



Busy weekend ahead

Plan a weekend of fun! Both the Sibley County Fair and Giant Days are going on this weekend. P. 2



Statebound!

The Le Sueur-Henderson Giants Legion team won the sub-state tournament and advance to state play this week. P. 8



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PRIORITIZE THE PRIMARY: VOTE AUG. 9!

The 2022 Primary Election is this coming Tuesday, Aug. 9. Top of the ballot will be the Sibley County District 1 Commissioner race and the Le Sueur-Henderson School Referendum. Voting will be held in Henderson at the City Hall/Community Building, 600 Main St., from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Le Sueur residents vote at Le Sueur City Hall (lower level), 203 S. Second St., also from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



MNCS students discover passion in the trades

By Rachel Miller
Editor

Many a student who did not fit the mold at traditional K-12 schools has found a home at Henderson's Minnesota New Country School, a public charter school that focuses on student-led learning.

Students have the opportunity to pursue their passions, and MNCS advisors will do what they can to assist.

From a young age, Belle Plaine student Ben Covington, 18, has had an interest in weapons. He said it sparked from the movies he watched as a child, like the Pirates of the Caribbean series, and he even asked Santa Claus for weapons for Christmas when he was 3 years old. Now, as an adult, he wants to pursue a career crafting them.

When Covington approached MNCS Advisor Paul Jaeger about doing his senior project on blade smithing, it did come with some challenges. Other trade-centered projects like building/construction work can be done on site, but knives posed a problem.

Covington reached out to five different blade smiths in



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Tejha Martin works on assembling a wooden bench that was part of her junior project. Martin made four wooden benches that were all donated to the Ney Nature Center this spring. She has a passion for construction and hopes to pursue a career in architectural design.

the area, and wound up connecting with Jason Kraus at Northstar Forge out of Carver. Having a professional show him the ropes helped immensely, and he said his attention to detail and precision

went up dramatically.

"You start to notice every little thing that is uneven, or if it has a light bend to it — it sticks out like a sore thumb," Covington said. "Keep a steady hand is another import-

ant thing I learned. Any type of little move or twist, you can see you messed up on the blade."

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Honeywell Central Region Sales Leader Josh Hounsell and Senior Sales Representative Cindy Auld pitched two options to address some building maintenance needs at the Middle/High School and Hilltop Elementary School using energy and construction savings and long-term facility maintenance funding that is currently allocated for Park Elementary.

A honey of a deal

Honeywell helps LS-H address building needs while saving money

By Rachel Miller
Editor

The Le Sueur-Henderson School Board on Monday night took the next step in addressing some of the needs at the Middle/High School with-

out a referendum.

The school district has partnered with Honeywell Building Technologies to redirect the district's Long Term Facilities Maintenance money from

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Locals represent at the Scott County Fair



PHOTO BY RACHEL MILLER

The Sibley County Fair is coming up this week, but some area residents made the drive to Jordan to participate in the Scott County Fair last week, July 27-31. From left, Tommy Traxler of Faxon Farms Pure Maple Syrup (located in Henderson) are selling their oh so sweet maple syrup in the Commercial Building; Le Sueur residents Linda Kunkel (purple '96 Ford Mustang) and Tom Kunkel (red '71 Chevy Nova) drove to participate in Sunday's Classic Car, Truck and Tractor Show; and Independent Publisher Rachel Miller gives her all in the All American Lumberjack Log Sawing competition at the Sunday, 3 p.m. show. Miller was selected as a crowd participant by Lumberjack Jimmy Anderson, and the pair emerged victorious against the other duo.



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Rockin' lineup and family fun planned for Giant Days



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This year's Giant Days will honor five individuals who collectively dedicated more than 100 years of service to helping organize the event. This year's grand marshals are Richard Chilman, Gail Wentzlaff, William Ingersoll and (not pictured) Julie Boyland and Linda Lynch Scheible.

By Rachel Miller
Editor

Le Sueur will be a hopping place this weekend, as the annual Giant Days festival returns from Aug. 4-7.

The festivities begin on Thursday night, with a Teen Night featuring DJ Ultralight, games and snacks from 8-11 p.m., all sponsored by the Le Sueur Lions Club.

Friday's activities will open at 5 p.m. with food and drink booths, rides, food and games from J&K Amusements, and a softball tournament at Jo Eagle Anderson Park. Then get ready to see loud engines pull large loads, as the Minn-E-Rods competition will be held from 6-8 p.m.

Giant Days will really take off on Saturday, with the Giant's Valley 5K Walk/Run, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, Classic Car Roll-in, Arts & Crafts Fair, four hours of Bingo, a performance by St. Anne's Dance Club, magic show, balloon sculptures and treasure dive.

An impressive musical lineup has also been organized. The musical entertainment starts at noon with the Larry Olson Polka Band. Olson has been tapped to take over for the polka-loving crowd as longtime performer Charlie Moore retired. Olson will be playing from 12-2 p.m.

The musical lineup continues with the Mariachi Jalisco Band from 2-3 p.m., Forrest and Josh from 3-4 p.m., GTX Band from 4-6 p.m. and locals Jared and Lukas Graff from 6-8 p.m.

This year's Saturday night headliner is none other than

Arch Allies, who rocked the Giant Days Kickoff last year. Arch Allies is a premier 80s cover band, as they perform smash hits from Bon Jovi, Queen, Journey, Styx, REO Speedwagon, Boston and Def Leppard. Their performance includes different costume changes, and according to Giant Days Committee Board member Jamie Erickson, could include smoke and confetti this year as well.

Arch Allies is performing from 8 p.m. to midnight, and attendees can feel free to party into the witching hour, as Sunday's festivities won't start until 11 a.m., when the food vendors open.

The Giant Days Parade will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, and this year's parade is unique, as it will be led by not one, but two, but five grand marshals.

Richard Chilman, Gail Wentzlaff, William Ingersoll, Julie Boyland and Linda Lynch Scheible have been selected to share grand marshal duties. All five have been longtime Giant Days volunteers and collectively have more than 100 years of experience helping organize the event.

Erickson said all five are local, and easily available on speed dial if a need or problem arises. Erickson further added that they made it easy for him to get involved and take over a leadership position.

Following the Giant Days parade, the musical units from the parade like the SuFuDu Drumline will head to the park and perform starting at 3 p.m. The rest of the day's lineup includes the Giant Corn Feed at 3 p.m., corn eating contest at 4:30 p.m., music by Jake Palmer and Party Sound DJ

from 4:30-6 p.m. and the Giant Days raffle drawing at 5 p.m.

The raffle is not new, but this year's prizes are. This year's grand prize is a 90-second shopping spree at Radermacher's in Le Sueur. Other prizes include a \$500 gift card to Holiday, \$500 to Wise Furniture, three oil changes at Wolf Motors, \$1,000 cash and two \$250 prizes.

Another new feature this year is the partnership with J&K Amusements to offer the full carnival experience to children and families. Erickson said seeing the looks of joy and excitement on children's faces as they enjoy the rides is his favorite part of Giant Days.

"Last year that was probably my favorite memory – seeing the kids with the rides because when I was a kid growing up the big thing at Corn on the Curb was going on the rides and the parade," Erickson said.

Pulling off Giant Days is not an easy feat, and requires an effort as great as its name every year. For example, Erickson said more than a ton of corn is needed. AgroPur does a lot of the hard work husking and steaming the corn, before it is transported to the park for all to enjoy.

Erickson also stressed that the event would not be possible were it not for the Le Sueur city staff and their numerous sponsors.

"We are hoping everything goes good, hoping everybody has a really good time, and if it were not for our sponsors we would not be able to do any of this," Erickson said.

A full schedule of events can be found at the Giant Days Facebook page.



INDEPENDENT FILE PHOTO/RACHEL MILLER

Arch Allies will be returning to Le Sueur to headline Giant Days on Saturday from 8 p.m. to midnight. They performed at the 2021 Giant Days Kickoff, and found a young ally in Kohen Yttreness, who rocked to the music from atop his dad's shoulders.



PHOTO BY BETH CORNISH

Swashbuckling adventure at the Henderson Library

Captain Kidd was on hand to take local kids on a swashbuckling pirate adventure at the Henderson Library on Tuesday, July 19. The show combined magic, comedy and interactive silliness to follow a treasure map and become a Library Pirate!

Above, Captain Kidd opens the treasure chest that the group found at the end of the trail (where "X" marked the spot) and explained that the treasure was the joys and experiences to be found at your local library, where your imagination will give you the chance to travel to many magical realms, different times in history and visit foreign lands.

Sibley County Fair returns this weekend

Henderson's Grace Hardel competes for Miss Sibley County this Sunday

By Rachel Miller
Editor

If you are looking for something fun to do, look no further than the Sibley County Fair, which opened Wednesday and will run through Sunday, Aug. 7 at the Sibley County Fairgrounds, 801 W. Chandler St. in Arlington.

The fair has another fun lineup scheduled for the Grandstand, including the Sibley County Arlington Raceway Stockcar Shootout on Wednesday, Tractor Pull on Thursday, Night of Destruction on Friday, Arlington Raceway Auto Races on Saturday and Sibley Slam Demolition Derby on Sunday. Grandstand events will take place at 7 p.m., with the exception of Sunday's Sibley Slam Demolition Derby, which will start at 1:30 p.m.

Minnesota historian, photographer and storyteller Doug Ohman will offer two presentations on Friday at the Heritage Stage. First up, at 2 p.m. Ohman will present "Memories of the Brave – Minnesota Medal of Honor Recipients." This presentation recognizes many of the brave Minnesotans who earned the military's highest honor. Ohman will share stories spanning from the Civil War to Vietnam.

Ohman's 3:30 p.m. show will take a lighter turn, as he shares photos and stories when the county fair was the highlight of summer in "County Fairs – A Minnesota Tradition."

Saturday will be a magical day, as Magician Tom Anderson will be performing tricks and doing balloon tying on the Heritage Stage at 12, 1 and 2 p.m.

Through it all, of course, Sibley County 4-Hers will be showing their animals every day, with rabbits on Wednesday; dairy, poultry, lamb and sheep on Thursday; horses, goats and beef on Friday;



Grace Hardel



Emilee Kuehn



Jacquelyn Wibstad



Maty Messner

swine and more dairy, beef and sheep on Saturday; and llamas on Sunday.

The Sibley County Fair has also lined up a number of performers on both the Heritage Stage and Entertainment Center every day, and this year's nightly headliners on the Entertainment Center include Chopper on Wednesday at 8 p.m., IV Play on Thursday at 8:30 p.m., Jake Nelson on Friday at 8 p.m., 2nd Notion on Saturday at 8 p.m. and Bill Litzau & Open Highway on Sunday from 2-6 p.m.

Sibley County will also be naming its new 2022-23 Sibley County Royal Ambassadors in a coronation ceremony on Sunday at 3 p.m. on the Heritage Stage.

This year's candidates include Henderson's own Grace Hardel, daughter of Mark and Amy Hardel; Emily Holmquist, daughter of Neil Holmquist and Christina Liftin of



Emily Holmquist

Arlington; Jacquelyn Wibstad, daughter of Clint and Jeana Wibstad of Arlington; Emilee Kuehn, daughter of Mike and Jill Kuehn of Winthrop; and Maty Messner, daughter of Marc and Tina Messner of Gaylord.

A full schedule of fair activities and entertainment can be found at www.sibleycountyfair.com.

FROM OUR FILES

130 YEARS AGO AUG. 5, 1892

R. Schwartz, the brick manufacturer, informs us that the Cities are buying all the brick along the line. He has just finished shipping an order of 400,000 to St. Paul.

Wednesday night, the people in West St. Paul near Page and Concord Streets found their homes overflowed by the coving in of an embankment, where a small artificial lake was situated. Buildings were torn down and several people were drowned and many more injured. The estimated loss on buildings is \$50,000. Among the residents that were unfortunate enough to be in the path of the mighty torrent of water was the residence of Joseph Grassinger, formerly of this place.

120 YEARS AGO AUG. 1, 1902

William Petersdorf disposed of his team of horses and platform buggy to F. Weggs & Co. Saturday. He in turn purchased a roadster from that concern.

The interstate commerce commission has issued a bulletin on collisions and derailments and casualties to persons for the three months ending March 31, 1902. Killed in train accidents were 212, with 2,111 injured. Accidents of other kinds, including those sustained by employees while at work and by passengers in getting on or off cars, brings the total up to 813 killed and 9,958 injured. During this period there were 1,220 collisions and 828 derailments affected passenger trains, resulting in 41 fatal accidents to passengers and 626 injured. The damage to cars, engines and roadway by the accidents amounts to just above \$1.9 million.

100 YEARS AGO AUG. 4, 1922

G. A. Buck: Hot air without something substantial behind it never accomplished anything. Spouting hot air is like barking at the moon, a waste of time.

Buck: A group arises to remark that some women will never learn to vote. There are a whole lot of men who have been voting for 40 years that still know nothing more than some women.

The time may come when the planking on the river bridge will be fastened to avoid the racket that is keeping peoples' nerves on edge, but there is no relief in sight this year, unless the authorities make a move.

80 YEARS AGO JULY 31, 1942

Every morning at 5:45 a.m. from now until next Nov. 9, 800 members of the newly organized Women's Auxiliary Army Corps will leap from their army cots to begin a crowded day of drills, lectures and training at their camp at



From the Aug. 1, 2012 edition of the *Henderson Independent*: As graceful as a grecian urn, Sibley County's 2011 Royal Court pose in front of the fountain at Henderson's Community Building. From left is 1st Princess Brittney Brackoff, Henderson's own Kahlynn Bach as Sibley County Queen, and 2nd Princess Courtney Klehr. Bach's individual photo is at right.
(Compiled by Beth Cornish)

Fort Des Moines, Iowa. By Nov. 9, America's first feminine army of occupation will begin to spread out to 19 forts throughout the country to relieve men in the armed forces for active combat duty.

Feminine navy league aides, students in the first parachute rigging class for women in the country at Philadelphia, had the chance to see their work tested when the chutes they packed were taken aloft for a test jump with dummies attached. Pilot Robert Bitner released the chutes from altitude. Upon landing, the students had to struggle to deflate the billowing silk in order to pack it again.

The Independent office found a bill issued to Herman Mattei by George Poehler and Co. on Oct. 15, 1870. Among the items on this bill for comparison purposes are: 6.5 pounds of sugar for \$1, two pounds butter 30 cents, four yards of flannel for \$2, one pair of shoes for \$2.35 and 3.5 pounds of coffee for \$1.

60 YEARS AGO AUG. 2, 1962

Members of the Henderson Booster Club have declared the 1962 Sauerkraut Festival a outstanding success. People consumed 480 gallons of sauerkraut and 500 pounds of wieners. The sauerkraut eaten amounts to nearly two tons of shredded cabbage. Officials estimate 30,000 people attended the three-day festival, with 15-18,000 at the Grand Parade on Sunday, which included 50 floats and 25 bands and drum corps.

Mrs. Joe Blaschko of Le Center was the lucky winner of the \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond drawn on Sunday evening. She is the mother of Independent Publisher Leonard Blaschko. The winners of the \$100 and \$25 bonds were all from out of town, but all the lucky winners of \$20 bills were from Henderson.

Donna Bach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bach of rural Henderson was chosen Sauerkraut Queen for 1963. Her attendants will be Kathleen Graham, Carole Prahl and Jean Van Buskirk.

George Ceminsky of Minneapolis retained his title as Sauerkraut King at the Sunday contest. He gulped down two pounds of kraut in 26 seconds to retain his title for the third year in a row. Second place went to local Joe H. Bertrang.

50 YEARS AGO AUG. 3, 1972

Earl Renneke, incumbent State Senator in the former legislative district consisting of Nicollet, McLeod and Sibley Counties, filed as a State Senate candidate to represent the new legislative District 23, consisting of all of Sibley County, the southern two-thirds of McLeod County, Nicollet County except North Mankato and the three western townships, the western portion of Le Sueur County, Blakeley Township and Belle Plaine in Scott County, Jamestown and Lime Township and the community of Madison Lake in Blue Earth County. Senator Renneke has

four years of experience in the State Senate. Born and raised in Sibley County, he and his wife Marjorie reside on their family farm in Kelso Township with his three daughters.

Three persons, all workers with the carnival, appeared in Sibley County Court this past week on charges levied after a fight that developed at Sauerkraut Days on July 23. Eugene Henderson and Darrel Flickenger were charged with disorderly conduct. Both pled guilty and were sentenced to pay fines of \$75 each. Dick Matson was charged with assault, allegedly with a hammer, pleaded guilty and received the same sentence and fine. Also involved in the incident but not charged was Andrew Berger of Le Sueur.

40 YEARS AGO AUG. 5, 1982

The city of Henderson has its first-ever City Administrator, Joel Dhein. A 25-year-old St. Cloud native, Dhein was in town Monday morning to begin his new duties here. He was hired by the City Council to manage city government on a six-month trial basis.

Sibley County Investigator Dave Tonseth called to attention of the Independent office a story in the Minneapolis Star and Tribune about an elderly Henderson woman who was the victim of insurance fraud. Lee Harold Goettig, 26, of Minneapolis allegedly sold an insurance policy to the unnamed woman, even though she already had a policy. He then forged her name to a more expensive policy according to

a complaint filed against him by the State Attorney General's Office on Monday. He has been charged with aggravated forgery, uttering a forged writing, temporary theft and making a false statement in an insurance application. Also charged was Dan Steven White, 27, of Osseo who faces four counts of theft and one count of selling insurance without a license. SAG Warren Spannaus urges senior citizens and their families to seek advice before buying Medicare supplemental policies.

William Mueller, the former chairman of the Scott County Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments, has entered a plea of guilty to four counts of cruelty to animals. He resigned several hours after 95 dead sheep and five dead cows were discovered in a raid on his Spring Lake Township farm in April. Along with the guilty plea, Mueller agreed to undergo psychological examination, pay all expenses incurred by Scott County and sign an agreement promising to never again engage in animal husbandry.

30 YEARS AGO AUG. 6, 1992

Saturday's auction sale at the Henderson High School found 171 potential bidders registering to bid on books, typewriters, office/play-

ground equipment, industrial arts/cafeteria supplies and more. Superintendent Robert Fossum said that the sale receipts amount to \$11,140 and the distribution of the funds is not known. One possibility would be for building maintenance for this winter if the building is not sold.

Among the royalty units riding in Le Sueur's Giant Days Celebration were the Henderson Sauerkraut Royalty: Queen Beth Grapentine, First Princess Melissa Krentz and Second Princess Calissa Barke.

Members of the Henderson Fire Department spent one hour bringing fires under control late Tuesday morning in three buildings at the Wally Denzers residence, 2-1/2 miles northwest of Henderson. Wally had permission to burn the old barn, but southeast winds started blowing and soon the granary, pumphouse and another toll shed started on fire. Firemen sprayed the buildings with water and soon everything was under control. No serious damages resulted.

20 YEARS AGO AUG. 8, 2002

Henderson's Becky Marburger and Elliott Sadowski of Le Sueur have resigned their seats on the Le Sueur-Henderson Board of Education and the board is seeking applicants to be appointed as replacements. Both took four-year terms of office in January and both are relocating to other cities.

Le-Sueur-Henderson's American Legion baseball team secured a spot in the Division II State Tournament in Willmar this weekend by defeating Sibley East 3-2 and Lester Prairie 8-0.

10 YEARS AGO AUG. 1, 2012

Following numerous complaints called in to the City of Henderson concerning strong sewer smells, the city rose to action on Tuesday, July 26. The city contacted the Minnesota Rural Water Association who suggested the city make a smoke test in an attempt to define the problem. Sanitary sewer engineers Bolton and Menk, along with Infratech, agreed to bring in equipment to complete the test. Smoke was blown through the sewer in order for workers to better locate the source of the problem.

The main was found to be in good condition and the sewer and rain water remain separated. The library and a few other businesses have had issues over the past several weeks, and the test found a previously undiscovered dry trap in the library.

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OBITUARIES

Allan E. Braun - 77

Allan Eugene Braun, age 77, of Le Sueur, died suddenly at his home on Tuesday, July 26, 2022.

Visitation was on Friday, July 29, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Kolden Funeral Home in Le Sueur and one hour prior to the service at church on Saturday morning. Funeral service was at Zion United Church of Christ in Le Sueur at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 30, followed by military honors in the church parking lot, then lunch in the church social hall. Burial will be at a later time in Salem-Tyrone Cemetery in Tyrone Township, Le Sueur County. Cards and condolences can be sent to Geraldine Braun at 605 Walnut St, Le Sueur, MN 56058.

Allan was born on the family farm in Tyrone Township, on April 6, 1945. He grew up on the family farm and graduated



from Le Sueur High School in 1963. After graduation he served in the United States Army for four years, spending most of his time in Germany. When he returned home, he married Geraldine "Geri" Lutz at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato on May 15, 1971.

He worked for Johnson Aggregates for 13 years. He then

began a 32 year career with Le Sueur County and operating heavy equipment, retiring at the age of 65 in 2010. He later worked part-time in security at Le Sueur Inc. until his passing.

Allan enjoyed playing cards with family, watching football and baseball on T.V. and played in a horseshoe league for years.

He is survived by his wife, Geri; children Jackie (Roman) Suda of Jordan, Terri Braun of Henderson, Dana (Lonnie) Weckwerth of Le Sueur and Richard Braun of Le Sueur; nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; and siblings Lynn Braun of Mankato, Steve Braun of Le Center, Cheryl (Bill) Krause of Le Sueur, Kay (Pat) Burns of St. Peter and Kiel (Darcy) Braun of Cologne.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Jake T. Kayser - 43

Jacob "Jake" Thomas Kayser, age 43, of Belle Plaine, passed away on July 28, 2022, at Fairview Southdale Hospital in Edina.

A celebration of his life will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at the Kolden Funeral Home in Belle Plaine. Lunch will follow at the Belle Plaine Vet's Club. In lieu of flowers, please donate to: Humane Society of Minnesota (mnhumane.org) or Alcoholics Anonymous (www.aa.org).

Jake was born in Algona, IA on October 12, 1978, to Thomas and Donna Kayser. He grew up in Le Sueur and graduated from Le Sueur-Henderson High School in 1997. He worked as a journeyman electrician in commercial and residential construction. On November 28, 2008, he married the love of his life, Amy Bluml on the beach in Jamaica, surrounded by family and



friends.

Jake was always on the go, enjoying things like pheasant hunting with his dogs, camping on weekends with friends, winning pool tournaments, cooking for his whole family on Thanksgiving, watching and quoting movies, and most of all spending time with Amy and their dogs.

He loved playing practical jokes on his nieces and neph-

ews to make them laugh, and he was not afraid to make his opinion known. He selflessly lent a hand to anyone who needed it, he prided himself on doing any job to perfection, and he loved deeply, ending every conversation with Amy saying, "I love you more, Honey."

Jake was preceded in death by his grandpa and grandma, Floyd and Ruby Carlson, grandpa Albin Kayser, and nephew Nicholas Brunskill.

He is survived by his wife Amy, parents Thomas (Kim) Kayser and Donna Kayser, sister Heather (Justine) Kayser, niece Megan (Bret), nephew Jackson, brother Jordan (Clara) Kayser, sister Danielle (Matt) Roehler, Grandma Helen Kayser, sister-in-law Burke (Craig) Lippert, niece Rozlyn, nephew Brock, and several very special in-laws, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Henderson WILL benefit from LS-H referendum

I am a Henderson community member, parent, farm wife, and LSH Vote Yes Committee member. As a member of the LSH Vote Yes Committee, I attended the July 21st Henderson City Council meeting to advocate for Henderson to vote yes for the upcoming school referendum. During the meeting, our mayor made the argument that there was nothing in the current plan for Henderson.

I felt compelled to write down my thoughts as I strongly disagree with that statement. What's in it for Henderson? At the very least it is a safe and healthy place for the children of Henderson — my children — to attend school. In my opinion, that is far from nothing. Park Elementary is not in a condition where I feel comfortable sending my children. In talking with other young families in the area, it is a concern on many of our minds.

What's in it for Henderson is safe athletic facilities for our kids to foster enjoyment in exercise and begin to build active lifestyles at a young age. The current state of the tennis courts and track could potentially result in injuries and are not acceptable. What's in it for Henderson is an opportunity to explore different career pathways. The CTE renovation and expansion

would allow young adults to try different things and understand that going to a 4-year college or university is not the only option post graduation. There are so many positive things for the children and residents of Henderson in this proposal.

I know community members are disappointed Hilltop will no longer serve as an elementary school. Whether or not the referendum passes, that won't change the long term plan for Hilltop. Regardless, Hilltop will become an Alternative Learning Center and serve kids from Henderson, Le Sueur and likely kids from surrounding areas who need that type of setting to learn.

I know that is hard for many to hear but please don't punish the children of both towns over this disappointment of Hilltop. Unfortunately, the last referendum attempt that would have kept Hilltop as an elementary didn't pass. There are not any plans to attempt another one if this fails as well. That means more and more money will be put into band aids to keep Park open. Money that could be spent so much more diligently to actually add value to the LS-H educational experience of the students who attend school in this district.

The school board has the power to impose a lease levy of up to \$14 million to increase property taxes if this referendum doesn't pass to make the necessary repairs needed to Park. Again, this is just band

aids to get the school into an acceptable condition and not adding any value to the facilities or programming.

If the school board has to do this, farmers are not eligible for Ag2School tax credit as they would be if the referendum passes. The Ag2School tax credit is a 70% tax credit for existing and new school bond debt for agriculture property taxes. As a farming family, I know what that tax credit could mean to us.

Our children deserve a safe, healthy, secure, and comfortable place to learn. I hope Le Sueur and Henderson can come out and vote yes to show they value the learning environment of our kids. If not, families (including ours) are going to have to consider sending our children to a district in which their community does value the environment in which the kids learn. We don't want to do that. We want our kids to be Giants, just as my husband was. Please be an informed voter. Reach out with questions. The Le Sueur-Henderson Referendum 2022 Facebook page is a great resource sharing information daily.

What's in it for Henderson is young families like ours feeling the support of our community and supporting our community right back. Greg and I are very proud Henderson Township residents and we urge you, please vote YES.

**Bianna and Greg Petzel
Henderson**

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Tuesday morning service, 8:30 a.m.

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Saturday evening service - 5 p.m.
Wednesday morning - 8:30 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
32234 431st Ave. Gaylord
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BELLE PLAINE BULLETIN

Take a peek into the past at the Scott-Carver Threshers Festival

By Josh Wilson
Independent Intern

Start your engines and drive up to the Scott Carver Threshers 58th Annual Old Time Harvest for a weekend of activities this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Dan Wyman, the President of the Scott-Carver Threshers Association, is looking forward to a weekend full of events for all ages.

For the first time, Caterpillar, the machinery brand, will

be a feature of the event. The Antique Caterpillar Machinery Owners Club (ACMOC) chapter 3 is a longstanding feature and will also be present at the event.

The ACMOC, founded in 1991, is a group of Caterpillar enthusiasts that have a passion for the legacy of antique machinery and engines. Alongside Caterpillar, the features want to show the public what threshing and antique machinery is all about.

Threshing, the process of separating grain from the

plant, is a longstanding tradition and how the Old Time Harvest begins the show.

“Some of our stuff that we’ve always done is the whole show is started with threshing and we continue that tradition today,” Wyman said.

The Harvest is full of demonstrations, attractions, and events that range from steam engines, a blacksmith shop, 1850 log house, barn with animals, saw mill, and frontier family life and threshing. Antique machinery and engines will be present

throughout the event.

“Some of our oldest machinery on site is definitely going to probably be the steam engines. I know ours is a 1917-year model,” Wyman said.

After a day full of activities, families and event-goers can attend the Spark Show on Friday and Saturday at dusk.

“We use some of the old steam engines and essentially, we do a couple of things, and it looks like fireworks. It’s the threshing show version of fireworks,” Wyman said.

The Old Time Harvest also

has plenty of food to keep you from being hungry. Each day, the Harvest begins with a delicious pancake breakfast, from 7 to 11 a.m. and then continues with pulled pork sandwiches and beef commercial from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“Our threshers kitchen, which the Jordan Knights of Columbus do for us, make a fantastic pancake breakfast every morning,” Wyman said.

On Saturday, from 5 to 7 p.m., the Jordan Knights of Columbus are serving a special pork chop dinner from 5

to 7 p.m.

Gather your tractors, family, and friends, and head to the Old Time Harvest! Admission is \$10 for the weekend, and children 12 and under are free. The event is at the Scott Carver Threshers Association (19375 Fairview Lane, Jordan, MN, 55352).

For more information, visit www.scottcarverthreshers.com or call Dan Wyman at 952-687-7734.

BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL

Council considers electric car parking partnership

By Josh Wilson
Independent Intern

The Belle Plaine City Council met on Monday, Aug. 1, for a regular meeting and work session. The council recognized retired firefighter Todd Otto, held two public hearings, discussed a possible moratorium for THC products, and announced “The Feast.”

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR TODD OTTO

Mayor Christopher Meyer began the council meeting by recognizing Todd Otto for his service and dedication to the Belle Plaine Fire Department. With more than 25 years at the Fire Department, Otto is beginning his new position as the Superintendent of Public Works.

“Todd joined the fire department in 1997 and during his career, he served as Assistant Fire Chief for 14 years and also served as Fire Chief from 2014 to 2016,” Mayor Meyer said.

“His work ethic and com-

mitment to the city were always second to none and that’s something that will certainly be missed,” Mayor Meyer also said.

Mayor Meyer honored Todd with a special plaque that honors his service with the Belle Plaine Fire Department from 1997 to 2022.

PUBLIC WORKS

After being recognized, Superintendent Todd Otto shifted to a Public Works department update about recent events and developments.

Otto was pleased to inform the council that the Plaza events with food trucks have been successful for the community of Belle Plaine. The Aquatic Center also hosted a movie night that garnered more than 100 kids.

“That was a great event as well, I guess there was 100 to 150 kids there,” Otto said.

Then, Councilmember Cary Coop asked Otto to give an update on the status of the Fountain Park improvements. Otto said that concrete work is being finished and the

playground will be installed around Aug. 18.

Once Fountain Park is complete, Public Works announced a movie event in the park to invite the community to experience the new park renovations.

ELECTRIC CAR PARKING PROGRAM

In the following department update, City Administrator Dawn Meyer told the council about the options for an electric car charging and parking program.

Xcel Energy reached out to Belle Plaine about options for an electric vehicle charging program that would be operated by the company and the city would provide the space. Administrator Meyer told the council that the city will send a letter of support and move forward with the electric car parking program.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The council had two scheduled public hearings for the evening, Liquor License for Paul and Sherry Miller from Prairie Grille & Bowl, LLC,

and Tax Abatement for Chantel Gaaskjolen from Belle Plaine Lemonade Properties LLC (Memories and Milestones Academy).

Prairie Grille & Bowl, LLC, formerly Borough Bowl, is under new ownership and the council is required to hold a public hearing for the approval of liquor licenses. With no comments during the hearing, the council approved the liquor license resolution and now, the license will be forwarded to the state for further approval.

Like the first hearing, Belle Plaine Lemonade Properties LLC’s hearing had no comments, and the council approved the resolution for tax abatement.

POSSIBLE MORATORIUM FOR THC PRODUCTS

On July 1, 2022, the Minnesota Legislature approved a law that legalizes the purchase of food and beverages containing 5 mg per serving of hemp-derived THC. Cities across Minnesota weren’t prepared for the quick turnaround

of this legislation.

City Administrator Meyer offered the idea of a temporary moratorium that would put a temporary hold on the sale of the THC hemp-derived products in Belle Plaine establishments.

“They are suggesting that you place a temporary moratorium in order to provide enough time to review and create your policies and licensure guidelines,” Administrator Meyer said.

The moratorium would last for six months and give the council time to review or create licensure guidelines to sell the THC products.

“The Public Safety Committee is not in favor of banning the sale,” Administrator Meyer informed. “They are in favor of having guidelines as well as licensure requirements put into place in order to help regulate those businesses within the city limits.”

The moratorium action item will come back to the council on Aug. 15 if they decide to move forward.

“THE FEAST”

The meeting concluded and a work session began with the announcement of “The Feast.” Dorothy Koller and Betsy Ollhoff announced, “The Feast,” a large and free Thanksgiving meal that will be provided for everyone that wants it in the Belle Plaine community.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Oak Crest Elementary. More information will be coming soon.

ANNEXATION DISCUSSION WITH BELLE PLAINE TOWNSHIP

The work session continued with another annexation discussion with leaders from Belle Plaine Township. After a brief discussion, the leaders of the township decided that they need to have internal meetings before proceeding with a renewed orderly annexation agreement.

Before the Aug. 15 meeting at 6:15 p.m., Mayor Meyer will be certifying the primary election results with the Canvassing Board.

TOWN BALL

Tigers defeat Le Sueur to advance to region tournament

By Brett Kruschke & Tucker Schultz
Contributors

The Belle Plaine Tigers engaged in some close contests during the River Valley League playoffs over the last week, winning a pair of games by two runs while losing one game — by a run — in extra

innings. The second triumph, a 3-1 decision over Le Sueur on Sunday, clinched a spot in the Region 6C Tournament that will be held during the next two weekends.

The Region 6C Tournament contains four teams each from the RVL and the 13-60 League. The Tigers are the RVL’s No. 3 seed and will square off against the 13-60’s No. 2 seed, the Wells Wild-

cats, at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday in Waterville.

The Tigers will play again in Waterville on Sunday — at 4:30 p.m. with a win, or 11 a.m. with a loss.

While all of this weekend’s games will be held at Waterville’s William J. Grose Field, all four of next weekend’s contests will be held at Belle Plaine’s Tiger Park. The top three finishers will advance

to the state tournament which will be held in Faribault, Dundas, and Miesville.

Belle Plaine’s record is 16-12 on the season. Keep up with the Tigers at bptigertown.com and on Facebook and Twitter, also at bptigertown.com.

St. Clair 2 @ BP 4 (Wednesday, July 27: RVL Playoffs)

St. Clair’s Ben Hopper led off the game with a no-doubt blast over Tiger Park’s double-link right-field fence, and just like that, the playoffs were underway. It didn’t prove to be an omen against Tiger right-hander Derek Hoffman, however, who allowed just one more run before departing after five innings.

Belle Plaine struck for three runs in the second inning, with the 7-8-9 hitters — Jac Campbell, Jack Kruger, and Hoffman — singling consecutively. Campbell’s knock drove in one run while Hoffman’s delivered two.

Hoffman handed the ball off to Jared Miller in the sixth inning and the fellow right-hander went the rest of the way. Both Tiger pitchers yielded three hits and both had the K ball going, as Hoffman recorded eight strikeouts and Miller, six.

The final run of the game

came in the sixth, when Brody Curtiss doubled and came around to score thanks to a pair of wild pitches.

BP 5 @ Gaylord 6 (Friday, July 29 – 11 innings – RVL Playoffs)

Jack Kruger got the starting nod for Belle Plaine to take on the No. 2 seeded Islanders in Gaylord. Team Tigertown got off on the right foot, picking up runs in the first and second innings for a quick 2-0 lead.

The Islanders chipped away through the middle innings and took a 5-2 lead, but the Tigers did likewise with single runs in the seventh, eighth, and ninth innings — the latter coming courtesy of Cade Morrison, who plated Garrett Boblitt — to send the game to extra innings.

In the 11th, long-time Islander Brad Walsh delivered the walk-off winner to drive in Kevin Durham, who had singled and stole second base.

The Tiger Train out-hit Gaylord, 14-9, but committed a costly five errors.

Le Sueur 1 @ BP 3 (Sunday, July 31 – RVL Playoffs)

Sunday’s game was do-or-die: with a win, on to the Region 6C Tournament; with a loss, the season would be over. Boblitt was given the

ball for the deciding game and he delivered a big-time performance.

Boblitt walked the first batter he faced but over the course of seven innings, he allowed just a third-inning run — the game’s first run. He squared off against Le Sueur pitcher Tommy Gupton, who retired the first seven Tigers in order but departed shortly thereafter following a walk and a hit.

The Belle Plaine Boppers scored twice in the fateful third frame, with runs driven in by Tyler O’Brien and Miller. The T-Train added the game’s final run when O’Brien and Carsen Ladd laced back-to-back doubles to open the seventh inning.

Brody Curtiss came on to close it out for home team but danced out of trouble in borderline miraculous fashion. Even though the Braves had three singles in the stanza, they didn’t score thanks to a runner getting picked off first base and a bang-bang play at first base by an on-the-move shortstop Jake Mercado.

The ninth went more smoothly for Curtiss, and the playoff pass was punched.

Belle Plaine only had six hits, but four went for doubles: O’Brien, Ladd, Campbell, and Jake Brandenburg.



Live births and bands draw a crowd at Scott County Fair



Cami Smith of Jordan holds a piglet just minutes after its birth in the Miracle of Birth Center on Saturday night. Smith gloved up and was ready to assist with the process. In a shocking twist, the sow only birthed two piglets, while the average is 10 per litter.



Gold Star Amusements once again provided the exhilarating rides.



A fair-goer checks out the '31 Ford Pickup owned by Scott Parkhurst of Belle Plaine during the Classic Car, Truck and Tractor Show on Sunday afternoon.



Dustin Evans & Good Evans were a big draw on the Main Stage on Saturday night, as a big crowd turned out to dance the night away.

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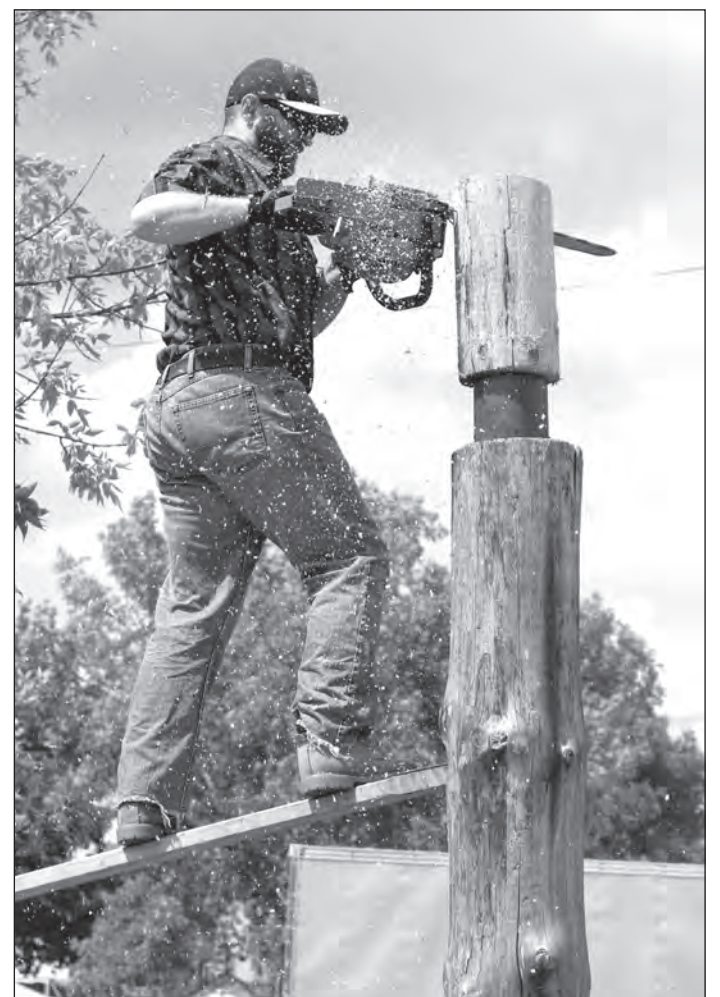
Belle Plaine residents Chris Stang (left) and Jayson Pauly competed in the Demolition Derby on Saturday evening. Both competed in the Limited Weld Stock Classic, and Pauly also competed in the 80s and Newer Chain Class.



Belle Plaine Bar-B-Q Days Royalty (from left) 2nd Princess Kamryn Stier, 1st Princess Carlie Rosenwinkel and Miss Congeniality McKenzie Schwichtenberg attended on Sunday to help hand out awards at the Draft Horse Show.



Ames Percherons, the home team from Jordan, again competed in the Draft Horse Show at the Scott County Fair. Above, the percherons trotted away with a fourth-place finish in the 8-horse hitch on Sunday afternoon.



Lumberjack Jimmy Anderson of Stillwater represented the red team as he competed in the All American Lumberjack Show on Sunday afternoon. Anderson has been with the group for 19 years, joining when he was 15.

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Henderson Public Library Hours are: Monday, Tuesday and Friday: 9 a.m. to noon, 2 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 2 to 7 p.m.; Thursday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon

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 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.

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The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. At that election, three members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, 220 S Market Street, Belle Plaine or online www.belleplaine.k12.mn.us, School Board, School Board Election Information. If you have questions, contact Kris Davis at kdavis@belleplaine.k12.mn.us or 952-873-2416. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or next ensuing general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 16, 2022.
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 Terry Kahle
 School 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 conditions of the following described mortgage:
 DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 6, 2019
 MORTGAGOR: Daniel Hagfors and Miranda Hagfors, husband and wife
 MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:
 Recorded: May 17, 2019
 Sibley County Registrar of Titles

Document #: T25550
 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:
 Said mortgage was assigned to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing on March 9, 2021 and said assignment was recorded on March 10, 2021 and given document number T26538.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
 Lot Number Six (6) in Block Number Forty-Five (45) in the West Addition to the Village, now City, of Gaylord according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Registrar of Titles in and for said county and State, Sibley County, Minnesota.

Torrens Certificate No.: 7500.0
 PARCEL ID #: 32.0483.000
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 616 Court Avenue, Gaylord, MN 55334

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
 TRANSACTION AGENT ID NO.: 100032412190739240
 CURRENT MORTGAGE SERVICER: NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Sibley
 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$164,465.00
 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$169,446.65

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no Mortgages have been released from financial obligation on said Mortgage; that no action or proceeding has been instituted by law to recover that debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; that all conditions precedent to foreclose of the Mortgage and acceleration of the debt secures thereby have been fulfilled;

PURSUANT to the power of sale therein contained, said Mortgage will be foreclosed and the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 25, 2022 at 10:00 am

PLACE OF SALE: Sibley County Sheriff's Office, 319 Park Ave., Gaylord, Minnesota, 55334 to pay the debt the debt then secured by the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of sale by the mortgagor, their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 of the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes sections 580.23 is February 25, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

MORTGAGOR RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
 Dated: June 27, 2022

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Mortgagee

Kenneth J. Johnson
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF SIBLEY
DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CASE TYPE: QUIET TITLE
ACTION
COURT FILE NUMBER:
72-CV-22-4135
SUMMONS

Joseph D. and Yvonne C. Mullen Family Trust, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 Margaret Mullen, (known to be deceased);
 John Mullen (known to be deceased)
 David Mullen (known to be deceased)
 Sister Margaret Agnes a/k/a Margaret Mullen (known to be deceased)
 Mary Mullen (known to be deceased)
 Loretta Mullen a/k/a Lauretta Mullen (known to be deceased)
 Hugh Mullen (known to be deceased)
 James F. Mullen (known to be deceased); James B. Mullen

(known to be deceased)
 Sister James Therese a/k/a Myra Mullen (known to be deceased)

John F. Mullen (known to be deceased); Florence Mullen (known to be deceased)

Joseph D. Mullen (known to be deceased); Rosemary Krawczyk Rose Mullen (known to be deceased);

Mary Ellen Mullen (known to be deceased);
 James Patrick Mullen (known to be deceased);
 Lawrence Mullen;

Mary Rose Mullen McDonald; Margaret Mullen;

Kathleen Mullen; John Gregory Mullen;

Mark James Mullen; Brian Edward Mullen;

David Thomas Mullen; Heidi Mullen;

James Mullen; Melissa Hubmer;

Lisa Monson a/k/a Lisa M. Sanders; Sean Mullen;

Dustin M. Duenow; Phillip Fox (presumed to be deceased);

Phillip Donlon (presumed to be deceased);
 Bridget Donlon (presumed to be deceased);
 Patience Lyon (presumed to be deceased);
 Thomas Fox (presumed to be deceased);

Elisabeth M. Kloempken and Henry D. Kloempken (both presumed to be deceased)

Also the unknown heirs of the above-named deceased individuals,

John Doe and Mary Roe, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS.

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is on file in the office of the court administrator of the above-named court. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this summons.
 2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this summons located at: 500 N. Broadway, PO Box 183, New Ulm, MN 56073.
 3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.
 4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not Answer within 21 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the complaint.
 5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.
 6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint

even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. To be included only if this lawsuit affects title to real property: THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in Sibley County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

Part of Government Lots 2, 3, and 4, and part of meandered lake bed in Section 15, Township 114, Range 26, Sibley County, Minnesota. The object of this action is to quiet certain title.
 Dated: July 20, 2022

Shari P. Fischer
 Fischer Law, PA
 P.O. Box 183
 New Ulm,
 MN 56073-0183
 507-354-0327

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COUNTY OF SIBLEY
REGULAR BOARD
PROCEEDING
TUESDAY JULY 12, 2022

The Sibley County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners' Board Room in the City of Gaylord, MN on Tuesday, July 12, 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

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

4. Consent Agenda

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

A. Approve Regular Board Proceedings of June 28, 2022

B. Approve Claims as submitted

C. Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Notification

D. Renew our MVAC 2023 Master Contract effective July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 and Notice of Funds Available 2023 #1 in the amount of \$248,000.

E. Renew our Minnesota Department of Human Services Contract to participate in the Local Collaborative Time Study (LCTS) effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.

F. Approve Application for Gambling Permit - Gaylord Game Protection League

5. Jennifer King - USDA-FSA

A. Jennifer King, Sibley County USDA-FSA Executive Director will present information to the Sibley County Board of Commissioners on the topic of Local County Committees.

Jennifer King, Sibley County USDA-FSA Executive Director, spoke to the Sibley County Board of Commissioners on the Local County Committees and discussed which seats are up for election. Landowners and land operators living in Green Isle, Washington Lake, Faxon, Jessenland and Henderson Township are eligible to be nominated. The nomination period for the Sibley County Farm Service Agency Committee Election ends August 1, 2022.

6. Klea Rettmann, PHHS Director

A. Public Health and Human Services New Staff Introduction

Klea Rettmann, Public Health and Human Services Director, introduced Rhonda St. John, Office Support Specialist, and Jordan Hathaway, Social Worker, to the Sibley County Board of Commissioners.

B. Approve the County Board Chair signing the Collaborative Dissolution of Three Counties for Kids Collaborative Agreement to go to the MN Department of Human Services.

Three Counties for Kids (3C4K's) was established in 1994 after the counties of Watonwan, Sibley and Brown worked together to develop a shared day treatment program. With each of the counties having their own unique supports and challenges, it became more difficult to fund a shared program. Klea Rettmann, Public Health and Human Services Director, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve the dissolution of Three County's for Kids collaborative effective June 30th, 2022. Motion made by Commissioner Harder, second by Commissioner Koch with unanimous approval.

7. Russ Kral, Facilities Maintenance Manager

A. Approve Bid from Schwicker's to replace Sheriff/Jail A/C Compressor

Russ Kral, Facilities Maintenance Manager, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners table the request for the replacement of an A/C Compressor at the Sheriff Office/Jail to obtain more bid and warranty information. The action item will be re-assigned to the regularly scheduled board meeting on July 26th, 2022. Motion made by Commissioner Harder, second by Commissioner Lilienthal with unanimous approval.

8. Tim Becker, County Engineer

A. Resolution #2022-46 Approve the land acquisition purchase agreement, Trinity Church Agreement in Lieu of Eminent Domain, and Temporary easements with the Curtis Kahle for construction project CP 1280.

Tim Becker, Public Works Director, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve the temporary easement and land acquisition with Curtis and Julie Kahle and the In Lieu of Eminent Domain with Trinity Lutheran Church. These agreements will allow for the relocation of the "on road" parking lot at Trinity Church. Motion made by Commissioner Cohrs, second by Commissioner Koch and adopted with unanimous approval.

B. Award Gibbon shop concrete floor repair to CMC Construction, Arlington MN for \$46,580.00

The concrete shop floor in Gibbon needs repair due to raveling, spalling, cracking, and sinking of the floor. Tim Becker, Public Works Director, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve the contract with CMC Construction for \$46,580.00 to repair the Gibbon Public Works shop floor. Motion made by Commissioner Saxton, second by Commissioner Koch with unanimous approval.

C. Approve contract Amendment 5 with Bolton & Menk for CP 1179 Engineering Services for additional scope of work required for the EAW.

Tim Becker, Public Works Director, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve Task 3 Amendment 5 with Bolton & Menk for CP 1179 as additional work on the Architecture/History Study is needed totaling \$65,066.00. Motion made by Commissioner Harder, second by Commissioner Cohrs with unanimous approval.

D. Approve final payment of \$37,179.52 for Contract CP 1249-2022 Bituminous Seal Coating to Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp. (St. Cloud, MN).

Tim Becker, Public Works Director, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners authorize final payment for bituminous seal coating on CSAH 20, 34 and 8 to Asphalt Surface Technologies for the completion of County Project (CP) 1249-2022 in the amount of \$37,179.52. Motion made by Commissioner Koch, second by Commissioner Saxton with unanimous approval.

E. Award CP 1313 Gibbon Sidewalk and Curb Repair to Neilsen Concrete out of Kasota, MN for \$79,701.92

Tim Becker, Public Works Director, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve the bid for sidewalk and curb repair in Gibbon to Neilsen Concrete

for County Project (CP) 1313-2022 in the amount of \$79,701.92. Motion made by Commissioner Saxton, second by Commissioner Cohrs with unanimous approval.

F. Approve final payment of \$45,186.73 for Contract CP 1309 - 2022 Microsurfacing Project to Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp. (St. Cloud, MN).

Tim Becker, Public Works Director, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners authorize final payment for bituminous microsurfacing to Asphalt Surface Technologies for the completion of County Project (CP) 1309-2022 in the amount of \$45,186.73. Motion made by Commissioner Koch, second by Commissioner Lilienthal with unanimous approval.

9. Marilee Peterson, County Auditor

A. Resolution #2022-47 Set Classification and Appraisal of Tax Forfeited Parcels

Sibley County acquired 3 parcels through the tax forfeiture process in 2022 and are required to set the classification and appraisal amount for each parcel. The Assessor, Commissioners Lilienthal and Saxton viewed and assessed the properties. Charlene Pelletier, Assistant Auditor/Property Tax Supervisor, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve the resolution with the recommended classification and appraisal amounts. Motion made by Commissioner Harder, second by Commissioner Cohrs and adopted with unanimous approval.

10. Don Lannoye, County Attorney

A. Resolution #2022-48 RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS WITH THE COUNTY OF SIBLEY ON BEHALF OF ITS COUNTY ATTORNEY AND SHERIFF

Don Lannoye, County Attorney, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the State allowing the Sibley County Attorney's Office and the Sibley County Sheriff's Office to access criminal justice data through the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA). Motion made by Commissioner Lilienthal, second by Commissioner Saxton and adopted with unanimous approval.

11. Commissioners' Committee Reports

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

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

12. Clearing of Calendars

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

B. August 02, 2022 Board of Commissioners Workshop 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

C. August 09, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

D. August 23, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

E. September 05, 2022 Holiday - Courthouse and Service Center Closed

F. September 06, 2022 Board of Commissioners Workshop 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

G. September 13, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

13. Adjournment

Commissioner Lilienthal asked for additional business items. None were brought forth to the board, Commissioner Lilienthal adjourned the meeting at 9:44 A.M.

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

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SCHOOL BOARD
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Park to needed changes at the Middle/High School.

On Monday night, Honeywell Senior Sales Representative Cindy Auld and Central Region Sales Leader Josh Hounsell presented the school board with two options.

The first option would be contingent on next Tuesday's school referendum passing and would require a \$1 million upfront capital contribution which is included in the bond. The scope of the project would include new lighting, mechanical, water, building envelope and building management systems at Hilltop Elementary School and the Middle/High School, for a total project cost of \$5.885 million.

If the school referendum does not pass, the school district would look at moving forward with the second option. The majority of the work is the same, but the mechanical work at Hilltop is excluded. The total project cost is \$4,648,500, and it requires a \$100,000 capital contribution.

Both projects require a \$92,000 annual capital investment.

Despite the multi-million dollar price tags, Honeywell

is projecting both projects will pay for themselves over time due to energy and construction savings and operating savings.

Option 1: The \$5.885 million option is projected to save the district \$7,213,577 after 20 years. Annual energy savings are projected to increase from \$126,456 in the first year to \$243,112 in year 20. Annual operating savings range from more than \$62,000 to just under \$121,000 throughout the 20-year term. It also includes \$92,009/year in capital cost avoidance. (Cost avoidance focuses on actions that avoid incurring costs in the future, like spending money to maintain a fleet of vehicles to minimize expensive repairs, replacements or a chance of an accident.)

Option 2: Honeywell is projecting this option will save the district \$6,705,991 over a 20-year span. Annual savings range from \$155,726 to \$227,822 per year in energy and construction costs; \$52,847 to \$101,598 in operating savings, and include \$92,015 in capital cost avoidance.

Honeywell was able to lock in a 3.8% interest rate with Pinnacle Bank until Aug. 10, and design and engineering work, including contractor quotes, have already been completed.

Following a question from

board member Matt Hathaway, Hounsell shared that Honeywell sends its numbers to the state to review and ensure there is no risk to the school district.

"Let's say there would be a shortfall, that is something they actually take care of and litigate for you guys to get money. That is a safeguard for the district, that a state agency reviews our work, our verification methods and methodology as they go through each measure," Hounsell said.

Following Honeywell's presentation, the board later in the agenda approved a motion to move forward with Options 1/2, depending on the outcome of this coming Tuesday's election.

SCHOOL MEAL PRICES SKYROCKET

"Frustrating" was the adjective Le Sueur-Henderson Superintendent Jim Wagner used to describe the bids LS-H received for its school meal service....or rather bid.

Competition tends to keep prices low, but in the absence of competition, costs can skyrocket. Unfortunately for LS-H, the district received just one bid, from Elior, for the 2022-23 school year breakfast and lunch services, that includes a 30-40 percent increase.

The school district charged \$1.50 per student breakfast,

\$2.40 for adult breakfast, \$2.75 for K-5 lunch, \$2.90 for 6-12 lunch, and \$3.95 for adult lunch during the 2020-21 school year. Students who qualify for free/reduced benefits are not charged for breakfast or lunch, and kindergarten students can receive breakfast at no charge.

Elior's bid increases those costs to \$2.10 for breakfast and \$3.86 for all lunches, which reflects a 40 percent increase for student breakfast and elementary lunch, and a 33 percent increase for 6-12 grade lunch.

According to meeting documents, this would result in a monthly shortfall between \$1,494.38 and \$2,037.84 from September-January, for a total shortfall of \$9,142.16. The district's Food Service budget does have a reserve to pay those increases, but a full year at the increased prices would wipe out roughly half the reserves.

Wagner said the district has three options:

1. Contact the state and move forward with re-bidding and plan to switch food companies mid-year;
2. "Bite the bullet" for a full year and go back to re-bid the contract for the 2023-24 school year; or
3. Look into becoming self-funded and hire staff to

prepare the meals in-house, starting with the 2023-24 school year.

Wagner felt the last option, to be self-funded, would be hard to do, and the district also wanted to minimize the impact to students.

The district is also taking a hit due to not enough families submitting the needed paperwork for free and reduced meals. The federal government will pay \$2.91/reduced lunch and \$3.31/free lunch, and the state of Minnesota provides 52 cents per reduced lunch. The federal government also offered \$1.97 reimbursement per free breakfast, and state/federal reimbursement for reduced breakfast is also a combined \$1.97.

Unfortunately, Wagner said only about 15-18 percent of qualifying families fill out the form, and they really need about 40 percent. The board discussed ways to up the response, including asking families to fill it out at conferences.

In the end, the board voted to increase meal prices to \$1.80 for breakfast, \$3.20 for K-5 breakfast and \$3.35 for 6-12 grade lunch, which will help offset the shortfall.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

The board approved the following hirings and resignations on Monday night:

Hirings: Ben Wilson as the assistant wrestling coach; Diana Jennings as a Middle/High School language arts teacher; Cassie Wilke as a child life specialist; and Tia Lerud as a middle school social studies teacher.

Resignations: Melissa Holmgren as the 7th grade volleyball coach; Casie Wiebe as a high school Special Education teacher; Mikhayla Clausen as the One Act Play director; and Jody Rittmiller as the Hilltop/Park Elementary Assistant Principal.

The school board also approved contracts with Nate Warden as Community Ed/Adult Basic Education Director; Cheri Youngren as Kids Club Coordinator; Catherine Goettl in Early Childhood and Valerie Danielson as an ABE teacher.

DONATIONS AND GRANTS APPROVED

The school board approved \$3,640 in donations to the school district, which included:

- \$3,040 from the Le Sueur Knights of Columbus for the softball bus to Pipestone and the championship game;
- \$400 from Le Sueur Rotary for the Giant Buddies program; and
- \$200 from the Le Sueur Lions Club for Hilltop staff appreciation.

MNCS TRADES
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Covington also paired his blade smithing interest with a Harbor Freight fellowship. He had to put in 125 hours working with Kraus, and in exchange he received \$1,000 upon completion.

Blade smithing is more than just an interest for Covington — he hopes to make it his career. He has been receiving custom orders for a few months, but is also learning the basics of how to develop a business, such as budgeting and how to balance what he should pay himself vs. put into the business, and trying to set up a website and social media pages.

"MNCS has been super supportive of my crazy ideas," said Covington, who graduated in May. "What is awesome about MNCS is if there is a will, there is a way. You have to prove there is a will, but once you do that, they are stepping on their own feet doing anything they can to make sure you can pursue your dreams."

BUILDING A DREAM

Tejha Martin will be starting

her senior year at MNCS this fall, and is another student with a strong interest in a trade career. She has been exposed to those careers from a young age, as her father is a truck driver. He used to drive all across the country every few weeks, but now drives locally with Meger Enterprises out of Belle Plaine.

"Ever since I can remember, he has taken us to the woods to cut trees and load them into a trailer to take to my grandpa's house, because he heats his house with a wood stove," Martin said.

Martin has gone up in a boom lift to cut tree branches, and she enjoys it so much she was gifted her own chainsaw.

Martin has a strong interest in construction, especially architectural design. As part of her junior project, she made four wood benches for the Ney Nature Center just outside of Henderson. Martin said the first bench took her about two weeks to make, but the final three went much quicker, just a couple of days each.

She was also one of the MNCS students who volunteered to make new wooden steps at Rush River Park this spring.

Martin's dream is to learn more about home construction and build the house her father has been dreaming about since he was a teenager.

"I would like to make that

come to life for him," she said. Martin added that she would also like to build more homeless shelters for people in need.

"These two (Covington and

Martin) are incredibly smart, and the way they make sense of the world is through using their hands to make stuff," Advisor Jaeger said.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

MNCS senior Ben Covington is currently pursuing a career as a blade smith. He has had an interest in weapons since he was a child, and recently completed a Harbor Freight fellowship with Jason Kraus of Northstar Forge in Carver.

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LEGION BASEBALL

Giants win sub-state championship

By Beth Cornish
Independent staff

The Le Sueur-Henderson Legion baseball team had two decisive victories on July 30 to claim the title of East Central Sub-state Champions and move on to the state finals beginning on Thursday, Aug. 4.

By beating Belle Plaine earlier in the week, the Giants advanced to face Holy Family on Saturday morning in Green Isle and emerged on top 13-7.

Logan Feeney led off with a walk and Ethan Hathaway followed one batter later with another walk. Brody Berndt brought both runs home with a double off the wall in deep left center to give his team an early 2-0 lead. Holy Family led off with a walk in the bottom of the first. The runner made it to second on a single, took third on a fielder's choice then stole home to tighten the gap to 2-1.

The Giants bats came out swinging in the second with Gavin Schwarz garnering a leadoff double and moving to third on a wild pitch. Joe Lewis walked to put runners on the corners, then Braylon Hoffmann was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Returning to the top of the order, Feeney was hit by a pitch to score Schwarz and a two-base error on Cayden Luna's at bat scored Lewis and Hoffmann. A wild pitch during Hathaway's at bat scored Feeney and moved Luna to third. Berndt stole second to put two men in scoring position, and they did just that on a single from Logan Fahey to give the Giants six runs on two hits for the inning and a seven-run lead.

The leadoff man in the second for Holy Family was hit by a pitch then moved to second on a wild pitch before scoring

on a two-out single to make the score 8-2. Neither team had much success on offense in the third inning but LS-H took advantage of a hit batter, a walk and back-to-back singles to put up three more runs and bring their tally to 11.

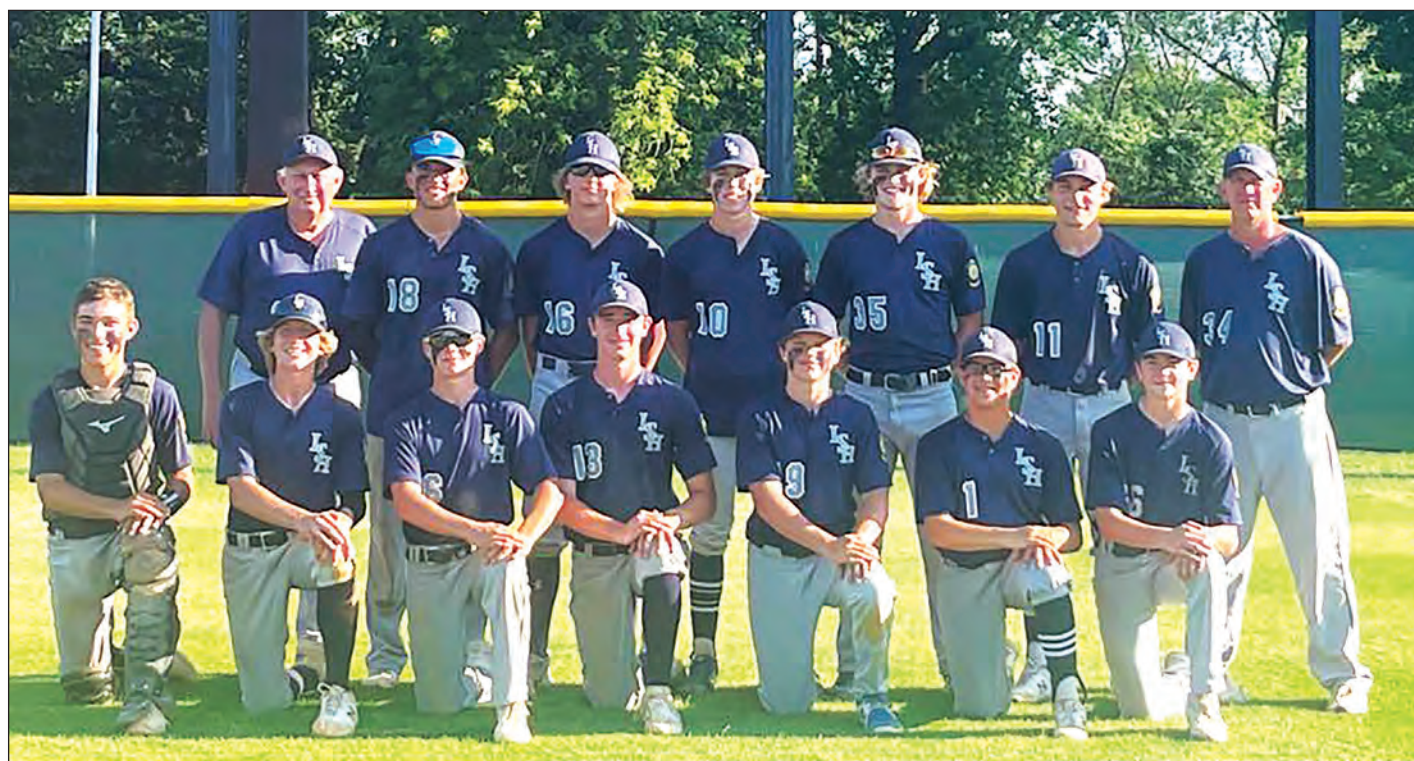
Luna took the mound for his fourth inning and after two singles, a couple of errors and a hit batter, Holy Family eked out five runs to close the gap to 11-7. Berndt took the mound in relief and threw three scoreless innings, allowing only one walk and four hits against three strikeouts.

In the top of the seventh Carter Wilke came in to pinch hit and drew a walk. He scampered all the way to third after Feeney hit a single to deep centerfield. Feeney stole second to put two men in scoring position and a single from Luna drove them both in to lift the Giants total to 13 runs on nine hits and placed them in the championship game.

VICTORY OVER DASSEL SENDS LS-H TO CHAMPIONSHIP

Dassel had two singles in the top of the first but neither man scored. Feeney struck out the fourth batter in the first for out number three, then proceeded to strikeout looking all three batters in the second, then two out of four batters in the third. Feeney walked as the leadoff man in the Giants' half of the first and came around to score on a two base error to give his team a 1-0 start.

Both offensives got busy in the fourth. A triple from Dassel was driven home by a sacrifice bunt, before two hits and an error scored a second run to give Dassel a short 2-1 advantage. Short, because Schwarz walked to lead off the bottom of the fourth, moved to second on a sacrifice from Lewis then to third on a fly out to Hoff-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Your Sub-State Legion Champions are (kneeling) Joe Lewis, Logan Feeney, Talen Schwandt, Brody Berndt, Carter Wilke, Gavin Schwarz and Jack Miller; and (standing) Coach Lon Berberich, Cayden Luna, Logan Fahey, Braylon Hoffmann, Brogan McMillen, Ethan Hathaway and Coach Mike Feeney.

mann, before a single from Feeney knocked him home to knot the score at two.

In the top of the fifth a batter for Dassel drew a one-out single, went to second on a wild pitch and came home on a single. In their half, the Giants got four singles in a row from Fahey, Talen Schwandt. Schwarz and Lewis, which combined with an error in Hoffmann's at bat and a walk to Luna added six more for the Giants and moved their total to eight.

Feeney took the mound in the top of the seventh hoping for a complete game, but after he surrendered a single to the leadoff man, advanced him on a wild pitch and walked the next man, Berndt took the mound to finish the game. He started off with a single that loaded the bases and a sacrifice fly to right center scored one before he shut down Dassel to

give the Giants the win: 8 runs on seven hits to four runs on 10 hits.

Stats for our winning Giants included a stellar tournament for Feeney with five runs, four RBIs, four hits including a double, three stolen bases, seven times on base and two wins from the mound with 26 strikeouts. Berndt collected four hits including two doubles, five RBIs, was on base eight times and pitched two saves. Schwarz had four hits with two doubles and was on base six times. Fahey collected four hits and three RBIs. Luna was on base seven times, scored five runs, stole three bases, had four RBIs and one win from the mound, and Schwandt stole three bases. The team had a combined hitting percentage of .300 for the tourney.

STATE TOURNAMENT
In the first round of the Divi-

sion II State Tournament in Ely on Thursday, Aug. 4, LS-H will face Morris at 10 a.m.; game two is Esko and Sleepy Eye at 12:30; game three pits Hayfield against Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton at 4 p.m. and game

four sets Montevideo against Ely at 7 p.m. The winners will advance to the semifinals on Friday. The third-place game will be played at 12:30 on Saturday, Aug. 6 with the championship game to follow at 3 p.m.

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TOWN BALL

Tigers close on a strong note

By Beth Cornish
Independent staff

The Henderson Tigers played a stand-out game in Le Sueur against the Braves on Friday, July 29, coming from behind to take a lead into the ninth before losing by one, 12-11.

After a scoreless first inning for the Tigers and with two outs, Riston Wojcik strode to the plate in the second inning and belted a single to straightaway center then moved to third on a two-base error. Cael Willart hit a single to left center to score Wojcik before being caught stealing for the third out.

For the Braves a one-out walk to Zachary Berndt, a single to Cullen Bruce, a fly-out from Ryan McPartland, an error during Tommy Gupton's at bat and a double from Tristin O'Brien put the home team on the board with

two. McPartland reached on a single to start the third, advanced to third on a double from Gupton and scored on a single from O'Brien to bring their total to three. To start the fourth for the Braves, Burke Nesbit was hit by a pitch and stole second. After Berndt struck out, Bruce hit a single to score Nesbit and drive Wojcik, who started for the Tigers, off the mound and brought in Logan Swalve in relief. A fielder's choice sat Bruce down and put McPartland on first. He then went to second on an error and scored on a double from Gupton to make their lead 5-1.

After a scoreless fifth for both teams, and a pitching change for the Braves, Henderson got a leadoff single from Dylan Kopesky followed by a bunt from Chase Boehne and a single from Ben Miller that scored Kopesky. Luke Frauendienst

reached on an error before being replaced in a fielder's choice that put Willart on first and scored Boehne. Miller stole home for the third run of the inning before Willart was picked off to send the Tigers back to defense.

The Braves came to bat in the bottom of the sixth, leading 5-4 with Bruce taking first after being hit by a pitch and reaching second on a wild pitch before a single from McPartland drove him home. McPartland went to second on a single from O'Brien, to third on a walk to Brandon Culbert, then scored on a sacrifice fly from Jordan Carlson. After Charlie Weick was hit by a pitch, Swalve surrendered the pitching mound to Frauendienst who managed to get Nesbit to fly out to end the inning with the Braves off in front 7-4.

The Tigers scratched their way to a tie with a single

to Cayden Luna, a walk for Swalve and singles from Kopesky and Boehne. The Braves jumped in front by three after a double, two singles and an error.

The Tigers finally took the lead in the eighth inning. Willart was hit by a pitch, Luna walked, both men moved up on a wild pitch then scored on a single by Swalve. Singles from Kopesky, Boehne and Joe Kane scored Swalve and Kopesky to give the Tigers an 11-10 lead.

Frauendienst kept the Braves off the base pass in the eighth but the Tigers couldn't generate any more offense, going three up, three down in the top of the ninth. In the final frame, Bruce drew a one-out walk, advanced on a single from McPartland, then a walk to O'Brien loaded the bases before an error scored two men to make the final 12-11 in favor of Le Sueur.

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