



Bench for Jessica

Friends of Jessica Manthei dedicated a new bench outside Henderson Wine and Spirits on Monday. P. 2



Century Farm

The Quast Family Farm out of Buffalo Lake was this year's celebrated Century Farm at the Sibley County Fair. P. 7



Final fair

Don't miss the Le Sueur County Fair this Thursday-Sunday! P. 7



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General election filing period closes: meet the candidates

By Rachel Miller
Editor

The makeup of the Henderson City Council could change next year. Unlike the 2018 election when just one candidate filed, Henderson closed the filing period Tuesday

afternoon with three candidates: incumbent Randy Tiegs and challengers Mary Kay Burger-Wento and Crystal Thomas.

Janet Boese, who was a write-in candidate in 2018, did not re-file, so there will be at least one new face at the council table in 2023.

Keith Swenson previously said he would file for mayor if no other candidates emerged, and followed up on that promise and will be the only candidate on the mayoral ballot on Nov. 8.

SCHOOL BOARD

Five candidates had filed for the

Le Sueur-Henderson School Board as of the filing deadline on Tuesday afternoon. Incumbents Matt Hathaway, Gretchen Rehm, Brigid Tuck and Jennifer Burns had all filed for their seats, along with challenger Burger-Wento.

However, Burger-Wento's filing

raised some questions, as her paperwork for the school board race was filed on Thursday, Aug. 11 — two days after she filed for the Hender-

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Hurrah for hummers!

Henderson Hummingbird Hurrah returns Saturday

Charms of hummingbirds, a kaleidoscope of butterflies, beautiful flowers galore and plenty of pollinators are ready for your enjoyment during the Henderson Hummingbird Hurrah on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The annual festival offers free fun for the whole family and the chance to purchase yummy beverages, snacks and lunch, as well as the chance to browse local artisan wares to buy a souvenir.

The Henderson Hummingbird Garden will showcase licensed hummingbird banded Don Mitchell between 9 a.m. and noon, when he will be catching hummingbirds, banding them, collecting data such as weight and length, and then releasing them. The birds are not harmed!

Gardener Larry Pfarr of television fame be on hand with his bee display. Mitchell, who is also a master gardener, will speak later in the day, as will renowned Minnesota humorist Al Batt.

Especially for children of all ages will be crafts to make and take. Bring your creativity — lots of fun ideas and materials will be provided for you to make whatever you can dream up. An artist will be on hand to paint a design on your hand or arm between 9 - 11 a.m.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

During a past Hummingbird Hurrah, Don Mitchell holds a hummingbird that he is about to release, after he has weighed, measured and banded the bird.



A monarch sips from a tall coneflower in the Henderson Hummingbird Garden.

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Road closed ahead

Youth trade experience is hard to come by

By Rachel Miller
Editor

As previously chronicled in the Henderson Independent's "Trade Power" series, there is no shortage of jobs in skilled trade industries, and connecting students to those pathways starts in school.

But there is still one major barrier facing youth who may be interested in a trade career: job experience.

The federal government does allow 16 and 17-year-olds to work in the construction industry and on construction sites, but does limit the tasks they can do. For example, roofing is considered a hazardous occupation and prohibited for anyone younger than 18 years old. Power-driven woodworking machines, metal-working machines and power-driven equipment is also considered too hazardous.

However, a construction site includes lots of other jobs not considered hazardous. Plumbing, HVAC and even putting up drywall all fall under the construction umbrella.

Minnesota, however, has taken a more restrictive view on the construction industry. According to the Minnesota



Adam Hanson

Department of Labor and Industry, minors are prohibited from working "in or around logging or lumbering operations; paper, saw, lathe and shingle mills; mines, quarries and sand or gravel pits; construction or building projects; and ice harvesting operations; among others.

According to Adam Hanson, chapter president for the Associated Builders and Contractors of Minnesota and North Dakota, the construction umbrella causes issues when trying to connect youth to careers because it prohibits easier tasks like painting or hanging drywall.

"You can do that in shop class, but not on a construction site," Hanson said.

Across the border, Wisconsin allows 16 and 17-year-olds to work construction jobs, and even includes a detailed list of which equipment they are permitted to use. For example, students younger than 18 are prohibited from operating a forklift, but those at least 16 can operate a hydraulic press, drill press, deburring machine, CNC router, pipe threader, computerized plasma table, welder and more.

In Minnesota, people younger than 18 can only work on a construction site if they are 17 and already graduated from high school; are working on a family-owned construction company; or if they apply and get an exemption from the state.

Hanson would like to see Minnesota model its youth employment laws after the federal government, which provides some allowances. "Construction workers are not getting any younger — the greying of the industry is not happening slowly, and if we cannot open the pipeline fairly quickly, things are going to cost more and take a lot longer," Hanson said.

One thing Hanson is glad to see is trade careers are getting more acceptance in schools, and there is a more positive attitude toward the trades as a viable job field.

LE SUEUR-HENDERSON SCHOOL BOARD

LS-H considers Honeywell changes in light of new terms

By Rachel Miller
Editor

The Le Sueur-Henderson School Board held a special meeting and work session on Monday night, to canvass the Aug. 9 primary election results, discuss next steps for the bond and a new change to the Honeywell agreement.

The board officially canvassed the Aug. 9 primary

votes, which reflected 1,219 "Yes" votes to build a \$39.9 million K-5 school on the existing Middle/High School site, against 1,080 "No" votes.

Superintendent Jim Wagner shared the district will be putting together a focus group to look at designs and take tours of other schools to get ideas. Wagner said the goal is to put together a "real detailed, finite blueprint to go out for bids right after Christmas, with the

idea we will start construction as soon as we can punch a hole in the ground."

Wagner also said he is working with a few local businesses to see if they can raise the money to build a third gymnasium that was part of the failed Question 3 on the ballot.

HONEYWELL UPDATE

During the special meeting, the board approved a \$4,486,148 lease-purchase

agreement with Honeywell which will address some building maintenance issues at the Middle/High School site, including new lighting, water, building envelope and building management systems.

During the following work session, Wagner shared with the board that he recently learned lease agreements cannot be for a period to exceed 15 years.

As this is a change from the

20-year lease agreement previously discussed with Honeywell, Wagner presented five possible 15-year term scenarios to consider.

The five scenarios had varying up-front contributions, ranging from \$100,000/year to \$564,870, and similarly varying annual contributions.

Wagner told the board he was in favor of either Scenario C or D.

Scenario C involved a

\$300,000 up-front contribution and an annual contribution of \$106,006 in year one, which would increase to \$123,261 for the following 14 years.

Scenario D involved a \$375,000 up-front contribution and an annual contribution of \$99,420 in year one, which would increase to \$116,675 for the following 14 years.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Two ruby-throated hummingbirds drink from the same feeder on a thirsty afternoon.

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Master gardeners will lead a garden tour in both the morning and the afternoon and volunteers will be on hand with information about birds, bees, butterflies and blooms all day.

Raffle tickets are available for purchase and the winning numbers will be drawn at 3 p.m. (you need not be present to win.) Proceeds benefit Henderson Feathers, the 501(c)3 non-profit group that designs and maintains the garden and stages the Hurrah every year and is now the parent organi-

zation for the National Ruby Throated Hummingbird Center.

The garden is located at the corner of Oak and North 4th Streets in Henderson. The banding and tour will be in the garden. Just down the path is Bender Park, where the vendors, educational booths and the children's pavilion will be located. Speakers will be under the Bender Park shelter just on the far side of the park.

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son City Council seat.

The Minnesota Secretary of State candidate qualifications prohibit filing for more than one office in a primary or general election.

Following that revelation, Burger-Wento told the Independent on Tuesday she intended to withdraw her filing from the Le Sueur-Henderson School Board, and focus on the Henderson City Council race, leaving the four school board incumbents to serve another four years.

TOWNSHIP RACES

Not much will be changing in Henderson, Jessenland or Faxon Townships. With just one exception, all incumbents will be retaining their seats and running unopposed.

The one change will be in Henderson Township, as Rita

Schultz is not seeking re-election as township clerk. Tom Obele is running unopposed for the position.

John Pioske is unchallenged for his Henderson Township supervisor spot.

In Jessenland Township, incumbents Jeremy Tesch (supervisor) and Bonnie Weber (clerk) are running unopposed.

And in Faxon Township, incumbents Tara McConnell (supervisor) and Cerisse Murphy (clerk) are also unopposed.

BELLE PLAINE
SCHOOL BOARD

The Belle Plaine School Board race will be an easy one, with three candidates filing for three seats.

The board seats held by Amanda Gregory, Matt Lenz and Karl Keup are up for election this year. Lenz had filed for his seat, and is joined on the ballot by newcomers Kellen Schmidt and Tonya Smith.

ROCK ON, JESSICA!

Friends of Jessica Manthei gathered for an official bench dedication on Monday evening, Aug. 15. The plan to purchase and dedicate a bench in Manthei's honor has been in the works for months, and it was recently delivered and installed outside Henderson Wine and Spirits.

Manthei, who was found deceased Feb. 14, was known for her loving, family-oriented personality, and had a passion for 80s rock music. Now that spirit will be kept alive, and a piece of Jessica will be at every Henderson community celebration, from Sauerkraut Days to the weekly summer Classic Car Roll-ins and everything in between.

Rock on, Jessica!



PHOTO BY BETH CORNISH



PHOTO BY RACHEL MILLER



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Tuesday was a beautiful night for a Classic Car Roll-in, as streets were packed and people flocked downtown to enjoy the beautiful weather, stunning cars and friendly atmosphere. The parking lot down by St. Paul's UCC is even more beautiful thanks to the secret garden that has been planted and maintained in memory of Aunt Doris and in honor of Arlene Busse.

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FROM OUR FILES



From the Aug. 22, 2002 issue of the *Henderson Independent*: A line almost as long as the Minnesota River itself waited to have books signed by Don Osell on Saturday afternoon's sesquicentennial. This event featured complimentary wine and cheese and took place at the Joseph R. Brown Minnesota River Center on the second floor of the Henderson Community Building. For many it was their first look at the Center. (Compiled by Beth Cornish)

130 YEARS AGO AUG. 19, 1892

A leap year party, consisting of three or four carriage loads of young people, enjoyed themselves Monday evening by driving up and down the streets singing snatches of "ancient songs," which lent them a rather weird appearance. The occupants of one carriage had the good taste to carry a "chestnut bell," which should be very necessary on an occasion of this kind. (Editor's note: a chestnut is a slang old joke or song {an old chestnut} so a chestnut bell would mean a warning of an old joke or song)

Charles Hoffmann, former bookkeeper for Poehlers in this city, and who was held in Germany to serve out his soldiership while on a visit to his parents, has finished his term in the army and last week made his appearance in Minneapolis and accepted a position with H. Poehler & Co., grain dealers of that place. His

many friends here will be glad to hear of his return.

The Henderson baseball club went to Arlington Sunday and played their second game with that nine. It seems that Arlington was not in it from the start as was demonstrated by the score which was 15 to 5 in Henderson's favor in the 5th inning when the Arlington club thought it time to quit and ended the game. This surely settles matters as to the superiority of these two clubs.

120 YEARS AGO AUG. 15, 1902

The concert given by violinist Carl Herrmann at the opera house on Friday evening did not receive the patronage it merited. Mr. Herrmann is an accomplished musician and rendered a program of popular and classic selections.

100 YEARS AGO AUG. 18, 1922

The newly organized local baseball team played its first game on the home diamond on Sunday against the Arlington

Cubs and demonstrated that they are comers. The Arlington team has been hitting a fast clip for weeks and hence were worthy foes to contend against. When the smoke cleared after the ninth inning, the score stood 11 to 5 in favor of Henderson.

Returning on the late passenger train from the Cities on Sunday night, Dr. Duclos informed us that the engineer saw a man lying near the track between Blakeley and Belle Plaine. The train was stopped, the man placed on board and taken back to Belle Plaine, where it was found that one of his arms was badly crushed. The doctors there could not handle the case, so the man was given first aid and taken to Mankato. The man gave his age at 22 years, and said his home was at Springfield, IL. He said he was on his way west to find work. He said he did not know how he had been injured, but it is surmised that he fell from a freight train with the above result. Amputation was necessary according to Duclos.

80 YEARS AGO AUG. 14, 1942

Products of Minnesota's Fighting Farmers, the men and women backing up the men behind the guns, will be featured in the "Food for Victory" exhibits at the Minnesota State Fair this year. For distinguished service on the Homefront, the State Fair offers \$150,000 in premiums, the largest wartime subsidy ever given for increased production in livestock, agriculture and home arts. To provide adequate food for Americans and for Democracy's Fighting Forces throughout the world, this program and its increased premiums encourage greater

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:

N-595



Photo N-587 pictured siblings, from left: JoAnn (Lindstrand) Collins, Doug Lindstrand, and Joyce (Lindstrand) Brandvold. Their parents were August & Blandina Lindstrand of Winthrop. The photo was identified by JoAnn Collins.

production of vital foods: more livestock and poultry adapted to Northwest crops and climate; raising of non-surplus crops with minimum farm labor; special clinics for maintenance of farm machinery; and emphasis on home canning of fruits, vegetables and berries requiring the smallest amounts of sugar.

60 YEARS AGO AUG. 16, 1962

Newlywed Mrs. John Reilly Jr. of Route 2, Le Sueur received a belated wedding gift from the Sibley County Fair Association when her ticket was drawn for the grand prize at the conclusion of the fair on Sunday. She took home the 1962 Ford Fairlane Tudor. The winning ticket was purchased while buying gasoline on the way to the fair that evening.

Charlotte Lampe, a 17-year-old senior at the Arlington-Green Isle High School, was crowned Miss Sibley County on Sunday evening. Interestingly, her twin sister Charlene was chosen as one of her attendants. Judges for the contest were professional models from the Twin Cities.

50 YEARS AGO AUG. 17, 1972

The runner-up trophy in the Legion Youth Baseball League was brought home Monday evening by the Henderson team. Madison Lake captured the championship series by downing the Henderson youths in the two-out-of-three series.

A 13-year-old Norwood girl, Denise Gagnon, submitted to surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital in Mankato to remove a bullet which lodged in her body as a result of an accidental shooting Monday afternoon. A group of youths were playing pool in the basement of the Trost home in Norwood, when Daniel Trost, 14, was toying with a revolver he believed to be empty. The accidentally discharged bullet struck Gagnon in the abdomen. She is now reported in fair condition.

40 YEARS AGO AUG. 19, 1982

The parishioners of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Henderson and St. Thomas Catholic Church in Jessenland welcome this week their new pastor, Father Martin Warren, 28, who arrived Friday. Father Martin, as he prefers to be called, is a native of England and has been in Minnesota for only two years. Since his arrival in Minnesota, he had been pastoring at the Church of St. Willibrord in Gibbon and worked with the migrant workers for two summers.

He is now studying for a master's degree in Theology at St. John's University at Collegeville. His goal is to earn certification as a chaplain in Mental Health Care, particularly in the area of Chemical Dependency.

From the esteemed Elmo Downs: Youth is not entirely a time of life. It is a state of mind. It is not wholly a matter of ripe cheeks and red lips or supple knees; it is a temper of will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions. Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old only by deserting their ideals.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubts; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fears; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

In the center of every heart there is a recording chamber. So long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer and courage, you are young. When the wires are all down and your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then, and only then, have you grown old.

30 YEARS AGO AUG. 20, 1992

Guthrie and Keith Swenson and Ryan and Joe Pulk of this community recently participated in a marathon home building weekend for Habitat for Humanity. Their employer, Centex Homes, built the home in seven days and donated it to Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization that builds low cost, no interest housing for the working poor with volunteer labor using materials either donated or purchased through donation.

20 YEARS AGO AUG. 22, 2002

Lamona Phillips was appointed to fill the term of former Henderson City Council member Steve Fries. Kari

Gilman was appointed to complete Glenna Fries' term on the city planning commission. The Fries recently took up residence outside city limits and consequently had to resign their seats.

10 YEARS AGO AUG. 15, 2012

Amy Ann Romero, formerly of rural Henderson, entered a guilty plea on August 8 to second degree manslaughter in connection with the death of her infant daughter in 2001. She agreed to a double upward departure of 96 months' imprisonment, with the other six felony charges being dismissed as part of the plea arrangement. With good behavior, Romero will face 64 months served in prison with 32 months of supervised parole.

County Attorney David Schauer called it a "difficult and challenging case" where no forensic evidence was found and the case was reported 10 years after the incident. In August of 2011 Romero allegedly told a co-worker that she gave birth to a baby girl in April 2001 and left her in woods near her parents' home. Defense Attorney Anthony Nerud said his client admitted she gave birth and that there was a reasonable degree of medical uncertainty whether the child was alive or stillborn.

Nerud said she admitted she had the means to get to a hospital and is responsible for the neglect to obtain medical care. He added, "She was an 18-year-old kid from a broken family, was not close to anyone, making very bad decisions. If there is a broader lesson to be learned, there are always people willing to help if you are willing to ask."

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Patrick L. Keating - 86

Patrick Lawrence Keating, age 86, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on August 2, 2022.

Memorial Mass will be on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John Assumption Catholic Church in Faxon Township, Sibley County. Short visitation will be in the church social hall from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Burial following Mass with Military Honors will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Belle Plaine. Lunch and social to follow burial at the Rustic Room in Neisen's Corner Bar, Belle Plaine

Pat was born on October 5, 1935 in St. Paul to Joseph and Margaret (nee Hoye) Keating. Pat grew up in St. Paul, and moved to his grandparents' farm in Belle Plaine during his teen years. It was here that he discovered his love of country life and met his first wife, Joan. After high school, Pat was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he met many lifelong friends. In 1970, Pat lost Joan to breast cancer and was left alone to raise their two daughters, Krissy and Colleen.

Pat was first and foremost a proud Irishman. Luck was on his side on March 17, 1971 when he met his beloved second wife, Joan. He and Joan married and were now a fam-



ily of six, including Joan's daughters, Lisa and Quenby. Together they then had Erin and Molly.

Music was an integral part of Pat's life. He taught himself the guitar at a very young age and sang and played in numerous bands throughout the years. He was a master on the guitar, banjo, and mandolin. His girls remember a constant stream of music playing at home through their younger years.

Family was the most important part of Pat's life. He cherished and loved his daughters and was thrilled to welcome six sons-in-law into the family. Anyone who knew or met Pat, was made to feel they were the most special person in the room. We will all miss his kiss-

es and big hugs.

Pat is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Joan; his beautiful daughters: Lisa (Phil) Brudos, Quenby (Darrell) Roth, Krissy (Erik) Lange, Colleen (Bill) Mihe-lich, Erin (Shaun) O'Connell and Molly (Brian) Fink; grandchildren: Chad (Lauren), Ben (Emily), Marie, Ryan (Brittini), Emily (Trevor), Maggie, Garrett, Joanie, Sean, Bryn, Charlie, Thomas, Shannon, Joe and Keira; great-grandchildren, Evan, Drew, Claire, Calvin, Scott, Haley, Remi and Mila; brothers: John (Cheryl), Jim (Jackie), and Mike, as well as many more loving family members and friends.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Joan; brother, Joseph; sisters: Mary "Bernie," Margaret "Muggs," and Florence "Flossy."

The family wants to extend a heartfelt gratitude to the Western Lakes first responders, the staff at Oconomowoc and Waukesha Memorial Hospitals, and especially Angels-Grace Hospice for the comfort and compassion they provided Pat and his family.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Tunnel to Towers Foundation or your local Autism organization in Pat's name are appreciated.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Le Sueur-Henderson Community Theatre falls short on non-profit status

My name is Tina Grapentine and I was the president of Le Sueur-Henderson Community Theatre in February 2016. Our goal was to raise \$840 for non-profit status.

In May of 2016, we acquired help from SMIF to handle our taxable donations until we reached 501(c)3 status. Our organization did receive two donations from Le Sueur's outstanding businesses: Le Sueur Family Dental and Miller's Custom Floors — that was much appreciated. In addition, I would like to extend my gratitude to several of our Le Sueur and Henderson community members.

First of all, our board members: Everyone took the time to make our dream come true!

In Le Sueur: Oberle, Tully + Co, City of Le Sueur, Commerce of Le Sueur members, HomeTown Bank and Cosgrove House Bed and Breakfast.

In Henderson: Henderson Healing Hub and Road Haus.

I am also grateful to KMSU Radio Station for interviewing and allowing me to get the word out about our dream of restoring the Le Sueur Theater.

We hosted several events during summer and fall of 2016. Those included were:

"GoFundMe", Market Fest and "Giants Day" booths and Murder Mystery Dinner Halloween Parties!

The grand total raised was not sufficient to become 501(c)3. Therefore, monies from SMIF donations went to

Le Sueur Community Foundation as of July 6, 2021. Monies from GoFundMe and other events will be donated to Le Sueur Theatre Historic Preservation Corporation. The delay was due to the lack of knowledge and Covid-19. Please understand, under those circumstances, I was not able to close this chapter of our organization until now.

Looking to the future, I have been keeping up on the developments of the theater! I admire Katherine Elke, for all your dedication, arduous work, and passion to restore the historical building! I understand the frustration from the beginning. But YOU WILL SUCCEED!

Tina Grapentine and the Le Sueur-Henderson Community Theatre

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BELLE PLAINE BULLETIN



Belle Plaine students find personal growth, passions in CTE courses

By Josh Wilson
Independent Intern

Editor's Note: This story is part of a series the Henderson Independent is publishing around the need for skilled trade workers in the Minnesota River area. All stories in this series are noted with the above "Trade Power" logo. The students featured in this series were all interviewed before the end of the 2021-22 school year.

Construction, small engine, and Career and Tech Education (CTE) classes are building the foundation for future career possibilities for the local Belle Plaine High School students.

In recent years, Belle Plaine High School (BPHS) has continued to evolve its CTE and Agriculture classes. The effort aims to perk students' interest in a trade or agriculture profession and teach valuable skills that reflect all careers and areas of life.

The Belle Plaine Bulletin sat down in the creative CTE classroom space with BPHS students Kyra Eohm, Kiya Williamson, Cole Eggars, Julian Xiong, Wyatt Friendshuh, Carter Eiden, and Caleb Wermerskirchen, and Teacher Todd Anderson to learn about the connection between the CTE program and a future career in a trade profession.

At the beginning of the Bul-

letin's classroom conversation, we asked each student to tell us about the CTE classes they've taken and what sparked their interest in the class.

Small Engines and Construction are the primary courses that come to mind as students recall their initial interest in Belle Plaine's CTE program. For some students, their motivation lies in being able to take courses with their friends.

Caleb Wermerskirchen, a 10th-grader at Belle Plaine High School, took Small Engines I and II. His motivation to take the course came from the influence of his friends who allowed him to engage in hands-on learning.

"I did small engines because friends were in it and the hands-on aspect," said Wermerskirchen.

Kiya Williamson, another 10th grader, took Intro to CTE to stay involved with extracurricular involvement, Future Farmers of America (FFA). Williamson was excited to engage with the course as it creates opportunities to learn about the different career paths that relate to Agriculture.

"Through the classes I have taken, it's led me into other opportunities of figuring out what I do like and don't like and sort of narrowing down a career path for me," Williamson said.

Wyatt Friendshuh, an 11th-grader, loves the oppor-



PHOTO BY JOSH WILSON

From left to right, Kyra Eohm, Kiya Williamson, Julian Xiong, Cole Eggars, Carter Eiden, Caleb Wermerskirchen and Wyatt Friendshuh in the classroom where they spend most of their time. This group will be juniors and seniors in the fall and are regular faces in Belle Plaine High School's Career and Technical Education program.

tunity to work on his problem-solving skills. The CTE classes he has taken have enabled him to transfer skills to the school's Robotics team.

Friendshuh's greatest takeaway from CTE classes has been the growth in responsi-

bility, time management, and problem-solving skills.

"Overall, unlocking the creativity to yourself and thinking about how you can make it come to life," said Friendshuh.

Julian Xiong, another 11th-grader, told the Bulle-

tin that his favorite stores are Home Depot and Menards. Since he grew up looking at the construction materials in these stores, he was motivated to take Construction I and II to use the materials hands-on.

Xiong has learned valuable

skills from the courses that he will extend to a possible career in human services.

"Teamwork is a big part of it, and you have to rely

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BELLE PLAINE SCHOOL BOARD

Talks begin about fine arts, CTE expansion referendum

By Rachel Miller
Editor

As neighboring Le Sueur-Henderson successfully passed a new school referendum, the Belle Plaine School District is beginning to mull over a referendum of their own that could expand agricultural and Career and Technical Education (CTE) teaching and provide the district's prominent One Act Play program with a nice 550-seat auditorium to perform in.

Superintendent Ryan Laager raised the idea during the Belle Plaine School Board's Monday, Aug. 8 work session meeting. The possible referendum would take place at the current district office, located at 130 S. Willow St. The idea could involve tearing down part of the building and renovating/rebuilding, or a complete tear-down and new construction. At this point, all discussion is preliminary, and the school board is expected to provide direction on whether or not to proceed with the loose concept and a community survey at its Monday, Aug. 22 meeting.

Belle Plaine High School has one of the best theater programs around, and the hardware to back that statement up. Since 1979, Belle Plaine has made 18 trips to the State One Act Play Festival, and received a Star performance 17 times — making them the #1 school in Class A competition, and the second of any class. They have proved they are the school to beat, as the Tigers have received 13 Star awards in the past 16 years.

Despite that, the auditorium

they rehearse and perform in is small, seating 250 people. The current concept would include a fine arts facility with a performance arts center and new band and choir spaces.

"We have one of the best fine arts programs...and we are the only district that does not have a fine arts space," Laager said.

A potential referendum could also include expanded space for woodworking, agriculture and a new small gas engine program under the district's CTE program. Laager said there is also potential to set up community garden plots on the ground and potentially tie that into supporting the local food shelf or selling to the community.

The school board will have to decide whether they want to proceed with the process and send out a community survey to gauge community interest and aptitude. If the board decides to proceed, and if community residents are in favor of the project, the board would look at a November 2023 referendum vote.

The good news is that one way or another, taxes will be decreasing in 2026. The \$34.17 million Oak Crest Elementary bond is dropping off the levy in 2025, and the final payment will be made in 2026. Laager said once that bond drops off, taxes on a \$250,000 house should drop by \$400/year. If a referendum passes, they will still decline, but it could be by as little as \$60.

Belle Plaine agricultural property owners can also benefit from the Ag2School tax credit, which is increasing to



PHOTO BY RACHEL MILLER

Belle Plaine Superintendent Ryan Laager shared preliminary information about what a potential school referendum in November 2023 could look like. The district is considering renovating and/or rebuilding the facility at 130 S. Willow St. as a performing arts center and expanded Career and Technical Education space, and could also potentially include community garden plots for agricultural learning.

70 percent on school bonds in 2023.

POLICIES

As part of the work session, the board also reviewed a handful of policies that are required to be reviewed annually, and fall in line with policies adopted by the Minnesota School Board Association. Most of the changes were relatively minor.

Policy 410: Family and Medical Leave: The biggest change was the addition of multiple methods to determine a 12-month period for 12 weeks of FMLA leave. Options include the school calendar year, a fiscal year, a year starting from the employee's

anniversary date, or from the start date an employee uses FMLA leave.

Policy 413: Harassment and Violence: the references to "race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age,

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Policy 415: Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults: Most of the changes involved adding definitions for "abuse," "caregiver," "common entry point", "financial exploitation," "immediately" and "school personnel" to the policy.

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on yourself to do your part,” Xiong said.

The Belle Plaine CTE courses have inspired students of all ages to pursue a career in the trades. As students ponder their future careers, aspirations lie in a multitude of fields including mechanics, welding, and construction.

Carter Eiden, a 10th-grader, began his journey towards a trade profession by taking Small Engines I and II. These courses allowed him to work with metals, learn takeaway skills, and even operate his own business.

Eiden mentioned a simple life skill that the Small Engines classes provided him:

“Being able to take apart a lawn mower and being able to put it back together,” said Eiden.

While he isn’t interested in a trade profession, doing the various CTE courses has helped form his idea of being in law enforcement.

Cole Eggars, an 11th grader, took a construction class in 9th grade and was inspired by the possible connection to a future career in the area. He comes from a family background of welders and was eager to help build things for the school’s new courtyard.

Eggars told the Bulletin that the CTE courses he has taken have taught him teamwork and personal responsibility.

As Eggars looks to a future career in the trades, he wants to continue the legacy of his father and grandfather who are both welders.

Kyra Eohm, another 11th grader, got involved with Agriculture courses before high school and has continued to stay involved with FFA. The involvement in FFA has enabled her to try new things and develop what to look for in a future career.

“Taking these classes has shown me that I can try a lot of new things and be interested in a lot of new things,” Eohm said.

Anderson just completed his first year as a CTE instructor for classes such as Construction I, Construction II, Small Engines, and Metals. With an experienced background as a CTE teacher in Shakopee, Anderson’s career brought him to Belle Plaine with a plan to develop a CTE program and build upon its strengths.

Anderson would like to see Belle Plaine’s CTE program get equipment that is currently in the industry. As technology advances, he thinks it’s important that students are learning how to use what is current.

“The district is supportive. This lab has changed dramatically since last year,” Anderson said.

Further, Anderson believes that the school should focus more on robotics and animation as the two topics apply to all trade professions.



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Caleb Wermerskirchen (left) and Carter Eiden work on a digital rendering in the CTE classroom at the end of the school year in May.

“Technology changes quickly and we have to make sure that the opportunities we provide for the students reflect those changes,” Anderson finished.

Students that take these courses gain knowledge that extends to all areas of life, regardless of if they pursue a career in the trades.

“A lot of what these guys and gals have gotten out of the courses is something that I call more soft skills,” Anderson said.

Students learn critical thinking, collaboration, teamwork, and develop their character. As a CTE teacher, Anderson strives to push the soft skills that will benefit students in any career path they decide.

“I think CTE courses are a wonderful, real-life way that we can develop these skills,” Anderson said.

“Whether it’s law enforcement, whether it’s in a public relation, communications, human resources, welding, mechanics — it’ll serve any one

of these people, very well, for many years to come,” Anderson also said.

With a new courtyard being built at the high school, the CTE students are using the class to learn, but also give back to the school community. The courtyard construction is designed in a way that is accessible for all students that struggle with disabilities.

The new high school courtyard is being worked on by the CTE students and will comply with the guidelines set in the

Americans with Disabilities Act. Under the current design, the courtyard has a cement path so that wheelchairs can make it around the entire complex.

The connection between providing a service to the fellow school community and learning construction skills along the way demonstrates skills that apply to any future ambition. While multiple students mentioned interest in a future in trade, it is clear CTE courses provide skills that apply to all careers.

Belle Plaine Police Report

The following are among the calls the Belle Plaine Police Department responded to between Aug. 1-7:

MONDAY, AUG. 1

An officer was called for a welfare check in the 800 block of Sunrise Lane. The officer made contact and determined the male was fine.

An officer responded to the 100 block of Main Street E. for a bicycle vs. vehicle accident. A juvenile riding a bicycle was transported to the hospital for minor injuries. Witnesses told the officer the juvenile failed to yield when riding through the alleyway.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3

Officers were dispatched to a burglary alarm in the 1000 block of Enterprise Drive E. Upon arrival, officers discovered forced entry was made and several display cell phones were missing. The case is currently under investigation.

An officer was called to the 100 block of Aspen Lane N. for suspicious activity in the parking lot. The officer made contact with a female, who was on the phone with a male attempting to scam her out of money. The male hung up as soon as he was aware police were on

scene.

An officer was dispatched to Highway 169 and 263rd St. W. for a vehicle swerving all over the roadway. The vehicle was located and stopped, and the driver stated he was tired.

An officer responded to the 500 block of Forest St. W. and assisted a male party with a report of fraudulent activity. The case is currently under investigation.

THURSDAY, AUG. 4

An officer responded to the 400 block of Ash Street S. for a report of an assault that occurred earlier in the morning. A report was sent to the Scott County Attorney’s Office to review for charges.

SATURDAY, AUG. 6

An officer responded to Highway 169 and Belle Plaine Trail for a physical domestic. After an investigation, a male driver, 33, from Le Sueur was arrested for domestic assault, second-degree DWI and driving after revocation.

SUNDAY, AUG. 7

An officer reported a lot of smoke coming from the area of Orchard Street E. and Ash Street S. The Belle Plaine Fire Department responded and located a controlled burn, and advised the homeowner.



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Belle Plaine Class of ‘66 reunites

A group of Belle Plaine Class of 1966 classmates recently gathered for some food, drink, camaraderie, stories etc. Pictured above are (back row, left to right) Tom Johnson, Richard Baumann, Keith Anderson, Orin Westphal, John Bailey, Ed Carney, Don Koepf and Pat Spellacy; (middle row) Renee (Renneke) Compo, Elaine (Busse) Carney, Irene (Glynn) Carlson, Diane (Zellman) Koepf and Joan (Kahle) Fries; and (front row) Gary Kroells, Robert (Bob) Mager, Pam (Ediger) Pint, Cheryl (Otto) Nagel, Janice (Thomason) Walerius, Sandy (Mager) Kroells, Linda Ernst-Ziehwein, and Bonnie (Koniarski) White.

TOWN BALL

Final wave brings Tigers’ season to dramatic end

By Brett Kruschke
Contributor

The Town Tigers’ season ended this weekend at the Region 6C Tournament in Belle Plaine. On Tuesday the Tigers were blanked 6-0 by the Jordan Brewers — the No. 1 seed from the River Valley League — before falling 5-4 on Saturday to the Waterville Indians — the No. 1 seed from the 13-60 League.

The Tigertown Express ends the season with a 17-14 (8-6 RVL) record, a sharp turnaround from their 7-18 (1-7) record a season ago.

Thanks to the players, umpires, fans, media, and volun-

teers for coming out this season and making it go. Keep in touch during the offseason at bptigertown.com and enjoy the upcoming state tournament over the next three weekends at Faribault, Dundas, and Miesville. The best place to get updates is at mnbaseball.org. See you next season at the ballpark!

Jordan 6 @ BP 0 (Tuesday, August 9 – Region 6C Playoffs)

Rainouts the previous weekend pushed this state-clinching contest to Tuesday at Tiger Park. Our lads took the field against the No. 1-seeded Brewers and before the biggest crowd of the season, likely unaware that Jordan entered with

23 consecutive wins in the series — including 31 of the last 32.

Jack Kruger, a June graduate from the halls of Belle Plaine High School and one of the finest arms the varsity program has ever produced, took the ball against one of the league’s best pitchers, Nate Beckman.

Beckman showed dominant form early on, memorably striking out three straight Tigers in the second inning after Jake Mercado tripled. Meanwhile, Kruger had to fend off baserunners throughout the early innings but trailed just 1-0 after 4 1/2 frames (Jordan was the home team due to its higher seeding).

The Brewers finally broke through in the fifth, with the key blow a bases-loaded double by Jonathan Draheim to score a pair of runs. Jordan tallied four runs total in what was Kruger’s final inning of work.

Beckman kept the pedal down, going the distance on a three-hit shutout with 14 strikeouts and nary a walk. Besides Mercado’s triple, the other Tigers with hits — both singles — were Jared Miller and Brody Curtiss.

Waterville 5 @ BP 4 (Saturday, August 13 – Region 6C Playoffs)

St. Peter, the No. 4 seed from the RVL, upset No. 1 seed Waterville in the opening round,

sending the Indians to the loser’s bracket. That’s where the Tigers met them, with the loser calling it a season and the winner advancing to play later in the day for the region’s final state tournament berth.

Curtiss got the ball from Tiger manager Jason Ladd in this do-or-die contest, opposed by Waterville’s Dalton Grose. The Tiger Train was once again visitors on the scoreboard at their home park, and cobbled together a first-inning run. Waterville responded with runs in the second and fourth innings, grabbing a 2-1 lead, and they added an insurance run in the seventh.

Things got real in the eighth, as Curtiss drilled a two-run

bomb to tie the score at 3. After Derek Hoffman singled and was bunted to second base, Jake Brandenburg dunked a base hit into right field to give the Tigers a 4-3 lead.

Curtiss needed six outs to clinch the comeback victory, but with two outs in the eighth Ben Boran belted a double to tie the score. Shortly thereafter, Shane Sellner drove in Boran with a double of his own for a 5-4 advantage, drilling a hole in the hearts of Tiger fans.

Luke Sellner came on to close it out, but two outs and an error loaded the bases for Belle Plaine. A second rally was not to be, as a groundout ended the game and the season.

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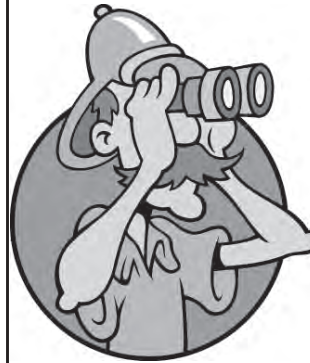
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Two families in partnership: the Quast Century Farm story

By Emilie Quast

The Century Farm Program honors the people who “hung on and made it work.” The story of this Century Farm is the story of two families who’ve worked together for a long time.

John Quast was born on his father’s farm in Sibley County — that’s the farm that is now officially a Century Farm. John moved to Buffalo Lake and became a house carpenter, then opened a furniture store and funeral business. By 1921, he was doing well enough that he bought a second farm in Renville County.

Meanwhile John’s son, Walter, was branching out in the big city of Hutchinson, likely starting out with his father’s line of credit and not much more. To save money, he first roomed with his older sister, Lizzie, who had space in an unfinished attic. Then he moved to his Aunt Emma’s house. Gradually, his business in Hutchinson grew.

In 1926, John was killed in a car-train accident; he was just 56 years old. Walter was 27 years old and had full responsibility for four businesses in two counties, two farms, and a partner-sister, Adella, who knew the business but was also dependent on him. In 1926,

Minnesota was already heading into the drought that led to the Great Depression. As the crops dried up, so did retail sales. Just for a marker, in 1919, corn was \$1.30 a bushel; by 1932 it had dropped to 28 cents. People didn’t have money for new furniture — so things got harder.

Walter and Adella made things work through drought and the Depression. As happened elsewhere, things started to get better in the late ‘30s. But in 1942, the US was at war. Young men who could have worked the farms were drafted; young women moved to fill the critical jobs that the men had left behind. The farmers who remained on the land had to handle more work than ever.

Finally, in 1945, the war ended, and Herb Kadelbach mustered out of the Army. Mr. Kadelbach heard Walter needed help on the Renville farm and reached out. I don’t know what the original agreement was, but I like to think it was based on a talk and a handshake. Herb and Gerry stayed on that farm, raised their kids, and bought the place.

A few years after Herb started work on the Renville farm, his brother, Rudolph Kadelbach, began looking for a farm. Herb connected Walter with Rudolph and the two-family partnership on



PHOTO BY BETH CORNISH

This year’s honored Sibley County Century Farm is the Quast Family Farm in Buffalo Lake. Founded in 1888, current owner Emilie Quast is the great-granddaughter of the original owners, Gottlieb and Julia Quast. The Quasts have been in partnership for 77 years with the Kadelbach family who assist in farm operations to this day with two farms in two counties. Pictured are: (left to right) Mark Kadelbach, Emilie Quast and Tammy Kadelbach.

the Sibley County farm began. Rudolph worked the farm from 1958 to 1970. The farm then passed to Gene Hennessy for three years before it returned to the Kadelbachs.

In 1973, Herb’s son, Doug started his tenure on the

Sibley County farm. Doug worked the farm for 46 years until 2016 when he and Red stepped aside for Mark and Tammy Kadelbach, who work the farm today.

Looking back, I very much doubt that those independent,

stubborn men agreed on every particular over two generations of partnership, but I know Walter trusted the Kadelbachs, in all the important areas.

This year the Quast and Kadelbach partnership has

been going on for 77 years on two farms in two counties, including Sibley. That’s what I want to celebrate.

My thanks go to the Kadelbach family — they’re the partners who made it all work.



INDEPENDENT FILE PHOTO/RACHEL MILLER

Brendan Germscheid of Le Sueur won Reserve Champion for his 2-year-old cow in the 2021 Le Sueur County Fair. This year’s fair kicks off Thursday and runs through Sunday at the Le Sueur County Fairgrounds, 320 S. Plut Ave., Le Center.

Le Sueur County Fair offers family and 4-H fun

By Rachel Miller
Editor

As summer is drawing to a close, so are the area’s fairs and festivals. In addition to the Henderson Hummingbird Hurrah, the Le Sueur County Fair is going on this week, from Thursday, Aug. 18 through Sunday, Aug. 21.

Thursday’s festivities will include the 4-H Horse, Rabbit and Beef shows, draft horse hitch show at 6 p.m. and a free sweet corn feed from 5-7 p.m. Entertainment options include Doug Traxler and the Hired Hands from 6-9 p.m., and an amateur talent contest starting at 7 p.m. on the pavilion, with the winners advancing to the Minnesota State Fair.

Friday will be full of 4-H activities, as youth will be showing dairy and meat goats, poultry, pets, lamb lead and sheep throughout

the day.

The Ney Nature Center outside of Henderson will be on scene to run an intro to ax throwing competition at 2:30 p.m., and intro to archery at 4 p.m., both on the baseball field. Other fun activities include pig races (1, 4 and 8 p.m.), a Civil War encampment in the afternoon, tractor pull at 4 p.m. and Demolition Derby in the grandstand at 7 p.m.

Entertainment options include magician/hypnotist Gary Tyson at 2 p.m., music by the Kern Brothers from 5-9 p.m. and music by the Blue Ringers from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Saturday opens with the WSCA Open Horse Show and 4-H swine show right at 8 a.m. 4-H youth will also be showing dairy and premier showmanship during the day.

The day’s entertainment includes the Concertina Band from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

New Prague Area Community Band from 3-4 p.m., St. Paul Czech and Slovak Folk Dancers from 5-5:45 p.m., Boogie Land Entertainment from 5-8 p.m., and Smoke-screen from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Sunday may be closing day, but that does not mean you should skip it. The day opens with a 4-H pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. Classic car enthusiasts will delight at the Classic Car Show by the Sportsman Club from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Larry Novotny the One Man Band will close out the year’s entertainment at the pavilion from 12-2 p.m. The kid’s pedal drag race, ranch rodeo and senior citizen and Farm Family of the Year recognition will all be held at 1 p.m., with the 4-H ribbon auction at 2 p.m.

For a full schedule of events, visit www.lesueur-countyfair.org.

LS-H to start before Labor Day

The start of the 2022-23 school year is fast approaching — perhaps a little faster than people realize.

Unlike previous years, LS-H students will be starting school BEFORE Labor Day this year. The new school year will begin on Monday, Aug. 29 for students in grades 6-12, and Tuesday, Aug. 30 for K-5

students.

The school district will be holding K-6 conferences on Friday, Aug. 26, and an open house for Middle/High School students on Thursday, Aug. 25 from 5-7 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 26 from 1-3 p.m.

The LS-H Middle/High School is also rolling out a new cell phone/device pol-

icy this school year: Middle school students (grades 6-8) will need to leave cell phones/electronic devices in their locker and only have access in between classes and at lunch.

High school students (grades 9-12) will be required to park their cell phone and ear buds upon entering a classroom.

SCHOOL BOARD

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Scenarios A and B had lower up-front costs but higher annual contributions than Wagner wanted (\$114,789-\$140,826/year), while Scenario E had a max annual contribution of \$100,000, but required an up-front payment of \$564,870.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

As part of the consent agenda, the board approved a number of personnel changes, including:

- **New Hires:** Christa Luna as the new elementary school Dean of Students;

- Cynthia Schmidt as an interim Middle/High School Principal;

- Katie Maier as the new Learning and Curriculum Director;

- Samantha Jones and Michelle Nolte as special education paraprofessionals;

- Jenny Miller as an assistant varsity tennis coach;

- Cassie Wilke as a middle school tennis coach;

- Jim Wagner and Eric Lewis as co-head varsity football coaches;

- Nathan Wentzlaff as an assistant football coach for the 9th grade/B team; and

- Ben Johnson as an assistant varsity football coach.

- **Resignations:** Jen Weick as the fall play director;

- Kristan Pfarr as the elementary school counselor;

- Nicole Seaver as a Park Elementary paraprofessional;

- Kristian Brandt as a special education paraprofessional;

and

- Renee Berger as a preschool paraprofessional.

Berger stated in her resignation letter the reason for her departure is the impending closing of Hilltop Elementary School.

“I’ve loved the fact that the preschoolers were given a choice to go to school in their hometown but now, sadly, due to circumstances beyond our control, that opportunity of their life will forever be over,” Berger wrote.

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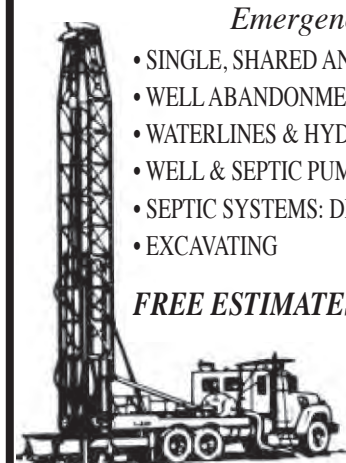
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By Art & Barb Straub
Nature Corner Correspondents

Grassland prairie, an ever-changing scenario

August is the time to visit an area tall-grass prairie, as the vegetation is in full splendor. Whether you are looking for big blue or shorter stemmed grasses, the flowers (forbs) may be your destination for contemplation.

The Ney Nature Center east of Henderson would be a quiet spot to view blossoms and grasses, while, a prairie off the Sand Prairie Road, 316th Street is another; although there are many more sites nearby Henderson/Le Sueur and surrounding populations. The Arboretum at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter is another choice spot for viewing vivid summer colors.

A plant that gets lost in the shuffle due to its tendency to blossom lower in the grasses is the fascinating and unusual rattlesnake master. (See photo) Presently, most have finished blossoming, but they leave behind golfball sized bristly spherical flowers/seed pods. We appreciate them for their deer resistant quality among flowers in a flower garden, but also due to their odd shape and the spiny foliage...much like a yucca plant.

Also, pollinating insects love the blossoms. Butterflies, moths, beetles and wasps flock to the sweet-smelling flowers, but they have one quality most do not appreciate. Yes, they are invasive, related to the carrot family, but thankfully do not spread like our nemesis, Queen Anne's lace. In finis, they are very valuable to our pollinators!

As to the name, rattlesnake master, there seem to be two views. 1) They are NOT con-



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Vanilla, chocolate, or carmel milkshakes? A baby fawn gets a drink from mom.

ducive to curing snake bites; but, 2) the story goes that indigenous peoples would chew the plant roots; blow the dust on their hands; and then would be able to handle rattlesnakes. There being few rattlesnakes in our area, we haven't tested that theory. Another interesting factor related by numerous writers is that indigenous peoples braided the tough stems; made material for moccasins; those ancient moccasins having been found in caves where the Native Americans lived in western states. Hmmm?

A second prairie flower which has been 'tamed' and appears in area flower gardens is liatris, more commonly known as blazing star. Bees and butterflies absolutely crave the nectar gently oozing from the tight-

ly bunched lavender flowers growing from two to four feet stalks. Spectacular blossoms begin at the top of single stems and work their way downward. To top it off, the root is edible, yet like fungi, others are welcome to try the tubers first while we remain living spectators.

Missing in action: Trumpeter swan adults, Sylvia and Sylvan and their cygnets disappeared from the Coachlight Pond on Aug. 9. They'd been back and forth between the two main scummy waters lately, but now no sign remains. There is a third pond to the east, we searched there Aug. 15, and were greeted by...a beautiful marsh and jungle with not a swan to be seen. Next, while traveling south on Highway

169 near the former Le Sueur Water Treatment ponds, our 'designated observer' spotted white objects at a distance in pond #2. With heavy speedster traffic, species could not be designated. Whereabouts of the Coachlight swans remains a mystery.

Searching for our favorite little gray chimney swifts has left us totally frustrated. Normally, (and what is normal these days,) we would discover the speeding gray birds dropping down one of two large chimneys in Le Sueur. Aug. 15 finally yielded 175 disappearing into the maw of a chimney after the evening twilight. Usually that number would be 500 or more. So many questions, so much to meditate and contemplate upon.



Painted lady butterflies dine on blazing star prairie flowers.



Rattlesnake master, a favorite of myriad insect pollinators.

Henderson's Weatherman

By Jerry Gilman



Weekend rain chances ramp up

REGIONAL WEATHER HISTORY

Aug. 18, 1953: Four heifers near St. Martin were lucky; a tornado picked them up and set them back down again, unharmed.

Aug. 19, 1980: Strong winds at Belle Plaine severely damage five planes.

Aug. 20, 1904: Both downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul are hit by tornadoes, producing the highest official wind ever recorded in Minnesota over one minute (110 mph in St. Paul).

Aug. 21, 1883: The fourth deadliest tornado in Minnesota history hits Rochester. The tornado kills 31 residents and injures 100 more. Appalled by the lack of medical care received by the tornado's victims, Mother Alfred Moes, founder of the Sisters of St. Francis, proposes to

build and staff a hospital if Dr. W.W. Mayo will provide medical care. St. Marys Hospital opens in 1889 with 27 beds and eventually grows into the Mayo Clinic.

Aug. 22, 1870: Downpours across southern Minnesota produce five inches at Sibley, and 3.49 at Ft. Snelling. Much of the wheat crop is damaged.

Aug. 23, 1955: Hail in Houston County results in drifts up to a foot deep at Rushmore.

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK

This period brings in more chances for rain with highs mostly in the 70's.

Week 1: Thursday starts off with a stagnant pattern developing as weak low pressure sets up shop over the Upper Midwest. Look for chances for showers and thunderstorms to develop on and off again

throughout the day as the heat dome is pushed south and west of the State.

Friday looks to be a repeat. Plan on more chances for rain.

Saturday looks to bring in more chances for showers and thunderstorms as the weak low pressure breaks down and shifts east.

Sunday looks mostly dry as the heat dome pushes closer to the region. Weak chances for showers and thunderstorms may develop as we head into the evening hours.

Monday looks to be a dry day as the heat dome looks to move further east which might bring up the humidity levels a tad bit.

Tuesday and Wednesday look dry for now.

Week 2: The long range model is showing a wetter pattern developing.

WEATHER TERMINOLOGY: Enhanced Fujita Scale

ENHANCED FUJITA SCALE	DAMAGE
EF-0 (65-85 MPH)	LIGHT
EF-1 (86-110 MPH)	MODERATE
EF-2 (111-135 MPH)	CONSIDERABLE
EF-3 (136-165 MPH)	SEVERE
EF-4 (166-200 MPH)	DEVASTATING
EF-5 (200+ MPH)	INCREDIBLE