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# OK, Mother Nature, give us a break

After a cold, wet April, area farmers are itching to get into the fields to plant their crops

**BY BOB FENSKE**  
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Let's put it this way: The 2022 planting season has gotten off to a slow start. A. Very. Slow. Start.

Blame Mother Nature, who provided us with a wet and cool April, but while just 5 percent of this year's corn crop has been planted in Northeast Iowa, ISU Extension Agronomist

Terry Basol said there's still time for area growers to get their crops into their fields.

"We are behind schedule, definitely behind," he said late last week, "but if we could string a week or two of decent weather, we'd be OK. Now, stringing two or three days of good weather lately seems impossible."

A year ago, 84 percent of the state's corn crop had been planted, according

to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's weekly crop report that was released on Monday, and the five-year average for corn planted is 63 percent. This year, as of Monday, just 14 percent of the state's corn crop had found its way into fields.

And it's much worse in the Northeast Iowa district, although farmers took advantage of a dry Saturday and went to work on their corn fields.

Still, a rainy April and a wet start to May — New Hampton recorded more than 4 inches of precipitation in April and 1.62 inches of rain in the first nine days of May — is only part of the problem. A relatively cold month had left soil temperatures in the area ranging from 44 to 49 degrees last week, and Basol said farmers shouldn't plant until soil tem-

peratures are at least 50 degrees, "with a warming trend on the way."

The good news is this week's heat

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## Scholarships show generosity of a community

Dollars for Scholars co-president appreciative of donors, volunteers

**BY BOB FENSKE**  
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Dustin Lewis can sum up how he feels about this fellow Dollars for Scholars Committee members and his community as a whole in one word: Appreciative.

And on Tuesday night, that appreciation will translate into giving graduating New Hampton High School students a strong start as they prepare to head off to post-secondary institutions — colleges, universities, trade schools and community colleges — next fall.

The annual Dollars for Scholars Scholarship and Awards Night will be held that evening at 6:30 p.m. in the competition gymnasium, and by the time the last scholarship is announced, Lewis expects more than \$200,000 will be awarded to seniors.

"I think what it shows is that we have a lot of generous people in our community," said Lewis, who along with Sue Nosbisch, serves as the co-president of the local Dollars for Scholars chapter. "They understand that to give our kids a good start on their college educations, these scholarships are critical."

The local Dollars for Scholars Committee utilizes funds generated in a variety of ways. Families and organizations align their scholarships with Dollars for Scholars, the

**SEE DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS, 5**

## SafeTech will present ambulance options Tuesday

The Chickasaw County Ambulance Council and Board of Supervisors will receive a report Tuesday from the company conducting an ambulance feasibility study.

SafeTech Solutions officials will meet with county officials and residents at 5:30 p.m. this coming Tuesday at the Chickasaw Event Center.

SafeTech was hired by the Ambulance Council earlier this year to perform a feasibility study, and company officials said in March that their initial report will offer the county a number of options on how to proceed with EMS services.



**New Hampton junior Carlee Rochford takes off last week as she competes in the long jump at the Northeast Iowa Conference track and field meet, which marked the beginning of the postseason for spring sports.**

Bob Fenske/Tribune

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## Fredericksburg, Sheriff's Office sign off on deal

Supervisors approve contract with the same hours, higher hourly rate

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The Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office and the city of Fredericksburg have reached a contract agreement for law enforcement services during the 2022-23 fiscal year that begins on July 1.

Sheriff Marty Hemann presented the agreement to the Board of Supervisors during Monday night, and the board members unanimously approved the one-year contract.

**COUNTY GETS SOME GOOD INSURANCE NEWS.**

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"It went well," Hemann said. "No issues, no drama."

Fredericksburg agreed to contract with the Sheriff's Office to provide 1,020 hours of service during the fiscal year. The city also agreed to pay \$59.50 per hour, which adds up to \$60,690 for the length of the contract.

The \$59.50 hourly rate is an increase from the \$56.81 the county is charging cities during this fiscal year.

Earlier this year, the city of Nashua balked at the increased rate, leading to relatively contentious negotiations that saw the Board of Supervisors propose raising the hourly rate if the city reduced the number of hours of law enforcement service.

In the end, the Nashua City Council grudgingly agreed to contract with the Sheriff's Office for 2,880 hours of service for the fiscal year. In the past, the city has contracted for 240 hours, but council members wanted more flexibility for deputies to cover the "more busy" times of the year.

The approval of the Fredericksburg contract came after Hemann presented an update on his office that included the potential increase in fees inmates will be charged for the time they spend in jail after they are sentenced.

Hemann said he has been notified by officials in Winneshiek and Fayette counties that they will in all likelihood raise their daily jail fees from \$50 to \$60, and he told supervisors Chickasaw County should do the same.

"Basically, we can only charge you once you

**SEE SHERIFF, 3**

## Author shares his journey like no other

Former pilot shares spectacular story of traveling to both Heaven and Hell

**BY BOB FENSKE**  
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Jim Woodford had spent most of his life as a "traveler."

In his job as a jetliner pilot, he had traveled the globe, delivering passengers and cargo to more than 50 countries around the globe.

But in 2014, little did he know that he would travel "to the most incredible place ever."

And for more than two hours on Saturday, as he had done the previous two nights, the native

of Newfoundland, Canada, shared the story of his amazing journey to both Heaven and Hell with a room full of people at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home.


He peppered his talk with humor — "I understand if you're skeptical or you're here because your wife dragged you here" — but the pilot who spent more than 11 hours "clinically dead" in 2014 said today he travels the world to tell his story and to

**SEE JOURNEY, 3**



**Jim Woodford shares his near-death experiences before a large crowd at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home in New Hampton this past Saturday afternoon.**

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Celebrating nurses

MercyOne New Hampton clinical leader has no regrets about changing careers many years ago


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Gym filled with music

New Hampton Middle School band, choir students perform final concert of the year

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Sharing a title

New Hampton's girls golf team claims its seventh straight NEIC title

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**One final concert at New Hampton Middle School!**  
Percussionists (top left) play with the Sixth Grade Band while Skyler Bugenhagen, Brenna Thronson and Brooke Vestal (above) sing as a trio with the Seventh and Eight Grade Choir during New Hampton Middle School's Spring Concert that was held in the competition gymnasium Monday.



A host of sixth graders — (clockwise, from left) Adam Goebel, Aleigha Cahoy, Harper Humpal, Bailee Tenge and Gretta Kuehner — perform solos.



Bryson Balk (above) plays the baritone with the Fifth-Grade Band while Lexi O'Brien (below) "signs" a song performed by her fellow Keynote Singers.

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And that's a wrap ... at least it is when it comes to middle school concerts for eighth-graders like Keziah Uglum, who performs on the trumpet during Monday's concert.





# Syphilis is on the rise in Iowa.

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection. Early numbers show a **75% increase in syphilis cases in Iowa from 2020 to 2021.**

**It's more common and easier to get than you might think.**

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Hear the word of the Lord

Let's ask God to lea us to know and trust what is good, right and true

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1).

God expected people might be deceived by false spirits or false prophets. Even our own imagination and the imagination of others could fool us.

So, for our own good, God gave us his word, written down by the prophets of old (Old Testament) and the Apostles of Jesus Christ (New Testament). In the

books of the Bible, we have the truth to evaluate all other truths.

With this word that remains forever (1 Peter 1:25) God enlightens our hearts and minds to believe what is true and important.

• The word of the Lord tells us about ourselves – we all, men, women, and children, are from our origin sinful and separated from God’s goodness.

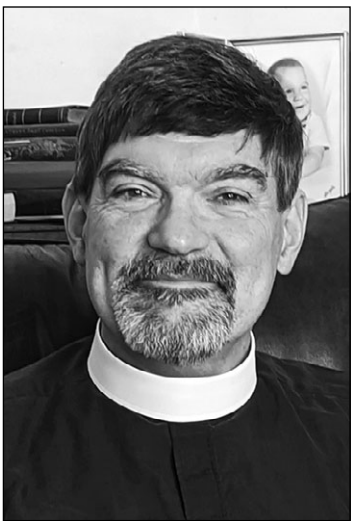
• The word of the Lord tells us about the Lord Himself – he saves and redeems sinners and gives eternal life to those who believe in him.

Other spirits, visions, messages will not give you peace of mind or security for your eternity. Only the word of God is reliably true. Count on it.

Other messages cannot be as certain, even if they are accompanied by something very interesting or spectacular.

Jesus said the written word of God will give you faith more certainly than even hearing that someone came back from the dead (Luke 16:31).

Dear God in heaven, just like you called it, there are many and con-



The Rev. Ronnie Koch is the pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, where worship services are held at 9 a.m. each Sunday.

tradictory spirits going out into the world. Lead us to know and trust in what is good, right and true. Amen.

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.  
**2 Corinthians 9:10**

FARMING IS A FAITH-BASED PROFESSION

Despite research and scientific breakthroughs, and despite innovations in technology, farming remains largely an act of faith.

You plant a seed and you harvest a crop. You care for your livestock and they provide you with offspring. So much of what happens in between is out of your control.

Here are some verses that speak to a farmer’s faith.

God’s Blessings to You

• The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land. – Deuteronomy 28:8

• But I will bless the person who puts his trust in me. He is like a tree growing near a stream and sending out roots to the water. It is not afraid when hot weather comes, because its leaves stay green; it has no worries when there is no rain; it keeps on bearing fruit. – Jeremiah 17:7-8

• The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. –Deuteronomy 28:12

• May God give you of heaven’s dew and of earth’s richness – an abundance of grain and new wine. – Genesis 27:28

When You Worry About the Future

• The threshing places will be full of grain; the pits beside the presses will overflow with wine and olive oil. I will give you back what you lost in the years when swarms of locusts ate your crops. – Joel 2:24-25

• I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not

disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for. – Jeremiah 29:11

• Jesus said to them, “The times and occasions are set by my Father’s own authority, and it is not for you to know when they will be.” – Acts 1:7

• The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out. – John 1:5

• Fill your minds with those things that are good and deserve praise; things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable. Put into practice what you learned and received from me, both from my words and from my actions. And the God who gives us peace will be with you. – Philippians 4:8-9

Biblical Advice for Farmers

• Be sure you know the conditions of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations. – Proverbs 27:34-35

• Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest. – Ecclesiastes 11:4

• But ask the animals what they think – let them teach you; let the birds tell you what’s going on. Put your ear to the earth – learn the basics. Listen – the fish in the ocean will tell you their stories. Isn’t it clear that they all know and agree that God is sovereign, that he holds all things in his hand? – Job 12:7-12

• Those too lazy to plow in the right season will have no food at the harvest. – Proverbs 20:4

• Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty. – Proverbs 21:5

• Plant your seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon, for you don’t

know if profit will come from one activity or another—or maybe both. – Ecclesiastes 11:6

When You Need Reassurance

• The farmer knows just what to do, for God has given him understanding. ... The Lord of Heaven’s Armies is a wonderful teacher and he gives the farmer great wisdom. – Isaiah 28:26, 29

• He will also send you rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food that comes from the land will be rich and plentiful. In that day your cattle will graze in broad meadows. – Isaiah 30:23

• I do not need bulls from your farms or goats from your flocks; all the animals in the forest are mine, and the cattle on thousands of hills. All the wild birds are mine and all living things in the fields. – Psalm 50:9-11

• As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. – Genesis 8:22

• And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil. And he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be full. – Deuteronomy 11:13-15

• The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. – 1 Corinthians 3:8

• He calmed the raging storm, and the waves became quiet. – Psalm 107:29

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• *Employer retiree health benefits* – If your former employer offers health coverage to retirees, it could well be your best choice, especially if the employer continues to pay a share of the premiums. However, fewer employers are offering continuing health coverage to former employees, and among those who do, they may use certain criteria – such as length of service and position within the company – to limit eligibility.

• *Spouse's plan* – If you're married and your spouse still has employer-provided insurance, you may be able to get coverage under this plan or continue this coverage if you have it already. If the employer subsidizes premiums for spouses, this plan could be an affordable choice – if not, though, it might be more expensive than other options.

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• *ACA Marketplace plan* – Through the Affordable Care Act Marketplace, you can find a variety of plans from which to choose, possibly including ones that include your existing network. If you qualify for subsidies, the premiums for your coverage may be similar to employersponsored coverage; if not, though, they can be more expensive. For information on ACA Marketplace plans, visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

If you have options for health insurance, you'll want to take into account differences in coverage and cost. Check whether your desired health care providers are in-network and try to determine if your current medications and the benefits you rely on are covered. You may also want to consider a plan that allows you to open a health savings account (HSA), which offers potential tax benefits. To contribute to an HSA, you must be covered by a high deductible health plan (HDHP), so there's that cost to consider, but if you're in generally good health and you don't expect to depend heavily on your health insurance until you're eligible for Medicare, you might want to consider an HDHP.

One final note: Even when you do enroll in Medicare, you will still incur expenses for premiums, deductibles and co-pays, so you'll want to budget for these costs in your overall financial strategy.

In the meantime, explore your health insurance options. The future is not ours to see – so you'll want to be prepared for anything.

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Primary early voting starts Wednesday

Early voting for the June 7 primary will begin next week at the Chickasaw County Courthouse.

The Auditor's Office announced that voters can begin casting ballots in either the Republican or the Democratic primary next Wednesday during its regular business hours, which are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Voters currently can request that absentee ballots be mailed to them, but election

officials stress that under state law, the first day they can actually mail the ballots is next Wednesday. Monday, May 23 is the last day to request a ballot by mail.

The Auditor's Office will also be open on Saturday, June 4, for those who would like to cast absentee ballots, and Monday, June 6, is the last day residents can vote at the Auditor's Office. It is also the final day that the Auditor's Office can accept mailed-in

ballots.

On election day, voters must cast their ballots at the polls, which will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voters are reminded that they need to bring a valid ID to either the Auditor's Office or their polling place when they are ready to cast their ballots.

Winners of the primary will move onto the Nov. 8 general election.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton choir accompanist Jill Glenn smiles as seventh- and eighth-graders sing her "Happy Birthday" during the Middle School Spring Concert on Monday evening.

IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK!

RETIRED SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR ENJOYS HER TIME ACCOMPANYING CHOIRS

By BOB FENSKE  
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As Choir Director Jill Cantu profusely thanked her accompanist during New Hampton Middle School's Spring Concert Monday night, she threw in this little nugget: Jill Glenn was celebrating her birthday.

And almost immediately, the kids in the Seventh and Eighth Grade Choir wanted to make their piano player's birthday a little extra special.

"Let's sing to her."  
"Can we? Please? Please?"  
"It'll be fun."

So right before the choir's final number of the school year, middle school students, including some sitting in the bleachers behind the "stages" where the bands and choir performed, broke out in a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday."

And let's put it this way: The kids of New Hampton Middle School touched the heart of their accompanist.

"It was so cool, and it really did mean the world to me," said Glenn, who has had a busy couple of weeks accompanying the high school choir for its Coffeehouse Concert and at the large group state contest

that was held last Friday evening while also playing for the middle school students who performed Monday. "I've really enjoyed this. Honestly, to work with Mrs. Cantu, to be around kids, it's the best."

At the end of the 2021-22 school year, Glenn retired after serving as the Sumner-Fredericksburg Middle School principal for 13 years, but she got her start in education, at least partially, as a music teacher at North Fayette High School in West Union, where she also taught German.

A few years later, she gave up the music part of her job title and focused on German, although she continued to accompany the choir at concerts and band.

But in 1998, she accepted a position as a school counselor in Fredericksburg, so, at least when it comes to school, this was her first chance to be in a music classroom in decades.

"I played at church and at a home," she said, "and honestly, it was a little luck of the draw."

Glenn, whose husband Bill teaches business at New Hampton High School, has become one of New Hampton's "go-to" substitute teachers this year, and one day last month, Cantu stopped by a classroom and popped the question.

Would you have any interest in accompanying us?

Glenn jumped at the chance, and Cantu couldn't help but laugh on Monday night when she said that she felt a little bad when she threw 20 or so songs at her new accompanist.

"She's been just fantastic, both for me and with the kids," Cantu said. "It's been a wonderful experience for me, and I hope her, too."

It has.  
"We get into education because we love kids," Glenn said Tuesday morning, "and the best part of this for me is that for a few weeks and some concerts, I've got to spend a lot of time with some great kids."

Asked if this was a one-year gig, Glenn said she hopes not.

"If she asks," she said, "definitely, I'd be back."

But she did leave one question from the kids unanswered Monday night.

As they finished the last line of "Happy Birthday," a few started to sing "how old are you?"

"I gave them the look," Glenn said with a laugh. "You know, the look that every kid knows means we're not going there." And neither is this reporter.

Briefs

New Hampton FFA to honor the late Bob Svec with tractor drive

New Hampton FFA will be holding the Bob Svec Memorial Tractor Drive on Sunday, June 12.

The set up for the ride and breakfast will be held at the Airport Lake Tractor pull grounds. The ride registration will start at 8 a.m., and a drivers meeting is set for 9:30, with the ride to and from Bradford beginning immediately after the meeting.

Lunch will be provided for the driver, and extra meals will be \$10 each.

The fee for the ride will be \$60, and will include a t-shirt if registration is completed by May 27. The design of the shirt, more information and registration details are available on the New Hampton FFA Facebook page. There is no charge for riders.

Svec served as a New Hampton police officer for almost a decade, before health concerns forced him to retire. He took a job at KCZE-FM radio, where he served as the morning host and was a huge supporter of the New Hampton FFA program.

Mobile Food Bank to make stop in New Hampton next Thursday

The Northeast Iowa Mobile Food Bank will make its monthly distribution in Chickasaw County on Thursday, May 19.

All food-insecure individuals and families are invited to received food at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton and distribution is set for 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Those who would like to volunteer to help at the distribution should report to the church by 4 p.m.

Friends of MercyOne holding a donut fundraiser; orders due by May 19

The Friends of MercyOne is holding a Hurts Donut fundraiser this month, and orders are due by Thursday, May 19.

The donuts will be available on Friday, June 3, which just happens to be National Donut Day, and order forms are available at the hospital or online at the Friends of Mercy's event page.

Donuts are \$25 a dozen and there are 12 different varieties to choose from.

Order forms can be dropped off at the hospital or sent to Jenny Monteith ([MONTEITL@mercyhealth.com](mailto:MONTEITL@mercyhealth.com)), 308 N. Maple Ave., New Hampton, IA 50659.

Orders can also be prepaid by using sending money through Venmo to [@friendsofmercyone](https://venmo.com/@friendsofmercyone).

Donuts can be picked up on June 3 at one of three locations – the hospital, Bank Iowa in Lawler or the Fredericksburg Community Center.

Money raised will be used to fund the hospital auxiliary's various programs and scholarships.

LifeServe Blood Center holding monthly drive on May 24

LifeServe Blood Center, which provides blood to hospitals in three states, including MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center, will be making its monthly stop at the New Hampton Community Center on Tuesday, May 24.

Appointments can be made between noon and 5:30 p.m. by calling 800-287-4093 or by going online to [live-servebloodcenter.org](http://live-servebloodcenter.org).

Late-planting farmers take solace in fact that drought is over

PLANTING: FROM 1

wave is going to solve the soil temperature issue, and Basol said that even though farmers are itchy to "get going," they aren't panicking because if "the guys can get their corn fields seeded by the May 15 to May 18 window, we should be fine. We just need Mother Nature to realize it's time to warm up and turn off the tap for a little bit."

The good news is that much of Northeast Iowa is for the first time in almost a year drought free.

Save for portions of western portions of Floyd and Mitchell counties, which the U.S. Drought Monitor in its weekly report released Thursday classified as "abnormally dry," the rest of the area has seen the drought come to an end.

Letter to the Editor

Farm Bureau celebrates Beef Month

May is Beef Month, and the Chickasaw County Farm Bureau would to thank all of the beef farmers for all of their hard work and time.

As summer gets closer, the weather gets warmer, think about and thank all of those farmers that raise the great beef that you may be putting on your grill.

It takes a lot of time and hard work to raise quality beef that many of us love to eat and what Iowa beef farmers are well known for.

Happy Beef Month and, again, Thank You Beef Farmers!

Chickasaw County Farm Bureau

"Last summer obviously was really difficult, but the big storms we had in August, the rains we had in October last fall and what we've had lately have been godsend for the guys," Basol said. "My only concern is

we may have challenges getting the seed up, breaking through and getting going. But our moisture compliment, thankfully, has been restored."

And while Basol said late last week that "you have to look far

and hard to find a field planted around here," he remains hopeful that the weather will turn around. And it did. Heavy rains that were expected last Thursday and Monday did not materialize.

The forecast, though, for the rest of this week could still set farmers back again, for there is a chance of storms – some of which may be severe – tonight (Thursday) and more chances of rain are in the forecast for Friday.

"It seems like forever since we had a normal growing season," Basol said, "and the way we're starting this year, it doesn't appear like 2022's going to be the year. But, at the same time, our farmers are resilient and they'll find a way if Mother Nature will just give them a chance."

Students can earn 'work' and GPA awards from Dollars for Scholars

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS: FROM 1

committee runs concession stands at a variety of New Hampton athletic events and a number of residents have set up trust accounts with the New Hampton Education Excellence Foundation.

Dollars for Scholars will hand out a number of awards on Tuesday.

Students must have a least a 2.5 grade-point average to receive Dollars for Scholars awards – some of which are based on GPA and some of which are based on the amount

of volunteer hours graduating seniors have committed to the community. Students can work up to 15 volunteer hours to receive the so-called "work" awards.

Dollars for Scholars scholarships are scored on a point system. Students submit their applications beginning in January, and Lewis said Dollars for Scholars Committee members have spent the last several months "scoring" the applications.

"I'm really appreciative of the people who are willing to give their time, their money and their talents to our program,"

he said.

"Again, just like with the donors, I think it speaks volumes about our community and the importance we put on education."

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In addition to Lewis and Nobsch, the members of the Dollars for Scholars Committee include Kevin Hassman, Raelene Maas, Jay Jurrens, Jim Russ, Cindy Moore, Shannon Maas, Becky Babcock, Matt Ysbrand, Kim Berns, Sarah Pickar, Kris Markham, Barb Boeding, Linda Kennedy and Matt Manson.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW HAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION SECTION!  
IN NEXT WEEK'S TRIBUNE!







Wayne Arthur Gitch, 75



Wayne Gitch

Wayne Arthur Gitch, age 75 of Fredericksburg, went to be with his Lord, after a courageous struggle with cancer on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at his home. Just like he dealt with all experiences in life, Wayne managed his illness with strength and grace, and wanted to spend as much time with loved ones as possible.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at United Methodist Church in Fredericksburg, with the Rev. Roberta Robbins presiding.

Interment followed at Rose Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg.

A celebration of life at the Fredericksburg Community Center followed his interment.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Fredericksburg. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the church. The family requested to wear Hawkeye attire to honor Wayne.

Wayne was born on June 25, 1946, in New Hampton, Iowa to Arthur and Mabel Gitch. He was the youngest of the couple's four children and was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg. Wayne grew up on a farm in Fredericksburg, where he began his education attending country school. His family briefly moved to Sumner before returning to Fredericksburg, and Wayne was a 1964 graduate of Fredericksburg High School.

Wayne developed a tremendous work ethic early in life. As a young boy, he helped his parents with chores on the farm, and in middle school, Wayne worked for farmers and managed his own milk route. He later worked at a gas station and a meat locker.

At the age of 19, Wayne began employment with John Deere in Waterloo, where he would work for 46 1/2 years as an assembler of cabs and later a test-machine operator until his retirement in 2011. He took pride in being a Deere employee and would take any chance that came his way to work overtime. In 1965, Wayne joined UAW Local 838, and was a very proud member of the union.

Wayne always honored his

work commitments, and one story from the mid-1960s shows just what kind of employee he was. In his early days at John Deere, he was laid off for a short time and took a job at Oliver Tractor in Charles City. Almost immediately, he was recalled to Deere, but he honored his commitment to Oliver and worked at both plants for two weeks so he could give Oliver proper notice.

At age 21, Wayne was briefly married to Janice Fenneman and they welcomed their first child, Kimberlee, before they later divorced.

He found his true love — his "Missy" if you will — one night when he and a buddy stopped up at Holly's Bar and Grill in Lawler for a steak. The owners' daughter, Mary Kathleen Hollis, was working for her parents that night, and Wayne and Mary struck up a conversation. A day later, on Feb. 3, 1974, they went on a date to Prairie du Chien, and their love for each other blossomed quickly as the two exchanged vows on Dec. 14, 1974, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua.

Their family grew to include four children — Mischa, Carolyn, Natasha and McClain — who had the best father, one who not only worked hard to provide for them but also taught them the important things in life. Wayne was devoted to his children. He was always calm, approachable, and offered the Gitch kids the best advice. He set a great example to them with his work ethic, but he also taught them to enjoy life and often flashed his great sense of humor with his children.

Wayne's No. 1 priority, however, was always his family. As

they grew up, Wayne taught them how to drive, both automatics and stick shifts because he wanted them to be comfortable behind the wheel of any vehicle. When he went "asparagus hunting," he walked the ditches and his children drove the car alongside him, giving them the chance to learn how to travel gravel!

Wayne and Mary also owned and operated Holly's Bar & Grill in Lawler for 10 years between 1982 and 1992. The couple did it all — cooking, tending bar, bussing tables, cleaning — at the establishment where they began their incredible love story.

Wayne appreciated spending time with family and friends and was always ready for a good card game. He loved Euchre, Texas Hold'em and Cribbage. He enjoyed gardening, canning and making jelly.

Wayne loved to fish and hunt, and he always had an eye for a classic car, never turning down a chance to go on a car cruise. You could always find Wayne cheering for the beloved Hawkeyes, Cubbies and Los Angeles Rams.

He was a longtime member of the United Methodist Church and the Fredericksburg Sportsman Club.

This remarkable man will be deeply missed by his family and friends but the memories he helped create and the advice he offered will last a lifetime.

Wayne is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Mary; their four children, Mischa (Jon) Odell, of West Des Moines, Carolyn (Mick) Kane, of Fairbank and Kennedy and Adalynn; Natasha (Glenn) Smith of Nashville, Tennessee, and McClain (Kristen) Gitch of Madison, Wisconsin; son-in-law, Daryl Hartson of Fredericksburg and granddaughter Morgan Price of Waterloo; two sisters, Mary Schroyer of West Union and Joan (Reid) Craft of Waterloo; as well as nieces and nephews.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Betty Gitch; daughter, Kimberlee Hartson; brother-in-law, Richard Schroyer; parents-in-law, Keith and Charlotte Hollis; and Mary's aunt and uncle, Everett and Bernice Ambrose, who were so special to both Wayne and his wife.

News Bits From Our Past

Week of May 8 1947 (75 years ago)

• Farmers are not the only ones who are without machinery. Dan McGrath owns a farm a mile west of his place of business. He sells all kinds of farm machinery and he has had the policy to turn the machinery over to his farmer trade as fast as he can get it.

Now he has had to hire a farmer-neighbor to put in his crop with that farmer's own machinery. So you see the farmer is not the only one short on machinery to do this work. Dan, who sells it, serves his farmer trade first and will have to wait to get some for his own farm.

• The New Hampton High School baseball team advanced to the final session of the sectional tourney by beating Floyd 11-6. They had previously defeated Plainfield 9-1.

Avey Johnson, Allen Johnson and Jim O'Connor pitched against Plainfield and Jack Wessels and Andy Hereld caught. Allen Johnson was on the mound against Floyd, while Wessels was behind the plate. Much of the power hitting in both games was done by Avey Johnson and Jim O'Connor. Both games were easy victories for the Chicks.

1972 (50 years ago)

• The announcement was make last week by Chickasaw County Clerk of the District Court W.F. Heusemann, that he will seek re-election to that post in the primary.

Presently completing his first term, Heusemann, a Republican, was elected in November, 1968. He had been appointed Clerk of Court on May 15, 1967, after the resignation of Harold Eckes. He and his wife, Loreen, an instructor at New Hampton High School, are parents of two children, David, 16, and Barbara, 13. Heusemann, a veteran of World War II, has been a resident of New Hampton for 24 years.

His community activities include the Lions Club and American Legion and he is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

• A new seven-acre addition to New Hampton's Mikkelson Park has been getting a new border fence hedge this past week, as Park Commission employees have completed about two-thirds of an operation that will include the setting of 385 new plants.

All of the work is being done by hand. The hedge will contain different varieties of red and white honeysuckle and will enclose the west, south and east sides of the new addition.

The north line of the seven-acre tract, which was purchased from New Hampton realtor Loran Garnant, will open into the southeast section of the present park area.

1997 (25 years ago)

• George and Claudia Manson, who own and operate Manson Shoe Store, have announced that they will close their store in approximately three months.

The Mansons are retiring, having been in business in this location for 30 years. During this time they also operated a shoe store in Charles City for nine years.

• On Monday, April 28, the streets and sidewalks of downtown New Hampton were full of people with hoses, brushes and

shovels. Those volunteers were from the New Horizons/Chamber and the New Hampton Volunteer Fire Department.

Not to be forgotten, a number of youngsters assisted with the sweeping of the water. It took almost two hours of labor to leave the downtown sparkling.

2012 (10 years ago)

• The MOMS (Mothers Offering Moral Support) Club has met for more than 32 years. The group began to support and encourage new parents. Marg Huegel of New Hampton and a few other local women started the group around 1979, originally a part of a national organization for young mothers geared toward strengthening families.

The MOMS Club eventually became an independent group and members take turns hosting monthly meetings and providing programs about everything from travel and health to crafts. The women share joys and sorrows going on in their families. The group is a valuable support of women while raising young children.

• Dozens of New Hampton area residents and church members performed a variety of tasks in and around New Hampton Saturday morning.

They worked in yards, painted walls, weeded gardens and cleaned rooms as part of the Churches Care event that the New Hampton Ministerial Association started in 2010.

2017 (5 years ago)

• Recently about a dozen New Hampton residents gathered at Mikkelson Park to talk about Christmas lights.

Lisa Pool is one of the residents who is leading the effort to turn Mikkelson Park into a winter wonderland.

The money the committee raises will be used to light up the bandshell area. And "Ring Road" the one-way lane that circles part of the park, up to 20 businesses and organizations will sponsor their own displays.

• Work continues on the bike and walking trail being constructed around Highland Park in Lawler. In phase one a path has been made then the dirt work will be done and next cement will be poured.

Phase two will be to expand the trail through Lawler to Junko Park with a possible bridge and phase three will be to connect the trail to another one in the county whether it be Fredericksburg or New Hampton.

2021 (1 year ago)

• Nashua-Plainfield's National History Day qualified a school record 13 students and seven projects for the national contest that will be held "virtually" next month.

Nashua-Plainfield also had three projects that will be national contests alternates and four special award winners at the state contest that was also held virtually because of COVID-19 concerns.

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German-American museum to be open after Memorial Day

The German American Museum, Library and Family History Center will be open to visitors three days a week from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

The open hours are Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The museum is also open by appointment by calling Virginia at 563 778 2710 to make arrangements.

The museum has many new displays of acquisitions during the time of COVID.

Museum officials say a visit to St. Lucas will provide a perfect outing to acquaint your family with the rich Native American and German and Czech ethnic heritage of this area.

"For a small village the Museum packs quite a punch," says Janet Jirak Bodensteiner, a founding member. "I love working on the displays and invite others to consider volunteering their time in helping us grow the museum and its collections. We are amazed at the wonderful artifacts

donated in the past year that really enhance our exhibits."

The museum is housed in the restored former St. Luke School Building that was designated a National Register of Historical Site in 2005.

Of nine former parochial schools in the area, this is the only one remaining.

Most important is its striking Georgian Palladian architectural style that emphasizes symmetry in its facades and window placement.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES May 2, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, May 2nd, 2022, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Byrne, Hackman, and Kuhn in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Zoll participating via phone. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek and Roger Tiemessen.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to approve the agenda for May 2nd, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Breitbach, Byrne, Zoll (via phone), and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Breitbach to approve the minutes from April 25th, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Breitbach, Byrne, Zoll (via phone), and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

9:05 AM Mashek stated that Human Resource training from Ahlers & Cooney was sent out this morning to department heads and the board. Mashek stated that an individual resigned from Public Health & Homecare, and it will be added to a future agenda.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to approve The Balk Tank, LLC class C liquor license for twelve month term. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Breitbach, Byrne, Zoll (via phone), and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Emergency Management Coordinator Jeff Bernatz present at 9:08 AM. Discussion on the settings on the owl and address the concerns conveyed to the board.

Dale Tiemessen present at 9:15 AM. Consensus of the board is to go out for bids on new boardroom chairs.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to enter into the public hearing at 9:15 AM on the proposed transfer of Real Property to Tiemessen. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Breitbach, Byrne, Zoll (via phone), and Kuhn. Motion Carried. Public comment asking how this came to be. Byrne stated that the Assessor's office found the error. No written comments received.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to close the public hearing at 9:17 AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Breitbach, Byrne, Zoll (via phone), and Kuhn. Motion Carried. 9:20 AM Motion by Hackman, Second by Breitbach to approve Resolution 05-02-22-28 Transfer of Real Property to Tiemessen by quit claim deed. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Breitbach, Byrne, Zoll (via phone), and Kuhn. Motion Carried. RESOLUTION NO. 05-02-22-28

A RESOLUTION VACATING AND ABANDONING THE WEST

TWENTY-TWO (22) FEET OF THE EAST TWO HUNDRED AND FIVE (205) FEET OF THE SOUTH SIXTY-THREE (63) FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE ¼) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE ¼) OF SECTION TWENTY-TWO (22), TOWNSHIP NINETY-SIX (96) NORTH, RANGE THIRTEEN (13) WEST OF THE 5th P.M., IN CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA, AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF SAID REAL PROPERTY BY QUIT CLAIM DEED TO

DALE B. TIEMESSEN AND ROGER F. TIEMESSEN WHEREAS, THE WEST TWENTY-TWO (22) FEET OF THE EAST TWO HUNDRED AND FIVE (205) FEET OF THE SOUTH SIXTY-THREE (63) FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE ¼) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE ¼) OF SECTION TWENTY-TWO (22), TOWNSHIP NINETY-SIX (96) NORTH, RANGE THIRTEEN (13) WEST OF THE 5th P.M., IN CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA, is no longer of value to the citizens of Chickasaw County, Iowa, and continued ownership is detrimental to the citizens of Chickasaw County, Iowa; and WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of Chickasaw County, Iowa, that said real property be vacated and abandoned for the purpose of sale; and WHEREAS, Dale B. Tiemessen and Roger F. Tiemessen are the owners of the adjacent real property and have tendered an offer to purchase said real property for One Dollar (\$1.00); and WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa, held a public hearing on the 2nd day of May, 2022, at 9:15 a.m. after formal publication of Resolution No. 04-18-22-25 and received no written or verbal complaints or objections from the public with regard to the proposed vacation, abandonment, and sale of said real property; and WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa, and the Chickasaw County, Iowa, Auditor shall be authorized to sign a Quit Claim Deed transferring said real property to the owners of the adjacent real property. Dale B. Tiemessen and Roger F. Tiemessen; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa, that THE WEST TWENTY-TWO (22) FEET OF THE EAST TWO HUNDRED AND FIVE (205) FEET OF THE SOUTH SIXTY-THREE (63) FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE ¼) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE ¼) OF SECTION TWENTY-TWO (22), TOWNSHIP

NINETY-SIX (96) NORTH, RANGE THIRTEEN (13) WEST OF THE 5th P.M., IN CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA, hereby is vacated and abandoned, and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa, and the Chickasaw County, Iowa, Auditor hereby are authorized to sign a Quit Claim Deed transferring any and all interest Chickasaw County, Iowa, has in THE WEST TWENTY-TWO (22) FEET OF THE EAST TWO HUNDRED AND FIVE (205) FEET OF THE SOUTH SIXTY-THREE (63) FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE ¼) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE ¼) OF SECTION TWENTY-TWO (22), TOWNSHIP NINETY-SIX (96) NORTH, RANGE THIRTEEN (13) WEST OF THE 5th P.M., IN CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA to the owners of the adjacent real property, Dale B. Tiemessen and Roger F. Tiemessen. HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa, this 2nd day of May, 2022. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson to the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Auditor & Secretary to the Board of Supervisors.

Bob Fenske, member of media present at 9:21 AM.

Committee Assignment Updates: Breitbach attended Northeast Iowa Community Action meeting on April 25, 2022.

Byrne attended a Workforce meeting on April 28, 2022.

Hackman attended the Pathway meeting on April 25, 2022.

D. Tiemessen and R. Tiemessen left at 9:28 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to open the public hearing for FY21-22 Budget Amendment at 9:30 AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Breitbach, Zoll (via phone), and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve Resolution 05-02-22-29 to Amend Department Appropriations. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Breitbach, Zoll (via phone), and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve Resolution 05-02-22-28 Transfer of Real Property to Tiemessen by quit claim deed. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Breitbach, Byrne, Zoll (via phone), and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-02-22-28 A RESOLUTION VACATING AND ABANDONING THE WEST TWENTY-TWO (22) FEET OF THE EAST TWO HUNDRED AND FIVE (205) FEET OF THE SOUTH SIXTY-THREE (63) FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE ¼) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE ¼) OF SECTION TWENTY-TWO (22), TOWNSHIP

all departments of the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2021 in accordance with section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa, and WHEREAS the appropriations approved on June 7th, 2021 are hereby amended in accordance with the attached sheet for the following reasons and with no increase in current fiscal year taxes.: Board of Supervisors.....(\$11,267.00)..... FICA (\$13,995.00).....IPERS (\$34,560.00)..... Health Insurance (\$50,000.00) .... County Betterment for Airport Project Treasurer .....(\$6,624.00) .... FICA .....(\$8,174.00) .... IPERS .....(\$17,280.00) .... Health Insurance County Attorney..... (\$51,322.00).....Salaries-Deputy Attorney .....(\$5,183.00) .... FICA (\$5,004.00).....IPERS \$51,322.00 .....Special Attorney Fees Sheriff .....(\$7,500.00)..... Fuels-Gasoline \$4,180.00..... Fuels-Gasoline \$2,000.00..... Fuels-Gasoline \$1,500.00..... Fuels-Gasoline \$7,490.00..... Fuels-Gasoline \$7,000.00Boarding & Housing Prisoners \$2,000.00.....Emergency Treatment \$34,995.00.Motor Vehicle Replacement \$17,000.00.....Light Equipment Veteran's Affairs.....Salaries-VA \$11,374.00.....Salaries-VA \$3,000.00.Stationary, Forms, & General \$400.00....Telephone & Internet\$871.00..... FICA \$1,074.00..... IPERS General Services .....\$15,000.00 .... Real Property Insurance Unemployment .....(\$5,000.00) .... Unemployment Compensation (Fund 0002) \$5,000.00Unemployment Compensation (Fund 0001) MHDD .....\$70,000.00 .... Distribution MHDD Regional Fiscal Agent Weed Commissioner .....\$100.00.... Fuels/Gasoline \$200.00..... Official Publications \$30.00..... Sustenance Meals \$100.00..... Education-Training \$100.00.....Loding Capital Projects .....\$6,347.00 .... Radio Communications Project (\$233,049.00)..... LEMC .PASSED, APPROVED, AND AD- OPTED THIS 2ND DAY OF MAY

2022. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson to the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Auditor & Secretary to the Board of Supervisors. Depart, Before Amendment, Icrease/ Decrease, After Amendment Board of Supervisors, \$356,989.00, (\$109,122.00), \$247,167.00 Treasurer, \$369,555.00, (\$32,078.00), \$337,477.00 County Attorney, \$342,369.00, (\$10,187.00), \$332,182.00 Sheriff, \$1,755,381.00, \$83,655.00, \$1,839,046.00 Veteran's Affairs \$48, 995.00, \$16,719.00, 465,714.00 General Services, #813,441.00, \$15,000.00, \$829,441.00 Unemployment, \$5,000.00. \$00.00, \$5,000.00 Mental Health, ID & DD, \$357,990.00, \$70,000.00, \$427,990.00 Weed Commissioner, \$345.00, \$53000, \$875.00 Capital Projects, \$2,003,565.00, (\$2,266,702.00), 1,766,863.00 Service Area, Before Amendment, Increase/Decrease, After Amendment Public Safety & Legal Services, \$2,504,725.00, \$73, 487.00, \$2,578,203.00 Physical Health & Social Services, \$1, 528,374.00, \$16,719.00, \$1,545,093.00 Mental Health, ID & DD, \$357,990.00, \$70,000.00, \$427, 990.00, County Environment & Education, \$762,130.00, (\$49,470.00), \$712,660.00 Government Services to Residents, \$595,260.00,(\$32,078.00), \$563, 182.00 Administration, \$2,280,002.00, (44,822.00), \$2,235,189.00 Capital Projects, \$2,3306,823.00, (\$226,702.00), \$2,080,121.00 Committee Assignment Update: Hackman attended the E-911 meeting on April 27th, 2022. Hackman attended the Emergency Management on April 27th, 2022. Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the easement for the Trail south of the "S" curves on V-48 and authorize Chair's signature. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Breitbach, Zoll (via phone), and Kuhn. Motion Carried. 9:45 AM Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to acknowledge the resignation of the Veteran's Administrator, Mellissa Bierman, effective May 13, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Breitbach, Byrne, Zoll (via phone), and Kuhn. Motion Carried.Motion Carried. Katy Kuehn present at 9:51 AM. Kuehn discussed advertising for the Veteran's Affairs Administrator position as both part-time and full-time in the newspaper and county website.

Kuehn left at 10:01 AM. Head Custodian David Gorman present at 10:03 AM. 10:00 AM Discussed the Heritage Property budget and maintenance once possession of the building is taken by the County on July 1, 2022 or thereafter. Gorman left at 10:18 AM. Deputy Ryan Shawver, City of New Hampton Chief of Police Zach Nosbisch, Greg Wilde, Sid Wilde, and Sheriff Martin Hemann. 10: 22 AM Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the letter of support to the Iowa Utilities Board regarding proposed rules revision for wet weather and soil conditions during potential construction of Carbon Pipeline. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Breitbach, Byrne, Zoll (via phone), and Kuhn. Motion Carried. Jail Administrator Jordan Gansen present at 10:25 AM. 10:30 AM Discussed proposal of a feasibility study for Chickasaw County jail from Samuels Group. Treasurer Sue Breitbach present at 11:02 AM. Samuels group, Gansen, Shawver, and Nosbisch left at 11:07 AM. Assessor Ray Arnel present at 11:07 AM. Recorder Shirley Troyna present at 11:09 AM. 11:07 AM Discussed the Conflict-of-Interest Policy. Tabled to May 9th, 2022. Deputy Shawver, Jail Administrator Jordan Gansen, New Hampton Chief of Police Zach Nosbisch, Emergency Management Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, and John Hansen present at 11:24 AM. Sue Breitbach, Troyna, and Arnel left at 11:24 AM. 11:30 AM Discussed proposal of a feasibility study for Chickasaw County jail from Midwest Construction Consultants. Hemann, Gansen, Nosbisch, Bernatz, and Hansen left at 12:04 PM. Motion by Breitbach, Second by Hackman to adjourn at 12:07 PM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Breitbach, Byrne, Zoll (via phone), and Kuhn. Motion Carried. Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board No. 22019 05/12/2022 NH 05/13/2022 NR



New Hampshire pastor to ride bike from Nashua to Nashua

By DEAN SHALHOUP  
Nashua (NH) Telegraph

Since he was in college, the Rev. Andrew W. Armstrong – the much prefers “Rev. Andy” – has embarked on more than a few long-distance bicycle trips, pedaling fast and slow, uphill and downhill, under hot sun and chilly rain as he passed through state after state, often stopping to visit people or places.

So it would seem fitting that Armstrong, for the past six years the senior pastor at the historic First Church of Nashua, New Hampshire, would choose to spend his upcoming summer sabbatical aboard a two-wheeled, self-propelled vehicle on a 2,000-mile journey from a little town named Nashua to a mid-size city named Nashua.

The latter Nashua would, of course, be “our” Nashua, the home of one of the Northeast’s earliest congregations and, since 1894, the handsome, Romanesque Revival landmark prominently sited atop Library Hill.

Now, in the midst of his “fourth attempt at retirement,” as Armstrong jokes in his mes-

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NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW HAMPTON, IOWA IN THE MATTER OF THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPLICATION OF STEVE GEERTS & SUSAN RICHTER

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: You are hereby notified that the Board of Adjustment of the City of New Hampton, Iowa, will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on the 6th day of June, 2022 in the City Hall of the City of New Hampton, Iowa, in the matter of the appeal of Steve Geerts and Susan Richter from the denial of their special exception application for the issuance of a building permit for a metal garage. The property is located at 215 East Logan Street, and is legally described as follows:

The East 8 rods of the West 35 rods of the North 20 rods (excepts the North½ rods for highway) of the NE¼ of the NW¼ of Section 18, Township 95 North, Range 12 West of the 5th P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa.

This request for a building permit was denied because it does not meet the requirements that the exterior siding must contain materials like those of surroundings buildings under zoning ordinance 16.03. This appeal is a request for a special exception from the provisions of the zoning ordinance of the City of New Hampton.

You are, therefore, notified that the hearing will be before the Board of Adjustment at the time, date, and place set forth above and that you may appear and make known to the Board any objections that you have to granting the requested special exception from the terms of the zoning ordinance of the City of New Hampton, Iowa.

Dated this 4th day of May, 2022.  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW HAMPTON, IOWA

By: Todd P. Prichard City Attorney

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sage in the church's monthly newsletter, he is in the process of planning the nearly cross country jaunt that will begin May 15 right in front of another church with a handsome tower and deep historical roots: the Little Brown Church in the Vale.

If you suddenly find yourself humming a tune that has “the Little Brown Church in the Vale” among its lyrics, you’ve got the right one – although the name of the song, which is actually a hymn, is “The Church in the Wildwood.”

Thereby the Nashua-to-Nashua connection: The Little Brown Church in the Vale is off Cheyenne Avenue in Nashua, Iowa.

Built during the Civil War era, “Little Brown” was dedicated in 1864, a ceremony at which a Dr. William Pitts, a music and voice teacher from neighboring Bradford Academy, had his class sing the “Church in the Wildwood.”

Armstrong, meanwhile, said the plan is to drive out to Nashua, Iowa, with his wife, who will drop him and his bike off in Nashua then continue on to visit their daughter in Minnesota.

As soon as Armstrong attaches his few accessories to his bike frame, swings a leg over

the bar and settles into the seat, the odometer will start ticking off the miles in what is officially called the “Tower to Tower Historical Ride.”

Armstrong said he’s looking forward to meeting people he’s been in contact with, seeing sights he’s never seen and visiting churches – some of which offered to put him up for a night or two – but the overall purpose of the trip is to raise funds for the church’s Tower Restoration Fund.

The project is a comprehensive restoration of the church’s bell tower, a three-year, roughly \$325,000 undertaking that is well on its way to completion.

A New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) grant received in December helped the cause, as did a number of other donations and pledges.

Armstrong’s goal is to raise \$75,000 for the project through the online fundraising site GoFundMe. Nearly \$4,000 has been raised so far, an amount that is expected to swell steadily as Armstrong’s start date draws nearer.

What inspired Armstrong to delve into the history of other Nashuas was a chance sighting of a road sign he passed while

pedaling through Montana on a bike trip he took during the year-off he took while attending seminary in Boston.

The sign welcomed people to “Nashua, Montana,” and it caught Armstrong’s eye because one of his seminary friends happened to be from “our” Nashua.

“I took a photo and sent it to him,” Armstrong said. One contacted the other, and Armstrong’s Nashua friend ended up hosting him for a summer while Armstrong was teaching at the Boston area seminary.

His interest in the history of First Church Nashua and the other places named Nashua led Armstrong to old church records, where he came across names of members of the Greeley family, who were prominent businessmen, and they and their families were First Church Nashua communicants.

As for his upcoming journey, Armstrong says he estimates he’ll be on the road for about a month, and expects he’ll cover around 60-80 miles per day.

The reason he chose the route he did? “I love middle America,” he said. “Plus, it’s mostly flat, fewer hills,” he added with a laugh. “I’m really looking forward to meeting people along the way.”

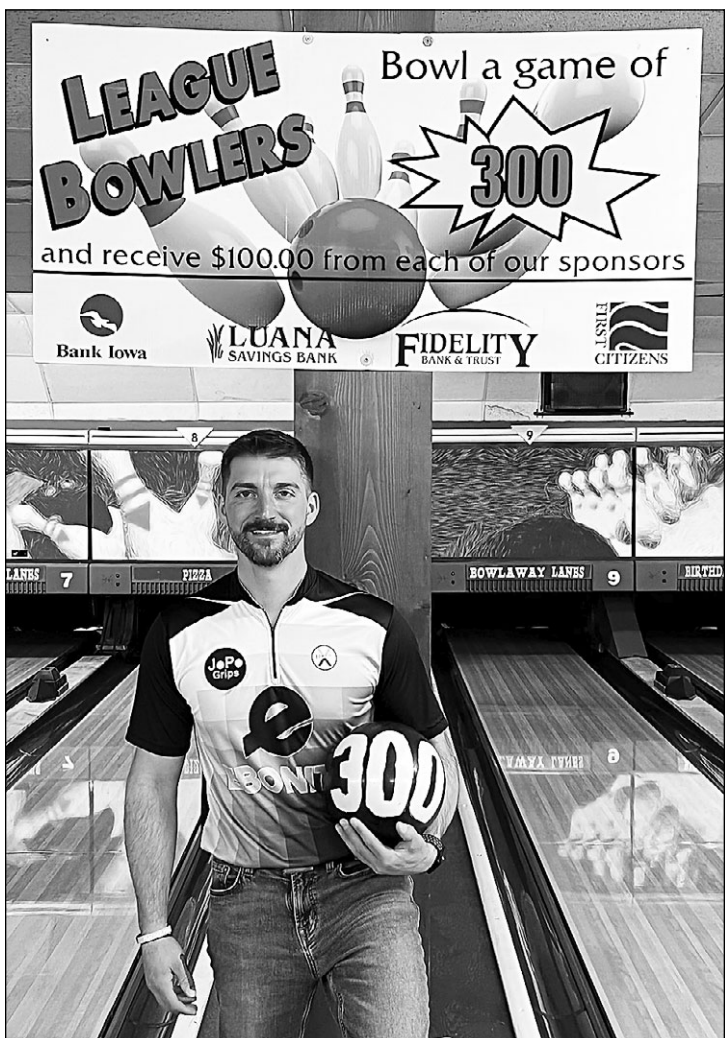


Photo courtesy of Tim Schueller

Perfection at Bowlaway!

Steve Landry recently turned the dream of every bowler into reality when he rolled a perfect 300 game in the men’s league at Bowlaway Lanes. Four New Hampton banks – Fidelity Bank and Trust, Bank Iowa, First Citizens Bank and Bank Iowa – each presented Landry with \$100 for his 12-strike game at New Hampton’s bowling center.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

Jerico Construction plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit.

General Permit No. 2- Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities

The storm water discharge will be from construction of a covered concrete manure pit beneath swine. Located in SE 1/4, section 29, T97N, R13W, Washington Twp, Chickasaw County. Storm water will be discharged from 1 point source(s) and will be discharged to the following streams: Road ditch to Elk creek to Little Wapsipicon River. Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Services Division, 502 E 9th St, Des Moines IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council of Ionia met in regular session Monday, May 2, 2022, at 7:00 pm in Ionia City Hall.

Mayor Taylor presided with Council Members Day, Denner, Geerts, Havner, Holthaus present. Also present were Clerk Donna Geerts, Jerry Heying, Tom and Diane Brown. Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

Motion by Day, seconded by Denner to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holthaus, seconded by Denner to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2022, meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Geerts, seconded by Day to approve the claims. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Alliant Energy .....	\$1271.01
Black Hills Energy .....	\$ 261.95
Library Act .....	\$ 982.95
Payroll .....	\$1864.81
941 deposit .....	\$ 749.92
IPERS .....	\$ 629.13
Jendro Sanitation, clean up day \$ 768.46	
Jendro Sanitation, recycling & bags .....	\$1287.42
New Hampton Tribune, min .....	\$ 64.32
Five Star Coop, chemicals .....	\$ 117.57
Bodensteiner Impl., mower .....	\$ 8800.00
Main Street Station, gas .....	\$ 12.04
Mick Gage Plb & Htg, restroom rental .....	\$ 170.00
State Hygienic Lab, water tests .....	\$ 13.50
Nationwide Ins, ins adj .....	\$ 36.00
Rapid Printers, pstg pd envelopes .....	\$ 338.30
Chickasaw Co Aud., FY 2122 4th qtr ambulance srvs agrmnt .....	\$1046.15
Ace Hardware, bulbs .....	\$ 44.97
Eurofins, Ecoli tests .....	\$ 100.00
Jerry Heying, mlg .....	\$ 136.32
Iowa DOT, wing .....	\$ 68.00
Total .....	\$18,762.82
Total Revenues .....	\$136,301.03
RECEIVED FUND DISBURSED	
\$ 26,996.05, General .....	\$ 7,605.39

\$ 2,122.16, Road Use .....	\$540.04
\$ 9,235.33, Water .....	\$2,782.29
\$ 4,423.40, Sewer .....	\$ 430.45
\$ 0.09 .....	Savings Int
\$ 93,324.00, Clifford H & Kay C Snider Trust - Library	
\$ 200.00 .....	Library Computer Sale

Motion by Holthaus, seconded by Havner to approve the monthly financial report. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Bill Siglin arrived at 7:10 pm.

Heying gave wastewater and water report. 2021 Water Quality Report discussed, posted, and filed at Clerk’s Office. Letter read from DNR requesting inventory of residents’ water lines being copper or lead.

Discussion on terminating the water/wastewater utility operator as a city position and utilize a utility operator by affidavit for contractual services to operate the city’s water and wastewater systems. Clerk and Heying will gather more information.

Discussed clean up day.

Day made a motion, seconded by Havner, the adoption of RESOLUTION 22-6 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF SLFRF (STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS) FOR CITY OF IONIA. The roll call resulted as follows: Ayes: Day, Denner, Geerts, Havner, Holthaus. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Clerk has submitted the annual SLFRF Compliance Project and Expenditure Report.

Motion by Day, seconded by Havner to open the public hearing at 7:15 pm for the passage of an Ordinance requiring permits for the provision or sale of food, beverages, merchandise, or services on July 29, 2022, in the City of Ionia or acquisition and use of such permits. All voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor asked if there were any oral or written objections or comments. After a brief discussion and being there were no objections,

motion by Holthaus, seconded by Day to close public hearing at 7:19 pm. Mayor closed the Public Hearing. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PERMITS FOR THE PROVISION OR SALE OF FOOD, BEVERAGE, MERCHANDISE, OR SERVICES ON JULY 29, 2022, IN THE CITY OR ACQUISITION AND USE OF SUCH PERMITS” was present for discussion. It was moved by Day, seconded by Holthaus; to pass Ordinance 127 into its first reading and that requirements for consideration of two additional meetings be suspended and the ordinance be given its second and third readings and be passed. The roll call resulted as follows: Day, Denner, Geerts, Havner, Holthaus. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Holthaus, seconded by Geerts; That an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PERMITS FOR THE PROVISION OR SALE OF FOOD, BEVERAGE, MERCHANDISE, OR SERVICES ON JULY 29, 2022, IN THE CITY OR ACQUISITION AND USE OF SUCH PERMITS” receive its second and third consideration and be passed. The roll call resulted as follows: Day, Denner, Geerts, Havner, Holthaus. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Mayor thereupon ordered Ordinance 127 duly adopted.

Next RAGBRAI committee meeting will be May 11, 2022, at 6:30pm at City Hall. There is a t-shirt design contest posted, submissions will be discussed at the meeting. An account has been set up for RAGBRAI revenue and expenditures. There is the Ionia RAGBRAI 2022 Facebook page for information. RAGBRAI representatives will be meeting in Ionia the morning May 11 and also a Route Inspection Pre-Ride meeting will be June 10, 2022, in the morning. Working with County Emergency Management Coordinator on Severe Weather Plan for July 29, 2022.

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CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MONDAY MAY 2, 2022 7:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of New Hampton met in regular session in the Council Chambers at 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton Iowa at 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 2, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schwickerath at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Daly, Denner, Humpal, McDonald and Fisher. Also in attendance were Zachary Nobsisch, Casey Mai, Tammy Robinson, Brad Shatek, City Attorney Todd Prichard on telephone.

Mayor Schwickerath requested to add Item ‘S. Intent to Appoint’ as a result of the resignation of councilmember Boos. Moved by Fisher, seconded by Humpal; That the agenda be approved as amended. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by McDonald, seconded by Denner; That the minutes of the regular council meeting of April 18, 2022, be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Daly, seconded by Fisher; That the claims in the amount of \$55,822.30 be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

7:00 Public Hearing on Proposed Development Agreement with MM Real Estate Holdings, LLC

The City Council investigated and found that notice of the intention of the Council to conduct a public hearing on a Development Agreement between the City and the MM Real Estate Holdings, LLC had been published according to law and as directed by the City Council and that this is the time and place at which the Council shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the City. Mayor Schwickerath asked for oral comments. There were none. Mayor Schwickerath declared the public hearing closed.

Council Member Denner moved seconded by Council Member Humpal that the Resolution No. 6516 entitled Resolution Approving Development Agreement with the MM Real Estate Holdings, LLC, Authorizing Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments and Pledging Certain Tax Increment Revenues to the Payment of the Agreement, be approved. Ayes – Denner, Fisher, Humpal, McDonald, Daly. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution approved.

7:00 PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR SECURITY STATE BANK

The City Council investigated and found that notice of the intention of the Council to conduct a public hearing on a Development Agreement between the City and the Security State Bank had been published according to law and as directed by the City Council and that this is the time and place at which the Council shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of

the City. Mayor Schwickerath asked for oral comments. There were none. Mayor Schwickerath asked for written comments. There were none. Mayor Schwickerath declared the public hearing closed.

Council Member Fisher moved seconded by Council Member Denner that the Resolution No. 6517 entitled Resolution Approving Development Agreement with the SECURITY STATE BANK Authorizing Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments and Pledging Certain Tax Increment Revenues to the Payment of the Agreement, be approved. Ayes – Denner, Fisher, Humpal, McDonald, Daly. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution approved.

7:00 PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR BTR INVESTMENTS, LLC D/B/A IOWA SKIN CARE

The City Council investigated and found that notice of the intention of the Council to conduct a public hearing on the a Development Agreement between the City and the BTR Investments, LLC d/b/a Iowa Skin Care) had been published according to law and as directed by the Council and that this is the time and place at which the Council shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the City. Mayor Schwickerath asked for oral comments. There were none. Mayor Schwickerath declared the public hearing closed.

Council Member Fisher moved seconded by Council Member Daly that Resolution No. 6518 entitled Resolution Approving Development Agreement with the BTR Investments, LLC d/b/a Iowa Skin Care), Authorizing Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments and Pledging Certain Tax Increment Revenues to the Payment of the Agreement, be approved. Ayes – Denner, Fisher, Humpal, McDonald, Daly. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution approved.

7:00 PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR SOUTH LAKE CONDO ASSOCIATION, LLC

The City Council investigated and found that notice of the intention of the Council to conduct a public hearing on the a Development Agreement between the City and the South Lake Condo Association, L.L.C. had been published according to law and as directed by the Council and that this is the time and place at which the Council shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the City. Mayor Schwickerath asked for oral comments. There were none. Mayor Schwickerath declared the public hearing closed.

Council Member Daly moved seconded by Council Member Humpal that Resolution No. 6519 entitled Resolution Approving Development Agreement with the south lake condo association,

L.L.C., Authorizing Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments and Pledging Certain Tax Increment Revenues to the Payment of the Agreement, be approved. Ayes – Denner, Fisher, Humpal, McDonald, Daly. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution approved.

City Clerk Karen Clemens presented the proposed budget amendment for the FY2021-2022 and requested a public hearing be set for May 16, 2022. Moved by McDonald; seconded by Fisher that Resolution No. 6520 entitled “RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 16, 2022 AT 7:00 PM FOR THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE 2021-2022 Fiscal Year” be approved. Ayes – Denner, Fisher, Humpal, McDonald, Daly. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution approved.

Bill Croell, a member of the Airport Commission, requested a letter of support for the Airport Commission to apply for a grant to pay for a possible fuel tank purchase. The Commission is planning on using funds in the capital project account, a donation from the airport foundation and monies from the grant. Moved by Daly, Seconded by McDonald; To direct Mayor Schwickerath to sign a letter of support for the Airport Commission proposed grant application for a fuel tank located on the airport property, be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Brad Shatek, an employee with Fidelity Bank and Trust, requested the City Council to designate three parking spots on North Chestnut, on the east side of the street to be “Curbside Banking” spots as their parking lot is under construction and the drive through lanes are unavailable. The bank is anticipating the project will take 3 weeks, weather permitting. Moved by Denner, seconded by Humpal; that Fidelity Bank and Trust, located at 25 North Chestnut Ave., designate the three parking spots on the west side of their building as ‘curbside banking’ spots, effectively immediately through July 1, 2022, be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Jason Speltz with the New Horizons Chamber office has requested permission for specific street closures for the Heartland Days Celebration June 9th – 12th, 2022. Moved by Denner, Seconded by Fisher; That New Horizons Chamber is allowed to:

1. Block traffic access to Spring Street from Hwy 24 from 12:00 pm June 9th until Noon, June 12th
2. Close Ring Road from the entrance from Hwy 24 (near Poor Richards) to the entrance onto Spring Street
3. Have the Street Department assist with supplying barricades.
4. No parking on Main Street from 4:30 pm, June 10th and closing Main street from Linn Ave to Water Ave until the parade is over, approximately 6:45 pm
5. No parking on Locust, Chestnut and Water Avenues between Main Street and Logan Avenue at 12:00 pm Friday,

June 10th until the parade is over, approximately 6:45 pm

6. No parking on East Hamilton Street from Water Ave to Walnut Avenue

7. Police controlled blockade of East Hamilton and South Walnut Ave.

Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried

City Clerk Karen Clemens presented an agreement with Oakland Corporation a provider of Laser fiche technology. This agreement allows city staff to digitize information and make it accessible to the public via the website address. Moved by McDonald, Seconded by Daly; That Resolution No. 6521 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF OAKLAND CORPORATION FOR A LASERFISCHE CLOUD SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT FOR \$4,025.00, be approved. Ayes – Denner, Fisher, Humpal, McDonald, Daly. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution approved.

Jason Speltz with new horizons Chamber reported to the council that the property owner may be starting construction and correcting the issues on the deteriorating building at 13/15 West Main. Speltz will plan on informing the city council of any developments at next city council meeting on May 16th, 2022.

Police Chief Zach Nobsisch received a price for the 2023 Chevy Tahoe that the City Council approved at the April 4, 2022 meeting. The amount of \$41,562 is the current price and Nobsisch is uncertain how long that price will be valid. He would like to get his request submitted to the dealer as soon as possible. Moved by McDonald, Seconded by Denner; That Resolution No. 6522 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 PURSUIT RATED CHEVY TAHOE FOR \$41,562 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, be approved. Ayes – Denner, Fisher, Humpal, McDonald, Daly. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution approved.

Police Chief Zach Nobsisch shared with the council the initial discussions taking place for a law enforcement center. Currently the Chickasaw County Sheriff’s department has requested of the Board of Supervisors to proceed with a feasibility study to determine if Chickasaw County needs a new law enforcement center. The study will take the City of New Hampton Police Departments needs into consideration along with the county’s needs. Nobsisch is requesting the council approve \$5,000 of ARPA funds to contribute to the cost of the feasibility study. Moved by McDonald, seconded by Denner, to authorize up to \$5,000 of ARPA funds be paid towards the costs associated with the feasibility study being conducted on behalf of Chickasaw County Sheriff and including the City of New Hampton Police Department, be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Casey Mai reported on the Board of Adjustment meeting for Nick Hopp and Kirk Reicks to build a storage unit at 803 North Linn

Ave. The board approved the request for a 5’ variance and with conditions, allows the construction of the building.

Moved by Denner, seconded by McDonald; That the minutes and correspondence be accepted and placed on file. NEICAC request for Support; Information Letter and Sample Letter Airport Minutes of 4-11-2022 Committee As a Whole letter of 4-18-2022

Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – Boos. Motion carried.

Mayor Schwickerath would like to appoint a resident to Ward 3 to fill the vacant seat of resigned council person Boos. Clemens will publish a notice of ‘Intent to Appoint’ in the New Hampton Tribune on May 5th which will allow the appointment to take place on May 16th, 2022. A petition may still be submitted up to 14 days after the date of appointment if another resident is interested in filling the vacancy. Motion made by Fisher, seconded by Daly; to approve the request of Mayor Schwickerath to appoint a resident to the Ward 3 vacancy at the May 16, 2022 council meeting and direct City Clerk Clemens to publish the notice in the May 5th New Hampton Tribune, be approved. Ayes – Denner, Fisher, Humpal, McDonald, Daly. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution approved.

Moved by Daly, seconded by Denner; that the meeting adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

ROBERT SCHWICKERATH, Mayor ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, City Clerk

COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL MONDAY MAY 2, 2022 7:00 P.M.

CITY - WRITTEN SINCE APRIL 18, 2022

State of Iowa, Sales Tax 4/1/22 to 4/15/22 .....	2,132.53
USPS, Postage for Utility Bills (WA SR) .....	135.96
John Deere Financial, Parts Washer, Misc (St) Air Chuck (Fire) .....	425.64
Ziegler Cat, Bearings, Seals for Maintainer (Street) .....	936.50
USPS, Postage for Utility Bills (WA SR) .....	126.02
Total Written .....	3,756.65
-CITY- TO BE WRITTEN--	
BMC Aggregates, Roadstone (Street) .....	390.20
Builders FirstSource, Treated 4x4 (Street) .....	510.00
Carnegie, Nov 2021- April 2022 Levy .....	19,293.40
City Laundering Co, Uniforms (SR WA ST) Mats, Air Dispenser (SR) .....	331.70
Culligan, DI Equipment Rental, Carbon Filter (Sewer) .....	88.85
Danko Emergency Equipment, Air Gear Dryer (Fire) .....	11,797.91
Douglas, Ken, April Mileage Reading Meters (128 x .39) (WA) .....	49.92
Eagan, Doug, Reimburse for Meals (Police) .....	20.95

Eurofins Environment Testing North Central, Testing Fees (Sewer) .....

Fox Strand, WWTP Facility Plan (WW Project) .....

Geerts Plumbing & Heating, Install Air Line (Fire) Service Units (Custodial) .....

Geyssa’s Tailors, Uniform Allowance (Police) .....

Jendro Sanitation, March Fuel Surcharge .....

Municipal Supply, Water Meters (Water) .....

New Hampton Firefighters Association, Reimburse for Milwaukee Chainsaw, Battery Charger (Fire) .....

North Central Labs, Lab Supplies (Sewer) .....

Petty Cash, Certified Letters, Recording Fee (Clerk) Postage (P&Z Econ) .....

Prichard, Todd, Regular Salary .....

Quad County Firefighters Association, Class for Powers (Fire) .....

Short Elliott Hendrickson, Tribe Trail Phase III (Tribal Trail) .....

Streicher’s, BolaWrap Device (Police) .....

Thomson Reuters, 2 Months Westlaw Charges .....

Tyler Technologies, Output Director Maintenance 6/22- 8/22 .....

Uetz, Seth, Meal Reimbursement (Police) .....

Oakland Corporation, Set up Fee and Business User .....

Total .....

Plus City Written .....

TOTAL TO BE APPROVED .....

PAYROLL - WRITTEN SINCE APRIL 18, 2022

Aflac - Supplemental Insurance .....

Collection Services Center, Payroll Withholding .....

Employee Benefit System, Admin Health Insurance Fees .....

EFTPS, FICA Tax, Federal Tax .....

Empower Retirement, Deferred Comp .....

Iowa Dept of Revenue, State W/H Tax .....

New Hampton, City of, Self Funded Health Insurance W/H .....

Treasurer, State of Iowa, IPERS .....

Wellmark, Health Insurance .....

Cemetery - WRITTEN SINCE APRIL 18, 2022

John Deere Financial, Torque Wrench, Cutting Wheel, Cable Puller .....

LIBRARY - WRITTEN SINCE APRIL 18, 2022

India Johnson, 2 Day Thread Lecture & Workshop .....

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# Chickasaw CHAT



**Celebrating New Hampton Middle School's Endmester!**

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## Students detail middle school's unique program

As NHMS takes a break from its regular classes, students in grades 5-8 chronicle the classes of Endmester

**By BOB FENSKE**  
*editor@nhtrib.com*

A group of New Hampton Middle School students put away their textbooks recently, dug out their note pads and cameras and went to work to tell the story of their school's unique, hands-on learning program.

English teacher Abigail Feldman's class worked with the Tribune to learn the basics of reporting, spent time interviewing their peers, talking with the teachers about the classes they were teaching, took photos of different class activities and sat down to write stories about Endmester.

"They learned a lot, and it's such a neat way for our school to tell the story of Endmester," Feldman said. "We had a pretty young class — a lot of fifth- and sixth-graders, but I think they did a good job."

Indeed, they did. For the uninitiated, Endmester is a two-week program that the school has used for several years.

Students take three Endmester classes that allow both the teachers

and their students to more deeply explore their interests.

"We're still covering the core subjects," Principal Brad Schmitt said, "but we're just doing it in a different way."

For a number of years, the program was called Midmester and took place during February, but school officials this year decided to spice up the end

of the year, and Endmester was born. The stories and photos, save for this one, on this and the following three pages were all produced by students in grades 5-8 with help from Feldman, of course.

"We appreciate the [Tribune] being willing to help us," Feldman said, "and it's a great way for our students to show what our school is doing."



Capri Lester works on an art project during her Midmester class.

## Students explore art in Endmester

**By TROY FEDERSPIEL, TRISTEN HARMS**  
*New Hampton Middle School*

"A Day in the Life of a Street Artist" sounds like a really fun class. Students in this class got to paint on a recycled glass window.

Where did these windows come from? Lorraine Dunagan repurposed the windows from the janitors who were going to throw them away. They were originally used during the 2020-2021 school year as a measure to keep students safe from COVID.

These kids made art and had a ton of fun. Francisco Valdez said his favorite part of this class was "not working together but to have someone to talk to, and to paint because you can talk to people and have your own creative activity and creative thought."

Braelynn Cagley also has some thoughts about the class, Cagley's favorite part of this class is painting and drawing.

The cool thing about this class was they were not making the art for themselves, but for businesses around New Hampton.

Dunagan was having a fun time teaching this class, so it's too bad that there will be no more glass windows for next year, but she'll find something new and creative to use.



Sixth-grader Gabe Larson reads up on the rules of a game during "Back to the Future Part 4" class.

## Students make their own rules in this class

**By MATTHEW ROETHLER**  
*New Hampton Middle School*

Have you ever wanted to go back in time and change the rules of a game? If yes then now you can in Bill Glenn's "Back to the Future Part 4" class. In this class, 12 students changed the rules of games to the way they think is fun.

Changing the rules of the games was the main part of this class. They changed the rules by making new rules and writing them on a google doc. When they were done with changing the rules, the rules were printed out and then played by others in the class.

Carter Dreckman, sixth grader, worked on "changing the rules in Deadpool Monopoly."

Dreckman said his favorite part of his class was "sometimes we get to play on the computers."

Glenn said, "The students are having a lot of fun changing the rules of their games." His favorite part of this class was "seeing students' imagination."

Adah Uglum, sixth-grade student in Glenn's class, said her favorite part is "changing the rules of the games." She is working on the game "What do you Meme." She and her friends made many changes to the rules like switching one of your cards with the person to your left.



New Hampton Middle School students put the photography basics they learned in class and sought unique camera angles during a "photo shoot" day outside.

## SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!

**By BROOKE VESTEL**  
*New Hampton Middle School*

Boring, same old pictures. Not anymore! In the class "Say Cheese" students are learning how to take pictures and the rules and styles of photography. Erin Snyder was the teacher for the class.

Snyder's class consisted of fifth-grade through eighth-grade students who got real hands-on experience by getting to use real cameras and learning the skills and techniques

about taking real pictures. Some skills they learned were editing, printing, rule of thirds, etc.

"I picked this class so I could take pictures of other objects for my family and stuff," said Easton Monteith, an eighth grader. He liked the class since they got out of the classroom.

Students in this class went on a field trip to the downtown business area and Mikkelson Park to find things to photograph, including nature, patterns, lines and really anything they want. They learned the rule of thirds so it makes

the photos more interesting, natural framing, and landscaping.

Snyder is highly impressed with student work and loves watching students being creative. She wanted the students to have fun and learn about different ways to take photos.

Melissa Nelson, high school art teacher, lent her cameras for this class. The cameras are nice quality and not just a cellphone camera.

Skyler Bugenhagen, seventh grader, thinks this class is definitely fun and interesting and recommends it to all students.

## Fifth-graders learn manners, etiquette in 'You're Invited'

**By KAEI RUSSLER**  
*New Hampton Middle School*

Planning for perfection. Students in "You're Invited" are learning what it takes to put on an event.

Fifth grade teachers Jeannette Laures, Anita Quirk, and Jessica Geerts all worked on different aspects of their Endmester class.

The end result is to go out to The Pub at the Pinicon and have a fancy meal.

Laures helped students create a budget. Quirk's class worked on decorations for their venue, The Pub. Geerts' class worked on a baking class to plan food for their event.

Manners and etiquette are part of the class. Laures feels this is a big

need for the students.

Stella Valentini is in fifth grade and her group worked on no-bake recipes. She picked the class because she loves to bake. The reason why she picked it is because her favorite part about baking is it gives you joy.

Kinnick McGrath is also in fifth grade. His favorite part was baking since he likes to bake.

They presented at The Pub doing what they wanted to do. It was a "Yes Day." The event happened on Monday, May 2.

Students created a brochure that they can present to their parents what their "Yes Day" would include. The brochure includes a budget along with five different events they will do throughout the day.



Students in "You're Invited" work together to plan an event as part of their Endmester class.



New Hampton Middle School teacher Brian Schmitt discusses some of the projects students will undertake in "Will You Go Out With Me?"

## Students learn how they can help people in their communities

**By CHARLIE GEERTS**  
*New Hampton Middle School*

"Will You Go Out With Me?" No wait, I'm talking about the class! It is a class about how to help your community and be active outside.

Brian Schmitt said that his goal for the students at the conclusion of Endmester is "to get them to understand why community is important." The class focused on leadership skills and mindset.

The first task was to reach out to community members to see what was needed in the community.

The students worked with the Park and Rec department. They mulched the Tribe Trail. They also picked up garbage on the trail.

The students also worked with Dave Gorman from the Chickasaw Courthouse. They cleaned the inside of the courthouse and worked outside cleaning up the lawn.

In the class students were able to go on field trips the second week of Endmester. They went fishing and kayaking with the Chickasaw County Conservation office.

Favorite part of the class? Wyatt Kania said, "us cleaning up the environment and helping out the world on Earth Day."





Middle school student Bailee Tenge interviews Kiersten Nuss for this edition of Chickasaw Chat.

## Students tell the story of their school’s Endmester

By LUKE GORMAN  
New Hampton Middle School

Want to know what is going on? “Chickasaw Communication” Endmester class allowed students to take on the reporting role for middle school happenings.

This was Abigail Feldman’s first year teaching this class. She thought it was a good fit since she is the seventh grade literacy teacher and she was on her high school newspaper staff.

Feldman wanted students to “gain confidence to go out and talk with other people and talk to other teachers they might not know.” She also wanted them to work on their writing skills.

Students in Feldman’s class had to report on all of the Endmester classes that happened this year. Students got to pick the class they reported on.

The students in this class worked on interviewing people, taking pictures, and writing a newspaper article. Troy Federspiel said his favorite part was “writing the newspaper article because I got to think of different paragraph ideas and the information as interesting.”

Students worked with Bob Fenske, New Hampton Tribune reporter, to write their articles. He came in to share his knowledge with the students.



Riley Berns gets ready to record his drum solo for YouTube during an Endmester class.

## Going solo on YouTube

By BEN NAPIER  
New Hampton Middle School

YouTube Famous? New Hampton fifth-through eighth-graders who are in band were able to learn a solo, perform it, and then upload it to YouTube.

Andrea Verburg, who is subbing for Jenny Adam, who is on maternity leave, helped students prepare solo showcases. The class solo showcase is meant to help students hone in on their individual instruments.

Verbrug feels this class “is a good way to build up confidence and help get over nerves.”

Students had a choice in their solo selection. They were able to choose from songs Verbrug had available. They spent their class time practicing their own solos.

Drey O’Brien, sixth grader, chose the class because “I wanted more band.” She plays the drums and the song she chose is “Crusin.”

# Endmester class makes some tasty treats

By BRENNA THRONDSO  
New Hampton Middle School

Don’t you just love a good treat? In the Endmester class “Bake Me Happy” students learned how to bake all kinds of different treats!

These students took a trip to Fareway and bought supplies they would need to bake their favorite treats. The students baked things by themselves under adult supervision by their teacher Laura Schwickerath.

“There are a lot of different skills these students can come out of this with,” stated Schwickerath. Students learned to read recipes, measure things out, and just learned how to bake in general.

“If someone was questioning taking this class I would tell them to just take it because it is a very fun and good opportunity to learn new baking skills you could use in life,” said seventh-grader AnnaRose Pauley.

After the students were done baking all of the treats, they individually wrapped each item. They took all of these yummy treats to the showcase the Middle School hosted on Tuesday, May 3!

Students collected free will donations at the showcase by selling all of the treats they made. All of the earnings were donated to a local family in need.



New Hampton Middle School students (from left) Kallie Angell, Keisha Uglum and Brooklyn McShane prepare to bake some treats during the Endmester class “Bake Me Happy.”



New Hampton Middle School students (from left) Westin Praksa, Rayne Padgett, R.W. Pethoud and Ariel Hanson put together a podcast with instructor Jason Rude during Endmester.

# TALKING ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL LIFE

By BRYNLIE ACKERSON  
New Hampton Middle School

“Middle School Drama” ... the title of the podcasts was created during the Endmester class “Shout it Out Loud: Podcasting 101.” These podcasts are about middle school current happenings.

Jason Rude worked with the New Hampton

Middle School Podcasting group because he wanted his students to learn how to make a podcast and create content. Topics ranged from dress code simply to toilet paper.

Rude is familiar with podcasting and he wanted his students to enjoy podcasting just like he does. Before I interviewed, I thought that I wasn’t going to be interested in the class, but after I interviewed Brooke Vestel, I thought it

was very interesting. “I love listening to people I can relate to,” stated Brooke Vestel

Podcasting 101’s goal isn’t to inform individuals about the negative side of things but to shed light on an array of topics with positivity, humor, business and any other topic. Both Brooke Vestel and Braelynn Cagley really enjoyed podcasting in general, but especially because it’s funny and opinionated.

## Students pick up ‘steam’ in this class

By TRISTIN SLICK  
New Hampton Middle School

S.T.E.A.M - science, technology, engineering, art, math. Now students in the “Steam Challenge Accepted” class competed in directed toward those areas.

Jeff Monteith directed students in hands-on learning and helped grow the skills they will use everyday as well as challenged the kids to build things.

“The best part of the class is being able to interact with other grades,” said Adam Goebel.

In the S.T.E.A.M Challenge Accepted class they worked on trying to get paper to float the longest.

“The reason I joined was because it sounded interesting and Monteith was teaching the class,” said Dakota Houser.

Their goal was to have different prototypes to show their progress.

They also worked on a marble maze made with paper. They were trying to get a ping pong ball to reach a point the slowest with the least amount of paper.



While some students work on their projects, others take part in a demonstration during “Steam Challenge Accepted.”



Students in “Book Love” discuss some of their favorite books during their Endmester class.

## For the love of reading!

By JERSEY ROETHLER  
New Hampton Middle School

This class is all about love ... I meant book love.

“Book Love” is a class all about inspiring others to read and the power of words. Students worked on book folding, research and seeing how many words they can read in two weeks.

Jeannie Pfaffle taught the class. She worked really hard to motivate students to read. She has been an English teacher for many years

and has had a lot of experience with books and writing.

The class is composed of fifth through eighth graders. They have a showcase on May 3 where they are all really excited to show their parents all their hard work.

“You can read anywhere,” said Pfaffle. She wanted them to have a big takeaway on reading, and it hopefully impacts not only their life but others lives too.

The class got a lot of book folding done. Most of the kids did hearts, others sparked their creativity and did other things for book

## Class peers into the future of students

By JACLYN WORPLE  
New Hampton Middle School

What’s next? Students in Kristie Brincks’ and Jenn Gilbert’s “The game of life” enjoyed researching about the next step they are going to take in their future.

Brincks said, “I don’t think students don’t realize how much school costs and the salaries they might contain as well as the education that is needed for doing those jobs”. This class helped students learn that information so they can plan their future.

Students enjoyed “The Game of Life” by looking at everything from the jobs they might take to the lives they might save. Students listened to the guest speakers tell some of their stories.

Students want jobs of all sorts, such as being a professional soccer player, doctor, owning a reptile shop, farming, owning a gas station, and building robots.



A group of students discuss jobs they might want to have when they’re done with school.





New Hampton Middle School student Phoenix Boehmer works on a Rubik's Cube during Endmester.

# Students take on variety of projects

By ALEIGHA CAHOY  
New Hampton Middle School

Patricia ten Hoeve taught “School Reimagined” and wants to keep teaching kids to learn what they are passionate about. In the class, students were able to choose a topic they wanted to learn about or work on learning how to do something new. She wanted to teach this class because it was interesting to watch and have kids practice new things. ten Hoeve would teach this class again because she would have wanted to do something like this when she was in school. Gretta Kuehner is a sixth

grade student in this class. She picked this class because it’s fun to choose what you can do. Kuehner’s favorite part of this class was to taste test the baker’s food. She is working on writing a children’s book. Other students have worked on writing a book, baking, solving a Rubix cube, learning different languages, making a car, and learning hair styles. Lexi O’Brien is in fifth grade. She picked this class because she wanted to do baking but the baking classes were full. O’Brien is working on different types of cookie dough. She likes trying new recipes every day.

# Students explore games from all corners of the globe

By LJ ROBINSON  
New Hampton Middle School

Do you like to play new games? What about learning new things? In the endmester class “Games Around the World” students learn how to play new games from around the world. Jordan Rommes taught this class. He wanted to teach the class because he loves being around sports and activities. “The goal for students is to learn more about a different country and be able to display that to the general public or their classmates,” said Rommes. Sixth through eighth graders took the class. Students learned and played two games from different cultures. Students picked their own game to learn about from another country. They worked in groups of four. Kael Russler said his favorite part of the class is “you get to play games that we never heard of.”



New Hampton Middle School students have fun playing with children at a daycare during their “Shine Bright Like a Diamond.”

# Students shine like diamonds

By TANNER LEICHTMAN  
New Hampton Middle School

Music teacher Erica Koster is one of the happiest teachers. “Shine Bright Like a Diamond” is a class taught by Koster where students went on field trips and shone a light in people’s days. “The class is about basically shining bright like a diamond for people that are going through hard times or other stuff and make them happy,” said sixth grader Luke Gorman.

They made shirts or sweatshirts that have “Shine Bright like a Diamond” on the front and a quote on the back. They went to the nursing home last week and talked and played music for the people. They also went to a daycare to play with younger children. Everyday they did an icebreaker to learn something about someone in the class. Students all left class feeling a little happier than when they started.

# Students have a hoot of a time

By LANDON RUDE  
New Hampton Middle School

On April 26, I got the chance to catch up with the teacher of the “Disaster Zone: Preparing to Help your Community” elective, Jason Rude. I got some “Q and A” from Rude that might figure out what’s going on. Rude started this four years ago which was the first year of midmester. Rude’s goal is for students to become heros and stay calm when disaster strikes. His class was about being prepared for the unthinkable and to not panic when the biggest tornado strikes or when you fall down and get a tiny scrape on your leg. Students had the opportunity to go to the New Hampton Fire Department to burn a Barbie Dreamhouse as a firefighting demo, but Rude also had EMT paramedics come to his classroom as well as the county emergency manager, Jeff Bernatz. I also got the chance to meet up with two students who are in Rude’s class, Brooke Vestel and Ava Trende, to find out why they chose this class. Vestel said, “I had experience with medical stuff because I have family members who are nurses.” Ava however was interested in it and wanted to learn CPR. Rude’s favorite part is burning the Barbie house.

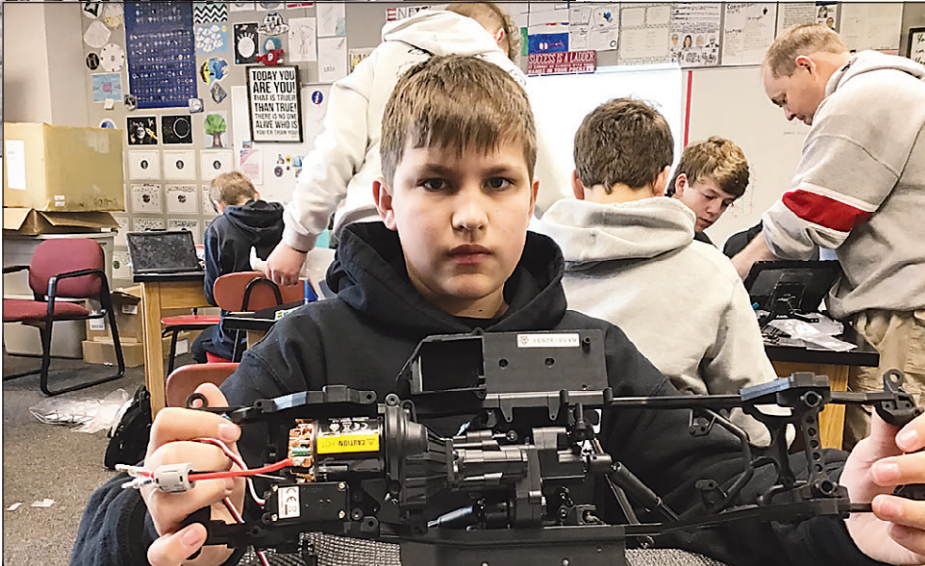


New Hampton firefighter Joel Knutson watches a Barbie House burn during a Disaster Zone demonstration.



New Hampton Middle School students Chase Gebel works on his radio-controlled rock crawler while Ty Bearman shows off his project he is building in Jeff Monteiths’ “Crawling through School” Endmester class. Students assembled their own RC vehicles from the 500-plus pieces that came in each kit, and their work will be featured in an upcoming issue of the RC Car Action magazine.

Photos by Maddon Shekleton



MAGAZINE  
WILL TELL  
THE STORY  
OF ENDMESTER  
CLASS!

# Students learn sewing basics

By BAILEE TENGE  
New Hampton Middle School

Do you know how to sew? Kim Olson was the teacher for “Owl Teach You How To Sew.” Olson stated, “I teach them how to do basic sewing.” Olson has experience with sewing through many projects for 4-H. She hoped her students would learn how to do basic sewing and use it in the future. For the class, Olson worked with Quilter’s Window to get supplies needed for the pillows. Olson said, “It’s going really well. They come in and get right to work.” She liked seeing the kids enjoy it after they finish

and get to take them home. Olson has enjoyed teaching “Owl Teach You How To Sew.” “I have done it ever since this endmester became a thing at our school,” Olson said. “To fit everything in two weeks we have to work hard and pay attention.” She thought that her students will use this in the future. “If it’s losing a button or tearing a shirt they will at least know the basics.” Emma Elliott, seventh grader, liked this class because she thought it was fun. They watched movies too while they worked. Kiersten Nuss, sixth grade student, stated, “I like art, sewing is crafting related.”



Kiera Reicherts looks over her sewing project during “Owl Teach You How to Sew.”

# Puppies are a big hit in Endmester

By AVA SHOEMAKER  
New Hampton Middle School

Who doesn’t love puppies? The students in Christine Bridges’ class “Pound Puppies” do! In “Pound Puppies,” Bridges brought in people from Rock River Pet Resort and New Hampton High School Spanish teacher Kris Ward and her dog, Izzy, to teach her students how dogs and other animals help us instead of us helping them. Students in this class enjoyed playing with dogs and teaching them easy commands like sit, heel, shake, and high-five. Students were also taught tricks, commands, and they were shown

what it was like to be a dog. Lynne Luloff from Rock River Pet Resort came to talk to Bridges’ class on how Luloff trains dogs to work as service dogs for people who are disabled or who need a therapy dog and what some good methods are for training their own dogs. Students also visited S.N.A.P., a local organization that helps find new homes for dogs, cats and other animals. “They got to go clean out the kennels and then go take the dogs for a run and take them on walks,” Bridges says, “They actually got to see a dog get adopted while we were there, so we got to see an animal find their forever home.”



New Hampton fifth-graders and their guests enjoy a meal at the Pub at the Pinicon where students get a chance to “use their manners” during the Midmester Academy

Matt Manson





Students got a chance to fly a drone as part of an Endmester class taught by New Hampton Superintendent Jay Jurrens.

# Superintendent gets a chance to return to classroom

By CARTER DRECKMAN  
New Hampton Middle School

“Takeoffs are optional and landings are required,” according to Jay Jurren’s class “Drones, Drones, Drones.” Jurrens introduced students to all things drones, which he has been flying for about 30 years. His goal for students was to be comfortable with flying drones and learn about careers with drones.

Students built a race track for the drones by building hoops for them to fly the drones through. There are many types of drones like VR drones, controller drones, and quadcopters.

The students were glad to play with drones in class. Peyton Erlandson said, “This is the only class, the only class that I wanted.”

One day the class went outside and did racing with racing drones. The students thought they were good.

Jurrens said he will teach this class again. “These guys are great. I’m glad to be working with them.”



Kaitlyn Flansch and Skyler Buggenhagen show off the hot dog they created during an Endmester class.

# Students make gourmet hot dogs

By AVA TRENDE, MANUEL RAMIREZ  
New Hampton Middle School

The eighth, seventh and sixth grade students in “Hot Diggity Dog” worked together to make gourmet hot dogs. There were different types of hot dogs like cheddar cheese filled hot dogs, bacon wrapped hot dogs, and spicy jalapeño hot dogs.

The students said they picked this class mostly for the freedom and creativity. Some of them have cooked hot dogs before.

Missy Sinnwell brought the students to Fareway for a field trip to see how meat was processed.

They had a competition to see which one tasted the best. As you must know, everybody’s taste buds are different and everyone liked a different hot dog.

Sinnwell said she would teach this class again but with more activities and food. The nice thing about this class is that they get to pick what they have on their hot dogs. They all worked together to finish their projects by the end of the day.

# Let’s design our own computer games

By FRANCISCO VALDEZ  
New Hampton Middle School

Games, Games, Games! In Shane Erlandson’s class it’s all about creating computer games online. Games are what they are making by coding.

Students in the class learned how to code a game using the browser Scratch, which is a coding browser where the students watch videos to learn coding.

Erlandson has been working on coding for around 5 years in Waverly. This is his first year coding in Endmester in New Hampton.

The first couple of days students learned the program through videos. Next they learned through trial and error.

Students had free range in what kind of game they wanted to create.

Benson Burke, a seventh grade student in the class, made a race car game. Cargin Robinson, another seventh grader, made a two player maze game.

Erlandson said, “Problem-solving is a skill that students can use later on in life.”



New Hampton Middle School instructor Shane Erlandson helps a student with the game he’s designing.



Olivia Hoy

New Hampton Middle School students (from left) Tegan Dungey, Cam Smith and Madi Shawver show off some of the donuts they made during their Endmester class.

# NEVER-BEFORE-SEEN, BUT TASTY, DONUTS

By GRETTA KUEHNER  
New Hampton Middle School

Holy cow!? Holey food! Amanda Rodgers taught students how to make donuts in the class “How can we make ‘Holey’ food?”

Students in the class made different donut flavors and experimented with different methods to try to make the perfect donut.

Some flavors they tried were Swedish Fish, Hawaiian Punch, Captain Crunch, and more.

“I like teaching this class to see the students try what they made,” stated Rodgers.

Rodgers’ goal for the students was to try something new and use their imagination. She hopes this is a basic skill they will remember as they grow up.

Marley Larson is an eighth grade student in

the class. She joined the class because she loves baking and donuts. Larson also likes eating the donuts and trying new flavors.

Kylee Junk joined the class because she likes to be creative and make new things. “I like making and trying things that haven’t been made.” states Junk.

Students showcased the flavors they made at Showcase Night at New Hampton Middle



New Hampton Middle School students try their fishing luck from the dock at Garnant Pond.

# Class gives students chance to enjoy the great outdoors

By KAMDYN TROWER  
New Hampton Middle School

Students in Matt Crayne’s class “Life in the Outdoors/Life as a Conservationist” got to kayak, fish, hike and cook over an open fire.

They also learned about trapping, habits, and participated in conversation. Mr. Crayne got asked to teach a class and he was happy to teach about the life outdoors. so he is teaching this one. It turned out to be one of the fastest filling classes when students started signing up for classes.

Crayne wants his class to have

a positive impact on the world. Crayne said, “We are trying our best to fit everything in.”

Eighth grader Gabe Larson said, “I picked this class because all my friends picked it and it sounded fun.” Larson’s favorite part of the class was outdoor cooking.

One thing the class worked on was learning about natural resources and how to protect them. They prepared trees for fourth graders across the country to take home to plant.

Eighth grader Jayden Bucknell said, “My favorite part of the class is fishing and being outdoors.”



Students learned a variety of relaxation techniques during “Mindfulness Matters.”

# Class teaches students the importance of self care

By ULISES DELGADO  
New Hampton Middle School

Relaxing.

Jenna Miller’s main focus in “Mindfulness Matters” is helping students learn how to be mindful. Mindfulness is being aware of your own thoughts and feelings.

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“I see a lot of kids on a day to day basis that struggle with anxiety or managing you know all the things in

life that get overwhelming,” Miller said when asked why she chose to teach this class.

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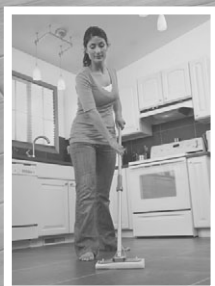
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# No. 1 Chickasaws fire season-low rounds

By Kelly Terpstra  
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The No. 1 ranked girls team in Class 2A according to the Iowa High School Girls Coaches Association is — drum roll, please — the New Hampton Chickasaws.

The IHSGCA released those prep ratings a week ago last Monday and they're pretty accurate if you're basing that lofty position off a combined adjusted stroke average, which NH is second in the state to No. 1 Roland-Story.

They mean little to Chickasaw head coach Eric Olson.

"Rankings don't mean anything. The averages don't mean anything. You still gotta go out and put the ball in the hole in the fewest amount of strokes. It doesn't matter who you're playing," said Olson.

New Hampton still proved it's considered one of the best teams in 2A after playing back-to-back home rounds on Thursday and Friday of last week to end the regular season.

New Hampton shot a season-low 18-hole-round total in a triangular on Thursday against second-ranked Sumner-Fredericksburg and Waverly-Shell Rock. The Chickasaws fired a 358, while S-F was runner-up with a 380. The Go-Hawks finished with a 398. S-F's Chloe Bolte shot a sizzling 74, two-over par to nab the medalist spot.

"Obviously when you score well, your confidence builds," said Olson. "We're able to shake off some bad holes and some bad shots and move on."

NH finished the week with a 182 in nine holes played on Friday against Don Bosco (218). That was one stroke better than the Chickasaws' low round of 183, achieved last month in an NEIC dual at W-SR.

What's making New Hampton go right now is Olson's 4-6 golfers on his varsity roster that have upped their games and lowered their scores.

"What's happening now is our four, five and six are getting better consistency. We don't have anybody blowing up," said Olson. "It's a good improvement."

Chickasaw freshman Lauren Nuss led the charge in each of those two rounds last week. She fired an 83 on Thursday and won the medalist top spot on Friday with a 42.

Chickasaw freshman Maycen Hackman (102) and sophomore Kinsli Dahl (106) are gaining



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

**New Hampton sophomore Kira Tenge (above) tees off last Friday against Don Bosco. Chickasaw junior Lydia Olson (below, left) and NH senior Sanja Noehl play the ninth hole on Friday at the New Hampton Country Club.**

valuable experience and benefitting from weather that doesn't cancel meets that slowed their learning process out of the links early in the season.

"We had a great practice on Wednesday — just absolutely fantastic," said Olson.

New Hampton sophomore Molly Wegner carded a 48 on Friday and seems to be positioning herself on Olson's top-six varsity lineup.

NH senior Sanja Noehl, ranked third individually in Class 2A according to the IHSGCA, carded an 86, followed by a 45 on Friday. Chickasaw junior Lydia Olson, ranked ninth, shot 87 and 47 on each of the last two meets prior to the conference meet that was held on Monday, May 9.

Roland-Story, which finished state runner-up in 2A one spot ahead of New Hampton's third-place finish in 2021, is not ranked by the IHSGCA as they are not a member of that organization. Only teams that are members are ranked by this particular association that releases rankings.

S-F has the third-best combined adjusted stroke average in Class 2A.

Those high marks for low rounds and a prime standing in



the rankings are one thing — but titles aren't won on paper.

"We gotta put it all together here in about a two-and-a-half week run and keep it rolling," said Olson.

New Hampton scores - Lauren Nuss 39-44-83, Sanja Noehl 43-43-86, Lydia Olson 39-48-87, Maycen Hackman 55-47-102, Kinsli Dahl 55-51-106, Molly Wegner 61-57-118.

## NEW HAMPTON 182, DON BOSCO 218

Medalist - Nuss (NH) 42.  
New Hampton scores - Nuss 42, Noehl 45, Olson 47, Wegner 48, Dahl 52, Hackman 54.  
New Hampton JV scores - Brenna Flattum 56, Kira Tenge 61, Taryn Smith 64.

## NEW HAMPTON TRIANGULAR TEAM SCORES

New Hampton 358, Sumner-Fredericksburg 380, Waverly-Shell Rock 398.  
Medalist - Chloe Bolte (SF) 38-36-74.

# Turkey Valley takes on rival Warriors out on links

Trojan senior Tess Franzen earns medalist honors with a 53 in UIC dual

By Kelly Terpstra  
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Turkey Valley took on South Winneshiek on the Warriors' home course last week Tuesday in area girls golf action.

Turkey Valley senior Tess Franzen picked up her seventh-straight medal of the season as she fired a low round of 53 to garner overall medalist honors.

"A couple of "snowmen" late in her round cost her a chance to break 50 for the first time in her career," said TV head coach John Reicks.

Reicks said his boys and girls squad that day were playing with a skeleton crew for a myriad of reasons. That meant TV went

to the links with a bare minimum of four golfers on each squad.

South Winn topped TV in team scoring — 238 to 260.

TV sophomore Mariah Thronndson fired a 65, while juniors Alison Leibold and Abby Schmitt carded a 65 and 67, respectively.

"The girls continue to gain valuable experience as the season winds down," said Reicks. "Mother Nature seemed to mock us a little as the sun finally came out just about the same time as the last putt was holed after an inch of rain fell overnight."

## SOUTH WINNESHIEK 238, TURKEY VALLEY 260

Medalist - Tess Franzen (TV) 53.  
Turkey Valley scores - Franzen 53, Mariah



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**TV junior Alison Leibold competes at the UIC meet on Tuesday.**

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The Lawler City Council met in regular session on May 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Mayor Mark Mueterthies presided.

Council members present: King, Scheidel, Izer, Kuehner, Croell

Others present: Jay Uhlenhake, Cathy Humpal, Stephanie Tangen, Jason Byrne, Samantha Njus and Sherry Olendick

Motion made by King to approve the Agenda

Second by Izer. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Scheidel to approve the previous minutes and current bills to be paid.

Second by Croell. All Ayes. Motion passed.

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Samantha Njus discussed the nuisance letter she had received and she has been cleaning up. The council stated they were happy she let the council know of her progress. There is no time line. Please keep in contact with mayor or council.

Sherrrie Olendick asked who she could she call to help with the mess behind Dave Iverson's house. The council recommended Roger Dreckman or Gene Blazek and ask if they could help.

Stephanie Tangen and Cathy Humpal disputed here nuisance letter stating she does not have a broken window and her fence is for her dog, so it does not run throughout the neighborhood. Izer offered his help with an appliance in her yard or can call John Emery from Waucoma to pick up appliance for free.

Suzette showed the council the Nuisance Ordinance in the Ordinance book. She said it is recommended the city take pictures of any nuisances in the town and send a letter, copy of picture and copy of Ordinance to residents in question and

Speak with city attorney.

Motion made by Croell to send second letter, photo and copy of Ordinance to residents who have not fixed their nuisance. Second by Kuehner.

Ayes: Croell, Kuehner, Scheidel, King and Izer

Nayes: None

Motion passed.

Motion made by King to open Public Hearing to approve Budget Amendment for Budget FY21-22, Resolution No. 2022-05022022. Second by Izer.

Ayes: King, Izer, Kuehner, Croell and Scheidel

Nayes: None

Motion passed.

Motion made by Izer to approve Bucky's liquor license. Second by Scheidel.

Ayes: Croell, King, Kuehner, Izer and Scheidel

Nayes: None

Motion passed

Motion made by Scheidel to approve Irish Fest liquor license. Second by Kuehner.

Ayes: Croell, King, Kuehner, Izer and Scheidel

Nayes: None

Motion passed

Suzette explained to the council she forward Mienergy invoices to Jeff Gorrie with IAMU to review to assist with new electric bids.

Suzette let the council know we can now use the ARPA(covid) funds for street repairs. We have only received half of the money, a have until 2024 to spend the money.

The shingles on the concession stand at the Junko Park have been blown off.

Motion made by Croell to replace with tin roof. Second by King.

Ayes: Croell, King, Kuehner, Izer and Scheidel

Nayes: None

Motion passed

John Izer informed the council about RAGBRAI. He has 35 porta potty lined up for RAGBRAI. Jay will be call for Tripoli for 10 more and handwashing stations.

RAGBRAI will be here May 11th to walk through. The city will be notifying residents which roads will by one way only and road closures during RAGBRAI, July 29, 2022



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

**Turkey Valley's Braylen Byrne putts earlier this year in competition.**

# Trojans finish fourth at conference meet

By Kelly Terpstra  
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There were no favors dished out by Mother Nature at Tri-City Golf Course on Monday in Luana at the Upper Iowa Conference boys golf meet.

The league tilt saw 30 to 40-mile-an-hour winds wreak havoc on play for most as eight teams battled it out to see who would be crowned conference champions.

While Turkey Valley didn't claim the top spot, John Reicks' Trojans managed to finish in fourth place behind a stacked field.

MFL-Mar-Mac won the league meet as the Bulldogs fired a 353. North Fayette Valley came into the clubhouse in second place with a 387. TV finished in fourth place with a 410, just three shots off the pace of third-place South Winneshiek (407).

"Going in, I was hoping to be "Best of the Rest" as Class 2A teams MFL and NFV lived up to their top billing. Obviously the wind was the same for all the golfers and to their credit, they all hung in there and "grinded" it out during the grueling 18-hole affair," said Reicks.

Trojan sophomore Oliver Schmitt overcame wind gusts as high as 50-miles-an-hour to finish sixth overall and snare all-conference recognition. He fired a 92.

"Oliver was steady throughout his round in rather workman-like fashion," said Reicks.

Trojan senior Garrett Kurtenbach carded 105, followed by junior Calvin Bodensteiner's 106. Brody Hackman, a senior, was one shot back of Bodensteiner with a 107. All three of those linksters were honored with honorable mention all-conference status.

Caleb Kurtenbach fired a 114 and Lance Schmitt's 121 rounded out TV's scoring.

The course in Luana received around three inches of rain the day before to make it even more difficult when you factored in the windy conditions.

"It made the meet a matter of survival. We as players and coaches all saw some crazy things out there today. The ele-

vated greens on many holes certainly did not help. The overall scores reflected the tough scoring conditions. We just hope that Mother Nature relents in time for the sectional tourney in just two days," said Reicks.

TV took on Crestwood on Friday at the Cadets' home course. Crestwood topped the Trojans, 173-182. That 182 for TV was a season-low. TV was led by Oliver Schmitt's 44.

The Trojans also battled West Central last week Thursday at Big Rock Country Club in Fayette. The Blue Devils slipped past Reicks' Trojans by a score of 202 to 204. Caleb Kurtenbach was low score this time around for TV as he worked the course to a 45 round.

Turkey Valley squared off against South Winn on its home course last week Tuesday. The Warriors accumulated a team score of 188 to TV's 214. Garrett Kurtenbach was meet medalist with a 44.

Turkey Valley competed in the Class 1A Sectional at Woods Ridge Golf Course in Edgewood on Wednesday.

## SOUTH WINNESHIEK 188, TURKEY VALLEY 214

Medalist - Garrett Kurtenbach (TV) 43.

Turkey Valley scores - G. Kurtenbach 43, Caleb Kurtenbach 50, Lance Schmitt 56, Rolin Schmitt 65.

## WEST CENTRAL 202, TURKEY VALLEY 204

Medalist - Nolan Cushion (WC) 41.  
Turkey Valley scores - C. Kurtenbach 45, G. Kurtenbach 47, Braylen Byrne 53, L. Schmitt 59, R. Schmitt 63.

## CRESTWOOD 173, TURKEY VALLEY 182

Medalist - Landon Bergan (CR) 38.  
Turkey Valley scores - Oliver Schmitt 44, C. Kurtenbach 45, G. Kurtenbach 46, Calvin Bodensteiner 47, Byrne 58, Brody Hackman 66.  
Turkey Valley JV scores - Garrett Dietzenbach 59.

## UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE MEET SCORES

MFL-Mar-Mac 353, North Fayette Valley 387, South Winneshiek 407, Turkey Valley 410, Clayton Ridge 420, West Central 442, Postville 455, Central Elkader 513.

Turkey Valley scores - Oliver Schmitt 44-48-92, Garrett Kurtenbach 53-52-105, Calvin Bodensteiner 53-53-106, Brody Hackman 52-55-107, Caleb Kurtenbach 52-62-114, Lance Schmitt 59-62-121.



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

**Lance Schmitt, a Turkey Valley senior, hits a shot in action this spring out on the links.**



# Chickasaws gear up for postseason golf

## NH BOYS GOLF: FROM 18

New Hampton sophomore Jack Shawver. “We play this course all summer – pretty much every day. We know most of where to hit, when to hit.”

Shawver wasn’t New Hampton’s top golfer last week, but he’s playing well at the best possible time – with postseason already here. He fired a 41 on Thursday and 44 on Friday – which featured the best weather day of the year with temps in the mid 70s with sun.

“We had the nicest night of the year tonight and we shoot 10 strokes worse. That doesn’t really add up,” said NH head coach Bill Glenn. “Here’s the good news. It was a non-conference, non-postseason match and so both of us use it like a tuneup.”

Part of Shawver’s improved play includes wiping out the negative and staying steely focused to improve after something goes bad on any one particular hole.

“We’ve just got to focus on the next shot. If you hit a bad one, forget it. None of us are perfect, not even the pros. You just gotta let that shot go and then continue on to your round – don’t let that get to you,” said Shawver.

New Hampton’s best golfer over the course of the last couple weeks has definitely been freshman Adam Ewert. Ewert won medalist honors at both meets. He scored a 40 on Thursday, followed by a 41 on Friday.

With improved weather has come more favorable rolls to the cup on greens that are allowing more play instead of balls sticking where it drops.

“The course is playing the best it’s every played, probably,” said Ewert. “The course is

drying up, it’s finally rolling out a little bit.”

NH sophomores Kyler Glenn, Kam Josephson and Ty Robinson all shot 45s on Friday. Chickasaw senior Mason Lane was on point Thursday with a 40 – to tie for medalist with Ewert. Lane shot a 51 on Friday. “We’ve got time to right the ship for Wednesday,” said Glenn.

Glenn has led New Hampton to two state berths (2017, 2019) in his 12 years at the helm. If New Hampton advances to the district round, it will travel some three hours south to compete at Heritage Oaks in Wapello on Monday, May 16.

Potential opponents that New Hampton may face if its advances to districts are No. 1 Dyersville-Beckman, No. 6 and defending state champ West Branch and Tipton. Rankings are courtesy of the Iowa High School Golf Coaches Association.

Tipton is not a member of the IHSGCA and is not ranked. Only members are ranked by the association. New Hampton is penciled in as the No. 11 squad in Class 2A.

## NEW HAMPTON 165, WAUKON 227

Medalist - Mason Lane (NH) 40, Adam Ewert (NH) 40.

New Hampton scores - Lane 40, Ewert 40, Jack Shawver 41, Kyler Glenn 44, Kam Josephson 45, Cael Laures 48.

New Hampton JV scores - Ty Robinson 45, Noah Jenkins 45, Ty Shekleton 48, Quinten Reicks 50, Tate Schwickerath 53, Karson Kolbet 53, Carter Newbrough 59.

## NEW HAMPTON 175, DON BOSCO 189

Medalist - Ewert (NH) 41.

New Hampton scores - Ewert 41, Shawver 44, Glenn 45, Josephson 45, Robinson 45, Lane 51.

New Hampton JV scores - Schwickerath 45, Laures 47, Shekleton 47, Newbrough 48, Kolbet 50, Jenkins 52, Reicks 55.



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New Hampton defenders Bailey Poor (27) and Kelli Jirak look to clear the ball from the box as goalkeeper Carver Bouillon looks on during a game played against Decorah earlier this season.

# Fast start lifts Chickasaws to soccer win

One night after winning exhibition game, New Hampton gets total team effort in 6-5 road victory

By BOB FENSKE

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At halftime of last Friday’s soccer game, New Hampton soccer coach Shannon Maas had a pair of goals for her team.

Leading 5-1 on the road over Aplington-Parkersburg/Dike-New Hartford, she implored her team to act as “if you’re behind 5-1” and finish strong.

And win the game.

The reality is that the Chickasaws achieved just one of the goals, but it was the most important one as they topped the Falcons 6-5 to improve to 4-5 and score a win over a team not named Charles City for the first time this season.

“We played absolutely one of our best

halves of the season,” Maas said. “Our offense was doing a great job and what I loved about it is it wasn’t just one player. Everyone got into the act.”

But 30 minutes into the second half, New Hampton was clinging to a 6-5 lead.

“Part of it with injuries and one of our kids having to go to a choir [contest], we had one of our four starting defenders playing so we had a lot of inexperienced players on the field. But they buckled down, Carver [Bouillon] made some great saves and we fought to the end to get the win.”

New Hampton was led by Victor Montiel and Carter Broughton, who had two goals apiece. Edgar Nunez and Xander Meyeroff also each found the net for the Chickasaws.

Broughton finished with two assists

while Meyerhoff, Adam Waddell and Nunez had an assist apiece.

And Bouillon was huge in net as he turned away 20 shots in the victory that came a night after New Hampton beat a Waterloo West junior varsity team 9-3 in an exhibition match.

“Those games are key for us because we don’t have enough for two teams so this gives some of our bench players some great experience,” Maas said. “Obviously, they don’t count on our record, but they’ll help [our program] in the future.”

New Hampton will play its final two regular season games at home as the Chickasaws host Clayton Ridge on Friday and Hudson on Monday, when the team will honor its seniors and their parents.

# Entire Chickasaw squad makes all-NEIC team

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New Hampton – the No. 1 ranked Class 2A team according to the Iowa High School Golf Coaches Association – saw Chickasaw freshman Lauren Nuss battle those gusts and win for the most part to claim the top spot on the leaderboard. Nuss fired a 92 to snare medalist honors.

“Today the wind was just hollowing,” said Olson. “There were only three holes out of the whole thing that the wind actually helped you. The rest of it is either a cross-wind or into your face.”

All six of Olson’s varsity golfers were crowned all-conference. That’s only the second time in school history that’s been done according to Olson, who is in his 12th year as head coach and guided the Chickasaws to its first ever state crown in 2019.

“We’re still conference champs. We’re seven-time conference champs now,” said Olson. “We shared it this time, but we can still keep the streak going.”

Olson’s all-conference performers – which is determined by a top-15 individual finish – were led by junior Lydia Olson’s third-place standing (97). No. 7 Sanja Noehl (106), No. 9 Maycen Hackman (111), No. 12 Kinsli Dahl (114) and No.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton’s Molly Wegner tees off on a hole during a meet against Waverly-Shell Rock and Sumner-Fredericksburg last week.

15 Molly Wegner (120) rounded out the scoring for New Hampton.

“Good, bad, ugly – you’ve got basically 24 hours to celebrate and forget about what went bad,” Olson added.

Now the Chickasaws will look to continue perhaps an even more impressive feat – qualifying for the state meet for the fifth year in a row.

New Hampton begins that quest on Friday at the Belmond Country Club in the first round of regionals. The top two squads advance to the regional finals

at Bear Creek Golf Course in Forest City, which will qualify teams for state on Wednesday, May 16.

If the host school, Belmond-Klemme, places first or second in the first round of regionals, then the third place team will also advance to the regional finals as well.

Olson said his squad played a practice round at Belmond on Tuesday.

Olson had a simple message for his team after the league meet commenced.

“I hope this was a good learn-

ing experience that you can’t just show up and they’re going to mail it into us,” said Olson.

“We gotta get out there and we gotta prove it.”

## NORTHEAST IOWA CONFERENCE TEAM SCORES

New Hampton 406, Waverly-Shell Rock 406, Charles City 494, Crestwood 510, Decorah 550, Waukon NS.

Medalist - Lauren Nuss (NH) 47-45-92.

## NEW HAMPTON SCORES

Lydia Olson 49-48-97, Sanja Noehl 53-53-106, Maycen Hackman 58-53-111, Kinsli Dahl 56-58-114, Molly Wegner 60-60-120.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton’s Ty Robinson putts the ball during a meet against Waukon last Thursday.

# Turkey Valley trapshooters are continuing to work on the ‘little things’

By DOROTHY HUBER

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The dominance Turkey Valley trapshooters had when they started last week with a meet against Oelwein was deceptive. Yes, they won all the top squad spots and yes, they had the top two individual scores.

But there is this little fact: Oelwein only brought two varsity shooters.

“I think they have something like 12, but they’re in the same boat as us, their kids are also in track and golf,” said coach Kurt Klimesh.

When Turkey Valley’s William Diers and Jackson Vsetecka tied for first in the meet with a 47, a coin was flipped instead of a shootoff and for the girls Ashley Fischer was the top scorer with a 42 and Cadyn Huber was second at 38.

Diers, Vsetecka and Huber were on a TV Red squad, along with Brody Hackman (45) and Marcus Kriener (41), that took first place with a 218.

But as badly as the Trojans beat the Huskies on Tuesday, South Winneshiek did pretty much the same to the TV program on Thursday as the top three squad scores were by Warriors and only Brady Barta was able to squeeze into the individual top honors with a 47, trailing a pair of 48s by South Winn.

Turkey Valley was also shutout of the top honors Saturday at home, in a meet hosted by NICC, although Tristan Pullman matched the top TV



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

Turkey Valley’s Robert Kruse gets off a shot during a meet in Boyd that was held last month.

scores from Tuesday and Thursday with a 47.

“Thursday I was expecting big numbers,” Klimesh said. “There was hardly any wind, but the targets then fall a little faster.”

And Klimesh is still working on the “little things” that help a shooter’s score. “Jackson on Saturday shot a 20 in the first round and he asked ‘what am I doing?’

“All he had to do was change one thing and in the second round he had a 24. I tell our kids ‘don’t knock yourself too bad while you’re learning

because little changes make a big difference.”

With track and golf winding down, the “10 or better” kids that are out for those sports may be shooting more often, but then, it’s not long until baseball and softball games begin.

“I wish more of our kids would have that friendly competition we’ve had in the past,” Klimesh said. “I mean, they’re all friendly, but that don’t have that competitiveness, that drive isn’t there. I used to put out 2-3 squads that were pretty competitive with each other. But maybe – hopefully –

they’re saving all the good scores for state.”

## TURKEY VALLEY-OELWEIN TUESDAY

Top squads - TV Red, 218, TV Black 213, TV Orange 191.

Top boys - William Diers (TV) 47, Jackson Vsetecka (TV) 47, Hunter Woodward (O) 45.

Top girls - Ashley Fischer (TV) 42, Cadyn Huber (TV) 38, Lori Glew (O) 33.

## TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

TV Red, 218 - Jackson Vsetecka 47, William Diers 47, Brody Hackman 45, Marcus Kriener 41, Cadyn Huber 38.

TV Black, 213 - Brady Fischer 45, Brady Barta 44, Tristan Pullman 43, Ashley Fischer 42, Brennen Drilling 39.

TV Orange, 191 - Kale Kuennen 41, Tanner

Thlusty 39, Kinek Reicks 38, Lucas Hanson 38, Jonah Orvis 35.

TV White, 168 - Robert Kruse 40, Ryan Franzen 40, Harley Baumlir 31, Ethan Orvis 31, Hailey Elsbernd 26.

TV Gray, incomplete squad - Hunter Nelson 37, Boden Toussaint 35, Wade Petersen 24.

## TURKEY VALLEY-SOUTH WINN THURSDAY

Top squads - SW black, 225, SW Silver 223, SW Red 209.

Top boys - Eric Kriener (SW) 48, Owen Hageman (SW) 48, Barta (TV) 47.

Top girls - Hailey Thuenta (SW) 47, Kenna Hageman (SW) 43, Mikayla Sisneros (SW) 43.

## TURKEY VALLEY SQUADS

TV Black, 209 - Barta 47, Drilling 45, B. Fischer 40, A. Fischer 39, Pullman 38.

TV Red, 198 - Kriener 43, Diers 40, Vsetecka 40, Hackman 39, Huber 36.

TV White, 180 - Nelson 42, Kruse 39, Elsbernd 38, Toussaint 34, Baumlir 27.

TV Orange, 173 - Thlusty 39, J. Orvis 37, Reicks 36, Hanson 35, Kuennen 26.

## NICC INVITE, SATURDAY

Top squads - Cresco Area Clay Crushers 6232, CACC 5 226, CACC 8 225.

Top boys - Spencer Moser, (CACC) 49, Kail Schmeizer (CACC) 48, Hageman (SW) 48.

Top girls - Avery Johnson, (CACC) 44, Hageman (SW) 44, Thuenta (SW) 43.

## TURKEY VALLEY SQUADS

TV Red, 211 - Kriener 45, Vsetecka 44, Thlusty 42, Hackman 41, Huber 39.

TV Black, 207 - Pullman 47, Drilling 42, E. Orvis 41, B. Fischer 39, A. Fischer 38.

TV White, 168 - Kruse 37, Alexis Elsbernd 34, H. Elsbernd 33, Franzen 32, Baumlir 32.

TV Gray, 167 - Diers 43, Nelson 34, Kuennen 34, Toussaint 31, Petersen 25.

TV Orange, incomplete squad - J. Orvis 42, Reicks 42, Bode Balk 21.



Chickasaw girls face loaded state qualifying meet

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effort we put into it. I'm proud of our girls. They gave us everything they had.”

New Hampton outscored Decorah, which won its 17th straight NEIC championship, by 5-5 points in individual events, but the Vikings’ depth shone through in the relays, where they outscored New Hampton 62-38.

Still, it was a herculean effort for the Chickasaws, starting with Rochford.

Think about it; the only event she didn’t win was the one she set a school record in as she cleared 5-5 in the high jump, just an inch off of the winning jump by Charles City’s Keely Collins.

Rochford took a few “run-throughs” in the long jump, easily made the finals and then came up with a jump of 17-2.75 to win the event.

Less than an hour later, she was on the track and cruising to a convincing win in the 100 hurdles with a time of 15.88, but her day wasn’t quite over as she later would claim the 400 hurdles title, holding off Waukon’s Maggie Criswell to win the race in a time of 1:09.19.

“I definitely feel more comfortable in the 100 hurdles,” she said, “because one, I’ve run it a lot more and two, the 400 hurdles is a huge grind. You know at the 300 mark, you’re going to be dead, but you have to fight through it. ... I clipped that last hurdle and yeah, I knew she was there, but I wasn’t going to lose that race.”

Rochford, though, was far from the only star on the track and in the field for the Chickasaws.

Natalie Nosbisch capped an incredibly brutal program when she won the 1,500 after running the 3,000, the 4x800 and the open 800. The sprint medley team of Alivya Wisner, Taylor Ries, Kinsley Hackman and Hailee Pesek also claimed goal.

New Hampton also showed its not without depth as the Chickasaws “double scored” in the 800 (Nosbisch and Emily Jackson), the 1,500 (Nosbisch and Campbell Kolbet), the 3,000 (Nosbisch and Jackson), the high jump (Rochford and Kaylee Baker) and the long jump (Rochford and Ries).

“We had so many girls really step up,” Laurens said. “I can go up and down the lineup — Campbell’s second in the 1,500, Emily’s determined runs in every event, Taylor coming up with that last jump to place [in the long jump], Natalie’s night, the way Kandice [Eggerichs] stepped into the 4x4, seriously, I could go on and on. This team competes. That’s what we love about these girls.”

Laurens made her case by pointing to the meet’s final race, the 4x400. Eggerichs filled in nicely for Rochford in the event, and Pesek almost pulled off an impressive comeback as she appeared to be gob-



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton’s Kandice Eggerichs runs a leg of the 4x800 relay at the NEIC meet held last Thursday in Waverly.

bling up meters of distance with Decorah’s anchor before finishing second by less than half of a second.

The good news is that the Chickasaws won’t see Decorah today (Thursday) when they travel to Osage for the Class 2A state qualifying meet. Still, the field is strong with three conference championship teams — Osage, Clear Lake and Forest City — slated to take the track.

“I think we’re all excited about it,” Rochford said. “All of us love great competition, and we know we’re going to get a lot of that. It’s what makes track fun, and we can’t wait.”

Her coaches — Laurens and assistant Brian Schmitt — spent a good chunk of the weekend and early part of this week putting together the state qualifying meet lineup.

“The goal is to get as many kids down to state as we can,” Laurens said. “I know these girls want to win a team title, too, but the No. 1 goal is qualifying for state.”

**TEAM RESULTS**

Decorah 160.5, New Hampton 142, Waverly-Shell Rock 83.5, Charles City 80, Crestwood 65, Waukon 51.

**NEW HAMPTON RESULTS**

100 - 6. Kinsley Hackman 13.76, 8. Alivya Wisner 14.27.

200 - 5. Hailee Pesek 27.52, 7. Marissa Cahoy 28.87.

400 - 3. Hailee Pesek 1:03.06, 7. Catherine Pethoud 1:08.14.

800 - 3. Natalie Nosbisch 2:30.81, 4. Emily Jackson 2:31.48.

100 hurdles - 1. Carlee Rochford 15.88, 11. Addison Trower 20.47.

1,500 - 1. Nosbisch 5:16.50, 2. Campbell Kolbet 5:17.83.

3,000 - 2. Nosbisch 10:55.56, 3. Jackson 11:27.42.

400 hurdles - 1. Rochford 1:09.19, 9. Kandice Eggerichs 1:19.08.

Discus - 3. Taylor Claussen 94-2, 9. Kaydence Zach 79-0.

High jump - 2. Rochford 5-5, 6. Kaylee Baker 4-10.

Long jump - 1. Rochford 17-2.75, 4. Taylor Ries 14-2.5.

Shot put - 4. Madison Schaufenbuel 33-5, 7. Claire Geerts 32-4.

4x100 - 5. Trower, Geerts, Wisner, Josie Speltz 55.05.

4x200 - 3. Hackman, Cahoy, Geerts, Speltz 1:54.17.

4x400 - 2. Ries, Hackman, Eggerichs, Pesek 4:11.14.

4x800 - 4. Eggerichs, Kolbet, Kirsten Reicherts, Nosbisch 10:43.44.

Shuttle hurdle - 6. Trower, Cahoy, Eggerichs, Cora Schwickerath 1:21.61.

Sprint medley - 1. Wisner, Ries, Hackman, Pesek 1:54.48.

Distance medley - 2. Speltz, Cahoy, Ries, Jackson 4:29.52.

**EXHIBITION RESULTS**

Discus - 1. Schaufenbuel 87-1.

High jump - 2. Reicherts 4-6.

Shot put - 2. Johnson 29-8.

4x100 - 2. Schwickerath, Allie Johnson, Wegner, Megan Pickar 58.60.

4x200 - 4. A. Johnson, K. Johnson, Anna Rabassi, Madalyn Van Wey 2:08.55.

Sprint medley - 3. Wegner, Schwickerath, Olivia Hoy, Pethoud 2:12.60.

New Hampton boys hope to carry NEIC momentum to Osage

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and we know what Dylan can do. The key was Praska, and that was just beautiful to see.”

After Praska put up his 52.6-second split, Usher ran not only fast but smart. He led much of the final two laps, let Decorah’s Bennett Schutte take the lead and then blew past the Decorah anchor in the final 50 meters to give New Hampton a season-best time of 3:41.32.

“Praska was huge, and when he gave me the baton, I knew we were going to win,” Usher said.

Even after Schutte took the lead?

“I had him right where I needed him,” the New Hampton senior said with a smile. “I knew I could outkick him. We wanted this one pretty badly, and I didn’t want to let the rest of the guys down.”

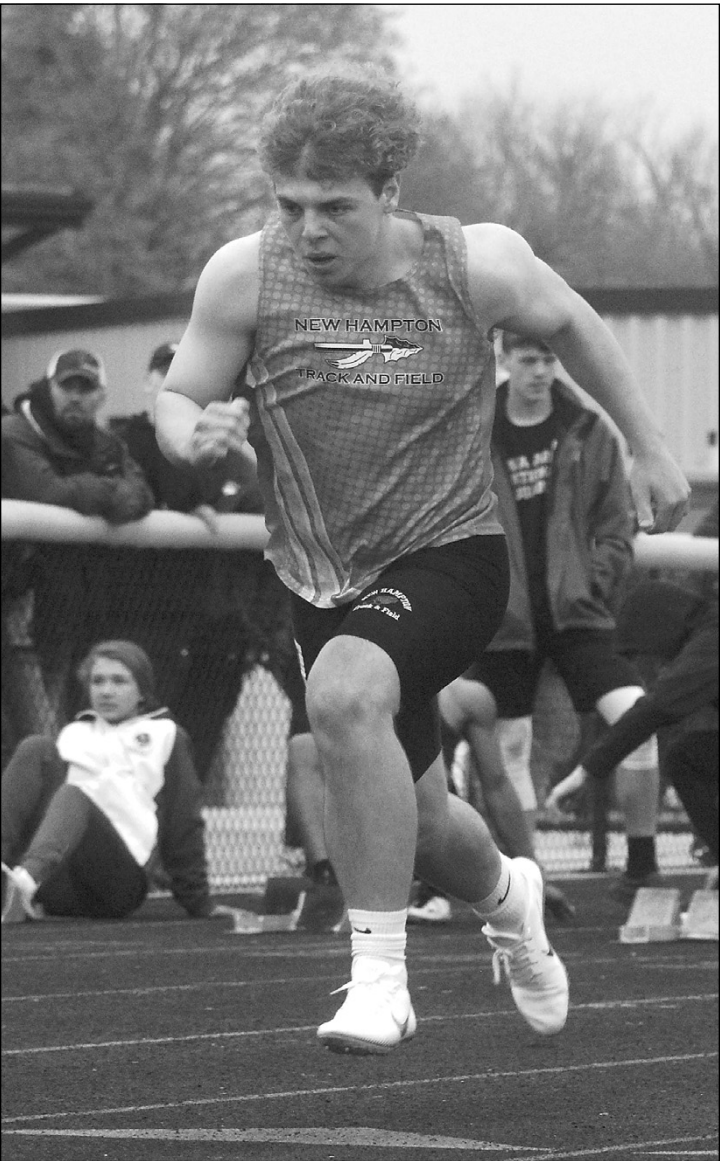
The NEIC run was the sixth fastest distance medley run in school history and the fastest since Jason Reicks, Derek Wisner, Tim Knoll and Scott Huegel ran a 3:41.30 in 2000 - long before any of the Chickasaws who ran Thursday were born.

It was also the highlight of a meet in which New Hampton finished fifth with 40 points, and although the Chickasaws finished far behind the leaders - Decorah’s 162 points was 3.5 points more than Waverly-Shell Rock - their coach found plenty to be pleased about when it came to the conference meet.

“With the PRs we had - and we had a bunch of them - it’s about as pleased as I can be with a fifth-place finish,” Jenkins said. “Our guys did a lot of nice things, and really, our focus was to put up season-best times. They did that, and now the challenge is to do it again [today] at the state qualifying meet.”

Among the highlights at the NEIC included:

- Aiden Roberson to McShane
- Praska to Usher produced a season-best time - by five sec-
- rible weather, injuries and



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New Hampton senior Tyler Wiltse competes in the 100-meter dash at the NEIC meet.

ond - in the 4x400.

- Two PRs from Peyton Anderson in both the 3,200 and 1,600, and in the latter, he was joined by Cam McMorris as a placer.
- A season-best time from senior Lance Reicks in the 400 low hurdles.
- Season-best times in the 4x200 that included Ben Tenge, Hunter Serie, Cahoy and Praska and the sprint medley relay team that included Tenge, McShane, Cahoy and Praska.

In a season marred by horrible weather, injuries and illnesses, New Hampton put together its best meet of the season.

“We know some of those times were there,” Jenkins said, “but we just needed that breakthrough. Sometimes, that’s all you need. You run that 52, and you realize, ‘Hey, I can do that.’ We know we have work to do this week, but we needed the NEIC to give us that momentum going into this week.”

Jenkins also was asked about Anderson, the junior distance runner who is in his first year of track.

“We worked hard on getting PJ out,” he said. “We saw what he could do in cross country last fall, and he’s one of those kids you just know you’re going to get maximum effort every lap he runs.”

And now comes the biggest meet of the year - today’s Class 2A state qualifier in Osage.

“This was big,” Praska said after the distance medley last week, “but we don’t want this to be the highlight. We want to run at state, and we’re going to do everything we can to get there.”

**TEAM SCORES**

Decorah 162, Waverly-Shell Rock 158.5, Charles City 101, Waukon 81, New Hampton 40, Crestwood 37.5.

**NEW HAMPTON RESULTS**

100 - 9. Ben Tenge 12.38, 11. Tyler Wiltse 12.91.

200 - 10. Brady Speltz 26.33, Reece Luna 26.73.

400 - 11. Speltz 58.17, Elliott Eiler 59.79.

800 - 4. Dylan Usher 2:07.26, 12. Jake Frahm 2:31.15.

110 high hurdles - 6. Aiden Roberson 17.60, 9. Evan Knowlton 19.14.

1,600 - 6. Peyton Anderson 4:58.22, 9. Cam McMorris 5:11.15.

3,200 - 4. Anderson 10:36.52, 5. McMorris 10:45.33.

400 hurdles - 5. Lance Reicks 59.40, 8. Knowlton 1:04.10.

Discus - 8. Marshall Zeien 118-8, 11. Carsyn Leistikow 100-0.

Long jump - 8. Gannon Shekleton 18-6.75.

Shot put - 7. Jacob Burgart 43-6, Zeien 33-6.

4x100 - 5. Tenge, Carter Cahoy, Hunter Serie, Gannon Shekleton 46.55.

4x200 - 4. Tenge, Serie, Cahoy, Braden McShane 1:36.19.

4x400 - 4. Roberson, McShane, Praska, Usher 3:35.25.

4x800 - 6. Calyb Zeien, Jarrin Robinson, Frahm, Eiler 10:18.02.

Shuttle hurdle relay - 4. Roberson, Ryan Willadsen, Knowlton, Reicks 1:14.28.

Sprint medley - 5. Tenge, McShane, Cahoy, Praska 1:40.32.

Distance medley - 1. McShane, Cahoy, Praska, Usher 3:41.32.

**EXHIBITION RESULTS**

Discus - 6. Robinson 75-6.

4x100 - 6. Leistikow, Logan Fettkether, Zeien, Burgart 52.62.

4x200 - 3. Bryce Flugum, Gabe Macon, Tristen Willadsen, R. Willadsen 1:45.83.

Sprint medley - 6. Wiltse, Luna, Macon, T. Willadsen 1:48.27.

Trapshooters take advantage of being close to Cedar Falls

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by Layne Nehl’s 46, finished with a 224 and missed out on the squad title by just one clay.

Two days later, New Hampton began what will be a string of meets at the Cedar Falls Gun Club, the home of next month’s state meet, and Matthews and his fellow coaches switched the squad names around a bit.

New Hampton’s Black, which usually plays as Red, led the way at the Cedar Falls Invitational, finishing in sixth among the more than 50 that took the range. Nehl had a 94 to lead the way as Red shot a 461, two shots ahead of White, which usually plays as Black.

New Hampton’s Ethan Swehla finished with a 98 as he shot duplicate rounds of 94 while Gavin Rings opened with a 47 and then posted a 50 in his second round to finish with a 97.

New Hampton shot at Cedar Falls again on Tuesday and then returns to the club today (Thursday), Saturday and this coming Tuesday before finally returning home for a meet on Friday, May 20.

“It’s good that we get these chances to shoot at Cedar Falls,” Matthews said. “Being this close, we want to take advantage of it. Just like shooting a 100 in a day is important to get ready for state so is shooting where state is held.”

And with the state meet less than a month away, Matthews was asked what needs to improve?

“For us, it’s about consistency,” he said, “but at the same time, I think one of the things that has impressed us with this group is that they don’t let a bad day — or even a bad round — get into their heads. People who aren’t around trapshooting don’t always understand how tough you have to be mentally, and we have a lot of tough kids.”



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

New Hampton’s Nick Brincks lines up a shot in a meet held at the Fredericksburg Sportsman’s Club earlier this season.

### ON TAP FOR THE CHICKASAWS, TROJANS

**THURSDAY**

New Hampton trapshooting at Cedar Falls 3:45

New Hampton track at state qualifying coed, Osage, 4 p.m.

Turkey Valley track at state qualifying coed, Edgewood-Colesburg, 4 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

New Hampton girls golf, first round of regional, Belmond Country Club, 10 a.m.

New Hampton boys golf at conference tournament, Cedar Ridge, Charles City, 10 a.m.

Turkey Valley girls golf, first round of regional, Tri City Golf Club, Luana, 10 a.m.

New Hampton soccer vs. Clayton Ridge, 5 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

New Hampton and Turkey Valley trapshooting at Cedar Falls, 8 a.m.

New Hampton baseball scrimmage at Newman Catholic, 11 a.m.

**MONDAY**

New Hampton boys golf, district, if qualified, at Heritage Oaks, Mediapolis

New Hampton soccer vs. Hudson, senior parent night, 5 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

New Hampton trapshooting at Cedar Falls, 3:45

Turkey Valley boys golf, district meet, if qualified, at Pheasant Ridge, Cedar Falls, 10 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

New Hampton girls golf at regional finals, if qualified, Bear Creek Golf Course, Forest City, 10 a.m.

Turkey Valley girls golf at regional finals, if qualified, Town & Country Golf Club, Grundy Center, TBD

Turkey Valley trapshooting at Echo Valley, 4 p.m.

New Hampton baseball vs. Clayton Ridge, JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 19**

Turkey Valley track at Class 1A state meet, Des Moines, 9 a.m.

New Hampton track at Class 2A state meet, Des Moines, 2 p.m.



# Turkey Valley wins five relays at UIC

Trojans hoping to send many events down to state meet in Des Moines

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Keep on trucking.  
That's Turkey Valley's goal when the state qualifying meet gets underway tonight (Thursday) in Edgewood.  
That means running toward the finish line and giving it all you've got – even if you're not in front of the pack.  
Second, third or maybe even fourth place could still be rewarded with a state berth even if a gold medal isn't headed an athlete's way.  
"As fast as our district is in most of the relays, I think if you end up second or third, you're probably going to make the cut," said TV head coach Mark Scott.  
The state takes the top placers in each running, jumping and throwing event in Class 1A's eight state qualifying sites. That means the next-best 16 times, throws or leaps advance to the state meet held in Des Moines on May 18-20 at Drake Stadium.

Turkey Valley's got plenty of chances to compete on that blue oval in Polk County.

"We've been running pretty well. We've got a couple things kind of on the cusp," said Scott. "We're going to put our relays together and what happens, happens."

The Trojans and head coach Mark Scott won five relays on Thursday at Postville in the Upper Iowa Conference meet. That enabled TV to place fifth with 87 points. South Winneshiek won the league fray with 132 points.

"I told the boys I thought we had a good chance to win five relays and place well in the other one and they did," said Scott. "We ran well – actually a couple relays weren't really contested."

TV ran season bests in the 4x100, 4x400 and distance medley. Russell Nieman, just a sophomore, ran a PR in the 800 run (2:11) to finish third.

TV's 4x400 team of Chase



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

**TV junior Chase Hayek completes the final leg of the sprint medley relay at the South Winn Invite last week.**

Hayek, Noah Hanson, Ryan Franzen and Dylan Reicks placed first with a PR of 3:40. The dmed team of Marcus Herold, Hayek, Hanson and Reicks also achieved a blue ribbon in a season-best clip of 3:50.

The sprint medley team of Carson Busta, Troy Schmitt, Herold and Hayek crossed the finish line first in 1:41.

TV's 4x800 was also a winner – crossing the tape in 9:00. The team was made up of Nieman, Franzen, Reicks and Hanson.

The 4x200, comprised of Burke Busta, Hayek, Franzen and Herold, also claimed gold in 1:36.

TV's 4x100 relay – Carson Busta, Hanson, Reicks and Herold – placed second in 45:36

Temps could reach the 90s tonight when the biggest meet of the season gets underway.

Scott should have his athletes prepared for summer-like weather with tickets ready to be punched toward state.

"We just gotta make sure to try to convince them to stay out of the sun as much as possible the next couple days – make sure they're drinking plenty of fluids and stay hydrated and getting some sleep. Hopefully we're in good enough shape to run what we need to run and go from there," said Scott.

## UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE MEET TEAM SCORES

South Winneshiek 132, North Fayette Valley 130, Clayton Ridge 118, MFL-Mar-Mac 93, Turkey Valley 87, Kee High 67, Central Elkader 48, West Central 45, Postville 5.

## TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

100 - 8. Troy Schmitt 12.41, 11. Burke Busta 12.59.  
200 - 12. Garrett Dietzenbach 26.49.

400 - 6. Calvin Bodensteiner 59.22.  
800 - 3. Russell Nieman 2:11.67, 5. B. Busta 2:14.87.  
110 hurdles - 9. Oliver Schmitt 19.54, 10. Dietzenbach 20.54.  
1,600 - 5. Nieman 5:13.8, 11. Kale Huennen 5:54.21.  
3,200 - 7. Kuennen 12:36.6.  
400 hurdles - 7. Bodensteiner 1:05.15, 13. O. Schmitt 1:10.85.  
Discus - 13. T. Schmitt 84-5.  
Long jump - 6. Carson Busta 17, 14. T. Schmitt 32.  
4x100 - 2. C. Busta, Noah Hanson, Dylan Reicks, Marcus Herold 45.36.  
4x200 - 1. B. Busta, Chase Hayek, Ryan Franzen, Herold 1:36.83.  
4x400 - 1. Hayek, Hanson, Franzen, Reicks 3:40.91.  
4x800 - 1. Nieman, Franzen, Reicks, Hanson 9:00.15.  
Shuttle hurdle - 5. Dietzenbach, C. Busta, Bodensteiner, O. Schmitt 1:16.82.  
Sprint medley - 1. C. Busta, T. Schmitt, Herold, Hayek 1:41.48.  
Distance medley - 1. Herold, Hayek, Hanson, Reicks 3:50.83.

# Trojans improve times as weather heats up

Blazek breaks school record in 1,500; Schmitt has state hopes in discus

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Dalton Hackman wasn't a happy camper earlier this season.

Sure, he wasn't the only track coach in the state that had to suffer through cancellation after cancellation of meets that essentially broke his 2022 campaign down into a three-week regular season.

But the Trojan head girls track coach is seeing progress from a team that placed eighth at state a year ago in Class 1A.

So you might witness a few grins from Hackman after his stopwatch records times that he hopes are state worthy.

TV will get its chance to improve on that state standing in what could well be 90-degree weather tonight (Thursday) at Edgewood when the state-qualifying meet gets under way.

The Trojans are also looking to heat up.

TV hit the ground running at the Upper Iowa Conference meet last Thursday in Postville. The Trojans placed third as a team with 111 points. Central Elkader took home top team honors with 135 points.

"It went a heckuva lot better than when we have been when it was colder out," said Hackman. "With a lack of meets this year it's still hard to say where we're at with some things. We're just going to have to figure it out real quick this week and it is what it is."

Jalyssa Blazek, already a individual school record holder in the open 800, broke TV's all-time best mark in the 1,500 run. Her official hand-held markup time of 5:01.13 broke Elizabeth Hageman's previous school best in the event by just five-hundredths of a second. Hangman established the prior best run in the 1,500 in 2001 with a clip of 5:01.18.

Blazek took second in the open 800 in a time of 2:24.63 The Trojan senior was just clipped at the finish line by UIC rival Haley Meyer of Kee High. Meyer won the event in 2:24.45.

The TV distance medley of Ryann Schmitt, Hailey Elsbernd, Kourtney Schmidt and Blazek took first in 4:36.

The Trojans' 4x100 team of Schmitt, Olivia Snyder, Kara Reicks and Josie Weber also crossed the tape first in 54.95.

Hackman also thinks he has a shot to make it to state in the sprint medley and 4x200.

"I would like to think we'll be even better yet in the 4x100. The 4x200, it depends if they want it enough," said Hackman. "If they want to drop some time, they have a shot. They'll just have to work hard and make sure the handoffs are flawless and we'll see what they can do."

Olivia Snyder, a junior, is looking to get back to state in the 100 dash. She ran a season-best time of 13.37 in the sprint race to finish runner-up at the league meet.

Cambree Kruse, another one of Hackman's seniors, has high hopes to



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**Olivia Snyder receives the baton from Kara Reicks in the distance medley at the South Winn invite last week.**

make it to state in the 3,000 run. Kruse finished third at the league meet last week in 12:34 in that event.

"Cambree's still gotta knock some time off the 3,000 in order to get where she wants to go here," said Hackman. "Just the other week she dropped 30 seconds in one night. If she can do it again she'll have a shot."

TV junior Jacqlyn Schmitt placed second in the discus with a toss of 98-3. Hackman said her top-three biggest threats to a state berth all threw less than that distance in conference meet competition.

"She's gotta go win it, but I think she'd have a shot," said Hackman.

## UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE MEET TEAM SCORES

Central Elkader 135, North Fayette Valley 120, Turkey Valley 111, Kee High 95, South Winneshiek 85, Clayton Ridge 76, Postville 48, West Central 46, MFL-Mar-Mac 14.

## TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

100 - 2. Olivia Snyder 13.37, 6. Elsbernd 14.07.  
200 - 8. Elsbernd 30.77, 9. Kourtney Schmidt 30.84.  
400 - 5. Cambree Kruse 1:12.67.  
800 - 2. Jalyssa Blazek 2:24.63, 10. Adysen Wurzer 3:19.29.  
100 hurdles - 9. Taylor Neuzil 19.73, 13. Olivia Drilling 21.1.  
1,500 - 1. Blazek 5:00.89, 6. Kruse 5:51.73.  
3,000 - 3. Kruse 12:34.21, 5. Josie Weber 13:10.96.  
400 hurdles - 8. Neuzil 1:22.15, 13. Drilling 1:28.94.

Discus - 2. Jacqlyn Schmitt 98-3, 8. Autumn Maklenburg 68-2.

Long jump - 10. Breanna Moudry 12-4.75, 11. Aubrey Hoffer 11-8.25.

Shot put - 3. J. Schmitt 30-2, 14. Maklenburg 22-5.

4x100 - 1. Ryann Schmitt, Snyder, Kara Reicks, Weber 54.95.

4x200 - 2. Reicks, Snyder, Moudry, J. Weber 1:58.69.

4x400 - 5. Schmidt, Neuzil, Moudry, Lani Schuchhardt 5:08.97.

4x800 - 4. Schuchhardt, Halle Weber, Hoffert, Wurzer 12:58.32.

Shuttle hurdle - 4. Reicks, Neuzil, Drilling, Moudry 1:22.02.

Sprint medley - 3. Reicks, J. Weber, Snyder, Blazek 1:59.74.

Distance medley - 1. R. Schmitt, Elsbernd, Schmidt, Blazek 4:36.5.



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**Turkey Valley golf coach John Reicks offers some sage advice to freshman Sofia Rivera during the Upper Iowa Conference meet.**

# Turkey Valley senior earns spot on all-UIC golf team

Inexperienced Trojans take seventh at conference

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John Reicks called it a "rough day" and he wasn't off the mark when it came to his Turkey Valley girls golf team on Tuesday.

The Trojans finished seventh at the Upper Iowa Conference meet, but then again, it didn't come as a shock to the veteran coach.

"It was a rough day for our inexperienced golfers but not unexpected," he said. "After losing four of our top golfers from our UIC championship a year ago, we knew we might struggle a bit this year."

Mother Nature certainly didn't help.

"The water took away most of our practice time and met days were just a matter of survival most days," he said. "I was glad to see the girls battle and compete today. They seemed to enjoy themselves despite the seventh-place finish."

Clayton Ridge won the meet with a 447, 14 shots better than runner-up Postville.

Although Turkey Valley finished with a 557, it did land one

player on the all-UIC team as Tess Franzen rallied to shot a 57 over her second nine holes to complete a round of 119 to earn all-conference honors for a second straight year.

"For Tess, this was her eighth medal in eight meets this year," Reicks said, "[and that's] a pretty solid senior season to say the least."

Sophomore Mariah Thronndson short a 143, to finish 33rd, and junior newcomers Alison Leibold and Abby Schmitt rounded out the scorers with rounds of 145 to finish in a tie for 35th place.

Turkey Valley will travel to Luana on Friday, when it will compete in the first round of the Class 1A regional tournament at the Tri-City Golf Course.

## UIC TEAM SCORES

Clayton Ridge 447, Postville 461, North Fayette Valley 463, South Winneshiek 474, Central Elkader 480, MFL-Mar-Mac 501, Turkey Valley 552.

Medalist - Miranda Lang (MFL) 101.

Turkey Valley scores - Tess Franzen 119, Mariah Thronndson 143, Alison Leibold 145, Abby Schmitt 145, Morgan Vsetecka 148, Sofia Rivera 162.



**Abby Schmitt drives during the UIC meet held Tuesday near Calmar.**

## Briefs

### Former Chickasaw lineman wraps up spring football ball at Colorado

A former all-state New Hampton High School offensive lineman recently completed his first full year as a member of the University of Colorado football team.

Noah Fenske, who graduated from NHHS in 2019, and his fellow Buffaloes completed spring football practice on Saturday, April 23, with the Spring Showcase, an open practice that included an inter-squad scrimmage.

The 6-foot-4, 305-pound Fenske took every snap with the Colorado first team.

After spending his first two years at the University of Iowa, Fenske transferred to Colorado last summer. He played in five games, starting one, and earned his first collegiate letter as the Buffaloes finished the season 4-8.

### Summer sports kick off next week with Chickasaw baseball opener

New Hampton, fresh off its second appearance in the Class 2A state baseball tournament in the past three years, will open its 2022 season next Wednesday when the Chickasaws host Clayton Ridge in a non-conference game.

The junior varsity game is scheduled to start at 5 p.m., with first pitch for the varsity game set for approximately 7 p.m.

The baseball season is opening earlier than normal because the state associations that govern high school athletics in Iowa have moved both the baseball and softball state tournaments up a week to make room for a so-called "dead week" in which coaches can't have any contact or practices with their athletes.

New Hampton's softball team, meanwhile, will open its season on Tuesday, May 24, when coach Tate Hoffmeister's team plays a non-conference home game against Applington-Parkersburg.



# New Hampton's girls golf dynasty continues to roll

Chickasaws brave windy conditions to share team title with Waverly-SR

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The Chickasaws are still conference champs – but barely. The New Hampton girls golf team continued its unprecedented streak of conference crowns with league title No. 7 in a row on Monday at the Northeast Iowa Conference meet held at Waukon. That won't shock many people, but what will is a team that the Chickasaws and head coach Eric Olson beat by 40 strokes just last week – Waverly-Shell Rock – tied New Hampton for the league title. Each NEIC squad shot 18-hole rounds of 406 amidst

heavy winds at the Waukon Golf & Country Club. The long course up in Allamakee County becomes a monster to tame with those sort of playing conditions. “We didn’t handle it the best. Waverly did handle it better than we did. There’s no two ways about it,” said Olson. “Luckily, we were able to salvage out a tie.” NH’s final team tally on Monday was a season worst for 18 holes – by 30 strokes. “This was probably our worst collective round of golf this year and we still tied for a title,” said Olson.

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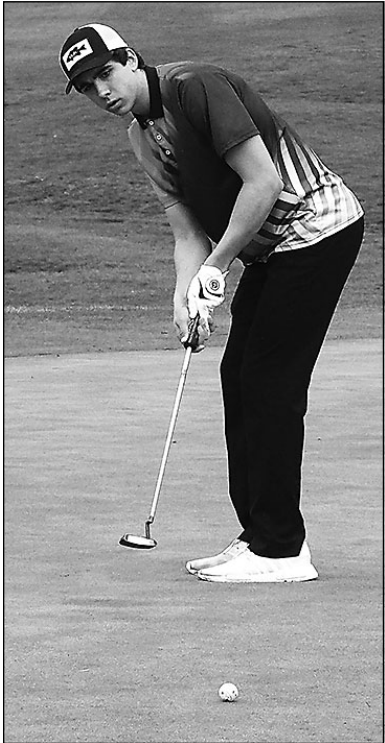
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Lauren Nuss works on sinking a putt last week. Nuss was the medalist at the conference meet with a 92.

# Chickasaws end regular season with wins on their home course

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Tee it up, then fire up the grill – because these Chickasaws are ready for some good, ol’ home cookin’.



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New Hampton's Cael Lares watches his putt roll toward the hole in the Chickasaws' win over Waukon last week.

its home course to best the competition and come out on top at its sectional meet.

“We’ve got home-course advantage to start it off,” said

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New Hampton's Natalie Nosbisch (left) runs her leg of the 4x800 while teammate Emily Jackson (above) navigates her 800 leg in the distance medley relay at the Northeast Iowa Conference meet last week.

# Chickasaw girls give it their all

Despite sterling effort, New Hampton has to settle for second at conference meet

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Carlee Rochford had just set a school record in the high jump when she arrived at the long jump pit at Waverly-Shell Rock's track last Thursday evening. “I was tired, I’m not going to lie,” the New Hampton junior said. “I mean I had just jumped 15 times, but I’m a competitor and as much as the school record meant, I didn’t win [the high jump] and I didn’t want another second.” No worries as Rochford got off two

jumps of more than 17 feet to begin what became a little bit of a victory parade as she would later go on to claim the 100 hurdles and the 400 hurdles titles as she and her teammates gave perennial NEIC power Decorah all it could handle before settling for a second-place finish. “We wanted it really badly, but we had so many girls who performed so well it’s hard to be disappointed,” Rochford said. “Most of us were in four, three events, and Decorah’s good girls were, too, but they had runners who only ran a couple and were really fresh. Their depth was too much,

but I thought we gave them a really good battle.” Her coach agreed after Decorah finished with 160.5 points to best New Hampton by 17.5 points, but the Chickasaws’ 142 points were 58.5 more than third-place Waverly-Shell Rock. “It was their goal to win a [team] conference championship, but the way our girls competed, I can’t be disappointed,” New Hampton coach Jeanette Lares said. “I think anyone who was at the meet saw the

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# New Hampton coach will take this fifth

Chickasaw boys run slew of PRs at NEIC

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Ethan Praska couldn’t help but laugh when he was asked what his legs felt like as he sprinted to the finish of his 400 leg of the distance medley during last week’s Northeast Iowa Conference track meet. “Oh my God, they felt so heavy, I thought I was going to die,” he said, “but I knew if I could give Dylan [Usher] the lead, there was no way we were going to lose that race.” That’s exactly what Praska did, and he was absolutely right when it came to his teammate and the unquestioned leader of New Hampton’s team as Usher ran a beautifully fast 800 to give the Chickasaws their lone NEIC crown at a meet that was, in a word, loaded.

“I’ve been telling Prasky all year he’s fast, and today, he believed it,” New Hampton coach Scott Jenkins said. “We know what we have with Braden [McShane] and Carter [Cahoy]

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New Hampton's Ethan Praska runs the backstretch on his 400 leg of New Hampton's conference champion distance medley relay.

# Top goal for New Hampton shooters is more consistency

Trapshooting team in midst of ‘Cedar Falls swing’

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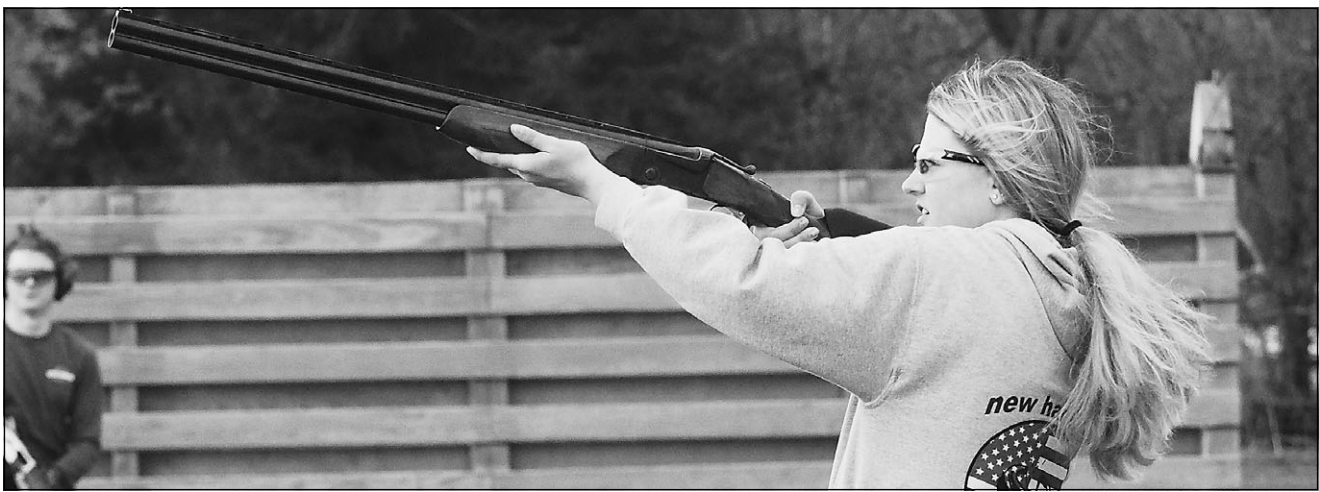
New Hampton’s trapshooting team and Cresco’s home range just is not a good mix, but as the Chickasaw shooters head into their second half of the season, one of their coaches likes where his team is standing ... and shooting.

“Cresco is always a little different for us because it’s a totally different background than any other range,” New Hampton coach Jay Matthews

said. “Usually your background is the sky ... up there, it’s trees and it’s a way different look. It takes a little time to get used to.” Still, New Hampton Red took second in the squad scores, and the Chickasaws also had the two top girls scorers in Kayla Holschlag and Rhiannon Ellingson. Holschlag finished with a 45 to best her teammate by five shots.

New Hampton Red, which was led

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New Hampton's Rhiannon Ellingson, shown here taking a shot in a home meet last month, finished second in the girls competition at a meet held in Cresco last week.



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# Qualities that help nurses thrive

Nursing is a challenging and rewarding field. Nurses are in high demand, and the COVID-19 pandemic has only highlighted just how vital these talented medical professionals are.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing says nursing is the United States' largest health care profession, employing more than 3.8 million registered nurses. In 2018, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated that registered nurse jobs are projected to grow by 15 percent between 2016 and 2026. The Canadian Institute for Health Information says that, as of 2019, there were 439,975 regulated nurses in Canada.

Many people interested in nursing careers may wonder if they have what it takes to be a nurse. Certain qualities can help nurses thrive in this challenging field.

- **Trustworthiness:** For nearly two decades the American public has ranked nursing as its most trusted, admired and ethical profession, as indicated in Gallup polls. Nurses hold high ethical standards and 84 percent of respondents ranked nurses' honesty as "very high" or "high."
- **Empathy:** Being able to feel what another person is experiencing from the patient's point of view is a skill nurses must hone. This may require nurses to put themselves in their patients' shoes and adapt care to make patients feel more comfortable and secure.
- **Emotional stability:** Nurses often have to shelve

their emotions so they can offer their patients the most effective care. Each day can bring powerful emotions. Nurses are not robots, but they have to perfect the balance of being empathetic while remaining strong in challenging situations. According to Daymar College, research has shown that nurses who are emotionally stable are more capable of solving problems and keeping their patients safe.

- **Effective communication:** Great nurses are good communicators who can absorb information from their patients and communicate health care initiatives back succinctly. Nurses also must be able to effectively share information and care plans between doctors and other staff.
- **Problem-solving:** Professional nurses see problems and find solutions. They know when certain situations may be challenging and seek the input of others to come to a satisfactory outcome.
- **Team player:** Nurses need to work seamlessly with health care teams, patients, families, and all individuals involved in a health plan. This may require nurses to don many different hats while remaining flexible and being willing to adapt to changing situations on the fly.

Demand for nurses is surging and the profession can make for an exciting and rewarding career. Prospective nurses can take inventory of their personalities and skill sets to determine if nursing is the right fit.

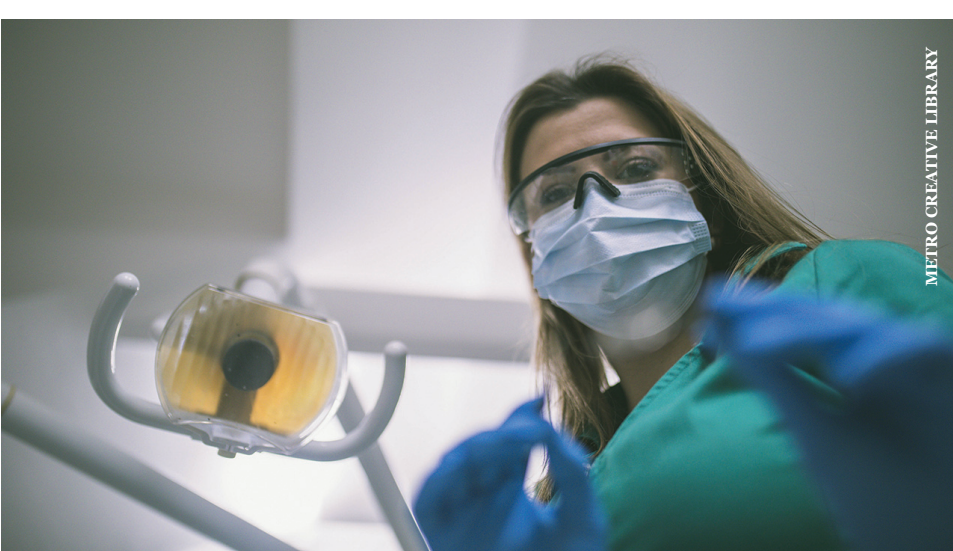
# These nursing specialists are in demand

Nursing can be a fast-paced, exciting occupation. Nursing is a vibrant field that includes talented professionals who specialize in various areas of health care. Depending on which type of medicine they find appealing, nurses can work in various settings.

Demand for nurses is high. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicted that the demand for nurses in the United States would soar in the early years of the 2020s. The ongoing global pandemic has increased demand for nurses even more and highlighted how essential these workers really are.

New nurses or seasoned applicants ready for something a little different may appreciate the growth potential in a variety of in-demand specialties.

- **Geriatric nurse:** The population of senior citizens is expected to increase by 75 percent between 2010 and 2030, according to Husson University Online. Many nurses have no geriatric training, making a career in geriatric nursing a viable option — and one that can provide for quality care for the aging population.
- **Cardiac nurse:** The World Health Organization reports that heart disease is the leading cause of death across the globe. So it should come as no surprise that the demand for nurses with a specialty in cardiac health is growing. Cardiac nurses can advise about preventing heart disease and



assist in surgical procedures.

- **Certified nursing anesthetist:** This interesting career option involves nursing and anesthesia. A certified nurse anesthetist administers anesthesia to patients under the supervision of an anesthesiologist. These nurses work closely with doctors in various fields.
- **Nursing midwife:** In this specialty, nurses deliver babies and provide health care to pregnant patients. They also are instrumental in offering prenatal and postnatal care.
- **Critical care nurse:** Critical care nurses are especially educated and trained

for emergency situations. They are called on to tend to serious wounds and monitor life-support systems.

- **Family nurse practitioner:** An individual who becomes an FNP is trained in primary care health services for people of all ages. The duties of an FNP are similar to a primary care physician in diagnosing and treating illnesses, providing physical exams and prescribing medications.

The opportunities in nursing are endless. Individuals have many options when they decide to become a nurse, and many fields that fall under the nursing umbrella are experiencing a shortage.

# Comfortable footwear is a must for nurses

Nurses provide essential care for millions of people every day. Nursing can take a physical toll, as shifts can last anywhere from eight to 12 hours.

Studies indicate that an average 12-hour day shift requires a nurse to walk about five miles, while a 12-hour night shift will require a nurse to walk roughly three miles. All of that walking eventually can take a toll on the feet.

Nurses can combat foot pain and fatigue in a number of ways.

- **Choose supportive shoes.** Comfort begins with supportive shoes. Stores sell a

range of ergonomic shoes that cater to the unique needs of nurses. Most nursing shoes offer incredible support, actively absorb shock and properly position arches to prevent foot pain when standing for long periods.

- **Get the right fit.** The right fit also is important when choosing footwear. Wearing shoes that are too small or too big can cause problems. Large shoes lead to blisters, while small shoes can result in bunions, corns and even deformities that may require surgery.
- **Wear compression socks.** Compression socks can

alleviate tired muscles and swollen feet. Prevention magazine says compression socks work to reduce fluid buildup and fatigue in the legs by promoting better blood flow in the veins of the calves and feet. Nurses should begin with lighter compression ratings, although a custom fit and prescription by a doctor is the best way to go about getting compression socks. Nurses also need comfortable, slip-resistant compression socks to move quickly and freely during emergency situations.

- **Alternate footwear.** Wearing the same shoes each day may lead to the forma-

tion of pressure points and can result in repetitive strain. Nurses should invest in more than one pair of supportive shoes and rotate through their collection.

- **Get a massage.** Foot massages and warm soaks are a treat and often are part of a pedicure. Both can make the feet feel better. Frequently stretching and rolling feet, and running the soles of the feet over a tennis ball can soothe the feet.

Foot health and comfort is something nurses should prioritize so they can do their jobs to the best of their abilities.



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## THE MORE THINGS CHANGE ...

### MERCYONE CLINICAL LEADER SAYS NURSING IS STILL ABOUT PEOPLE

By **BOB FENSKE**  
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Mike Tiedt laughed when he was asked if his childhood dream was to become a nurse.

“Well, I took a little circular route to this career,” he said with a smile, “but once I found it, I knew this was my calling.”

When he came out of high school, a graduate of Wapsie Valley, his plan was simple: Attend a two-year college, get an associates degree and then go to work in construction.

That meant there were times he was laid off; after all, this is the Midwest and not all of our seasons were created equal when it comes to construction.

So he went to work as a nurse's aide in the “offseason” and discovered he was born to be a nurse.

“I like helping people, that was the No. 1 thing,” he said when asked about making the career switch. “Can it be a stressful job? Absolutely, but when it comes right down to it, I think this was supposed to be my career path. It just took a while to discover it.”

Recently, he accepted a position as a clinical leader at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

Tiedt works two days a week on the hospital's Med-Surg floor and spends the rest of the week doing what he calls “office work” that ranges from helping set up continuing education for the hospital's nursing staff to helping supervise hospital staff.

In many ways, it's been a refreshing new start for Tiedt, who began working in New Hampton this past February.

“I'll be honest, I was thinking about getting out of nursing,” he said, “but then I saw this job, I applied for it and honestly, my heart pulled me back into it and I'm so appreciative for this place.”

Still, he'll be the first to admit that the past two years have been a grueling period for doctors, nurses and hospital staff.

COVID-19 has led to what national healthcare experts say is an alarming “burnout rate” in healthcare.

“I get that because the pandemic was high stress, high burnout for nurses,” he said. “It felt like we had double the weight if that makes any sense, and I was wondering if maybe I needed a change. Thankfully, this came along, and I feel recharged.”

**HIS ULTIMATE** boss, MercyOne New Hampton CEO and President Aaron Flugum, said he has never appreciated his fellow healthcare workers as much as he has in the past two years.

“We see change all the time in healthcare,” he said, “but the magnitude of change we've seen because of the pandemic — and sometimes it happened on a daily basis — has, at times, seemed to me to be overwhelming.”

He talked about how the hospital's nurses had to take on new roles — OR nurses worked the floor or helped with COVID testing, for example — throughout the pandemic.

And Flugum pointed out it wasn't just nurses who had to be flexible.

“It was literally everyone in the hospital,” he said. “Clinic staff had to change how we checked people in, cleaning staff had to turn over rooms faster than ever. I can go up

and down the list. Everyone employed here had to be flexible. I always been proud to work with these people, but the last couple of years, that pride has gone through the roof.”

**TIEDT KNOWS** A thing or two about change; after all, it's been 25 years since he gave up construction and became a nurse.

He remembers the days when charting was done the old-fashioned way — with pen and paper. Today, electronics and technology have forever changed nursing.

Tiedt also will tell you that when he began work as a nurse, the “hierarchy” was much different.

“It's more team orientated than ever,” he said. “Back then, it was the doctor and that was it. Today, it's more of a team approach. Obviously, the doctor is going to have the final say, but I think nurses today have more input, if that makes any sense, than we did when I first started.”

But one thing hasn't changed, at least in his opinion.

“It's still about caring for people, putting the patient first,” he said, “and the one thing I learned right away in nursing is that no two patients are alike. Nursing is more than putting in IVs, administering medicines and all that. Sometimes, it's just about listening.”

**WHEN HE MADE** the decision to go into nursing, Tiedt was a newlywed, but his wife, Janeen, was 100 percent



Bob Fenske/Tribune

**MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center clinical leader Mike Tiedt does some charting in a room on the hospital's Med-Surg floor earlier this week.**

behind him as he received his LPN and RN degrees from Hawkeye Community College and his bachelor's degree from Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

For years, he specialized as in emergency care, and he can tell you the proverbial horrors stories that he saw while an ER nurse in a downtown Minneapolis hospital.

“We treated stabblings and we treated gunshot wounds,” he said, “but one thing I always liked about emergency work is it was fast paced.”

He said that he's worked at hospitals with 900 beds and 40,000 ER patients in a year and he's worked at hospitals with just 4,000 emergency “cases” a year, but they share a

common bond.

“But all the people come into the ER at the same time,” he said with a laugh.

Asked if he misses working at a big-city hospital, Tiedt's smile said it all. He doesn't.

And he believes rural medicine is full of heroes — from the nurses to the doctors to the lab technicians to ... well, everyone who works at a small hospital.

“I think what I appreciate the most about rural medicine is the people are so flexible and have so much knowledge,” he said. “In a bigger hospital, it's not just doctors that special-

ize, it's nurses. Out here, we're more generalists. The talent you see here at MercyOne New Hampton, honestly, I'd put it up against any of the big hospitals because they do everything here.”

In a sense, he echoed the words Flugum spoke in his interview.

“People here are willing to do whatever it takes to deliver great patient care,” the hospital administrator said. “That's to me what makes this place so special.”

**TODAY, TIEDT IS** re-en-

ergized.

The father of two children — 16-year-old Elizabeth and 14-year-old Andrew — loves his new job, and he's extremely grateful that he remained a nurse.

“I love the people I work with,” he said, “and every day, I get to get inspired because they obviously care so much about our patients.”

He smiled when asked if he had any regrets about staying in nursing.

“I think if I had left, then I would be kicking myself right now. Thankfully, I didn't.”

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