

COVID declines

The state saw another big drop, as cases hit a seven month low. P. 5



Luck o' the Irish

Cold temps could not stop Belle Plaine's Irish clans from celebrating their heritage on Saturday. P. 7



Giants Basketball

The Giants were leading early, but wound up falling to Belle Plaine in the Section 2AA Quarterfinals. P. 12



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Roman Barten Memorial Breakfast benefits Henderson's Emma Burns family



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Emma Burns, 3, at right, was just 5 months old when she began having seizures. A subsequent MRI and eye exam confirmed she had Aicardi Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder that causes her to have up to 100 seizures a day. Emma is believed to be one of just 4,000 people worldwide with the condition. Emma is pictured above with mom Carissa, father David and little sister Ellie. The Roman Barten Memorial Breakfast will be donating its proceeds to the Burns family to help with treatment. The breakfast will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 411 4th Ave. SW, New Prague, this Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

By Rachel Miller
Editor

Every year for the past 14 years, the Barten family of New Prague has hosted the Roman Barten Memorial Breakfast as a way of remembering their husband,

father and grandfather, while also providing much needed assistance to an area family with a child in need.

The Bartens selected Emma Burns of rural Henderson as this year's beneficiary. The breakfast will be held this Sunday, March 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the New Prague

Knights of Columbus Hall, 411 4th Ave. SW, New Prague. Free will donations are being accepted, and every dime will go to the Burns family for Emma's care.

Emma, 3 years old, was diagnosed with Aicardi Syndrome, an extremely rare genetic disorder, when she was

just 5 months old. Researchers estimate there are just 4,000 cases worldwide. The disease almost exclusively affects females and is characterized by three main features:

- The nerve tissue that allows the right and left sides of the brain to communicate does not completely or correctly form;
- Seizures beginning in infancy that may become hard to control; and
- Defects or holes in the light sensitive tissue at the back of the eye.

Emma began having seizures when she was 5 months old, and an MRI and eye exam confirmed the rare diagnosis.

The past two-and-a-half years have been a learning process for parents Carissa and David Burns. Prior to Emma's diagnosis, they did not know anything about seizures; now they have become advocates as they want to make sure people are "seizure smart" for their daughter. When Emma does have seizures, they happen in clusters, and she can experience up to 100 a day.

There are a number of misconceptions surrounding seizures. Contrary to what you may have heard in the past, a person having a seizure will not swallow their tongue.

You should never attempt to put something in a person's mouth while they are having a seizure, and never attempt to restrain someone; doing either could result in injury to the person. What you should do is gently roll

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Election 2022

Harder announces House 17B run

Sibley County Commissioner Bobbie Harder last week announced her intention to run for the Minnesota House of Representatives District 17B seat.

Due to redistricting, Henderson will be part of the 17B district as of Jan. 1, 2023, and current 18B Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen is running for the Senate 17 seat this year.

Harder has served as the Sibley County District 1 Commissioner for the past eight years, and she touts her most notable accomplishment as addressing flooding on the eastern side of Sibley County.

Agriculture runs deep with the Harder family. Bobbie, along with her husband, Neal,



Bobbie Harder

have a farming operation of corn and soybeans.

Harder holds a Bachelor of Science in sociology, psychology and criminal justice from South Dakota State University (Brookings, SD). She continued

her education at Northern State University (Aberdeen, SD) in the areas of business, accounting, and education.

"I look forward to meeting residents of the district. It is important to listen to concerns residents have and how they can be addressed at the legislature," Harder said.

Harder joins Kayla Pascoe of Carver on the list of individuals who are seeking the House seat.

Josh Wilson hired as Independent intern

The Henderson Independent is pleased to welcome Josh Wilson as an intern for the next three months.

Wilson will primarily be assisting with the Independent's expansion with the Belle Plaine Bulletin and providing coverage of the Belle Plaine City Council and Belle Plaine School Board meetings.

Wilson grew up in Farmington and is a senior at Gustavus Adolphus College, where he is double majoring in Com-



Josh Wilson

munication Studies and Latin American Studies.

Wilson has a passion for writing, videography, photography, graphic design and all forms of digital media, and dreams of becoming a television

reporter. He also loves running, discovering new coffee shops, traveling across the world and being outdoors.

"I'm elated to write for the Henderson Independent and further help with the expansion of the Belle Plaine Bulletin," Wilson said.

Arn Kind shares Vietnam War struggles

By Beth Cornish
Independent staff

Whether you are a veteran, grew up watching the war on TV or have only heard of it in history class, the Vietnam War was a fascinating topic for Arn Kind's presentation on Monday, March 14 at the Henderson Library. The presentation kicked off with music from the 1960's playing, such as Jimi Hendrix and the Doors, while images of the war and what was happening at home flashed on the screen.

The amount of material Kind gathered after being asked to put together something on Vietnam could fill a 5-8 hour

presentation, but he trimmed it to under three hours for the Henderson crowd of 25-30.

All of the weapons and ammunition he demonstrated were not-firing replicas. The first half of the evening revolved around the political reasoning behind the United States' involvement in the war, extending back to the French claim on part of Indochina starting right after World War II. France took over Vietnam in the 1800's, along with neighbors Laos and Cambodia, in order to reap the region's rich resources of rice and rubber. This area became known as French Indochina.

Many of the Vietnamese farmers became disgruntled as they grew poorer and the French grew richer from the bounty of

their lands. Japan occupied the area during World War II, but were driven out at the end of the war and France planned to return. The people of French Indochina were willing to fight and die to gain independence from France. A group arose called the Viet Minh, led by Ho Chi Minh and other nationalists. They were determined to drive out the French and keep the power and wealth for the local people and to become a self-governing country.

As neither side wanted to go to war, an agreement was drafted to give the local people more power and to gradually reduce French military forces from the area, but by December 1946 it was evident that the French had no intention of

keeping their promises. Full scale warfare broke out and President Harry Truman decided to give financial support to France, and at one time the U.S. was contributing more money to the conflict than the French were.

Why did we object to helping the Vietnamese to gain their independence, as America did in the 1700's and the French people did to break from royal rule?

For one thing, France was our ally from WWII, but more importantly, the U.S. Government was very involved in the Cold War at this time. USSR and China had both given considerable assistance to Ho Chi Minh and his followers, and U.S. officials feared that if

Vietnam fell to the Communists it would start a domino effect, and all of southeast Asia would fall under communist rule.

Under the new People's Republic of China, founder and chairman Mao Zedong met with Ho Chi Minh and helped him develop new tactics and provided military training to the revolutionaries.

The revolutionaries began using Mao's guerilla tactics. The so-called Ho Chi Minh Trail ran along the western border of Vietnam and allowed the constant infiltration of troops from the north into South Vietnam. Although U.S. forces carpet bombed the area and numerous key targets in North Vietnam, it never slowed the movement of troops for very long. One of the

reasons proposed for the failure of standard bombing tactics was that the jungle foliage was so thick, the bombers couldn't see what they were targeting. Under that premise, the U.S. military procured more than 20 million gallons of Agent Orange, a defoliant, and sprayed the entire country many, many times. In reality, the greatest

VIETNAM
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FROM OUR FILES



From the March 21, 2002 edition of the *Henderson Independent*: Without working windmill designs available on the Internet, her chief research tool, Kristin Laue and her grandfather "put their heads together and came up with a design." She has since built and tested her windmill and it will be making its public debut at the MNCS senior presentation night on March 21. (Compiled by Beth Cornish)

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130 YEARS AGO MARCH 18, 1892

The number of votes polled at the Henderson town election March 8th was 133.

The proposition to place cornerstones on the section-corners throughout the county, which was voted on at the township elections, was defeated, most of the townships being opposed to it.

From the *Norwood Times*: Ten families of Russians were imported into this vicinity and unlade at Norwood, on Friday last. They were sent for by some of our farmers, who will give them employment on their farms. Some say this is contract labor, but the fact is you cannot rely on the average American as a farm hand, and something must be done.

From the *Browns Valley Footprints*: Captain J. S. Allanson of Henderson has been

engaged by Morris, Chowen & Robinson as surveyor and arrived Monday evening. Mr. Allanson is a surveyor of long experience and has the advantage of being well acquainted with the reservation. He has made numerous visits to this place and platted the original town site of Browns Valley. About 9:00 a.m. Thursday someone discovered fire on the roof of the house of Johann Schlaegl, not far from the Catholic Church. Father Jansen, who was about to begin High Mass, immediately gave an alarm by the church bell, which was taken up by the fire laddies with great alacrity. When the fire apparatus had been pulled up to the Poehler's corner, notice was received that the fire had been quenched. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is thought

Vintage Photo Identification

Ostrom Studio of Winthrop took many family and wedding photos in the Sibley County area in the early 1900s. If you know the people pictured here, please call the Sibley County Historical Society at 507-248-3434 on a Tuesday, email schs1@frontiernet.net, or mail information to 700 Main Street, Henderson, MN 56044. Please use this code:

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that it originated by sparking falling on the roof from the chimney.

120 YEARS AGO MARCH 21, 1902

"Nevada, or the Lost Mine," presented by the Henderson Dramatic Club at the opera house hall Monday evening was witnessed by a large and enthusiastic audience. The play as a whole was well rendered, the different characters being well assumed by the members of the club. The musical numbers rendered between the acts were also well received and the members of the club were entertained at the home of J. W. Groetsch.

The local band tendered Rev. Father Jansen a serenade Wednesday evening. It was the reverend gentleman's first visit to Henderson since his departure to take charge of a parish at Loretta some three years ago, and coupling this with the fact that he acted in the capacity of chaplain to the organization for a number of years prior to his leave-taking, the band boys wished to show their appreciation in the good old way.

100 YEARS AGO MARCH 17, 1922

Local agent for the Paige automobiles H. H. Lindorff last week sold a 1922 6-66 Paige sedan to B. Maurer of this city, the first one sold in this section of the state. It is without question one of the most beautiful cars manufactured in this country. This car costs \$3,390.

Mrs. Gault, democratic candidate for congress in this district, is making an active campaign, judging from the tone of many of our exchanges. She will need lots of help, eventually, to cut down Charlie Davis' 8,000 plurality assurance.

70 YEARS AGO MARCH 14, 1952

William Mesker from Henderson was named to the All-Star basketball team of District 13 as announced at the district finals last Friday evening. He was one of ten boys selected by the coaches in the district. "Buzz" was selected for his spirit and aggressiveness, his shooting ability, fine rebounding and ball handling.

60 YEARS AGO MARCH 15, 1962

An estimated eight to 10 inches of heavy wet snow fell here between Saturday and Monday, accompanied at times by high winds that resulted in drifting snow that made road conditions very treacherous. Sibley County Engineer George Anderson stated that the county snow removal this winter might mean a cutback on general construction work this summer. The Sibley County Highway Department is responsible or snow removal of 380 miles of county roads and

600 miles of township roads.

Judge Kenneth Bull fined Roger Bristol of Coon Rapids \$100, and four other men, Eugene Pauly, Gerald Jacobson, Kenneth Ess and Robert Ess, all of Carver, \$75 apiece after they were found guilty of fighting and brawling during the municipal court session last Wednesday. The Carver men were also ordered to pay a \$106.80 bill of damages for a new plate glass door and Bristol was to pay \$23 for damages to the telephone in the local Municipal Liquor Store. The men were given until March 12 to pay their fines in lieu of a 30-day stay in the county jail at Gaylord.

50 YEARS AGO MARCH 16, 1972

The first in a series of activities at the Vocational Center headquartered in Arlington just got underway. Two students from Henderson High School, Kevin Rau and Ronnie Almquist, were involved in replacing an engine head after a valve job.

The Henderson Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses has enjoyed an increase of local ministers in addition to a growing attendance at the Kingdom Hall meetings and this has necessitated plans for the construction of a new Kingdom Hall building. The congregation has been meeting in the Henderson Community Building for about 20 years.

40 YEARS AGO MARCH 18, 1982

On March 13, Lester Prairie defeated Henderson 45-38 in the Region 4A finals to advance to State Tournament play. It was a hard-fought game with the score tied at 12 at the end of the first quarter, 20-18 in favor of LP at half. Henderson was down 39-34 but got a couple of steals to pull to a 39-38 lead with 32 seconds left. Unfortunately, Kay Konerza was fouled and went on to make six of eight free throws down the stretch for the win. Carolyn Kroehler grabbed off 14 rebounds, Cheryl Walters had eight and Debbie Brenke added seven. Barb Bigaouette and La Donna Patterson performed well from the reserve roles. The girls Tigers ended the season with a record breaking 20 wins and 3 losses.

Michael Eiden, 20-year-old milk truck driver from Kilkenny, escaped serious injuries on Friday afternoon when the bulk milk truck he was driving apparently hit a soft shoulder and rolled over. The accident happened on Henderson Township Road 122 near the Harvey Lieske farm driveway, about three miles southwest of Henderson. According to the Sibley County Sheriff's Office, the 1980 Ford Diesel 9000

truck, belonging to G & K Control Milk Haulers of New Prague, the vehicle was a total loss. Following the rollover, the loaded bulk tank was torn from the truck's chassis and it landed in the middle of the road, blocking traffic for several hours. The chassis landed in the north ditch.

Write-in votes at the Jessenland Township election on Tuesday, March 9 unseated incumbents Supervisor Frank Glisczynski and Clerk Maynard Rucks. Elected to the three-year supervisor post was Pat Anderly (by three votes), and Dennis Spellman (by one vote) will assume the clerk's position for the next two years.

30 YEARS AGO MARCH 19, 1992

The Le Sueur-Henderson Boys Basketball team closed out its Minnesota River Conference action with a 12-2 record. They were eliminated from Sub-section 4, Section 2A playoffs after they lost to Jordan 72-65 on March 12. Center Jason Borchardt paced the Giants with 19 points, followed by Eric Anderson, John Powers and Mitch Muehlhausen with 13, 12 and 10 points respectively.

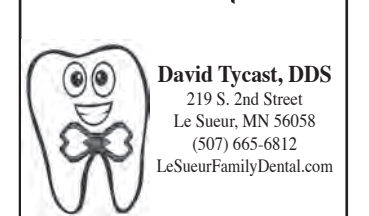
20 YEARS AGO MARCH 21, 2002

A late winter snow dumped about six inches of heavy, wet snow on Henderson, causing schools to close early on Thursday. Some students at Minnesota New Country School spent the night at the school, unable to make it home due to the weather.

10 YEARS AGO MARCH 14, 2012

This past Monday, the Indy experienced an unusual phenomenon when people ran into the office saying "Grab your camera, you've got to see this," providing a nature tip for the paper. Over 120 eagles were counted on the sewer ponds behind Bucks Lake over the weekend. Beginning March 10, a convocation of eagles could be seen from 169, causing passersbys to enjoy the sight. As word spread, bird watchers from around the Minnesota River Valley region were in the area on Sunday to watch the birds.

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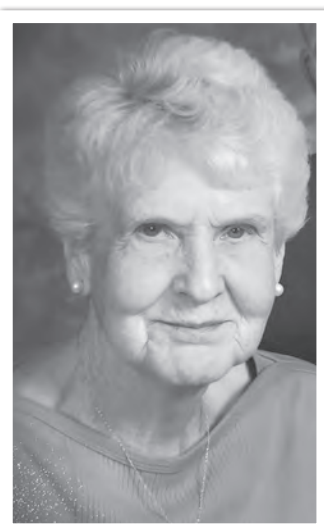
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OBITUARIES

JoAnn M. Heinz - 87

JoAnn Magdaline Heinz, age 87, of Henderson, died Sunday, March 13, 2022 at Oak Terrace in Le Sueur, MN.



Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Henderson, MN. Visitation will be at the Kolden Funeral Home, Le Sueur on Thursday morning, starting with an 8:45 a.m. Rosary, and concluding at 10:30; we will then process to St. Joseph's in Henderson for the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Cemetery. Lunch to follow in the church Social Hall.

JoAnn was born on January 12, 1935 in Belle Plaine, MN to Emmett and Oleta (Schuler) Hessian. JoAnn graduated from St. Peter & Paul grade school, Belle Plaine HS and Mankato State College with an education degree.

On August 2, 1958, JoAnn was united in marriage to Alvin Heinz at Sacred Heart

Church in Belle Plaine. They made their home on the family farm in Henderson.

She was employed as an elementary educator for 34 years mostly at the Sibley East School District in Gaylord, MN. JoAnn was a member of St. Joseph's parish in Henderson. JoAnn had an enthusiasm for life. In addition to being a wife and homemaker, she enjoyed teaching, travel, garden-

ing, playing cards, visiting and especially her grandchildren.

JoAnn is survived by her children: Steve (Joan), Russ, Jerry (Marion), and Ellen (Dan) Kroehler; 11 grandchildren: Stephanie (Patrick) Murphy, Jessica, and Nick (Amber) Heinz; Travis (Corissa), Jacob, Mary (Braiden) Trouten, Patrick, and Michael Heinz; Hillary (Nick) Leininger, Nicole (Jake) Meidl, and Hollie (Anthony) Wilma; seven great-grandchildren: Levi, Stella, Charlie, Noah, Isabel, Victoria, and Eleanor; brother Mike (Cynthia) Hessian; sisters Sheila (Greg) Dorneman and Marguerite Kaczynski; and sister-in-law Bunny Hessian.

JoAnn was preceded in death by her husband, parents, parents-in-law Nicholas and Marie Heinz, brother Msgr./Major Gen. Patrick Hessian, brother and sister-in-law Robert and Helen Hessian; brother Tom Hessian; and brother-in-law Pete Kaczynski.

Roger Otto - 77

Roger Otto, age 77, of Henderson, passed away on Monday, March 14, 2022, at the Lutheran Home in Belle Plaine.



Funeral Service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine. Rev. Ed Fredrich will officiate. Visitation will be from 9:30-11 a.m. prior to the service at church on Saturday morning. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Belle Plaine.

Roger was born in Hancock Township on April 28, 1944, to Vernon and Viola (Krohn) Otto. He was baptized on May 14, 1944, and confirmed on March 20, 1958, at Trinity in Belle Plaine. He graduated from Belle Plaine High School on May 24, 1962.

On November 13, 1964, Roger married Nancy Noll in Watertown, SD. Roger farmed as well as some construction and worked at the fertilizer plant in Shakopee. He enjoyed

league bowling, hunting, fishing, tending bar, playing cards and being with family. Roger was preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law Bill Noll and Bernice Pearson, grandson Timothy Pearson, sisters Elaine Muehlenhardt and Helen Finch, and sister-in-law Jan Noll.

Roger is survived by his wife, Nancy; sons Steve (Kay) Otto, Rick (Katie) Otto, Mike (Lisa) Otto, Robert (Rhonda) Pearson and Don (Carrie) Pearson; grandchildren Tiffany, Shane, Abby, Alex, Olivia, Faith, David and Holly; eight great-grandchildren and siblings Ken (Kris) Otto, Dale Otto, and dear friend Virginia "Ma" Bessel.

GUEST COLUMN

By Mark Jacobson
Peer Support Specialist, Winona, MN

Mental health system in crisis

The mental health system in the United States is currently in a state of crisis. Consider the following:

- In 2019, just prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, 19.86% of adults in the U.S. experienced a mental illness, equivalent to nearly 50 million Americans.
- Suicidal ideation continues to increase among adults in the United States; 4.58% of adults report having serious thoughts of suicide, an increase of 664,000 people in the past year.
- A growing percentage of youth in the U.S. live with major depression; 15.08% of youth (ages 12-17) experienced a major depressive episode in the past year, a 1.24% increase from the prior year.

- More than half of adults with a mental illness do not receive treatment, totaling more than 27 million adults in the U.S.
- More than 60% of youth with major depression do not receive any mental health treatment.
- Nationally, less than 1 in 3 youth with severe depression receive consistent mental health care.
- Both adults and youth in the U.S. continue to lack adequate insurance coverage.
- Rates of substance abuse have been increasing for both adults and youth, even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

These are just a few of the staggering statistics that indicate the mental health system is in serious crisis. People with mental health issues are being

challenged every day attempting to navigate the current mental health system. Many of them are suffering needlessly. Add to this the stigma and discrimination that society still places on people with mental health issues, and you have a mental health system in serious crisis. Over the past several decades there has been a lot of talk about fixing the mental health system, but not much in the way of action.

We need a mental health system that works for everyone. I would like to hear your opinions and thoughts on the current mental health system and what we need to do to correct these issues. I may be reached at gottahavehope38@gmail.com or by letter to 559 W. Broadway St., Winona, MN, 55987.

HENDERSON SENIOR DINING MENU

Thursday, March 17: Happy St. Patrick's Day! Pork loin, candied yams, broccoli, bread/margarine, dessert, low fat milk
Friday, March 18: Baked ziti, romaine salad with dressing, pineapple, Texas toast, cookie, low fat milk
Monday, March 21: Tater tot casserole, green beans, warm peaches, cookie, dinner roll/margarine, low fat milk
Tuesday, March 22: Chicken wild rice soup, broccoli, pineapple, cookie, low fat milk
Wednesday, March 23: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread/margarine, dessert, low fat milk

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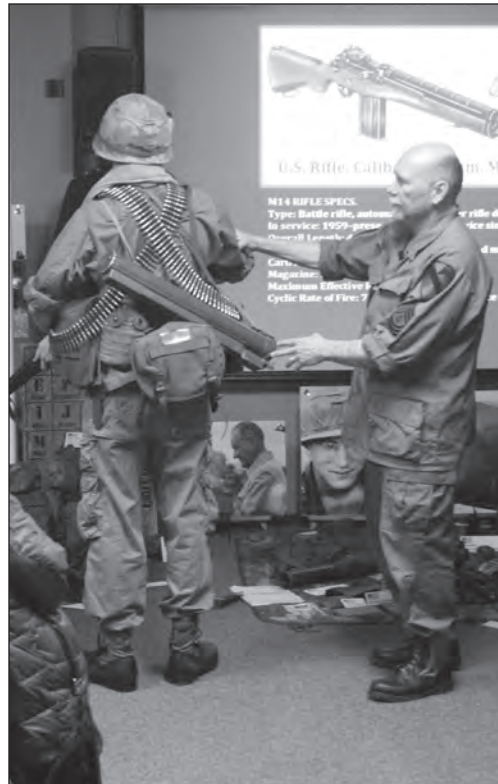
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LS-H March Students of the Month

 6th grade: Reganne Hartmann Reganne is amazing! She is funny, hardworking, and nice to everyone. She always gives 100% and sets a good example for others to follow. Reganne has great school spirit and shows it in and out of the classroom.	 7th grade: Gracie Fredrickson Gracie is an excellent student who is always willing to participate in class discussion and is willing to help others when they are struggling. She is kind, funny and takes pride in everything she does. Gracie is an all around great student!	 8th grade: Ivan Ordaz Ivan is always willing to share his ideas and brings a fun energy to the classroom. He is a hard worker, is respectful in class and is always striving to do his best. Ivan takes pride in his work, asks good questions and makes good observations.
 9th grade: Rebecca Ikonitski Rebecca is a responsible young lady that completes things in a timely manner and always turns in high-quality work. Rebecca can work with anyone and anywhere. We enjoy having Rebecca in class as she always pushes concepts to the next level with the questions she asks.	 10th grade: Kyan Straub Kyan is an engaged and hardworking student. Kyan is a fun student to have in class as he is always able to find a positive in any situation. He does a great job of sharing that positivity with others. Kyan works well with other students and is friendly to all of his classmates.	 11th grade: Miranda Geer Miranda is very bright with well-thought-out questions for discussion. She is polite, punctual, and has great study habits. Miranda is creative, hardworking and kind to others. She is a talented baker who strives for perfection and is always willing to learn new things. She is a joy to have in class.
		 12th grade: Mia Schwarz Mia is a kind and hard-working individual who finds opportunities to challenge herself. She has an internal motivation to do excellent work. Mia goes above and beyond and is detail-oriented. She is a strong leader in all that she does and is a great role model for her peers and the underclassmen.

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Colin Castor, a young volunteer from the audience, donned the complete apparel of a "grunt" going out on patrol, a total of about 50-60 pounds of gear. He also demonstrated different weapons that would be carried depending on the soldier's position.

First off he donned his web gear that included: two packets of two 20-round magazines each for the M-14 (later on the M-16) rifle at his waist; if using an M-16 you would have another bandolier with more clips for the weapon; hand-grenades were mounted at the waist level; early in the war as a grenadier he could be carrying an M-17 grenade launcher

and a sidearm (Colt 1911 pistol) but no rifle, and he would be carrying at least one bandolier of four grenades (as a grenadier he couldn't really engage in close combat so the army developed a combination weapon that was rifle above and grenade launcher below); a first aid kit was in one shoulder pocket; two canteens; a rear pack; an M-72 LAW (Light Anti-Tank Weapon) that was essentially a hand-held, single use bazooka that could take out a tank or more likely a bunker (a LAW, while disposable, needed to be carefully destroyed after use so that the enemy could not repurpose this fiberglass and aluminum tube as a booby trap); and two bandoliers

with one Claymore mine each.

One soldier per patrol would carry the main machine gun, which by itself weighed 25-30 pounds and could cycle through 600 rounds per minute, so each of the other men had to carry two bandoliers of rounds for the machine gun, and to top it off, the guys would wear a steel helmet.

Arn Kind ordered the young recruit to sit down then stand up again — the signature sound that the guys would make upon standing up wearing all this gear was why they were called grunts.

VIETNAM

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damage was done in South Vietnam, the nation the U.S. was trying to help. More than 3.1 million hectares (about 12 square miles) were completely destroyed and a number of species of birds, mammals and fish went extinct.

The Vietnamese government says more than 4 million people

were exposed to Agent Orange and estimates nearly 3 million people became ill as a result, including a high number of horrifying birth defects. American servicemen who were exposed have had increased rates of various cancers, and an epidemiological study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found increased rates of birth defects in children born to those servicemen.

It took decades for the U.S. government to admit the damage done to our personnel.

The difficulties of returning home were exacerbated by the anti-war activities at home. At the height of the war, returning military personnel were counseled to change from their uniforms and into civilian clothing before leaving the airport as many soldiers were yelled at, heckled and spat upon, and then

found it very difficult to get a job. Under the direction of the Administrator of Veteran's Affairs during President Jimmy Carter's administration, Max Cleland, himself a Vietnam vet who lost both legs and one arm in combat, improved benefits such as health care, education and jobs for soldiers.

The Vietnam War Memorial, completed in 1982, is unique in not being a giant obelisk,

but rather a wall that allows visitors to become part of the experience when their faces are reflected by the black granite structure. Due to protests from design opponents, a traditional bronze statue called The Three Soldiers was added to the display in 1984 and includes the first depiction of an African American on the National Women's Memorial, another

bronze statue, this one showing three nurses working with a wounded soldier, was added to honor the contribution of women to the war effort.

There is also a Minnesota Vietnam Memorial at the state capitol in St. Paul that includes markers for each Minnesota veteran and special designation for the ones who made the ultimate sacrifice.

BURNS BREAKFAST

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them onto their side and put something soft under their head, and wait until they regain consciousness. Also, make sure the surrounding area is clear of objects.

Emma has tried many different medical trials, an implant and even underwent brain surgery. There have been some successes along the way, as well as many failures, but Carissa and David continue to hope their medical team can find the right treatment plan for Emma.

Emma has some development delays as a result of the disease, and has undergone physical, occupational and speech therapy. The good news is, physical therapy has allowed her to catch up on her physical benchmarks, and she continues to receive speech and occupa-

tional therapy.

The fundraiser means more options for the Burns family: more treatment options if the current one does not work, and David and Carissa would also like to build Emma a sensory room at home, to "give her a space that she can thrive in."

ABOUT THE ROMAN BARTEN MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

Fourteen years ago, Fran Barten and her 11 children lost their husband/father.

"My mom said, 'When you are feeling sorry for yourself, do something for someone else,'" Fran said.

So from that grief, the idea to honor Roman with an annual fundraiser was born. During his life, Roman was a member of the Knights of Columbus and orchestrated many KC fundraisers, so hosting a breakfast fundraiser at the KC Hall was

a natural fit.

"It has been really good for the children and me, my in-laws and the grandkids," Fran said. "It has been a blessing to us to get to know these families and to be able to do something in their dad's memory. He volunteered for things and we can continue that — it pulls us together in a wonderful way."

Anonymous donors pay for the ingredients, which allows the Bartens to donate every penny raised to that year's family.

Attendance at the annual event has been as low as 850 and as high as 1,350, and Fran is estimating 1,000 will attend on Sunday. In anticipation of the

crowds, they have 275 pounds of sausage and 200 pounds of pancake mix, and Fran has her sausage connection on speed dial, just in case.

They also have gluten-free pancakes upon request, but since regular pancakes are also being prepared, they cannot guarantee there won't be cross-contamination.

"There is great benefit to us personally with what we do, and it really makes us happy to see hundreds and hundreds of people come to support someone else," Fran said. "People who will come that don't even know Emma, and to see that puts a lot of joy in the room. It is a very joyful day."



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Rejoice in the Ides of March

Late last summer, 2021, we went searching for a small apple tree, discovering an ideal specimen in Henderson's own backyard at the Henderson Outpost near Highway 19, west Henderson. The tree was so perfect, about five feet tall, in our price range, easily portable. As our apple tree orchard has grown old and shaded, we needed a new youngster. It fit perfectly into the forest area.

A light-bulb in the noggin said, "Wrap that tree early, you don't want to lose such a beautiful tree to the critters." We surrounded the little beauty with chicken wire, but didn't wrap its trunk, for as readers may remember, the earth was parched from a partial drought and we wished to have easy access to the tree's base for watering. Time went on, this procrastinator forgot to encircle the tree trunk with varmint protection. You guessed it!

As snow receded this past week, the damage was obvious. Voles and bunnies had found sweet food, girdled the tree; that is, they ate the bark in a deep circle from base to six inches up, thus the nutrients from the leaves to the roots will be cut off. Also, the outer layer of the tree that carries products of photosynthesis from leaves to roots is also severed.

To top it off, the tree that is, deer were especially hungry this winter, reached through the wire surrounding the limbs, and nipped the tender limblets off. Perhaps there may be ways to save the tree, but methinks we'd best plant another apple tree in place of our prize. Haste and neglect make waste.

Meanwhile in Henderson, the Karen/Keith Swensons had a visitor under their bird feeder, a hairy mammal that made itself a comfortable home for the winter. Safe and warm against the founda-



A vole or cousin in a comfy little hole in the snow.

PHOTO BY KAREN SWENSON

tion of the Swenson home, a vole-like critter settled in and camouflaged among shucked sunflower seeds, sat out the ice and snow around its comfy abode. As the snow melts, one may view the zigs and zags of winter dwellers and their hidden tunnels, plowing through the hard snow and ice, gathering grass seeds and fallen bird food as they move about; evidence of many a party in your front or back yard. Now non-presence of snow above the tunnels has opened their secret movements, exposing the hairy critters to hungry raptors.

Flocks of migrating robins are slowly infiltrating the area, and in many cases, have discovered that the cupboards (flowering crab trees) are bare. The ebony speckled thieves, European starlings, have had party after party, leaving many once fruit-laden trees BARE! To top it off, the blatant buzzards have begun the mating process, in public, on streets and in trees, a most embarrassing sight for small children, leaving nothing to the imagi-

nation.

By the time readers receive their "Henderson Independent" news media this week, Paddy parties will be in full swing, while the Ides of March will have passed. Recall Shakespeare's Julius Caesar and the infamous words, "ET Tu Brute?" ("You too, Brutus?") as the Roman senators stabbed Caesar in the back.

In ancient times, the 15th of March was marked by religious observances and was the deadline for settling debts. (Remind anyone of present day taxes?) Today, in spite of the world situation, hope fills the air as migrating feathered scouts herald the great natural movement about to arrive. Best not get ahead of oneself however, as some of our most heralded blizzards and storms occurred in March of years' past.

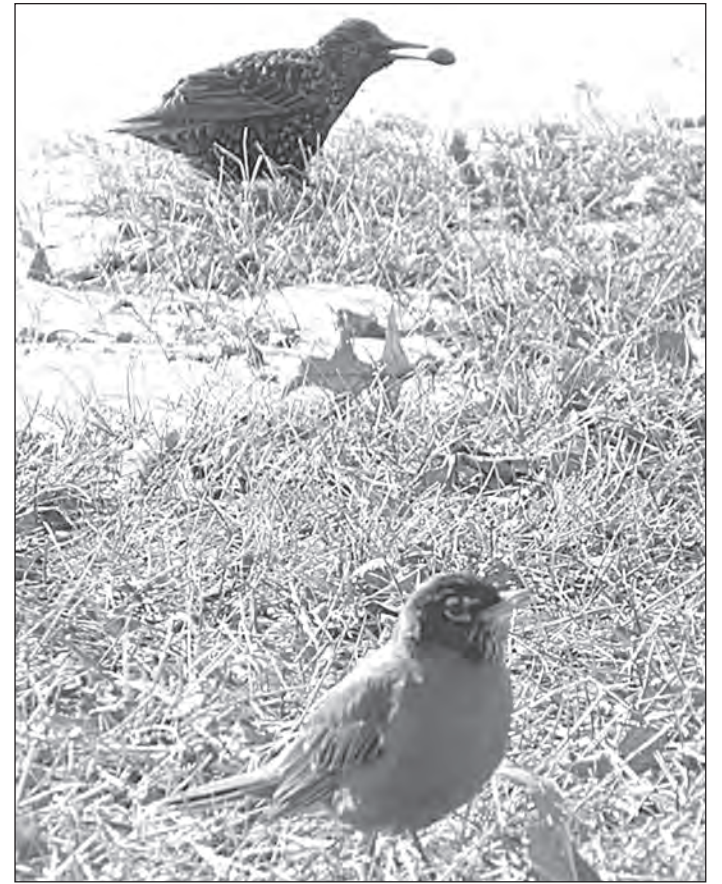
We are reminded of a raging rip-roaring snow of a March 16th in 1953. This writer had the good fortune of walking a beautiful girl home from school as the wind blew out

of the Dakotas, bringing red snow with it, dust from the west. Good fortune came with it, as we've now been married more than 60 years.

The point is, 'winter ain't over yet.'

Trumpeter swans continue to graze in duos and dozens all directions from Henderson/Le Sueur. Just before sunset, as many as 30 of the beauties settle in near the Le Sueur airport, awaiting take-off for open water nearby for the night. A trickle of American robins seep into area cities, only to find a basic food source, crab apples, gone via starlings.

Red-winged blackbird scouts dot the reeds in marshes, awaiting the great ribbons of rusty blackbirds, grackles, cowbirds and others of that ilk. The aroma of skunk dust reminds drivers to be alert, and raccoon/deer bodies provide energy for a bevy of hungry raptors. The vernal equinox is waiting in the curtains, ready to blow in on March 20 at about 10:30 a.m. A sign of HOPE!



PHOTOS BY BARB/ART STRAUB

The early bird gets the 'applet,' in this case, starling triumphs over the American robin.



This honeycrisp apple tree will die before blossoms appear, due to girdled trunk.

COVID Update

States adds 3,650 cases, lowest since August

By Rachel Miller
Editor

Newly-reported COVID-19 cases are at the lowest since last August, with just 3,650 new cases. This reflects a decrease of 1,468 cases from the previous week.

Of the newly-reported cases, 2,791, or 76.4 percent, occurred in fully vaccinated individuals, dubbed "breakthrough cases."

The state also reported 79 new deaths, 65 of which, or 82.2 percent, were among fully vaccinated individuals.

A total of 277 (a decrease of 126) people reported needing hospitalization in the past week, of which 198 people, or 71.5 percent, were fully vaccinated. To date, 61,007 people have been hospitalized due to COVID-19, including 10,271 fully vaccinated people. The state also reported 36 (a decrease of 48) more patients needing ICU hospitalization. To date, 11,292 people have needed ICU care due to COVID-19.

Sibley County reported 16 new cases (an increase of 4) to bring its total to 3,148 cases. The county remains at 23 deaths.

Le Sueur County added 27

new cases (an increase of 2) to total 6,027 cases. The county did not report any new deaths, and remains at 49.

Scott County added 142 cases (an increase of 79) in the past week, bringing its total to 31,904. Scott County also reported one more death, bringing its total to 251.

VACCINE STATUS

On the vaccine front, 3,671,760 Minnesotans have received a full vaccine schedule (an increase of 6,574), which is 64.4 percent of the state's total population. The number of Minnesotans who have received at least one vaccine is roughly 3.885 million, or roughly 68.1 percent of the state population.

In addition, 96.6 percent of people age 65+ in the state have received at least one vaccine dose and 92.9 percent have a completed series. The state is also reporting 74.6 percent of people 5 and older have had at least one dose, and 70.5 percent have a completed series.

Right now, 8,185 (an increase of 7) Sibley County residents have received at least one vaccine dose, and 7,801 (an increase of 26) are completely vaccinated. Among residents 65+, 83.1 percent are completely vaccinated, and 55.5 percent of people 5 years

and older.

In neighboring Le Sueur County, 17,520 (an increase of 20) people have received at least one vaccine dose, while 16,678 (an increase of 46) people are completely vaccinated. The county reports 90.1 percent of people 65 and older are fully vaccinated, and 62.9 percent of people 5 and older.

In neighboring Scott County, which is part of the greater metro area, 106,223 (an increase of 115) people have one vaccine dose, while 100,733 (an increase of 217) have a completed vaccine series. The county has reported an impressive 99 percent completed vaccine rate among those 65+, and 74.5 percent among those 5 and older.

SCHOOL IMPACT

Spread in schools held steady, with a net gain of one new school in Sibley County. Schools are included on the state outbreak list if they report five or more cases among students and staff who were in the building while infectious in the past two weeks.

After weeks without impacted schools, Sibley County is back on the outbreak list. Sibley East Elementary in Gaylord reported a new outbreak in the past week.

After a spike last week, Le

Sueur County is holding steady and did not report any new outbreaks. Affected schools include LS-H Middle/High School, Cleveland Elementary, Montgomery PreK-8, Le Center PreK-8 and Waterville-Elysian-Morristown Senior High in Waterville.

Affected schools in Scott County include: Eagle View in Elko New Market; Oak Crest Elementary, Chatfield Elementary and Belle Plaine Senior High in Belle Plaine; Hidden Oaks Middle School in Prior Lake; Harriet Bishop Elementary, Hidden Valley Elementary, Aspen Academy, Prior Lake High School and St. John the Baptist in Savage; Central Education Campus, Falcon Ridge, New Prague Middle School, and New Prague Senior High in New Prague; Jordan Elementary, Jordan Middle School and Jordan High School; and Shakopee West Middle School, Shakopee High School and Shakopee Area Catholic School.

STATE OVERVIEW

To date, Minnesota has reported 1,422,344 COVID-19 cases since the pandemic began, including 373,877 breakthrough cases.

The state conducted 128,407 tests in the past week, bringing its total to 19,023,778 tests.

For the second week in a row, new deaths were in the double digits. The state reported 79 new deaths (a decline of 13) in the past week. A total of 12,280 people have died from COVID-19 since the pandemic started. A total of 1,879 (an increase of 65) deaths have been in fully vaccinated people, and 5,627 (an increase of 35) of the state's deaths, or 45.8 percent, have been in assisted living facilities.

Of Minnesota's 1,422,344 total cases, 1,405,731 (98.8 percent) no longer need isolation.

Exposure in congregate care facilities is non-existent in the tri-county area. Although there are 58 impacted facilities statewide, none are in Sibley, Le Sueur or Scott counties. To be included on the outbreak list, a congregate care facility must have at least 10 residents contract COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

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

- **Age 100+:** 152 deaths (an increase of 2); 539 total cases (an increase of 1)
- **Ages 90-99:** 2,363 deaths (an increase of 15); 10,382 cases (increase of 50)
- **Ages 80-89:** 3,723 deaths (an increase of 23); 30,415

cases (increase of 152)

- **Ages 70-79:** 2,815 deaths (an increase of 14); 61,092 cases (increase of 247)

- **Ages 60-69:** 1,834 deaths (an increase of 14); 125,673 cases (increase of 381)

- **Ages 50-59:** 864 deaths (an increase of 4); 180,489 cases (increase of 408)

- **Ages 40-49:** 326 deaths (an increase of 3); 201,641 cases (increase of 380)

- **Ages 30-39:** 152 deaths (an increase of 2); 246,045 cases (increase of 750)

- **Ages 20-29:** 43 deaths (an increase of 2); 248,470 cases (increase 535)

- **Ages 5-19:** 7 deaths (no increase); 260,137 cases (increase of 587)

- **Ages 0-4:** 1 death (no increase); 57,352 cases (increase of 305)

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

1. Hennepin: 254,915 (+965)
2. Ramsey: 105,238 (+414)
3. Dakota: 87,638 (+428)
4. Anoka: 78,716 (+204)
5. Washington: 53,248 (+219)
6. Stearns: 48,029 (+345)
7. Olmsted: 39,480 (+290)
8. St. Louis: 39,170 (+220)
9. Scott: 31,904 (+142)
10. Wright: 29,312 (+119)

Belle Plaine Bulletin

School board shines light on student success

By Joshua Wilson
Independent Intern

At Belle Plaine's School Board meeting on Monday, March 14, the board recognized local students for their accomplishments in sports and activities as well as their success in the classroom. The school board and superintendent were elated to hear about the state performances for Wrestling, One-Act Play, and Tennis. The board also gave brief updates regarding donations, student learning gaps, and future staffing needs in the district.

WRESTLING

With a 20-5 record, the Scott West Panthers wrestling team had a goal of bringing individual wrestlers back to the state meet. Scott West, a co-op with Jordan High School, sent three wrestlers to the Class AA State Wrestling Tournament on March 4-5. The team's head coach, Jerold Stauffacher, talked about the individual goals of each wrestler:

Matt Randolph, a sophomore on the team, placed second at the state tournament with a 42-3 record. Caleb Tracy, another sophomore on the team, achieved his goal of winning close to 75 percent of his matches and competing at the state tournament. Finally, senior Zach Tracy finished his career with a bounce-back state appearance and a fourth-place finish.

Aside from their athletic performances, the Panthers received Academic All-State Gold status with a 3.68 team GPA.

Board member Matt Lenz asked Stauffacher about the co-op program and what it would look like for Belle Plaine to have their own wrestling team.

"We are a partnership, we are two towns, two schools but we are one team," Stauffacher said.

ONE-ACT PLAY

Belle Plaine's One Act Play program had fewer students at tryouts this year, however, they persevered with a fifth consecutive bid to the state tournament.

This year's cast earned the school's 17th gold star at state, making Belle Plaine the leader in Class A competition.

Belle Plaine's One Act Play aims to return to the state tournament again next year and has plans to grow the program.

More information about this year's performance will be in a future issue of the Belle



PHOTO BY JOSH WILSON

Belle Plaine state tennis players Courtney Eppen and Josie Schmidt, along with coach Melissa Hanson, shared their season experiences with school board members on Monday.

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TENNIS

The Tennis season ended in the fall, yet it's never too late to recognize the MSHSL State Tournament doubles performances of junior Courtney Eppen and sophomore Josie Schmidt.

Together, Eppen and Schmidt had a 16-6 record as doubles partners. Prior to this, they each played singles matches and were eventually paired together for a tournament before the section tournament. They finished second at the section tournament and were offered a bid to state.

Without being seeded at the state tournament back in October 2021, the doubles team stood out to other coaches and tennis programs.

"Many coaches complimented them on their court awareness," head coach Melissa Hanson said.

DONATIONS

The board also approved the following donations:

The Belle Plaine's Robotics team received \$1,200 from the Belle Plaine Lions Club, \$250 from Stier Transportation, \$50 from River Valley Chiropractic, \$50 from Brett Holbrook Agency, and \$25 from Dan Solheid Agency. The Belle Plaine Lions Club also supported

the Oak Crest Elementary Wolf Ridge trip with a donation of \$2,500. Also, the Sponsorship of Junior Achievement Program received a donation of \$2,430 from First National Bank and Mary Nesgoda donated \$50 to support underfunded Student Food Service Accounts.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Superintendent Ryan Laager discussed learning gaps because of COVID-19 and acknowledged the literacy work that district elementary school teachers are providing for students. Currently, the Minnesota Legislature is working on a bill that would provide \$33 million for staff training in Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) to improve literacy education.

In a meeting with Belle Plaine teachers last spring, Laager pointed out that they have expressed interest in the improvement of literacy education in the district. "It's not very often that you see a Legislative agenda align with what the teachers actually say should be happening at the grassroots level," Laager said.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

Board members Terry Morrison and Terry Kahle shared about the success of the recent Future Farmers of America (FFA) Pancake Breakfast. Further, Morrison brought up the district's need for an Agriculture teacher.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tigers fall to GSL in Section 2AA semis

By Rachel Miller
Editor

The Belle Plaine Tigers boys basketball season came to a close on Tuesday night, with a close 70-65 loss to Glencoe-Silver Lake in the Section 2AA Semifinals at MSU-Mankato.

It was a close game from start to finish. GSL had a 35-30 lead over the Tigers at the half, and although the Tigers managed to up their points in the second half, just could not stop GSL.

GSL's Mitchel Jaskowiak was lethal on the floor, as he netted 27 points, while teammate Sawyer Kaczmarek scored 19.

The Tigers had five players contribute. Andrew Siegle scored 19 points, while Jack Kruger was a close second with 17 points. Carim Tolbert scored 13, Ryan Retser scored 11 and Emmett Gerres contributed five points.

Despite not making it to the championship, this is the furthest the team has made it in six years. The team advanced to the section championship game in 2016, but did not make it out of the quarterfinals the past five years.

The Tigers finished the season 15-13, and were 9-3 in the Minnesota River Conference along with Lester Prairie and Mayer Lutheran.

Glencoe-Silver Lake will be playing Maple River in the Section 2AA Championship game this Friday at 7:45 p.m. on the MSU-Mankato campus.

The winner will advance to the state tournament.

SECOND HALF WIN OVER LS-H

The Tigers advanced to the Section 2AA Semifinals with a second-half comeback win over the Le Sueur-Henderson Giants last Thursday in New Prague.

Despite beating the Giants twice this season, the Giants were determined to make it a battle, and were leading the Tigers 30-25 at the end of the first half. The Tigers began to claw their way back in the second half, and went on a 10-0 run at the start of the half to capture the lead.

The Giants continued to battle, and even narrowed the lead to a single point a couple of times, but every time they made some ground, the Tigers managed to run away again. A five-point lead with more than two minutes left in the game quickly turned into 10 and eventually 15 points, and the Tigers went on to win 60-45.

The victory also marked the 100th win for Coach Paul Fogarty.

The Tigers were lead by Tolbert with 19 points, Siegle and Retser both scored 12, Gerres scored nine, Jake Brandonburg scored four, and Kruger added three points.

"They were so excited to get to play at Mankato, that is all that was on their mind except they knew they had to win this game. I have to give Andrew Siegle and Emmett Gerres a lot of credit — they really did a good job," Coach Paul Fogarty said.



PHOTOS BY RACHEL MILLER

Jack Kruger and Ryan Retser closely guard LS-H's Gage Bishop in the Section 2AA Quarterfinal game last Thursday.



Belle Plaine Tigers Coach Paul Fogarty celebrated his 100th win last Thursday as well. The win over the Giants sent the Tigers to the Section 2AA Semifinals at MSU.

Belle Plaine Police Report

The following are among the calls the Belle Plaine Police Department responded to between March 7-13:

MARCH 7

At 10:17 a.m., an officer assisted with a civil standby for property retrieval in the 200 block of Linden St. S.

At 10:51 a.m., an officer responded to the 200 block of Commerce Drive E. for a strong marijuana smell. Upon arriving on scene, the officer was unable to detect a marijuana smell. The officer made contact with two parties and advised them of the complaint.

At 2:33 p.m., an officer was called to the 800 block of Lindsey Lane for a domestic; the case is currently under investigation.

At 11:43 p.m., an officer was dispatched for a welfare check in the 300 block of Chestnut St. N. The officer made contact with both parties and learned they had been arguing, but the disagreement was not physical.

MARCH 8

At 12:30 a.m., an officer stopped a vehicle at Meridian Street S./Highway 169 for going 75 in a 65 mph zone. The male driver, 21, from Brooklyn Park, was cited for speeding.

At 11:25 a.m., an officer assisted with a civil standby for property retrieval in the 200 block of Linden St. S.

At 1:50 p.m., an officer observed a parked vehicle blocking a fire hydrant in the 200 block of Market Street S. The student driving the vehicle was located and was given a verbal warning for first offense.

At 6:29 p.m., an officer responded to a medical call in the 300 block of Walnut Street S. An individual was transported to the hospital by an ambulance.

At 11:54 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle at Meridian Street S./Highway 169 for going 79 in a 65 mph zone. The female driver, 34, from Mankato, was arrested for fourth-degree DWI and speeding.

MARCH 9

At 8:07 a.m., an officer responded to a medical call in the 200 block of State Street W. An individual was transported to the hospital by an ambulance.

At 4:25 p.m., an officer was called for a vehicle lockout with child inside in the 200 block of Commerce Drive E. The vehicle was unlocked without incident.

Officers responded to three other vehicle lockouts that day, all without incident.

At 3:50 p.m., an officer assisted the Belle Plaine Fire Department with a fire alarm at a residence in the 900 block of Ivy Hills Road. A burning pan was located on the stove; the house was ventilated.

At 8:03 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle at Walnut Street N./Forest Street E. for going 45 in a 30 mph zone. The female driver, 20, from Belle Plaine, was cited for speeding.

At 9:22 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle for an inoperable headlight in the 100 block of Aspen Lane N. The male driver, 59, from St. Paul, did not have a valid driver's license and was cited for the offense.

At 10:56 p.m., an officer was called for a suspicious person ringing a doorbell in the 200 block of Elm Street S. Upon arrival, the officer made contact with a male subject on the porch who stated he was visiting a friend. However, the homeowner is new to town and was not expecting anyone.

MARCH 10

At 1:20 a.m., an officer stopped a vehicle at Enterprise Drive/Highway 169 for going 89 in a 65 mph zone. The male driver, 27, from Florida, was cited for speeding.

At 7:34 a.m., an officer responded for a call in the 800 block of Daniel Drive for a loose white and brown husky. The dog was later captured in a fenced-in yard, and the dog was released to MN Critter Getters.

At 12:15 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle at Main Street E./Linden Street N. for going 40 in a 30 mph zone. The male driver, 30, from Chaska, was cited for speeding.

At 12:12 p.m., an officer responded for a theft from a vehicle in the 800 block of Main Street E. A cell phone and key ring were taken; the case is currently under investigation.

At 3:14 p.m., a golden retriever and pug were located in the 600 block of Church Street W. Owner information was obtained and the dogs were reunited with their owner.

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Belle Plaine Bulletin

Belle Plaine celebrates its Irish



PHOTOS BY RACHEL MILLER

Belle Plaine celebrated its Irish heritage on Saturday, March 12 with a parade, crowning of the 2022 Miss Shamrock, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians hosted music in the Vet's Club in the afternoon. Above, Mary Koll and Carolyn Christopherson of Belle Plaine danced the afternoon away to music by Broken Spoke.



Music from the Northerly Gales brought the family to the dance floor in the Vet's Club. Bill Fogarty hit the dance floor with grandchildren (from left) Kristen Drache, 5, Hendricks (Fogarty) Hampton, 2, Penelope (Fogarty) Hampton, 4, and Allison Drache, 3.



No spud duds here! The O'Brien clan walked away \$100 richer after being declared the family winner for their potato-themed costumes in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



John and Jim Mahoney were selected as Grand Marshals for this year's big event.



This year's Irish Royalty included (front row, from left) Shamrock Princesses Ciara Fahey and MacKenzie Murphy, Miss Shamrock Madison Williams and (back row) Irish Lads Connor O'Brien, Emmett Gerres and Andrew Siegle.



Rob and Eydie Edberg shared a dance while Broken Spoke played inside the Vet's Club.

CITY COUNCIL

Lucid Tattoo appeals license denial

By Rachel Miller
Editor

The Belle Plaine City Council chambers was more akin to a courthouse on Wednesday, March 9, as Lucid Tattoo owner Sam Erickson was there to appeal a recent Belle Plaine City Council decision to deny him a body art establishment license for the 2022 year.

The council voted to deny Erickson's license during a special meeting on Jan. 27, as Erickson's insurance had lapsed. At that time, Erickson argued that he had prepaid his insurance for the year, and it was an error on behalf of his insurance broker that resulted in the cancellation. And while his license application was filed two weeks late, Erickson explained that he had contracted the Delta variant of COVID-19 in late October and almost died, and was away from work for more than two months.

At that time, the council voted unanimously to deny Erickson's permit, but on March 9 Erickson was back to appeal that decision, this time with Civil Litigation Attorney Matthew Schapp of Apple Valley at his side.

Belle Plaine City Attorney Bob Vose opened the meeting with the city's findings that supported their denial:

- Erickson's insurance was cancelled effective Oct. 24, 2021. A comment was made that since Erickson was not diagnosed with COVID until right around Thanksgiving, he had a month to straighten out the insurance issue.

- Following the city's denial of the license on Jan. 27, Erickson continued to operate his business. Belle Plaine Police Chief Terry Stier reported that Erickson has been issued three citations for operating without a license. None of the citations have gone to court at this time.

- Police body camera footage from Jan. 28 was played, which

showed Erickson refusing police entry and denying business was taking place, despite officers seeing people getting tattoos. Erickson alleged the tattoos were on the house in the clip that was played.

In his argument, Schapp stated that Erickson was not informed that his insurance had lapsed until January.

However, Erickson himself cleared up his medical timeline. He told council members that he became very sick in late October. He was vomiting and feverish, struggled to eat or drink anything, and lost 50 pounds over the next month. He was admitted to the ER after Thanksgiving and put on fluids. A week later, he was hallucinating and lethargic. His girlfriend arrived at his house one day to find him unresponsive, and upon arriving at the hospital it was discovered he had double collapsed lungs, and his blood oxygen level was at 37 percent.

Erickson fell into a coma, and was given a 1 percent chance of

coming out of it. But the unlikely happened, and four days later he was improving. Erickson spent another three days in an ICU, and remained under supervision for three more weeks before he returned home. Altogether, Erickson said he was away from the business for more than two months. It was not until he came back in January that he realized his insurance had lapsed.

Erickson also offered an apology to Belle Plaine city staff and officials for his past behavior.

"I got myself into a fight or flight spot, and that is not a good place to be," Erickson said. "I took that fear, anxiety and stress out on some of you and I am deeply sorry for that....I would like a second chance to start over and apologize."

The council took the testimony under advisement, but did not make a ruling that night. A decision on the appeal is anticipated for an upcoming council meeting.

POLICE REPORT

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At 3:17 p.m., an officer conducted a license plate check on a vehicle in the area of State Street E. and Cedar Street N. The driver had a revoked license, and was cited for driving after revocation.

At 3:28 p.m., an officer received a complaint of a vehicle speeding after school hours in the area of Park Street W. and Market Street S. The officer spoke with the mother of a juvenile driver and advised of the complaint.

At 4:58 p.m., an officer received a complaint of a trailer parked on the street, causing damage to the road, in the 300 block of Walnut Street S. Photos were taken and forwarded to Public Works for review.

At 6:51 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported stopping at mailboxes in the 900 block of Walnut Street S. The officer learned the vehicle was a local handyman service out of the area; information was documented.

At 11:41 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle at Enterprise Drive E./Highway 169 for going 82 in a 65 mph zone. The male driver, 29, from Minneapolis, was cited for speed.

During the day, officers took two reports of an Xcel Energy scam. One caller was aware of the scam, while the other called Xcel Customer Service, who confirmed it was a scam.

MARCH 11

At 8:05 a.m., an officer assisted MN Critter Getters in the 900 block of Sunrise Lane with capturing a dog from previous calls.

At 8:10 a.m., an officer responded to a two-vehicle accident with no injuries at Chestnut Street S. and Main Street E. The officer assisted drivers with an information exchange.

At 12:52 p.m., an officer received a report for harassing phone calls in the 300 block of Elm Street N. The reporting party was advised of scam calls and to block the numbers.

At 8:19 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle at Walnut Street N./Forest Street E. for going 46 in a 30 mph zone. The male driver, 31, from Norwood, was cited for speed.

MARCH 12

At 5:01 a.m., an officer was called for an alarm at a business in the 1000 block of Enterprise Drive E. Upon arrival, the officer spoke with a delivery driver who tripped the alarm. A business employee arrived and provided the proper code.

At 12:54 p.m., officers assisted with traffic control for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

At 2:06 p.m., an officer received a complaint of a vehicle parked against the flow of traffic in the 200 block of Cedar Street N. The officer was unable to make contact with the vehicle owner, and placed a warning on the windshield.

At 11:09 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle for an inoperable brake light at Prairie Street W./Meridian Street S. A male driver, 27, from Belle Plaine, was cited for driving after revocation and no proof of insurance.

At 11:34 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle at Main Street E./Elm Street S. for going 40 in a 30 mph zone. The male driver, 22, from Belle Plaine, was cited for speeding, no proof of insurance and rear lights required.

At 11:37 p.m., officers were dispatched for a drunk male at the 100 block of Commerce Drive E. Upon arrival, officers observed the male fall several times. The man was checked by Ridgeview Ambulance and cleared.

MARCH 13

At 12:48 a.m., officers responded to a disturbance at the 100 block of Meridian Street S. A male, 29, from Belle Plaine was arrested for gross misdemeanor obstructing the legal process.

At 1:28 a.m., officers were called for a physical disturbance in the 100 block of Meridian Street N. Officers broke up a fight and the involved parties were separated for the night.

At 3:08 a.m., while working extra patrol downtown in the area of Main Street E./Meridian Street S., an officer observed three women arguing. All were instructed to go home for the night, and the females left without incident.

At 10:12 a.m., officers were dispatched to a verbal domestic in the 200 block of Commerce Drive E. Officers made contact with a female party and learned it was a false alarm, and there wasn't a male inside her apartment.

At 4:57 p.m., an officer responded to a gas drive-off in the 1000 block of Enterprise Drive E.; the case is currently under investigation.

At 10:53 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle for speed at Highway 169/Enterprise Drive E. A male driver, 18, from St. Michael, was cited for no proof of insurance and warned for speed.

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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.

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

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

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 5, 2007

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$665,000.00

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

MORTGAGEE: Washington Mutual Bank F.A.

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

SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

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

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

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

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: 32528 Scenic Byway Rd, Henderson, MN 56044

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-2311-010

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Sibley

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$436,377.09

THAT all pre-foreclosure re-

quirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 9, 2022

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 7, 2011

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$87,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Troy D. Jenneke and Angelica R. Jenneke, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 100199600012404774

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Advisors Mortgage, LLC

SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed January 11, 2011, Sibley County Recorder, as Document Number A222140

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The East 88.5 feet of the West 227 feet of Block Number Sixteen (16), Streissguth's Addition to the City of Arlington

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 108 E Baker St, Arlington, MN 55307

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 31-0285-000

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Sibley

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$86,538.02

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 7, 2022, 10:00AM

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

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the

mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on October 7, 2022, or the next business day if October 7, 2022 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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."

Dated: February 2, 2022

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Assignee of Mortgagee LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 3, 2017

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$145,403.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Michael A. Dague, an unmarried man

MORTGAGEE: Sharepoint Credit Union

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Sharepoint Credit Union

SERVICER: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed August 17, 2017, Sibley County Recorder, as Document Number A242326

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; Dated: August 17, 2017 filed: August 21, 2017, recorded as document number A242344; thereafter assigned to Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC; Dated: January 31, 2020 filed: February 4, 2020, recorded as document number A249402

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lots 7 and 8, Block 10, in Streissguth's Addition, in the City of Arlington

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 202 E Adams St, Arlington, MN 55307

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 31-0252-000

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Sibley

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$167,758.93

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 12, 2022, 10:00AM

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

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the

mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the

property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on October 12, 2022, or the next business day if October 12, 2022 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: February 10, 2022

Specialized Loan Servicing LLC Assignee of Mortgagee LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP

Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Gary J. Evers - 0134764

Joseph M. Rossman - 0397070 Attorneys for Mortgagee LOGS Legal Group LLP

1715 Yankee Doodle Road, Suite 210

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COUNTY OF SIBLEY REGULAR MEETING BOARD PROCEEDINGS TUESDAY, FEB. 22, 2022

The Sibley County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners' Board Room in the City of Gaylord, MN on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 9:00 AM pursuant to notice given as required by law. Members of the board present:

District 1 Commissioner Bobbie Harder

District 2 Commissioner Christian Lilienthal

District 3 Commissioner Peter Koch

District 4 Commissioner Joy Cohrs

District 5 Commissioner Steve Saxton

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve the Agenda and any Agenda Additions or Corrections

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

4. Consent Agenda

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

A. Approve Regular Board Proceedings of February 08, 2022

B. Watershed Committee Appointment of James Mueller for a 3-year term

C. Approval of Subordination Agreement

D. Approve final payment of \$154,635.62 to OMG Midwest, Inc for Contract 2021-03 - 2021 Bituminous Overlays.

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

F. Approve Request for procurement card for Klea Rettmann.

G. Approve Claims as submitted

5. Joel Wurscher, SCSW District Manager

A. Resolution #2022-24 Motion to adopt and implement the Hawk Creek - Middle MN Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

Sibley County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Manager, Joel Wurscher, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners approve the Hawk Creek, Middle MN Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

SWCD Conservation Technician, Jack Bushman, provided an update to the Sibley County Board of Commissioners on the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan under the state's One Watershed, One Plan framework. This included implementing a governance structure to complete the plan, progress on the plan and extending the One Plan Planning Grant until March 31st, 2023.

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

6. Tim Becker, County Engineer

A. Accept quote from RDO Equipment Mankato, MN for \$76,790.61 for purchase of a Superior Broom SM model.

The Sibley County Public Works Director, Tim Becker, requested authorization from the Sibley County Board of Commissioners to purchase Superior Broom SM model from RDO Equipment Mankato for \$76,790.61. This purchase is budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan. Motion made by Commissioner Saxton,

second by Commissioner Cohrs with unanimous approval.

B. Accept quote from RDO Equipment Mankato, MN for \$12,499 + Tax for a 2021 Metal Pless Plowmaxx snow pusher, and authorize pw to auction the old snow pusher unit SL3.

The Sibley County Public Works Director, Tim Becker, requested authorization from the Sibley County Board of Commissioners to purchase a 2021 Metal Pless Plowmaxx Snow Pusher from RDO Equipment Mankato for \$12,499.00 and to auction off the old snow pusher. Motion made by Commissioner Saxton and second by Commissioner Koch. Motion passes 4-1, Commissioner Harder opposed.

C. Consider option to discontinue dust control program.

The Sibley County Public Works Director, Tim Becker, requested the Sibley County Board of Commissioners confirm keeping the Dust Coating Program for 2022.

7. County Business

A. Motion to accept a Safe and Secure Courthouse Grant in 2022 in the amount of \$23,400. The grant does require a 50% match of cost or in-kind services. Total expenditures not to exceed \$46,800.

The Sibley County Administrator, John Glisczinski, requests the Sibley County Board of Commissioners accept the Safe and Secure Courthouse Grant in 2022 for the amount of \$23,400.00. The grant requires a 50% match of cost or in-kind services. The total expenditures is not to exceed \$46,800 to be used on Metal Detector Wands for Sheriff's Office, expanded security cameras and video storage, panic buttons to expand existing security notification system, security evaluation by SAFE a division of Homeland Security, active Shooter training for Sheriff Office as well as Courthouse staff, De-Escalation training for Sheriff Staff as well as Courthouse staff, added Key Card access and storage lockers for Courthouse visitors to assure unneeded items do not enter Courtrooms. Motion made by Commissioner Cohrs, second by Commissioner Harder with unanimous approval.

8. 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

9. Clearing of Calendars

A. February 24, 2022 JD 1 (SN), JD 7 (SNR), JD 2 (SC) Hearings 1:30 PM - Sibley County Courthouse, Basement Meeting Room "A" Room

B. March 01, 2022 Board of Commissioners Workshop 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

C. March 08, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

D. March 22, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting 9:00 AM - Sibley County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room

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

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

10. Adjournment

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

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

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NOTICE HAY LAND FOR RENT

The Sibley County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids at the office of Sibley County Public Works until 4:30 P.M., Thursday, March 24th, 2022 for a two (2) year lease of the following:

1. Hay land at the Clear Lake County Park, described as that part (11.13 ACRES) of 38.4 acres of Government Lots 1, 2, 3, & 4, Section 36 of Severance Township.

2. Hay land at the Sibley County landfill, on County Road 67, (7.37 ACRES), described as part of the SE1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 34 of Dryden Township.

3. Hay land in the NW corner of CSAH 11 and C.R. 111, (1.3 ACRES), described as that part of the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 24 of Green Isle Township.

All bids must be submitted on a proposal form, which is available at the Office of the Sibley County Public Works or online at www.co.sibley.mn.us, search location, Public Works, Advertisement for Bids.

The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any informality in bidding.

Tim Becker Sibley County Engineer

111 8th Street, PO Box 897 Gaylord, MN 55334

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2022

BITUMINOUS OVERLAY, PATCHING, AND SHOULDERING CONTRACT NO. 2022-03 COUNTY OF SIBLEY, MINNESOTA

BIDS CLOSE: MARCH 17, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.

TELEPHONE: (507) 237-4092

Sealed proposals will be received by the County of Sibley, Minnesota, in the office of County Public Works at 111 8th St., P.O. Box 897, Gaylord, Minnesota 55334 until 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at which place and time they will be publicly opened in the Office of Public Works by two or more persons who have been designated by the County to open bids. Plans and specifications, proposal forms and contract documents may be seen at the office of Sibley County Public Works, Gaylord,

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF DELINQUENT TAXES

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF SIBLEY

DISTRICT COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Names of Owners, Taxpayers,
& Interested Parties

Parcel #
Description of Property

+ Penalties
Year (\$ + cents)

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING DELINQUENT TAX LIST

A list of real property in Sibley County on which delinquent real property taxes and penalties are due has been filed with the District Court Administrator of Sibley County. This list is published to inform all persons that the listed property is subject to forfeiture because of delinquent taxes.

The property owner, taxpayer, or other interested persons must either pay the tax and penalty plus interest and costs or file a written objection with the District Court Administrator. The objection must be filed by March 31, 2022, stating the reason(s) why the tax or penalty is not due on the property. If no objection is filed, a court judgment will be entered against the property for the unpaid tax, penalty, interest and costs.

For property under court judgment, the period of redemption begins on May 9, 2022. The period of redemption means the time within which taxes must be paid to avoid losing the property through forfeiture. The period of redemption is three (3) years, with a handful of exceptions. The redemption period is one (1) year for most properties located in a targeted neighborhood, as define in the Minnesota laws, and for municipal solid waste disposal facilities. The redemption period is five (5) weeks for certain abandoned or vacant properties.

You may also enter into a confession of judgment as an alternative method of paying off the delinquent tax amount and avoiding forfeiture. This allows you to pay the delinquent balance in equal annual installments, with a down payment due at the time you enter into the confession. The length of the installment plan varies: five (5) years for commercial-industrial/public utility property; ten (10) years for all other properties.

If you have homesteaded property, you may be eligible for a Senior Citizen's Property Tax Deferral, which enables seniors to pay just three (3) percent of their total household income and allow remaining amounts to become a lien on the property that may be deferred for later payment (perhaps upon eventual sale of the property).

It should also be noted by property homesteaders that you are ineligible to receive the Property Tax Refund while you owe delinquent property tax.

To determine how much interest and costs must be added to pay the tax in full, contact the Sibley County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, Sibley County Courthouse, PO Box 51, Gaylord, MN 55334. You may also contact the County Auditor-Treasurer at (507)-237-4070 or PropertyTax@co.sibley.mn.us.

Signed:

Karen V. Messner

Court Administrator of the District Court

Sibley County

The following table contains a list of Real property located in SIBLEY COUNTY on which taxes and penalties became delinquent on January 2, 2022. Interest calculated from January 1, 2021, and county costs must be paid along with the total tax and penalties in order for a parcel of Real property to be removed from the delinquent tax list.

Names of Owners, Taxpayers, & Interested Parties	Parcel # Description of Property	Year	+ Penalties (\$ + cents)
TOWN OF ALFSBORG			
KATHRYN M STUBER 26559 EVERTON CIR WYOMING, MN 55092	08-2707-000 SECT- 27 TWP- 112 RNG- 29 SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4	2021	\$69.09
KATHRYN M STUBER 26559 EVERTON CIR WYOMING, MN 55092	08-2711-000 SECT- 27 TWP- 112 RNG- 29 NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4	2021	\$73.65
TOWN OF DRYDEN			
KATHRYN M STUBER 26559 EVERTON CIR WYOMING, MN 55092	12-3101-000 SECT- 31 TWP- 113 RNG- 28 W 1/2 OF NW 1/4 EX 18A & W 1/2 OF SW 1/4 LYING N OF RR EX 4A HWY 19	2021	\$157.65
TOWN OF FAXON			
MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION WATER RESOURCES ENGINEERING 1500 W COUNTY RD B2 ROSEVILLE, MN 55113	13-0099-030 ROAD BENEFITS HWY 25	2021	\$2,693.25
TOWN OF HENDERSON			
BENJAMIN B & CARRIE F NEWTON 730 CARVER BEACH RD CHANHASSEN, MN 55317	16-1809-000 SECT- 18 TWP- 112 RNG- 26 S 1/2 OF SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 SURV 1400	2021	\$39.98
TOWN OF NEW AUBURN			
PATRICIA J POMPLUN 43212 200 ST ARLINGTON, MN 55307	20-2412-000 SECT- 24 TWP- 114 RNG- 28 2A OF E 1/2 OF SE 1/4	2021	\$537.88
TOWN OF TRANSIT			
CHAD KOKESCH 6676 COUNTY RD 7 STEWART, MN 55385	23-0103-000 SECT- 01 TWP- 113 RNG- 29 W 10A OF SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4	2021	\$79.53
SCOTT KOEP 54166 236 ST WINTHROP, MN 55396 O-LESTER L DRAEGER & LEROY DRAEGER 5901 BROOKLYN RD W MINONG, WI 54859	23-0703-000 SECT- 07 TWP- 113 RNG- 29 14.88A OF NE 1/4 SURV 326 TR 1	2021	\$1,371.97
RONALD M THIELEN & BARBARA R LEHAR 23273 535 AVE WINTHROP, MN 55396	23-0806-000 SECT- 08 TWP- 113 RNG- 29 9.66A OF NE 1/4	2021	\$5,817.13
RONALD M THIELEN & BARBARA R LEHAR 23273 535 AVE WINTHROP, MN 55396	23-0806-010 SECT- 08 TWP- 113 RNG- 29 25 AC OF NE 1/4 SURV 1712 EX 9.66 AC SURV 309	2021	\$390.53
DENNIS A BUSSLER 52945 266 ST WINTHROP, MN 55396	23-2808-000 SECT- 28 TWP- 113 RNG- 29 39.65 AC OF W 1/2 OF SW 1/4 SURV #1709	2021	\$1,467.62
TOWN OF WASHINGTON LAKE			
MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION WATER RESOURCES ENGINEERING 1500 W COUNTY RD B2 ROSEVILLE, MN 55113	24-0099-070 ROAD BENEFITS HWY 25	2021	\$2,754.36
CITY OF ARLINGTON			
RACHEL ELAINE MILLER & NATHAN ROGER MUNSTERMANN 511 BAKER ST W ARLINGTON, MN 55307	31-0125-000 LOT-007 BLOK- 023 ORIGINAL CITY ARLINGTON	2021	\$954.93
ROBERT J BLUMHOEFER 307 ELMWOOD ST E ARLINGTON, MN 55307	31-0588-000 LOT-008 BLOK- 003 FRED BUSSMAN'S ADDN LOT 8 & W 1/2 OF LOT 9	2021	\$1,036.16
DEREK & LEXI WOLTERS 408 ELMWOOD ST E ARLINGTON, MN 55307	31-0629-000 LOT-004 BLOK- 007 SCHUMANN & KILL ADDN LOT 4 & E 1/2 OF LOT 5	2021	\$968.28
KATHARINE LAMB & LARRY C & PATRICIA A LAMB 146 HENDERSON RD ARLINGTON, MN 55307	31-0701-000 SECT- 09 TWP- 113 RNG- 27 UNPLATTED SEC. 9-113-27 TRACT B SURV A-222 EX .27 AC	2021	\$524.97
RIEBE HOMES INC 23803 SHAFFER EST E HARRISONVILLE, MO 64701-4073	31-0719-025 RIEBE HOMES N 99.98 FT OF OUTLOT A	2021	\$39.98
CITY OF GAYLORD			
WEBER PLUMBING LLC PO BOX 1076 GAYLORD, MN 55334-1076	32-0072-000 LOT-007 BLOK- 008 ORIGINAL CITY GAYLORD LOT 7 EX E 19 FT BLK 8	2021	\$2,124.83
DAVID A SWANSON PO BOX 462 GAYLORD, MN 55334-0462	32-0290-000 LOT- 000 BLOK- 009 POEHLER'S ADDN BEG AT A PT ON THE W LINE OF BLK 9, SAID POINT BEING 570 FT S OF NW CORNER OF SAID BLK 9, THENCE E 150 FT, S 70 FT, W 150, N 70 FT TO PT OF BEG	2021	\$1,536.57
NORMA ALVIZO PO BOX 644 GAYLORD, MN 55334-0644	32-0303-000 LOT- 000 BLOK- 009 POEHLER'S ADDN E 150 FT OF S 55 FT OF N 200 FT OF W 300 FT BLK 9	2021	\$1,589.95
JASON J WEBER 310 4TH ST S GAYLORD, MN 55334	32-0388-000 LOT- 006 BLOK- 007 MAASS SPELLMAN 2ND ADDN N 25 FT OF LOT 6 & S 35 FT OF LOT 5	2021	\$1,972.61
PAMELA ABRAMS PO BOX 195 PARK ADDN GAYLORD, MN 55334-0195	32-0394-000 LOT- 004 BLOK- 029	2021	\$1,889.71
NORMA LETICIA ZAMBRANO PO BOX 775 GAYLORD, MN 55334-0775	32-0395-000 LOT- 005 BLOK- 029 PARK ADDN	2021	\$202.28
SHANTIE DEVI LATCHMAN 31 JEFFERSON AVE GAYLORD, MN 55334	32-0671-000 LOT- 003 BLOK- 000 SUNRISE ACRES W 50 FT OF LOT 3 & E 15' OF LOT 4 EX 2'X30'	2021	\$2,252.78
CITY OF GIBBON			
NATHAN A NUTTER 507 11TH ST E GIBBON, MN 55335	33-0181-000 LOT- 004 BLOK- 028 KNIPPLES 7TH ADDN W 75 FT OF LOTS 4-5 & W 75 FT OF S 30 FT OF LOT 3	2021	\$1,090.61
TYLER PAUTZ & JENNIFER WILKIE PO BOX 104 GIBBON, MN 55335 O-JILL & KARIE & PAULA WITTFRAF 10541 EWING AVE S BLOOMINGTON, MN 55431	33-0269-000 LOT- 004 BLOK- 001 PETERSON'S 1ST ADDN	2021	\$581.26
ABUNDIO BANDA PO BOX 142 GIBBON, MN 55335-0142	33-0320-000 LOT- 008 BLOK- 001 HARRY BERGER'S ADDN LOT 8 EX W 54.2 FT	2021	\$95.25
MAVA G JONES JR & SAVANNA L JONES 824 ASH AVE GIBBON, MN 55335 A-SAVANNA JONES O-RAYMOND L & KAREN M KLENK PO BOX 611 WINTHROP, MN 55396-0611	33-0393-000 SECT- 02 TWP- 112 RNG- 31 UNPLATTED GIBBON CITY 94 FT X 150 FT OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4	2021	\$483.02
CITY OF GREEN ISLE			
BRADLEY REDFEARN & HOLLY HAUGO PO BOX 22 GREEN ISLE, MN 55338-0022	34-0147-000 LOT- 001 BLOK- 002 MICHALETZ 3RD ADDN	2021	\$3,149.15
CITY OF HENDERSON			
AUDREY E GLAMM 312 N 5TH ST HENDERSON, MN 56044	35-0153-000 LOT- 014 BLOK- 065 ORIGINAL CITY HENDERSON LOT 14 & S 25 FT OF LOT 15	2021	\$222.04
CITY OF NEW AUBURN			
ANDREW G & CARA D CORRELL PO BOX 68 NEW AUBURN, MN 55366-0068	36-0174-010 LOT- 003 BLOK- 032 ORIGINAL CITY NEW AUBURN	2021	\$1,054.15
CITY OF WINTHROP			
PIMO'S LLC PO BOX 267 WINTHROP, MN 55396 O-WOODS FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST 53923 302 LN WINTHROP, MN 55396	37-0021-000 LOT- 003 BLOK- 004 ORIGINAL CITY WINTHROP	2021	\$418.20
PIMO'S LLC PO BOX 267 WINTHROP, MN 55396 O-WOODS FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST 53923 302 LN WINTHROP, MN 55396	37-0022-000 LOT- 004 BLOK- 004 ORIGINAL CITY WINTHROP N 45 FT OF LOT 4	2021	\$605.01
JOSEPH SAUL PO BOX 267 WINTHROP, MN 55396-0267 O-SHERRY M GEIB REV TRUST PO BOX 608 GAYLORD, MN 55334	37-0024-000 LOT- 005 BLOK- 004 ORIGINAL CITY WINTHROP S 33 FT OF LOT 5	2021	\$1,169.57
PIMO'S LLC PO BOX 267 WINTHROP, MN 55396 O-WOODS FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST 53923 302 LN WINTHROP, MN 55396	37-0026-000 LOT- 006 BLOK- 004 ORIGINAL CITY WINTHROP W 40 FT 8 IN OF LOT 6	2021	\$678.81
MARTIN MEDRANO JR & PAOLA BRUNO PO BOX 122 WINTHROP, MN 55396-0122 O-JOHN C & MARLYS A WOODS 53923 302 LN WINTHROP, MN 55396	37-0140-000 LOT- 008 BLOK- 016 FRANKENFIELD'S ADDN E 89 FT OF LOTS 8 & 9	2021	\$1,325.26
ABUNDIO BANDA PO BOX 51 WINTHROP, MN 55396-0051	37-0157-000 LOT- 018 BLOK- 017 FRANKENFIELD'S ADDN LOTS 18 & 19	2021	\$1,038.27
CONSUELA GOMEZ PO BOX 129 WINTHROP, MN 55396-0129 A-TERESA COLIN	37-0158-000 LOT- 020 BLOK- 017 FRANKENFIELD'S ADDN LOTS 20 & 21	2021	\$611.93
NIKIE LAVALLIE & MITCHELL GAHLER PO BOX 23 WINTHROP, MN 55396-0023	37-0307-000 LOT- 014 BLOK- 005 ANDERSON'S 1ST ADDN E 74 FT OF LOT 14	2021	\$470.04
MICHAEL F REGNER 710 HENNEPIN ST N WINTHROP, MN 55396	37-0382-000 LOT- 001 BLOK- 004 ANDERSON'S 3RD ADDN LOT 1; N 40 FT OF LOT 2	2021	\$727.03
RONALD F OVEN 4681 LAKE AVE ST PAUL, MN 55110-3228	37-0472-000 LOT- 004 BLOK- 002 NORTH WINTHROP ADDN LOT 4 & S 16 FT OF LOT 3	2021	\$762.53
LYNNETTE SONDAG 409 N BROWN ST WINTHROP, MN 55396	37-0529-000 LOT- 005 BLOK- 002 WEST ADDN WINTHROP LOTS 5 & 6	2021	\$1,562.86

This and That with Al Batt

A little onion ring is cause for great joy

ECHOES FROM THE LOAFERS' CLUB MEETING

I bought an all-purpose tool at St. Menard's Hardware. I won't need any other tools as it works on everything.

Wow! What's it called?

A hammer.

DRIVING BY BRUCE'S DRIVE

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Deep thoughts occur as I drive past his drive. I craved milk and stopped at a supermarket. I covered a lot of ground getting to where the milk lived. I found milk—1%, 2%, skim, whole milk, organic, strawberry, chocolate, lactose-free, soy, almond, rice, hemp, oat, coconut, cashew, kefir, goat, buttermilk, evaporated and condensed. I couldn't find any buffalo milk. Sold out, I suppose.

I was a victim of a DWI—Dressed Without Instruction. My wife had duties elsewhere. My spoon was poised above the shoreline of soup in a bowl. George Washington loved peanut soup — made from peanuts, carrots, onions and chicken broth. I had vegetable beef soup with a couple of potato chips because I'd run out of crackers. The chips had edges keen enough to slice carrots. Thomas Edison offered job applicants a bowl of soup and watched them eat. If they added salt and/or pepper before tasting it, they didn't get the job. Edison didn't want employees who relied on assumptions.

My neighbor Crandall sat behind me in school. He claims he'd have gotten better grades if I'd have just applied myself. One year, I formed The Button Cotton Defense League. Button cotton is belly button lint. Belly buttons were given to man so he'd have a place to put salt when eating radishes

while reclining on a sofa and watching TV. That's why a navel needs to be kept lint-free.

WANTED: ALASKAN AGRONOMIST

I'm on the board of the American Bald Eagle Foundation in Haines, Alaska, a lovely place — all mountains and fjords. The Foundation owns a raptor center and a 14-acre farm. The law of the farm is there is always poop. We needed a veterinarian and there wasn't one in Haines. Our vet became Dr. Michelle Oakley of the TV show "Dr. Oakley, Yukon Vet." We try to do good things but were hit hard by Covid and diminished tourism. The lack of cruise ships hurt financially. Nothing happens fast in Haines, other than mudslides. One filled the farm with asphalt and unidentified things. We need an agronomist.

I hailed a cab at the Juneau ferry terminal. It took 55 minutes past forever to get one, even though I'd called early. I'd have had better luck getting a cab in Bethel, though it lacks a ferry. No roads lead to Bethel, which is 400 miles west of Anchorage and 40 miles inland from the Bering Sea. It has a population of 6,775 and is the economic hub for 56 villages. The city has 10 miles of paved roads, 20 miles of dirt roads and 70 taxi cabs. Cars can be prohibitively expensive to own. Bethel has the highest ratio of taxis per capita in the U.S.

AND AN ONION RING FOR DESSERT

In their "The Book of Joy," the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu outlined the eight pillars of joy, divided by mind (perspective, humility, humor, acceptance) and heart (forgiveness, gratitude, compassion, generosity).

I stopped at a fast-food restaurant because it was the only

place open late. The menu board showed a cheeseburger big enough to hurt a back trying to lift one. I asked the clerk at the window if I could walk through the drive-through. I was curious. She asked why I'd want to do that, and said I couldn't until she asked her manager. There was no need.

I sometimes stay in hotels near fast food joints and I've always wanted to hitchhike through a drive-through. I'd chip in on the gas. My order came and I had food in a bag. There was an onion ring in my french fries. I offered acceptance and gratitude for the surprise — and felt joy.

NATURE NOTES

I rarely see gray (Hungarian) partridges at home, but there was a chukar in my yard following a pair around. The chukar, an escapee from a game farm, isn't native to North America and the other partridges were the closest things to a chukar it could find. I named it Chubby Chukar. I had to.

I filled the seed dispensary units with sunflower seeds. These small vending machines dispense bird food when in the company of birds. Native Americans domesticated the sunflower. About 75 percent of the North American sunflower seed is produced in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota.

Voies prefer eating plant materials and don't prosper indoors. They rarely enter houses.

NATURALLY

Each morning, I look out a window to see nature has painted a new picture. A downy woodpecker was as still as a painting on the suet feeder because an accipiter was lurking.

I gloried in the company of redpolls. A single bird is enough to fill my cup with wonder. I heard blue jays make



PHOTO BY AL BATT

Two wild turkeys talking turkey (to speak frankly).

red-tailed hawk calls and understand the value of the mimicry. It's an effective way to frighten other birds away from a food source.

Without a great deal of time and effort, I could see a bald eagle and a trumpeter swan. I remember when that was an impossibility. Turkey vultures eat things that have gone past their expiration dates. Predators look for something moving. Turkey vultures look for something that's not moving. I saw river otters this winter. Seeing them brings joy and they appear to be having fun all the time.

Q&A

"Are wild turkeys native to Minnesota?"

Prior to European settlement, wild turkeys were found only along the Iowa border in southeast Minnesota. As the state was settled, the few turkeys here were eliminated by hunting and habitat loss as early as 1880.

By 1910, wild turkeys were extirpated from Iowa. The last turkey was seen in Lucas County, in the south-central part of the state, according to the DNR. Market hunting and reduced forest habitat led to their demise. Once extirpated, wild turkeys didn't exist in Minnesota for almost 100 years before reintroductions were successful.

In the early years of turkey raising by farmers, the turkeys resembled wild turkeys, but years ago farmers bred white turkeys because the white feathers are less visible on dressed carcasses and those birds have a lighter skin color, which is appealing to consumers. The white turkeys we see on farms today didn't become common until the late 1930s and early 1940s. The 1940 Armistice Day Blizzard caused large losses to Minnesota's

fledgling turkey industry.

Turkeys were reintroduced in southeastern Minnesota in 1973 with 29 birds from Missouri. The Minnesota DNR traded ruffed grouse for them. The Show-Me State turkeys were released in Houston County. Hundreds of pen-raised turkeys from Maryland, Pennsylvania and Texas had been released in southern and central Minnesota in the mid-1920s and in 1957, pen-reared turkeys from Pennsylvania were set free in the Whitewater Wildlife Management Area in Winona County. All failed to survive.

From 1964 to 1968, 39 wild turkeys trapped in Nebraska, South Dakota and Arkansas were released in the Gopher State. They were the Merriam's subspecies, which are smaller and less hardy than the eastern subspecies native to Minnesota and they all perished. The class of 1973 did well and its population grew rapidly, with the first hunting season held in 1978.

Over the years, Minnesota sent gray partridges to New York, black bears to Arkansas and Canada geese to Oklahoma in return for eastern wild turkeys. More birds were brought in from Wisconsin and Illinois. T.S. Roberts, in his 1932 "The Birds of Minnesota," concluded wild turkeys likely never resided in Minnesota before early, failed efforts at introduction, but Aldo Leopold reported in 1931 that he'd found written accounts of turkeys living in southern Minnesota in Rock County (1871) and Blue Earth County (1773). Leopold added that no "single statement in this report is offered as final or sufficient fact." It's reasonable to speculate that turkeys might have occurred in Minnesota in those days. Wild turkeys are found

in every state but Alaska.

Karen Wright of Mankato asked if the mallards in her yard might be the same pair that nested there last year.

Nest fidelity in birds is common. Mallards tend to return to brood-rearing or wetland areas they had used previously. If those two mallards survived the year, they may be exhibiting breeding-ground fidelity in your yard.

"Do sandhill cranes nest in Minnesota and Iowa?"

Minnesota has expanding populations. In northwestern Minnesota, sandhills are from the mid-continent population, which winters on the Texas Gulf Coast, while the east and central cranes are part of the eastern population, which winters in northern and central Florida. Suitable breeding areas offer water, nesting cover, isolation and a nearby foraging area.

The nest is a platform constructed of vegetation and either floats in shallow water, is anchored to emergent vegetation or placed in uplands adjacent to the wetland. Wetland recovery and restoration have allowed the cranes to nest in Iowa since 1992. They live as long as 35 years in the wild with 30% of the colts surviving to fly.

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"Nature's laws affirm instead of prohibit. If you violate her laws, you are your own prosecuting attorney, judge, jury, and hangman."

—Luther Burbank

"Orbiting Earth in the spaceship, I saw how beautiful our planet is. People, let us preserve and increase this beauty, not destroy it!"

—Yuri Gagarin, the first human in space

Do good.

Second Harvest Heartland encourages residents to support food shelves during FoodShare March campaign

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign, the largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, has begun. Second Harvest Heartland, Minnesota's largest food bank, is encouraging Minnesotans to find their nearest participating food shelf and support it with food and/or financial donations. The campaign runs through April 10.

Supply chains remain tight,

food prices continue to rise, and food insecurity remains a concern for local families as the burdens of the pandemic persist. According to Feeding America, in 2021 the projected food insecurity rate was 8.6% in Minnesota, up from 7.7% in 2019.

"As much as we wish we could say the toughest parts of the past two years are behind us, we know that hunger persists in every corner of our

state. That's where the critical work of neighborhood food shelves and community organizations comes in," said Allison O'Toole, CEO of Second Harvest Heartland. "We are so proud to support our region's network of food shelves as they work tirelessly to meet local hunger needs, and we encourage everyone to support them during this campaign in whatever way you can."

As a food bank, Second Harvest Heartland sources and distributes food to its 388 neighborhood food shelf partners. In 2021, the food bank distributed

more than 120 million pounds of food to partners, making up, on average, 85% of the food they distributed to neighbors.

Financial donations are stretched the furthest because food shelves can purchase bulk quantities of food that Second Harvest Heartland sources and stores at its Brooklyn Park warehouse.

In general, the most needed food items include meats, fish and protein (canned tuna, ham or chicken; beef stew, chili, peanut butter and canned/dried beans); complete meals (pasta and canned sauces, boxed

meals, hearty soups) and grains (cereal, rice). Donors are encouraged to check with food shelves before donating, as needs change week to week.

In 2021, the March Campaign raised more than \$13 million and collected nearly 6.5 million pounds of food. Funds raised help stock and support the capacity of Minnesota food shelves.

To find a food shelf in your neighborhood to support directly or donate to the campaign, visit the Minnesota FoodShare

March Campaign website at gmcc.org/march-campaign. If food or financial donations are not possible, inquire about volunteer opportunities.

Second Harvest Heartland and Minnesota FoodShare both believe all Minnesotans deserve access to healthy food and envision a hunger-free future. This important work starts at neighborhood food shelves and food banks. We can all end hunger — but only if we work together.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Giants make Tigers sweat in quarterfinals, but fall short

By Rachel Miller
Editor

The Le Sueur-Henderson Giants boys basketball team came up short in the final minutes of last Thursday's Section 2AA quarterfinals, which was held at New Prague High School.

The Giants faced neighboring Belle Plaine, and were hoping the third time would be the charm as the Tigers twice this season defeated the Giants by nine and 14-point margins.

The team set a goal of wanting to play at MSU in the semis, and were very competitive with Belle Plaine early on. The Giants kept it a close game, and were leading 30-25 at the end of the first half.

But Belle Plaine amped up the defensive pressure in the second half, and turned things around pretty quickly. The Tigers went on a 10-0 run to capture the lead — and the Giants never fully recovered. But neither did they give up. The Giants battled back from behind, and were trailing by a single point, 42-41, with less than six minutes left in the game.

The Tigers and the Giants kept it close over the next three minutes, but slowly the Tigers began to pull away. With 1:45 left in the game, the Tigers were leading 51-45, and they closed the game on a 9-0 run to defeat the Giants, 60-45.

"I am proud of the way we came together," senior co-captain Nathan Gregersen said after the game.

Cayden Luna was the top scorer, with 12 points, while Gregersen scored 10 points. Senior Dylan Kahlow netted seven, senior Gage Bishop contributed six, Dylan Graff scored four, and Grant Adams and senior David Gupton scored three each.

Last Thursday's game was the final one for seniors Kahlow, Gregersen, Bishop, Gupton, Zack Rojas, Stanley Brown and Jacob Stolley. Gregersen,



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Senior co-captains David Gupton (above left) and Nathan Gregersen (above right) take shots against the Belle Plaine Tigers. Gupton netted three points against the Tigers while Gregersen scored 10. At right, Dylan Graff beats Andrew Siegle to a rebound late in the game.

Kahlow, Bishop and Gupton were all co-captains this year, and Coach Ryan Graff said their absence will be felt next season.

"They all contributed in some ways, whether it is scoring, rebounding or defensively. It might be defensively we miss them the most because they are all good defenders and can guard many guys," Graff said.

This year's crop of seniors can also leave knowing they had one of the most successful seasons in the past decade. The Giants ended the season with a winning record, 14-13. Not only is that more wins that the previous two seasons

combined, but it is the most wins since the 2014-15 season, when LS-H was 18-7.

Although the team was hoping to finish the season at MSU, Graff said he is very proud of this year's team, and the strides they have made over the season.

"I have noticed it, fans, parents, anybody coming to games from the beginning to now has noticed how far they have come," Graff said. "With the rough start we got off to, it is a credit to them. They stuck with it and kept their eyes on a bigger picture and kept getting better. I am very proud of where they have come this entire season."

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- Ryan Graff
- LS-H Boys Basketball coach



DNR NEWS

New sunfish regulations in effect on 52 lakes

Sunfish anglers need to closely check the 2022 Minnesota Fishing Regulations booklet and signs at water accesses for new sunfish limits that took effect on 52 lakes and connected waters on March 1.

The new regulations lower limits on specific waters as part of a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources initiative to protect and improve sunfish sizes. These changes are in response to angler-driven concerns over the declining sizes of sunfish in Minnesota.

"This is the final batch of new sunfish regulations that will be part of the Quality Sunfish Initiative. We're pleased to be at our overall goal of 200 to 250 lakes with these special regulations," said Dave Weit-

zel, Grand Rapids area fisheries supervisor. "We've had an impressive amount of public support all along for these regulations. Anglers spoke up that they want large sunfish in our lakes."

The new regulations modify daily limits on the affected waterbodies. Anglers can keep only the prescribed number of fish per day but can return the next day for another limit if they don't exceed the statewide inland water possession limit of 20 sunfish per angler. Beginning in 2022, nearly all lakes with special regulations for sunfish will use the same reduced daily limit approach where the statewide possession limit still applies. There are a few exceptions so anglers should read the regulations

book carefully.

These regulations are designed with sunfish biology in mind. Sunfish spawn in large nesting colonies during the spring and early summer. Parental male sunfish build and defend nests. Females select a male, lay eggs, and leave the eggs for the male to protect. The largest sunfish often get the best spawning sites. These nest-building male sunfish play an important role in regulating the population's size structure.

When anglers keep the largest sunfish, the remaining small males don't need to compete with large males to spawn. With the large males gone, the small males devote less energy to growing, mature and spawn at smaller sizes, and fail to grow to the size pre-

ferred by anglers.

Minnesota fishing regulations use sunfish as the generic name for bluegill, pumpkinseed, green sunfish, orange-spotted sunfish, longear, war-mouth and their hybrids. More about the Quality Sunfish Initiative is available on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/fish/sunfish).

OTHER NEW REGULATIONS

Other fishing regulation changes in the 2022 regulations book include removal of an experimental 17-inch minimum length for walleye on Clear Lake in Washington County. The regulation was removed because management objectives were not achieved. The statewide regulation now applies and is expected to per-

form equally well.

Some of the lakes getting new sunfish limits will also see changes to crappie limits. Eight lakes will have the crappie limit reduced to five — five lakes in the Duluth area and one lake each in the Brainerd, Spicer and Walker areas. Finally, special sunfish regulations were reviewed on Ox Yoke and Sanborn lakes, both in Cass County, and the

new regulation will be a five fish daily limit after the 10 fish limit failed to meet management objectives.

The 2022 Minnesota fishing regulations are available online (mndnr.gov/fishing) and anywhere Minnesota fishing licenses are sold. The new sunfish regulations are found in the special regulations that begin on page 37 of the booklet.

Le Sueur - Henderson Athlete of the Week
Dylan Kahlow
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