated at least \$25 during the early bird portion of the mail-a-thon was entered into a random drawing for the gift card. Terry Schmidt (left) is pictured with Kelli Berger of Berger Interiors on Wednesday, April 13. The fundraiser raised \$14,795 towards scholarships for this year's graduates.

Belle Plaine Police Report

The following are among the calls the Belle Plaine Police Department responded to during the week of April 11-17:

MONDAY, APRIL 11

At 10:58 a.m., an officer responded to a call in the 600 block of O'Brien Parkway for an unknown suspect who attempted to open a credit card. The fraud was caught, the credit card denied and the incident was documented.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

At 1:02 p.m., an officer responded to a call for a street light that fell on the hood of a vehicle in the 100 block of Meridian Street N. There were no injuries, and insurance information was obtained from the vehicle owner.

At 4:07 p.m., an officer was called to take a theft report in the 400 block of Meridian Street N. The incident is currently under investigation.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

At 1:22 p.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of Main Street W. for a suicidal male. Upon arrival, the male fled on foot. The man, a 30-year-old from Belle Plaine, was located and arrested for first-degree damage to prop-

erty, fourth-degree assault with a peace officer, disorderly conduct and obstructing the legal process.

At 7:08 p.m., an officer assisted the Jordan Police Department in the 200 block of Commerce Drive E. as they attempted to locate a vehicle involved in a hit-and-run. The vehicle was not located.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

At 11:25 a.m., an officer assisted the Minnesota State Patrol and the Scott County Sheriff's Office with a hit-and-run. The officer located the vehicle, and the female driver, 21, from St. Paul, was cited for failure to stop for a collision.

At 11:33 a.m., an officer responded to the 800 block of Heritage Trail for a report that a neighbor's trampoline blew into a yard, damaging a parked vehicle. Both parties were advised it was a civil matter and information was documented.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

At 2:04 a.m., an officer responded to a call in the 300 block of Orchard Street E. for a report that a suspicious male with a flashlight had broken a window. Upon arrival, officers checked the area and learned the window was not broken and the male had left in a silver

vehicle prior to arrival.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

At 3:29 a.m., an officer received a traffic complaint of a vehicle swerving all over the road in the area of Highway 169 and Park Boulevard. The officer located and stopped the vehicle, and a male driver, 25, from Windom, was arrested for fourth-degree DWI and improper lane use.

At 5:34 p.m., an officer received a report of an adult male entering an apartment without permission in the 300 block of Elm Street S. The male, 59, from Belle Plaine, was served a trespass warning.

Correction/Clarification

In the April 7 Belle Plaine City Council story, it was stated the city was interviewing for a staff accountant and public works position to "advance those departments." We would like to clarify these hires are replacements, not new positions.

Under upcoming community events, we stated that Festivals and Events is hosting an

April 30 event at Heritage Park. The city of Belle Plaine is the primary agency, under the direction of Aquatic Center Manager/City of Belle Plaine Events Coordinator Jason Wadley. The city is partnering with Belle Plaine Festival and Events and the Belle Plaine Chamber of Commerce to host the event.

We apologize for the errors/confusion.

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Belle Plaine Bulletin

Boys and girls track wins MRC quad meet

By Rachel Miller
Editor

The Tigers boys track and field team won a close contest over Sibley East to win the MRC quad meet at Le Sueur-Henderson last Tuesday.

The Tigers earned six firsts, seven seconds and seven third-place finishes as they went on to win the event with 102 points, just ahead of the Wolverines' 100. Norwood-Young America and host LS-H tied for third with 33 points.

Junior Emmett Gerres earned first place in the 3200, and was part of two relay teams that finished first and second. Gerres easily outpaced his competition in the two mile, finishing in 9:56.51. Norwood-Young America's Jake Druley came in second place in 11:01.83, and Belle Plaine's Adam Stiemke was third in 11:30.78.

Gerres, despite being a long-distance runner, was also part of the champion 4x100 meter relay team. It was an exciting race to the finish, as Gerres, Seth Rucks, Hunter Lilleskov and Andrew Siegle finished the race in 49.12 seconds, beating Norwood-Young America's team by a mere 0.03 seconds.

A second Belle Plaine team consisting of Austin Mohlin, Michael Schultz, Shawn Burkel-Golembiski and Austin Kehr finished third in 49.95 seconds.

Gerres, Stiemke, Schultz and Jack Buerkle were all part of the 4x800 meter relay team that finished second to Sibley East in 9:03.73.

Siegle also earned two titles of his own. He winning time of 16.73 seconds in the 100 meter hurdles was 0.11 seconds faster than Sibley East's Aaron Elseth. Siegle also won the high jump competition with an ending height of 5 feet, 10 inches. Teammate Kehr was second at 5 feet, 6 inches.

Ryan Retzer also had a good day in the throwing field events. Nobody could match Retzer in the shot put, and his winning throw of 48 feet, 4 inches was more than four-and-a-half feet further than second place Lincoln Suedbeck of Sibley East.

Suedbeck turned the tables in the discus event, and his winning throw of 132 feet, 10.5 inches was exactly nine feet further than Retzer's. A trio of Tigers followed Retzer, with Henry Reiter finishing third in 103 feet, 9 inches, Collin Hesser fourth in 103 feet, 4.5

inches, and Burkel-Golembiski fifth in 90 feet, 6 inches.

Jack Buerkle captured the 800 meter run title with a time of 2:18.71, while teammate Kelton Koepp was third in 2:23.95.

Although Sibley East's Zach Halverson won the 100 meter dash, he was followed by another trio of Tigers. Halverson won the event in 11.83 seconds, Mohlin came in second in 11.97, Kevin He third in 12.05, and Kehr was fourth in 12.14 seconds.

Other top finishers for the Tigers include: Koepp, second in the 1600 meter run, 5:12.67, and second in the pole vault, 8 feet; Caden Riga, third in the 1600 meter run, 5:23.35; 4x400 meter relay team (Kehr, Gunnar Geisler, Matthew Olson and He), 3:47.71; and Austin Eyrich, third in the pole vault, 7 feet, 6 inches;

COMING UP

Belle Plaine hosted an MRC meet on Tuesday, April 19 (results unavailable by press time) and are scheduled to compete at the Lakeville North High School Invitational on Saturday starting at 8 a.m. They are also scheduled to compete at St. Peter Middle School on Monday, April 25.



PHOTO BY RACHEL MILLER

Lacey Croft jumped a career best 33 feet, 0.5 inches in the triple jump at last Tuesday's MRC quad meet. Croft placed second in the triple jump, behind teammate Malina Koepp, who jumped 34 feet, 9 inches.

By Rachel Miller
Editor

The Belle Plaine Tigers made quick work of the competition at the Minnesota River Conference quad meet held at Le Sueur-Henderson on Tuesday, April 12. The Tigers had 34 athletes place in the top three, and swept four competitions to earn 153 team points — more than double second place Norwood-Young America.

The Tigers made a clean sweep of the highly competitive 200 meter dash. Tavashia Hill won the event in 27.97 seconds, with teammates Bella Haefner (28.81) and Rylee Bell (28.86) close behind in second and third place, out of a field of 22 athletes.

The 3200 meter run was a much smaller affair, as neither Norwood-Young America or host Le Sueur-Henderson fielded any athletes. Despite this being the longest race of a high school track and field meet, the victor was determined by a mere half a second. Belle Jeurissen eked out the win in 13:55.86, while teammate Addisyn Giles was a very close second in 13:56.36. Teammate Kallie Thaemert finished in third place in 14:10.57, and a pair of Sibley East runners closed the event 30+ seconds later.

The Tigers also swept two of the six field competitions. In the long jump, Haefner leaped 15 feet, 3 inches to earn the win, while Bell was second in 14 feet, 8.5 inches, and Kenzie Nordby came in third in 14 feet, 4.5 inches.

A completely different trio of Tigers cleaned out the tri-

ple jump. In fact the Tigers actually claimed the top five spots out of the field of 12 registered competitors. Malina Koepp left them all in her dust with a winning jump of 34 feet, 9 inches. Teammate Lacey Croft was second with a jump of 33 feet, 0.5 inch, and Aly Jeurissen was third with a jump of 31 feet, 6 inches.

Other individual meet champions include Kelli Reitz, 100 meter hurdles, 17.65 seconds; Bell, 100 meter dash, 13.77 seconds; Mackenzie Murphy, 1600 meter run, 5:58.35; Koepp, 400 meter dash, 1:05.15; Marley Ziemke, 300 meter hurdles, 53.75 seconds; and Leah Lenz, shot put, 33 feet, 11 inches.

The Tigers also won three relay events by fairly healthy margins. The closest race was the 4x100 meter relay, which the Tigers won by 2.5 seconds. The team of Bell, Haefner, McKenna Ziemke and Elissa Moonen ran 54.80 seconds. Their next best competition? Teammates Croft, Jaidynn Dietel, Emma Driehorst and Havyn Moonen, who finished in 57.29 seconds. A Sibley East team finished third in 59.43 seconds.

Sibley East also found itself sandwiched between two Tigers teams in the 4x200 meter relay. The Tigers' top team of Hill, Haefner, Koepp and McKenna Ziemke finished in 1:52.99 to beat Sibley East by almost eight seconds. The Tigers' second relay team of Croft, Driehorst, Averie Schaffer and Kendra Reitz were hot on Sibley East's tail and finished third in 2:01.33.

Belle Plaine also fronted three teams in the 4x400 meter relay race, but one was dis-

qualified. The race was pretty spaced out, with 41 seconds separating the four finishers. Hill, Koepp, Murphy and McKenna Ziemke won the event by 16 seconds, finishing in 4:31.73. Sibley East came in second in 4:47.32, Norwood-Young America finished third and Belle Plaine's second finishing team was fourth in 5:12.98.

Other top finishers included: Reitz, second in the pole vault, 7 feet; Belle Jeurissen, Aly Jeurissen, CeCe Kimpton and Giles, second in the 4x800 meter relay, 11:27.09; Marley Ziemke, second in the 100 meter hurdles, 18.13 seconds; Moonen, second in the high jump, 4 feet, 6 inches, and third in the 100 meter dash, 14.19 seconds; Carlie Rosenwinkel, third in the 300 meter hurdles, 56.53 seconds; Aly Jeurissen, second in the 800 meter run, 2:50.13; Driehorst, third in the high jump, 4 feet, 6 inches, and third in the pole vault, 6 feet, 6 inches; Lenz, second in the discus, 101 feet, 8 inches; and Courtney Eppen, third in the shot put, 29 feet, 8.5 inches.

The Tigers won the quad meet with 153 points, followed by Sibley East with 72, host Le Sueur-Henderson with 26 points and Norwood-Young America with 20 points.

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Seth Rucks (right) pushes hard down the track and matched Norwood-Young America's Dane Fabel stride for stride in the final 100 of the boys 4x100 meter relay race. Rucks' effort paid off and the Tigers finished in 49.12 seconds — a mere 0.03 seconds ahead of NYA.

BASEBALL

Tigers blow past Maple River

By Rachel Miller
Editor

The Belle Plaine Tigers baseball team is now 2-0 on the season after earning a big 7-1 victory over Maple River on Tuesday, April 12.

Maple River started the scoring with a run in the bottom of the first off a hit and an error, but the Tigers, especially pitcher Ethan Hoffman, did a good job of shutting down Maple River's offense the rest of the game.

The Tigers gained some momentum in the top of the second, when Jake Conrad got on base after being hit by a pitch, and worked his way to third before scoring on an Ethan Hoffman ground out.

The Tigers blew the game wide open in the third, as they used four hits to plate three runs. Ted Hohn led off with a single, and soon the bases were loaded as Maple River walked Jack Kruger and Conrad got

hit by a pitch. A second pitch hit Hoffman, scoring Hohn. Kruger then scored a run with a catcher's interference, and Logan Reynolds singled to score Conrad.

The Tigers then scored single runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings. Hohn got on base again in the fourth inning, and made it home on a Jake Brandenburg double. In the fifth, Hoffman walked and courtesy runner Colin Williams worked his way around the bases before Gavin Peterson singled to score Williams.

The Tigers' final run came in the sixth when pinch hitter Joey Storch led off with a walk, and scored on a sacrifice fly from Brandenburg.

"We played a little better tonight and did a lot of good things," said Coach Pat Schultz. "We took very good at bats tonight and barreled up a few balls while doing a great job taking advantage of their pitchers' wildness. We were patient enough to draw walks

and take the hit by pitches and take advantage of them. I was impressed to see us continue putting the pressure on and score in five straight innings."

Pitcher Hoffman struck out 11 batters while surrendering just three hits and one walk in the win.

"It was a lot of fun to watch Ethan pitch tonight," Schultz said. "He attacked the zone with multiple pitches for strikes and had their batters looking like they were swinging swords throughout the game. He pitched with confidence and really competed tonight."

COMING UP

The Tigers were scheduled to play at Sibley East on Monday, but the game was cancelled due to weather. The Tigers are scheduled to host three home games in a row: New Ulm on Thursday at 5 p.m., Prior Lake on Saturday at 3 p.m., and Lester Prairie on Monday, April 25 at 5 p.m.

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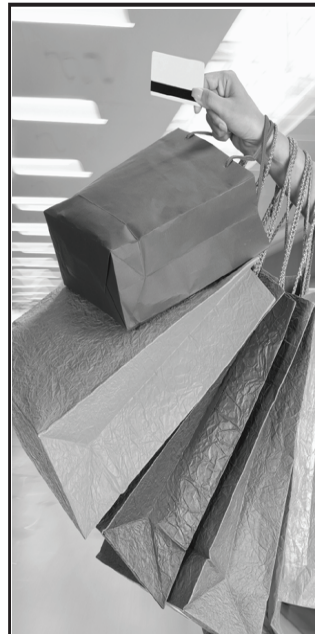
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For more information call Judy Loewe at 507-248-3345.

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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 City 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 in the Minnesota New Country School Library. For questions contact Dean Lind at 507-665-2053.

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Bonnie Weber, Clerk Jessenland Township 34664 Jessenland Rd Henderson, MN 56044 763-772-8386 jessenlandtownship@gmail.com

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NOTICE OF SIBLEY COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Sibley County Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022 to begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room (2nd floor), 400 Court Avenue, Gaylord, MN 55334. The purpose of said public hearing is to consider the below noted applications.

Notice is also hereby given that the Sibley County Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public viewing of the new business properties subject to public hearings on Friday, April 29, 2022. Interested parties may join the viewing group at 8:00 a.m. at the west entrance of the Sibley County Courthouse, the location from which the viewing tour will begin.

Public comment may also be submitted prior to the meeting to the Property Assessing and Zoning Office via mail or email.

Sibley County Property Assessing and Zoning

400 Court Ave PO Box 532 Gaylord, MN 55334 zoning@co.sibley.mn.us

New Business:

CUP #1166: Consider Conditional Use Permit #1166 to allow for a Temporary Dwelling in the A-General Agricultural district on the property located at 43577 330 St. Gaylord, MN 55334 PID #22.3602.000

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COUNTY OF SIBLEY REGULAR MEETING BOARD PROCEEDINGS TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022

The Sibley County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners' Board Room in the City of Gaylord, MN on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 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

Requests were made to Commissioner Lilienthal to move Section 8, Item 1 and 2, Investment and 4th Quarter Financial Reports directly after the Consent Agenda and to remove Section 11, Item 1, Order Vacating DNR Ditch Assessment.

A. Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Commissioner Harder, second by Commissioner Cohrs with unanimous approval.

4. Consent Agenda
Motion made by Commissioner Cohrs, second by Commissioner Koch with unanimous approval.

A. Approve Regular Board Proceedings of March 08, 2022

B. Approve Claims as submitted

C. Receive information on the attached EFT Report covering March 3, 2022 through March 15, 2022 (as required per M.S. 471.38 and County Resolution).

D. Approve the Request for Out-Of-State Travel for Lisa Klenk, VSO to attend the National Association of Veteran Service Officers Conference

E. State Law Library Contract
F. Motion to approve the revised Personal Vehicle Use Policy

G. Motion to approve the revised Sibley County Employee Wellness Policy

5. Andrew Hayden, Emergency Manager

A. Resolution #2022-25 Motion to approve the Sibley County All Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) is a requirement of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The development of a local government plan is required to maintain eligibility for federal hazard mitigation grant funding programs. This multi-jurisdictional plan covers Sibley County, including the cities of Arlington, Gaylord, Gibbon, Green Isle, Henderson, Le Sueur, New Auburn, and Winthrop and also incorporates the concerns and needs of townships, school districts, and other participating entities. Emergency Management Director, Andrew Hayden, request the Sibley County Board of Commissioners accept the revised Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion made by Commissioner Cohrs, second by Commissioner Harder and adopted with unanimous approval.

6. Pat Nienaber, County Sheriff
A. Motion to approve 2022-2023 Off Highway Vehicle Safety Grant

County Sheriff, Pat Nienaber, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve the 2022-2023 Off Highway Vehicle Safety Grant for reimbursed expenses at \$3,212.00 each year, for two years. Motion made by Commissioner Saxton, second by Commissioner Koch with unanimous approval.

7. Kathy Dietz, County Recorder

A. Kathy Dietz will present to the Board an agreement with Arcserach to provide for the digital achieving of historic vital records.

ArcaSearch LLC has entered into an agreement with the Sibley County's Recorder office to complete digital preservation of historical vital records (Birth, Death and Marriage). This allows the public more access to records and also serves as a document back-up in case of an emergency. County Recorder, Kathy Dietz, presented an update to the Sibley County Board of Commissioners on the timeline of the project which is allocated directly from the Sibley County Recorders Technology Fund.

8. Marilee Peterson, County Auditor

A. Investment Report as of December 31, 2021

Assistant Treasurer, Tara Ernst, presented the final Investment Report of 2021 to the Sibley County Board of Commissioners.

B. 4th Quarter Financial Reports

Auditor/Treasurer, Marilee Peterson, presented the 2021 4th Quarter Financial Reports to the Sibley County Board of Commissioners.

9. Geoff Beranek, Zoning Administrator

A. Make an addition to the Zoning Permit Fee Schedule for Accessory, Temporary, and Extra Farm Dwellings of \$100.00

The current Zoning Permit Fee schedule addresses new and replacement dwellings but does not cover accessory, temporary, and extra farm dwellings. Planning and Zoning Administrator, Geoff Beranek, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners set the Zoning Permit fee at \$100.00 for accessory, temporary and extra farm dwellings. Motion made by Commissioner Cohrs, second by Commissioner Saxton with unanimous approval.

B. Resolution #2022-26 The Planning & Zoning Commission has recommended approval of Conditional Use Permit #1164 to allow for an Accessory Dwelling in the A-General Agricultural district on the property located at 45885 216th St. Gaylord, MN 55334 PID #20.3407.000.

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Geoff Beranek, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve Conditional Use Permit #1164 to allow for an Accessory Dwelling in the A-General Agricultural district on the property located at 45885 216th St. Gaylord, MN 55334, PID #20.3407.000. Motion made by Commissioner Cohrs and adopted with unanimous approval.

C. Resolution #2022-27 The Planning & Zoning Commission has recommended approval of Conditional Use Permit #1165 to allow for an expansion of an existing Agricultural Feedlot to 600 or more animal units in the A-General Agricultural district on the property located at 17318 461st Ave Glencoe, MN 55336 PID #20.0905.010.

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Geoff Beranek, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve Conditional Use Permit #1165 to allow for an expansion of an existing Agricultural Feedlot to 600 or more animal units in the A-General Agricultural district on the property located at 17318 461st Ave Glencoe, MN 55336 PID #20.0905.010. Motion made by Commissioner Cohrs, second by Commissioner Harder and adopted with unanimous approval.

11. Don Lannoye, Sibley County Attorney

A. Order Vacating DNR Ditch Assessment

Section 11, Item 1, Order Vacating DNR Ditch Assessment was withdrawn from the agenda.

12. County Business

A. Motion to approve the revised version of the 2009 Sibley County Comprehensive Plan

A Public Hearing will be held on April 26th, 2022 at 10:00 A.M., in the Sibley County Commissioners Board Room. Motion made by Commissioner Harder to table the request until after the public hearing, second by Commissioner Koch with unanimous approval.

13. Commissioners' Committee Reports

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

A. Commissioner Saxton

B. Commissioner Harder

Asphalt Surface Technologies (St. Cloud, MN).

Public Works Director, Tim Becker, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve the lowest bid of \$214,523.50 from Asphalt Surface Technologies for County Project (CP) 1249; Bituminous Seal Coating. Motion made by Commissioner Koch, second by Commissioner Harder with unanimous approval.

B. Award CP 1309 - 2022 Bituminous Microsurfacing Project to Asphalt Surface Technologies (St. Cloud, MN).

Public Works Director, Tim Becker, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve the lowest bid of \$544,832.79 from Asphalt Surface Technologies for County Project (CP) 1309; Bituminous Microsurfacing for CSAH 22, County Road 7 and 1. Motion made by Commissioner Cohrs, second by Commissioner Saxton with unanimous approval.

C. Award CP 1215 - (SaP 072-609-034) Bridge Replacement 72513 on CSAH 9 to Ashwill Companies from CoKato, MN for \$1,168,969.01

Public Works Director, Tim Becker, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve the lowest bid of \$1,168,969.01 from Ashwill Companies for County Project (CP) 1215; Bridge Replacement on CSAH 9. Motion made by Commissioner Saxton, second by Commissioner Koch with unanimous approval.

D. Award Contract 2022-03 Bituminous Resurfacing Projects to Central Specialties, Inc. from Alexandria for \$1,374,038.92

Public Works Director, Tim Becker, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve the lowest bid of \$1,374,038.92 from Central Specialties Inc., for County Project (CP) 1240; CSAH 2 Bituminous Resurfacing from CR 107 to Renville County. Motion made by Commissioner Saxton, second by Commissioner Koch with unanimous approval.

E. Approve contract Amendment 4 with Bolton & Menk for CP 1179 Engineering Services for \$31,800.00

Public Works Director, Tim Becker, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve Amendment 4 for CP 1179; CSAH 6 Engineering Services with Bolton & Menk totaling \$31,800.00 for a DNR Natural Heritage Review. Motion made by Commissioner Harder, second by Commissioner Lilienthal with unanimous approval.

F. Set 2022 Dust Coating Rate at \$125 per 100 feet for a 20-foot width using Magnesium Chloride & accepting the quote from Freeborn County Co-op.

Public Works Director, Tim Becker, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners set the 2022 Dust Coating Rate at \$125 per 100 feet with a 20-foot width and accept the quote from Freeborn County Co-op to complete the project. Motion made by Commissioner Lilienthal, second by Commissioner Cohrs with unanimous approval.

G. Approve moving forward with the right of way acquisition & parking lot replacement project for CP 1280. Estimated cost to replace parking lot is \$135,000.

Public Works Director, Tim Becker, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners move forward with the right of way acquisition and parking lot replacement project for CP 1280. Estimated cost to replace parking lot is \$135,000.

H. Approve Hummingbird Trail Agreement with the City of Henderson.

Public Works Director, Tim Becker, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve the Henderson Hummingbird Trail Agreement. Motion made by Commissioner Cohrs, second by Commissioner Harder with unanimous approval.

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B. Commissioner Harder

C. Commissioner Cohrs
D. Commissioner Koch
E. Commissioner Lilienthal

14. Clearing of Calendars

A. March 25, 2022 at 10:00 am - Annual Joint Drainage Meeting - McLeod County Government Center (Koch / Saxton) - March 25th at 10:00 am

B. March 31, 2022 Re-Districting Public Hearing 7:00 PM - Sibley County Courthouse, Basement Meeting Room "A" Room

C. April 04, 2022 JD 20 (SN) Redetermination Hearings 1:30 PM - Sibley County Courthouse, Basement Meeting Room "A" Room (Saxton, Koch & Lilienthal)

D. April 05, 2022 Board of Commissioners Workshop 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

E. April 12, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

F. April 26, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

G. May 03, 2022 Board of Commissioners Workshop 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

15. Adjournment
Commissioner Lilienthal asked for additional business items. None were brought forth to the board, Commissioner Lilienthal adjourned the meeting at 10:40 A.M.

Attest:
John Glisczynski,
County Administrator
Christian Lilienthal,
Board Chair

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 5, 2007

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$665,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Lindsay M. Kluber and Shawn Kluber, wife and husband

MORTGAGEE: Washington Mutual Bank F.A.

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Washington Mutual Bank F.A.

SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed July 13, 2007, Sibley County Recorder, as Document Number A210567

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association; Dated: August 30, 2019 filed: September 5, 2019, recorded as document number A248160

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Part of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 113, Range 26, Sibley County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Southwest Quarter of Section 23; thence on an assumed bearing of South 87 degrees 52 minutes 50 seconds West along the North line of said Southwest Quarter 64.82 feet to a point on the Westerly right-of-way line of Sibley County Road Number 6, thence South 30 degrees 39 minutes 45 seconds West along said Westerly right of way line 87.65 feet; thence southerly along said Westerly right-of-way line along a tangential curve that is concave to the East, said curve having a central angle of 11 degrees 20 minutes 46 seconds, a radius length of 1491.54 feet, an arc length of 295.37 feet; thence South 19 degrees 18 minutes 59 seconds West along said Westerly right-of-way line and tangent to last described curve 51.76 feet to the point of beginning of the tract to be described; thence continuing South 19 degrees 18 minutes 59 seconds West along said Westerly right-of-way line 1392.19 feet; thence North 86 degrees 57 minutes 31 seconds West 591.52 feet to the West line of said East Half of the Southwest Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 59 seconds East along said West line 1243.58 feet; thence North 87 degrees 52 minutes 50 seconds East 1050.48 feet to the point of beginning.

EXCEPT the following described tract: Part of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 113, Range 26, Sibley County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 23; thence on an assumed bearing of South 00 degrees 03 minutes 59 seconds West along

the West line of said East Half of the Southwest Quarter 384.64 feet; thence North 87 degrees 52 minutes 50 seconds East 755.12 feet to the point of beginning of the tract to be described; thence continuing North 87 degrees 52 minutes 50 seconds East 295.36 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of Sibley County Road Number 6; thence South 19degrees 18 minutes 59 seconds West along said Westerly right-of-way line 791.50 feet; thence South 87 degrees 52 minutes 50 seconds West 295.36 feet; thence North 19 degrees 18 minutes 59 seconds East 791.50 feet to the point of beginning

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PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-2311-010
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Sibley
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$436,377.09

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 6, 2022, 10:00AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, 319 Park, Gaylord, MN 55334

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 12 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on May 6, 2023, or the next business day if May 6, 2023 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday

Dated: March 9, 2022

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF SIBLEY DISTRICT COURT FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.: 72-PR-22-18 NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of Justin Todd Howk, Deceased

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on April 25, 2022, at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Sibley County Courthouse, 400 Court Avenue, Gaylord, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Robin Ray Howk, whose address is 106 West 2nd Street, Winthrop, MN 55396, PO Box 82, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in a SUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: March 24, 2022

Amber Donley
Judge of District Court
Karen V. Messner,
Court Administrator
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(MN# 0399080)
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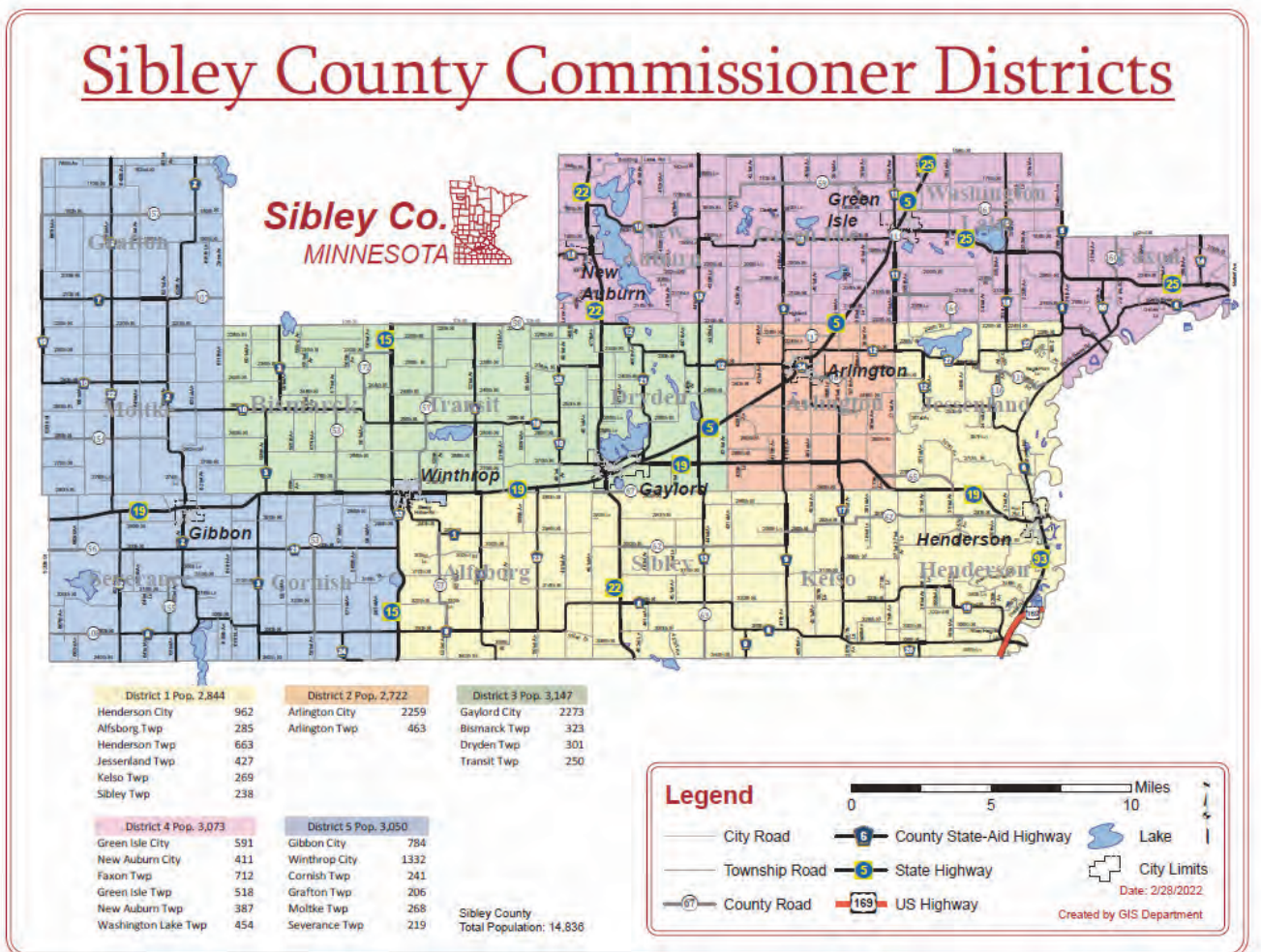
Commissioner District No. 1 – City of Henderson and the Townships of Alfsborg, Henderson, Jessenland, Kelso, and Sibley (4-year term, 2022 election)

Commissioner District No. 2 – City of Arlington and the Township of Arlington (4-year term, 2022 election)

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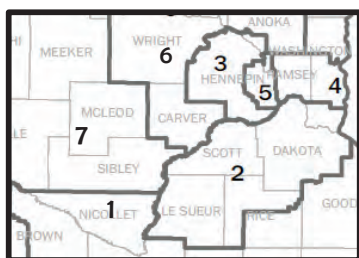
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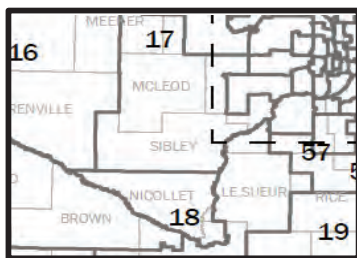


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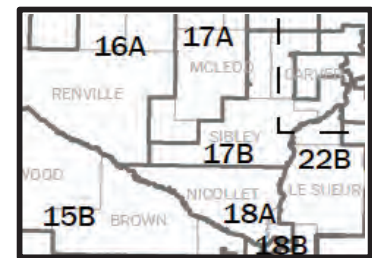
All of Sibley County is in US Congressional District 7



All of Sibley County is in MN Senate District 17



Sibley County is split into 2 MN Legislative Districts:
District 17A – Townships of Bismarck, Grafton, and Moltke
District 17B – All cities and the remaining 14 townships



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Sibley County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at (507) 237-4070 or elections@co.sibley.mn.us. Or visit our county website at <https://www.co.sibley.mn.us/>.

Marilee Peterson, Sibley County Auditor-Treasurer

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By Art & Barb Straub
Nature Corner Correspondents

White surprises emerge, other than snow



PHOTOS BY BARB/ART STRAUB

Note the metal band on the white pigeon's right leg: is it a homing pigeon or racer? Inquiring minds want to know.

A week or so ago, April 8, a photo appeared on the magic screen, that of a white pigeon on a roof in St. Peter. So what? There are lots of pigeons in St. Peter. What made this bird different was that the pigeon was alone, and stuck around for a bit.

Next came a phone call from a farm family west of Henderson... a white pigeon in a farmyard, no other pigeons near. This particular bird walked about on the lawn as though he/she owned the place. The farm owners were able to get photos, and when our photographer arrived, the beautiful bird allowed her to come very close, and get more photos.

The proximity of the winged-white-one continued for four days, and then, disappeared. Upon studying the

bird closely, one could observe a band on its right leg. Although partially obscured, some of the letters/numbers read "E1652." Out in the "great somewhere" among our readers is someone who could give us further guidance as to the identity of the beautiful bird. Was it a homing pigeon or a racer? Curiosity is burning a hole in our noggin. Feel free to make contact at 507-665-2658.

The merry month of March wafted away like the thorn of a thistle, but for a few warm days, the thorn remains. Vultures made their appearance the last week of March, along with six garter snakes at Vern Bienfang's, Scott County. Sandy Schultz reported turkey vultures around April 1, and they REALLY made their appearance known in trees across

from the Ann and Rich Buesgens farm on Highway 93.

One snowy evening, Bruce Bjork captured 52 on film for proof of their arrival. Since then, each evening at sunset, the ebony red-faced creatures appear on the Le Sueur water tower and at the Bruce Frank ball field. A great variety of road kill is abundant for their delicate taste buds.

In spite of the beastly continuous wind, wood ticks have been out and about, while on the one warm day of spring, wood frogs began quacking in shallow area ponds. Anyone observing the out-of-doors has noted ribbons of blackbirds, robins, starlings and grackles chowing down on bird feeder leftovers.

Sprinkled among the red-winged, Mary of Foxborough Lane in Le Sueur noted and



The incubation period for Muscovy ducks to hatch is 31 days....a long wait!

took a photograph of a yellow-headed blackbird on April 15. Dean of west Henderson found fresh dead grass sprigs in one of Judy's and his bluebird houses. Poor robins! Even if they were in the nesting mode, mud for building nests and leaves for camouflage are sorely missing.

Action at Vern Bienfang's farm has been in high gear. Easter bunnies brought forth five bundles of joy in one nest, three in another. Muscovy ducks, geese and a couple of turkeys plucked 'down' from their breasts and are incubating away. Vern held his breath and covered his electric incubator with a coat when the power went down, leaving the entire Le Sueur area without electricity. A dozen multi-colored chicks had hatched earlier and are well on their way and growing ... like chickens!

Farmers learned the lesson long ago, don't count

your poultry before they're hatched...or afterward for that matter.

Such is life among the critters at Vern's farm. And what

are YOU, the reader, observing?

P.S. Did you plant potatoes Good Friday?



What won't a mother do for her babies? A female rabbit plucks fur from its own body to build its nest.

SPORTS & OUTDOORS

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Giants boys and girls finish third at home quad

By Rachel Miller
Editor

Unpredictable weather has slowed down the start of the spring sports season and resulted in multiple event postponements, but the Le Sueur-Henderson Giants track and field team were able to move forward with its first regularly scheduled home meet on Tuesday, April 12. The girls team earned a third-place finish at the MRC quad meet, while the boys tied for third.

The team ran away with six first-place finishes, four of which occurred in the girls events.

Wheelchair athlete Emily Sullivan picked up a trio of first-place finishes, including a new personal best in the shot put. Sullivan won the wheelchair 100 meter dash in 35.70, and the 200 meter dash in 1:10.64.

But the shot put is where she really shined. Sullivan closed the 2021 season with a toss of 12 feet, 7 inches and picked up where she left off when she opened the season at MSU. Despite the cold weather and rain last Tuesday, Sullivan shattered her record by 9 inches with an incredible 13 feet, 4 inches throw.

Riley Sater also earned a first-place finish in the girls pole vault. Sater and Belle Plaine's Kelli Reitz both cleared 7 feet, but Sater was determined to be the winner as she cleared it on



Le Sueur-Henderson senior Hailey Juarez ran 6:16 in the mile to finish second. Juarez is pictured leading Sibley East's Lauren Bauer. Juarez beat Bauer by three seconds.

an earlier attempt than Reitz.

The girls team also turned in two second-place finishes. Senior Hailey Juarez finished the 1600 meter run in 6:16.19. Juarez was leading Belle Plaine's Mackenzie Murphy early in the race, but Murphy captured the lead in the latter part of the race and went on to beat Juarez by 18 seconds.

Grace Wagner was a close

second in the 400 meter dash. Belle Plaine's Malina Koepf won the event in 1:05.15, while Wagner was a little more than a second behind in 1:06.35.

Belle Plaine won the girls meet with 153 points, followed by Sibley East in second with 72 points, the Giants in third with 26 points and Norwood-Young America in fourth with 20 points.



PHOTOS BY RACHEL MILLER

Le Sueur-Henderson senior Dylan Novak leaped 18 feet, 9.5 inches to finish second in the long jump competition last Tuesday.

BOYS TIE FOR THIRD

The boys competition was a double tale of two teams. Belle Plaine and Sibley East were running their own race, with the Tigers narrowly beating the Wolverines, 102 to 100 in the team competition. Le Sueur-Henderson and Norwood-Young America tied for a distant third with 33 points.

Senior Dylan Novak had a great meet, as he pulled out top three finishes in all four of his contests. Novak was a clear and distant winner in the 300 meter hurdles, as his winning time of 42.19 seconds was almost four seconds faster than

second place Aaron Elseth of Sibley East. Novak also had a pretty healthy lead in his 200 meter dash victory. Novak won the event in 23.60 seconds, which was just under a second faster than second place Zach Halverson of Sibley East. Teammate Liam West finished third in 25.08 seconds.

Halverson, however, turned the tables in the long jump competition. Halverson handily won the event with a distance of 22 feet, 11 inches. Novak was second in 18 feet, 9.5 inches, and teammate Stanley Brown was third with a jump of 17 feet, 7.5 inches.

Novak concluded his day with a third place finish in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 17.87 seconds. The Giants relay team of Riley Thelemann, Josiah Juarez, Kaden Graff and West also finished third in the 4x400 with a time of 4:23.80.

COMING UP

The Giants were scheduled to participate in two track and field meets this week. First, they competed in another Minnesota River Conference meet at Belle Plaine on Tuesday, April 19. They are also scheduled to compete at Mountain Lake Area on Friday starting at 4 p.m.

Henderson's Weatherman

By Jerry Gilman



Grab your umbrella, a rainy week is ahead

REGIONAL WEATHER HISTORY

April 24, 1854: It feels like summertime at Ft. Snelling with temperatures in the 80s.

April 25, 1996: Heavy snow falls over northern Minnesota, including 10 inches of snow at Baudette. The International Falls Airport is forced to close for only the second time in history.

April 26, 1954: Extremely heavy downpours occur in Mora, where nearly 7 inches of rain would fall in a little over 10 hours.

April 27, 2002: Heavy snow falls over the Twin Cities and central Minnesota. Chanhassen receives 6 inches, and vivid lightning is seen with the snow during the evening.

April 28, 1994: Heavy snow falls over parts of Minnesota

with 7.5 inches at Tower and 4.5 inches in the Twin Cities.

April 29, 1984: Late season heavy snow blankets the Twin Cities with 6.6 inches.

April 30, 1967: Tornadoes hit southern Minnesota. Some of the towns affected were Albert Lea, Waseca, Wells, and Owatonna.

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK

This week's topics will be about the rainy week ahead with even some snow falling north of here.

Week 1: Wednesday starts off dry and breezy as a low pressure cuts across central Canada. Rain chances increase as we head towards the evening as a cold front sags south lasting into Thursday morning. Cooler air moves in drying things out as the day progresses.

Friday morning starts off chilly as a low pressure develops in the Dakotas. This will increase rain chances as we head into the evening hours.

Saturday, the low pressure looks to track across the region, keeping rain chances going in the morning. As we head through the day things dry as the low pushes east.

Sunday, another low pressure moves in, bringing with it more rain chances. This one may start out as mixed precipitation or even some snow before switching to rain. Rain

chances continue into Monday as the low tracks across Missouri.

Tuesday, another low pressure tracking south of the region looks to bring in more chances for rain. When all is said and done, we could easily see a couple of inches of rain.

Week 2: The long range model is showing more rain and even some snow possible.

WEATHER TERMINOLOGY

Nocturnal thunderstorms: Thunderstorms which develop after sunset. They are often associated with the strengthening

of the low level jet and are most common over the Plains states. They also occur over warm water and may be associated with the seaward extent of the overnight land breeze.

Le Sueur - Henderson Athlete of the Week
Emily Sullivan
Giants track and field athlete Emily Sullivan smashed her personal best in the wheelchair shot put last Tuesday with a throw of 13 feet, 4 inches. This topped her previous personal best, set during last year's state tournament, by nine inches.

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