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## Our ambulance options are ...

SafeTech Solutions' consultants present four possible 'models' for EMS in county

By BOB FENSKE  
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Chickasaw County should have two on-duty ambulances with a third rig as a backup, its ambulance service should have one location to house its vehicles and be equipped with crew quarters and office space, a full-time manager and a contract with an outside billing services company.

So said the two consultants for SafeTech Solutions, who presented a report to the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council and Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Tuesday night.

SafeTech's Tom Fennell and Lee Huber also gave council members and supervisors four possible system models the county could use for ambulance service in the near future, and they

both said that one of their key findings during the two days of extensive interviews they conducted is "the inability of the current parties to govern the current system in a constructive way."

After presenting the four models and going over their "pros and cons," Fennell told members of the council, supervisors and about 75 residents that the county faces difficult decisions in the days ahead.

"You're faced with a challenge today and we're presenting some options, but by doing nothing, we're just going to further the gap ... and widen the distrust," he said. "Issues around trust and transparency resulted in jeopardizing EMS in Chickasaw County. It has. We heard that loud and clear when we were here."

The Ambulance Council earlier this year agreed to pay SafeTech Solutions \$30,000 to conduct an EMS feasibility study. The

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## New Hampton says 'no' to the Upper Iowa

School Board votes to reject invitation, wants to give NEIC chance to expand

By BOB FENSKE  
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The New Hampton School Board Monday night sent a strong message that it wants to keep the Northeast Iowa Conference alive when it voted unanimously to reject an invitation to join the Upper Iowa Conference.

"I think this will show people that we're serious about trying to fix this thing," said Board Member Bob Ayers after he made the motion to turn down the UIC invitation and revisit the conference situation in a year. "That gives us time to try to find another school to join us."

CHICKASAWS WILL GO BOWLING NEXT YEAR.

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Board members wrestled with the issue for more than 30 minutes after Superintendent Jay Jurens gave them an update on the conference situation.

Earlier this year, New Hampton was among 10 schools, including fellow NEIC members Waukon and Crestwood, to receive invitations into the nine-team UIC, a conference that includes Turkey Valley, where Jurens also serves as superintendent.

In March, the New Hampton School Board directed Jay Jurens to make the resolution to remove Waverly-Shell Rock from the NEIC, citing the fact that the conference's largest school had simply outgrown the conference.

Last month, superintendents voted 5-1 to remove the Go-Hawks from the league, five of the school boards agreed and superintendents then again voted 5-1 to remove Waverly-Shell Rock from the conference, beginning with the 2023-24 school year.

The NEIC then sent invitations to Oelwein, Osage, North Fayette Valley, MFL-Mar-Mac and Sumner-Fredericksburg, but on Monday night, Jurens said that only Osage is "the only one in play right now," but it was far from a guarantee

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## The thrill (and agony) of victory!

New Hampton assistant boys track coach Jordan Rommes offers a high five to the Chickasaws' sprint medley relay member Carter Cahoy, whose teammate and the relay's anchor, Dylan Usher, lies sprawled on the track after his 800-meter leg gave New Hampton a victory at the Class 2A state qualifying meet in Osage last week.

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# WELL, THAT WAS HOT!

OUR LITTLE HEAT WAVE AND A DRY WEEK, THOUGH, HELP FARMERS MAKE GREAT PROGRESS

By BOB FENSKE  
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The four most-oft heard words last week? Hot enough for you?

But area farmers saw a heat wave that produced record high temperatures in the 90s last

Wednesday and Thursday as a godsend and made up for lost time when it came to the 2022 planting season.

The weekly Crop Progress and Condition report put out by the United States Department of Agriculture's National Agriculture Statistics Service each Monday proves it. Last week, the

report showed just 14 percent of the state's corn crop had been planted and that number jumped to 57 percent this week.

In the Northeast Iowa District that includes Chickasaw County, the dry, hot week saw the

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## County leaders give green light to jail feasibility study

Supervisors will use \$20,000 in ARPA funds to learn about their options with aging facility

By BOB FENSKE  
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors moved ahead Monday with a feasibility study on the county's jail when the board agreed to hire the Samuels Group to look at the facility's needs.

The action came on the same day that the board approved raising jail fees for inmates who are serving sentences at the jail that was built in the 1950s.

The county will use \$20,000 of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to pay for the feasibility study that will

give the Sheriff's Office a variety of options when it comes to the jail. Those options could range from building a new jail, turning the current jail into a 24-hour holding facility and housing other inmates in other county jails, the possibility of having a joint law-enforcement center with the New Hampton Police and more.

The New Hampton City Council last month agreed to contribute \$5,000 of its ARPA funds to the study.

"I think we need to have this information so that we can

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Sandy Jordan attempts to pick up a spare at a state tournament held at Bowlaway Lanes this past weekend.

## Bowlers score a coup with state tournament

New Hampton's Bowlaway Lanes pulls out the stops as it hosts senior state meet

By KELLY TERPSTRA  
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They came from Mount Pleasant, Muscatine and Marshalltown.

There were two doubles partners from Fort Dodge, several from Dubuque and even tandems from Atlantic - clear down in southwestern Iowa.

Of course Iowa City and Cedar Rapids were represented, but on Saturday morning it was the group from Des Moines that took center stage.

They all traveled to New Hampton for one reason - to take place in the Iowa State

Senior Women's Bowling Tournament - the ISUSBC state tournament for short.

That stands for Iowa State United States Bowling Congress, not that it matters all that much to these ladies that converged on New Hampton from near and far.

"I like this tournament because it's a smaller tournament than women's state," said Janet Fredregill, 76, from Des Moines.

There were heavy hitters out on the lanes that sported impressive averages, then

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**Celebrating grads**  
Meet the New Hampton graduates in our special B section and do the same with Turkey Valley's grads on pages 8-9 of this edition

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A New Hampton man finds many parallels between education and funeral planning  
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**A lot of golf**  
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# Spring concert held at Turkey Valley

Seventh graders through seniors hold band and vocal concert



Turkey Valley held their spring concert Monday, and starting the program off, above, the junior high choir performs "Give Us Hope" while, above right, Bode Balk and Ana Ventura watch for director Melissa Meyer to signal the end of their high school band number.



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Playing for the middle school band are, from left, Ava Hanson and Addison Lutgen on clarinet. But just ask Addison's younger sister Aurora Lutgen, resting on her mom's lap, just how well her sister performed and you might get a blank look. Mom, Jessica Kulish, said Aurora just finished what apparently was a rough softball practice.



Sofia Rivera on sax and Layni Schuchhardt on flute play for the high school band.



It was senior recognition night at Turkey Valley as members of the band and choir were honored. But here Olivia Drilling and Harley Baumler present vocal director Alex Gisleson with a bouquet. Band director Melissa Meyer was also honored.

Tribune photos by Dorothy Huber



The high school concert band played numbers that they had performed at contest as, from left, Olivia Drilling, Annie Raymond, Autumn Maklenburg and Kaitlyn Schroeder concentrate on one of those numbers.



The Turkey Valley choir, accompanied by Chris Hadley, perform a song.

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## Area farmers finally catch a weather break

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percentage of corn planted jumped from 5 percent to 41 percent, and ISU Extension Agronomist Terry Basol said he believes that number might be closer to 60 to 70 percent after a busy weekend for farmers.

"We were able to take off and really get going," he said on Tuesday afternoon, "and I know we had a lot of grateful farmers when it came to Mother Nature. Once planting got going, I mean it really got going."

And while planting slowed Tuesday because of the rain showers that hit the area, Basol said that for the crop all ready in the field, the rainfall that was around one-half inch of rain was perfect.

"It was a nice, timely rain," he said, "and as long as we don't have four or five days of this, it's going to be really good."

Growers were also able to start planting soybean fields around the state as the percentage of soybeans planted jumped from 7 percent to 34 percent.

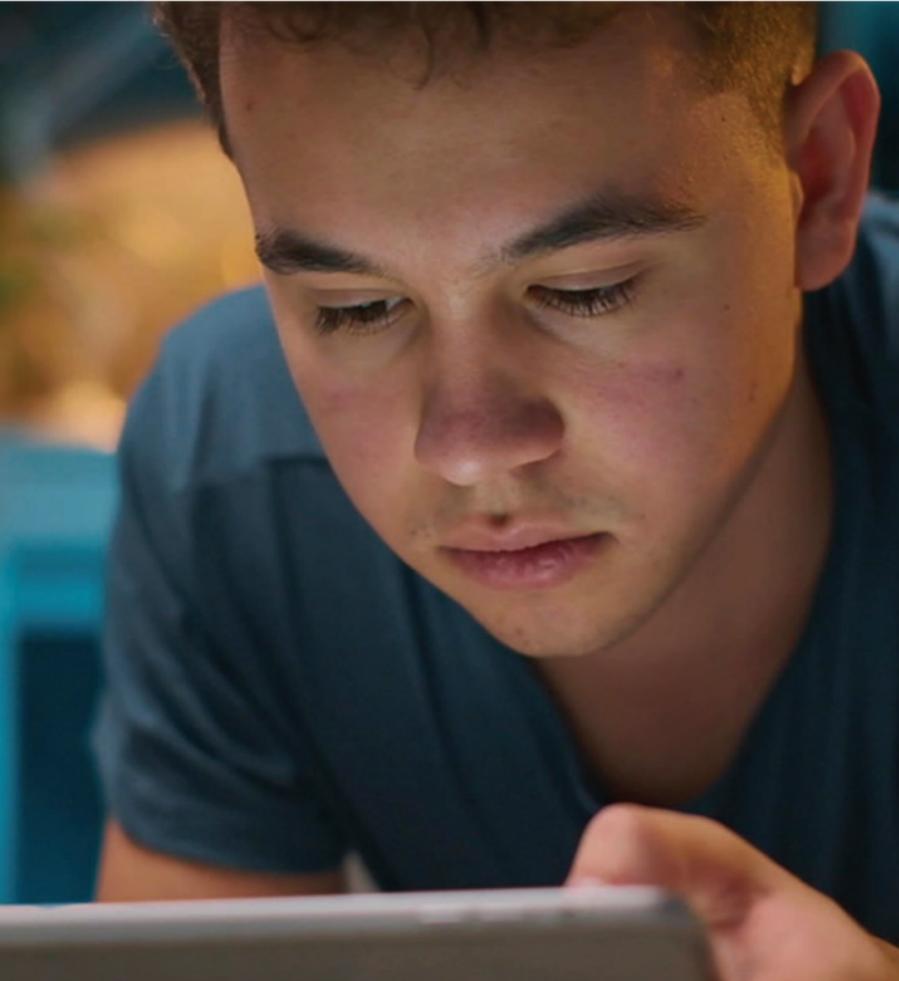
"As slow as we started," Basol said, "I know there are a lot of guys who took deep sighs of relief last week. With the planters we have these days, we can make up a lot of time pretty quickly, and we saw that last week, this weekend and even Monday."

More heat and rain is forecast for today (Thursday) and tonight. The high today is expected to climb into the 80s, and storms, some of which could tend to be on the severe side, may pop up.

Those storms will be followed by a cool front and highs this weekend won't make it out of the 50s.

Still, Basol said farmers badly needed last week.

"From where we were a couple of weeks ago, we're looking a lot better," he said. "Two weeks ago, we may not have been panicking, but we were starting to get really worried. Today, we still want to get the crop in obviously, but we've made a lot of progress over the last 10 days."



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# School Board gives thumbs up to adding bowling

By BOB FENSKE  
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The list of sports that New Hampton will offer next year grew by one Monday night when the School Board approved to add bowling as an extra-curricular activity.

Proponents of the sport made their case to board members during March and were rewarded with a resounding yes during Monday's meeting when the board unanimously approved offering the sport, beginning in the 2022-23 school year.

A number of supporters attended Monday's meeting and once again made their pitch — citing the relative high interest in the sport and the fact that having boys and girls bowling teams was a relatively inexpensive proposition.

"If we have the interest and I think they've shown we do," Board President Jay Matthews said, "and we all know that kids who are involved tend to do better at school, I think we need to go with it."

Bowlaway Lanes owner Josh Novak said his facility will charge the district

\$1,700 for use of the lanes for practice and meets during the season that will begin in November and end in February. He also said he would allow the school to keep the "gate fees" for bowling meets and would donate the bowling shirts for the team during its first year in existence.

During the March meeting, a number of bowling supporters pointed out that Novak's Saturday morning youth league had almost 40 members and that offering bowling would help the school "reach" kids who aren't currently playing a sport.

New Hampton Superintendent Jay Jurens said on Tuesday the other costs to the school's Activity Fund would include hiring a coach, who must be certified, and transportation costs for road meets.

"It's a relatively inexpensive sport," he said, "and I think our board sees it as a way to get more kids involved because that's a good thing."

In other news from Monday's board meeting:

• The School Board approved spending about \$79,000 on textbooks and materials for its new science curriculum.

• Board members approved 3 percent raises for the school district's principals, the superintendent's office staff, the board secretary and the directors of its food service, maintenance and technology departments.

• The board also gave the go-ahead for the FFA to hold a fundraising tractor ride in honor of the late Bob Svec, who was a longtime supporter of New Hampton FFA.

The ride will be held on June 12 and will begin and end at Airport Lake Park northwest of New Hampton.

## Sullivan 90th birthday

Viola (Vi) Sullivan will celebrate her 90th birthday this coming Sunday, and her children are celebrating her big day with a card shower and open house.

The open house will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Chickasaw Event Center.

Vi was born on May 22, 1932, and her children include Phyllis Axtell, San Diego; Darlene (Christian), Gossau, Switzerland; Linda (Randy) Burgart, New Hampton; and Gary (Angie) Schulz, Spencer.

Her step-children are Gail (Jerry) Emmert, Iowa City; Kevin (Penny) Sullivan, Urbandale; and Brian (Jolene) Sullivan, Allison. She is the proud grandmother 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

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## Tourney manager: Bowling making a comeback

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there was the Des Moines contingent of Fredregill, Sue Cook, Sandy Jordan and Cheryl Ricklefs.

They were there to laugh, throw some strikes and have some fun.

They accomplished all three. "These ladies are the best. We have a good time," said Ricklefs.

Fredregill and her teammates from Des Moines didn't mind the three-hour drive to New Hampton to take part in a sport they've loved for quite some time now.

"I gave up bowling for awhile," said Fredregill. "I like the tournaments because I get away from home. I get away from my husband, who's retired."

Cook didn't divulge her age — the tournament accepts ladies 50 years of age and older — but she said she was the youngest in the foursome that seemed to play for the friendship and bond created by bowling, more than the chance to tally high scores.

It also didn't hurt that their gracious hosts from New Hampton seemed to almost bend over backwards to accommodate the 146 bowlers (singles and doubles) that attended the state tournament that was held on four different weekends starting on April 30 and concluded last Sunday.

"Do you want to hear about how the ladies treated us when we got here?" said Cook. "We were cold. They lent us their sweater. They made coffee for us. They made us free homemade cinnamon rolls and wonderful apple crisps. They're so nice."



Photo courtesy of Kristy Kirkus

Bowlers compete Saturday in a state tournament that was held at New Hampton's Bowlaway Lanes over several weekends.

Of course nobody rolled on Sunday, May 8, which was Mother's Day.

This is the first time New Hampton has hosted the Iowa State Senior's Women's Bowling Tournament since 2008. New Hampton was supposed to host it last year, but COVID-19 wiped out the tournament in 2020. That's when Jefferson was supposed to host the event, which it did a year later in 2021. New Hampton did the same this year — albeit 12 months delayed.

Numbers might have been down in terms of how many have attended the senior state tournament over the years. COVID didn't help the last couple years.

But tournament manager Kristy Kirkus of New Hampton feels there's still plenty of interest in bowling — young or old,

which is of course a relative term in these circles.

"I think bowling is making a comeback," said Kirkus.

Kirkus praised all the businesses and volunteers that helped support this year's state tournament. There were too many to print, let's just put it that way.

"You can tell that our community is great at supporting each other. The way that our community responded to hosting this event with the donations and all of those sorts of things," said Kirkus.

Jamie Shatek, Kristy's daughter and a teacher at St. Joe's Elementary school in New Hampton, is also excited that the youth of this area is starting to become interested in the sport once again. Some day, well that would be decades from now, they too may be playing

in the senior women's tournament.

New Hampton had 35 kids participate in its most recent youth program. Just this past Monday, the New Hampton School Board voted to add bowling as a sport.

"If we can get the youth to reengage with bowling, then there's going to be a longevity to bowling. Unfortunately, it seems like it's my generation and maybe the one right before, it seemed not to be as big as a thing," said Shatek.

Whether its nine years old or 90, bowling offers anybody a chance, no matter the age, to develop friendships and knock a few pins down along the way.

"Bowling and golf are both those kind of sports where you can do them for a very long time," said Shatek. "It's very much a social sport."

## SafeTech presents county leaders with EMS options

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Board of Supervisors requested that the council do the study to find out more about the EMS needs of the county and also to consider if a publicly-owned ambulance service was a realistic possibility.

As they did at a public meeting in March, the SafeTech consultants said Tuesday there were three phases to the study. The first phase included interviews with various county and city leaders, EMS personnel and other stakeholders, as well as the gathering of data.

The second phase was Tuesday night's presentation, and Fennell said the third phase will come after leaders decide which model they want to pursue. That's when SafeTech will help the county institute the model.

The four possible models included:

• Developing a new "balanced" contract with the current provider, Chickasaw Ambulance Service, which has a contract with the Ambulance Council that runs through the end of 2022.

• Solicit through a request-for-proposal (RFP) for a new provider.

• Create a new provider owned through what SafeTech calls a "joint powers agreement" or "ambulance district," which in essence would be the public option.

• Have MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center choose to provide the service, even though the hospital's CEO and president, Aaron Flugum, has said repeatedly in the past that the hospital doesn't have the resources to develop and run an ambulance service.

Fennell and Huber freely admitted that all four models had pluses and minuses, but they also urged both the Ambulance Council and the Board of Supervisors to try to come up with an EMS plan for the county that was reliable, viable and sustainable.

They said that based on the numbers they were able to gather, a publicly-owned ambulance service would need about \$1.725 million for start-up costs that included three new ambulance rigs and a 3,000-square-foot building. Yet, they also said that it would be virtually impossible for the county to purchase three new ambulances and have them delivered by Jan. 1, 2023.

Their report showed that a

publicly-owned service would be more than \$625,000 in the red during its first year of operation, and even if the current annualized subsidy of \$294,000 is used, it would still suffer a loss of more than \$331,000.

"But it's not apples to apples," MercyOne's Flugum said after the meeting, "because the staffing levels they're proposing aren't what we have now."

Flugum said he felt that the staffing levels proposed by SafeTech might be "pie in the sky" and that there would be ways to reduce costs.

The consultants, though, said that all the models — including working together with the current ambulance provider — may lead to a higher subsidy.

Chickasaw Ambulance Service owner Jeremy McGrath asked the consultants how they expected to attract the 12.45 full- and part-time paramedics and EMTs to work in any of the models that SafeTech proposed.

"Finding and keeping the right people, it's a tough world, it's a tough market for paramedics," Fennell said, "so we have to foster, we have to create an environment here in Chickasaw County that people want to be a part of. ... That's a community wide thing. That's not just the ambulance council. That's not just the ambulance provider."

The consultants also said that under any model they were proposing, the ambulances should be housed in New Hampton because even the larger small towns in the county like Nashua and Fredericksburg simply didn't have the call volume to support housing an ambulance; in fact, in response to one question, Huber said Fredericksburg's total number of calls was just one-eighth the number needed to house a rig.

One Ambulance Council member expressed disappointment in the report.

"I think all of us here have at one time or another considered all four of these options," Fredericksburg Mayor Jimmy Mitchell said. "I was hoping for more direction."

Still, both the Ambulance Council and supervisors expressed interest in holding a joint meeting in the near future to discuss the report.

"We know that hard choices are going to be required," Huber said, "but what we're hoping is that we have given you the information you're going to need to make those difficult decisions."

## Board of Supervisors agrees to raise jail fees

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make a good decision," Supervisor Jake Hackman said as he made the motion to approve the study. "The more information we have, the better."

Greg Wilde of the Samuels Group said that his company will begin the study in early June and that he expects a final report to be presented to the Sheriff's Office and the Board of Supervisors within about four months.

"I think we're all looking for answers," Chief Deputy Ryan Shawver said during a Board of Supervisors meeting last month, "and the best way to get them is to bring in a company that has done these before. We need options, and doing a feasibility study will give them to us."

Supervisors on Monday agreed, voting 4-1, with only Tim Zoll casting a nay vote, to hire the Samuels Group.

Before taking up the jail study, supervisors approved a recommendation from Hemann to raise daily jail fees from \$50 to \$65 for in-county sentences and to \$80 for out-of-county sentences.

Under state law, the county can only charge jail fees to those who have been found guilty and sentenced to jail time, and Hemann said the county, at times, will allow a county resident who has been found guilty in another county to "do their time" in Chickasaw County.

Supervisors also covered a number of non-jail related issues during its Monday, including:

• Board members heard con-

cerns from North Washington Mayor Dave Geerts about a future road project that will go through the small Chickasaw County city.

The Engineer's Office is planning to repave a portion of County Road V-18 sometime in 2024, and Geerts asked the county to consider tearing out about a one-half mile of the road that runs through North Washington instead of just "overlying" it. He said that the city's concern was that an overlay would make driveways even "steeper."

County Engineer Roman Lensing said he had met with Geerts before the meeting and that "he has valid concerns" and agreed to tear out the existing road through North

Washington.

Lensing said after the meeting that the cost for the half-mile portion of the project would double but "it's something we probably should do."

County Attorney David Laudner gave a report to the board on the possibility of drawing up a new ordinance that would give the Board of Supervisors the power to appoint township trustees and clerks.

Laudner said that he believes that supervisors already have that power, according to state law — pointing out that if a vacancy occurs on a township board that isn't filled within 30 days, Iowa code says supervisors can appoint a new member who will serve until the next

general election.

Supervisors last month passed a resolution to have Laudner draft an ordinance, but after hearing the attorney's report on Monday, they passed a resolution nullifying the one they approved in April.

Supervisors agreed to spend \$207,054 for a new elevator at the courthouse. The county's maintenance director, Dave Gorman, said there were concerns about the old elevator breaking down because replacement parts are no longer available.

The board turned down a request, at least for now, from County Assessor Ray Armel to use \$22,000 of ARPA funds so that his office could get better "imaging" of rural areas.

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**Mass time:** Saturday, 6  
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Rev. Jerry Kopacek  
**Mass times:** Sunday,  
May 29, 7:15 a.m.

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Pastor Bruce Miller  
107 Wood St. Elma  
**Service time:** 9 a.m.  
Sunday.

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#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Father Brian Dellaert  
**Mass time:** Saturday,  
May 28, 6 p.m.

# Ascension Day 2022

Christians believe just as Jesus went into heaven, so will they

The Christian holiday of Ascension Day, also known as the Feast of the Ascension, celebrates when Jesus ascended to heaven.

This feast day is one of the ecumenical feasts of Christian churches, along with the celebrations of the Passion, Easter, and Pentecost.

Ascension Day is always observed on a Thursday, the 40th day after Easter.

"No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man." ~ John 3:13

#### Ascension Day 2022

This year, Ascension Day will be on Thursday, May 26.

#### Jesus' Ascension in Scripture

Forty days from the day He rose from the grave, Jesus ascended into heaven. Here is how Luke described the event:

Therefore, when they [the disciples and the risen Christ] had come together, they asked Him saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

"Now when he had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight..." (Acts 1:4-9, New King James Version).

#### Traditions of Ascension Day

Because the date of Easter varies from year to year, the celebration of the Ascension moves with it. It always falls on the fortieth day from Easter and, since Easter always falls on a Sunday, Ascension Day always falls on a Thursday; it is frequently called "Holy Thursday."

Ascension Day celebrates Christ's exaltation. While on earth, He was a servant. Now in heaven, He is the ruler and Lord of all. By entering heaven as the representative of mankind, He completed the work of our salvation and guarantees the eventual glorification of all who love Him.

Just as Jesus went up in the clouds, He will return the same way. Again Luke described the scene:

"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.'"

#### The Importance of Jesus' Ascension

1. The ascended and enthroned Christ pours out his Spirit on the church.

Jesus himself had told his disciples that it was good for him to go away, because only then would he send them another Helper, the Spirit of truth (John 16:7-16). And that's exactly what happened on the Day of Pentecost, ten days after Jesus' ascension. The Spirit descended on the church with power, inaugurating a new age in the history of salvation.

That's why Peter connects Jesus' exaltation and the outpouring of the Spirit in Acts 2:33:

Being, therefore, exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

2. The ascended and enthroned Christ applies the blessings of salvation.

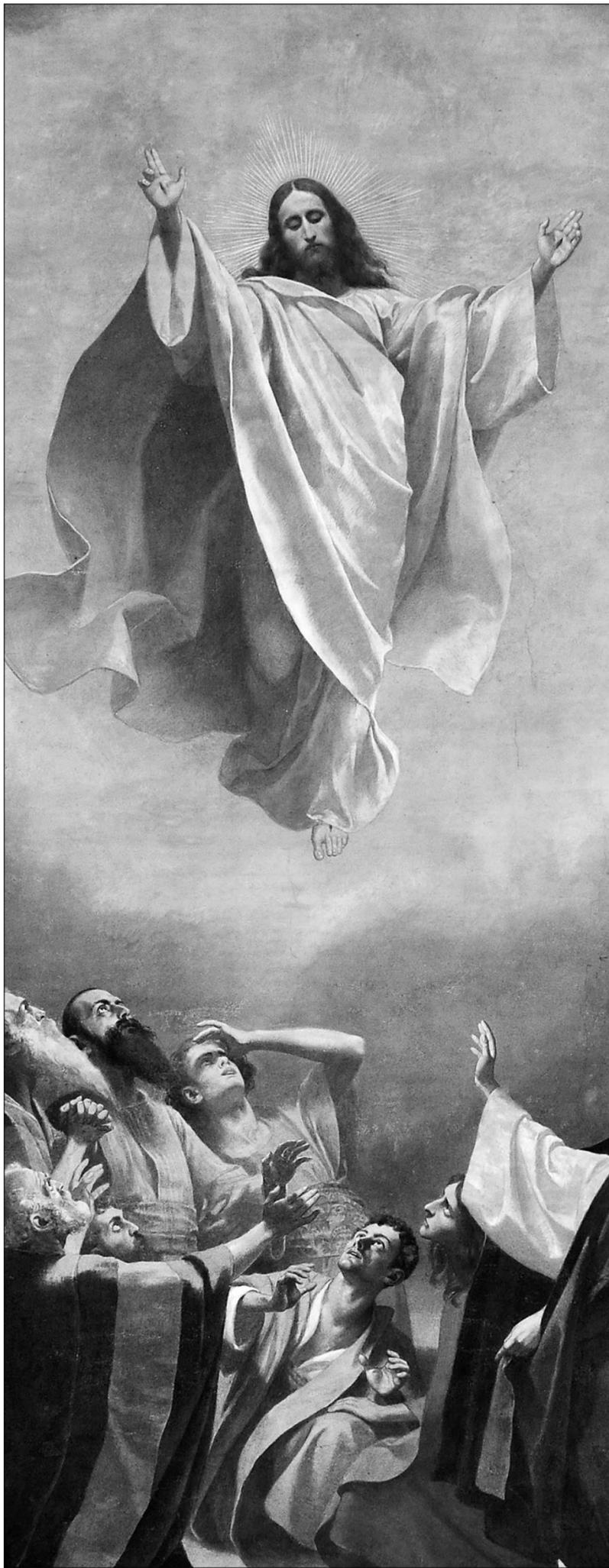
Having accomplished redemption through his suffering on the cross, the risen and exalted Christ now applies the salvation he has won, by granting the gifts of repentance and forgiveness of sins.

As Peter says in Acts 5:31:

God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

3. The ascended and enthroned Christ cares for his suffering people as they bear witness to him.

We see this in Acts 7 when Stephen becomes the first martyr of the Christian



church.

But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." (Acts 7:55-56)

All of this should give us great encouragement! When feeling weak in ourselves, Luke reminds us that the exalted Christ has given us his Spirit, who equips us with the power, boldness, and courage we need

to accomplish our mission.

This is the great hope of all Christians. For just as Jesus went into heaven, so will all Christians.

Those who are dead will rise first; those who are living will be caught up to meet Him in the air, according to Paul, writing to the church at Thessalonica. With this hope in mind, Christians sometimes conclude their meetings with the words, "Come Lord Jesus."

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Pastor Drew McHolm  
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a.m., Sunday; Traditional  
Service, 10:30 a.m.

#### REPUBLIC CHURCH

1794 280th St., Ionia  
Pastor Sarah Namukose  
**Service time:** 10:30  
a.m. Sundays.

#### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

314 Brasher Street  
Pastor Sarah Namukose  
**Service time:** 9 a.m.  
Sundays.

#### ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

300 Merrill St.  
Pastor Todd Burrichter  
**Service time:** 9 a.m.  
Sundays.

#### CEDAR POINT CHURCH

310 Main Street  
Pastor Darin Cerwinski  
**Service times:** 10 a.m.  
Sundays.

#### ST. MICHAELS CHURCH

602 Cedar Street  
Father Tom Heathershaw  
**Service time:** 6:30  
p.m. Saturdays

#### ST. JOHN'S UCC - PLEASANT HILL

10009 Union Ave.  
Pastor Drew McHolm  
**Service times:** Sunday,  
9 a.m.

#### PLAINFIELD

#### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

404 2nd St.  
319-276-3195  
Pastor Roberta Robbins  
**Mass time:** Sunday,  
8:30 a.m.

#### LAWLER

#### OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

3030 Highway 24  
Father Nick Radloff  
**Mass time:** Saturday,  
4 p.m.

#### IMMANUEL CRANE CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

2616 140th St, Alta Vista  
Student Pastor Sue Cira  
**Service time:** 9:30  
a.m., Sundays.

#### FREDERICKSBURG

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222 S. Washington Ave.  
Pastor Ron Koch  
**Service time:** 9 a.m.,  
Sundays.

#### PEACE UCC CHURCH

221 Oak St.  
Pastor Scott Smith  
**Service time:** 9 a.m.,  
Sundays.

#### WAUCOMA

#### ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

218 3rd St. NW  
Father Nick Radloff  
**Mass time:** Sunday,  
8:30 a.m.

#### ST. LUCAS

#### ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

215 East Main  
Father Nick Radloff  
**Mass time:** Saturday,  
6 p.m.

#### PROTIVIN

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124 N. Main St.  
Father Nick Radloff  
**Mass time:** Sunday,  
8:30 a.m.

#### LITTLE TURKEY

#### ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

3303 160th St.  
Father Nick Radloff  
**Mass time:** Sunday,  
May 29, 8:30 a.m.

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accessible account. To make it easier to contribute to this fund, you can set up automatic transfers from your checking or savings account into a separate, liquid, low-risk account. It's a good idea to keep at least three to six months' worth of living expenses in your emergency fund.

• *Help you pay down debt* – By sticking to a budget, you can determine how much money you can devote to paying down your debts. And if you find opportunities within your budget to cut back on your spending, you can use the savings to reduce your debts further.

• *Save for your future* – Here's another important category for your monthly budget: the future. You should always try to put away some money, even if it's only a relatively small amount, to a retirement account such as an IRA. As your salary goes up, you can increase these amounts. Of course, you may already be contributing to a 401(k) or similar account where you work, but you could spend decades in retirement, so you'll want to accumulate as many resources as you can for those years.

A budget is a humble-appearing document. But, as we've seen, it can play a far more meaningful role in your life than you might have thought – so use it wisely.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.*  
Edward Jones, Member SIPC

• *Save for emergencies* – You never know when you'll need a major car repair or a new furnace or face a large medical bill – all of which can be true budget busters. That's why, within your monthly budget, you should designate a certain amount to an emergency fund, with the money held in a liquid,

## Career change has been good for intern funeral director

Former teacher says new job is in some ways like his old one

By Bob Fenske  
editor@nhtrib.com

Anthony Hable knows the look – you went from this to that? – by heart, but the funeral director intern has an answer for those who wonder how an elementary school teacher suddenly changes careers and works at a funeral home.

“It's still about relationships, it's still about communication, it's still about organizational skills,” he said during an interview in his office at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home in New Hampton. “You had to have those to be a third-grade teacher, you need to have those here.”

Hable began his journey a little more than a year ago – Dec. 23, 2020, to be exact – when he sat down with his good friend and fellow Chickasaw Wrestling Club coach Andy Hugeback.

“We knew we needed more help here,” Hugeback said, “and I knew Anthony was a hard worker who could be trusted and I knew he was really good with people. Those are important qualities for a funeral director.”

Two weeks later, Hable's journey began. By then, he had enrolled in mortuary science classes, which meant he was teaching third-grade at Fredericksburg Elementary School full-time, taking 18 credits of classes and coaching youth wrestling. All at the same time.

“It was crazy there for a while,” he said with a laugh, “but even though I was a little hesitant when I first talked to Andy, the more and more I thought about it, the more and more I wanted to be part of a small-town business that does a lot for the community.”

Hable graduated from Decorah High School in 2010 and attended the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and Upper Iowa University – wrestling at both schools – before receiving a degree in elementary education from UIU.

He then took a job at Fredericksburg, and for four seasons – from 2017 to 2020 – he was an assistant baseball coach at New Hampton. He said he wasn't necessarily looking to get out of education, but the chance to become a funeral director was too good of an opportunity to pass up.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Former third-grade teacher Anthony Hable sits in his office at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home where he will serve as an intern funeral director for the next year.

And he has no regrets about the decision he made.

Hugeback served as his “preceptor” during his schooling and will do the same during Hable's one-year internship. Basically, that means Hugeback will “sign off” on the work Hable does at the funeral home.

And as he continues marching into his goal of being a full-time funeral director – i.e. dropping the intern from his title – Hable continues to see

the parallels between education and the funeral home industry.

“It's still about helping people,” he said. “As a teacher, you're helping kids at a very young age begin their journeys and now, you're helping people go through some of the most

difficult times of their lives. Obviously, there are differences – there are a lot of early mornings and late nights – but to be able to work with the great group of people we have here, it's been really a good way to start my new career.”

Thank you to all that sent cards honoring us on our 65th anniversary. A special thank you to our children for the family gatherings at the Sportsmen and Twin Springs, also for the surprise card shower.

*Chuck & Joan Vikdal*

### Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Wayne Nystel, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003047 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Wayne Nystel, Deceased, who died on or about April 29, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on May 10, 2022 the undersigned was appointed Administrator of the estate.

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

Dated on May 10, 2022. Sandra Brummond, Administrator of the Estate, 405 N. Pleasant Hill Ave., New Hampton, IA 50659

Kevin J. Kennedy, ICIS#:AT0004198 Attorney for the Administrator, Kennedy & Kennedy, 12 E. Main St., PO Box 406, New Hampton, IA 50659 Date of second publication 5/26/22

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### Briefs

#### Mobile Food Bank to make stop in New Hampton today

The Northeast Iowa Mobile Food Bank will make its monthly distribution in Chickasaw County today (Thursday). All food-insecure individuals and families are invited to receive 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.

#### 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 liveserveblood-center.org.

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#### CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES, MAY 9TH, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, May 9th, 2022, at 8:30 AM with all members Breitbach, Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the agenda for May 9th, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Bob Fenske, member of media, present at 8:40 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the minutes from May 2nd, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

8:35 AM Hackman stated an email was received by Arnie Boge regarding the jail feasibility study.

8:40 AM Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to direct the Attorney to produce a Resolution for Iowa Code 39.22(1)(a) Township Trustees and Township Clerks. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Sheriff Martin Hemann present at 8:45 AM.

8:50 AM Sheriff Martin Hemann provided a department update and discussed the Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Fredericksburg.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to accept the Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Fredericksburg and authorize Chairperson's signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Hemann left at 9:06 AM.

Discussed purchase policy. Consensus to leave the policy as written.

Engineer Roman Lensing present at 9:15 AM.

Evan Del Val, ISG, present at 9:17 AM via phone.

9:15 AM Evan Del Val, ISG, provided an update on county land inspection for the Summit Carbon Solutions project.

Del Val left at 9:35 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the Veterans Affairs' claims in the amount of \$270.28. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Lensing left at 9:37 AM.

Committee Assignment Updates:

Zoll signed claims for the FMC on April 26th, 2022.

Zoll attended the Heartland Risk Pool Insurance meeting on May 5th, 2022.

9:45 AM Motion by Hackman, Second by Breitbach to delete the current verbiage in the Acceptance of Gifts in section 6.6 in the County Handbook and insert the Ethics, Conflicts of Interest and Gifts Policy in section 6.6 and inform all County employees and obtain an acknowledgement of receipt to be filed with the Auditor's office. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve claims in the amount of \$365,364.05. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Judy Funk and Judi Hamaker, Heartland Risk Pool Insurance, present at 9:48 AM.

10:00 AM Judy Funk and Judi Hamaker, Heartland Risk Pool Insurance presented the renewal for Real Property Insurance and Workman's Compensation.

Consensus of the board is to utilize the higher values of Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc to insure the real property insurance except the Radio Tower and LEMC we used the County's values.

Motion by Zoll, Second by Hackman to approve the renewal with Heartland Risk Pool Insurance and authorize Chairperson's signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Funk and Hamaker left at 10:40 AM.

Chair declared a recess at 10:44 AM.

Chair reconvened at 11:03 AM with Board Members Byrne, Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach, and Zoll present. Also present are Auditor Stephanie Mashek and Conservation Director Chad Humpal.

11:00 AM Conservation Director Chad Humpal provided a department update.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to acknowledge the hiring of Tyler Sassman part-time help with Conservation effective May 16, 2022 at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Environmental Health Director Penny Andorf present at 11:12 AM.

Discussed the Heritage Property.

11:30 AM Environmental Health Director Penny Andorf discussed the DNR inspection at the Heritage Residence and an update on the barricade in front of the

well head at the Heritage property.

Humpal and Andorf left at 11:43 AM.

Chair declared a recess at 11:55 AM.

Chair reconvened at 12:30 PM with Board Members Byrne, Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach, and Zoll present. Also present are Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Engineer Roman Lensing, and Terry Johnson.

12:30 PM County Engineer Roman Lensing discussed hiring of an Assistant Engineer.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Breitbach to acknowledge the hiring of Liza Herold, Assistant Engineer, starting on May 16th, 2022, at the rate of \$25.00 per hour. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Breitbach, Byrne, Zoll, and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the Bridge Posting Changes Resolution 05-09-22-30. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Breitbach, Byrne, and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the Bridge Posting Changes Resolution 05-09-22-30 WHEREAS, Chickasaw County completes an inspection of all bridges and structures on the Secondary Road System of Chickasaw County and WHEREAS, part of this inspection involves the recalculation of the safe load capacity of any structure showing remarkable deterioration of the structural components of that structure and

WHEREAS, that structural evaluation has resulted in the recommendation to reduce the safe load capacity that can be supported by certain structures, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on this 9th day of May, 2022 as provided in Sections 321.471, 321.472, and 321.473, Code of Iowa to erect and/or maintain weight limit signs in advance of the following bridges located on the Local Secondary Road System as follows:

Bridge No., Location, Current Posting, Proposed Posting

110092, W7, T94N, R11W (Ridgway Ave.), - One Lane

110310, N5, T94N, R12W (250th St.), - One Lane

080260, S36, T94N, R12W (310th St.), 10,15,15, “All Vehicles”, 6

Tons

110621, N21, T94N, R13W (280th St.), - One Lane

111121, W14, T95N, R11W (Vanderbilt Ave.), 22,35,38

“All Vehicles”, 14,23,23, “All Vehicles”

112111, W26, T95N, R11W (Vanderbilt Ave.), 28,40,40, “All Vehicles”, 15,25,25, “All Vehicles”

Passed and approved this 9th day of May, 2022. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, Chickasaw County, Iowa /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chair to the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board of Supervisors.

Secondary Road department update. Lensing left at 12:57 PM.

Discussion on future agenda jointly held with the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council on May 17th, 2022.

Chair declared a recess at 1:03 PM.

Chair reconvened at 2:00 PM with Board Members Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach, and Zoll present. Also present are Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Terry Johnson, Troy Tillerias, and Head Custodian Dave Gorman.

2:00 PM Troy Tillerias, Schumacher Elevator & Head Custodian Dave Gorman discussed our current elevator and quote for a replacement elevator for the Courthouse.

Tillerias left at 2:21 PM.

Veterans Affairs Administrator Melissa Biermann present at 2:23 PM.

Gorman left at 2:30 PM.

2:30 PM Veterans Affairs Administrator Melissa Biermann provided a department update.

Biermann left at 2:33 PM.

Hackman left at 2:39 PM.

Motion by Breitbach, Second by Zoll to adjourn at 2:42 PM. Roll Call: Ayes- Breitbach, Zoll, and Kuehn. Byrne and Hackman, absent. Motion Carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board

No. 22039  
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### Legal Notice • Legal Notice

TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY BOARD ROOM MONDAY, MAY 12, 2022 12:00 P.M.

The members of the Telecommunications Board of Trustees met for a special meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. in the Telecommunications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton.

Board members present were Babcock, Cantu and Dahl. Anderson and Hendricks were absent. General Manager Brian Quirk and City Clerk Karen Clemens were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Pro Tem Babcock at 12:00 p.m.

Moved by Cantu, seconded by Dahl; that the agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Three. Nays – None. Absent – Anderson and Hendricks. Motion carried.

General Manager Brian Quirk request that the board approve a change in the Telecom Rate Structure. Telecom staff members have had several phone calls with Aureon and Consotie regarding the voice billing. NHMU is the billing agent for Aureon, who is the service provider. NHMU will need to bill each line item as itemized on Aureon's billing, without any tax being applied to those line items as Aureon is doing all the regulatory reporting. Quirk would like to minimize

the line items as right now the telephone has 2 line items, Unlimited Long Distance and Local. NHMU only offers Unlimited Long Distance. The proposed changes are as follows:

- Residential... lower rate from \$24 to \$22, apply all fees
- Business... lower rate from \$35 to \$29, apply all fees
- Business multiline... Lower rate from \$35 to \$29 and apply all fees
- Moved by Cantu, seconded by Dahl; That RESOLUTION NO. 52 A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE VOICE FEES IN THE COMMUNICATIONS RATE SCHEDULE be approved. Ayes – Babcock, Cantu and Dahl. Nays – None. Absent – Anderson and Hendricks. Resolution approved
- Moved by Dahl, seconded by Cantu; that the meeting adjourn at 12:08 p.m. Ayes – Three. Nays – None. Absent – Anderson and Hendricks. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, City Clerk, GRANT ANDERSON, Board Chair

No. 22032  
05/19/22

### Legal Notice • Legal Notice

ELECTRIC UTILITY - COMMUNICATIONS BOARD ROOM MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022 5:00 P.M.

The Board of Trustees of the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant met for a regular meeting on Monday May 9, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the board room at the Communications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton, IA.

Board members present were Anderson, Babcock, Dahl and Hendricks. Cantu was absent. General Manager Brian Quirk and City Clerk Karen Clemens were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anderson at 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; That the agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Cantu. Motion carried.

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Dahl; That the minutes of the April 11, 2022 regular meeting minutes be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Cantu. Motion carried.

Cantu arrived at 5:03 pm

Moved by Dahl, seconded by Babcock; That claims in the amount of \$364,386.65 be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; That the Finance Reports for April, 2022, be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Attorney Kit O'Donohoe arrived at 5:08 pm.

Staff member, Lavonne Van Oort, presented her resignation/retirement letter to General Manager Quirk. Van Oort's last day of work at the Lt Plant will be August 26, 2022. Quirk is recommending that City Hall staff and existing Light Plant staff absorb her workload, so replacement is not necessary. Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; To accept Lavonne Van Oort's resignation from the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant on August 26, 2022. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

General Manager Update: 1. Staff and vendors continue to work on SCADA project, meter cutovers, Zip's Truck equipment improvements, continuing to energize the underground system.

2. Stolz Park battery packs/cell were failing, replacing batteries

3. Plumbing contract at plant is nearly complete.

Moved by Cantu, seconded by Hendricks; that the meeting adjourn at 5:20 pm. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Cedar Falls Utilities, Wholesale Bandwidth	\$1,020.00
Aureon, Transport Service	\$2,685.00
Community Insurance, Annual Insurance	\$5,607.00
Black Hills Energy, Natural Gas Service	\$378.17
Madison National Life Ins, Term Life Supplemental Life	\$79.42
Payroll Account, Salaries April 2022	\$21,804.82
Cedar Falls Utilities, 28E Agreement	\$1,259.88
Showtime Networks, Showtime Package	\$8.51
BIG Network, Digital Base, Total Base	\$246.98
Butler Bremer Communications, Voice	\$6,143.83
Calix Inc, Cloud Support	\$6,848.00
CardConnect, Monthly Fee	\$417.05
Consortia, Consulting Support	\$975.00
FARR Technologies, Professional Fees	\$1,000.00
Five Star CO-OP, Gas	\$64.50
Goldfield, ONT's	\$3,093.39
High Plains Technology, Inc., Agreement Microsoft 365	\$5,785.25
Innovative Systems, Printing, Mailing	\$3,425.98
Billing Software Fee	\$66.99
Jendro, Refuse Pickup	\$66.99
M.T.S., Inc., Window Washing	\$34.24
Moss Roofing & Insulation, Inc., Investigating Roof Leak	\$75.00
National Cable TV Coop, Video Programming	\$6,015.29
NIMECA, Disability Insurance	\$77.20
Patriot Communications, LLC, Site Survey	\$5,785.25
Putney, Quenten, Refund Final Account Balance	\$24.96
Rapid Printers, Office World, Office Supplies	\$42.27
Schuett Ace Hardware, Building Supplies	\$54.82
Showtime Networks, Showtime Package	\$8.51
Van Meter Inc, Keystone KT LED, Pull Line	\$305.60
New Hampton Tribune, Legal Publication	\$65.28
	\$70,731.20
PAYROLL CHECKS WRITTEN SINCE APRIL 11, 2022	
AFLAC, Supplemental Insurance	\$48.12
Ameritas Variable Life Insurance, Deferred Comp	\$90.00
Ameritas Variable Life Insurance, Deferred Comp	\$90.00
EFTPS, FICA & Federal Taxes	\$1,542.10
EFTPS, FICA & Federal Taxes	\$1,654.76
Iowa Dept of Revenue, State Withholding Tax	\$662.91
Treasurer, State of Iowa, IPERS	
	\$2,568.22
Wellmark, Health & Dental Insurance	\$3,265.36
Total Payroll	\$9,921.47

No. 22024  
05/19/2022

## Darlene Ann Kuennen, 78

Darlene Ann Kuennen, age 78 of Waucoma, died Thursday, May 12, 2022, at her home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 23, 2022, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Waucoma, with the Rev. Nick Radloff celebrating the Mass.

Interment will follow the Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Waucoma, with Darlene's eight sons, Mike, John, Ivan, Mark, Keith, Bruce, Scott, Lloyd, serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Liz Kuennen, Jo Kuennen, Amy Kuennen, Lisa Kuennen, Christa Kuennen, Anne Kuennen, Kelli Kuennen, Justin Fende, Nicole Kuennen, and Darlene's 20 grandchildren. Following interment please join the family for a meal at the Waucoma Event Center.

Friends may greet the family from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, 2022, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waucoma where there will be a 2:30 p.m. Rosary Service by the Catholic Daughters of America and a 7 p.m. Parish Scripture Service. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass on Monday at the church.

If you are unable to attend Darlene's Mass of Christian Burial please join the family via livestream at <https://foveo.stream/hugeback-johnson/darlene-kuennen>.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory has been entrusted with Darlene's arrangements.

Darlene's life — one filled with love, kindness and service — began on Oct. 26, 1943, when she was born to Albert and Dorothy (Blong) Scholbrock in Rochester, Minnesota. When Darlene was 4, her family moved to a family farm near Waucoma, where she grew up with her two brothers and helped her parents on the farm, baby-sat for neighbors and took care of many of the household chores with her mother.

She received her education at St. Mary's Catholic School in Waucoma before transferring to public school, where she was a member of the first graduating class at Turkey Valley in 1961 and the school's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow Award.

The summer before her junior year of high school, she met a handsome young man named Francis Kuennen at a dance in Spillville, and the two hit it off almost immediately. They began dating, and even when Darlene moved to



Darlene Kuennen

Rochester to work at a lab at the Mayo Clinic after graduating from high school, they remained a couple. It was while she was in Rochester that Francis asked Darlene to marry him. She said yes, and on Sept. 3, 1962 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, they exchanged vows, beginning a marriage that was filled with love for 43 years.

The Kuennens farmed and welcomed their nine children — Mike, John, Ivan, Mark, Keith, Bruce, Scott, Julie and Lloyd — who had a mother of many talents and who was always so supportive of her children. She was a fantastic farm wife on the Kuennen's dairy farm, and while Francis tended to the crops and took care of the other livestock, it was Darlene who was the main milker of the cows. She made sure that her husband and the Kuennen kids were well fed with meals that included a meat, a potato, a vegetable and always a dessert after a day of picking rock, baling hay or walking beans. Darlene was also the farm's self-taught bookkeeper and financial analyst, and she did an unbelievable job in those roles, too.

Darlene was a kid at heart, and she loved her holidays, especially Christmas, and her baked goods and sweets were simply the best. She had a generous, kind and patient heart with her children, and she was incredibly proud that all nine of them graduated from college.

The Kuennens sold their dairy cows in 2000, and Darlene went to work as a lab manager at Reicks View Farms, where she worked until she retired in 2009.

Darlene had a deep faith and was a member of St. Mary's Church in Waucoma, where she was a member and the treasurer of the Catholic Daughters of America, helped with funeral planning and served as a RCIA sponsor and guided those con-

verting to Catholicism on their journey.

She enjoyed her flower and vegetable gardens and made the absolute best strawberry jam. She was a member of three different card clubs, playing bridge, euchre and 500, but her favorite was definitely bridge. She was also the head of the Jolly Old Timers, a club where friendship and fun were always the priorities.

Francis' death in 2005 hit Darlene hard, but she persevered and evolved into a woman who was not only a leader but a pillar of her community.

Darlene loved her 20 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren — passing on her knowledge and skills to them, and in her later life, she loved her family vacations with her children and their families to the beach and to the mountains. Darlene loved having her family return to the farm she called home for 60 years, and if they couldn't make it, she would send them care packages. One year, she mailed out 145 dozen cookies to her family all across the country.

This woman touched so many lives over the course of her 78 years and she will be dearly missed by all those who loved her.

Darlene is survived by eight sons, Mike (Liz) of Cedar Rapids, John (Jo) of Cedar Rapids, Ivan (Amy) of West Des Moines, Mark (Lisa) of Urbandale, Keith (Christa) of West Des Moines, Bruce (Anne) of Hockessin, Delaware, Scott (Kelli) of Parkville, Missouri, and Lloyd (Nicole) of Marion; one daughter, Julie (Justin) Fende of Kansas City, Missouri; 20 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Gerald Scholbrock, of North Carolina, and Kenneth Scholbrock of Waucoma; her in-laws, Henry (Arlene) Kuennen, Greg (Rosemary) Kuennen, Helen (Fred) Williams, Laura (Art) Matt, Margaret (Gerald) Kuennen, Martin Kuennen, Kathleen (Dennis Russler), Delores Kuennen, Elaine Kuennen, Jim Kuhn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Francis in 2005; in-laws, Norbert Kuennen, Luke Kuennen, Mary Ann Kuhn, Neil (Irma) Kuennen, Bob Kuhn, David Kuennen, Carol Kuennen.

The family would like to thank St. Croix Hospice who provided comfort and compassionate care for Darlene in her final weeks.

## Lucille Cronin, 86

Lucille Cronin, age 86 of Nashua, died Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 11th Street Chautauqua Guest Home in Charles City.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 16, 2022, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Nashua with the Rev. Tom Heathershaw celebrating the Mass.

Interment followed at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery with Glenn McMichael, Matthew McMichael, Lucas McMichael, Joseph Constant, Michael Constant and Alex Larson serving as pallbearers.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua, with a Rosary following the visitation. An hour prior to the Mass on Monday, visitation continued at the funeral home.

Online condolences for Lucille's family may be left at [hugebackfuneralhome.com](https://hugebackfuneralhome.com).

Lucille's life — one filled with love and kindness — began on Nov. 4, 1935, when she was born to George and Cecelia (Loughren) Merfeld on their acreage in Greene. The youngest of nine children, she grew up on the acreage where she and her siblings helped their parents with their gardens, strawberry patch, sweet corn and livestock. It was also as a child that her brother, Mick, gave her the nickname "Tudy."

She received her education at Sacred Heart Catholic Academy in Greene through the eighth grade and graduated from Greene High School, where she was a member of the Class of 1954. As a student, she found her lifelong passion for music as she sang in the choir, took piano lessons, and also loved playing softball. She was a sports fan throughout her lifetime, especially the ones that her children and grandchildren participated in.

After graduating, Lucille accepted a position at Oliver Tractor in Charles City and worked as the plant manager's secretary for 10 years.

One night, she and a friend went bowling in Charles City and stopped at Club 218. Tom Cronin was there with a friend who knew the woman Lucille was with. He waved Tom over to the table, and Tom sat down beside Lucille. The rest is history as on Aug. 8, 1964, they were married at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Charles City.



Lucille Cronin

Lucille and Tom lived in Nashua, where Tom worked at First Nashua State Bank and the couple raised their family that grew to include John, Julie and Jane. The Cronins' three children grew up with a good, caring, sweet mother who was incredibly involved in their lives. Lucille was a fantastic listener and baker (her brownies, raisin creams and cherry bars were the best) and was so supportive of her children and their activities. They remember going golfing with Mom and stopping at the Dairy Treat for ice cream (Mom's favorite treat) or at Nelson's Nook for a doughnut, and they recall that their mother always had a treat waiting for them after school and loved hearing how their day had gone.

Lucille was a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader, and for many years she taught religion at St. Michael's, where she was a member of St. Bernadette's Circle and a cashier at the church Fair Stand.

She and Tom loved to golf together, and they went on "tour" every summer as they played numerous couples tournaments all around the state of Iowa. Tom will tell you he had the most wonderfully supportive wife when it came to his career as a banker. When the Cronin children finished school, Lucille went to work at the bank as Tom's secretary, and they worked side by side until they retired in 1999.

The couple enjoyed traveling together, taking cruises and visiting California a number of times. They also spent time in Bella Vista, Arkansas, where they enjoyed winters golfing "down South."

Lucille was an amazing grandmother to her six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She loved attending

their concerts, sporting events and other school activities. Lucille loved babies; in fact, if there were infants in the room, she immediately gravitated to them.

Her love for music never ebbed. Lucille played the piano every day, and she loved playing and singing with her children and grandchildren, who will always remember singing songs like Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You" with Grandma.

She was an avid solitaire and Sudoku player, and she enjoyed playing cards and games from 500 to spinner dominoes — with her family and friends.

Lucille was also committed to her community. In addition to being active at St. Michael's, she was a member of the Junior Federated, a women's organization in Nashua. The Cronins were longtime members of the Nashua Town and Country Club.

She made everyone around her feel special and worthy. Her two daughters, for example, were both born on the same date, Aug. 12, two years apart, but Lucille made sure that both Julie and Jane had their own special birthday cakes that she baked and decorated herself each year.

Lucille was a remarkable woman, one who was a great teacher to her children and grandchildren and kind and sweet to everyone she met. A wonderful wife, marvelous mother, great grandmother and fantastic friend will be missed by many, who will always cherish the memory of her and her loving and faith-filled example.

She is survived by her husband of almost 58 years, Tom of Nashua; her children, John Cronin of Clear Lake, Julie (Glenn) McMichael of Nashua and Jane Constant of Cedar Rapids; her grandchildren, Matthew (Chloe) McMichael of Nashua, Lucas McMichael of Seattle, Washington, Sarah (Alex) Larson of Nashua, Joseph (Alexsy) Constant of Marion, Michael (Stephani) Constant of Cedar Rapids, Nicole Constant of Cedar Rapids; and eight great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents; six brothers, Louis, Paul, James, Eugene, Charles and Maurice Merfeld; and two sisters, Ruth Keeling and Margaret Tolliver.

## Helen Arlene Benedict, 87

Helen Arlene Benedict, age 87 of New Hampton, died Saturday, May 14, 2022, at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 21, 2022, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, in New Hampton.

Interment will be in the New Hampton City Cemetery.

Friends may greet the family an hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences for the Benedict family may be left at [hugebackfuneralhome.com](https://hugebackfuneralhome.com).

Helen Arlene Benedict was born February 21, 1935, near Jerico, the daughter of Ole and Celia (Ververka) Anderson. She initially received her education at a country school near the Jerico Lutheran Church, and then after her family moved to New Hampton, she finished her schooling at New Hampton High School, where she was a member of the Class of 1953.

After graduation, she worked at two grocery stores — IGA and Cutler Grocery — in New Hampton.

On May 28, 1960, she mar-



Helen Benedict

ried Ray Benedict in Mower, Minnesota, and the couple lived in New Hampton until Ray's death in 1965.

Helen then moved to Cedar Rapids where she spent her career in manufacturing — first working on the assembly line at the old National Oats plant before taking a similar job at Quaker Oats, where she worked until her retirement.

Although she never had children, Helen was an awesome aunt and an even better great aunt. She loved playing with them and always made time for them.

In her younger days, she

loved to garden, go fishing and like to bowl, and throughout her life she was an avid reader of books and newspapers. Helen also loved animals, and she was especially close to her Shih Tzu named Missy, whom she treated like a queen.

Helen returned to New Hampton several years ago and moved into Kensington Place this past March.

She was a longtime member at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids and Redeemer Lutheran Church in New Hampton and always had a strong faith.

She will be missed by those who knew and loved her because she always put others before herself.

Survivors include a half-brother, Marvin (Marilyn) Njus of New Hampton; nieces, Doris (Larry) Schmidt and Barb (Randy) Kellogg, both of New Hampton; nephews, Larry Anderson of Grimes, Wayne (Walter) Rodriguez of Vallejo, California, and Roger Njus of New Hampton; and many great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather, Carl Njus; and brothers, Norbert Anderson in infancy, Virgil Anderson and Jerry Anderson.

## Patricia Lockwood, 87

Patricia Lockwood, age 87 of Charles City, died Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 11th Street Chautauqua Guest Home in Charles City.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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

Glenn D. Uglum, age 67 of New Hampton, died Sunday, May 15, 2022, at his home.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 20, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton, with the Rev. Kevin Frey officiating.

Interment will take place at New Hampton City Cemetery.

Friends may greet the family from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Friday, May 20, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

Online condolences for the Uglum family may be left at [hugebackfuneralhome.com](https://hugebackfuneralhome.com).

Glenn was born on May 6, 1955, to Glen and Ruby (Newport) Uglum at the old St. Joseph's Hospital in New Hampton. The youngest of the Uglum's four children, he grew up in New Hampton before his family moved out in the country. He received his education at New Hampton Community Schools and was a member of New Hampton High's Class of 1973.

Glenn liked to be called "Ug" in fact, he'd always corrected them when they called him "Glenn."

After graduation, Ug moved to Hawaii and lived with his brother for a while, and it was while on the islands where he discovered a love for his patented Hawaiian shirts — some more bright than others!

He moved back to the mainland and began working for the Iowa Department of Transportation, first as a surveyor and then as a construc-



Ug Uglum

tion inspector, and he always joked that he "watched other people work for a living." He loved his job and worked with the DOT for more than 34 years until he retired in 2019.

Ug, though, was first and foremost a family man. He began dating Marlys Tank when he was a senior in high school and she was a freshman, and they were a couple for almost 50 years. They were married on Jan. 7, 2000, and later that year, they welcomed their only child, Marcy.

Marcy grew up with a father who always considered her the apple of his eye. He loved having her in his shop, where he worked on stain glass and his woodworking projects and enjoyed the fishing trips the family took to Okoboji. Father and daughter also had a blast watching their favorite shows — like "Ink Masters," "Battle Bots" and, of course, any Chicago Bears game — together. He

enjoyed helping with numerous birthday and Halloween parties and loved seeing his daughter have a great time with her friends. And Ug rarely, if ever, missed one of Marcy's sporting events.

Over the years, he amassed a nice collection of Budweiser beer mugs and Chicago Bears' autographed mini-helmets, and he was always up for a day of fishing — either on the open water in the summer or on the ice in the winter. He also enjoyed his motorcycles and loved giving rides to Marcy on his Spider and teaching her how to drive his Slingshot, which looked more like a car than a bike.

Ug was a member of the First United Methodist Church in New Hampton.

This man known for his bright and wild Hawaiian shirts will be missed by all those who knew him but especially by his wife and daughter, but they are grateful for the memories they made with him. One of the last came this past Saturday when he watched Marcy receive her master's degree in accounting from the University of Northern Iowa, and to say he was a proud father would be an understatement.

Ug is survived by his wife, Marlys of New Hampton; his daughter, Marcy Uglum of Cedar Falls; one sister, Paula (Roger) Webb of New Hampton; and his nieces, his nephew, and his cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glen and Lucy Uglum; a sister, Nancy Uglum; and a brother, Wayne Uglum.

## Keith Rodell Titus, 57

Keith Rodell Titus, age 57 of Elma, died Thursday, May 12, 2022, at Unity Point Allen Hospital in Waterloo.

His Celebration of Life was held at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022, at the Elma Memorial Hall.

## Property Transfers

United State Department of Agriculture to Bobby E. Ayers; NEW HAMPTON NO ADDITION Lot: 2 Block: 28.

Sullivan Development Inc. to Paul C.

Chambers and Heather R. Chambers; NASHUA TOMANI GREENS ADDITION Lot: 7 NASHUA TOMANI GREENS

ADDITION Lot: 8

GREENS ADDITION Lot: 9. Melrose Woods LLC to Wade D. Waddell and Jennifer M. Waddell; MELROSE EAST

NASHUA TOMANI S78' N168' L5 07-95-12.

The family of Herbert "Herb" Neils would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to each of the many neighbors, families and friends for their support and comfort extended to us during the difficult time surrounding Herb's passing. Whether through your personal attendance and assistance at the visitation and funeral, or through your gifts of flowers and cards, or simply via your kind thoughts and prayers, please know that your efforts were sincerely appreciated. A special thanks to Rev. Kevin G. Frey, Dennis Strum, Andrea Stottman, the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Andy Hugeback, and the associates at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home for their efforts relating to Herb's funeral service. It was truly a memorable celebration of Herb's life. Your kindness will always be remembered. Sincerely, the Neils Family Ronald, Thomas, Connor & Logan

Sharon Fabor, 85

Sharon Fabor, age 85 of Bassett, went to see her heavenly Father on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at New Hampton Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Upon Sharon's request, she will be cremated with a family Celebration of Life at a later date.

Sharon Lynn Kiel/Fabor was born on April 21, 1937, to Charles and Avis Kiel. Sharon lived in Bassett most of her life, attending Bassett grade school and then graduating from Charles City in 1955.

Shortly after graduation she married Kenneth Cordes and was blessed with five children. They later divorced. Sharon worked as a waitress at Club Iowa while attending Calmar College to become a legal secretary.

Sharon retired from Sara Lee after 30-plus years and together they enjoyed life, traveling, visiting every greenhouse and fabric shop possible and dining out.

Sharon was a wonderful mother who made sure her children had everything they needed, even going without for herself.

Quilting became her hobby in later years, producing many gorgeous quilts that her family will cherish. Sharon was an amazing cook and when the Bassett siren went off at 6 you better be home for supper.

Sharon loved gardening and her yard bloomed each season with beauty. She could identify birds by sight and by song.

Sharon is survived by her husband of 38 years, Merle Fabor; daughters, Connie Schoenfeldt (friend Dan), Kathy (Keith) Martin and Laura (David) Huffman; step-daughter, Erin (Jay) Schaubach; sons, Tim (Caroline) Cordes, and Kendall (Cyndi) Cordes, stepsons Kerry (Nancy) Fabor, John (Pam) Fabor, Ron (Paula) Fabor and Randy (Cindy) Fabor; sister, Marlys Kiel; 15 grandchildren and 36 1/2 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

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Sharon Fabor

Sharon worked as a waitress at Club Iowa while attending Calmar College to become a legal secretary. She then started working at Sara Lee, where she met and in 1993 married the best thing that ever happened to her, Merle Fabor.

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Mary Katherine Shinstine, 83

Mary Katherine Shinstine, age 83, passed away at New Hampton Nursing and Rehab, May 9, 2022. Per Mary's request she will be cremated and there be no public visitation or funeral services.

Mary was born January 12, 1939 to Ralph and Alberta (Schaub) Shinstine.

She attended grade school in Fredericksburg until her family moved to New Hampton where she graduated from New Hampton High School in 1957.

Mary did lots of babysitting during high school, mainly for the Ray and Rosemary Huffman children.

After high school Mary went to work at Oliver Corporation in Charles City, later known as White Farm Equipment, in the office until plant closed in 1993. Mary lived with her mother until 1995.

Briefs

Ukrainian native to speak in Fredericksburg Monday

Ukrainian Roman Yasinovskyy, head of the Luther College Computer Science Dept., will speak at the Fredericksburg City Hall Monday, May 23, at 6:45 pm.

Born and raised in Ukraine, he'll be describing his country and sharing his thoughts on the current Ukraine - Russia war. All welcome to attend. Sponsored by the Fredericksburg Lions.



Mary Shinstine

Mary loved attending craft shows, garage sales, Davis Rally, Tim's Polka Band, Dairy Days, flea markets, etc., until breaking her femur and spent recovery at Bartels in Waverly. Her sister Sharon stayed with

Legal Notice • Legal Notice

ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD ROOM MONDAY MAY 9, 2022 5:00 P.M. The Board of Trustees of the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant met for a regular meeting on Monday May 9, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the board room at the Communications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton, IA.

Board members present were Anderson, Babcock, Dahl and Hendricks. Cantu was absent. General Manager Brian Quirk and City Clerk Karen Clemens were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anderson at 5:00 p.m. Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; That the agenda be approved as presented. Ayes - Four. Nays - None. Absent - Cantu. Motion carried.

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Dahl; That the minutes of the April 11, 2022 regular meeting minutes be approved. Ayes - Four. Nays - None. Absent - Cantu. Motion carried.

Cantu arrived at 5:03 pm Moved by Dahl, seconded by Babcock; That claims in the amount of \$364,386.65 be approved. Ayes - Five. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; That the Finance Reports for April, 2022, be approved. Ayes - Five. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

Attorney Kit O'Donohoe arrived at 5:08 pm. Staff member, Lavonne Van Oort, presented her resignation/retirement letter to General Manager Quirk.

Van Oort's last day of work at the Lt Plant will be August 26, 2022. Quirk is recommending that City Hall staff and existing Light Plant staff absorb her workload, so replacement is not necessary. Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; To accept Lavonne Van Oort's resignation from the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant on August 26, 2022. Ayes - Five. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

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2. Stolz Park battery packs/cell were failing, replacing batteries 3. Plumbing contract at plant is nearly complete.

Moved by Cantu, seconded by Hendricks; that the meeting adjourn at 5:20 pm. Ayes - Five. Nays - None. Absent - None. Motion carried.

LIGHT PLANT, MAY 9, 2022 5:00 P.M. NIMECA - Purchase Power, CTS Improvement Fund ..... \$294,868.83 State of Iowa - Use Tax Jan - March 2022..... \$442.91

State of Iowa - Sales Tax 4/1/22 to 4/15/22 ..... \$9,222.50 USPS - Postage for Utility Bills \$135.97 Community Insurance - Annual Liability Insurance ..... \$3,622.00 Rapid Printers - Utility Billings March.. \$213.12

US Cellular - iPad Internet Service..... \$59.76 ..... VOID Lemke, Cindy - Refund for Utility Deposit..... \$99.01

INC HOOKUP NEW PHONE IN ELEVATOR - CRTHS ..... \$145.00 U.S. CELLULAR CORPORATION TABLETS & CELL PHONE CO PUBL HLTH, E.H., CONS, EMA ..... \$667.94

V-21 DUST CONTROL LLC KENWOOD DETOUR DUST CONTROL ..... \$1,040.40 VAN DRIEL, JUSTIN, REIMB FOR COMMERCIAL APPLICATORS CERTIFICATION ..... \$15.00

VANGUARD PUBLISHING CO LLC. DUST CONTROL NOTICE ..... \$24.00 VERN LAURES AUTO CENTER INC PARTS & LABOR CO SHER DEPT VEH'S ..... \$91.68

VISA - GOOGLE, REMOTEPC, DRI CRASH PLAN, HOSTEK-DP, PARTS, EDUC. TRNG REG-CO DEPTS' ..... \$2,030.96 WAYNE'S TRUCK EQUIP & PART INC. TIRES AND PARTS ..... \$642.40

WEX FUEL ASSR VEH - APRIL 22 ..... \$47.29 WINDSTREAM CORPORATION ..... \$278.48 WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. PHONE CO 911 ..... \$199.88

WINNESHEK COUNTY SHERIFF HOUSING INMATES ..... \$150.00 WINNESHEK MED CENTER INMATE MEDICAL SRVS ..... \$481.00

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Briefs

Drawing birds in flight at Nature Center

An exciting program will be offered for ages fourth grade through young adults at the Twin Pond Nature Center on Saturday, June 4.

Participants will be able to draw along with artist/art educator Nancy Scherer.

Ring-necked pheasant will be the subject. Pencil and crayon will be used to draw the bird in flight.

Artists are observers of form and patterns, and each student will be expected to be careful workers. Class begins at 1 p.m., and there will be a fee of \$10 per student.

Class size is limited and registration is required by calling 641-394-4714.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified Voters of Chickasaw County, State of Iowa, in Accordance with Chapter 49.53 of the Iowa Code, that the Primary Election will be held in all election precincts of Chickasaw County, on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM. VOTERS MUST VOTE AT THEIR ASSIGNED PRECINCTS. Please read this notice carefully to determine your correct polling location. Voting locations have changed for some voters.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IS HEBRY GIVEN to the qualified Voters of Chickasaw County, State of Iowa, in Accordance with Chapter 49.23 of the Iowa Code that the decennial census and its corresponding redistricting process revised legislative boundaries resulting in several polling location changes within Chickasaw County. Boundaries are established for ten years. Precincts and polling places have changed for many residents. The new precincts went into effect on January 15, 2022, and the first scheduled election using the new precincts is the Primary Election. Postcards with your polling places were mailed May 19, 2022. If voters have question about their precinct location, they may refer to their voter cards, the county website: www.chickasawcountyelections.iowa.gov or contact the Election Office at 641-394-2100.

The precinct polling place and address for this election are as follow: Nashua City Hall, Bradford Township, 402 Main St, Includes the City of Nashua, Nashua, IA 50658, Includes the City of Bassett, Portion of Chickasaw Township

New Hampton Fire Station, New Hampton Rural Township, 403 S Linn Ave, Richland Township, New Hampton, IA 50659, Portion of Dayton Township, Portion of Stapleton Township, Portion of Jacksonville Township

Fredericksburg Community Center Includes the City of Fredericksburg, 151 W Main St, Includes the City of Lawler Fredericksburg, IA 50630, Includes Dresden Township, Includes Fredericksburg Township, Portion of Stapleton Township, Portion of Utica Township.

Chickasaw Event Center, Includes the City of Alta Vista, 301 N Water Ave, Includes the City of North Washington, New Hampton, IA 50659, Includes the City of Ionia, Includes the City of New Hampton, Wards 1, 2, 3 & 4, Portion of

the City of Protivin, Includes Deerfield Township, Includes Washington Township, Portion of Chickasaw Township, Portion of Dayton Township, Portion of Jacksonville Township, Portion of Utica Township.

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered-such as voters registering to vote on election day-and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide and approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) may 1) have the voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct

2) prove identify and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or 3) cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the County Auditor's Office by Noon on Monday, June 13, 2022. Election Day Registrant attestors must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid or phone 641-394-2100.

ELECTION FRAUD.A voter commits the crime of election Misconduct in the First Degree if the person submits false information when registering to vote. Election misconduct in the first degree is a class "D" felony, and punishable by a fine of up to \$10,245 and/or imprisonment of up to five (5) years. Convicted felons who register and vote without receiving a restoration of voting rights from the Governor are committing a class "D" felony. IF YOUR ARE NOT 100% SURE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE HAS ALREADY BEEN RESTORED, REQUEST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, in accordance with Chapter 49.53 of the Iowa Code that any voter who is physically unable to enter the polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information, please contact the County Auditor's office at the telephone number or E-mail address listed. Telephone: 641-394-2100 E-mail Ad-

dress: auditor@chickasawcounty.iowa.gov, for TTY access dial 641-394-3121. Each polling location is equipped with a ballot marking device (FVT) which may assist persons with disabilities to vote more independently.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, in accordance with Chapter 52.35 of the IOWA CODE that the duly authorized agents of the Chickasaw County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections shall publicly examine and test all voting machines to be used for the June 7, 2022 Election.

PUBLIC TEST FOR VOTING EQUIPMENT. A public test of the voting equipment to be used at the Primary Election will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 9:30 AM in the Meeting room (room behind the Driver's License) located on the 1st floor of the Courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

SET FORTH herein a complete list of all candidates and public measures are listed below. Ballots issued to voters will contain only those offices the voter is eligible to vote for based on the voter's residence.

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the sample ballot to be voted at the Primary Election to be held on June 7, 2022, in the County of Chickasaw, State of Iowa.

Stephanie Mashek Chickasaw County Auditor & Commissioner of Elections Party For the Office of...

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# City Council back at full strength

### New Hampton mayor appoints chamber director to fill Ward 3 seat

By BOB FENSKE  
editor@nhtrib.com

When New Hampton Mayor Bobby Schwickerath approached Jason Speltz about possibly taking a turn on the New Hampton City Council, the answer was almost immediate. "Of course, I was interested," said Speltz, a New Hampton native who has served as the New Horizons-Chamber director since 2011, "after all, I did try for the seat — albeit on a wing and a prayer — back when Bob was elected."

Bob would be Bob Boos, who won that Ward 3 election in 2010 but resigned from the council late last month. And now Speltz has the seat that represents the southwestern quadrant of the city he sought three years ago as a write-in candidate. Schwickerath officially made the appointment during Monday night's meeting, the City Council approved it and Speltz took his seat. "I'm here long term," he said, "and I want to see the city grow and prosper. I think I can bring

a little different perspective to the council, and I'm really excited about having this opportunity." If Ward 3 voters don't petition for a special election — they have until 14 days after the appointment — Speltz will serve through the end of 2023 on the council. "This is my home, always has been and always will be," he said, "and I appreciate Bobby's confidence in me. I think we have a great little city here, and I hope we can make it even better."



Photo courtesy of Megan Baltes  
Newly-appointed New Hampton City Councilman Jason Speltz takes the oath of office from City Clerk Karen Clemens during Monday night's meeting.

# New Hampton wants to wait a year before making conference decision

SCHOOL BOARD: FROM 1

that the Top of Iowa Conference East Division's largest member would make the move to a new conference. He said there had been some discussions about merging the NEIC and UIC but pointed out that Decorah has said it is against any kind of merger, even one that would divide the so-called "super conference" into three divisions. That move would keep the remaining five NEIC schools together. Jurens pointed out that the UIC had extended its deadline for new applications from June 1 to July 1, and at first, he recommended that the board table the matter.

But Board President Jay Matthews wondered aloud "if we could come to a consensus for a merger with two divisions, would that help?" Jurens said it would certainly provide clarity to the issue. Still, other board members, led by Ayers, said they didn't want to give up on keeping the NEIC a separate, independent conference. "Our main goal was to save the NEIC," he said about the board's decision in March to direct Jurens to lead the charge to having Waverly-Shell Rock removed from the conference. Longtime New Hampton teacher and coach Dennis Pagel addressed the board and asked them to be patient

with the conference situation. "We need to consider the integrity, the history of the conference," Pagel said. "The Northeast Iowa is one of the oldest conferences in the state. ... I just hope we don't make a decision we'll regret." Former New Hampton Activities Director and current Middle School Principal Brad Schmitt pointed out that one of the key things schools from both the NEIC and UIC needed to consider in a merger was how to match up similar sized schools in divisions. He pointed out, for example, that schools would want to have what he called "adequate levels of play," which means that schools that have freshman, JV

and varsity teams want to play schools that have the same. Matthews said he felt because "we started this," New Hampton needs to be a leader in the conference realignment process, and he, along with other board members, said they needed to send a message to other NEIC schools that it was committed to the conference. Jurens admitted that if Waukon or Crestwood do accept the UIC bid, then the NEIC would have little hope of survival because the associations that govern high school sports in Iowa say a conference must have a minimum of five members. "In the end," the superintendent said, "it's a matter of do we have the

patience to be a five-team conference for a couple of years?" Before the board voted on Ayers' motion, Matthews was still undecided and asked Jurens what would happen if another NEIC school accepted the UIC invitation? "Are they going to hold this vote against us?" Jurens said he felt confident that the UIC wouldn't, and board members voted to reject the UIC bid and urge the NEIC to continue to recruit new schools to the conference. Board members also directed the superintendent to consider exploring all options when it comes to conferences.

# Turkey Valley Graduates



## Turkey Valley School District Commencement

Sunday, May 22 at 1:00pm  
Turkey Valley gymnasium



**Class Motto:**  
*"We cannot be separated in interest or divided in purpose. We stand together until the end"*  
- Woodrow T. Wilson

**Class Flower: Red Rose**



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# New Hampton falls in rematch versus Clayton Ridge

## Chickasaws celebrate Senior Night in regular season finale against Hudson

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**  
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A single senior stood at the midfield stripe at halftime of Monday's Chickasaw soccer match versus Hudson.

There, senior New Hampton midfielder Edgar Nunez stood with his parents on Senior Night and was recognized for his all-out effort and commitment to a sport he's clearly passionate about.

"Edgar's effort was outstanding. Being the only senior, he really leads a great example for everyone to hustle the entire time," said NH head coach Shannon Maas. "Edgar has played a huge role on the team — just his love and skill for soccer."

New Hampton finished off the regular season on Friday at home against Clayton Ridge and then again for one final time in a matchup versus Hudson. Each contest were rematches from earlier in the season.

Clayton Ridge topped New Hampton 7-3 and Hudson worked its offensive magic to a 9-1 triumph. The Eagles of Clayton Ridge blanked NH, 5-0, back in mid-April. Hudson pitched a 9-0 shutout in early May over the Chickasaws the first time the teams squared off.

CR's Jass Fassbinder, a sophomore, scored a hat trick with three goals. Kylar Millard added two goals for the Eagles.

New Hampton (4-7) received its scoring output from Nunez, junior Victor Montiel and sophomore Carter Broughton against the Eagles. Broughton also scored the goal against Hudson.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

**New Hampton sophomore Carter Broughton (above) strikes the ball on Monday versus Hudson and Chickasaw senior Edgar Nunez (below) is honored on Senior Night.**

Maas said communication is essential — no matter the score.

"The first half we were talking a lot and as soon as we got down more and more, it just got quieter and quieter, said Maas. "That's when it should be the loudest, when we should be encouraging and building each other up."

The Senior Night festivities will take a little bit longer next spring than they did on Monday.

"Next year we have nine seniors," said Maas.

NH plays at Clear Lake on Thursday, May 19 in the first round of Class 1A District play.



# Josephson is lone Chickasaw to make all-NEIC golf team

**NH BOYS GOLF: FROM 15**

close but not quite enough," he said, "but then the scores came in and, wow, it was just awesome."

Indeed, it was as both Lane and Glenn earned trips to next week's Class 2A state tournament on a day when they and their teammates finished a strong third at the district tournament. In high school golf, the two low teams automatically advance to state, as do the low two scores and ties from the team that do not qualify.

And on this day, 80 was a magical number for two Chickasaws.

"I'm super excited for both of them," New Hampton coach Bill Glenn said, "and honestly, I know our kids are a little bit disappointed with the way the team scores came out, but they came out and played a great round of golf. I'm proud of them all, especially on this course, which was tough and tricky. The back nine here was tight, tight, tight, but we battled really well."

West Branch won the district title with a 325, one shot better than Dyersville Beckman. The Chickasaws finished with a 339 to beat Tipton by nine strokes for third.

In addition to their state qualifiers, the Chickasaws got a solid round of 84 from freshman Adam Ewert while sophomores Jack Shawver and Kam Josephson, who both had 95s, rounded out the scorers and another sophomore, Ty Robinson, finished with a 97.

"I can guarantee you that we were the only team out there with four sophomores and one freshman," coach Glenn said, "and I think they held up really well. And obviously, I'm pumped for Mason and Kyler, but like I said, I'm proud of all these guys."

For the younger Glenn, the key was consistency. He finished with a 40-40 and said he felt comfortable for on the course pretty much the entire day.

"It felt good pretty much the whole day," he said, "and when it was over, I figured I had played one of my better rounds. I just hoped 80 was enough, and it turned out it was."

The old guy on the team, Lane, took a little different path to high school golf. Oh, he played here and there as a youngster, but he wasn't a course rat, either.

"I played with my grandpa a few times, but then when I went out my freshman year, I found I really liked it," he said. "Losing golf my sophomore year [because of the COVID-19 pandemic] kind of reinforced it in me."

And now, he's heading to the state meet after a day in which he said he played the best golf of his life.

"My swing was probably as good as it's ever been," he said. "Wait, what am I saying? It was the best I've ever swung a golf club all day. I was just hoping it was enough."

It was, and now Lane and Glenn will play at the Coldwater Golf Links Monday and Tuesday

in the state tournament.

"They're excited and they should be," their coach said. "We played in the toughest 2A district in the state, and as much as we wanted to take the whole team, getting two guys to state is a dang good accomplishment."

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New Hampton qualified for the district meet last Wednesday, when the Chickasaws finished second at the sectional meet they hosted at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club.

Glenn's team shot a 344 to finish second in the meet to Wapsie Valley by three strokes, and those two teams joined Waterloo Columbus as district qualifiers. The Sailors shot a 353 to tie Jesup for third place, and advanced on the strength of their fifth-best score being better than Jesup's.

Glenn led the way with an 83 while Ewert finished with an 85. Shawver had an 87 and Lane rounded out the New Hampton scorers with an 89.

"We didn't play our best golf and every one of our kids will tell you that," Glenn said, "but at the same time, all that matters is we're advancing."

Two days later, New Hampton struggled in a fourth-place finish at the Northeast Iowa Conference tournament in Charles City. Waverly-Shell Rock finished with a 314 to beat the host Comets by 23 for the team title while New Hampton had a 363.

Josephson was the lone Chickasaw to make the all-conference team as he finished in a tie for 11th with an 86.

**CLASS 2A SECTIONAL TEAM SCORES**

Wapsie Valley 341, New Hampton 344, Waterloo Columbus 353, Jesup 353, North Fayette Valley 362, Waukon 397, Sumner-Fredericksburg 408, Postville 455.

Top-four finishers: Jack Miller (J) 81, Brody Blaylock (WV) 81, Clay Moser (NFV) 82, Kyler Glenn (NH) 83.

New Hampton scores: Glenn 41-42 - 83, Adam Ewert 44-41 - 85, Jack Shawver 44-43 - 87, Mason Lane 42-47 - 89, Kam Josephson 49-46 - 95, Ty Robinson 48-51 - 99.

**NORTHEAST IOWA CONFERENCE TEAM SCORES**

Waverly-Shell Rock 314, Charles City 337, Decorah 346, New Hampton 363, Crestwood 367, Waukon 426.

All-conference golfers: Trevor White (CC) 73, Carson Gallup (CC) 74, Hogan Hansen (WSR) 74, Gabe Holden (WSR) 79, Luke Frazel (WSR) 80, Cole Holtz (WSR) 81, Ethan Holthaus (D) 84, Landen Bergen (C) 85, Lane Rolfs (WSR) 85, Wesley Hubbard (WSR) 85, Josephson (NH) 86, Ben Bockman (D) 87, Erik Ramaker (WSR) 89, Hunter Sullivan (CC) 90, Jackson Knoke (D) 90.

New Hampton scores - Josephson 41-45 - 86, Lane 45-47 - 92, Ewert 43-49 - 92, Robinson 46-47 - 93, Shawver 49-45 - 94, Glenn 50-46 - 96.

**CLASS 2A DISTRICT TEAM SCORES**

West Branch 325, New Hampton 326, New Hampton 339, Tipton 348, Monticello 349, MFL-Mar-Mac 359, Waterloo Columbus 361, Wapsie Valley 375, Cedar Rapids Regina 375.

Medalist - Nate Offerman (DB) 76.

Individual qualifiers - Mickey Takacs (Regina) 77, Lane (NH) 80, Glenn (NH) 80, Nick Kramber (MFL) 80.

New Hampton scores - Lane 40-40 - 80, Glenn 40-40 - 80, Ewert 42-42 - 84, Josephson 46-49 - 95, Shawver 42-53 - 95, Robinson 46-51 - 97.

# Trojans play sectional course to fourth-place finish

## Schmitt moves on to district round with 93 to finish 10 overall at Ed-Co

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**  
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The Turkey Valley boys golf team placed fourth overall at its sectional on Wednesday, May 11 with a score of 403.

The Trojans had to beat the heat, in what were sweltering conditions of low 90-degree temps with a high humidity at Woods Edge Golf Course in Edgewood.

While TV didn't advance to the Class 1A district meet, which was played at Pheasant Ridge in Cedar Falls this past Tuesday, Trojan sophomore Oliver Schmitt did as an



Oliver Schmitt

individual.

Schmitt tied for second with a 93 among golfers on non-qualifying teams and 10th overall to garner his spot in the district field. He fired a 48 on the front nine and 43 in his second round of play.

TV senior Garrett Kurtenbach just missed out on qualifying for the district meet for a second season in a row. He advanced to districts as a freshman in 2019 and did not play as a sophomore as COVID-19 cancelled the spring sports season in Iowa. Kurtenbach finished with a 47-49-96 in his final golf meet as prep.

"Garrett started strong but then took a disastrous nine on Hole 5. He quickly righted the ship, but at the end of the day his lone really bad hole cost him a chance

to advance. He also had some well-struck putts that stubbornly refused to fall as well," said TV head coach John Reicks.

Calvin Bodensteiner (53-49-102) and Caleb Kurtenbach (62-50-112) also saw their scores count for the Trojans. Seniors Brody Hackman (60-53-113) and Lance Schmitt (56-68-124) rounded out the Turkey Valley scorecard.

**CLASS 1A SECTIONAL TEAM SCORES**

Starmont 352, Edgewood-Cokesburg 362, Clayton Ridge 380, Turkey Valley 403, South Winn 409, West Central 421, Central Elkader 489.

Medalist - Jack Wiskus (EC) 40-41-81.

Turkey Valley scores - Oliver Schmitt 48-45-93, Garrett Kurtenbach 47-49-96, Calvin Bodensteiner 53-49-102, Brody Hackman 60-53-113, Lance Schmitt 56-68-124.

# Trojans' Franzen advances on to regional finals

## Turkey Valley girls golf team finishes seventh at 1A sectional

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Turkey Valley's Tess Franzen made sure her second nine-hole round at Tri-City Golf Club in Luana was better than her first a week ago Thursday.

It was that effort to shave off strokes that enabled the Trojan senior to advance to the regional finals at Grundy Center, which was played Wednesday at Town & Country Club.

Franzen fired a 61 in her start to the day in the first round



Tess Franzen

of regionals on the par 34 public course.

That saw the Trojan card a 12 and 11, respectively, on her first two holes. Franzen finished strong with a 49 to tally an 18-hole score of 110. That placed her fifth individually.

"Tess used her trademark of mental toughness and perse-

verance," said TV head coach John Reicks about the two-time all-UIC performer.

Turkey Valley finished seventh overall in the eight-team field with a 527.

"The hilly terrain and warm, windy conditions created trouble for many golfers, especially on the back nine at the end of a grueling and tiring day," Reicks added.

Abby Schmitt, a junior, carded a 134. Morgan Vsetecka, a freshman, came into the clubhouse with a 139 and sopho-

more Mariah Thronson's 144 rounded out TV's other top individual scores.

**CLASS 1A REGIONAL TEAM SCORES**

Edgewood-Colesburg 427, Starmont 455, Postville 462, South Winneshiek 478, Central Elkader 480, Clayton Ridge 489, Turkey Valley 527, Maquoketa Valley 565.

Medalist - Audrie Helmricks (EC) 96.

Turkey Valley scores - Tess Franzen 61-49-110, Abby Schmitt 65-69-134, Morgan Vsetecka 71-68-139, Mariah Thronson 83-61-144, Alison Leibold 67-78-145, Kaitlyn Schroeder 99-97-196.

# Trapshooters find home away from home

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If history is any indication — and with the New Hampton trapshooting team it usually is — then the Chickasaw shooters are right where they need to be.

"Our M.O. is we usually start off really well," said one of the team's coaches, Jay Matthews, "and then hit a lull in the middle of the season and then get it back together as we get closer to state. ... And I think last week we saw a lot more consistency out of our kids."

And they saw a lot more of Cedar Falls; in fact, Tuesday's meet they shot at the home of next month's state trapshooting competition, marked their sixth straight trip to the Cedar Falls Gun Club range.

"I think the kids are getting tired of Cedar Falls," Matthews said, "but it's nice to have it so close to shoot and get a lot of good experience on the same range we're going to shoot at state. But hey, we're ready for either a home meet or at least one on a different range."

Not that Cedar Falls has been unkind to New Hampton; in fact, it was the home of two more perfect rounds of 50 in the last week as Ethan Swehla fired as perfect round during a meet last Tuesday and Izaak Schwickerath did the same this past Thursday.

That pushed the number of New Hampton shooters who had scored at

least one perfect 50 to eight.

"We do have a lot of depth," Matthews said, "and it not only shows with how many different kids we've had with 50s but also then number of different ones who had come up with 49s."

New Hampton's shooters, meanwhile, will get their wish on Friday when they will once again hit the road, but this time they're not heading to Cedar Falls but will travel to Jackson Junction for a meet against Turkey Valley.

And then they'll return home on Saturday morning for the Oelwein Invite that is being held at the Fredericksburg Sportman's Club.

"We're ready to spend a little time at home," Matthews said and added with a laugh, "because we've spent a lot of time on the bus lately, and I mean a lot."

**CEDAR FALLS TUESDAY**

Top squads - New Hampton Black 234, Waverly-Shell Rock Black 227, New Hampton Platinum 226.

Top boys - Ethan Swehla (NH) 50, Aden Hanson (Cedar Falls) 49, Daniel Turner (Cedar Valley) 49, Teigen Howe (NH) 49, Tyler Resor (WSR) 49.

Top girls - Kayla Holschlag (NH) 49, Tori Bearman (NH) 44, Grace Maloy (NH) 43.

**NEW HAMPTON SQUADS**

Black (234) - Layne Nehl 47, Carson Fangman 46, Holschlag 49, Sam Singewald 46, Ashton Venem 46.

Platinum (226) - Gavin Rings 47, Daniel Orthaus 41, Teigen Howe 49, Joshua Scott 43, Tanner Njus 46.

Chrome (217) - Nick Brincks 42, Isaak Schwickerath 39, Jaiden Fettkether 39, Swehla 50, Trinity Schwickerath 47.

Silver (208) - Hunter Humpal 44, Jonathan Condon 41, Connor Noehl 45, Ricky Pauley 41, Ethan Wilson 37.

Red (200) - Noah Eichenberger 42, Jake Schwickerath 42, Colin Garman 39, Caleb Utley 35, Devon Snyder 42.

White (195) - Jacob Hidding 42, Maloy 43, Zach Utley 33, Rhiannon Ellingson 40, Kaeden Havlik 37.

Gold (157) - Bearman 44, Josie Fuerstenberg 33, Karla Pickar 20, Kendra Pickar 34, Kimberly Jordan 26.

**WAVERLY-SHELL ROCK INVITE AT CEDAR FALLS THURSDAY**

Top squads - Waverly-Shell Rock Black 235, New Hampton Chrome 227, Charles City 1 226, New Hampton Silver 226.

Top boys - I. Schwickerath (NH) 50, Conlon Crooks (CC) 49, Joseph Smeltser (Denver) 49, Kaelan Smith (WSR) 49.

Top girls - Holschlag (NH) 47, Ali Blickenerfer (CC) 46, Bearman (NH) 45, Ke. Pickar (NH) 45.

**NEW HAMPTON SQUADS**

Chome (227) - Brincks 46, I. Schwickerath 50, Fettkether 35, Fangman 48, T. Schwickerath 48.

Silver (226) - Layne Nehl 43, Swehla 48, Holschlag 47, Singewald 45, Venem 43.

Platinum (216) - Rings 47, Orthaus 43, Howe 47, Scott 41, Njus 38.

White (202) - Hidding 45, Fuerstenberg 37, Z. Utley 41, J. Schwickerath 42, Havlik 37.

Red (199) - Humpal 37, Condon 46, Noehl 44, Pauley 37, Wilson 35.

Gold (185) - Bearman 45, Ellingson 22, Maloy 39, Ke. Pickar 45, Jordan 34.

Black (183) - Eichenberger 39, Ka. Pickar 22, Garman 48, C. Utley 37, Snyder 37.

**W-SR AM DUALS SATURDAY**

Top squads - Cresco Area Clay Crushers



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**Ethan Swehla, shown here at a home meet last month, is one of eight New Hampton trapshooters to record a perfect round of 50 this season.**

5 243, New Hampton White 237, Janesville 1 237.

Top boys - Anthony Steinlage (J) 50, Caden Wetherell (J) 50, Kail Schmelzer (Cresco) 50, Kendall Schwickerath (Cresco) 50.

Top girls - Holschlag (NH) 48, Ava Ferrie (Cresco) 47, Avery Johnson (Cresco) 47.

**NEW HAMPTON SQUADS**

White (237) - Nehl 48, Fangman 49, Holschlag 48, Singewald 48, Venem 44.

Chrome (235) - Brincks 46, I. Schwickerath 46, Fettkether 45, Swehla 49, T. Schwickerath 49.

Red (230) - Humpal 48, Condon 45, Noehl 47, Pauley 44, Wilson 46.

Platinum (227) - Rings 49, Orthaus 43, Howe 42, Scott 44, Njus 49.

Silver (216) - Hidding 42, Fuerstenberg 40, Z. Utley 43, J. Schwickerath 47, Havlik 44.

Black (204) - Eichenberger 39, Ka. Pickar 37, Garman 48, C. Utley 41, Snyder 39.

Gold (195) - Bearman 46, Ellingson 27, Maloy 42, Ke. Pickar 40, Jordan 40.

**CEDAR FALLS PM INVITE SATURDAY**

Top squads - Charles City 1 240, Cresco

Area Clay Crushers 6 235, Waverly-Shell Rock Black 234.

Top boys - Crooks (CC) 50, Rings (NH) 50, Resor (WSR) 50.

Top girls - Holschlag (NH) 49, Taylor Quade (CC) 48, Ashley Fischer (Turkey Valley) 47, Ferrie (Cresco) 47, Kenna Hageman (South Winneshiek) 47.

**NEW HAMPTON SQUADS**

White (233) - Nehl 48, Fangman 44, Holschlag 49, Singewald 48, Venem 44.

Chrome (229) - Brincks 47, I. Schwickerath 49, Fettkether 36, Swehla 49, T. Schwickerath 48.

Red (223) - Humpal 45, Condon 49, Noehl 43, Pauley 45, Wilson 41.

Platinum (225) - Rings 50, Orthaus 43, Howe 49, Scott 43, Njus 38.

Black (216) - Eichenberger 45, Ka. Pickar 39, Garman 44, C. Utley 43, Snyder 45.

Silver (204) - Hidding 41, Fuerstenberg 45, Z. Utley 41, J. Schwickerath 42, Havlik 35.

Gold (181) - Bearman 46, Ellingson 18, Maloy 35, Ke. Pickar 43, Jordan 39.

# Trojans give determined effort at qualifier

## TV Boys Track: From 16

district's best time. Even though those same four runners competed, their second place time Thursday fell well short of that, while the Trojans blasted their best season time of 8:44.62 out of the water with a winning time of 8:30.55, which is the third-best seed time going into the state meet.

Reicks and Hanson competed in the 4x800 at state last year, with graduated senior Calvin Langreck and Chase Hayek. The quartet finished 15th at the state meet. This is the fourth straight year — minus the year there was no state meet — coach Mark Scott has taken a 4x8 squad to Des Moines, and the first time at state for Nieman and Franzen. Scott was as surprised by the win as Franzen was. "I

actually thought we would get second," he said, "Maquoketa Valley had gone 8:23 the week before. The boys ran very well and weren't intimidated by that, they didn't let the heat bother them and each runner had a season PR."

Reicks and Hanson will also be competing at state in both the distance medley and the 4x400. Turkey Valley took a distance medley to the state meet last year, three of those runners return as Marcus Herold and Hayek joined Hanson and Reicks to run the relay Thursday in 3:47.23. At state in 2021 it was Calvin Langreck instead of Reicks, they were 12th with a time of 3:45.06.

But Hanson's job has switched since last year, as the senior runner took the 800 leg last year and this year starts the race with a 200 leg.

"Almost everyone had a season best performance," Scott said of the overall effort. "The 4x200 had a handoff miscue otherwise all relays ran their season best. The 4x100 was the 15th at-large time, they missed it by .11 of a second. Their time would have made the cut any of the five previous years."

The 4x400 relay, with Hayek, Franzen, Hanson and Reicks, turned in their third-place time of 3:32.07 during the last race of the evening. The time enters the state tourney with the ninth-best time, while the distance medley is 22nd. But, as the 4x800 relay showed us at the state qualifying meet, it's a small — Hanson, Reicks, Hayek, Herold, Franzen, Nieman — but determined group.

### TEAM SCORES

Wapsie Valley 111, North Linn

110, Maquoketa Valley 104, Tripoli 92, South Winn 72.5, E. Buchanan 45, Turkey Valley 43, Clayton Ridge 38, Edgewood-Colesburg 37, West Central 26, Kee 25.5, Starmont 21, Central City 9, Central Elkader 7.

**TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS**  
(State qualifiers in bold)  
Sprint medley - 5. Carson Busta, Troy Schmitt, Marcus Herold, Chase Hayek 1:41.64.  
3,200 - 8. Kale Kuennen 13:18.52.  
**4x800 - 1. Russell Nieman, Ryan Franzen, Noah Hanson, Dylan Reicks 8:30.55.**  
Shuttle hurdle - 6. Garrett Dietzenbach, Busta, Calvin Bodensteiner, Oliver Schmitt 1:13.42.  
100 - 16. Troy Schmitt 12.91.  
**Distance medley - 4. Hanson, Herold, Hayek, Reicks 3:47.23.**  
400 - 8. Burke Busta 1:00.18.  
4x200 - 6. C. Busta, Hayek, Franzen, Herold 1:38.86.  
110 hurdles - 14. Oliver Schmitt 19.22, 17. Dietzenbach 20.47.  
800 - 7. B. Busta 2:15.51, 11. Kuennen 2:38.02.  
200 - 19. Dietzenbach 27.34.  
400 hurdles - 10. Bodensteiner



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**Trojan senior Troy Schmitt takes the baton from Carson Busta in the sprint medley at the state qualifying meet.**

1:04.75, 15. Schmitt 1:07.30.  
1,600 - 4. Nieman 4:57.06.  
4x100 - 6. C. Busta, Hanson, Reicks, Herold 45.50.  
**4x400 - 3. Hayek, Franzen, Hanson, Reicks 3:32.07.**

# Congrats on making state, Trojans!

## Turkey Valley state schedule

**THURSDAY**  
12:10 p.m.: Boys 4x800 final.  
12:50 p.m.: Girls 100 prelims.  
**FRIDAY**  
9 a.m.: Girls discus and girls distance medley finals.  
Noon: Boys distance medley final.  
2:10 p.m.: Boys 4x400 prelims.  
**SATURDAY**  
10:30 a.m.: Girls 800 final.  
12:45 p.m.: Girls 100 final.  
2:45 p.m.: Girls 1,500 final.  
4:20 p.m.: Boys 4x400 final.



**Dylan Reicks: 4x400, 4x800, distance medley**



**Jalyssa Blazek: 100, 800, 1,500, distance medley**

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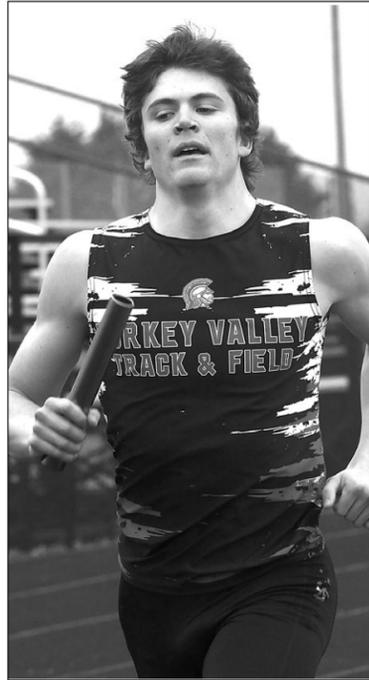
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**Noah Hanson: 4x400, 4x800, distance medley**



**Kara Reicks: Distance medley**



**Josie Weber: Distance medley**



**Jacqlyn Schmitt: Discus**



**Chase Hayek: 4x400, distance medley**

**Marcus Herold: Distance medley**



**Kourtney Schmidt: Distance medley**



**Ryan Franzen: 4x400, 4x800**



**Russell Nieman: 4x800**

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Good luck to all of the Chickasaws as they compete in Des Moines



**Dylan Usher: 800, 4x400, distance medley**



**Carlee Rochford: High jump, long jump, 100 hurdles, 4x400**



**Emily Jackson: 1,500**



**Hailee Pesek: 400, sprint medley, 4x400**



**Alivya Wisner: Sprint medley**



**Carter Cahoy: Distance medley**

**Braden McShane: 4x400, distance medley**



**Campbelle Kolbet: 3,000**



**Taylor Ries: Sprint medley, 4x400**



**Natalie Nobsch: 3,000, 1,500**



**Aiden Roberson: 4x400**



**Ethan Praska: Distance medley, 4x400**



**Kinsley Hackman: 4x400, sprint medley**

**Chickasaw alternates**  
**Boys 4x400:** Hunter Serie and Tyler Wiltse  
**Girls 4x400:** Kandice Eggerichs and Marissa Cahoy  
**Boys distance medley:** Aiden Roberson and Ben Tenge  
**Girls sprint medley:** Addison Trower and Josie Speltz

## State track meet for the Chickasaws

**THURSDAY**  
 3:20 p.m.: Girls 3,000 final.  
 4:30 p.m.: Girls long jump final.  
 7 p.m.: Girls 400 final.  
**FRIDAY**  
 3:20 p.m.: Girls 100 hurdles prelims.  
 4:30 p.m.: Girls high jump final.  
 5:40 p.m.: Boys distance medley final.  
 7 p.m.: 4x400 prelims.  
**SATURDAY**  
 7:40 p.m.: Boys 4x400 prelims.  
 9 a.m.: Girls sprint medley final.  
 11:10 a.m.: Boys 800 final.  
 1:05 p.m.: Girls 100 meter final.  
 2:45 p.m.: Girls 1,500 final.  
 3:55 p.m.: Girls 4x400 final.  
 4:20 p.m. Boys 4x400 final.

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# Chickasaws have solid day at state qualifier

## NH BOYS TRACK: FROM 16

had such a star-crossed high school track and field career also won the open 800.

"It means the world to me, especially since you know we didn't have track my sophomore year and then last year, I was hurt and missed the whole season," he said. "I so badly wanted to get back there and do it with my teammates. It's the best feeling."

As a freshman, Usher ran with his older brother Nolan on New Hampton's state-qualifying 4x800 team, and the future looked so bright. But then came the pandemic, which was followed by the injury.

"I was wondering if I was cursed," he said with a laugh, "but I just wanted to make sure I made the most of this year."

He did, and now he'll compete in three events in Des Moines this weekend.

Still, that third event looked like the longest of long shots, but his teammates certainly had confidence in their senior anchor.

"It's Ush, man, doing Ush things," McShane said. "I kept telling myself if that Forest City dude would give him a chance, he'd find a way to pass him. It was crazy. We were going nuts."

Just like they had earlier in the meet, when McShane and Cahoy gave New Hampton an early lead in the distance medley before Praska ran a solid 52.3-second split in his 400 leg to give Usher the baton with the lead.

Usher held off a charge by Central Springs' Bryce McDonough to give the Chickasaws the win that gave New Hampton its first state distance medley team since 2018. And he did it on the hottest, windiest day of the spring.

"Honestly, I didn't mind the wind," he said. "I mean it knocked you down, not going to lie, but God, it was so hot that the wind actually kind of felt



Bob Fenske/Tribune

### New Hampton's Isaac Howe competes in the 100-yard dash at the Class 2A state qualifying meet.

good."

The three state qualifying events gave New Hampton 34 of the team's 62 points as the Chickasaws finished seventh in the meet that was easily won by Clear Lake. The Lions finished with 141 points, 42.5 more than runner-up Waukon.

"We knew we had a good shot in the distance medley," McShane said. "Carter and me, we wanted to get it to Praska in good shape, and we knew if he got it to Dylan, we'd be fine. That was fun, a lot of fun."

But although the distance medley has a much better chance at earning a medal in Des Moines this weekend, it may be the 4x400 that these group of Chickasaws will always remember.

"The kids were really into it," Jenkins said, "and that's what we want with track here. We

want kids to get excited for their teammates, and trust me, there was a lot of excitement with that race."

And Jenkins found plenty of other reasons to be happy with last week's meet.

Peyton Anderson just missed earning a trip to state in the 3,200, a race in which he took third, and then followed it up with a seventh-place finish in the 1,600.

Cam McMorris was fifth in the 3,200, the same place senior Lance Reicks took in the 400 hurdles.

Six of the seven Chickasaw relays earned medals, and New Hampton had a solid day in the throwing events as senior Jacob Burgart finished sixth in the shot put with a career-best throw of 44-5.5 and Marshall Zeien had a career-best discus throw of 127-5 to take seventh.

For the man most of his teammates know as "Burgie," there were no regrets about coming out for track.

"I loved it, I really did," he said. "Just the meets and hanging out with your friends and teammates, that was the best. To end it with a PR, that's even better, but even if I hadn't, I'll always be happy I did this. I had a lot of fun and learned a lot."

It's a mantra his coach loved. "I love seeing kids get excited about our sport," Jenkins said. "Every coach in the state wishes he could take more kids to state, but this was a fun group to work with and we're not done yet."

### TEAM RESULTS

Clear Lake 141, Waukon 98.5, Forest City 95, Central Springs 87, Crestwood 75, Osage 71, New Hampton 62, North Fayette Valley 42, Sumner-Fredericksburg 29.5, MFL-Mar-Mac 23, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura 17, Postville 0.

### NEW HAMPTON RESULTS (State meet qualifiers in bold)

100 - 10. Ben Tenge 12.52, 11. Isaac Howe 12.56.  
110 high hurdles - 10. Aiden Roberson 17.95.  
200 - 15. Hunter Serie 25.72, 19. Tyler Wiltse 26.62.  
400 - 15. Ryan Willadsen 57.87, 17. Brady Speltz 57.98.  
400 low hurdles - 5. Lance Reicks 1:00.06, 20. Evan Knowlton 1:10.35.  
800 - 1. **Dylan Usher 2:04.78**, 21. Jarrin Robinson 2:29.44.  
1,600 - 7. Peyton Anderson 5:08.38, 14. Cam McMorris 5:22.06.  
3,200 - 3. Anderson 11:05.11, 5. McMorris 11:12.67.  
Sprint medley - 4. Ben Tenge, Braden McShane, Carter Cahoy, Ethan Praska 1:40.81.  
4x100 - 1. Tenge, Cahoy, Serie, Isaac Howe 46.39.  
Shuttle hurdle - 8. Roberson, Willadsen, Knowlton, Reicks 1:12.81.  
Discus - 7. Marshall Zeien 127-5, 10. Carsyn Leistikow 112-4.  
Shot put - 6. Jacob Burgart 44-5.5, 18. Zeien 34-3.  
4x200 - 5. Tenge, Howe, Cahoy, McShane 1:37.38.  
4x400 - 2. **Roberson, Praska, McShane, Usher 10:05.79**.  
4x800 - 10. Elliott Eiler, Calyb Zeien, Jake Frahm, Robinson 10:05.79.  
Distance medley - 1. **McShane, Cahoy, Praska, Usher 3:43.15**.



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### New Hampton's Claire Geerts gets ready to heave the shot put during the Class 2A state qualifying meet.

# Chickasaws will take young group to state

## NH GIRLS TRACK: FROM 16

around the state.

On Saturday morning, New Hampton got the word that it had qualified in six more events — Pesek in the 400, Emily Jackson and Natalie Nosbisch in the 1,500, Nosbisch and Campbell Kolbet in the 3,000 and Alyvia Wisner, Hackman, Ries and Pesek in the sprint medley.

"I know the girls were nervous, but I felt really confident in almost everything we did get in," New Hampton coach Jeanette Laures said. "It's the same thing every year, where you're really excited for the kids who made it and feel the disappointment of the kids who didn't. In the end, we're really proud of our girls. They competed hard on a really challenging day."

There was the weather that was hot, sticky and windy. The temperature at the start of the meet was 94 degrees and runners heading down the home-stretch battled winds gusting over 30 miles per hour for much of the night. And then there was the competition that included three conference champions — Forest City, Clear Lake and Osage — in the field.

It turned out to be a two-team race — Forest City edged New Hampton 111-110 — which didn't surprise Laures.

"We knew Forest City would be the team that we had to beat," she said. "Clear Lake has a couple of horses, so does Osage, but those two teams didn't have the depth that Forest City and we had. We gave it a great effort, I will say that."

Rochford was Rochford, scoring a meet-high 32.5 points. "She's such a competitor," Laures said. "She's just one of those kids who always seems to rise to the occasion."

And the junior star didn't mind the heat — save for the sand sticking to her body.

"You still have to warm up, I'm not saying that," she said, "but you stay so much looser in the heat. I actually like jumping when it's hot."

She paused and laughed. "Now, if I had to run a two mile or something like that, I might have different thoughts."

Still, the Chickasaws had plenty to celebrate in the distance races with double qualifiers in two loaded events as seven runners at the Osage district earned trips to state in both the 1,500 and the 3,000.

"I can't imagine any more difficult conditions for those girls, especially in the 3,000," Laures said. "It's 94, 30 mile-

per-hour winds are hitting you every time you go down the [homestretch]. I thought our girls fought through it pretty well."

But those strong winds probably cost Pesek a fourth event at state as she finished third in the 100 in an unlike-Pesek time of 13.95 seconds and hurt the 4x8 team of Jackson, Kandice Eggerichs, Kolbet and Nosbisch, which just missed a state meet berth.

"I don't want to blame the weather," Laures said, "but running into that wind ... it was really a wind tunnel ... was just brutal for everyone. I know it was the same for everyone up there, but it was just really tough conditions."

And now Laures, her eight competing athletes and four alternates will get ready to run and compete at the "Blue Oval" on the campus of Drake University.

Of the 12 athletes making the trek to Des Moines, only Jackson is a senior.

"That meant a lot getting her there," Laures said, "because she's been such a big part of our program for four years, but at the same time, to take so many young kids, it's going to really help us next year and beyond, too."

### TEAM SCORES

Forest City 111, New Hampton 110, Clear Lake 97, Osage 91, Waukon 85, Crestwood 62.5, Central Springs 61, Sumner-Fredericksburg 56.5, North Fayette Valley 49, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura 10, Postville 8, MFL-Mar-Mac 0.

### NEW HAMPTON RESULTS (State meet qualifiers in bold)

100 - 3. Hailee Pesek 13.95, 10. Claire Geerts 14.56.  
100 hurdles - 1. **Carlee Rochford 16.08**, Cora Schwickerath 20.48.  
200 - 4. Kinsley Hackman 28.33.  
400 - 3. **Pesek 1:02.56**, 11. Catherine Pethoud 1:09.53.  
800 - 9. Campbell Kolbet 2:42.64, 10. Kandice Eggerichs 2:43.07.  
1,500 - 5. **Emily Jackson 5:17.70**, 7. **Natalie Nosbisch 5:19.93**.  
3,000 - 4. **Nosbisch 11:45.19**, 7. **Kolbet 11:59.18**.  
Discus - 5. Taylor Claussen 95-1, 9. Madison Schafenbuel 78-0.  
High jump - 1. **Rochford 5-4**, 4. Kaylee Baker 4-10.  
Long jump - 1. **Rochford 17-10.75**, 9. Kandice Eggerichs 14-2.  
Shot put - 3. Claire Geerts 33-3, 11. Schafenbuel 29-1.25.  
Sprint medley - 3. **Wisner, Taylor Ries, Hackman, Pesek 1:55.43**.  
4x100 - 6. Geerts, Wisner, Addison Trower Josie Speltz 55.16.  
Shuttle hurdle - 7. Taryn Smith, Trower, Marissa Cahoy, Schwickerath 1:19.94.  
4x200 - 5. Hackman, Cahoy, Speltz, Ries 1:53.68.  
4x400 - 1. **Ries, Rochford, Hackman, Pesek 4:09.63**.  
4x800 - 3. Jackson, Eggerichs, Kolbet, Nosbisch 10:36.06.  
Distance medley - 5. Speltz, Cahoy, Ries, Jackson 4:32.63.

# Turkey Valley girls hit their 'best' at state qualifying meet

## TV GIRLS TRACK: FROM 16

The distance medley cut 10 seconds, placing them No. 7 in class 1A. Reicks, Weber and Blazek return from the race that placed fifth at state last year.

"We had an all around great team effort in this race Thursday as the 200 runners, Kara and Josie, dropped some great times, giving Kourtney the baton in a good position," coach Dalton Hackman said. "Kourtney had a good run in her 400, keeping the competition close for Jalyssa to catch. This race will be tight in Des Moines and if the girls go out and run well they will be right in the mix for a top 5 finish!"

Schmitt was the only "lefty" in the field of discus throwers, but didn't know if the winds helped her or not. "Really, by the time we threw it had died down some." She also PRed in the shot put, but finished out of the race for state.

The shot was actually her first choice. "When I was in junior high, I hated the discus, I was so bad at it," Schmitt recalled. "I didn't want to do it in high school because I didn't want to embarrass myself."

But with her throw of 101'5", she is 23rd in the field in Des Moines. Her goal this year was to break 105' and she'll still have one more chance.

"Jacqlyn has been working crazy hard all year and progressively getting better each meet," Hackman said. "This is what coaching is all about. Seeing Jac go from a decent thrower the last two years to a state qualifier has been incredible to watch, couldn't have happened to a



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### Turkey Valley junior Breanna Moudry takes a leg of the shuttle hurdle relay at the state qualifying meet.

better kid."

Blazek didn't run the 100 but a couple of times last year, and only did so when she needed a break during a three-week meet.

"Jalyssa looked stronger than I've ever seen her before," said Hackman. "I would have to say she is the most versatile runner TV has probably ever had in the girls track program. To be able to win the district in the 100, 800, and 1500 is impressive."

While Blazek might not admit it's impressive, she does acknowledge the fact. "People don't expect me to be running the 100, especially with my history in cross country. Most of them are even surprised I'm in the 400."

But her best shot will be in

the longer races, where she has the top seed. "Can't take the number 1 seed for granted though," said Hackman. "There will be some athletes that show up and will run right there with her on the blue oval. The 800 (school) record was set by Jalyssa last year at the state meet which she will be looking to break one more time."

Blazek will run in the 100 today (Thursday), the distance medley will compete first thing Friday morning — along with Schmitt in the discus — and Blazek wraps up with the 800 run Saturday morning and the 1,500 in the afternoon.

Among the 14 teams at the meet, Turkey Valley finished tied for fourth with Kee.

"We had a good night on

Thursday," concluded the coach. "Every relay and just about all of our individual events hit a personal best. I was hoping we could've snuck in with another relay or two but times were fast this year. We hit our best when it mattered that's all you can ask for as a coach."

### TEAM SCORES

North Linn 91, Wapsie Valley 84, Central Elkader 78, Turkey Valley 66, Kee Lansing 66, Maquoketa Valley 66, South Winn 62, Clayton Ridge 52, Edgewood-Colesburg 50, East Buchanan 47, Stormont 30, Central City 22, Tripoli 18, West Central Maynard 7.

### TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS (State meet qualifiers in bold)

Sprint medley - 7. Ryann Schmitt, Kourtney Schmidt, Josie Weber, Kara Reicks 2:06.52.  
3,000 - 4. Cambree Kruse 13:06.84.  
4x800 - 7. Layni Schuchhardt, Delaney Busta, Halle Weber, Aubrey Hoffer 13:04.38.  
Shuttle hurdle - 9. Kinsey Reicks, Breanna Moudry, Olivia Drilling, Taylor Neuzil 1:22.43.  
100 - 1. **Jalyssa Blazek 13.17**, 7. Olivia Snyder 13.69.  
Distance medley - 2. **Ka. Reicks, J. Weber, Schmidt, Blazek 4:26.76**.  
400 - 18. Adysen Wurzer 1:16.33, 25. Aubrey Hoffer 1:24.91.  
4x200 - 5. Ka. Reicks, Snyder, Moudry, Weber 1:57.95.  
100 hurdles - 21. Ki. Reicks 20.80, 24. Olivia Drilling 22.01.  
800 - 1. **Blazek 2:21.52**.  
200 - 13. Hailey Elsbernd 30.85, 15. Halle Weber 30.95.  
400 hurdles - 13. Ki. Reicks 1:20.15, 17. Taylor Neuzil 1:22.55.  
1,500 - 1. **Blazek 4:54.51**.  
4x100 - 7. Schmitt, Snyder, Ka. Reicks, J. Weber 54.78.  
4x400 - 10. Neuzil, Schuchhardt, Busta, Ki. Reicks 4:58.70.  
Long jump - 9. Moudry 14-3.25, 16. Hoffer 12-4.5.  
Discus - 1. **Jacqlyn Schmitt 101-5**, 15. Autumn Maklenburg 67-8.  
Shot put - 7. Schmitt 32-4.

# Trojan shooters see an uptick in numbers but still looking for more

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There were 166 boys at the Cedar Falls invite Saturday afternoon, along with 35 girls. Turkey Valley was one of the schools competing in a meet where it took a 50 to earn any honors among those 166 guys.

So even though coach Kurt Klimesh was happy with a slight uptick in his team's scoring, he realizes it'll take more than that to earn any awards in a big meet, like say the state meet, which is also held at Cedar Falls.

Turkey Valley shot twice on the big range on Saturday, since they also competed at the Waverly-Shell Rock invite during the morning there.

"Cresco shot a 242 in the morning," Klimesh said. "That's pretty tough to beat."

The Trojans did have one award

winner as Ashley Fischer took third place in the Cedar Falls meet with a 47. "Ashley, her numbers are coming up now," explained Klimesh. "That's good to see, she got a different gun and she's been struggling but she's figuring it out now."

Klimesh also noted a 48 by Kinek Reicks and 46 by Tristan Pullman as being good efforts, however, since there were seven 50 scores between the two meets, again, that was hard to beat.

"Our kids, I think, are starting to realize there isn't much time left in the season and they're getting more serious about making changes," said Klimesh. "Of course, the warmer temperatures help."

The warmer and dryer conditions may have left the team a bit short-handed, as Klimesh said some of the shooters had to stay home to help

in the fields.

Against Oelwein Tuesday Turkey Valley again dominated the field, including Brady Barta with the top boys score of 48 and Hailey Elsbernd and Cadyn Huber each with a 44 to lead the girls.

Only three meets are left before the state meet. Turkey Valley is scheduled to compete in the Oelwein invite at Boyd Saturday before the South Winn invite takes place at Turkey Valley next Thursday.

### TURKEY VALLEY VS. OELWEIN

Top squads - TV Black, 218, TV Purple 216, TV Red 214  
Top boys - Brady Barta (TV) 48, Jonah Orvis (TV) 46, Brady Fischer (TV) 45, Marcus Kriener (TV) 45.  
Top girls - Cadyn Huber (TV) 44, Hailey Elsbernd (TV) 44, Alexis Elsbernd (TV) 42, Ashley Fischer (TV) 42.

### TURKEY VALLEY SQUADS

TV Black, 218 - Brady Barta 48, Brady Fischer 45, Tristan Pullman 43, Ashley Fischer

42, Brennen Drilling 40.

TV Purple, 216 - Jonah Orvis 46, Cadyn Huber 44, Kale Kuennen 43, Kinek Reicks 43, Ethan Orvis 40.

TV Red, 214 - Marcus Kriener 45, Jackson Vsetecka 44, William Diers 43, Brody Hackman 43, Tanner Tlusty 39.

TV Gray, 143 - Hunter Nelson 41, Wade Petersen 33, Boden Toussaint 28, Calen Franzen 23, Bode Balk 18.

TV White, incomplete squad - Hailey Elsbernd 44, Alexis Elsbernd 42, Harley Baumler 35.

### WSR INVITE AT CEDAR FALLS

Top squads - Cresco Area Clay Crushers 5 243, New Hampton White 237, Janesville 1 237.

Top boys - Anthony Steinlage (J'ville) 50, Caden Wetherell (J'ville) 50, Kail Schmelzer (CACC) 50, Kendall Schwickerath (CACC) 50.  
Top girls - Kayla Holschlag (NH) 48, Ava Ferrie (CACC) 47, Avery Johnson (CACC) 47.

### TURKEY VALLEY SQUADS

TV Red, 222 - Kriener 47, Hackman 46, Vsetecka 44, Tlusty 43, Kuennen 42.  
TV Black, 218 - Pullman 46, B. Fischer 45, A. Fischer 44, Huber 43, Drilling 40.

TV Orange, 211 - Reicks 48, E. Orvis 46, J. Orvis 44, H. Elsbernd 42, Balk 31.

TV Gray, 203 - Diers 45, A. Elsbernd 43, Nelson 40, Petersen 39, Toussaint 36  
Cedar Falls invite  
Top squads - CC1 240, CACC 235, WSR Black 234.

Top boys - Colton Crooks (CC) 50, Gavin Rings (NH) 50, Tyler Resor (WSR) 50.

Top girls - Holschlag (NH) 49, Taylor Quade (CC) 48, A. Fischer (TV) 47.

### TURKEY VALLEY SQUADS

TV Red, 225 - Kriener 47, Hackman 46, Kuennen 45, Tlusty 44, Vsetecka 43.  
TV Black, 203 - A. Fischer 47, Pullman 41, Drilling 40, B. Fischer 40, Huber 35.  
TV Gray, 195 - Diers 46, A. Elsbernd 45, Toussaint 40, Nelson 35, Petersen 29.  
TV Orange, 185 - E. Orvis 44, Reicks 41, J. Orvis 39, H. Elsbernd 38, Balk 23.

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New Hampton's Mason Lane (above) watches his putt roll toward the hole while teammate Kyler Glenn (below) chips the ball onto the green during last week's Class 2A sectional tournament that was held at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club.

## Chickasaws qualify two for state

Pair of 80s send Lane, Glenn to Ames; Chickasaws take third at 2A district

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Mason Lane stood over his ball Monday afternoon wanting to make a 12-foot birdie putt in the worst way.

"I was standing there and thinking that if I make this, it's an 80 and that was as high as I wanted to go," the New Hampton senior said. "One, 80, you know, sounds pretty good. Two, I wanted to end it with a birdie..."

And three?  
"I figured 80 would be close to getting me to state," he said, "and if it wasn't, I could say I birdied my last hole ever in high school golf."

Meanwhile, his teammate, sophomore Kyler Glenn, had also finished his round at Heritage Oaks and Golf Country Club near Wapello with an 80.

"I thought it was going to be

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## Chickasaw girls advance in golf

New Hampton fires season-low 352 to win first round of 2A regional

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The "Grizzly."

The New Hampton girls golf team will look to tame that wide-open, back-nine at Bear Creek Golf Course in Forest City on Wednesday.

The nickname for the Class 2A regional state-qualifying 18-hole course might seem intimidating, but these Chickasaws have taken down formidable foes before.

"It's a little different. You gotta kind of put yourself in the right positions on the back to score well. There's a lot of trouble," said NH head coach Eric Olson. "You gotta hit over water a lot. It's really tight and there's some long holes. Just about every hole has some kind of hazard on it. It's kind of like our golf course, except it's a little tighter."

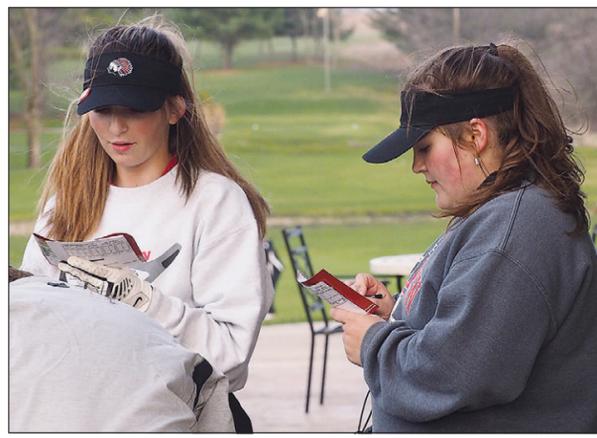
After last Friday's opening round 352 at the Belmond Country Club in the start to regional play, New Hampton will head into Forest City with a ton of momentum. That mark was a season-low for the Chickasaws, who are ranked No. 1 by the Iowa High School Golf Coaches Association and finished third at the state meet last year.

"It was just a really solid day for us," said Olson. "Everything was clicking on all cylinders. We kind of had our confidence back after our little hiccup on Monday at the conference meet. We just got to carry that into Wednesday," said Olson.

New Hampton is vying to crack the state field for the fifth-consecutive season under the direction of Olson. If New Hampton is planning on playing at state next week in Cedar Falls, it will have to do what it's done almost all season — fire low rounds.

"Collectively, it was probably our best day of chipping and putting," said Olson about the start to regional play.

The Chickasaws, spearheaded by a 1-2-3 individual



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New Hampton's Sanja Noehl (left) and Lydia Olson check over their scorecards during a meet held earlier this season at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club.

finish at Belmond courtesy of senior Sanja Noehl (83), junior Lydia Olson (83) and freshman Lauren Nuss (84), bested second-place Garner-Hayfield-Ventura (380) by 28 strokes.

"Those three gals just played really awesome golf all day," said Olson. "To be honest, all six of the girls played great."

NH sophomores Kinsli Dahl (102), Molly Wegner (103) and freshman Maycen Hackman (105) finished out New Hampton's scoring.

The G-H-V Cardinals will also play alongside New Hampton on Wednesday in Forest City in Class 2A's Region 1 Final. West Lyon and Spirit Lake were the other teams in northwest Iowa that advanced to the Forest City Regional.

West Lyon (398) and Spirit Lake (400) qualified for the regional finals on Landsmeer Golf Club in Orange City.

"We really don't know a whole lot about them," said Olson. "The course they played regionals on is rated quite a bit tougher than the one we played regionals on."

Olson's and his Chickasaws' approach to crack the state field yet again is simple — card lower scores than the opponents you're playing with. The rest should take care of itself.

"You almost have to treat it like match play — just beat the girls in your group," said Olson. "If you beat the three other girls in your group, we're going to advance. If we all do that, we're going to be fine."

NH responded after shooting an uncharacteristically high total of 406 at the NEIC meet held at Waukon on Monday, May 9. That inflated total enabled Waverly-Shell Rock to tie the Chickasaws for the conference crown. It was the seventh league crown in a row that New Hampton has been able to engineer. No team in league history had accomplished six in a row prior to this season.

"It was fun to watch them be confident and hitting the shots — just having fun playing golf," said Olson. "I really liked how we bounced back and performed."

### TEAM SCORES

New Hampton 352, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura 380, Emmetsburg 418, Belmond-Klemme 427, Forest City 429, Central Springs 439, Osage 465, Estherville-Lincoln 468.

### NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

Medalist - Sanja Noehl (NH) 41-42-83, Lydia Olson (NH) 41-41-83.  
New Hampton scores - Noehl 41-42-83, Olson 41-42-83, Lauren Nuss 43-41-84, Kinsli Dahl 51-51-102, Molly Wegner 51-52-103, Maycen Hackman 55-50-105.



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# Heading to the Blue Oval!

## Chickasaw girls qualify for 10 events at state

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Carlee Rochford stood near the long jump pit where she had just broken a 42-year-old New Hampton school record and brushed her arms off.

"On a day like this, the sand just sticks to you," she said with a laugh. "Trust me, the shower is going to feel really good tonight, but all this sand is worth it. This has been a goal of mine for a really long time."

The fact that her record-breaking leap of 17 feet, 10 inches came at the Class 2A state qualifying meet made it even better as she not only broke the 17-9 mark that Peg Ganske recorded back in 1980 but it put her in the top flight at the Class 2A state meet that begins today (Thursday) in Des Moines.

"The No. 1 goal obviously is to qualify," Rochford said, "but you also want to get in that second flight with the better jumpers because they push you."

Not that Rochford needs all that much pushing as the Chickasaw junior had herself a heck of a day at a meet that New Hampton came within one lousy point of claiming a team title. Before winning the long jump, she claimed the high jump title with a leap of 5-4, and later in the meet, she won the 100 hurdles and ran a leg on the Chickasaws' 4x400 relay that also included Taylor Ries, Kinsley Hackman and Hailee Pesek.

When the meet had ended, though, those were the lone four events that New Hampton was assured of taking to state. The Chickasaws then had to play the waiting game — one that lasted longer than usual because two 2A state qualifying meets had been postponed because of severe thunderstorms and weren't run until Friday — to see what else they were taking to Des Moines this weekend.

The top-two finishers at each state qualifying meet punch their tickets to state, and the remaining eight spots are filled by the next eight fastest times and farthest distances from

**SEE NH GIRLS TRACK, 14**



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New Hampton's Hailee Pesek strides out as she runs the 400 while teammates Alivya Wisner and Kinsley Hackman execute a handoff in the 4x200 at the Class 2A state qualifying meet that was held in Osage last Thursday.



## Usher's heroics lead way as New Hampton boys qualify trio of events

BY BOB FENSKE  
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Dylan Usher's coach had given up hope, and truth be told, Usher didn't have a whole lot of it, either.

"With 200 to go," the New Hampton senior said of the 4x400 relay at last Thursday's Class 2A state qualifying meet, "I knew I had to go but honestly, I thought he was too far ahead of me."

It didn't matter; Usher was going to fire up the jets and try to catch Forest City's Dakota Carlson for a second-place and more importantly, an automatic invite to the state meet, in the night's final race.

"It looked like he hit a wall, and all of a sudden, I thought maybe, just maybe I can reel him in," Usher said, "and then it's kind of like blood in the water type of thing and I just went."

New Hampton coach Scott Jenkins, meanwhile, turned around for a moment thinking the 4x4 was just not to be for his Chickasaws.

"One of the parents said something like 'I think he's got a chance' and I could hear the crowd really get into it," he said, "and I turned around and realized I had forgotten who I was dealing with. I forgot it was Ush, and to see him run that last 100, it was amazing."

At the last moment, Usher passed Carlson, and he had anchored Aiden Roberson, Ethan Praska and Braden McShane to the Class 2A state meet that starts today (Thursday) in Des Moines.

The improbable 4x400 comeback capped a brilliant state qualifying meet in which Usher anchored McShane, Carter Cahoy and Praska to a win in the distance medley and in which the senior who has

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton senior Dylan Usher holds off Central Springs' Bryce McDonough to give the Chickasaws a win in the distance medley.

## 'Old pro' leads a contingent of Turkey Valley girls to state

BY DOROTHY HUBER  
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There's rookies going to the state meet for Turkey Valley and there's old pros. Some, like Jacquyn Schmitt, have never even been to Drake Stadium. Then there's Jalyssa Blazek.

Blazek, along with Kara Reicks, Josie Weber and Kourtney Schmidt, advanced to the big stage in the distance medley relay after finishing as a runner-up at the state qualifying meet Thursday. But Blazek, as she has in the past, will be going in all four events in which she was entered.

This time, though, she has the best time in Class 1A in two of those events — the 800 and the 1,500. Last year at state, Blazek placed third in the 800. She also qualified this year in the 100, her time in that event

is 12th.

In the 1,500 she broke the 5-minute mark for the first time in her career; her 4:54.5 broke a school record set by Elizabeth Hageman in 2001 of 5:01.18.

"It felt like I was going along at a pretty good clip, but then I heard [assistant coach Bakula] Sarah yelling something like 'let's break five' and it was the motivation I needed to pick up the pace," she said.

Blazek said it wasn't easy picking up the pace, after all, she finished ahead of second-place finisher Haley Meyer of Kee by nearly nine seconds.

"This is my first year of competitively running the mile," said the senior, "so it's kind of a new race to me. It's nice to see that progress in something I'm not used to."

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Dorothy Huber/Tribune

Turkey Valley's Jacquyn Schmitt (above) receives high fives from Macey Hackman after winning the discus at Thursday's state qualifying meet at EdCo, while Marcus Herold (below) hands the baton to Chase Hayek in the distance medley, which will also be going to Des Moines.



## Focused Turkey Valley boys qualify a trio of relays that will head to state

BY DOROTHY HUBER  
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Russell Nieman made a statement that was hard to believe after he and his teammates won the 4x800 relay at the state qualifying meet Thursday, but the rest of the quartet agreed.

At least most of them did. Dylan Reicks was still trying to catch his breath after anchoring the relay that finished with a time that was over nine seconds better than what the Turkey Valley 4x800 ran at state last year.

After running on a day that featured the kind of heat we haven't seen yet this year, along with winds we certainly have, Nieman said, "That last lap, I didn't feel the wind at all, I just was focused on staying within two strides of the guy."

The entire group was that

focused. Nieman handed the baton to Ryan Franzen, who gained the lead which the Trojans would just build upon with Noah Hanson and Reicks.

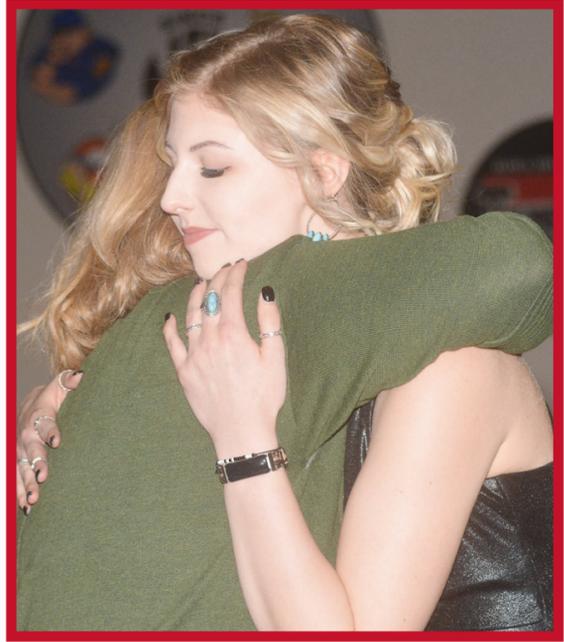
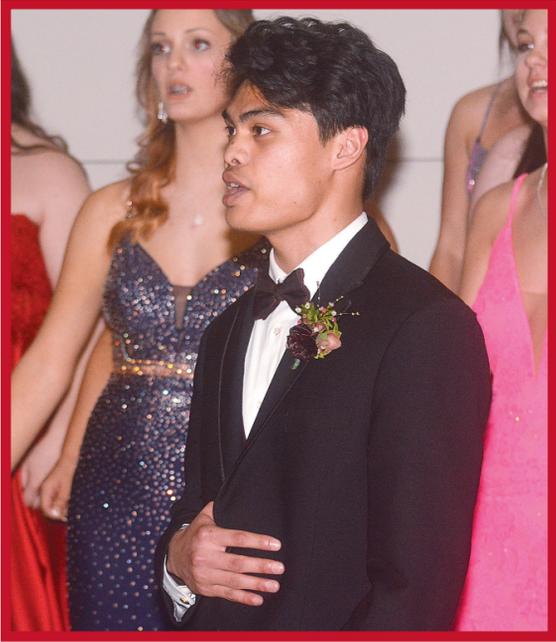
"We weren't here expecting to win it," said Franzen, "that was how bad we wanted it. We were definitely more prepared than [the second place squad] was, because of the large gap we had on them."

That would be the only win for the Trojans on the night as they finished seventh of 14 teams, but two other relays — the distance medley was fourth and the 4x400 third — will advance to the state tournament which starts today (Thursday) in Des Moines.

The 4x800 second place team, Maquoketa Valley, had come into the meet with the

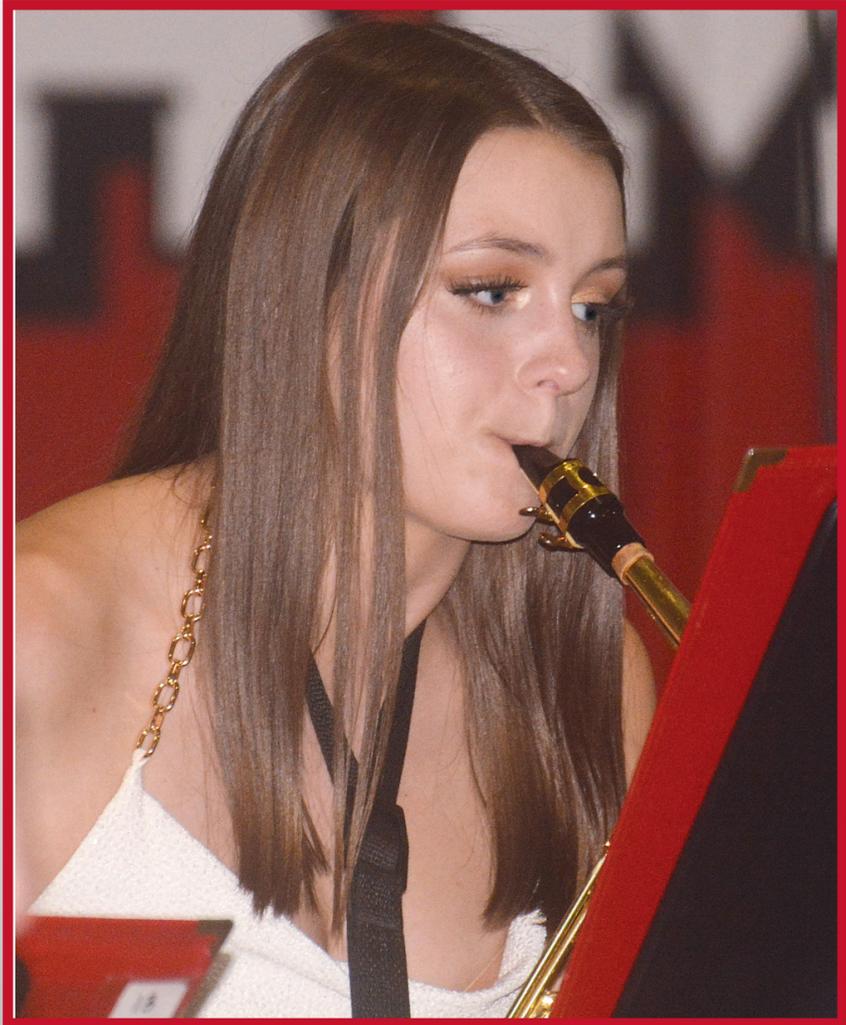
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**Class of**
  
**2022**
  
**New Hampton High School**
  
**Commencement**
  
**Sunday, May 22, 2022**
  
**2:30 p.m. • Competition Gym**

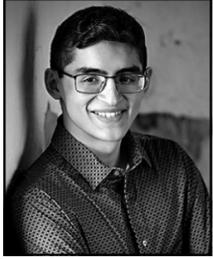


*“Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.” -Dr. Seuss*

● **Class Colors: Red & Black**  
 ☆ **Class Flower: White Rose**



**Daniel Aispuro**



Daniel is the son of Martha Aispuro and Hilario Aispuro. In high school he was involved in band, wrestling and football. After graduation, Daniel's plans are uncertain at this time, but he is thinking of attending a two-year college.

**Reicks View Farms**

**Angel Antonio**



The son of Belen Guadalupe Antonio and Angel Antonio Palomares, Angel participated in cross country and was in drama/play. His plans include going to barber school and to keep working on his small business.

**Cedar Valley Iowa Realty**

**Chloe Ashley**



Chloe is the daughter of Melissa Ashley and Dan Ashley. Her activities were volleyball, National Honor Society, Student Senate, ELP, SADD, 4-H, Interact, Large Group Speech, softball, basketball, IBN, and working at Blue Iris & Klunder's Kafe. Her plans are to attend Drake University to major in business and pre-law.

**The Blue Iris**

**Kaylee Baker**



Kaylee, the daughter of Marea Baker and David Baker, took part in Club Iowa Juniors (national volleyball team), volleyball, basketball, track, Calmar Area Swim Team, National Honor Society, Letterettes, yearbook, Interact club, Iowa BIG North, band, choir, CYG, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Speech, Kid Venture, Children's Church leader/volunteer, lifeguard, and CNA. "I plan to play volleyball as a Yellow Jacket at Graceland University and continue my studies there, majoring in elementary education and obtaining my coaching authorization," she said.

**Boeding, Speltz and Wernimont Family Dentistry**

**Anthony Blazek**



Anthony is the son of Amanda Blazek and Tony Blazek. Anthony took part in Church Service, choir, Large Group Speech, golf and theater. He plans on going to a four-year college after his days at New Hampton High School.

**Community Insurance**

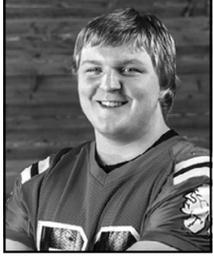
**Blake Britt**



Blake is the son of Tina Britt and Butch Britt. During high school he spent time working at Poor Richards. His future plans are unknown at this time.

**Butch's Place**

**Jacob Burgart**



Jacob, the son of Audra Burgart and Stan Burgart, participated in football, wrestling and track at New Hampton. Jacob's plans after his time as a Chickasaw are to attend Hawkeye for two years for his gen eds, then transfer to the University of Northern Iowa and Palmer for his chiropractic doctors degree.

**MercyOne  
New Hampton Medical Center**

**Taylor Claussen**



The daughter of Dorie Halbfass, Todd Baldwin and Eric Claussen, Taylor was a Student School Board Member and was in track, Letterettes, Iowa BIG North, speech, band, Women of Today, Youth Ministry, yearbook, volleyball and Interact. Her after-graduation plans are to attend the University of Northern Iowa to major in communications.

**Community Insurance**

**Kaiser Croell**



Kaiser is the son of Kristen Nanke and Kurt Croell, he was the student body president, participated in track, cross country, Student Senate, plays & musicals, set construction & concessions during high school. He plans on attending South Dakota State University for a four-year degree in Concrete Industry Management.

**MercyOne  
New Hampton Medical Center**

**Sarah Eiler**



Sarah, the daughter of Beth Eiler and Chris Eiler, was the varsity football manager, FFA Chapter President (2020-2021) and Secretary (2021-2022) and was involved in 4-H, National Honor Society, Interact, Letterettes, prom committee, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech and Dollars for Scholars. "After graduation, I will be attending Iowa State University to major in Animal Science," she said.

**Eye Care Associates**

**Adelynn Ensign**



Adelynn is the daughter of Tanya Chacon and Jeremie Ensign. Her future plans are unknown at this time.

**Bank Iowa**

**Hope Ensign**



The daughter of Tanya Chacon and Jeremie Ensign, Hope's activities in high school included the Art Gallery. After graduation, she plans on attending UNI for graphic design.

**Bank Iowa**

**Carson Fangman**



Carson, the son of Gina Fangman and Steve Fangman, was active in trapshooting, FFA, 4-H all four years, and football his freshman and sophomore years. "I plan on attending college at NICC in Calmar for agriculture," he said. "My hopes are to stay local and continue farming and being part of the Agricultural world."

**Chickasaw Mutual/  
Nosbisch Insurance**

**Chloe Geerts**



Chloe is the daughter of Carrie Geerts and Todd Geerts. Activities for Chloe included volleyball, softball, Letterettes, National Honor Society, Lead, Impact, yearbook, Student Senate, dance committees, SADD, club volleyball, IBN, mission trip, little kids volleyball and little kids softball. Her future plans are to attend Capri college for two and a half years, starting with cosmetology school and then to further her education in esthetics.

**Vern Laures Auto Center**

**Jerzi Gitch**



Jerzi is the daughter of Niki Gitch and Jeff Gitch. She was involved in National Honor Society, volleyball, Interact Club, PBIS Committee, Dollars for Scholars, Iowa BIG North, basketball, S.A.D.D., FFA, yearbook, Large Group Speech, Mission Trip, was a L.I.G.H.T. Teacher at Trinity Lutheran Church, student class representative, CNA at New Hampton Nursing and Rehab and volunteer for Park & Rec Volleyball. Her future plans are to attend the University of Iowa majoring in Human Physiology and Pre-Pharmacy in hopes of becoming a Clinical Pharmacist.

**Vern Laures Auto Center**

**LilyAnn Hackman**



The daughter of Jennifer Hackman and Jason Hackman, LilyAnn's activities included Women's Empowerment Club, Letterettes, National Art Honor Society, Large Group Speech, she was a wrestling cheerleader and worked at the public library. She plans to go to Grinnell College to get her bachelor's degree in psychology.

**Vern Laures Auto Center**

**Alexus Hampton**



Alexus is the daughter of Bobbie-Jo Powers (Mother) & Charley Hampton (Stepmom), Curt Hampton (Father) & Paul Powers (Stepdad). She was an XC manager, football cheerleader, wrestling cheerleader, vice president for the student council her freshman year, a CNA and was in spring plays. "I am going to Cornell College for four years to major in Biology or Chemistry to further my degree to become a forensic scientist in hopes of becoming a Crime Scene Investigator."

**New Hampton Tribune**

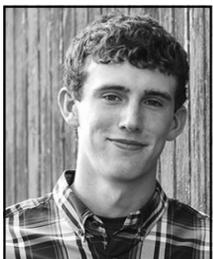
**Tristan Hanson**



Tristan, the son of Joyce Gott and Ben Gott, participated in football and basketball while at New Hampton. His future plans are uncertain at this time.

**Security State Bank**

**Kaeden Havlik**



Kaeden's parents are Becky Ptacek-Havlik and Greg Havlik. His interests in high school included trapshooting, Lettermans, FFA, boy scouts and wrestling. Kaeden's plan is to attend Hawkeye Community College to pursue a career in plumbing and heating. He also plans to stay in the area and farm.

**Mic's Plumbing & Heating, Inc.**

**Zachary Heying**



Zachary is the son of Dawn Heying and Mike Heying. In high school Zachary was in FFA and was a wrestling manager. His future plans are undecided at this time.

**Klunder's Kafe**

**Jacob Hidding**



Jacob, the son of Amy Hidding and Mike Hidding, was involved in trapshooting, cross country, Odyssey of the Mind, choir, plays and was a CNA - New Hampton Nursing and Rehab Center. Cornell College is in Jacob's future, where he plans on a major in pre-medicine. "After graduating with my bachelor's degree, I want to go to Des Moines University to obtain my Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. My long-term goal is to specialize in geriatric care, and I may strive to achieve my Hospice Medical Director Certification."

**New Horizons Chamber**

**Madison Hidding**



The daughter of Michelle Hidding and Matthew Hidding, Madison's interests included National Honor Society, New Hampton Dance Team, choir and volunteering at local Prairie Lakes Church and youth house groups. After graduation she plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa, majoring in Manufacturing Engineering Technology: Advanced Engineering.

**TriMark Corporation**

**Winnie Hoffman**



Winnie is the daughter of Danyel Koska and Jason Willits and Shirley and Ed Hoffman. While attending NHHS, Winnie was active in choir and mission trips. Winnie's plans after graduation are to try to join the National Guard, then she'd like to go to college to be a "teacher of sorts."

**Vern Laures Auto Center**

**Abigail Holschlag**



Abigail's parents are Ronda Holschlag and Joseph Holschlag. She was a part of concert, marching, jazz, pep, pit, and honor bands, chamber and jazz choir, fall and spring plays, National Honor Society, softball, track, and Nerd club, while volunteering in AWANA's and for the Moe project. Abigail served in the nursery and on the worship team for church and babysat. She plans on attending The University of Northern Iowa to major in Instrumental Music Education.

**Holschlag Bin Sales**

**Kayla Holschlag**



Kayla is the daughter of Sherri Holschlag and Paul Holschlag. She was in trapshooting, band, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Marching Band, Interact, Letterettes, Prom Committee, Homecoming Dance Committee, Student Senate, class treasurer, FFA, FFA Officer Team, National Honor Society, sound/backgrounds for musicals and plays, acolyting and lecturing at Church, Youth Group at Prairie Lakes, and working as a crop scout. She plans on attending the University of Northern Iowa to major in Math Education, get a job as a teacher close to home, get married and start a family. "When I graduate from UNI with my major in math education, I'm excited to change future students' learning experience in school, since a lot don't like math."

**Fidelity Bank & Trust**

**Emily Jackson**



Emily, the daughter of Nicki Johnson and Jeff Jackson, was involved in softball, basketball, volleyball, cross country, track, Letterettes, National Honor Society, Student Senate, Lead, SADD, interact and FFA and was on the sweetheart/prom committee, a catechist aid and lector. After graduation, Emily plans on attending Loras College for athletic training while running cross country and track.

**New Hampton Chiropractic**

**Dylan Kiehne-Bugenhagen**



Dylan is the son of Jessy Hanson, Scott Hanson and Keith Bugenhagen. In high school he was involved in Chamber and NuHi Choral and helped during the December tornado in and out of New Hampton. After graduation, Dylan's plans are to stay at his current work place, Precision of New Hampton.

**Precision of New Hampton**

**Kelsey Klassen**



Kelsey, the daughter of Jennifer Klassen and Jake Klassen, was in National Honor Society, Letterettes, secretary for FFA, varsity football cheerleading, Individual Speech, Large Group Speech, Prom Committee, plays, musicals, Chamber Choir, Dollars For Scholars, 4-H, vice president for 4-H County Council, American Legion Auxiliary Iowa Girls State, and Chickasaw County Fair Queen. She will be attending The University of Iowa to receive her bachelor's degree in Hearing Sciences and attending post graduate school for her AuD to become an Audiologist.

**New Hampton Auto Body & Trailer Sales**

**Bailey Kriener**



The daughter of Sally Kriener and Lyle Kriener, Bailey's interests included National Honor Society, Certified Nurses Aide, Interact Club Project Leader, Student Senate Representative, Letterettes, Dollars for Scholars Junior Leader, Large Group Speech, wrestling manager, Trinity Church Youth Spokesperson, SADD, prom committee, ELP, AAU and volleyball, golf, parade committee, LEAD, FFA, yearbook staff. "After graduating high school, I will be attending the University of Iowa with a major in Human Physiology on the Pre-Medicine track, with a goal of becoming a surgeon or research physician."

**Focus Real Estate**

**Mason Lane**



The son of Emily Lane and Chris Lane, Mason was involved in football, basketball, golf, baseball, Boy Scouts, Lettermen's and National Honor Society. His post-graduation plans are to attend Iowa State University to major in mechanical engineering. Then, after college, he plans to move back to the New Hampton area.

**TriMark Corporation**

**Rosalie Luntz**



Rosalie is the daughter of Jana Luntz and Edwin Luntz and her host parents are MaryAnn Diesburg and Jim Diesburg. While a student at New Hampton High, she was involved in dance, football cheerleading and golf. "I am going to go back to Germany and finish my education," she said, "and I am probably going to travel around the world afterwards."

**Quilter's Window**

**Andrew Mace**



Andrew is the son of Roxanne Dreesman and Trent Roethler. No information is available.

**New Hampton Tribune**

**Natalie Marr**



Natalie is the daughter of Shari Marr and Scott Marr. While in high school she participated in dance team, cheer, cross country, plays, musical, NHS (president), Letterettes, PBIS, yearbook (editor), FFA, 4-H (state ambassador), Guatemala mission trip, was a dance studio teacher, soccer manager and Klunder's waitress. Natalie's plans are to attend Simpson College for Health and Exercise Science and Biochemistry, while auditioning for the Simpson College dance team. Beyond college she has interest in physical therapy schooling.

**TriMark Corporation**

**Lexi Mason**



Lexi is the daughter of Christi Hess and Randy Hess. Her post-high school plan is to work until she knows for sure what she wants to go to school for.

**Prairie Lakes Church**

**Ariana Meyerhoff**



The daughter of Joyce Meyerhoff and Jason Meyerhoff, Ariana was in dance, cheer, Nerd Club, band, Jazz Band, choir, and Youth Group while attending New Hampton. "I plan to go to Iowa State for some sort of medical degree then I hope to get a job at Mayo Clinic," she said.

**Schueth Ace Hardware**

**Luca Moody**



Luca is the daughter of Angie Fredrick, Tim Moody and Jerry Bodensteiner. In high school she was involved in dance, cheerleading, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, Chamber Choir, Jazz Choir, National Art Honor Society, prom committee, and Women's Empowerment Club. She plans to attend Hawkeye Community College for two years while also working towards obtaining her real estate license.

**Precision of New Hampton**

**Connor Noehl**



Connor is the son of Sara Ameling and Nick Noehl. In high school Connor was active in trapshooting and Odyssey of the Mind. After graduation he plans on working at Leisure Time Golf Cars.

**Leisure Time Golf Cars**

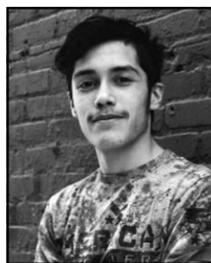
**Sanja Noehl**



The daughter of Leslie Noehl and Nick Noehl, Sanja's interests included National Honor Society, Letterettes, golf, volleyball, Student Senate, Prom Committee, SADD, Interact, Mission Trip, yearbook, band and Jazz Band. "After graduation, I plan to attend either a four-year university or a community college in Iowa to earn a degree in Business Management. After college, I plan to travel the country and experience new places with the end goal of returning to New Hampton to start my family. As for my career, I plan to be an entrepreneur and open my own boutique-style business in New Hampton!"

**Leisure Time Golf Cars**

**Edgar Nunez**



Edgar is the son of Cruz Rodriguez Moncada and Theodoro Rivas. He participated in wrestling, soccer, FFA, Letterman and Church groups while a student at New Hampton. After graduation, Edgar plans on attending a Business four-year college, but is undecided as to which one.

**First Citizens Bank**

**Mariana Ortiz Lopez**



Mariana is the daughter of Raquel Lopez Ortiz and Juan Carlos Ortiz. Activities for Mariana included Peer coach in the middle school, participating in soccer during freshman year, and participating in the March/April Play. She plans on attending a two-year college after graduation.

**Marv & Zips Repair, Inc.**

**Sophie Phillips**



The daughter of Erin Phillips and Cory Phillips, Sophie was in volleyball, trapshooting, XC, NHS, SADD, LEAD, Letterettes, Dollars for Scholars, Large Group Speech, FFA, CYG, Interact, Mission Trip, Park and Rec Volleyball, AAU volleyball, was a Religion teachers' aide, Salvation army bell ringer, waitress at Klunders Kafe and Wrap Around Daycare/KidZone teacher. She plans on attending Hawkeye Community College for the Dental Hygiene program.

**Phillips Plumbing & Heating**

**Anna Rabassi**

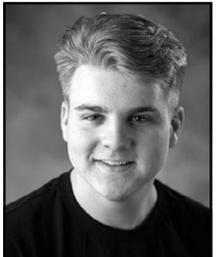


Anna is the daughter of Amelia Tincani and David Rabassi, her host "mum" in America is Andrea Rochford and Joel Rochford is her host dad. While a student here, Anna was involved in basketball, track and yearbook. When she returns to Italy, she has to do her last year of high school, then would like to go to a university in Rome, but is undecided as to what to study.

**Community Insurance**

# Celebrating the Graduates

**Brady Rapenske**  
 Brady is the son of Jennifer Rapenske and Tony Rapenske. He lists "graduation" as his high school activity.  
 His future plans are to become a professional laborer.



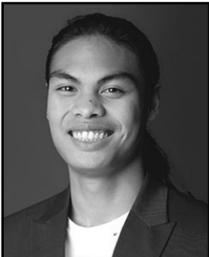
**MercyOne,  
 New Hampton Medical Center**

**Chloe Reicherts**  
 The daughter of Jason and Tori Reicherts, Chloe was in softball, basketball, golf, volleyball, Mojo Volleyball, NHS, Interact, LEAD, SADD, Letterettes Treasurer, yearbook, Large Group Speech, Student Senate Class Officer, Trinity Church Student Teacher, School Carnival Helper, Mission Trip, referee, 5K Their Fight is Our Fight: Suicide Walk/Run, & a classroom helper in the middle school. I have worked at Josie's Bar cleaner, Lawn Care Specialist, and Precision & Country Club worker. "After high school, I am attending Drake University to major in business, possibly psychology, and pre-law! I am very excited for my future and my next steps as a Bulldog!"



**Vern Laures Auto Center**

**Lance Reicks**  
 Lance, the son of Nona Reicks and Dan Reicks, participated in football, cross country, wrestling, track and field, Chamber Choir, Jazz Choir, band, Marching Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Large Group Speech, plays, and musicals.  
 His plans after graduation are to Attend UNI to major in Theatre Performance, "get a luxurious apartment in the cities. Own 3 dogs, 1 cat, maybe a turtle. Catch dubs."



**Fidelity Bank & Trust**

**Morgan Riha**  
 Morgan is the daughter of Laura Riha and Andy Riha. At New Hampton High she was in choir, band and was the basketball manager.  
 Her future plans are to go NAICC for an associate's in arts and then transfer to Buena Vista University for a bachelor in Accounting.



**Rapid Printers/Office World**

**Gavin Rings**  
 The son of Mary Jo Rings and Jeff Rings, Gavin's activities included wrestling, football, trapshooting, FFA, Lettermans and working at Gilbert Farms.  
 After high school, his plans are to attend a two year college, possibly Hawkeye.



**Vern Laures Auto Center**

**Caitlyn Rochford**  
 Caitlyn is the daughter of Jackie Rochford and Dale Rochford. She was wrestling manager, Letterettes Co-President, Student Senate President & Representative, was in Chamber and Jazz Choir, Large Group Speech, Interact, Yearbook, PBIS, SADD, Lead, Sweetheart Committee, prom committee, CYG, State Fair and White Christmas Musicals, spring play, Women's Empowerment Day.  
 "After high school, I plan on attending the University of Iowa and majoring in nursing. I then plan on obtaining my master's degree with the goal of becoming a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner or Postpartum Nurse. I am also looking forward to getting married and having kids."



**First Citizens Bank**

**Victoria Rosonke**  
 Victoria, the daughter of Cathy Rosonke and Keith Rosonke, was a football manager all four years, a boys basketball manager and girls track manager, was in plays, musicals, Lawler Lions Club and Letterettes.  
 Her future plans include attending UNI for six years for Athletic Training.



**Eye Care Associates**

**Adrianna Schulz**  
 The daughter of Dawn Schulz and David Schulz, Adrianna's main interest while a student at New Hampton was art.  
 Her future plans are undecided at this time.



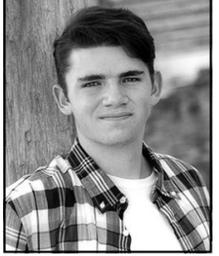
**Luana Savings Bank**

**Hailey Shekleton**  
 Hailey is the daughter of Becca Shekleton and Mic Shekleton. Her activities included FFA, working with the Methodist Church, S.N.A.P, food banks, can drives, boys track manager and Iowa Big North.  
 After graduation, Hailey plans to attend South Dakota State University instead of Iowa State, where she will be majoring in Animal Science and Minor in Equine Ecology to eventually become an Equine Physical Therapist.



**Mic's Plumbing & Heating, Inc.**

**Sam Singewald**  
 Sam's parents are April Singewald and Sean Singewald. His interests included trapshooting, Chamber Choir, Jazz Choir, musicals, one year of band, FFA, boy scouts and Nerd Club.  
 "After High School I'm going to attend Hawkeye Community College for the Digital Mass Media program. After Hawkeye I would like to enlist into the United States Navy to be a photographer and videographer. After that I will pursue my love and passion and get a degree in history. Hopefully I will work at museums and museum ships."



**H&R Block**

**Lauren Smith**  
 Lauren, the daughter of Dawn Smith and Travis Smith, was active in dance, volleyball, National Honor Society, student senate, OM, Interact, PBIS, SADD; she was the Letterettes co-president and LIGHT teacher.  
 After graduating, she plans to attend California State University, Long Beach, to study General Biology on a pre-med track, and then continue on with her education to become a psychiatrist.



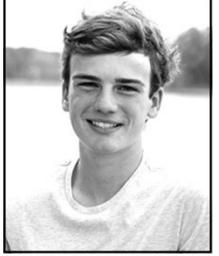
**Pocketful of Posies**

**Katie Steinlage**  
 Katie is the daughter of Sherry Miller and Dennis Steinlage. Her activities included dance, wrestling and football cheer, boy's track manager, student senate, prom committee, National Honor Society, yearbook, lead, ELP, large group speech, band, choir, odyssey of the minds, interact, SADD and working at Klunder's Kafe.  
 "My future plans are to attend Wartburg and major in pre-dentistry, biochemistry. After I graduate from Wartburg, I plan to apply to the University of Iowa and attend their dental school program."



**LS Supply & Rental**

**Preston Trower**  
 The son of Stacy Trower and Tony Trower, Preston's interests were in golf, cross country, Letterman's and National Honor Society.  
 After his graduation from NHHS, he plans on attending Hawkeye Community College in the Ag Business program.



**The Cutting Edge**

**Dylan Usher**  
 Dylan is the son of Leslie Usher and Rick Usher. At New Hampton, he was on the cross country and track teams. His plans after graduation — soon after graduation — are to ship out for the Army on June 5.



**Hometown TV Appliance**

**Zachary Utley**  
 Zachary, the son of Jennifer Utley and Tony Utley, was active in football, trapshooting, wrestling, lettermen's and FFA in high school.  
 His future plans include attending Iowa State to pursue a degree in Agronomy.



**Vision Crop Consulting**

**Areli Valdez**  
 Areli is the daughter of Cristabel Ortiz and Luis Valdez. Since she speaks Spanish and English fluently, she helped people in doctor's appointments, schools, and other places that they needed her during her high school years.  
 "My plan after high school is to take a break and work to save money to go to college."



**Marv & Zips Repair, Inc.**

**Isabella van de Kerkhof**  
 The daughter of Josephine van der Klis and Mark van de Kerkhof, Isabella has been staying with host parents Jim and MaryAnn Diesburg while a student at New Hampton. Isabella was on the golf team in high school.  
 She plans to go to the Technical University of Eindhoven to study Architecture. After the University she wants to own her own architecture business.



**Holthaus Family Chiropractic Center**

**AJ Vetter**  
 AJ is the daughter of Alma Vetter and Dennis Vetter. In high school AJ was involved in cross country, wrestling, FFA, Group Speech and Individual Speech.  
 She will be going straight to the Army after high school. "I will be going to Fort Jackson, South Carolina for bootcamp on July 5. My plan after the military is to attend college. I plan to impact people's lives positively and better society, enhance my maturity, and self improve every day."



**Poor Richards**

**Maddison Waddell**  
 Maddison, the daughter of Jen Waddell and Wade Waddell, was active in FFA, trapshooting, Iowa BIG North, Dance Team, Mission Trip, choir and prom committee while in high school.  
 After graduation, Maddison will be attending Faust for a cosmetology program, following that she will be staying in school to get her Esthetician license as well.



**Schueth Ace Hardware**

**Elizabeth Wahl**  
 The daughter of Brandee Reams and Will Wahl, Elizabeth was in volleyball and track until she moved here in October.  
 After graduation she plans to go to a two-year school to get her gen eds done then transfer to UNI to major in English.



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 State Farm Insurance**

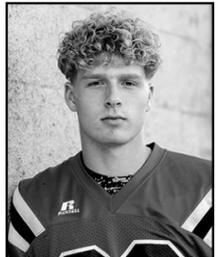
**Emma Wegner**  
 Emma is the daughter of April Wegner and Nick Wegner. At NHHS Emma was in volleyball, track, PBIS, yearbook, Letterettes, Interact, National Honor Society, Sweetheart Dance Committee, Prom Committee, Santa's Shop and volleyball camps.  
 Her future includes Grandview, a four-year private college, to get her Rn/Bsn.



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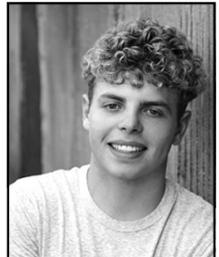
# Celebrating the Graduates

**Drake Wemark**  
 Drake is the son of Amannda Pemble, Chad Pemble and Rick Wemark. His time as a Chickasaw included basketball, football, baseball, National Honor Society, Letterman's, Lead and youth basketball camp.  
 After graduation, Drake plans on attending Morningside University and will be playing football.



**Screenprints, Inc.**

**Tyler Wiltse**  
 Tyler is the son of Steph Wiltse and Mike Wiltse. Among Tyler's activities at New Hampton were football and basketball.  
 His future plans at the time are uncertain. "I will either attend Iowa State, or a community college, and later I will work for my dad."



**TriMark Corporation**

**Jordan Worple**  
 Jordan is the son of Jamie Jones and Joe Worple.  
 His plan after high school is to become a video game programmer.



**Cedar Valley Iowa Realty**

AS OF PRESS TIME, THESE ARE THE STUDENTS SCHEDULED TO GRADUATE; ACTUAL GRADUATION CANDIDATES WILL BE DETERMINED BY SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF COURSEWORK

## It's been a joy to watch these seniors grow up

The date was Dec. 7, 2009, and I was wrapping up my first full day of work as the editor of the New Hampton Tribune.

It had been a hectic Monday morning; I arrived at work, and our assistant news editor at the time, Staci Schutte, was busy putting the final touches on the paper.

"Bob, go find a snow picture for me," she said and then quickly added a "please."

We did get that paper out that morning, even with the "new guy" getting in the way a lot. I spent much of the afternoon learning the Tribune's "system" and then picked up my first day of school at New Hampton Elementary School.

They liked their new school, especially the fact that they spent half the day at the high school with their new classmates rehearsing for that night's Christmas concert.

"We don't have to go tonight," Noah told me, "because the new music teacher, what's her name, told us she'd understand that we'd be nervous, not knowing the songs and everything. But I want to go. I can fake it."

Even as a little third-grader, Noah was social and he was willing to jump at the chance to leave our new "cable TV-less" home and hang out with people he had met just hours before. With Noah on board, Josh said he'd go, too.

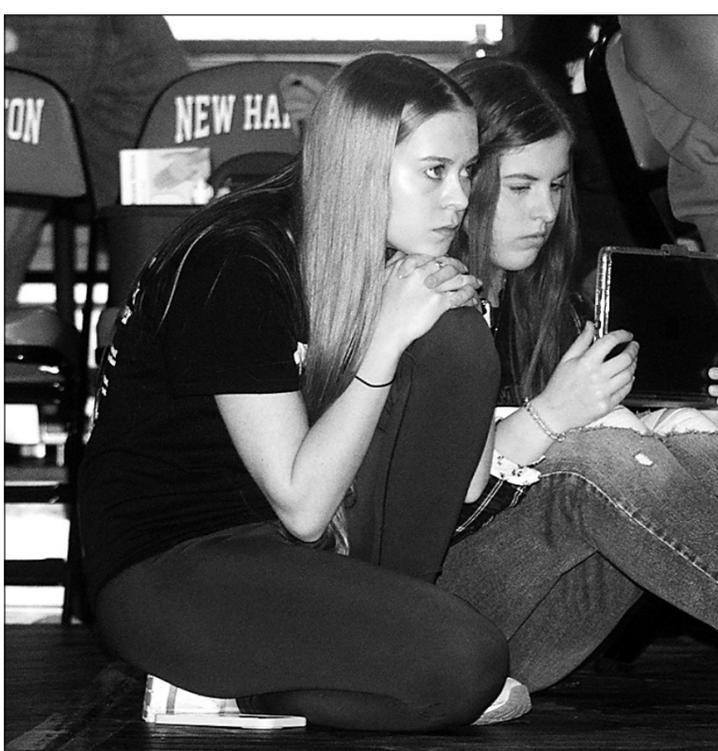
That was good because that concert was my first real assignment I had given myself, and besides the lame introduction story about myself, it was the first story I was going to cover for the Trib.

I've been thinking about that long ago Monday because the kindergartners who performed at that concert will walk across the New Hampton competition gymnasium stage this Sunday and receive their diplomas.

And one of them made for my first "lead" that appeared in the Tribune. Little Bailey Kriener stepped to the microphone and began reciting the



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**New Hampton High School wrestling manager Bailey Kriener (left) intently watches a match on the mat at the Class 2A district tournament that was held in New Hampton in February.**

introductions to "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

"You know Dasher and Dancer and Comet and Vixen and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen ..."

And the kindergarten student did it without one iota of nervousness in her voice, much to the delight of New Hampton Elementary School music instructor Ashley McCarty.

Bailey and her classmates make up my first start-to-finish class here in New Hampton. OK, technically, the Class of 2023 is the first group of students I saw walk through the elementary school doors and begin kindergarten, but it's my column so whatever I say goes, right?

Fast forward 13 years to the photo that accompanies this column.

It was taken at the Class 2A district wrestling tournament this past February, and there is Bailey Kriener intently watching a match featuring New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Marcus Herold, who will take a similar walk across a stage on Sunday in

Jackson Junction.

The cute little girl who stepped up to the microphone with so much confidence has grown up.

Then again, so have all of the rest of those kindergartners who performed in that jam-packed gym on Dec. 7, 2009.

As one journey ends, another will begin.

Some will work, some will go to college, some will serve our country in the military.

Many will eventually get married, have children and raise their families. One day, they'll be old like me, and my hope is that they will look back on these last 13 years with fondness.

Look, I get it, those school years aren't always a proverbial bed of roses. Growing up — especially in an era of social media and countless other distractions — isn't easy; in fact, sometimes, it's downright hard.

But this Class of 2022, small by New Hampton standards, has persevered and brought folks like me so much joy



and laughter. When they leave that gym on Sunday afternoon as alumni of good ol' New Hampton High, they will leave me with plenty of memories that I'll cherish for years to come.

I'm never going to forget the spectacular catches Drake Wemark made on the football field, the joy dancers like Katie Steinlage and Natalie Marr brought to the floor, the grittiness of Emily Jackson in whatever she did, the beauty of the voice that belonged to all-state singer Lance Reicks or the touching song that Abigail Holschlag wrote for her band director.

I'll always remember the day I sat with three speech students — Kelsey Klassen, AJ Vetter and Luca Moody — just like I'll always treasure the memories of watching Dylan Usher run mile after mile. I'm thankful for both the insights and yes, the grief, I received from kids like Tyler Wiltse, Jacob Burgart and Preston Trower.

I could go on and on and on ... Noah does get that ability to talk from his old man, after all.

But to all of you in the Class of 2022, it's been a joy.

You did well. Really well.



