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## City Council hears concern about tax levy

Two residents who speak at city's public hearing question doubling of 'employee benefits' tax levy

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As New Hampton's City Council gathered Monday night for a public hearing on the city's maximum levy, the crowd was, in a word, sparse.

But two residents — Chip and Darlene Schwickerath — did speak during the hearing, and although they understood council members had a difficult job to do, they also asked a number of questions about the city's 2024-25 tax-levy rate that will go from \$12.15329 per \$1,000 valuation to \$13.81706 per \$1,000 valuation for the fiscal year that begins July 1, an increase of 13.7 percent.

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## No details released, but City Council suspends police chief for two days

By BOB FENSKE  
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After meeting in a closed session that lasted for almost an hour, the New Hampton City Council on Monday night voted to hand down a "two-day unpaid suspension" to the city's police chief.

The council also required that Tim Pederson "create a development plan," but city leaders also said "this will be purged from Tim's record" after one year without any further incidents.

Reached Tuesday, Pederson said he did not want to comment on the situation but added that

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Chickasaw County residents follow along with County Assessor Ray Armel's presentation on how Iowa's property tax laws work during a public hearing on the county's proposed maximum levy that was held in the courthouse courtroom last week.

## Supervisors trim county's tax asking

Five days after residents voice opposition at public hearing, board members agree to reduce GS levy

By BOB FENSKE  
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It wasn't the 75 percent decrease to the tax-asking increase that one Chickasaw County resident implored the Board of Supervisors to make, but county leaders on Monday did trim a little off the tax-asking it will make for the fiscal year that begins on July 1.

Board members received an earful about the 18.95 percent jump in tax-asking during a public hearing held last Wednesday, and five days later, they massaged the numbers a bit and dropped the increase to 15.89 percent.

"That tax asking was \$3,040,088 when I

### BOARD MEMBERS GET AN EARFUL FROM RESIDENTS DURING HEARING.

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left 14 years ago and now you're well over \$6 million," said Arnie Boge, the Nashua-area resident who served on the board for 24 years. "Try to work back through this process and have some trimming done and try to trim 75 percent of this tax-asking out of your budget. And then set a levy and then let your department heads manage their budgets because they'll work with you."

Boge was one of about 50 residents who attended last week's public hearing that was held in the courthouse courtroom, and almost to a person, they expressed opposition to the proposed maximum levy board members brought to the meeting.

On Monday, though, board members did drop one of the three proposed levies they have control over.

Supervisor Jake Hackman, who earlier in the meeting asked department heads in attendance how much they would "return" to the general fund at the end of this budget year, said he felt

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## A good time at FFA event!

New Hampton High School FFA chapter member Ella Knutson shares a laugh with the organization's advisor,

Rachel Bauer during the annual New Hampton FFA Annual Meeting and Banquet that was held on March 23 in the old high school gym. In addition to handing out numerous awards, the evening also featured a great meal and both a live and a silent auction.

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## A rite on the Saturday before Easter

New Hampton-area children take part in the Women of Today's annual Easter Egg Hunt that was held on a crisp morning at Mikkelsen Park this past Saturday morning.

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## Soccer sweep

New Hampton girls post 6-1 win, boys win wild 8-7 game in season opening doubleheader

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## Parking lot OK'd

The New Hampton City Council approves plans for a four-stall private parking lot in downtown

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## Good start

Chickasaws' girls track team picks up trio of wins at first outdoor meet

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**Briefs****Sumner-Fredericksburg art to be displayed at Carnegie**

There will be an open house on Sunday, April 7 at the Carnegie Cultural Center in New Hampton from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

On display will be art exhibitions of students attending Sumner-Fredericksburg Schools.

**Fun in the Son to hold fundraiser April 21**

Fun in the Son Day Care and Preschool, Fredericksburg, is having a dinner, silent auction, and bake sale on Sunday, April 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fredericksburg Community Center. The menu includes lasagna, garlic bread, green beans, desserts, and beverages. A freewill offering will be taken for the meal.

The silent auction consists of items contributed by local businesses and individuals. Anyone wishing to contribute an auction item or baked goods for the bake sale should contact Janiece Kramer at 563-237-6117.

Fun in the Son Day Care and Preschool is a nonprofit, state licensed Christian child care center. Proceeds from fundraisers are used for building maintenance and day care and preschool programming and supplies.

**Ladies' Day set for April 20**

A Ladies' Day is being planned in New Hampton with a date of Saturday, April 20. Ladies' Day bags will be provided to the first 100 shoppers.

**An almost-perfect day for an Easter egg hunt!**

It may have been a little chilly but the kids don't seem to mind as they wait for the fire truck horn to sound for the start of the annual New Hampton Women of Today Easter Egg Hunt that was held at Mikkelsen Park Saturday.



Members of the New Hampton Lions Club pass out candy after the hunt is completed while one boy is more than happy to say "cheese" as he poses for a picture while standing on the back of a fire engine.

**City Council will hold final hearing on budget April 15****CITY COUNCIL: FROM 1**

The Schwickeraths were especially concerned about the city's levy for FICA, IPERS and employee benefits that is being raised from \$1.18074 to \$3.36962.

"That's almost tripling," Chip Schwickerath said, "and that's concerning to us."

His wife interjected that she was worried a trend was being set and "are we going to see that [part of the levy] constantly going up. ... We try to keep our rents as affordable as we can and we hear all the time about the need for affordable housing in New Hampton. This doesn't help."

City Clerk Karen Clemens, who attended the public hearing via Zoom, said the FICA, IPERS and employee benefits levy was affected by recently-completed contract negotiations with the city's unionized employees.

Clemens used as an example that the city agreed to take on a larger share of employees' health insurance premiums during those negotiations.

City Councilwoman Deb Larsen said that members of the Finance Committee, which she sits on, tried as best they could to keep the tax-asking increase as low as possible and pointed out that two of the levies — one for property and liability insurance; the other for debt service — will decrease in 2024-25.

"We tried to be as responsible as we could to the taxpayers,"



New Hampton Mayor Steve Geerts (center) opens Monday's public hearing on the city's maximum levy.

Larsen said, "and at the same time, we wanted to make sure we provided the services that our residents need."

City Councilwoman Mindy Humpal, who chairs the Finance Committee, said that with the changes to the state's rollback, the owner of a property assessed at \$100,000 for both the 2023-24 and 2024-25 budgets would actually see the city portion of their property tax bill drop from \$685.56 to \$640.32.

"I know property values change," she said,

"but we did our best to keep the rate as low as we could and still offer the services our residents expect."

After the public hearing ended, council members voted to hold its final public hearing on the city's 2024-25 budget and tax levy at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 15. That budget includes a tax-asking of \$2,078,098, an increase of 12.4 percent from the \$1,849,097 the city expects to receive from property taxes during the current fiscal year.

**Area drought picture is finally showing some improvement**

BY BOB FENSKE  
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The bad news is we didn't quite get to "normal" in March, but the much better news is that for the first time in months, at least according to the U.S.

Drought Monitor's most recent report, things are looking up.

New Hampton just missed out on recording above normal rainfall for the second time in three months as the National Weather Service reported that the city received 2.07 inches of

precipitation in March, about a quarter of an inch off its normal March precipitation of 2.35 inches.

But for the first time since early last fall, parts of Chickasaw County are only suffering severe drought, rather than extreme drought. Granted, it's a small corner of the northeastern part of the county, but it's a start.

April's "start" will probably help the next report by the U.S. Drought Monitor that will be released today (Thursday). Rain

— mixed with a little snow — fell both Monday and Tuesday, and there are good chances of rain late in the weekend forecast as well.

Last week's report stated that 10 percent of the state is no longer enduring any kind of drought conditions. That's the highest total since early last summer but still far below where the state was sitting a year ago, when almost 40 percent of the state was considered drought free.

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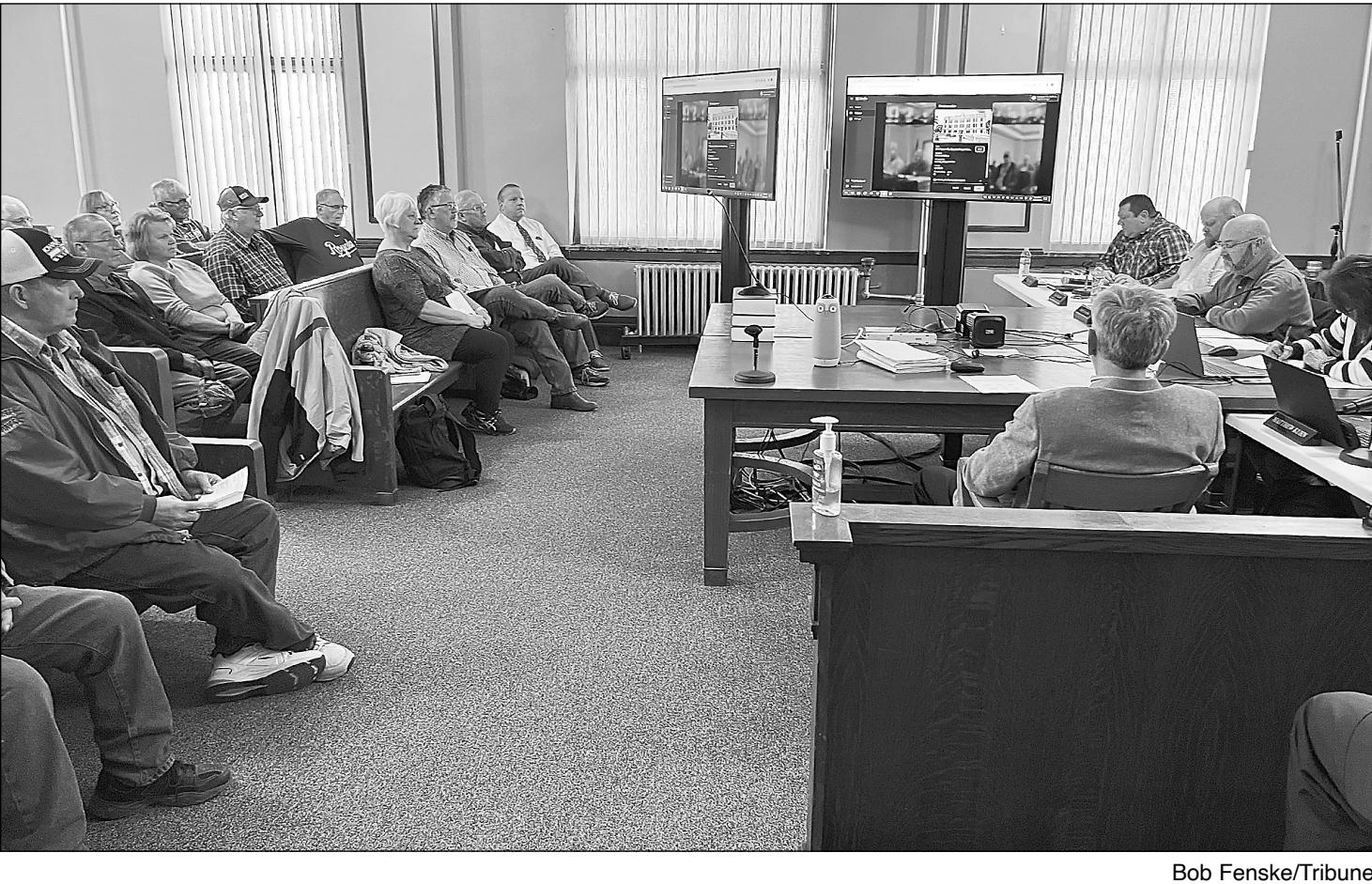
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**Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Chairman Scott Cerwinski (far right) opens the public hearing on the county's maximum tax levy last Wednesday in the third-floor courtroom at the courthouse.**

## Supervisors get an earful on tax asking

County residents speak out against 18.95 percent jump, tell board it needs to differentiate between 'needs, wants'

BY BOB FENSK  
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The 50 or so residents who turned out last Wednesday evening for Chickasaw County's public hearing on its maximum tax levy sent a message to the Board of Supervisors: An 18.95 percent increase in tax-asking by the county is unacceptable.

For almost an hour, residents not only challenged the supervisors to lower its tax asking for the fiscal year but also expressed their frustrations on the confusing nature of Iowa's property tax laws, which they said were further exacerbated by a letter property owners received as part of new law passed by the Iowa Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Kim Reynolds last year.

"On one hand, you get the letter and it looks like your property taxes are going to go down and then you read in the paper it's 19 percent going up," New Hampton resident Darlene Schwickerath said. "It's hard for us lay people to understand that."

Supervisors opened Wednesday evening's meeting by having County Assessor Ray Armel explain the property-tax system, and as he did in a story that appeared in the March 21 Tribune, he said the letter the county sent out detailing how levy rates proposed by counties, cities and schools would affect property owners is "deceiving."

"The Department of Management has said it is deceiving because they utilized \$100,000 value for both years ... and we all know that property values usually increase."

He pointed out that "If the values increase, levy rates stay the same and the rollback stay the same, taxes will go up."

And Armel readily admitted that Iowa's property tax system is complex. Property values can

change from year to year, but so, too, does the rollback which actually sets the actual tax value of property. In Chickasaw County, for example, the average home in some cities and townships will actually have a smaller tax value next year than it did this year.

Supervisors, though, set their max levies higher this year than they did last year. While General Basic remained the same at \$3.50 per \$1,000 valuation, the maximum allowed by state law, the proposed General Supplemental levy increased by more than a \$1 per \$1,000 valuation and the proposed Rural Services Basic's max levy jumped by almost 50 cents per \$1,000 valuation to \$3.70100.

And that means many property owners in the county would see healthy increases to the county portion of their property-tax bills if the max levy is part of the final budget and levy the county must certify by April 30.

And that didn't sit well with numerous residents, including Arnie Boge, who represented the Nashua area for 24 years on the Board of Supervisors before retiring in 2010.

"Nineteen percent is not sustainable," he said. "A closing comment is can't we just live within our means? Do what needs to be done to balance the budget and not raise the taxes that kind of percentage. I do appreciate that the cost of inflation and the cost of things are going up, but 19 percent can't be sustained."

He asked board members if they "sit down and discuss amongst yourself what you have for new dollars? If you don't, you ought to." Boge added that during the meetings he's attended since last spring that he believes board members haven't differentiated between the county's needs and wants.

"Now, we've all been down

that path with our children and whatever we have for responsibilities," he said. "We have to place a different value on the wants and the needs based on what you have to work with."

Other residents chided the board for decisions it has made in the past year, and one subject that consistently came up was the board's decision late last summer to pay more of the costs for family health insurance plans.

"I do believe the county should provide adequate benefits for the employees," Jeremy McGrath said. "I'm just concerned about the fact that the decision was made before we knew how we were going to pay for it."

Fredericksburg resident Doreen Cook echoed McGrath's comments.

"They said, 'Well I guess I should have done my due diligence because I didn't know what it was going to cost us.' That's not benefiting the taxpayer at all," said Cook, who also said board members have not done their due diligence in setting salaries for some of its county employees.

She expressed frustration about the contract with Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson that board members agreed to on Monday. Knutson currently receives \$60,000 a year to serve as the director of the county-owned ambulance service and also is paid an additional \$31 per hour if he takes on a paramedic shift. Starting July 1, though, he will be paid \$80,000 a year and be required to work at least 60 hours every two weeks and will not be paid for taking on additional shifts.

Cook also said that the county "seems to start its employees at the highest rate ... even though they've never worked a day in that office. ... You need to be more responsible, much more responsible."

For the most part, the discussion remained civil during the meeting that was held in the courthouse's third-floor courtroom, and one county resident interjected a little humor into the proceedings.

Rural New Hampton resident Steve Kurash told the board that he felt they needed to "phase in" the family health insurance premium, but when he was done with his talk on the budget, he didn't sit down.

"My last comment really isn't with the budget but I'm going to say it while I have this [microphone]," Kurash said as the courtroom erupted in laughter.

"How about road rock on my road? I mean the wind turbine people didn't do me any favors, I've got potholes so I just want to throw that out there ... if you have a couple extra truckloads, put them on 160th."

But in the end, the message the board got Wednesday night and that its members discussed at Monday's regular board meeting is that the tax-asking is simply too high.

"That tax asking was 3,040,088 when I left six years ago and now you're well over \$6 million," Boge said.

"Try to work back through this process and have some trimming done and try to trim 75 percent of this tax-asking out of your budget," he said. "And then set a levy and then let your department heads manage their budgets because they'll work with you."

## Board may consider appropriating funds, to discuss hiring freeze

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supervisors were underestimating the amount of reserves the county will have heading into the 2024-25 budget year.

"I think we have an ending fund balance of \$1.4 million, not what we have in there now — \$450,000," Hackman said. "I'm basing that on the numbers I'm seeing."

Chickasaw County Auditor Shelia Shekleton said she wasn't sure about putting the entire \$1.4 million into the 2024-25 budget. She said she "went from past history and from what people were saying, I'm going to spend all my budget," but I think we've got past that. I don't know if I agree with bringing the whole \$1.4 [million] in there."

The board eventually agreed to push the "carry-over" amount from \$403,000 to \$703,000 for General Basic (GB), which would then free up money to be transferred to lower the General Supplemental (GS) and reduce what had been a max levy for GS of a little more than \$2.32 per \$1,000 valuation to just slightly more than \$1.92 per \$1,000 valuation.

And while that GS levy rate will jump by almost 65 cents, Supervisor Steve Breitbach pointed out that it puts Chickasaw County in the "ball-park" when it comes to the published rates for seven Northeast Iowa counties — Alamance, Bremer, Winneshiek, Mitchell, Fayette, Floyd and Howard.

He said the total levy rate for Chickasaw County, if Monday's changes are approved after an April 15 budget hearing, will be a little more than \$9.60 per \$1,000 valuation. The highest among the counties he looked at was Howard at \$10.95 per \$1,000 valuation while the lowest was \$9.39 per \$1,000 valuation.

"We're going to have four counties higher than us, three counties that are lower," Breitbach said, "but we aren't going to be very much higher than the ones that are lower than us."

The large jump in tax-asking, according to the legal notice published in this week's Tribune, is in part because the county "used ending fund balances instead of raising taxes in previous years for General Supplemental."

Board members appeared on Monday to be ready to keep the Rural Services Basic (RSB) levy rate at \$3.70 per \$1,000 valuation, up from a little more than

\$3.31 per \$1,000 valuation. A good chunk of that increase is because supervisors have decided to move the salaries of two sheriff's deputies to RSB to free up more money in GB.

"I think three-point-seven is not good," Hackman said, "but we're adding a lot of rock to secondary roads."

During Monday's meeting, Hackman also made pitches to what he said would help future budgets.

He said he would like the county to begin having employees pick up 5 percent of a single health insurance plan and have the county pay 70 percent, down from the current 75 percent, of an employees' family health insurance plan.

"Yes, we've still got to do benefits," he said, "but if they have some skin in the game and they know what the premiums are ... let's go back to the original — 95-5, 70-30 — and see if that helps the costs and relieve some of the taxpayer increases."

He also asked fellow supervisors to help build back up the RSB reserve by moving an additional \$60,000 of local-option sales tax funds to help pay for the county's portion of the ambulance service. Other board members agreed to that proposal and seemed open to at least discussing two more of Hackman's ideas.

First, the longest-tenured supervisor said maybe the county ought not to "appropriate" all of a department's funds at the beginning of a fiscal year and also should consider the possibility of instituting a hiring freeze in the new fiscal year.

"Not micromanage, but manage the financials and let's have that talk and say, 'Do you really need that replacement?'" Hackman said. "Do we do all 100 percent of the appropriations on June 15 or do we hold back and do just enough to run?"

In the end, though, Hackman said the challenge for counties like Chickasaw comes down to growing the tax base — a message he will repeat when the supervisors hold their second and final budget and tax levy public hearing on Monday, April 15, at 9:10 a.m.

"We all try to try to get some of the tax burden off the local residents. It's still going to be tough on the restricted monthly Social Security checks to come up with these higher property taxes. I guess if we hear from a lot of people on April 15, we can always go lower. ... I don't know what else is left."

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4:30 PM Track: High School vs. Multiple Schools Decorah High School

Monday, April 8, 2024

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

4:00 pm Track 7th/8th Boys Opponent: vs. Multiple Schools Clayton Ridge High School

4:30 pm Track Meet Opponent: vs. Multiple Schools Nashua-Plainfield High School

Wednesday, April 10

12-7 pm Blood Drive TV Multi-Purpose Room

Thursday, April 11, 2024

4:00 pm Track 7th/8th Girls Opponent: vs. Multiple Schools at Clayton Ridge High School

4:30 pm Track Var. Boys Opponent: vs. Multiple Schools at New Hampton High School

5:00 pm Track Var. Girls Opponent: Vs Multiple Schools at New Hampton High School

Monday, April 15, 2024

5:00 PM Track High School Meet Opponent: Vs. Multiple Schools at Sumner-Fredericksburg High School

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

4:00 PM Track 7th/8th Boys Opponent: vs. Multiple Schools NNFV High School

4:30 PM Track High School Invitational Opponent: vs Multiple Schools Crestwood High School

Thursday, April 18, 2024

4:00 PM Track 7th/8th Girls Opponent: TBA Multiple Schools at Sumner-Fredericksburg High School

4:30 PM Track High School Girls/Boys Opponent: vs. Multiple Schools Kee High School

Monday, April 22, 2024

Earth Day

4:30 PM Track High School Invitational Opponent: vs Multiple Schools at Sumner-Fredericksburg High School

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

4:00 PM Track: 7th/8th Girls Opponent: vs. Multiple Schools at NNFV High School

4:15 PM Track Meet Opponent: Vs. Multiple Schools at Stephen D. Shannon Athletic Complex

Friday, April 26, 2024

4:30 PM Track Var. Boys Opponent: vs. Multiple Schools at Starmount High School

Saturday, April 27

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Father Jim Goerend

**Mass:** Thursday, April

13, 6 p.m.

## For one final time, Zion will hold worship service

A church that traces its roots back to the late 1860s and was formed in 1887 will hold its final worship service on Sunday.

Zion Lutheran Church members and visitors will gather one final time at the beautiful old church on White Avenue in Alta Vista, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Church officials announced earlier this year that due to dwindling membership, the church would close and disband this spring, but as difficult as Sunday will be, Zion Pastor Sue Cira says she also wants her congregation to celebrate what has been a wonderful run of serving the Lord in and around the small Chickasaw County town.



In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Luke 22:20

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## A look at the importance of the Eucharist



The Eucharist is a central component of the Christian faith. During the Eucharistic celebration, the sharing of bread and wine, which many Christians believe symbolizes the actual body and blood of Christ after the process of transubstantiation, takes place.

The recently-completed Easter season is a key time to reflect on the origins of sharing communion and the Eucharist. Church teaching and Biblical study says the origin of the Eucharist occurred at the Last Supper of Jesus, which is commemorated on Holy Thursday. According to the religious resource The Catholic Tradition, the Last Supper in the New Testament set the course for the tenets of the Christian faith. Christian liturgies exist because Jesus Christ told people to do what he had done, in memory of him.

The most detailed account of the first sharing of the Eucharist is found in St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians, which predates the Gospels. St. Paul 1 Corinthians, Chapter 11, offers nearly verbatim the terminology used in today's Apostolic liturgy. St. Paul's words read:

*For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He*

*was betrayed, took bread, and giving thanks, broke, and said: Take ye, and eat: This is My Body, which shall be delivered for you: this do for the commemoration of Me.*

In like manner also the chalice, after He had supped, saying: This chalice is the new testament in My Blood: this do ye, as often as you shall drink, for the commemoration of Me. For as often as you shall eat this Bread, and drink the Chalice, you shall show the death of the Lord, until He come.

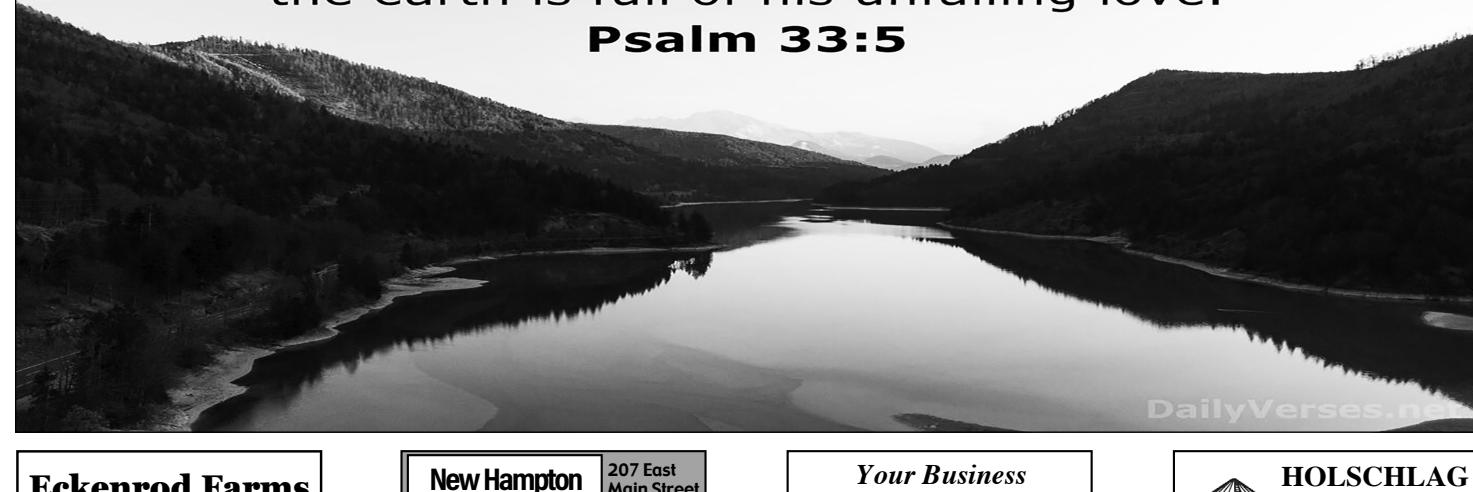
Jesus and his disciples gathered on the first day of Passover for the Last Supper. In addition to sharing food and wine, Jesus explained that one in their midst would betray Him and another would deny knowing Him.

Jesus also explained to the disciples how the bread was a symbol of his body and would be broken for them. In addition, the wine was a symbol for his blood and would be poured out for their sins to be forgiven, indicates Bible Study Tools. Additional Christian traditions which emerged during the Last Supper include the washing of feet. Jesus washed his disciples' feet as an example to be servants to all.

From the Last Supper on, faithful Christians follow the guidance of Jesus Christ, and the Eucharist is the central component of masses within many Christian churches. Keeping this feast renews repentance and people's faith in Jesus' blood and sacrifice.

The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Psalm 33:5



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## Slow And Steady: A Smart Way To Invest



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You've probably heard stories about fortunate investors who "get in the ground floor" of a new, hot company and quickly make a fortune. But while these things may happen, they are exceedingly rare and often depend on hard-to-duplicate circumstances — and they really don't represent a viable way of investing for one's goals. A far more tried-and-true approach is the "slow-and-steady" method.

To follow this strategy, consider these suggestions:

- Start small — and add more when you can. When you're first starting out in the working world, you may not have a lot of extra money with which to invest, especially if you're carrying student loan debt. But one of the key advantages of the slow-and-steady method is that it does not require large investment sums to get going. If you can afford to put away even \$50 or \$100 a month into individual stocks or mutual funds, month after month, you may be surprised and pleased at how your account can grow. And when your salary goes up, you can put away more money each month.

- Take advantage of an employer's retirement plan. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar tax-advantaged retirement plan, try to take full advantage of it. Again, if you're just beginning your career, you may not be able to put away much in this type of plan, but even a small amount is better than nothing. And as soon as you can possibly afford it, try to put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. These types of plans can offer some key benefits — and perhaps the biggest one is that investing is automatic, in that the money is moved directly from your paycheck into the investments you've chosen within your 401(k) or other plan.

- Be prepared for downturns. The financial markets will always experience ups and downs. So, you need to be

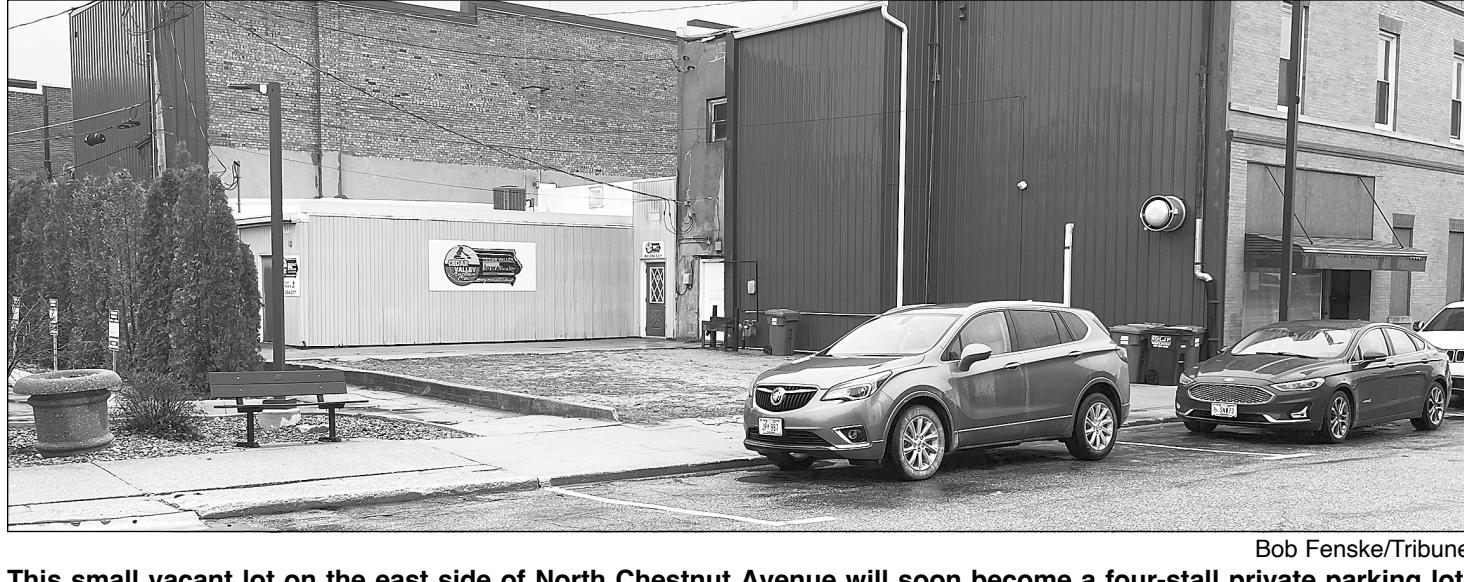
prepared for those times when your investment statements may show negative results. By understanding that these downturns are a normal part of the investment environment, you can avoid overreactions, such as selling quality investments with good fundamentals just because their price has temporarily dropped.

- Chart your progress regularly. A key element of a slow-and-steady investment approach is knowing how well it's working. But it's important to measure your progress in a way that makes sense for you. So, for example, instead of measuring your portfolio's performance against that of an external stock market index, such as the S&P 500, you may want to assess where you are today versus one year ago, or whether the overall progress you're making is sufficient to help you meet the financial goals you've set for yourself well into the future. Another reason not to use a market index as a measuring tool is that the index only looks at a certain pool of investments, which, in the case of the S&P 500, is simply the largest companies listed on U.S. stock exchanges. But long-term investors try to own a range of assets — U.S. and foreign stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit, and so on.

"Slow and steady" may not sound like an exciting approach to investing. But it's often the case that a little less excitement, and a lot more diligence, can prove to be quite effective.

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This small vacant lot on the east side of North Chestnut Avenue will soon become a four-stall private parking lot, thanks to a decision made by the New Hampton City Council on Monday.

## Council gives go-ahead to private parking lot

By BOB FENSKE  
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Timing might be everything, and if you need proof, take Monday night's City Council meeting when council members unanimously allowed a "curb cut" that will lead to a small four-stall private parking lot.

Public Works Director Casey Mai told council members that under current city code, that parking lot can have a gravel surface, but under the new city code — which was supposed to have been in place already but now isn't expected back from the company compiling it until July — all lots in the downtown area will have to have hard surfaces.

Start with the proposal from Tony and Stacy Trower, who asked the council to

approve the curb cut and remove one parking spot on the east side of Chestnut Avenue so that they can create a four-stall private parking lot in what is a vacant lot to the south of Fidelity Bank and Trust and to the north of the back of the Sweets by Keke building.

Tony Trower told the council that one parking spot along North Chestnut would have to be removed to provide an entrance to the parking lot and he added that although it would be gravel, he would make sure all the necessary dust controls were in place.

Councilwoman Deb Larsen asked if the council approved the new code book, would the lot be "grandfathered" in or could the city give the go-ahead to the lot and then require Trower to pave it once the new code book was adopted?

City Attorney Todd Prichard said in effect that the lot would be "grandfathered in," and he said would not recommend the council to require paving at a later date.

"I would say no because he's applying for it under this code," Prichard said.

Trower said he would "never say never" to paving the lot in the future but "we're looking at \$15,000 to \$20,000 and that doesn't make it feasible."

City Councilwoman Mindy Humpal pointed out that the current lot is "basically sand... I don't think it devalues or depreciates the surrounding lots at all, and I know Tony. I know he's going to upkeep the space."

The rest of the council agreed and approved allowing the curb cut and the removal of the one parking spot on North Chestnut.

## Briefs

### Sheriff: Letter is 'legit,' but says he won't solicit funds via mailing

Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver said earlier this week that he has received numerous questions about a fundraising letter many county residents have received from the Iowa State Sheriff's and Deputies' Association. And while he said the letter is "legit" and that his office is a member of the association, he also wanted to clear the air on the issue of his office soliciting funds.

"The Chickasaw County Sheriffs Office does benefit indirectly from any donations received by ISSDA in the form of law updates and continued trainings for our staff," Shawver wrote in a press release, but he also added, "Please do not feel obligated to donate."

He also said it is his policy not to send out letters asking for donations to support his office to the residents of the county.

"If support is ever needed for a project we are looking to fund

without tax dollars," Shawver wrote, "I will do so in a public setting and not solicit funds via a mass mailing."

Those residents who have questions can call the Sheriff's Office at 641-394-3121.

### Immaculate Conception to hold Swiss Steak Dinner April 7

Immaculate Conception Church in North Washington will hold a drive-through Swiss Steak Dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Sunday.

Meal tickets are \$16 each and can be purchased the day of the event. Those attending the event can also purchase \$1 raffle tickets.

Organizers are reminding residents that the "North Washington blackjack" — County Road V18 — is closed so the best way to get to the church from Highway 18 will be to turn north on Ivanhoe Avenue, go three miles north to 170th Street, turn west and drive about two miles to the church.

# New Hampton Calendar of Events

## April 2024

New Hampton  
TRIBUNE  
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### FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

- 7:15am Interact CORE Meeting in Mrs. Ward's room - 106
- 4:00pm Golf: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Charles City @ Charles City High School
- 5:30pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Game vs. Clear Lake @ Clear Lake High School
- 5:30pm- 10:30pm Trap Shooting New Hampton Country Club Fundraising Banquet
- 7:30pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. Clear Lake @ Clear Lake High School

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

- 8:00am Music State Music Festival- Solo and Ensembles
- 8:00am- 4:00pm Trap Shooting Nashua Fish & Game Club Nashua Invite (Seniors)
- 9:00am Soccer: Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Postville @ Postville High School

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

- Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, Fredericksburg
- Immaculate Swiss Steak Dinner, North Washington

### MONDAY, APRIL 8

- 3:30pm Golf: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Highland Park Golf Course, Mason City
- 4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Decorah @ Silvercrest Golf and Country Club
- 4:00pm- 6:00pm Trap Shooting Sportsman's Club Boyd Meet vs Waverly and TV (Seniors)
- 5:00pm Track & Field: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9

- 4:00pm Golf: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Denver Community Schools @ Willow Run Country Club - Denver
- 4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Veterans Memorial Golf Club, Clear Lake
- 4:00pm- 6:00pm Trap Shooting Sportsman's Club Boyd Meet vs Nashua (All)
- 4:30pm Track & Field: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Osage Green Devils @ Osage High School

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

- 5:30pm Lettermen's Middle/ High School Cafeteria

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

- 7:15am Yearbook Meeting
- 4:00pm Golf: Girls Varsity Varsity/JV vs. Decorah @ New Hampton High School New Hampton Country Club
- 4:30pm Track & Field: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton High School Track @ High School \*Senior Parent Night
- 5:00pm Track & Field: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton High School Track @ High School \*Senior Parent Night
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### FRIDAY, APRIL 12

- 7:30am Interact Club Meeting in Mrs. Ward's room - 106
- 4:00pm Golf: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Gates Park Golf Course - Waterloo

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

- 8:00am- 4:00pm Trap Shooting Turkey Valley TV Invite (Turkey Valley Trap Range)
- 10:30am Track & Field: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Iowa City West @ Iowa City West High School

### MONDAY, APRIL 15

- 4:00pm Golf: Girls Varsity Varsity/JV vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School
- 4:00pm- 6:00pm Trap Shooting Nashua Fish & Game Club Meet vs Nashua (Intermediates)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

- Chorus NEICDA 7-8 Honor Choir FFA
- 4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. MFL Mar Mac @ New Hampton High School New Hampton Country Club

### MONDAY, APRIL 15

- 4:00pm Trap Shooting Nashua Fish & Game Club Meet vs Nashua (Seniors)
- 4:15pm Track & Field: Girls 7-8 Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Decorah High School
- 4:15pm Track & Field: Boys 7-8 Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton High School

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

- 4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Waukon @ New Hampton High School New Hampton Country Club
- 4:30pm Track & Field: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Waukon High School

### MONDAY, APRIL 22

- 4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Waukon @ New Hampton High School New Hampton Country Club
- 5:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Game video URL vs. Decorah @ New Hampton High School
- 6:30pm Soccer: Boys JV Varsity/JV vs. Decorah
- 6-8 pm Extension Council Meeting, Chickasaw Co. Extension

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

- 5:00pm Chickasaw Athletic Booster Club Meeting Middle/ High School Cafeteria
- 9 am Veteran's Coffee at Heritage Residence, New Hampton

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18

- 1:00pm Golf: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton High School

### School New Hampton Country Club

- 3:00pm Track & Field: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Waterloo West @ Central Middle School - Waterloo
- 4pm- 6pm Trap Shooting Sportsman's Club Boyd Meet vs Cedar Falls (All)
- 4:30pm Track & Field: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Denver Community Schools @ Denver High School
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ New Hampton High School Girls soccer plays W-SR at 5:00 pm Boys soccer plays Mason City at 6:15 pm Friday
- 6:00pm Troy Baas Photography Auditorium Spring Play Rehearsal Photos
- 6:30pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Game vs. Mason City @ New Hampton High School High School Athletic Complex Area Girls soccer plays W-SR at 5:00 pm Boys soccer plays Mason City at 6:15 pm Friday
- 7:30pm- 10:00pm Trap Shooting Sportsman's Club Boyd Friday Night Lights vs Nashua (HDCP & DBL)
- 8:00pm- 9:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. Clayton Ridge @ Stephen D. Shannon Athletic Complex
- 8:00pm- 9:00pm Trap Shooting Sportsman's Club Boyd Friday Night Lights vs Nashua (Intermediate)
- 9:30pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Varsity/JV vs. Clayton Ridge @ Clayton Ridge High School
- 10:00pm Trap Shooting Sportsman's Club Boyd Friday Night Lights vs Nashua (Seniors)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

- 9:00am Golf: Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton High School New Hampton Country Club
- 9:00am- 3:00pm Trap Shooting Sportsman's Club Boyd New Hampton Invite \*Senior Parent Night
- 3:30pm- 5:30pm Trap Shooting Sportsman's Club Boyd Skeet
- 7:00pm Drama Auditorium HS Spring Play Ladies It's your Day, New Hampton

### MONDAY, APRIL 22

- 4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Waukon @ New Hampton High School New Hampton Country Club
- 4:00pm- 6:00pm Trap Shooting Turkey Valley HDCP & DBL (Turkey Valley Trap Range)
- 4:15pm Track & Field: Boys 7-8 Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton High School
- 5:00pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ New Hampton High School High School Athletic Complex Area
- 6:30pm Soccer: Boys JV Varsity/JV vs. Waverly-Shell Rock

### FRIDAY, APRIL 26

- TBD Track & Field: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Drake Relays @ Drake Stadium
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- 8:00am- 5:00pm Trap Shooting Gooder Field- Cresco Wildlife Club Trap Range Meet vs Cresco (Seniors)

### MONDAY, APRIL 29

- 4:15pm Track & Field: Girls 7-8 Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Charles City High
- 4:30pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. North Fayette Valley @ New Hampton High School
- 4:30pm Track & Field: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Waukon @ Waukon High School
- 4:30pm Track & Field: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Osage Green Devils @ Osage High School
- 6:00pm Soccer: Boys Varsity Game vs. North Fayette Valley @ New Hampton High School High School Athletic Complex Area

### TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- 4:00pm- 6:00pm Trap Shooting Fayette County Conservation Club Skeet
- 2:00pm Music, High School Coffee House, High School Gym
- Suicide Grief Support Everybody Hurts at St. John's School of Religion 1:30-3, New Hampton
- 4:50- 5:30 YQCA Chickasaw Co. Extension

### MONDAY, APRIL 27

- Chorus NEICDA 5-6 Honor Choir
- 11:00am Golf: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Clear Lake High
- 4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Jackson Heights Golf Course - Turkey Valley
- 4:00pm- 6:00pm Trap Shooting Gooder Field- Cresco Wildlife Club Trap Range Cresco Invite
- 4:15pm Track & Field: Girls 7-8 Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Charles City High
- 4:30pm Soccer: Girls Varsity Game vs. North Fayette Valley @ New Hampton High School
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Tuesday	36	28	.35

**Forecast**

**Thursday:** Partly sunny but still windy with a high of 46 and a low of 26.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny with a high of 50 and a low of 27.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny and breezy with a high of 56 and a low of 35.

**Sunday:** Cloudy with showers likely and a high of 51 and a low of 38.

**Extended forecast:** We'll warm up to start the work week with highs nearing 60 both Monday and Tuesday and overnight lows dropping to near 40.

**Meetings****MONDAY**

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton Light Plant and Telecommunications boards, 5 p.m., New Hampton Municipal Utilities.

**History**

In 1960, "Ben-Hur" wins Oscars in 11 of the 12 categories it was nominated for at the Academy Awards.

In 1968, American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. is fatally shot while standing on the balcony outside his second-story room at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee.

In 1973, the "Twin Towers" of the World Trade Center officially open in New York City.

In 1974, Atlanta Braves slugger Hank Aaron hits the 714th home run of his career during his team's season opener against the Cincinnati Reds to tie Babe Ruth's all-time record.

In 1975, at a time when most Americans used typewriters, childhood friends Bill Gates and Paul Allen found Microsoft, a company that makes computer software.

In 2013, one of America's best-known and most influential movie critics, Roger Ebert, who reviewed movies for the Chicago Sun-Times for 46 years and on TV for 31 years, dies at age 70 after battling cancer.

**Birthdays**

Ioroku Yamamoto, the Japanese admiral who planned the attack on Pearl Harbor, was born in 1884.

The late film star Heath Ledger was born in 1979.

"Orange is the New Black" star Natasha Lyonne turns 45.

American actor Robert Downey Jr. turns 59.

American film actress Christine Lahti turns 74.

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**Mario Perez Hernandez, 36**

Mario Perez Hernandez, age 36 of New Hampton, died Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at MercyOne Des Moines Medical Center.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Holy Family Parish.

Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton.

Friends may greet the family from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass on Saturday at the church.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton has been entrusted with Mario's arrangements.

Mario Perez Hernandez, affectionately known as "Cinco" to his family and friends, was born on July 6, 1987, in Mexico, to Baudilio Perez Espinoza and Sonia Hernandez Munoz. As the oldest of six boys, Mario's life was marked by his passion for family, soccer and hard work.

After attending school in his hometown in Mexico, Mario embarked on a journey that led him to Northeast Iowa as a young man. It was there that he found not only a new home but also the love of his life, Paola Torres Camarillo. Their shared passion for soccer brought them together, and on July 16, 2016, they exchanged vows at Holy Family Parish in New Hampton. To this union, four children — Ronaldo, Arianna, Amberly and Analyee — were born.

Mario dedicated himself to his work at Hanawalt & Sons Lumber Co, where he found joy and fulfillment. He was highly regarded by his colleagues and supervisors for his strong work ethic and dedication. Always known as a diligent and hard-working individual, Mario's commitment to his job was unwavering.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Mario's true passion lay on the soccer field. Renowned for his exceptional skills, he was a standout player, sought after by teams from all corners of the area. His prowess on the field was matched only by his love for the sport, which he shared with his children. Mario was not just a player but also a mentor, passing on his knowledge and love for soccer to the next generation.

A devoted and hands-on father, Mario cherished every moment spent with his children. Whether playing soccer in the backyard or simply enjoying outdoor activities, he made sure to be actively involved in their lives. His unwavering love and support were evident in every aspect of their upbringing.

Mario Perez Hernandez leaves behind a legacy of love, hard work, and passion. He will be deeply missed by his beloved wife, Paola, his children, extended family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. Though he may no longer be with us, his spirit will live on in the hearts and memories of those whose lives he touched.

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**Lois Ann Langreck, 78**

Lois Ann Langreck, age 78 of Waucoma, died Friday, March 29, 2024, at Hillcrest Home in Sumner.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Waucoma with the Rev. Nick Radloff celebrating the Mass.

Interment was held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Waucoma.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Waucoma where there was a 4 p.m. Rosary and a 7 p.m. Scripture Service. Visitation continued an hour prior to the Mass at the church on Wednesday.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematorium was entrusted with arrangements.

Lois Ann (Gebel) Langreck was born July 7, 1945, in Elma, to Leo and Barbara Gebel. She grew up on a farm outside North Washington, enjoying farm life, church, school and playing her accordion and piano.

She attended North Washington Catholic School and then New Hampton High School, where she graduated in 1963. After graduation, she began working as a clerk for the U.S. government in the Selective Service office in New Hampton, also serving in Cresco and Decorah.

Lois met Florian "Flo" Langreck at a dance in Lawler. Florian had a friend ask Lois if she would go out with him, and she luckily agreed. They were married on Oct. 17, 1964, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in her hometown of North Washington.

The newlyweds immediately settled on the Langreck family farm by Waucoma. The couple began farming, including crops, animals, and a garden. Lois raised over 400 chickens each year to butcher and sell, in addition to laying hens to produce and sell eggs. Besides eating a lot of chicken, the family also delighted in homemade angel food cake with all those eggs. Lois developed an affinity for chickens and roosters, both on the farm and in her decorating collections. Various other live birds joined the farm flock, from ducks and geese to guineas and even peacocks.

Lois became a mother on October 28, 1965, when Rebecca Joan "Becky" was born. They welcomed their second daughter, Bonita Marette,

and then by the Waucoma Post Office as the postal clerk. She worked for the U.S. Postal Service for many years as a clerk and mail carrier, then as officer in charge in Lawler until she became a postmaster in Protivin. She later was the postmaster in St. Lucas until her government retirement in 2003 after 33 years of service. Lois continued as Waucoma city clerk for several more years.

After retiring, Lois provided childcare for her granddaughters, Alicia and Maria. She was always just a call away from Bonnie and enjoyed laughing and playing games with her grandkids, Connor, Caleb, & Alaina.

Lois especially loved working with elementary school children and taught CCD at St. Mary's for 30 years. She was an active member of the Catholic Daughters of America, Court Queenship of Mary, for 50-plus years. Church activities were always a big part of family life.

Lois led the Eden Outer Limits 4-H Club for nearly 40 years, covering each of her daughters' tenure in the organization, along with granddaughters,

and brother, Allen (Patricia) Cutsforth.

Jeanne Zipse to Lori Sheehy, Jerry Zipse and Jeanne Zipse LE; S1/2 NE 29-96-12.

Brandon J. Wegner and Brooke N. Wegner to Benjamin A.J. Unzeitig; EX 48' LAWLER COWLEYS ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: 8 LAWLER COWLEYS ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: 8 LAWLER COWLEYS ADDITION Lot: 5 Block: 8 EXN8' LAWLER COWLE



**Weather, no matter how cold or rainy it is, not a concern to trapshooters****TRAPSHOOTING: FROM 15**

"week," said Humpal.

NH seniors Trinity Schwickerath and Nick Brincks – shooting for NH Black – each finished in the top three individual standings with rounds of 47, respectively. Oelwein's Jeff Treat was the top shooter as he only missed one target and came up with a 49.

New Hampton senior Grace Maloy, a member of NH White, cracked the top three on the girls side with a 39.

Chickasaw senior Isaak Schwickerath shot a 46 for NH Red. NH senior Hunter Humpal and freshman Wyatt Schwickerath were the Chickasaws' next-best scorers with individual rounds of 43.

While it may have looked like

crowds had stayed away and not attended the season opener because of the chilly conditions outside, Humpal said that wasn't the case for the most part.

"We have a good crowd. I see a lot of grandpas and grandmas even sitting in their trucks and cars spread out behind the trap lines watching," said Humpal.

The decision to hold the meet – most other prep sports in northeast Iowa either cancelled or postponed their athletic activities outdoors on Monday – was kind of a no-brainer. That is of course relatively speaking when you consider what the sport of trapshooting endures in a long season filled with all sorts of weather that participants have to acclimate their shotguns to.

"We typically shoot unless there's lightning – no differ-



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

**New Hampton Black squad member Devon Snyder lines up a shot during his team's season-opening meet against Oelwein and South Winneshiek on Monday.**

ent than a football game in the there cold. We practice in this fall," said Humpal. "It gets down kind of weather, too. We haven't

canceled any practices yet this spring."

"We've had a nice spring, but we've also had some cold, rainy practices. Nobody likes to get out and do that, but we do that to prepare for a night like tonight."

Wind can wreak havoc on a shooter's score if the proper steps aren't adhered to to take those gusts into account.

"Wind is obviously the big thing for us, too," said Humpal, who began his fourth year as an assistant on the Chickasaw coaching staff. "We try to set

the house so they're legal targets and the kids got to adjust from there."

Tonight (Thursday) will be another home meet for the Chickasaws as they'll take on Butler County and Echo Valley. Then New Hampton will hold its annual fundraiser on Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club, followed by competing in the Nashua Invite on Saturday at 8 a.m.

**TOP THREE SQUADS**

New Hampton Black, 221, Oelwein 217, New Hampton Red 205.

**TOP THREE BOYS**

Jeff Treat (O) 49, Nick Brincks (NH) 47, Trinity Schwickerath 47.

**TOP THREE GIRLS**

Hayley Burke (O) 46, Haley Thence (South Winneshiek) 44, Grace Maloy (NH) 39.

**NEW HAMPTON SQUAD RESULTS**

Black (221) - Wyatt Schwickerath 43, Jonathan Condon 41, Brincks 47, T. Schwickerath 47, Devon Snyder 40,

Red (205) - Chase Humpal 37, Ethan Swhela 37, Isaak Schwickerath 46, Hunter Humpal 43, Aaron Holschlag 42.

Gold (189) - Ben Douglas 39, Jackson Kellogg 42, Emmett Kuehner 36, Ty Bearman 32, Cargin Robinson 40.

White (178) - Grace Maloy 39, Colin Wilson 31, Nolan Swhela 36, Karla Pickar 35, Aleah Eichenberger 37.

Silver (170) - Tori Bearman 36, Danielle Ellington 30, Carson Burke 37, Benson Burke 30, Jake Schwickerath 37.

**Legal Notice - Legal Notice - Legal Notice - Legal Notice****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET**

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

City of: NEW HAMPTON

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Council Chambers, 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton IA 50659 Meeting Date: 4/15/2024 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.

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The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property 13.81706

The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural land is 3.00375

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME  
Karen Clemens

Revenues & Other Financing Sources	Budget FY 2025	Re-estimated FY 2024	Actual FY 2023
Taxes Levied on Property	1 2,078,098	1,849,097	1,982,605
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2 0	0	0
<b>Net Current Property Taxes</b>	<b>3 2,078,098</b>	<b>1,849,097</b>	<b>1,982,605</b>
Delinquent Property Taxes	4 0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5 337,300	310,110	276,206
Other City Taxes	6 613,441	585,180	638,864
Licenses & Permits	7 28,945	32,775	38,000
Use of Money and Property	8 304,480	242,150	259,342
Intergovernmental	9 735,668	594,949	1,615,636
Charges for Fees & Service	10 10,318,750	9,714,950	10,556,178
Special Assessments	11 0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12 240,650	280,360	293,771
Other Financing Sources	13 0	0	0
Transfers In	14 2,726,944	2,287,725	1,685,362
<b>Total Revenues and Other Sources</b>	<b>15 17,384,276</b>	<b>15,897,296</b>	<b>17,345,964</b>
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses			
Public Safety	16 1,292,395	1,219,459	1,019,857
Public Works	17 1,065,859	958,749	660,897
Health and Social Services	18 600	600	1,630
Culture and Recreation	19 844,166	816,266	830,574
Community and Economic Development	20 639,512	566,992	533,732
General Government	21 623,573	618,806	574,033
Debt Service	22 275,721	281,494	366,020
Capital Projects	23 360,000	124,589	472,019
<b>Total Government Activities Expenditures</b>	<b>24 5,101,826</b>	<b>4,586,955</b>	<b>4,458,762</b>
Business Type / Enterprises	25 9,134,237	8,764,778	10,629,352
<b>Total ALL Expenditures</b>	<b>26 14,236,063</b>	<b>13,351,733</b>	<b>15,088,114</b>
Transfers Out	27 2,726,944	2,287,725	1,685,362
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28 16,963,007	15,639,458	16,773,476
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29 421,269	257,838	572,488
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30 18,135,535	17,877,697	17,305,209
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31 18,556,804	18,135,535	17,877,697

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**Legal Notice - Legal Notice - Legal Notice - Legal Notice****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET**

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

City of: LAWLER

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Lawler City Hall Meeting Date: 4/15/2024 Meeting Time: 07:05 PM At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.

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Revenues & Other Financing Sources	Budget FY 2025	Re-estimated FY 2024	Actual FY 2023
Taxes Levied on Property	1 192,125	150,854	143,975
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2 0	0	0
<b>Net Current Property Taxes</b>	<b>3 192,125</b>	<b>150,854</b>	<b>143,975</b>
Delinquent Property Taxes	4 0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5 0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6 61,571	56,608	59,719
Licenses & Permits	7 2,840	2,840	820
Use of Money and Property	8 6,720	0	5,917
Intergovernmental	9 134,771	55,000	90,980
Charges for Fees & Service	10 5,665,845	648,435	596,940
Special Assessments	11 0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12 0	0	1,648
Other Financing Sources	13 1,000,000	0	0
Transfers In	14 5,028,848	0	128,452
<b>Total Revenues and Other Sources</b>	<b>15 12,092,720</b>	<b>913,737</b>	<b>1,028,451</b>
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses			
Public Safety	16 78,900	76,100	52,763
Public Works	17 118,326	187,230	128,375
Health and Social Services	18 0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19 56,225	51,715	49,524
Community and Economic Development	20 10,050	0	2,550
General Government	21 69,590	64,584	55,237
Debt Service	22 113,734	0	16,897
Capital Projects	23 58,428	0	0
<b>Total Government Activities Expenditures</b>	<b>24 505,253</b>	<b>379,629</b>	<b>305,346</b>
Business Type / Enterprises	25 5,508,266	655,554	517,298
<b>Total ALL Expenditures</b>	<b>26 6,013,519</b>	<b>1,035,183</b>	<b>822,644</b>
Transfers Out	27 5,028,848	0	128,452
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28 11,042,367	1,035,183	951,096
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29 1,050,353	-121,446	77,355
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30 430,839	552,285	474,930
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31 1,481,192	430,839	552,285

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**"PS"** is Project Share – a program that assists needy households in paying their winter energy bills. You can help this effort by adding a regular Project Share contribution to your utility payment, or by making a direct donation to Project Share. These funds are distributed to your neighbors in need.

A local social service agency carefully identifies those residents who qualify, and a local committee oversees Project Share to guarantee that all contributions are handled equitably and efficiently.

Adding a "PS" – a Project Share contribution to your utility payment each month is a simple way to share some warmth with those who need it.

**NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT****PS|Project Share\***

**NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON****Week of March 31****1949 (75 years ago)**

In Monday's New Hampton's city election Earl Lampson, local filling station owner, defeated the incumbent A.J. Forkenbrock by 10 votes in the mayoral race, the final count being 580 to 570.

In the council race, A.H. Robinson and Wayne Brown were elected councilmen at large. The first ward elected Clyde Finch. The second ward elected James Longhorn. Carl Kemp was elected to the third ward and A.K. Leichtman was re-elected from the fourth ward.

On Friday, April 1, Tim J. Sullivan will join the insurance agency of his father, Attorney R. J. Sullivan. The agency will be known as the Sullivan Insurance Agency and will handle all kinds of insurance. Tim is a graduate of the New Hampton High School and the State University at Iowa City. He is also a veteran of World War II.

**1974 (50 years ago)**

Mrs. E.A. Colbert was honored by the New Hampton Business and Professional Women's Club as the "1974 Woman of the Year." The award is presented annually by the club to recognize area women who have been active in working with and promoting a civic or community project.

This summer, Mrs. Colbert will begin her fifth year as a regular volunteer at the non-profit Treasure House in New Hampton. As a recipient of the award, Mrs. Colbert was presented with a plaque, a corsage and a gift.

"Donkey Basketball", the world's craziest sport comes to New Hampton at the New Hampton elementary school gymnasium on April 8. Donkey basketball, played from the backs of trained donkeys, is reputed to be wilder than a rodeo and funnier than a circus. Four teams will take to the court, including members of Girls Recreational Assn. (GRA), Varsity Cheerleaders, high school teachers and the FFA. The event is sponsored by the New Hampton FFA.

**1999 (25 years ago)**

The Pony Express of Iowa, Inc., will ride once more. Good Friday they will begin riding from 11 points throughout the state toward their goal, Easter Seals' Camp Sunnyside near Des Moines. Last year they brought a total of \$324,685 — Chickasaw County contributed \$2,222 — to Des Moines. In 30 years they have collected more than \$5.1 million dollars.

The Chickasaw County Trail Riders will meet with riders from the Lime Springs and Cresco area, will parade through downtown New Hampton and are scheduled to leave at 10:30 a.m.

**2014 (10 years ago)**

Thursday night's joint school board meeting between Turkey Valley and New Hampton may have been short on specifics, but both sides appear enthusiastic to consider sharing options. The two boards met to discuss sharing programs and possibly activities, but both sides said they want each other to maintain their separate identities.

New Hampton Superintendent Jay Jurrens said New Hampton's enrollment

**Legal Notice****THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT  
FOR Chickasaw COUNTY  
IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
DALE DWAYNE MILLER, Deceased  
CASE NO. ESPR003203****NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF  
EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Dale Dwayne Miller, Deceased, who died on or about December 18, 2023;

You are hereby notified that on March 13, 2024, the undersigned was appointed executor of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on 4/1/24

Dailene Abbas, Executor  
14623-140th Street  
Wellsburg, IA 50680

Kristin Miller-Goddard, Executor  
242 Midway Rd.  
Charles City, IA 50616

Christine B. Skilton,  
ICIS#: AT0007262  
Attorney for the Estate  
Cronin, Skilton & Skilton, P.L.L.C.,  
205 Brasher Street  
P.O. Box 39, Nashua, IA  
50658-0039

Date of second publication the 11th day of April

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**Legal Notice****COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

The City Council of Ionia met in special session Monday, March 25, 2024, at 6:30 pm in City Hall.

Mayor Taylor presided with Council Members Crooks, Day, Denner, Geerts, Holthaus present. Also present were Bob Haver and Clerk Donna Geerts.

Motion by Crooks, seconded by Holthaus to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Day, seconded by Crooks to open the public hearing at 6:30 pm on the Proposed Property Taxation for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025. All voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor asked if there were any oral or written objections or comments. After discussion and being there were no objections, motion by Day and seconded by Crooks to close public hearing at 6:47 pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Crooks, seconded by Denner, to adjourn meeting at 6:47 pm.

Randy Taylor, Mayor

Attest: Donna Geerts, City Clerk

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No. 23833  
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**CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES March 27, 2024**

The Board convened on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 6:00 PM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Attorney David Lauder, Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Assessor Raymond Armel.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for March 27, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to open the Public Hearing for Proposed Property Tax Levy FY 24-25 at 6:02 PM. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn, and Cerwinski. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 7:00 PM. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinski, Chairperson Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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has dropped more than 12 percent to 982 in the past 10 years.

Roger and Jean Kolbet have been selected as the grand marshals for the 2014 Heartland Days Parade. The high school sweethearts have been married for almost 44 years, and they have been an integral part of the New Hampton scene for almost that long. They owned and operated Kolby's for years, Roger started Mid-Tech in 1986, but the committee members said it was the couple's volunteer work, often done behind the scenes, that led them to choose the Kolbets as this year's grand marshals.

**2019 (5 years ago)**

Noah Fenske set a goal to break the school record in the shot

put. On Monday, it was realized as Fenske uncorked a toss of 56 feet, 8 inches at the Decorah Early Bird to break Joel Rochford's 24-year-old record of 56-0.

Turkey Valley FFA students decided they wanted to do something to help Nebraska farmers who have been ravaged by historic flooding. This past Saturday chapter members visited area businesses, put up signs and spread the word about the relief effort they've undertaken. They will continue the effort this coming Saturday. They will deliver what they raised on April 12-13. The chapter is hoping to deliver hay and other farm supplies to the Cornhusker State next month.

**Legal Notice - Legal Notice - Legal Notice - Legal Notice****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET**

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

City of: ALTA VISTA

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Alta Vista City Hall- 110 E Weber St. Alta Vista, IA 50603 Meeting Date:

4/15/2024 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.

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The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property

19.67279

The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural land is

3.00313

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

Phone Number  
(641) 364-2975

City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME  
Jarrett Holthaus

	Budget FY 2025	Re-estimated FY 2024	Actual FY 2023
<b>Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>			
Taxes Levied on Property	1 73,531	0	62,674
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2 0	0	0
<b>Net Current Property Taxes</b>	3 73,531	0	62,674
Delinquent Property Taxes	4 0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5 0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6 33,146	0	33,438
Licenses & Permits	7 650	0	645
Use of Money and Property	8 10,000	0	9,926
Intergovernmental	9 92,118	60,000	78,985
Charges for Fees & Service	10 295,000	0	289,425
Special Assessments	11 0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12 2,000	0	80,094
Other Financing Sources	13 0	0	0
Transfers In	14 26,000	0	25,276
<b>Total Revenues and Other Sources</b>	15 532,445	60,000	580,463
<b>Expenditures &amp; Other Financing Uses</b>			
Public Safety	16 74,045	3,405	128,635
Public Works	17 48,100	0	43,919
Health and Social Services	18 7,000	7,000	4,847
Culture and Recreation	19 35,000	0	38,247
Community and Economic Development	20 0	0	0
General Government	21 51,500	28,437	98,187
Debt Service	22 0	0	0
Capital Projects	23 0	0	0
<b>Total Government Activities Expenditures</b>	24 215,645	38,842	313,835
Business Type / Enterprises	25 254,000	200,000	248,960
<b>Total ALL Expenditures</b>	26 469,645	238,842	562,795
Transfers Out	27 26,000	0	25,276
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28 495,645	238,842	588,071
<b>Excess Revenues &amp; Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out</b>	29 36,800	-178,842	-7,608
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30 2,330	181,172	188,780
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30</b>	31 39,130	2,330	181,172

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**Legal Notice - Legal Notice - Legal Notice - Legal Notice****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET**

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

County Name: CHICKASAW COUNTY County Number: 19

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County budget as follows:

Meeting Date: 4/15/2024 Meeting Time: 09:10 AM Meeting Location: BOARDROOM LOCATED ON SECOND FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, 8 E PROSPECT, NEW HAMPTON

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the County Auditor. A copy of the supporting detail will be furnished upon request. County budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <https://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals>

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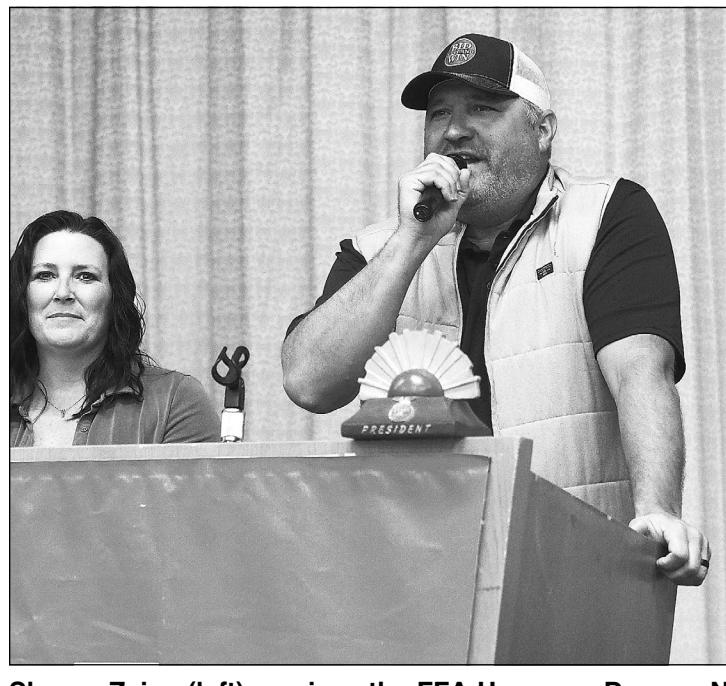


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New Hampton FFA seniors honored during the organization's annual banquet last month include (above, front row, from left) Madalyn Van Way, Grace Maloy, Kimberly Jordan, Emily Geerts, Tori Bearman, (back row) advisor Rachel Bauler, Marshall Zeien, Jordan Zeien, Madison Schaufenbuel and Ethan Praska. During the banquet, FFA members like Olivia Eichenberger (right) show off the items attendees are bidding on during the auction.



## Snapshots from another great FFA banquet!



Sharon Zeien (left) receives the FFA Honorary Degree, Nick Noehl (center) shows off his auctioneer skills and New Hampton FFA President Tori Bearman shares her thoughts during the banquet.



The food is mighty tasty at the FFA banquet, where five students — (front row, from left) Emily Geerts, Grace Maloy, Tori Bearman, (back row) Kimberly Jordan and Marshall Zeien — received academic awards.



Check out next week's Tribune for more photos from the FFA banquet!



James Frantzen (left) presents 2023 New Hampton High School graduate Quinten Reicks with the Timothy Burke scholarship during the banquet, where FFA advisor Rachel Bauler presented Greenhand Awards to a slew of students — (front row, from right) Marjorie Reicks, Keira Reicherts, Tristin Meek, Alexa Mashed, Addie Douglas, (back row) Brenna Thronson, Dylan Maloy, Danielle Ellingson, Troy Federspiel and Taylor Dowd.



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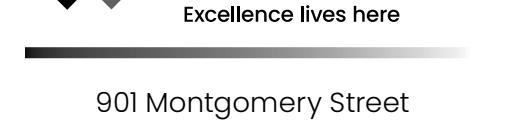
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**Chickasaws heading to the course this spring with plenty of optimism****GOLF: FROM 16**

of margin for error."

The Chickasaws will be one of a handful of teams that will be considered a favorite to win the Class 2A state crown out on the links this spring.

That's obviously penciled in on paper and predicated on getting back to the state tournament for the seventh-straight season.

"Almost every state team has the bulk of their team back," said Olson. "It's going to be a dogfight."

New Hampton's state run over the course of the last nine seasons has been flat out remarkable.

New Hampton has placed no lower than third place at the last six state meets and won its first ever state title in 2019. The Chickasaws were favored to repeat as state champs the following year in 2020 but Iowa canceled spring sports because of the onset of the COVID pandemic.

"Everybody looks at our streaks – and this and that – nobody wants to be the one to end it," said Olson. "We earned this up to this point, so just go out and earn it again."

The Chickasaws return its top linkster in junior Lauren Nuss – who placed sixth at the state meet a year ago and was first-team all state.

"She's one of the top five golfers in our class," said Olson. "Lauren – she just loves golf. She's from a golfing family. She's got the older sisters and the younger sister. They just keep pushing each other to get better."

Nuss' older sisters – Allison and Morgan – were integral members of NH's 2019 state title team and play collegiately at UNI. Lauren's younger sister – Kirsten – won the 13-U division at the John Deere Classic last June in the Quad Cities.

Lauren Nuss is New Hampton's so-called "hammer" that almost any top-tier team needs to challenge for a state title.

"She's kind of a quiet leader. She just kind of does her thing," said Olson. "Since she could walk, she's been playing golf."

That all-state distinction that Lauren Nuss earned was also given to senior Kinsli Dahl, who was also selected on the Class 2A first team all-state squad by the IHSGCA.

"She's just worked really hard on her game. If she plays her game, she can score really good," said Olson. "She can't try to do things that she's not capable of doing. She understands that."

Chickasaw sophomore Alivia Geerts and junior Maycen Hackman also bring back experience to Olson's roster.

"She was a big surprise," said Olson about Geerts' standout play as a freshman last spring. "There's a little more expectation on her, but she handles it well. She does her thing."

Hackman has started in the varsity lineup since her freshman year.

"Maycen – this is her third year – she's gotta take that step forward. I think she's on the right track to doing that," said the NH head coach.

Olson has just seven girls out and the three remaining members of the squad – senior Kira Tenge, junior Brenna Flattum and senior Katie Brincks – should be battle-tested by the time regional competition rolls around. Those golfers have little, if any, varsity experience, but they will be called on to come through in the

clutch, if need be.

"Two of them are going to have to step up. That's just the way it is," said Olson.

Olson will be doing double-duty this spring as he'll also coach the Chickasaw boys team. Olson was an assistant on the NH boys coaching staff for five seasons prior to taking over the Chickasaw girls program.

Paul "Doc" Ewert is Olson's top assistant for the NH boys and will be paid this year after being a volunteer assistant in previous seasons. Olson said 2019 NH grad Ryan Anderson will also help out with the Chickasaw boys team.

The NH boys squad returns four out of its top six in seniors Jack Shawver, Kam Josephson and Carter Newbrough and junior Adam Ewert.

Shawver had a tremendous season as a junior and led NH with a combined adjusted average (CAVG) of 41.36.

Ewert sports the second-best returning CAVG with a 42.71.

"We've got talent – no doubt. Jack and Adam are solid," said Olson.

Ewert and Lauren Nuss finished

fourth (79) at the state co-ed meet held last summer at Cedar Pointe Golf Course in Boone. Shawver and Dahl managed to place 10th with an 81 as the Chickasaws' second pairing.

Josephson (46.39 CAVG) has been a starter for the Chickasaws since his freshman season and Newbrough (47.9 CAVG) showed flashes of potential last season.

"Kam and Carter just gotta get a little bit better than what they did last year," said Olson.

Olson said freshmen Charlie Kriener and Jax Shekleton are the leading candidates to fill out the remainder of New Hampton's varsity roster.

"They've risen to the top. They've both done junior golf. They've got some experience," Olson said.

"They've both played tournaments in the summer. They're a little bit of the wildcards because we don't really know what they're going to do under varsity meet pressure."

Chickasaw sophomores Chase Gebel, Billy Klassen, R.W. Pethoud, Riley Scheidel and freshman Troy Federspiel comprise the rest of Olson's roster.

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New Hampton's Trinity Schwickerath eyes his clay before pulling the trigger during the New Hampton trapshooting team's season opener that was held Monday at the Fredericksburg Sportsman's Club.

## New Hampton Black picks up a win in cold trapshooting season opener

BY KELLY TERPSTRA  
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Cold, wet, windy and gloomy. Welcome to Iowa.

The New Hampton trapshooting squad overcame that inclement spring weather in the season opener on Monday to

claim victory over guests South Winneshiek and Oelwein.

Despite the rain that fell periodically and a bothersome wind that rattled around in the first meet of the year at New Hampton's home shooting range – Fredericksburg Sportsman's Club in Boyd – Chickasaw

assistant coach Chad Humpal thought all five New Hampton squads made due considering the elements that made scoring difficult.

"Tonight was just straight 16's. We're just kind of easing into the season," said Humpal. "Our top-10-plus shooters are

going to be back-and-forth all season long. We're hoping for 49s and 50s, but the weather tonight obviously played part of that, knocking down a few targets."

New Hampton Black (221) took home top honors for a team score – four better than

Oelwein's 217. New Hampton Red (205) was third.

"I think it's going to be a good season for us. We're looking forward to it. Our top two squads are going to have an opportunity to compete each and every

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New Hampton's Olivia Eichenberger (above) blasts a shot at the goal while Xander Meyerhoff (right) brings the ball upfield during last week's games.

## Boys pick up wild 8-7 win

### SOCER SWEEP: FROM 16

And what a night it must have been for the entire Dungey family as Kimber netted two goals, as did Tegan.

Tegan talked about getting New Hampton on the board first in a match that, like her sister, she'll surely remember for the rest of her life.

"Oh, God. It's history, more so. I'm just super excited to play our first game, especially on the football field," said Tegan Dungey. "I just had all the feels running through me and I'm just glad I got to do it with this team."

Tegan Dungey exited the game shortly after that momentous goal as she injured herself in a scrum to retain possession of the ball. She returned late in the second half to score her second goal on a perfect cross from sophomore Keziah Uglum with 8:52 remaining in the fray.

"I was going to go for the ball and we collided with each other's legs and they think I just got a stinger or hit a nerve," said Tegan Dungey. "It will go away."

Kimber netted her first goal with just over a minute left in the first half to make it 2-0 in favor of the Chickasaws at intermission. With 13:21 left in the second half, Kimber struck again with New Hampton's fourth goal.



New Hampton's Josi Singewald fires a shot during Thursday's win over Charles City.

Josi Singewald, a freshman, notched New Hampton's third goal four minutes into the second half. Uglum scored the final goal of the night for NH with just over three minutes left in the area tussle.

The Chickasaws' first-year coach – Fayssal Talib – had himself a day as well. Talib is from Morocco – a country in North Africa. He celebrated his third-year anniversary of being in the United States – to the day.

"Today is three years being here," said Talib. "It's a good day for me. It's like a gift for me."



Charles City – although playing in its second season – only played a handful of junior varsity games in its inaugural season in 2023.

The Comets finally got on the board after a kick moved past the Chickasaw goalkeeper with just seven seconds left in the match.

NH boys head coach Jeff Monteith said his squad was left with just 10 players on Thursday before the start of the match against the Comets, who went 2-15 last year.

That meant New Hampton – which went 7-10 last year and swept CC by scores of 10-3 and 9-2 last year – was going to play a man down (soccer teams compete with 11 starting players) if it had not been for CC head coach Brad McKenzie pulling one of his players off the pitch to make it a level playing field with 10 members on each squad.

"Coming into it we were short a guy, so we knew it was going to be a struggle," said Broughton.

Broughton scored four first-half goals. Xander Meyerhoff, a junior, came up with New Hampton's third goal with 27:26 in the first stanza to make it 3-1, New Hampton. Meyerhoff would change roles and go from striker to defender

later on in the match.

"He guarded their No. 10, who was killing us in the first half. He did a tremendous job of marking him," said Broughton.

That No. 10 Broughton is referring to is the Comets' Carter Haberkorn – who scored CC's last goal with 3:03 left in the contest to trim NH's lead to 8-7.

A few minutes later, Chickasaw sophomore goalie Easton Monteith came up with a tremendous match-clinching save with 1:15 left to turn CC back and preserve the victory.

"He found some legs and he's getting used to it," said Jeff Monteith.

Broughton was NH's goal leader (18) last year for the Chickasaws – who have improved their win total every season since the first year back in 2021.

With just 16 Chickasaws on the boys roster – the NH girls sport 25 players – New Hampton will have to clean up some mistakes if it wants to continue to stay in the win column as the regular season will pick up speed next week.

"I'm happy, but not satisfied," said Broughton. "We gotta lot of work to do and a young squad, so by the end of the season we'll be a different team than we were today."

## Chickasaws' discus thrower finishes second with solid throw at Waverly

### BOYS TRACK: FROM 16

– the sprint medley and the 4x100 – for New Hampton.

Ewert is a junior who is also expected to be a mainstay on the Chickasaws' boys golf team, and although he is out for track as a high schooler for the first time, Jenkins has already come to appreciate his newest sprinter.

"He works hard, he doesn't complain. He just goes out and does it," the New Hampton coach said. "Pretty much every relay he runs for us, he holds his ground or makes up ground. Adam's been a really nice addition for us this year."

Serie, meanwhile, put together a solid 800 leg in the distance medley, and considering he ran the distance for the first time in his career, Jenkins couldn't have been happier with the effort the junior gave him.

"He looked really strong at the end; I'm guessing he was in a full-out sprint for the last 80 meters," Jenkins said. "He's definitely got potential as an 800 runner, and I think it says a lot about Beau that he's willing to take on any race to help our team."

New Hampton's individual points came from Zeien, who

finished fourth in the shot put and took second in the discus with a throw of 135-7. While that distance paled in comparison to Zeien's career-best – a heave of 162-2 last spring – it was still the seventh-best throw among Class 2A athletes during the first week of the outdoor season.

"For as little as he's been able to get outside and work on it, we'll take it," Jenkins said. "I know he wasn't really happy about it, but it's a good start, and he can definitely build on it."

New Hampton will travel back to Waverly-Shell Rock for a boys-only meet tonight (Thursday).

"It'll be good to give our young guys – especially our freshmen – a chance to run some JV races," Jenkins said. "With a coed meet, when you don't have any JV events, it's tough because if they're going to compete, it has to be in varsity races, but I liked the competitiveness they showed at Waverly."

#### TEAM SCORES

Waverly-Shell Rock 189, Denver 186, Dike-New Hartford 108, Charles City 103, Waterloo East 49, Hudson 39, New Hampton 38.

#### NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

100 - 12. Kinick Wisner 12.40,  
14. Jay Pickar 12.50.  
200 - 14. Dakota Martzahn 26.19.

16. Ashton Pitz 27.18.  
400 - 14. Roy Barron 1:04.83, 16. Jayden Bucknell 1:09.92.  
800 - 8. Ethan Praska 2:19.61, 13. Weston Praska 2:35.33.

4x100 - 4. Adam Ewert, Bryce Flugum, Pickar, Beau Series 46.84.  
4x400 - 6. Jon Baker, Elliott Eiler, Kale Venem, Wisner 1:42.79.

4x400 - 7. Eiler, Cade Carpenter, Baker, Dylan Maloy 3:56.10.

4x800 - 6. Braden Manson, Carpenter, Colin Shatek, Weston Praska 10:09.67.

Sprint medley - 4. Ewert, Maloy, Serie, E. Praska 1:41.92.

Distance medley - 3. Maloy, Ewert, E. Praska, Serie 4:02.27.

Long jump - 15. Pickar 17-3.25, 20. Flugum 14-6.25.

Shot put - 4. Marshall Zeien 40-1.5, 24. Jaxon Kuehn 26-8.

Discus - 2. Zeien 135-7, 22. Kuehn 73-8.

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### THURSDAY

Turkey Valley trapshooting vs. Cresco, 3:30 p.m.

New Hampton boys golf vs. Charles City, 4 p.m.

New Hampton trapshooting vs. Butler Co. and Echo Valley, 4 p.m.

Turkey Valley boys track at Postville, 4:30 p.m.

New Hampton and Turkey Valley girls track at Decorah, 5 p.m.

New Hampton boys track at Waverly-Shell Rock, 5 p.m.

### FRIDAY

New Hampton girls golf at Charles City, 4 p.m.

New Hampton soccer at Clear Lake, boys at 5:30 p.m., girls at 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY

New Hampton and Turkey Valley trapshooting at Nashua invite, 8 a.m.

New Hampton boys soccer at Postville tournament, 9 a.m.

### MONDAY

New Hampton girls golf at Highland Park, Mason City, 3:30 p.m.

New Hampton boys golf vs. Decorah at Silvercrest Golf and Country Club, 4 p.m.

New Hampton trapshooting vs. Turkey Valley and Waverly, 4 p.m.

New Hampton boys track at Decorah, 5 p.m.

### TUESDAY

New Hampton girls golf at Willow Run, Denver, 4 p.m.

New Hampton boys golf vs. Clear Lake and Newman Catholic at Veterans Memorial Golf Club, Clear Lake, 4 p.m.

New Hampton trapshooting vs. Nashua, 4 p.m.

Turkey Valley coed track at Nashua-Plainfield, 4:30 p.m.

New Hampton girls track at Osage, 4:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

Turkey Valley trapshooting vs. Nashua/Charles City, 3:30 p.m.

New Hampton girls golf vs. Decorah, 4 p.m.

Turkey Valley golf vs. West Central at Big Rock Country Club, 4 p.m.

New Hampton coed track, NH invite (senior parent night), 4:30 p.m.

Turkey Valley coed track at NH invite, 4:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

NH coed golf vs. Don Bosco and Tripoli at Gates Park, Waterloo, 4 p.m.

NH trapshooting, Friday night lights vs. Nashua, handicap and doubles at 4:30 p.m., intermediates at 6 p.m., seniors at 7:30 p.m.

New Hampton soccer at Clayton Ridge, girls at 5 p.m., boys at 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

New Hampton trapshooting at Turkey Valley invite, 8 a.m.

New Hampton girls track at Iowa City West, 10:30

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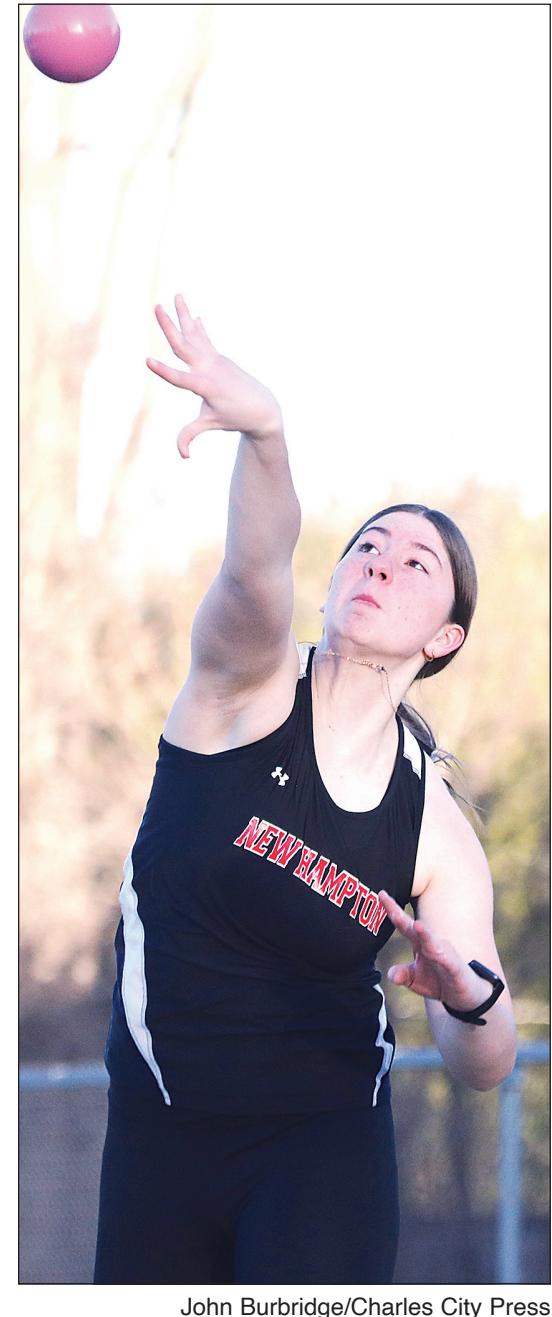
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New Hampton's Kimber Dungey takes a shot in the Chickasaws' first-ever girls soccer game while Carter Broughton gets ready to strike a penalty kick in the soccer doubleheader between New Hampton and Charles City.



John Burbridge/Charles City Press

New Hampton's Kinslee Rings lets the shot put fly during a meet held in Waverly last week.

## New Hampton girls show competitiveness in first venture outdoors

Chickasaws' Ries, Pickar and 4x800 quartet claim wins at Waverly-Shell Rock co-ed meet

By BOB FENSKA  
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The goal for the New Hampton girls track team as it headed to its first outdoor meet of the season was simple: Compete.

Mission accomplished.

The Chickasaws got three wins — Megan Pickar in the 400, Taylor Ries in the 400 hurdles and Ries, Sophie Glaser, Natalie Nosbisch and Pickar in the 4x800 — but more importantly, at least in the eyes of New Hampton coach Jeanette Laures, was the fight and grittiness her team showed on what turned out to be a cold evening at the Waverly-Shell Rock Co-Ed Invite.

"On the way down, we told the girls just go and be competitive," Laures said, "and that's what they did. We had some nice wins, some good places and some really good times, but what I liked the most was they were just so darn competitive."

Start with that 4x800 time of 10:20.59, which moved the Chickasaws into the top-10 among Class 2A teams in the state.

Ries opened with a split of 2:31, Glaser ticked off a 2:36, Nosbisch added a 2:39 and Pickar brought New Hampton home with a 2:32.

"You put four girls in the 2:30s at this time of the year, it's obviously early, and you know you have something you can work with," Laures said. "And let's face it, even early in the meet, it was still cold. It wasn't ideal conditions so 10:20? We're going to take that for sure."

But it wasn't just the winners that had Laures smiling.

With her team enduring some early-season nagging injuries and illnesses, the veteran coach was in desperate need of an 800 runner to anchor the distance medley.

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John Burbridge/Charles City Press

New Hampton's Dylan Maloy hands off the baton to teammate Beau Serie in the sprint medley relay at last week's meet in Waverly.

## Chickasaws are ready to swing it

New Hampton boys open today; girls to take course on Friday

By KELLY TERPSTRA  
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Eric Olson has his New Hampton girls golf team poised for another marvelous run to the top of the leaderboard at the state meet in 2024.

While the Chickasaws' season has yet to tee off — the boys open the season with a home meet today (Thursday) while the girls hit the links for their opener at Charles City on Friday — it could potentially be another banner season.

"We should have a really solid team. I think we're a top five team. It depends on how things come together for us," said Olson. "We don't have a lot

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## Chickasaw boys a little up and down during first outdoor meet

Less-than-full squad competes at Waverly-Shell Rock meet

By BOB FENSKA  
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New Hampton boys track coach Scott Jenkins knew his team's outdoor opener was going to be akin to running uphill, and unfortunately, he was right.

The undermanned Chickasaws — who were battling both injuries and illnesses — did finish last in the team standings at the Waverly-Shell Rock Co-Ed Invite last Thursday, but New Hampton's coach wasn't focusing on the number of team points his squad earned but on the positives he saw on a raw, cold evening.

So he lauded the work of kids like Adam Ewert and Beau Serie, gave kudos to senior Marshall Zeien for a solid, if not spectacular, performance in the discus and gave kudos to a freshman class that he believes has some serious potential.

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"It went about like I expected, especially considering we weren't close to full strength," Jenkins said. "We want to score more points — every coach is going to say that — but we saw some good things against some pretty decent competition."

Start with the work Ewert and Serie put into New Hampton's relays.

"Definitely, the highlight on the track is what we got from Adam and Beau," Jenkins said. "They've done a really nice job for us, both during the indoor meets and then again on the positives he saw on a raw, cold evening."

Dylan Maloy to Ewert to Ethan Praska to Serie produced New Hampton's best relay finish of the night as the Chickasaws took third in the distance medley with a time of 4:02.27. Ewert and Serie also were on two fourth-place relays



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