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Vote Yes

Committee ramps up final referendum efforts



Erin Timmers



Christa Luna

By Rachel Miller
Editor

The Le Sueur-Henderson School District is just a few weeks away from a second and final vote on a school building referendum, which will chart the future of Le Sueur-Henderson Schools.

Should the vote pass, Le Sueur-Henderson will pursue a one-campus option for K-12 students at the Middle/High School site, and transition the Hilltop Elementary School site into an Adult Learning Center.

If the vote fails, there will not be another chance for

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The referendum

The Le Sueur-Henderson School District is going to the voters with three questions on the Tuesday, Aug. 9 ballot.

The first and primary question is whether voters will support spending up to \$39.9 million to build a new K-5 school onto the Middle/High School site, including two gyms. Park Elementary School would be closed, and Hilltop Elementary School would be transitioned to an Adult Learning Center (no cost, can be used as-is). New construction is estimated to cost \$26.5 million, site improvements \$3 million, Park demolishing \$2.1 million, and another \$8.25 million is needed for fees, permits, testing, contin-

gency fund and bonding.

The school is also asking people to vote on two other questions, which can only be passed if the first question is approved.

Question 2 asks voters whether they will support spending \$6.14 million on deferred maintenance at the Middle/High School site.

The third question is whether the district should spend \$5.65 million for a third gym space that will allow recess and gym classes to be held simultaneously, and includes \$2.4 million to upgrade and expand Career and Tech Ed. Programming.

The referendum has received a positive review from the Minnesota Department of Education.



Building a better future

Editor's Note: This is the first article in a series the Henderson Independent has been working on regarding the need for skilled trade labor in our area and the region. Keep an eye on future issues of the Indy as we explore what businesses are seeing, what opportunities are out there, and how local schools are trying to bridge the gap. All articles in the series will be marked with the above "Trade Power" logo.

By Rachel Miller
Editor

America and Minnesota run on trade labor. From the motorized vehicle or public transport that gets you from Point A to Point B, the HVAC system that heats and cools your home, the electrician that keeps the lights on and the plumber who keeps your septic running smoothly, many of the daily activities we all take for granted would not be

possible without a tradesman or woman.

According to the Associated General Contractors of America 2021 Workforce Survey Results for Minnesota, 81% of responding businesses had unfilled hourly positions as of June 30, 2021, and 27% had more than 10 open positions. Among salaried positions, 57% reported unfilled positions.

project managers/supervisors among the salaried jobs; and carpenters, laborers, mechanics, truck drivers, and equipment operators-cranes, heavy equipment among hourly positions.

Project Build MN is a non-profit primarily serving the 13-county metro area, but Executive Director Joy DesMarais-Lanz has done virtual presenta-

“EMPLOYERS ARE WILLING TO INVEST IN PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO INVEST IN THEIR COMPANY.”

- JOY DESMARAIIS-LANZ

- PROJECT BUILD MN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Of the companies with open positions, 93% said they were having a hard time filling hourly craft positions, and 89% had trouble filling salaried positions.

The most difficult to fill positions included estimating personnel and

tions all over the state.

Project Build MN's mission is to bring Minnesota's young people into construction careers. One way they do that is through the Explorers Post program

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93%

*Businesses reporting open craft positions

63%

*Businesses reporting open salary positions

70%

*Businesses who increased pay rates

43%

*Businesses providing incentives/bonuses for craft/salaried personnel

Mayo Clinic Health System offering sports physicals for student-athletes

Mayo Clinic Health System will host several sports physical clinics across southwest Minnesota.

These clinics are for student-athletes entering grades 7-12 in the 2022-2023 school year. The physicals provided at these clinics fulfill Minnesota State High School League

sports requirements.

Sports physical clinics will be held at these Southwest Minnesota locations:

• New Prague

This clinic will be held July 26 from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Mayo Clinic Health System, 212 10th Ave. NE, in New Prague.

Call Mayo Clinic Health System at 952-758-4461 for

an appointment.

These sports physical clinics are open to all, including those who are not Mayo Clinic Health System patients. A parent or guardian must accompany those under 18. Athletes who wear corrective lenses must wear them during their examination. The physical costs \$20, which is payable by cash or check.

The sports physicals provided at this event are not intended to replace care or treatment from a primary care provider.

If student athletes have an underlying medical condition or concerns about issues that restrict participation in sports, they're encouraged to schedule an appointment with their primary care provider.

RECYCLING UPDATE

The Henderson Feathers group asks that people continue to collect their plastic bags for a future recycling effort but to keep the bags at home for now. The required amount of plastic to finish the current project has already been collected and the bins have been removed temporarily from

the previous collection spots at Wagar's, MNCS and the Library.

If you have a group that would like to do one of these projects, please contact Beth Cornish at the Henderson Independent, 507-248-3223 for more information. Stay tuned for the next project.

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years and the district will have to figure out how to put a band-aid on Park Elementary School with its failing boilers and old and outdated systems. LS-H Superintendent Jim Wagner has said that if this referendum does not pass, he will not go out for another one for at least four years.

The Vote Yes Committee is obviously hoping the latter does not happen, as Committee member Erin Timmers wants her two young children to be able to attend school locally.

One of the biggest questions they get is, "Why should we build a new school if the district could not take care of Park?"

Prior to 2014, districts outside of the metro area had very little access to maintenance dollars. Metro schools were able to participate in the Alt Finance program and as a result were able to spend almost 5x more on deferred maintenance (\$2.79/square foot compared to 58 cents).

In 2014, all schools in Minnesota began to receive Long Term Facility Maintenance dollars, which for LS-H is around \$350,000 a year. Unfortunately, that is a drop in the bucket when compared to the total improvements necessary at Park alone, which number in the millions.

Furthermore, fellow Vote Yes Committee member Christa Luna said a "No" vote does not mean there will not still be a tax impact. If the district continues to lose enrollment, the amount of state funding will continue to drop, which will shift a larger portion of the school budget onto the taxpayers.

Luna can see a number of positives for building a new school. One of which is reducing utility and transportation

costs, and putting that money back into educating children. She compared Park to an old car that needs more and more fixes to stay running.

"It is time to trade in that car and get a new school and be proud of what we can offer our children," Luna said. "We should be able to offer a safe and healthy place for children to learn, and it is so hard with so many inconsistencies."

Luna also sees a new building as a way to draw in young families to the area.

"To keep the towns thriving, we need to attract the young families with children, and to do that we need a facility that is safe and healthy," Luna said.

Whether people want to admit it or not, there is a lot of school competition in the area.

"Open enrollment is an attractive thing to families where they can pick and choose what is best for them," Timmers said, adding that her family is going to be in a critical decision making time soon as her kids prepare to start school.

"Without building a new school, I don't know if we can get Park where it needs to be long-term," Timmers added.

WHAT ABOUT HILLTOP? Regardless of whether the vote passes or fails, Hilltop Elementary School in Henderson will be closing after the 2022-23 school year.

A recent contractor study found the soil surrounding Hilltop to be incompatible with a major expansion, and Hilltop in its current form is too small to house all the elementary school students.

However, the plan is to repurpose Hilltop as an Adult Learning Center. This can be done with the current school setup, and does not require additional funding.

The move will likely be a revenue generator for the district as students from neighboring districts may open enrollment into LS-H.

with an interest in technology could also find an engaging career in the trades.

More and more, technology is weaving itself within the trades. While on a recent site visit to RDO Equipment in Dayton, MN, DesMarais-Lanz learned about the software RDO uses to operate its heavy equipment, and met the two people whose job it is to program the mini-computers for the heavy equipment.

Project Build MN also offers school counselor and high school trade instructor resources, and provides a platform for trade businesses to post job openings.

DesMarais-Lanz said the attributes most employers are looking for is someone with a "positive attitude, someone willing to work hard and not afraid to get dirty."

One misconception DesMarais-Lanz said is going away is that trade labor is hard, rugged work that doesn't pay well.

"Most of the people I know make well into the six figures. They are doing very well for themselves, and they love what they are doing," DesMarais-Lanz said.

For more information on Project Build MN, its programs, or career opportunities, visit <https://projectbuildmn.org>.

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that is held during the school year. One Saturday a month is set aside to explore a trade career, such as concrete, electrical, landscaping, lumber, etc.

DesMarais-Lanz said three teens who went through Explorers Post in the past year were able to narrow their trade focus.

"There is an abundance of opportunity, especially entry level," DesMarais-Lanz said.

Many companies just require a high school diploma or GED, and may even pay for any additional schooling in exchange for a work commitment.

"If you show you are willing to work hard and learn and have a great attitude, those skills in trades will take you a long way. Employers are willing to invest in people who are willing to invest in their company," DesMarais-Lanz said.

Who might be a best fit for a career in the trades?

A career in the trades will be both physically and mentally stimulating, and will likely be a good fit for any physical or interactive learners, DesMarais-Lanz.

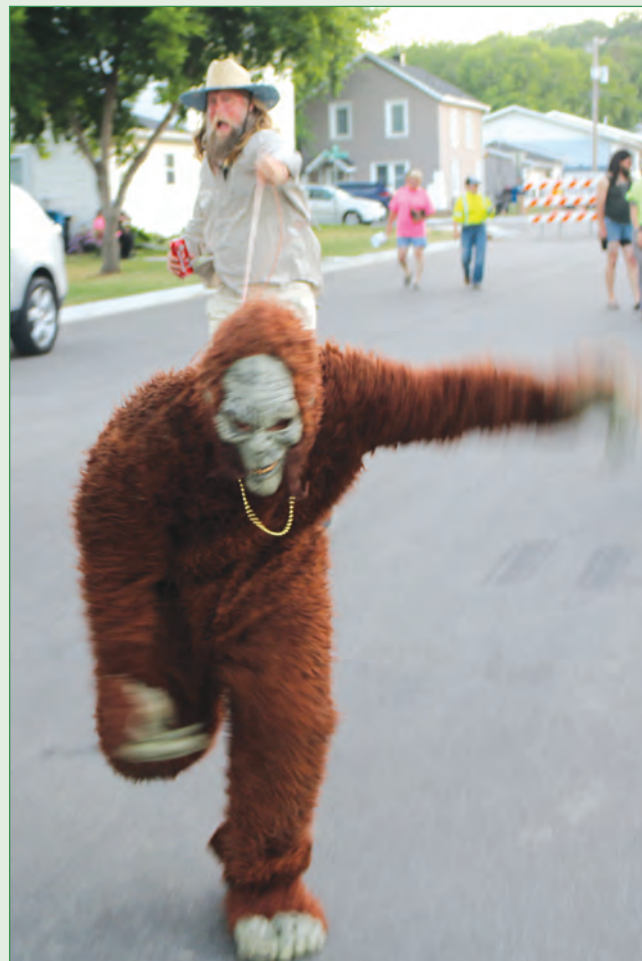
The up-and-coming generation is used to learning and almost living online, and kids

Yabba dabba doo!

More scenes from Henderson's Sauerkraut Days



UNLESS NOTED, PHOTOS BY RACHEL MILLER



Clockwise from top: The Henderson High School Class of '77 dressed up as the Flintstones for the Owl Parade; Grayson and Addie Jacobsen from Lakeville enjoy some rock prospecting, which was a new activity this year. The Jacobsen kids are pictured with grandparents Amy and Monty Braun of Le Center; Henderson Mayor Mike Swenson rides in the Grand Parade; Mike Bednar and Nathan Hrdlichka grill up brats for the hungry masses at Bender Park; Shaw Brothers was a hit with fans young and old on Friday night; cars take off in the Kraut Cruise; members of the SuFuDu Drumline performed Sunday after the Grand Parade at Bender Park; and Christopher Johnson tries to keep the Beast he is training in check during the Owl Parade.



PHOTO BY JOSH WILSON



FROM OUR FILES

**130 YEARS AGO
JULY 8, 1892**

Rev. Griffith, the young pastor of St. Jude's Parish, formerly of Faribault, is now permanently installed here. He also looks after Le Sueur.

The council has enforced the laws regulating the hour of closing the saloons in Henderson in the evening, which is 11 o'clock, and also they must be kept closed Sundays under the penalty of a goodly fine if reported by the marshal, who is instructed to swear out a warrant for the first one that violates these laws.

The great experiment for the gaso-steam engine of Dr. Seigneuret took place Tuesday morning and as far as we are informed everything went according to expectations. The steady putting of the machine could be heard in our office across Main Street from 9 a.m. till noon, when the fires were extinguished, the trial being over. We understand that now the doctor will prepare his gaso-steam engine as an exhibit for the World's Fair. The exhibit will be in the shape of a locomotive. This new invention of the doctor's is certainly a great economy in the daily expenses of engines since with it the ordinary fuel for one engine becomes sufficient for two. It is giving double power with one outlay only.

**120 YEARS AGO
JULY 4, 1902**

Our citizens were aroused from the slumber at 4 a.m. Sunday morning by the fire alarm bell. The cause of the excitement was the burning of the barn belonging to the A. F. Poehler Company. When the fire engine was brought upon the scene it was impossible to save any of the contents and eleven horses, two colts and several calves, besides some wagons and all the harnesses were beyond reach.

The fire originated in the hay loft and spread so rapidly that it was impossible to save any of the animals when it was discovered, except one Durham yearling bull who escaped. Among the horses lost were two valuable thoroughbreds belonging to Andrew Carlson, one being a stallion called Andy C. who was valued at several thousand dollars.

We have learned that the Company had insurance for their stock and barn in the amount of \$1,200 but the damage was estimated at \$8,000. Carlson informed us that his horses were not insured.

**100 YEARS AGO
JULY 7, 1922**

Co-operative creameries in Minnesota are saving \$10,000 every seven days by shipping their products at carlot freight rates through the Minnesota Co-operative Creameries Association. Records show that 70 cars of co-operative creamery butter are moving to the eastern market every week, carrying more than two mil-

lion pounds of butter.

**80 YEARS AGO
JULY 3, 1942**

The Rev. William Lieske of Joliet, IL (formerly of Henderson) married Miss Helen Koenig in St. Louis on June 21. Out of town guests included the groom's mother. Mrs. W. L. Lieske of Henderson.

Katerine Driscoll, born in Jessenland Township on May 8, 1875 passed away on June 22. She is survived by her brother James with whom she operated the family farm. She lived her entire life in Jessenland except for two years when she and her brother lived in Henderson.

Her life was one of devotion and service having cared for an invalid father and blind mother for 12 years and then doing everything she possibly could for her brothers. Her last words expressed deep concern for her brother's welfare and comfort.

**70 YEARS AGO
JULY 11, 1952**

The Walter Becker farm, about 12 miles north of Gibson, was the site of another spraying plane accident last Friday afternoon, the second in less than 18 hours. The unidentified pilot escaped injury but the plane was damaged considerably.

The pilot was spraying a pea field for aphids but when he tried to gain altitude after making a run the engine stalled. The plane narrowly missed a chicken coop, house and barn, brushed the tops of a few cottonwood trees and landed in a garden patch. The spraying equipment caught in the tree tops, forcing the plane down. The plane belonged to a Chicago firm operating out of Hector, the same firm that cracked up a plane last Thursday.

Representative August Mueller of Arlington placed his name on the dotted line as a candidate for his seventh two-year term as Sibley County's representative in the state legislature. "Augie" was first elected in 1940 and has been re-elected every two years since. He is presently the chairman of the Interim Commission studying dairy and livestock problems. He is also a member of the highways, transportation, municipal affairs, temperance and liquor control committees.

**60 YEARS AGO
JULY 5, 1962**

Authorities are investigating an attempted robbery and a resisting arrest charge arising from a break-in at the Riverside Drive-In in Henderson early Tuesday morning. Upon quitting his policing assignment for the night, Police Chief William Schreiber had just entered his home when he heard a window break. Upon investigation he discovered a thief emptying the refrigerator in the restaurant. (The establishment is located near the Schreiber residence.)

At gunpoint the chief or-



From the July 4, 2012 edition of the Henderson Independent: David Tesch remembers a photo of his own sons standing next to the cornfield around the Fourth of July when they were young. Pictured above, his grandsons Lucas, Jacob, Logan and Charlie test the "knee high by the Fourth of July" myth. (Compiled by Beth Cornish)

dered the thief to come out through the broken window where he had entered. As he was about to handcuff the youth, the young man suddenly darted toward the highway and headed east toward the Sibley-Le Sueur County Bridge. Schreiber ordered him to stop, but upon the youth's refusal he fired once with his .38 police special toward the fleeing youth. Believing the thief had crossed county lines, Le Sueur County Sheriff Pat Smith and Sibley County Sheriff Herbert Buerkle were both called in for further assistance. Shortly after daybreak it was found that the culprit had a car hidden in the city park and apparently had escaped around the north edge of Henderson. Authorities are now investigating blood stains and fingerprints left at the Drive-In.

Sauerkraut Queen Stella Schneider rode in the New Ulm Sioux Uprising centennial celebration parade Sunday afternoon, which was the largest parade encountered this year.

**50 YEARS AGO
JULY 6, 1972**

Theodore Melby, partner in the law firm of McGuire and Melby of Montgomery, has taken over the law practice of Mike McGuire here beginning this week. Ted is a 1964 graduate of the Minnesota Law

School. He is presently serving as Montgomery City Attorney, attorney for the Montgomery Housing Authority, and is the designated loan closer of the Farmers Home Administration in Le Sueur County.

After remodeling, Lee's Bar and Lounge in Belle Plaine has reopened under new ownership. Jerry Bigaouette, a life-long resident of the Belle Plaine area, purchased the bar from Don Pobuda, who has operated the on and off sale business for the past three years.

**40 YEARS AGO
JULY 8, 1982**

Henderson Street Commissioner Roger Steinborn has notified the Independent that the city's program to prevent the spread of Dutch Elm Disease is now underway. City employees have marked each dis-

eased tree in this community with a large red X, according to Steinborn, who is a certified tree inspector.

Property owners must remove, or make arrangements to remove, marked trees within 20 days or the city will cut down the trees at the owner's expense.

**30 YEARS AGO
JULY 9, 1992**

Considerable damages resulted in the area from last Thursday morning's thunderstorm which dumped 4.4 inches of rain in the area. Much flooding and many mud slides resulted throughout the Minnesota River Valley. Highway 93 leading from Henderson south to the Highway 169 junction was closed nearly all day Thursday as highway crews cleared the four large patches

of mud off the highway.

DOT crews were alerted about 2 a.m. and by 6 a.m. they were hauling truckloads of sand and mud off the road from along the Don Brandt farm property. The road was reopened about 4 p.m.

A drainage ditch just south of the Ehlers Bar and just west of Roy Bach's shed was washed out. The concrete ditch, which drains the area from the hillside west of Henderson, caved in.

**20 YEARS AGO
JULY 11, 2002**

Sibley County's American Cancer Society raised over \$65,000 during its seventh annual Relay for Life event last month. Funds raised will support the AMC's programs of cancer research, education and services to local cancer patients in Sibley County. Joining cancer survivors for the victory lap on June 14 were the Arlington VFW/Legion Honor Guard and Fire Department trucks from Winthrop, Arlington, Green Isle and Gaylord.

**10 YEARS AGO
JULY 4, 2012**

Recently the United States Fish and Wildlife Services began blazing the first leg of the trail that will eventually connect Henderson to East Henderson and the Ney Nature Center. Using their Fire Management crew, the USFW cleared an eight- to 10-foot-wide path from the Minnesota River Bridge to the first large bend in the river. Several aged cottonwoods required cutting down to allow passage. The logs were saved to make bird houses to be placed on refuge land. For several months local volunteers have been working with Refuge Manager Charlie Blair to turn the old road bed that was once a route connecting Henderson to East Henderson, into a hiking trail for area residents to enjoy.

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- Sibley County Dairy Association
- Ted Mellby
- The Black Door Boutique
- Treasures in Town
- True Real Estate - Cara Bishop Team
- United Farmer Cooperative

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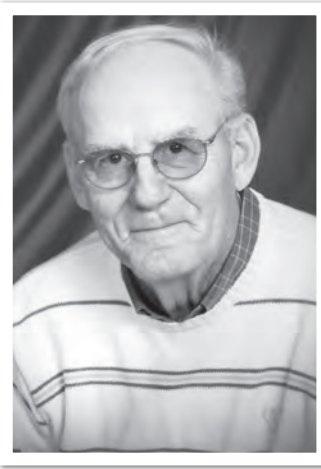
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OBITUARIES

Orval G. Loewe - 82

Orval Gustav Loewe, age 82, of rural Le Center and Le Sueur, died on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale, MN, and entered into his eternal home in Heaven.



A Celebration of Life will be on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Zion United Church of Christ, Le Sueur, MN. Visitation will be at the church that morning from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. with burial in the Salem Tyrone Cemetery.

Orval was born on May 20, 1940, to Alfrieda Loewe in Tyrone Township, Le Sueur County. He attended Tyrone Township Country Schools and graduated from Le Sueur High School in 1958. He spent six months in the U.S. Army Reserves and then began farming. He married Delores Mastin on November 30, 1962 at Zion United Church of Christ in Le Sueur. The couple lived

and farmed in Tyrone Township for almost 60 years.

Orval was active in his church, having been confirmed into the Christian faith at the Dresselville Church and later joining Zion United Church of Christ, Le Sueur, serving on various committees and the Church Council, including the position of Treasurer. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Le Sueur Coop Oil

Company. He served on the Board of Directors and as Secretary of Central Livestock Association. He was a member of the Dresselville Salem Cemetery Board for many years.

Orval enjoyed his time on the farm, planting and harvesting the crops and caring for his livestock, especially the cattle; and he loved spending time with his wife, family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Delores; sister-in-law/brother-in-law Ramona (David) Carlson, nieces and nephews Paul (Diane) Hanson, Dr. Todd (Heidi) Hanson, Dan (Lisa) Carlson, Jane Carlson, Joan (Grant) Johanson and Jill Carlson, and many grand- and great-grandnieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, parents-in-law Paul and Lillian Mastin, and brother-in-law/sister-in-law

WORSHIP SERVICES

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10 a.m. Sunday Service

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www.wordoflifemn.com
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240 South Elmwood St., Le Sueur
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Henderson United Fund Results

The Henderson United Charity Fund distributed a total of \$1,390 from its 2022 city campaign. Unfortunately, the total funds raised and distributed in 2022 was down from the \$2,000 distributed to charities in 2021.

Funds were distributed to the following charities:

Henderson Chamber for holiday lights: \$100
Henderson Community Foundation: \$25
Henderson Friends of the Library: \$20
Henderson Library: \$165
Henderson Little League: \$110

Henderson Sauerkraut Days: \$50
Henderson Tigers Baseball: \$50
Friends of Rush River: \$20
J. R. Brown Center: \$30
Le Sueur-Henderson Community Ed: \$20
LS-H Dollars for Scholars: \$15
Santa's Helpers of Sibley County: \$10
Sibley County DAC: \$15
Sibley County Food Share: \$150
Sibley County Historical Society: \$70

A.L.S. (Lou Gehrig's Disease): \$25
Alzheimer's Association: \$40
American Cancer Society: \$55
American Diabetes: \$20
American Red Cross: \$135
Arthritis Foundation: \$30
Minnesota Association for Retarded Citizens: \$65
Minnesota Heart Association: \$65
Courage Center: \$10
Multiple Sclerosis: \$50
Parkinson Research: \$10
Ronald McDonald House: \$35

Absentee ballots now available for Aug. 9 primary election

Absentee ballots are available 46 days prior to each election. Absentee Ballots for the 2022 Primary Election became available on June 24.

An absentee ballot is a vote cast by someone who is unable or unwilling to attend the official polling place to which the voter is normally allocated. Any eligible voter may apply for and vote by an absentee ballot during the 46 days before the election. Applications for absentee ballots can be submitted online at the MN Secretary of State's website: www.mnvotes.org. Applications are also available via mail or email from the Sibley County Auditor-Treasurer. Ballots are then mailed to the applicant. If you would like to vote absentee in-person, you may request or return the application in-person to the Sibley County Auditor-Treasurer Department.

If an applicant is not registered to vote, they will register as part of the absentee voting process.

The County Auditor-Treasurer's Office regular business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. In addition, they will be open during the following additional hours for the exclusive purpose of accepting absentee applications and the casting of absentee ballots (M.S. 203B.085):

Wednesday, Aug. 3, 4:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 8, 4:30 to 5 p.m.

From Aug. 2-8, applicants voting in-person will be able to deposit the ballot directly into the tabulator/ballot box at the Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

The following precincts are voting via mail ballot for the 2022 Primary Election:

Green Isle City, Arlington Township, Bismarck Township, Cornish Township, Faxon Township, Henderson Township, Sibley Township, and Washington Lake Township.

Ballots for these precincts will be mailed out to registered voters approximately one month prior to the election. If you do not receive a ballot,

please visit www.mnvotes.org to verify that you are registered. Minnesota's registration laws allow you to pre-register until July 19. Your mail ballot will be issued to you following your registration.

Contact:
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Monday, July 11: Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, Italian blend vegetables, dinner roll with margarine, dessert, low fat milk
Tuesday, July 12: Ham, cooked cabbage, carrots, dinner roll with margarine, dessert, low fat milk
Wednesday, July 13: Tuna pasta salad, tomato wedges, pears, dessert, low fat milk
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BELLE PLAINE BULLETIN

Meet the Belle Plaine Bar-B-Q Days Royalty candidates



COURTNEY EPPEN

Parents: Jeff and Amy Eppen

Sponsor: Stier/Ruud Team- Chestnut Realty

Why are you running for Miss Belle Plaine?

I'm running for Miss Belle Plaine because Belle Plaine is my hometown. I would love to be a representative of the town that I've grown up in my whole life, as that would be a great opportunity to give back to such a supportive community like Belle Plaine.

Favorite hobbies: Some of my favorite hobbies and activities include playing tennis and basketball, spending time with friends and family, reading, listening to music, and working at Kids Co!



MADelyn EYRICH

Parents: Josh and Renee Eyrich

Sponsor: Brent Holbrook State Farm

Why are you running for Miss Belle Plaine?

I decided to run for Miss Belle Plaine because I want to push myself to do things out of my comfort zone and I thought it would be an amazing opportunity and experience. I have enjoyed the process and would be honored to be a part of the 2022-2023 court representing Belle Plaine.

Favorite hobbies: My favorite hobbies/activities would be spending time with my friends and family and reading new books.



CORTNEY HENNES

Parents: Glen and Jennifer Hennes

Sponsor: Lange's Plumbing & Heating

Why are you running for Miss Belle Plaine?

I decided to run for Miss Belle Plaine because I thought it would be a very rewarding and exciting experience. I would love to be able to represent my town and be able to get to know people from Belle Plaine better. I am also loving getting to know the current royalty and the girls who are running with me.

Favorite hobbies: I enjoy competitive cheerleading, throwing shot put and discus in track and field, hanging out with friends, being a football manager for my high school, and being a part of my church youth group.



CARLIE ROSENWINKEL

Parents: Chad Rosenwinkel and Stephanie Prochaska

Sponsor: CornerStone State Bank

Why are you running for Miss Belle Plaine?

I am running for Miss Belle Plaine because I've lived in Belle Plaine my whole life and I wanted to be more involved with the community. Recently, I was interested in joining royalty, but I was hesitant to become a candidate because I knew it would bring me out of my comfort zone. I'm happy I decided to run for Miss Belle Plaine because I've been having a lot of fun and it's been nice talking to new people.

Favorite hobbies: My favorite things to do are bringing the boat out on the lake, roller skating, running hurdles in track, and cooking/baking food!



MCKENZIE SCHWICTENBERG

Parents: Brent and Margaret Schwichtenberg

Sponsor: Impact Nutrition

Why are you running for Miss Belle Plaine?

I decided to run for Miss Belle Plaine because it would build my communication skills for college. I also believe it would be a perfect way to meet new people as well as get more involved in the community and help out in anyway I can as my senior year approaches!

Favorite hobbies: Some of my favorite hobbies/activities are playing volleyball, reading, lifting, and working at the pool during the summer!



KAMRYN STIER

Parents: Matt and Kristin Stier

Sponsor: Stier Transportation

Why are you running for Miss Belle Plaine?

I am running for Miss Belle Plaine because I love the small-town feel and I am proud of everything this town represents. Belle Plaine has a real sense of community and supports one another. I also want to have fun with the other amazing girls and current royalty. We are making memories that I will cherish forever. Being chosen to be on the court would be a wonderful opportunity and I would be honored to represent Belle Plaine.

Favorite hobbies: My favorite activities and hobbies include: playing tennis, babysitting, working at Kids Company, camping and traveling with my family, hanging out with friends, and binge-watching Netflix shows.

Queen Coronation: Sunday, July 17 at Belle Plaine High School South Gym
Admission: \$5 or FREE with 2022 BBQ Days Royalty Button

Bar-B-Q Days Medallion clues

Clue #1

riddle me this, three days of bliss, it's Bar-b-que days classic car roll in, things that spin, you will be amazed right up your Alley, check the tally, oh what a riddle

a Stones throw, what do you know? figure out this rarradiddle

the question Is where, poke the bear, information overload put out the welcome mat, bell the cat, the moDe is to decode

water fights by our everyday heros, the ones that sell the floats

and hats off to our belle plaine police deparTment, you are the most

pieces of eight, heaven can wait, get in Shape

the tip of the conE, get off your phone, a way to escape

how do i survive? take a drive, warTs and all

lets talk turkey, do the her-key jerkey, have yourself a ball

limits to test, part of your quest, some call them perks

shanks mare, part of the flAre, one year the works the brotherS shaw, im in awe, a mr. ed show eighties theme festoon, parade at noon, you're in the know

keep it valid, tater salad, mad as a hatter

make your own miracle, wax lyrical, Not so tight, may-be scatter

in the books, it deserves some looks, not for the meek thicken the plot, and if not, ill see you next weeK

Clue #2

beer garden, i beg your pardon, good for gary,

small town Story, oh the glory, no rest for the wary.

aLternative action, gain some traction, fairy-tale ending,

plan your burSt, escape the worst, do some bending.

beck is the name, all is fair game, yes sireE bob,

room to Grow, get into the flow, this could cause a mob.

the heat will scorch, get out

on the porch, zig and zag, time to peak, hide and go Seek and maybe some tag.

theories don't faDe, time to invade, all systems go,

feel the power yet? find an outlet, to and fro.

it's not the eiffel, part of a cycle, high and mighty, be the best, forget the rest, keep it tiDy.

hop on the barge, by And large, kind of a double whammy,

measure your success, do not egress, feeling kind of clammy.

drop in and see me, then we can flee, go see the ty pow,

come out to gound zero, be my hero, I'll be your cash cow.

weather maN says hot, give it a Shot, in this cloud cuckoo-land,

coin a phrase, bar-b-que days, stick to the task at hand.

miss belle plaine, reigNs over her domain, oh What an honor,

leave no doubt, figure this out and I'm a gonner.

Are you ready to run?

Get your tennis shoes out, the Bar-B-Q Days Bull run is just around the corner!

Registration for the 5K is \$20 if paid through Friday, July 8; \$30 starting July 9.

The Bar-B-Q Days Kids Fun Run (\$10 registration) for children ages 12 and younger will start at 7:45 a.m. on Saturday, July 16, with the 5K at 8 a.m.

The races will start at 130 S. Willow

St., Belle Plaine (the former Jr. High School), with an awards ceremony after the 5K.

Awards will be given to the top three 5K finishers, male and female, in the following age groups: 14 and Under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and Older, and the Top Family.

For more information or for the registration form, visit www.belleplainefestivals.org.

Parade registration

The 64th Annual Bar-B-Q Days Parade will be held on Saturday, July 16 beginning at noon.

This year's Bar-B-Q Days Parade theme is "The 80's." Judges will be awarding cash prizes to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place floats with the best 80s flare.

Registration fee is \$35 per parade unit if postmarked by Friday, July 8. After July 8, the fee is \$50 per unit

and you will be placed in the back of the lineup.

Parade registration will take place between 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Borough Bowl, 235 S. Ash St., at the south end of the parking lot. Line-up instructions will be given at that time.

For questions, contact Belle Plaine Festivals and Events office at 952-873-0855 or by email at belleplainefestivals@gmail.com

SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Lakeville man arrested in fatal accident with juvenile bicyclist

A child was killed in a fatal bike-vehicle accident in Cedar Lake Township last Friday.

According to the Scott County Sheriff's Office:

Deputies received a call at approximately 7:14 p.m. Friday, July 1 for an unresponsive

bicyclist who had been struck by a vehicle near Zachary Avenue and 260th Street East (CR-2) in Cedar Lake Township.

Police and fire were dispatched, and upon arrival, located a juvenile who was deceased. Shortly thereafter, deputies were approached by Joseph Benjamin Friedges,

72, of Lakeville, who stated he had struck the victim with his truck. He stated he was driving eastbound on 260th Street East when he left the roadway and later realized he struck the victim. Heavy front end damage was visible on Friedges' 2003 GMC truck.

Deputies detected an odor of

alcohol coming from Friedges and conducted field sobriety tests. Friedges was then placed under arrest, transported to the Scott County Jail, and booked on suspicion of criminal vehicular homicide.

The victim's name and age will be released at a later time by the Hennepin County Med-

ical Examiner's Office.

"Our hearts are broken for a family who lost their child yesterday," said Scott County Sheriff Luke Hennen. "This is a tragic reminder that it is never okay to drink and drive."

The Scott County Sheriff's Office and Minnesota State Patrol are investigating this

incident.

The Scott County Sheriff's Office was assisted in this incident by the Elko New Market Police Department, Elko New Market Fire Department, Minnesota State Patrol, and the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office.

Belle Plaine Police Report

The following are among the calls the Belle Plaine Police Department responded to during the week of June 20-26:

MONDAY, JUNE 20

An officer responded to the 600 block of Main Street West for a fire alarm. The alarm turned out to be a false trip due to humidity in the boiler room, and the alarm was reset.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

An officer responded to Highway 169 and old Highway 169 Boulevard for a complaint of a vehicle swerving. The officer was unable to locate the vehicle.

An officer responded to the 400 block of Main Street E. for a large brown and white dog wandering in the police department parking lot. The dog did not have a collar or tags, and was released to Critter Getters.

An officer responded to Highway 169 and Main Street E. and cited a 36-year-old man from Burnsville for driving af-

ter revocation.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

An officer responded to Highway 169 and Meridian Street S. and cited a 22-year-old female from Sioux Falls, SD for speeding.

An officer responded to the 300 block of Church Street W. for a fire alarm, which turned out to be a false alarm.

An officer responded to the 100 block of Meridian Street S. for a report of two unknown juveniles putting soap in the fountain. The case is currently under investigation.

An officer responded to the 100 block of Chestnut Street S. to provide traffic control for a funeral escort.

An officer responded to Main Street E. and Aspen Lane N. for a two-vehicle crash with injuries. An 87-year-old woman from Belle Plaine was cited for failing to drive with due care and no proof of insurance.

An officer responded to the 400 block of Meridian Street N. and trespassed an 18-year-old male from a residence.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

An officer responded to Orchard Street E. and Hickory Boulevard S. for an animal in distress in the area. The officer located a fox running around, but no injured animal.

An officer responded to County Road 6 for a traffic complaint of a cement truck that ran a biker off the road. The caller reported the cement truck continued into city limits, but the officer was unable to locate.

An officer responded to the 700 block of Shannon Lane for a report of a vehicle that hit a light pole in their front yard. The officer made contact with the driver, an 88-year-old man from Belle Plaine, and cited him for careless driving.

An officer responded to Church Street E. and Elm Street N. for a two-vehicle accident. A 29-year-old male from Eden Prairie was cited for failure to yield to the right-of-way and failure to change address on the driver's license.

An officer responded to

Walnut Street N. and Forest Street E. and cited a 28-year-old man from Watertown for speeding.

While on patrol in the 900 block of Main Street E., an officer observed a party with an active DANCO (Domestic Abuse No Contact Order) was at a residence of the protected party. The officer located the party, a 34-year-old male from Belle Plaine, and arrested him for the DANCO violation.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

An officer responded to the 100 block of Sunset Drive for a scam phone call regarding an Amazon purchase. No personal information was given out, and information was documented.

Officers were dispatched to an open 911 call in the 700 block of O'Brien Parkway. Officers made contact with a juvenile at a residence and determined there was no emergency.

An officer assisted with a child custody dispute in the 200 block of Prairie Street W.

Information was documented.

An officer responded to Willow Street S. and Raven Street W. for a welfare check on an adult male who passed out. The male was assessed by Ridgeview medics and released to a family member.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

An officer responded to Highway 169 and Meridian Street S. and cited a 20-year-old female from Burnsville for speeding.

Officers responded to the 800 block of Main Street E. and assisted with traffic control while 50 tractors that were part of the Sauerkraut Days (Henderson) Tractor Parade traveled through town.

An officer responded to the 800 block of Ash Street S. for a domestic call. Domestic abuse charges are being reviewed by the Scott County Attorney's Office against a 52-year-old male from Belle Plaine.

An officer responded to Main Street E. and Walnut Street N. and cited a 25-year-old man from Aurora, Ill. for

driving without a valid license.

An officer responded to Highway 169 and Park Boulevard and cited a 26-year-old from Blaine for speeding.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Officers responded to a domestic call in the 900 block of Elm Street S. After an investigation, a 38-year-old male from Belle Plaine was arrested for domestic assault, fourth-degree DWI and fleeing a police officer on foot.

An officer responded to the 300 block of Walnut Street S. for a report that an unknown person damaged the front door handle to a residence. No entry was made, and the information was documented.

An officer responded to a single-vehicle accident at South Street E. and Hickory Boulevard S. Insurance information was provided and information documented.

An officer assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a car vs. deer accident at Highway 169 and Meridian Street S.

BASEBALL

Four Tigers honored by Minnesota River Conference

Three Belle Plaine High School Tigers were named to the Minnesota River Conference All-Conference team at the conclusion of the 2022 season, and a fourth received honorable mention.

Jackson Kruger, Ted Hohn and Jake Brandenburg were all named to the MRC All-Conference team.

Kruger, a senior, pitched and played infield for the Tigers. Kruger has been a starter in multiple positions since his freshman year and been a big bat in the lineup. It has been great to see his hard work pay off and lead to such amazing success.

His junior season was one of the most dominant in Belle Plaine history as he was 11-0 with 101 strikeouts and two earned runs in 56 innings. His senior season has been another strong one as he went 3-1 in the MRC with 50 strikeouts in 23 innings.

Kruger was named MRC Pitcher of

the Year in 2021 along with all-section and all-state. He was again named MRC Pitcher of the Year for 2022. He was recently named to Minnesota Coaches All-Star Series and is heading to South Dakota State University next season to continue his baseball career. He is the son of Scott and Lori Kruger.

Hohn, a sophomore, pitched and played first base and outfield. He has been a two-year starter for the Tigers and has played multiple positions depending on where the team needs him. He has played and excelled at first base, the outfield, catcher and become one of the top pitchers on the team.

Hohn was one of the top hitters this season and hit .389 with a .565 on base percentage and seven extra base hits. He is one of the hardest working guys in the program and we are very excited to see how that hard work pays off in his next two seasons. He

is the son of Chris and Molly Hohn.

Brandenburg, a junior, plays catcher for the Tigers. He has been a two-year starter and middle of the order bat for the Tigers. He was one of the top hitters on the team as a sophomore and has stepped up even more as a junior. He has a combined .343 average over the last two years with 16 extra base hits.

Brandenburg has also impacted every game as a catcher and has been dominant throwing out baserunners. His arm has changed games and he has been a leader for a young team defensively. We are very excited to have him back next year for his senior season. He is the son of Jon and Nikki Brandenburg.

OTHER ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

In addition to Kruger, Hohn and Brandenburg, the All-Conference list included:

Jack Behning, Lester Prairie, se-

nior, IF/OF/P; Sam Dennis, Mayer Lutheran, senior, 3B/SS; Logan Feeney, Le Sueur-Henderson, sophomore, Pitcher/1B; Sam Gupton, Le Sueur-Henderson, sophomore, Pitcher/SS; Ben Hoernemann, Norwood-Young America, senior, OF; Chris Johnson, Tri-City United, junior, Pitcher/IF; Jake Kalkes, Norwood-Young America, senior, 1B; Brayden Kohls, Norwood-Young America, junior, OF/Pitcher;

Teague Monroe, Norwood-Young America, junior, Pitcher; Nate Pawelk, Mayer Lutheran, senior, 2B; Nolan Readmond, Tri-City United, junior, SS/Pitcher; Ben Scheffers, Norwood-Young America, freshman, Pitcher; Jake Schmidt, Sibley East, senior, Pitcher/OF; Brody Serbus, Sibley East, senior, SS/Pitcher; and Hunter Stearns, Sibley East, senior, Pitcher/3B.

HONORABLE MENTION

Belle Plaine junior Hunter Hoen

received MRC All-Conference honorable mention. Hoen pitches and plays infield for the Tigers. Joining Hoen on the honorable mention list are:

Alek Hodny, Lester Prairie, sophomore, DH; Max Krautkremer, Tri-City United, sophomore, P/OF; Cayden Luna, Le Sueur-Henderson, junior, OF/P; Hunter Neubarth, Norwood-Young America, junior, SS; Caleb Pautsch, Sibley East, junior, 2B; and Caden Robbins, Mayer Lutheran, senior, P/1B.

Jake Schmidt of Sibley East was named the 2022 MRC Most Valuable Player.

Jackson Kruger of Belle Plaine was named the 2022 MRC Most Valuable Pitcher.

Jon Wroge of Norwood-Young America was named the 2022 MRC Baseball Coach of the Year.

SOFTBALL

Five Tigers recognized by MRC; Chard named MVP

The Minnesota River Conference recognized five Belle Plaine High School softball players on the 2022 MRC All-Conference Softball Team and honorable mention lists.

Sophomores Cameron Chard, Sienna Bemmels and Josie Schmidt, along with junior Ciara Fahey, all received MRC All-Conference recognition.

Chard caught every inning for the Tigers and again led the team at the plate. She hit .538 this year in conference play with eight home runs,

26 RBI and a .591 OBP. Her 1.282 slugging percentage tells a lot about her as a hitter. She struck out only once. She is a very strong catcher as well, allowing only two successful steal attempts with one passed ball in conference play. Chard was also named the 2022 MRC Most Valuable Player.

Fahey hit .500 with three home runs, two triples, a .581 OBP and 13 RBI. Her slugging percentage was also high at .917. At shortstop, Fahey played errorless softball for the Tigers during conference play. As a pitcher she was 5-1 with a 3.03 ERA. She also had 36

strikeouts.

Bemmels (5-1) was the best pitcher for the Tigers this year with a 2.20 ERA, giving up 11 earned runs in 34 innings pitched. She had 47 strikeouts and only walked nine batters. As a hitter, she really improved and hit .433 this year.

Schmidt hit .512 for the Tigers in the lead-off spot during conference play with a .583 OBP. She had three doubles, three triples and scored a team high 25 runs while also stealing eight bases and walking seven times. She had 12 RBI. She played error free ball in the middle infield positions.

OTHER ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

Joining Chard, Bemmels, Schmidt and Fahey on the All-Conference team are:

Chloe Brandt, Le Sueur-Henderson, junior, pitcher/SS; Molly Closser, Tri-City United, senior, 3B/SS/OF; Emma Conser, Norwood-Young America, junior, catcher; Rhyann Fritz, Le Sueur-Henderson, junior, SS/pitcher; Bailey Lehman, Le Sueur-Henderson, freshman, 3B/pitcher; Rylee Noerenberg, Mayer Lutheran, senior, SS/pitcher; Ellaina Novak, Tri-City United, senior, OF/P/1B/2B; Sophie Straub, Sibley

East, senior, SS/pitcher; Jessica Widmer, Sibley East, junior, 3B; Madison Wilbright, Le Sueur-Henderson, junior, catcher; Samantha Wilbright, Le Sueur-Henderson, senior, second base; Kalli Wischnack, Norwood-Young America, senior, centerfield; Carly Wolter, Lester Prairie, junior, SS/pitcher; and Chloe Wulf, Mayer Lutheran, senior, pitcher/1B.

HONORABLE MENTION

Belle Plaine freshman centerfielder Rachel Johnson received MRC All-Conference honorable mention.

Joining her on the list are: Morgan Bednarek, Sibley East,

sophomore, 1B/catcher; Brynn Biedscheid, Le Sueur-Henderson, sophomore, 1B; Cristina Cruz, Tri-City United, eighth grade, catcher/3B; Emma Eckstein, Lester Prairie, sophomore, 1B/OF; Maddison Saulsbury, Mayer Lutheran, senior, centerfield; and Adeline Willems, Norwood-Young America, senior, pitcher/1B.

Chloe Brandt of Le Sueur-Henderson was named the 2022 MRC Most Valuable Pitcher.

Eric Lewis of Le Sueur-Henderson was named the 2022 MRC Softball Coach of the Year.

TOWN BALL

Tigers gear up for weekend of league games

By Brett Kruschke
Contributor

The Belle Plaine Tigers played just once over the past week, a 7-4 setback at Glen-

coe on June 29 to drop their record back below .500 at 9-10 (4-5 RVL).

Otherwise, the boys rested up for a flurry of league action this weekend. The St. Peter Saints will visit on Friday at

7:30 p.m. for Matt Saxe Chevrolet Night. Saturday will see a 2 p.m. stop in St. Clair before heading to Arlington on Sunday for a 6 p.m. battle.

Stay abreast of all things Tigertown at bptigertown.com

— and don't forget the best option of all: a trip to Tiger Park to catch the action in person.

BP 4 @ Glencoe 7 (Wednesday, June 29)

The Tigers hadn't played in Glencoe since a 4-2 first-

round loss to Miltona on August 21, 2011 — nor in Glencoe against the Brewers since a 12-1 win on June 5, 2007. It was high time for a trip to Volmer Field.

BP trailed 3-2 at the midway

point of the game but ended up falling, 7-4. Brody Curtiss was saddled with the loss. As Baron von Raschke — who once wrestled in Belle Plaine — used to say: "And that is all the people need to know!"

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For more information call 507-248-3234.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

JESSENLAND TOWNSHIP FILING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to residents of Jessenland Township that the filing for candidates for the General Election, to be held on November 8, 2022, will open August 2, 2022, at 8:00 a.m., and will close August 16, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

The Offices up for election are: One Supervisor (Seat A) -Three year term - District 1

Clerk-Two year term

Interested residents may file an Affidavit of Candidacy with the Township Clerk and pay the \$2.00 filing fee at the Clerk's residence:

34664 Jessenland Rd., by appointment.

Call: 763-772-8386.
Bonnie Weber
Township Clerk

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HENDERSON TOWNSHIP FILING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given as provided in M.S. 205.13, subd. 2, that a General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the purpose of electing candidates to fill the offices listed below:

Supervisor A - four (4) year term
Clerk - four (4) year term

The filing period opens August 2, 2022, at 8:00 a.m., and will close August 16, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Affidavits of Candidacy must be filed during the above filing period at the office of the Henderson Township Clerk located at 34043 316th St, Le Sueur, MN.

The filing fee for candidacy is \$2.00.

Rita Schultz,
Township Clerk
(507) 381-3038

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COUNTY OF SIBLEY BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 273 and 274, the Sibley County Board of Commissioners, the County Auditor-Treasurer and the County Assessor met in the Commissioner's Room, 2nd floor, of the Courthouse in the City of Gaylord, MN on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of forming a County Board of Appeal and Equalization for reviewing the 2022 real and personal property values as returned by the Local Boards of Appeal and Equalization.

The following Commissioners were present: Joy Cohrs, Bobbie Harder, Peter Koch, Steve Saxton, and Christian Lilienthal. Also present were Laura Hacker, County Assessor; Gina Sievert, Assistant County Assessor; Appraisers Kelly Rose and Sam Kral, and Marilee Peterson, County Auditor-Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order by Marilee Peterson at 6:00 pm. and the flag pledge was stated. Attorney Don Lannoye administered the oath to all members.

The Board proceeded to organize by nominating Christian Lilienthal as Chair. A motion was made by Commissioner Cohrs, seconded by Commissioner Harder and carried for nominations to cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Christian Lilienthal as Chair of the County Board of Appeal and Equalization. Steve Saxton was nominated as Vice-Chair. A motion was made by Commissioner Koch, seconded by Commissioner Harder and carried for nominations to cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Steve Saxton as Vice-Chair of the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

A motion was made by Commissioner Harder to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

Laura Hacker shared the statutory purpose for the meeting. She also presented to the Board Section I of the County Assessor's 2022 Assessment of Sibley County Report.

Henderson City property owner, Randy Tiegs, presented an appeal to the Board for parcel number 35.0164.000. The value was set at \$278,300 which was

a 25.07% market value increase compared to the previous year. He requested that he only have a 20% increase due to the fact that the Henderson Local Board of Appeal and Equalization had decreased all of the appellant's property to a maximum of a 20% increase. Mr. Tiegs was not able to appeal at the meeting as he was the only trained member at the Local Board meeting. Commissioner Harder moved to approve a 5.07% market value decrease. The motion was seconded by Koch. The vote was 3 for the motion and 3 against the motion, leaving a tie. Per Robert's Rule of Order, the motion is lost. Additional discussion was held.

Arlington City property owners Jeff and Susan Pinsky presented an appeal to the Board for parcel number 31.0503.000. Their current value is set at \$495,600, making it one of the highest valued homes in the City of Arlington.

After extensive discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Lilienthal, seconded by Auditor-Treasurer Peterson, to reduce the value to \$482,000. The motion passed 5 to 1 with Harder having the descending vote.

City of New Auburn property owner, Elizabeth Frahm, presented an appeal to the Board for parcel number 36.0197.000 that has a proposed market value of \$342,500, compared to \$214,600 last year. Her request was for the market value to be lowered to \$300,400. After extensive discussion, a motion was made by Auditor-Treasurer Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Harder and carried to reduce the value to \$312,700.

An appeal was presented to the Board by Kevin Stark of Grafton Township for parcels 14.2008.000 and 14.3301.000. His concern was that his parcels had an average increase in market value of 28%. The assessor's office converted from "Crop Equivalency Rating" to "Crop Productivity Index" over the last year. This explains the additional increase in the land values. A motion was made by Commissioner Koch, seconded by Commissioner Saxton, to deny the request. The motion passed.

Leighton Rose presented an appeal to the Board for parcel number 32.0868.000. His concern is that the value is too high as the house has had severe damage over the last several years. He purchased the property last Thursday

for \$50,000 but it has an estimated market value of \$170,300. A motion was made by Commissioner Harder, seconded by Commissioner Saxton and carried to reduce the value to \$50,000. The motion passed.

Attorney Don Lannoye noted that a final motion was not made on parcel 35.0164.000. He recommended that the board make and pass a motion either way as to if the property will see an estimated market value reduction or not. Auditor-Treasurer Peterson moved for no change to the estimated market value. Commissioner Lilienthal seconded the motion and it passed, four to two, with Harder and Koch having the descending votes.

Being no other land owners were present to appeal and no other appeals were scheduled, Laura Hacker proceeded to present to the Board Sections II, and III of the County Assessor's 2022 Assessment of Sibley County Report. A motion was made by Commissioner Harder and seconded by Commissioner Cohrs to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Motion carried.

Attest:
John Gliszinski
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 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 then secured by the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the

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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 re-deemed 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.

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Dated: June 27, 2022

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LE SUEUR CITY COUNCIL

Cost of water, school referendum top council agenda

By Beth Cornish
Independent staff

Bill Moscovich, a Le Sueur resident since 1969 on Park Lane, part of so-called Green Acres, had questions for the Le Sueur City Council about the current pricing for water on Monday, June 27. He recommended the city consider a moratorium on the sewer charge for the months of June, July and August to alleviate the portion of the water cost for storm sewer so that people can water their lawns without breaking the bank.

Mayor Shawn Kirby reminded Moscovich that the city offers a separate meter for this very reason and recommends putting in a separate meter so that the outdoor meter is separate. The resident explained why he doesn't think that would work for him and he was directed to contact the water department and/or a plumber to further examine his options.

The city does continue to offer a secondary meter for homeowner purchase specifically for outdoor watering. There is a monthly fee to cover meter reading and administration for those meters even

during the months where the resident may not be watering outdoors. Citizens with these types of concerns are urged to contact the water department to check into the process.

City Administrator Joe Roby shared with the council that a number of residents have asked the city about a "blanket" hanging off the new water tower behind the fire station. The construction crew is currently sandblasting the welds on the tower to allow for painting, which is one of the final steps in the installation. The blanket is in place in an attempt to reduce the amount of debris introduced into the atmosphere.

PERSONNEL ISSUES

The council voted to hire Ryan Graff for the position of Finance Director with annual compensation of \$108,000 with 40 Hours Paid Time Off Credit. It is anticipated that Graff will start around July 11.

Staff discussed the possibility of continuing a long-term outsource with a company for finance operations, but decided that it best serves the city to have a full-time finance director on staff and in place in person in the city.

Lead Senior Skilled Electric Lineperson Jeff Arndt has pre-

sented his letter of resignation effective Nov. 30, 2022 to the city. Arndt has served the City of Le Sueur in the Electric Department for more than 38 years. He has brought stability, knowledge, and a strong sense of pride in his work, and the council expressed their appreciation to Arndt for his years of public service. The council formally approved his resignation.

As part of the consent agenda, the hiring of Electric Lineperson Jacob Lomen, part-time Police Officer Luciano Estrada and Public Services Seasonal Laborer Peter Turek were approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Scott Schleuter toured the Park Elementary building last week as a follow up to the school board's presentation to the Le Sueur City Council on June 21. He agrees that the cost to bring the old building up to current standards would exceed replacement cost and the old building in a detriment to trying to bring families with grade K-5 students to Le Sueur.

He then asked, "How does a positive outcome of the school

referendum affect our comprehensive plan, economic development and infrastructure development and how does a negative outcome effect the city?"

Roby replied that as he expressed during the joint meeting, the critical nature of the success of LS-H schools is of a definite benefit to the city as a whole, and failure of the referendum would certainly have negative long-term consequences. Roby explained that he would like time to better prepare a response to this question and present his thoughts at the July 11 meeting.

WASTEWATER 10-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

City staff has gathered a list of the items (components) of the wastewater collection and treatment systems that is more than 400 items in length, based on planned life expectancy of each item. This method provides a baseline to guide the wastewater enterprise fund for the future to allow financial stability over the next 10-15 years.

This list is being provided at this time purely for an informational update for the city council.

All these lists are based on the current operations. The list includes a three percent inflation per year. If the operating model is changed then other capital outlays will be needed.

Each item is listed by location, item, model/size, details, category (which can include electrical, process, instrumentation/controls, mechanical, etc.), quantity, year of acquisition cost in 2020 (the year the list was originally built), and years of use. With this information, the estimated replacement year and dollars needed for replacement by using the annual inflation value without spending staff time updating pricing every year.

The locations are: Building A is the Wastewater Treatment Facility operations building, Building B is the biosolids process building located at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, and Building C is where the wastewater enters the facility to be screened, then to grit removal, pumped to the aeration basins, then to the clarifiers, and finally to disinfection and discharge to the river. The

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LEGION BASEBALL

Tough weekend tournament for Legion team

By Beth Cornish
Independent staff

Coming off a win on both ends of a doubleheader against Cleveland, the Giants lost three in a row.

CLOSE GAME IN NEW ULM

On Thursday, June 30, the Giants faced New Ulm Public and fell 6-5. Logan Feeney pitched all six innings including 63 strikes and 39 balls, facing 31 batters, allowing three walks against three strikeouts, nine hits and six runs, four of them earned.

It was a slow start for both teams with each one limited to just one hit in the first inning and no offense for either side in the second. Logan Fahey came in to pinch hit in the lead-off spot in the top of the third and belted the ball to right center for a base hit. He then stole second right before Feeney hit a single that advanced him to third. Ben Miller reached on an error to load the bases and Nathan Gregersen hit the third single of the inning to score Fahey.

Feeney was the victim of a force out, then Cayden Luna reached on an error to load the bases. Ethan Hathaway hit into a fielder's choice that erased Luna but scored Gregersen and Miller to put the Giants on the board with a 3-0 lead.

After a scoreless bottom of the third and top of the fourth,

New Ulm strung together four singles and a sacrifice fly to tie it up at three. In the top of the fifth Miller hit a single, stole second, moved to third on an error and scored on another error that put Gregersen on first. Gregersen then stole two bases and scored on an error during Hathaway's at bat to allow the Giants to regain the lead at 5-3.

New Ulm responded in the bottom of the fifth with two singles and a double, which ended up scoring three as there were two errors in the inning, thus two unearned and one earned run that inning, to bring the score to 6-5, which became the final as the Giants were unable to score in the sixth or seventh innings.

TOUGH LOSS ON SECOND DAY OF TOURNAMENT

To start July, the Giants faced the Eastview Lightning on Friday in New Ulm for a 12-5 loss.

Luna was the starting pitcher for the Giants and he had a tough start ceding three singles, three walks, a wild pitch and a hit batter to give the Lightning five runs on three hits in the first inning. His second inning was better but back-to-back walks and a single scored one more.

Peyton Tellijohn took the mound for the Giants to begin the fourth and after a quick fly out he hit a batter then walked the next before both runners

advanced on a wild pitch then scored on a single to bring their total to nine.

The Giants finally got their offense started in the fifth when Gavin Schwarz drew a two out walk before walks to both Feeney and Gregersen loaded the bases and drove the starting pitcher to the dugout. The relief pitcher gave up another walk and three singles in a row to score five for the Giants, closing the gap to 9-5. Sadly that was it for the boys in blue as they managed only one single in each of the last two innings while the Lightning padded their lead with three more runs in the sixth.

THIRD LOSS IN A ROW

To cap off the tournament on Saturday, July 2, the Giants faced Elk River at Searles Park in New Ulm for a devastating 17 to 6 loss.

The Giants did manage to get 14 hits but they were spread so far apart that they got one run in the first, three in the fourth and two in the sixth for their total of six runs.

Elk River put up one run in the first, five in the second, three in the third, two in the fifth and capped off the win with six runs in the sixth inning. The Giants out-hit Elk River 14 to nine, but the three Le Sueur-Henderson pitchers combined for 11 walks, three hit batters and six wild pitches, which combined with four fielding errors to give their opponents six unearned runs.



PHOTO BY RACHEL MILLER

Cayden Luna took the starting pitch rotation against the Eastview Lightning last Friday.

Next up is a weekend tournament in Mankato from July 8-10 where they are set to face Brandon Valley, SD, Bennington, NE, Minneapolis SW, Shakopee and Mankato East before finishing the regular schedule at Sleepy Eye on Tuesday, July 12.

ARLINGTON RACEWAY

Cory Probst continues winning ways

Cory Probst continued his streak of victory lane speeches in the IMCA Hobby feature at Arlington Raceway on Saturday, July 2.

Jed Trebelhorn was the early leader in the flag-to-flag race, but by the sixth time around Probst was in command and went onto win, but Trebelhorn finished second with Jordan Robinson following him to the line.

The IMCA Sport Compact feature saw Stephanie Coopman take the lead on the first lap from her second row start. A yellow was thrown on lap four when Broc Braunworth had troubles, sending him to the pit. On the restart, Alan Lahr jumped to the lead as Stephanie and husband Nate battled each other for second place. Finally after three laps, Nate got ahead and was working on Lahr, but ran out of laps and settled for second ahead of Justin Dose. Stephanie finished fourth.

The Outlaw feature also went flag-to-flag with a couple of different leaders. The first was Logan Wagenius but once again by the second lap Karl Hewitt was in first place. Both Rod Manthey and Dakota Robinson worked to gain on Hewitt, but lapped traffic got in the way and Hewitt once again found himself in victory lane. Robinson took second with Manthey in third.

A first lap crash in turn two of the IMCA Sport Modified feature put the cars of Ben Doescher, Brandon Karnick and JJ Reimers in the pit for the remainder of the race as they were unable to continue. When the race restarted, John Albrecht led the event for three laps, but two laps later he caused a yellow flag which moved him to the rear of the field. Eric Larson was then the leader of the race as Jeff Carter tried to hold off Matt Looft from advancing positions, but halfway through the race, Looft took over and held on to take the win. Larson took second and Carter held on for third ahead of John Rebstock.

The IMCA Sprint car feature also went flag-to-flag. Brett Allen had his car hooked up and moving and had a great lead until lap nine when his front wing fell down and he went around in turn two. He was able to keep moving but lost several positions. That gave the lead to Justin Allen, who had started just ahead of Brett. Justin led for two laps until Bill Johnson moved up and got around Allen to take the lead and win. Justin held on for second place ahead of Brandon Buysee.

Brad Lange and Brent Uecker took turns leading the IMCA Stock feature. By lap three, Brad Lange was clearly the leader but then a yellow came out for Mark Zimmerman while son AJ was racing hard and challenging Lange for the lead. A few laps later Curt Lund, who had started seventh, was in the mix of the three and got ahead of Lange to take the lead. Lange stuck with him but on lap 12 Matt Speckman was also vying for the lead along with Chad Schroeder. Schroeder was working hard to chase Lund down but in the end, Lund took the win with Schroeder taking second ahead of Speckman.

The IMCA Modified saw Clint Hatlestad lead the entire flag-to-flag race to win ahead of Chad Porter and Trent Loverude.

Henderson's Weatherman

By Jerry Gilman



Heat dome hangs over the region

REGIONAL WEATHER HISTORY

July 7, 1955: A tornado hits Marshall, leaving one dead and 13 injured. Hail causes \$1 million in damage.

July 8, 2002: A three-day deluge ends in central Minnesota with 10 inches in northern Kanabec County and 9.5 inches in southwest Aitkin County.

July 9, 1932: A tornado touches down near Springfield and moves into St. James, causing \$500,000 in damage.

July 10, 2002: Intense rainfall causes extensive street flooding in St. Cloud; 2.70 inches of rain falls in 1 hour and 45 minutes at St. Cloud State University. People were stranded in their cars and had to be rescued by the fire department.

July 11, 1903: The temperature plummets down to 26 at Leech Lake Dam.

July 12, 1863: Unseasonably cool temperatures are felt across the state. Frost is reported in the Twin Cities area.

July 13, 1933: An intense heat wave affects Grand Marais with a high of 90, extremely rare for that location.

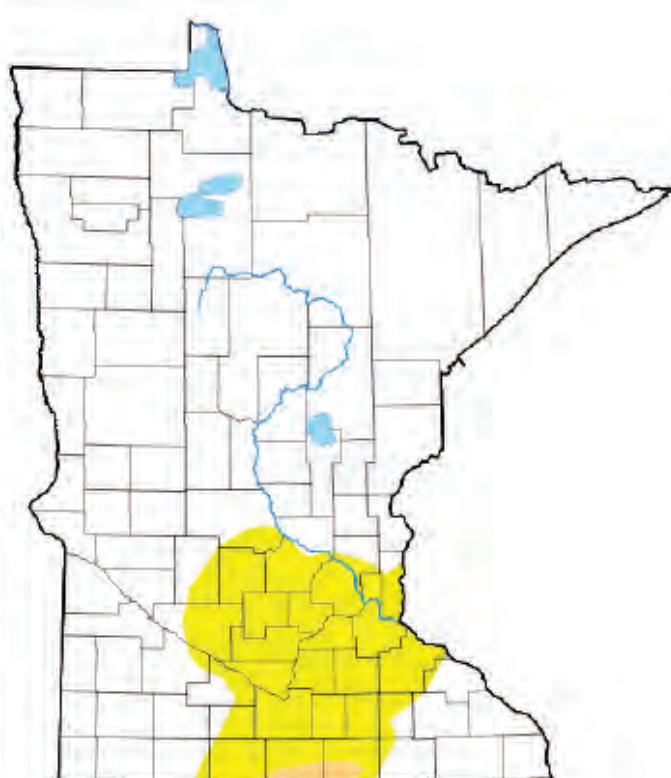
Most of Minnesota would exceed 100 degrees on this date.

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK

This period brings mostly 80's for temperatures and more chances for rain as the heat dome remains over the region.

Week 1: Thursday starts off with a stationary front southwest of the state. This will provide chances for showers and thunderstorms. Most of

WEATHER TERMINOLOGY: July 5 Current Drought Map



the action looks to stay south of the region.

Friday will bring more of the same with chances for showers and thunderstorms with highs in the 80's.

Saturday, a strengthening low pressure looks to race across the Dakotas. This will provide the region much better chances for showers and thunderstorms especially as we head into evening.

Sunday, the low moves into the state, bringing with it more chances for showers and thunderstorms mainly in the morning hours. This period looks like our best chances for a decent amount of rain.

Monday looks mostly dry as the low pressure tracks into Canada north of Lake Superior. Look for the winds to switch to more of a northwesterly direction. We could see some isolated showers and thunderstorms, but more importantly the heat dome looks to get shoved south of the state.

Tuesday and Wednesday look to be mostly dry as the low moves east. There may be some pop-up showers.

Week 2: The long range is showing the pattern holding firm with the region in and out of the heat dome.

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LEGION BASEBALL

Le Sueur-Henderson Legion smothers Cleveland

By Brady Boie
Independent Intern

The Le Sueur-Henderson Giants Legion team posted a dominant performance against Cleveland on Tuesday, June 28. The Legion team trounced Cleveland 17-1 and employed the mercy rule after just five innings.

From the get-go, it was apparent that LS-H had Cleveland outmatched; the Giants scored five runs in the first inning of play. The hitting streak started with a solid single from

shortstop Peyton Telljohn. Teammate Nathan Gregersen socked a double to right-center that scored Telljohn, and the floodgates had officially opened for a scoring deluge. After a barrage of singles, doubles, and advancements to first via walks, the score read 5-0 at the end of the first half-inning. Head Coach Lon Berberich was impressed with his team's ability to attack early and often at the plate.

"We were taking good pitches... Cleveland's pitchers walked five guys and hit three more, so we did not have

a whole lot that we needed to do," Berberich said.

Unfortunately for Cleveland, things did not get better when they were finally able to retire the Giants. Cleveland was only able to advance one runner to first base, and Legion pitcher Gregersen was able to retire the Cleveland offense after just four batters.

"Gregersen pitched a couple of innings and he did okay for us," Berberich said.

The Giants offense picked up right where they left off at the top of the second inning. Highlighted by consistent hit-

ting and waiting for the right pitches, the Giants were able to put four more runs on the scoreboard and stretch their lead to nine.

"We could certainly have been better. They are 1-18 and we are 2-18," Berberich said.

Despite leading by nine runs, the Giants did not become complacent. The defense held strong and only faced four batters before reaching three outs. Coach Berberich was pleased with the defensive focus and intensity of the Giants even while they held a huge lead.

The third inning is where things appeared to slow down. The Cleveland defense locked down and gave the Giants a taste of their own medicine, as Cleveland's ace retired the top part of the team's batting order while only facing four batters. Unfortunately for Cleveland, that is about where the positives ended. Cleveland was unable to capitalize on their defensive adjustments, and Gregersen mowed down three consecutive batters.

Inspired by the great pitching performance, the Giants opened the fourth inning

firing, as they scored runners early and often. When the Cleveland ace finally retired a third LS-H batter, the Giants had scored nine times and put the game out of reach for good. Cleveland was able to score one run in response, but it was far too little, far too late as the Giants ran away with the game with a winning score of 17-1.

They hope to build on this performance and learn from the keys to the success found in this matchup.

By Art & Barb Straub
Nature Corner Correspondents

Watch out for things that go 'bump' in the night



PHOTO BY BARB/ART STRAUB

Kit raccoon was as surprised as the photographer as they came face-to-face in the darkness.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Photographer remains anonymous as fawns are born and white-tail stags develop new appendages.



PHOTO BY KAREN SWENSON

An unkempt juvenile Baltimore oriole enjoys its first taste of mulberry fruits.

We would be at a loss without our trail cameras. Yes, they are very popular before and during hunting season, yet ours remain in place at all hours, 12 months of the year. Oh, the discoveries we've made of secrets of bird, man and beast.

At times, we've learned more about nature up-close than by reading books. For instance: Birdfood has been disappearing from our woodland feeding stations at an astonishing high rate of late. During the winter and spring, a single raccoon and a beady-eyed opossum appeared at our bird banquets as they gleaned leftovers scattered on the ground.

Yet, during the last few weeks, parched earth under the

feeders appeared as if swept with a fine broom.

Then, in late June, the trail cameras indicated possible culprits; a sow raccoon and five coonlets or kits...tiny cute wee little furballs. Each evening we've traveled to the hills to set a smoke smudge. This incense drifts across our hopelessly arid garden to deter some of the many deer looking for tasty munchies.

Pre-Fourth of July Sunday, while in the deep woodland, (accompanied by Swanee, faithful silver auto) we decided to check our bird feeders. Imagine, driving around a dark corner in the dank forest we came upon more than a dozen and a half burly critters consuming fallen black-oil sunflower seeds! Yes, the hungry thieves quickly scattered

into neighboring trees on the double, while we unwelcome visitors snapped photo after photo. However, as soon as Swanee's lights were turned off, down the trees the assemblage flooded. Brave, brazen, and very unfriendly were the small creatures, shoving one another aside, growling, nipping at each other as they fed.

Our faithful courageous photographer was able to approach the snarling mob to within three feet when said herd discovered the human visitor, and with a final barrage of growls and threats, vanished into the spooky woods. One especially witless mammal posed for a final close-up photo. As the remainder disappeared into the darkness, we heard a final

growl, "We'll be back, Jack!"

One wonders... We have experienced a very dry period thus far this spring/summer. Although other parts of the state are swimming in heavy precipitation, as of July 3, it's as though the rain gods have forgotten us. Depending upon where you live, you may be carrying water just to keep plants alive.

Foods that the raccoons and opossums normally consume seem to be missing. When was the last time you observed a frog, snake or toad? Where are the grasshoppers and crickets? Are mosquitoes as prevalent as former years? Has the balance of nature changed? Is the reason for lack of natural food a reason for nightly road-kills

of aforementioned beasts on the rise, or are there just more four-footed hungry animals about? Thoughts from Indy readers are appreciated.

Many devoted trumpeter swan designated observers raised the alarm late June that the cygnets on Coachlight Pond had dropped from seven to five. What accounted for the disappearance of two of the beloved avians? Breathing was restored after three or four days, when, healthy and

larger than their nestmates, the two reappeared! Next, Sylvan, the male, (cob) went missing. Was he off philandering in the adjacent former sewage treatment waters? Was Sylvia the 'pen' left to raise seven swans a-swimming? A huge sigh of relief swept the area when Sylvan reappeared. Observing the precious birds takes one's mind off the myriad important problems/challenges folks are experiencing these days. DO keep up the good work!

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