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# EMS interviews will be ‘private’

SafeTech officials say interviewees’ comments will be ‘held in confidence’

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Chickasaw County leaders and residents should know the results of an ambulance feasibility study by some-time in June, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors learned during a meeting Monday.

Supervisor Jake Hackman, who also sits on the Chickasaw County

Ambulance Council, told his fellow board members that a committee representing the Ambulance Council was told by SafeTech Solutions’ officials during a meeting last week that it would take three months from the initial interview process until the presentation of the final report.

SafeTech will be in the county March 21-22 to conduct interviews with leaders from both the county

and its cities, EMS personnel, school superintendents, EMS personnel, law-enforcement officers, fire chiefs and others.

Hackman stressed that those interviews will be closed to the public and shared what each interviewee will be presented by interviewers from SafeTech Solutions, which the Ambulance Council is paying \$30,000 to conduct a feasibility study that

will include the potential of a county-owned ambulance service.

The verbiage of the statement was sent to members of the committee, which includes Hackman, Emergency Management Director Jeff Bernatz and Ambulance Council Chairman Mark Muetherthies, last week and is as follows:

“Thank you for participating in the interviews for the assessment of the emergency medical services needs of your community.

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Turkey Valley student Treyton Hulbert sings a solo as he and his fellow “Oklahoma!” cast members work with the musical’s director, Alex Gisleson (right), during a recent rehearsal.

# TV TAKES ON ‘OKLAHOMA!’

SMALL-SCHOOL STUDENTS EXCITED TO SHOW OFF STAGE TALENT IN EVERY-OTHER-YEAR MUSICAL

**By DOROTHY HUBER**  
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When Treyton Hulbert commented on his experience participating in the musical “Oklahoma!” he ranked it right up there with some of the football games he was instrumental in winning last fall.

“It’s been about the most fun

experience I’ve had in a long time,” he said of practices so far. “We’re still working as a team.”

Hulbert has done spring plays before, but this is the first big musical the school has put on during the senior’s time in high school. He’ll play the lead male role of Curly, who courts Laurey, played by Aubrey Hoffert.

“Since my voice is the first thing people are going to hear, it is kind of scary,” said Hulbert. “But people tell me I have a nice voice, so hearing that stuff is making me more positive and turning my nervousness into excitement.”

The title song, he said, along with the number “People Will Say We’re in Love” are the most chal-

lenging for him. “I am a bass, and those songs get extremely high.”

**MUSICALS AT TURKEY** Valley are held every other year — opposite of plays — but due to COVID, last year’s musical was not held. It’s the second musical for

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# TRIBE Trail asks city to help out with Phase III

Committee members say they will continue to seek grants, donations

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Members of the TRIBE Trail Committee asked the New Hampton City Council on Monday night to consider a small levy to help raise up to \$250,000 in funds to put toward the third and final phase of the trail, but city leaders held off on making a decision so that they could get more feedback from residents.

Megan Baltes and Rick Kramer made the request because they said the committee needs to have matching funds available to qualify for a number of grants, and they both stressed that the committee could very well need less funds from the city than they were requesting on Monday night.

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# Daycare supporters move closer to their ‘finish lines’

Great Plays lauds partnership with church, hope to close out fundraising as construction ramps up

**By BOB FENSKE**  
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Work has commenced in earnest on what will become New Hampton’s largest daycare center, thanks to a fire marshal’s approval of the plans to renovate the educational wing of the First United Methodist Church.

And now, those who have pushed hardest to turn Great Plays Daycare into Little Sprouts are focusing on the proverbial “finish lines” — completing construction and wrapping up the fundraising campaign — for a project that has been years in the making.

“It is exciting because we’re so close to getting there,” said Great Plays Daycare Board President Brian Carolan. “Getting the fire marshal approval is huge because we wanted to make sure that we

didn’t have any surprises at the end. Now, we’d just like to take this fundraising over the finish line.”

If all goes well, the new facility with a new name will open on June 1.

Great Plays for years has been looking to expand its daycare capacity, but doing so at its current building on the south end of New Hampton simply wasn’t in the cards.

But daycare proponents gained a huge victory last fall when Great Plays learned it had been awarded an Investing in Iowa Child Care Grant in the amount of almost \$750,000. The grant award cemented the partnership between the Methodist church and the daycare to begin plans on converting the educational wing into a

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Work has started on bringing the First United Methodist Church education wing up to code so that it can be used as a daycare facility.

# New Hampton gets invite from the UIC

League that includes Turkey Valley asks 10 schools to consider joining conference

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The merger between the Northeast Iowa Conference and the Upper Iowa Conference may be dead on arrival, especially after the latter extended invitations to 10 schools, including three from the NEIC.

Earlier this week, superintendents at New Hampton, Crestwood, Waukon, Osage, Sumner-Fredericksburg, Starmont, Edgewood-Colesburg, Tripoli and Riceville received invitations from the UIC to join the conference that currently has nine members, including Turkey Valley.

In the letter that was written by Upper Iowa Conference President Nick Trenkamp,

the superintendent at Central Elkader, the UIC superintendents said they met on Feb. 22 to discuss possible expansion.

“Our conversations largely circulated around what would an expansion look like,” the letter stated, “and how would that benefit the larger and smaller schools in our conference?”

The superintendents discussed how a “two-division” or “three division” conference, based on school enrollments, would look, but the UIC superintendents added “there are endless scenarios that can be discussed once it is determined which students would like to join.”

They added that the

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# Senior LIVING



## Seniors come to enjoy high-tech vehicles

‘Bells and whistles’ are always changing but they’re also helpful

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When car shopping at the Vern Laures dealership some years back, Jim Haeflinger wanted a basic vehicle, without all the options and add-ons. But the 2017 van he purchased had some of those bells and whistles anyway. Now, years later, he wouldn’t be without them.

“I do like the features I did get,” he said. “I think that stuff’s really nice, it’s saved me a couple times.”

He was talking about some of the safety features that, while many of them aren’t new, are getting to be standard on vehicles now.

“When you’re backing up and there’s something in your way, there will be a voice that will warn you, that’s a really nice safety feature. It’ll show you how close you are to something. It’s nice to have.”

Those of us over a certain age may have a bit harder time adapting to new technology than the younger generations, but that’s where Laures’ salespeople, including Donald Broer, come in.

“Things are always changing,” he said, “even for us. We’re always taking different classes online to try and educate ourselves the best we can. If people have questions on stuff after they take their vehicle home, we

don’t want them to feel bad if they have to come back. We will go over things with them, several times if that’s what it takes.”

A salesman since 2013, Broer has seen plenty of changes in that period of time.

“The back-up cameras, when I started, were just small screens in the rear-view mirror. Then you had four-inch, then eight-inch screens, now probably most of the screens are typically 12 inches. Most systems run by touchscreen now, and using Apple Car or Android Auto you can interface with your phone, make calls and play music that’s stored on your phone. In ’18 or newer cars your Google Maps will come up on the screen and you can look up restaurants, gas stations or other businesses.”

Outside mirrors that make you aware of drivers that are in your blind spot are now in many vehicles.

“We also have what they call adaptive cruise control - once you set your cruise control speed and you’re driving down the road, it’ll automatically slow you down when there’s a car in front of you and speed up again when it’s safe. A lot of people really enjoy that feature going through cities on interstate highways.”

Settings can be switched between long, medium and close, depending on how comfortable a driver is to having a

Today’s vehicles offer a variety of high-tech help, including (clock-wise) blind-spot detection, bigger back-up screens and “lane keep” assist which help drivers’ safety.



car directly in front of them. A forward collision alert uses a sensor in front of the vehicle to sound an alarm if a driver gets too close to a car in front of them “There’s three different colors that appear, it goes from green, to yellow, then red,” Broer said with a smile, “once it gets to red, it beeps really, really loud. It gets your attention.”

Loud is good, especially for those of us that have gone into the hearing-challenged department.

There’s also a lane keep assist feature. “So, what that does — if you’re going 34 miles per hour or faster — it will alert you if you get too close to the center line or yellow line, unless you’re using your turn signal. They also call that a lane change alert feature, it’s the same thing.” In 2020 or newer models, he said, the steering will correct the vehicle somewhat, but prompts the driver to ‘put your hands on the wheel.’”

Keyless entry is not just good for older adults, but anyone who has fumbled with a key trying to open a car door in a dark parking lot late at night. “You have to be 2-3 feet from the vehicle in order to open it,



if you’re not close, no one else is going to be able to get in.” And for the forgetful, the car will not lock if the remote is in the vehicle.

While most of the above-mentioned features are safety-related, some, like heated seats, automatic lift gate openers and electric seats are just a convenience. And if you aren’t good at parallel parking, you can buy a vehicle that will help you. “When you go by an open spot, you put the vehicle in reverse and it will park itself. The person runs the brake and gear shift, but not the steering

wheel.” It will even help with perpendicular parking and will back a car into an open spot.

“Technology is great to a certain extent, it’s different with each individual. So many older couples, it’s so much more tech advanced than what they’re used to. But a lot of my customers will say ‘I guess we have to advance with the times’ and we’re there to help with that.”

But even Broer isn’t ready for all the technology. “We don’t have any self-driving cars yet, they’re supposed to be reliable but frankly, I’m a little nervous about that yet.”

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## Qualities to look for in a post-retirement job



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The notion of relaxing on a beach all day in one's golden years is still a retirement dream for millions of adults across the globe. But many individuals also harbor a desire to keep working after retiring. Whether it's a volunteering gig or a part-time job retirees are looking for, certain qualities can make an opportunity uniquely suited to a post-retirement job.

- **Flexibility:** Retirees may be looking to contribute to their communities or simply earn a little spending money, but they will likely still want the freedom to travel or spend time with their families whenever they choose. So flexibility is something to look for in a post-retirement job. This is what makes consultant work so attractive to retirees. In-person hours may not be required of consultants, who can then offer their input while visiting their grandchildren or traveling the world.

- **Socialization:** Though the ability to work from home can make it easier for retirees to earn some extra money, some

seniors aren't concerned about their finances but want to work so they can get out of the house. In that case, look for a job that offers the opportunity to socialize and meet new people. Socializing as an older adult is a great way to fend off loneliness. In addition, one study published in 2007 in the journal of the American Public Health Association found that social support networks have a positive effect on cognition among older adults. So a post-retirement job that enables retirees to socialize could delay or reduce the severity of age-related cognitive decline.

- **Engagement:** A job seniors find engaging also is more likely to provide the types of benefits seniors are looking for in post-retirement work. For example, researchers at Boston College's Sloan Center on Aging and Work found that seniors who find a job or volunteering opportunity truly engaging are more likely to benefit psychologically from those experiences than those whose post-retirement work is not engaging. If seniors find themselves simply

going through the motions with their post-retirement work, they can look for opportunities that they can be more enthusiastic about.

- **Pressure-free:** Regardless of what retirees did for a living prior to calling it a career, chances are they dealt with work-related stress. In fact, the American Stress Institute reports that 83 percent of workers in the United States suffer from work-related stress, while Statistics Canada reports that 62 percent of Canadian workers say work is their main source of stress. After a lifetime of confronting work-related stress, individuals who want to work in retirement should look for pressure-free opportunities. This is an important quality, as the ASI indicates that stress has been linked to increased rates of heart attack, hypertension and other disorders.

The right post-retirement job may differ from what individuals looked for during their careers. Various qualities can combine to make for a post-retirement gig that benefits seniors in myriad ways.

## How to determine if it's time to downsize

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Individuals work hard to save enough money to purchase their homes. And the hard work doesn't end there. Once homeowners settle into a new home, they may set their sights on renovations that suit their individual needs. And even when buyers find a home that needs no such work, maintenance requires homeowners' utmost attention.

All that hard work is perhaps one reason why seniors may be a little reluctant to downsize as they advance through their golden years. In addition to the sweat equity homeowners put into their homes, all the memories they've made within their walls can make it harder to put a home on the market.

Downsizing is a difficult decision that's unique to each homeowner. Seniors who aren't quite certain if downsizing is right for them can consider three key factors to make a decision that's in their best interests.

- **Cost:** Perhaps no variable affects senior homeowners' decisions to downsize their homes as much as cost. No one wants to outlive their money, and downsizing to a smaller home can help seniors reduce their monthly expenses

by a significant margin. Even homeowners who have long since paid off their mortgages can save substantial amounts of money by downsizing to a smaller home or even an apartment or condominium. Lower property taxes, reduced insurance premiums and the need to pay for fewer repairs are just some of the ways downsizing can save seniors money.

- **Space:** Many people love the extra space that single-family homes provide. But seniors can take a walk through their homes and see how many rooms they still use on a consistent basis. If much of the home is unused, seniors can probably downsize without adversely affecting their daily lives.

- **Market:** The real estate market is another factor to consider when deciding if the time is right to downsize. A seller's market can help seniors get the biggest return on their real estate investment, potentially helping them make up for meager retirement savings. For example, home prices

skyrocketed across the country during the COVID-19 pandemic, making that a great time for sellers to put their homes on the market. Seniors selling to downsize may capitalize on such spikes since they won't be looking to turn around and buy larger, equally expensive homes once they sell their current place. If the market is down and seniors can withstand the work and cost a little longer, it may be best to wait until things bounce back in sellers' favor.

Downsizing requires careful consideration of a host of variables. No two situations are the same, so seniors should exercise due diligence to determine if downsizing is right for them.



## Did you know?

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Getting out and about is a vital component of many seniors' daily lives, but it's important that aging men and women recognize how much exercise is healthy for them. The Department of Health & Human Services notes that adults need a mix of physical activity to stay healthy. That mix should be a combination of moderate-intensity aerobic activities, which can include golfing, swimming and even gardening, and muscle strengthening activities like weightlifting that make the muscles work harder than usual. The DHHS recommends adults combine 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity per week with at least two days of muscle-strengthening activities.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that these guidelines are safe for individuals who are 65 and older, generally fit and have no limiting health conditions. Individuals who do not fit that criteria should consult with their physicians before beginning a new exercise regimen, as it's possible that they could be putting their health at considerable risk if they attempt to follow guidelines designed for people who are generally fit. It's also important that healthy seniors avoid overdoing it in regard to exercise. Though the DHHS suggestions are the minimum recommendations, going too far beyond those guidelines without first consulting a physician could increase seniors' risk for injury, illness or even death.



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## Travel perks and discounts for seniors

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Having made it to their golden years, seniors enjoy not only the privilege of earned wisdom, but also a few perks that come with aging. Many adults who have reached a certain age are entitled to an array of discounts, which take into consideration seniors' fixed retirement incomes. Discounts are available on various services, including many travel options.

Seniors have a lot of time to devote to recreational pursuits. This list of available travel discounts can help seniors get the most bang for their vacation bucks.

### AIRLINE TICKETS

Before booking a flight, it is worth investigating if a particular airline carrier offers senior discounts. The global pandemic has changed how some airlines do business, and many have faced significant adversity since early 2020. Airlines may offer more affordable flights to drum up business. In the past, American Airlines, Southwest Airlines, British Airlines, and United Airlines have offered various discounts for people ages 65 and older.

### GROUND TRAVEL

Flying isn't the only mode of travel available. AARP partners with various car rental companies to offer senior discounts. Seniors also may be entitled to discounts of 5 percent or more



on tickets from Greyhound, Amtrak, and Trailways. Seniors who live in metropolitan areas also may get reduced fares on public buses and trains through providers like New York City's Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Getting there is one thing, but seniors also can receive discounts on hotel stays or cruise cabins. AARP reports that many major hotel and motel chains offer senior discounts between 5 and 15 percent. Royal Caribbean has offered senior discounts on select sailings and stateroom categories. Smarter Travel notes that most chains require travelers to book directly rather than through an online booking agency/deal site to be eligible for discounts.

### DINING OUT

Many restaurants, and national chains in particular, offer senior discounts with or without AARP membership. Applebee's offers 10 to 15 percent off to those age 60 or older. Brick House Tap & Tavern, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Denny's, IHOP, Outback Steakhouse, and many others provide discounts or special senior pricing.

### TOURS AND MORE

Seniors also can speak with travel agents or booking services about discounts on sightseeing tours and other vacation excursions.

One of the perks of getting older is the chance to save money on travel-related services.

## What seniors should know about social media safety

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Seniors might not be the demographic individuals initially associate with social media. However, Pew Research notes that seniors' social media usage has been steadily rising for a number of years, proving that individuals 65 and over are not tech-averse.

Pew data from 2019 indicates that 46 percent of individuals 65 and older use Facebook. Social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram can be a great way to stay connected with family and friends and stay up-to-date on community events. But social media usage is not without risks, especially in regard to users' safety. Seniors without much social media experience can heed these safety tips as they navigate popular platforms and discover all they have to offer.

### • **Examine your account settings.**

Social media users can control their privacy settings so they can decide who can (and can't) view their online activity. Each platform is different, but profiles set to public generally allow anyone to view individuals' activity, so seniors should set their profiles to private to limit access to their information.

• **Be mindful of your social media social circle.** It's easy to make virtual friends via social media, but seniors should be mindful of who they accept as online friends. Carefully consider each friend request and decide just how big or small you want your social media community to be. Many individuals prefer to limit their online social circles to individuals they know well and want to stay in touch with, and that can serve as a good measuring stick when deciding whether or not to accept a friend request.

### • **Avoid sharing personal information.**

Seniors are no doubt aware that they should



never share especially personal information, such as their Social Security number. However, seniors also should hesitate to share personal information like vacation plans. Seniors who post about upcoming trips could return home to find they've been victimized by criminals who scoured their social media accounts and learned when they were going to be away. A good rule of thumb is to keep personal information private and limit posts to information that is not overly specific or sensitive.

• **Recognize the threat posed by scammers.** Social media platforms have had varying degrees of success in regard to keeping their sites scam-free. But scammers find a way, and users must take steps to avoid being victimized. Never click on a link within a post from someone you don't know and avoid anyone soliciting donations through social media platforms.

Seniors are engaging with social media more than ever. Such engagement requires seniors to be mindful of the many ways to protect their privacy when spending time online.

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# THE THREE TEMPTATIONS

## LET'S BE LIKE JESUS, WHO IS TELLING US TO KNEEL BEFORE GOD

*"Jesus answered, 'It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"(Luke 4:12)*

Jesus' public ministry begins with the scene of being tempted by the devil. This is not difficult to see in those who want to start doing things that are pleasing to God, because the devil hates what pleases God.

We want to meditate on how Jesus overcame temptation together.

In the first temptation, the devil told Jesus, who was hungry, to turn stones into bread.

The devil knows what our situations are. The

devil knows what we are weak at and how we will fall. But Jesus showed us how to overcome the temptation.

As Deuteronomy 8:3 says, "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord," we can overcome with the Word of God.

The second temptation was about the Son of God. The devil tries to make us proud. So, the devil makes us live proudly by revealing us rather than revealing God.

As Proverbs 16:18 says, "Pride goes before destruction." The devil

makes us stumble by boasting of ourselves. We must boast only in the grace of God.

Lastly, the devil offered an easy way to Jesus, who was just starting His ministry, by giving Him everything in the world if He bows down to him. The devil is well aware of our desire to go the easy way. But Jesus knew the way He had to go. Jesus is telling us to kneel before God. If we do not kneel to God, we kneel to the world.

During this Lent season, the more we try to stand before God, the more trials await us. Like Jesus, if we overcome through the word of God,



*Dong Hun Shin is the pastor for the First United Methodist Church in New Hampton and United Church of Christ in both New Hampton and Ionia.*

with humility that boasts of God, and through kneeling prayer to God, I believe that God will be pleased.

## Trinity youth group donates to Community Action

High school mission trip youth from Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton recently sold homemade soup to support the Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation's Lower Income Heating Assistance Program in Chickasaw County. Students raised \$2,000 during the event which culminated on the "Sunday of the Big Game," Feb. 13th. One hundred percent of the proceeds were given to the heating assistance program.

The youth group is thankful to all who purchased soup and especially to Gloria Parks who donated her time in preparing the soup. The group will be traveling to Savannah, Georgia this July to help with local ministries that feed the hungry and care for the needy.

Picture are Pastor Kevin Frey of Trinity Lutheran Church and Tina Leahs of the Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation Chickasaw County Office.



**Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve . . . But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." - Joshua 24:15**



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# Financial Advisors Can Help Reduce Anxiety

The long-running coronavirus pandemic has fueled a lot of anxieties – including financial ones. But some people have had far fewer worries than others.

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...Adapt to changing circumstances – Over time, many things may change in your life – your job, your family situation, your retirement plans, and so on. A financial professional can help you adjust your financial strategy in response to these changes.

Achieving your financial goals may present challenges, but it doesn’t have to cause you years of worry and distress – as long as you get the help you need.

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

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# Supervisors trying to get ‘written comments’ included in EMS study

## AMBULANCE: FROM 1

“The goal of this assessment is to assist Chickasaw County in the development of a system which is reliable, viable and sustainable long into the future. Your comments are private and will be held in confidence by representatives of Safe Tech Solutions. We encourage you to be as open and honest as you are comfortable being. There will be no direct quotes taken, however, general themes will be reflected in the final report and presentation. Representatives of SafeTech Solutions are prepared to address any questions you may have related to this process.”

Hackman said he believed it was important that those who will be interviewed know that they can speak openly and freely when they’re talking with SafeTech officials.

“I think with the way the climate has been and with

being such a hot-button issue,” Hackman said, “people have to know that they’re not going to say, ‘Well so-and-so said this.’ I think we have a very good company coming here to help us.”

Bernatz agreed, pointing out that “they’re all 35-plus years of paramedic experience.”

County Attorney David Laudner queried Hackman on how other residents could make their feelings and opinions known to SafeTech officials.

“If I don’t wear any of those hats or have any clout,” Laudner said, “is there a way I can be heard?”

Supervisors wondered aloud if there was any way that residents could e-mail “written comments” to SafeTech, and Hackman said he would contact officials with the Minnesota-based firm to find out what options residents not included in the interview list would have to express their opinions.

# Deadline approaches for Fidelity Bank & Trust scholarships

Fidelity Bank & Trust has announced that scholarship applications are now available for the 2022 College Scholarship Program.

The forms are available at all locations of Fidelity Bank & Trust or visit [www.bankfidelity.bank](http://www.bankfidelity.bank). Applications must be returned by March 31, and scholarships will be based on a number of factors.

Under the program, twenty nine \$500 scholarships will be awarded to area high school seniors who plan to attend a two or four year college or vocational school. The students and their parents are not required to be Fidelity Bank & Trust customers.

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# Council OKs budget, raising rent for Community Center

By **BOB FENSKE**  
[editor@nhtrib.com](mailto:editor@nhtrib.com)

After a public hearing in which nary a resident spoke, the New Hampton City Council on Monday approved its 2022-23 budget, one that includes a 6.9 percent increase in the amount of property taxes the city will collect.

City Council members unanimously voted to approve the budget and tax levy during a meeting in which they also approved increasing the rental fee for the New Hampton Community Center.

Next year’s tax levy will be \$12.72702 per \$1,000 valuation, an increase of 3.2 percent from this year’s rate of \$12.32272 per \$1,000 valuation.

But because of the increase in valuations in the county, the city expects to bring in \$1.97 million in taxes levied on property, up from the \$1.85 million it expects to bring in during this fiscal year that ends on June 30.

City officials say the increase in revenue is to offset increased employee and inflation costs. Before submitting its final budget, the Finance Committee that is led

by Councilman Cory McDonald asked all city departments to cut the amount of their budget increases in an effort to hold down costs.

And because of the state higher rollback this year, the actual taxes for a \$100,000 property that did not see a valuation increase will actually drop by about \$7 to \$688.92.

Also on Monday, the City Council agreed with a recommendation from City Clerk Karen Clemens to raise the rent for the use of the Community Center from \$40 to \$100.

Clemens said that with rising energy costs and other maintenance issues, the increase was needed just for the city to break even, and she added that a \$100 rental fee would put it more in line with private businesses that offer room rentals for parties.

Council members also approved raising the deposit for the Community Center from \$100 to \$150, but reiterated that the city won’t charge non-profit groups for using the center.

In other news from Monday’s meeting:

- Council members agreed to raise the

pay of Street Superintendent Eric Kuehn to \$58,843 when he passes his Grade II wastewater test, contingent that he completes his Grade III training and passes the test within the next two years.

The city is required to have a Grade IV wastewater operator, but after longtime employee Tim Angell retired last year, it basically received no applications for the position and the city was forced to hire an outside contractor to serve as its wastewater operator.

Kuehn, however, has already passed his Grade I test and is scheduled to take the Grade II test soon. After he passes that, he must serve an “internship” for two years before he can take the Grade III and IV tests.

The City Council also agreed to make Kuehn, who will continue to work his job as street superintendent, a salaried employee.

- The council approved a request from the New Hampton Running Club to hold a 5K run/walk in the city on Saturday, April 2.
- And council members approved allowing a dumpster to be placed in front of 18 East Main Street for two to three days while the building is undergoing tuck pointing.

# It’s official: Breitbach to keep District 1 seat

## Supervisors canvas election decided by two votes, wrestle with insurance issues

By **BOB FENSKE**  
[editor@nhtrib.com](mailto:editor@nhtrib.com)

It turned out that the absentee ballots that hadn’t arrived by the time the polls closed in last week’s special election for the District 1 Board of Supervisors seat didn’t matter.

A change in state law meant that ballots that weren’t in the Chickasaw County Auditor’s Office by the time polls closed on March 1 could not be counted even if they had arrived before the board canvassed the election, which it did on Monday afternoon.

That meant the two-vote margin held for Steve Breitbach, the quasi incumbent, and he will now finish out the term that was originally won by the late Rick Holthaus in the 2020 election.

In the past, absentee ballots that had been postmarked by the Feb. 28 deadline and arrived in the Auditor’s Office by mail before the canvas could be counted, but a Republican-backed bill that was signed into law by Gov. Kim Reynolds requires absentee ballots to be in the hands of the auditor no later than when the polls close on an election day.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors canvas the results of last week’s election during a meeting on Monday. On the advice of Chickasaw County Attorney David Laudner, the winner of the election, Steve Breitbach, did not participate in the canvas.

The canvas wrapped up a long day for the supervisors on Monday as they discussed a number of issues, including wrestling with how much it wants to insure the 24 buildings the county owns.

Many of the buildings haven’t been valued since 2011, and supervisors expressed concern if they had enough insurance to replace buildings like the courthouse, the sheriff’s office, the county shop and the Heritage.

Premiums with the Heartland Insurance Risk Pool are due by August, and County Attorney David Laudner said he believes Heartland officials should be helping the county determine replacement values for its buildings.

“You insure your house or your boat or something and your insurance agent sits down and helps you out,” Laudner said. “We’re paying them thousands and thousands of dollars. Don’t they have someone that can sit down with us and go through all this and say here’s what other counties are doing, here’s what we’re suggesting you do.”

Supervisor Tim Zoll said that an agent will be coming sometime this summer to look at buildings and set appraisal values in 10 counties that are part of the pool, but that the reports on those buildings will not be due until October.

“Great service,” Laudner responded. “It’s disappointing.”

Supervisors agreed to have Zoll contact Heartland and see if supervisors could meet with Heartland officials before moving forward on how much insurance the county will buy.

Breitbach’s win in the special election means he will represent District 1, which covers the northern part of the county and includes the cities of Ionia, North Washington and Alta Vista, through Dec. 31, 2024.

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## I’m Retiring

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Olivia Drilling cracks up at a comment made by a fellow actor during practice for “Oklahoma!” Friday morning. The musical will be performed next Friday and Saturday.

# Students, director work around busy schedules

## MUSICAL: FROM 1

band instructor Melissa Meyer, but her first as assistant director. She will not be directing a band, though, as the directors will instead utilize pre-recorded tracks.

“Most of the kids who could have handled pit music are the leads in the show, and we can’t double-dip like that,” she said.

Practice started just after Christmas with just the main cast learning music and starting a few weeks later with everyone.

“The biggest reward is seeing the kids get into character and grow confidence (and the Southern accents).”

**DIRECTOR ALEX GISLESON** saw the lack of the complete crew being together as the biggest challenge for his first year as director.

“Everyone’s lives are so busy, with work, sports and family, it’s been tough.”

And the lack of having the complete crew together continued late last week as a few of the cast members were on vacation and missed practice.

“They took their scripts with them, so hopefully they will be practicing too,” he

## THAT’S A LOT OF MUSICAL KIDS!

Turkey Valley students involved in the musical “Oklahoma!” include: Jacqlyn Schmitt, Lucas Hanson, Tanner Tlusty, Treyton Hulbert, Rosalie Busta, Robert Kruse, Olivia Drilling, Makaela Kime, Brady Barta, Rolin Schmitt, Kaitlyn Schroeder, Alison Leibold, Megan Blong, Savannah Solheim, Harley Bauml, Aubrey Hoffert, Troy Schmitt, Ella Drilling, Adysen Wurzer, Christian Cutsforth, Olivia Maklenberg, Collin Kleppe, Olivia Snyder, Hailey Elsbernd, Kourtney Schmidt, Tess Franzen, Russell Neiman, Lance Schmitt,

said last Friday.

His schedule has been among the toughest, as prior to Friday morning’s practice he did a shift as the school’s weight room supervisor. He’s been putting in 15-hour work days the last 2-3 months.

Gisleson has 28 cast members, with a few more “backstage” crew.

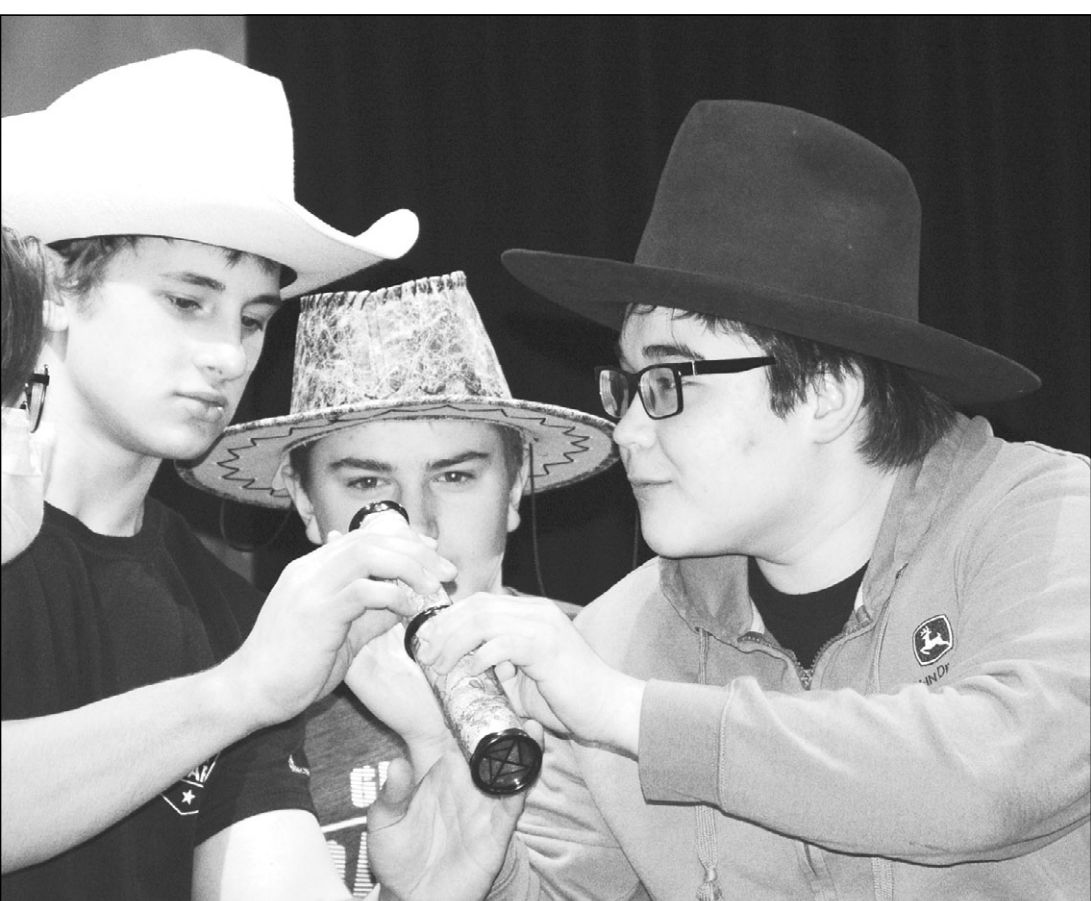
He has enlisted the aid of Turkey Valley senior Makaela Kime for the choreography, although he did have experience in that department. “I was in show choir, I think I can dance.... my wife doesn’t think I can, but I do just fine.”

Kime, who has had a love of dance since she was 3, also plays the part of “Gertie” in the show. “I’m able to dance with everyone

and teach them on stage, so that works well,” she said.

**THIS ISN’T THE** first time Turkey Valley is performing “Oklahoma!” but the last time the school put the play on, none of the cast had been born. Or the directors either, for that matter; the last time was 1974. The school was a bit bigger then, and there were 98 cast and crew members. But that’s not deterring Hulbert. “We may not be the biggest school, but we’re still going to put on the best production we can.”

Oklahoma! will take the stage Friday, March 18 at 7 p.m. and will also show the next afternoon at 2 p.m. in the school’s multi-purpose room.



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

Prior to the “Everything’s Up to Date in Kansas City” number, Troy Schmitt, left, Tanner Tlusty and Lance Schmitt take a look through the kaleidoscope.

# Fundraising continues for daycare

## DAYCARE: FROM 1

child-care facility — one that will be able to serve 97 children, up from the 54 children Great Plays is currently licensed to serve.

“This is still a church, and I can’t emphasize that enough,” Carolan said after he and New Hampton Economic Development Director Tammy Robinson gave the Tribune a tour of what will eventually be Little Sprouts. “What the church has done for us, for our community can’t be overstated, and it continues to be a great partnership. The church has worked with us at every turn, and we can’t say enough how much we appreciate the members.”

Construction on the project is being done by almost all local contractors, which Carolan said was done by design.

“We can’t ask our community to support this and then not use our community’s contractors to get it done,” he said. “We’re investing in our community, and there’s no better way to do that

than investing in our contractors here.”

While work on the former educational wing will ratchet up in the next few weeks, Carolan and Robinson said the daycare is continuing to raise funds to complete the project.

When the grant was awarded, the daycare said it would need to raise \$150,000 in additional funds, and while a number of donations have been received, Carolan and Robinson said they’re not quite at the finish line yet.

“One of the things I would emphasize is that every donation — big, small, in between — is meaningful,” Robinson said, “and we’re appreciative of everyone who has helped with this. We’re getting closer, but we still have some work to do.”

Still, both are confident that the fundraising and construction will make it to that proverbial finish line.

“This is a huge win for New Hampton,” Carolan said, “and to see it start to materialize, it’s what we’ve been working for all these years.”

## Speakers on tap for March 16 event at research farm

Dr. Keith Schilling, state Geologist and director of the University of Iowa’s Iowa Geological Survey and Ann Johanns, an ISU Extension ag and natural recourses program specialist, will speak at the annual meeting of the Northeast of Carbon Storage and Iowa Agricultural Experimental Sequestration in Midwest Association (NEIAEA) at the Borlaug Learning Center, ISU Northeast Research Farm, Nashua on March 16.

The program starts at 9:30 a.m. Schilling will discuss “Challenges and Opportunities for Carbon Storage in Midwest Landscapes” and Johanns will share information on “Carbon Market Options for Producers.”

Provided free at the meeting is the 2021 Research Farm Report. Lunch is served as a fundraiser.

The day’s sessions qualify for two free CCA credits.

## Briefs

### Fayette Sheriff’s Office investigating death of man at Waucoma house

The Fayette County Sheriff’s Office reported that a man was found dead in a house in Waucoma when they were called for a medical emergency last Thursday night.

Officials said in a press release that dispatchers received a call at 7:08 p.m. that there was an emergency at a home located at 205 First Ave. NE in Waucoma, and after being on the scene, first responders, other EMS personnel and deputies started feeling light-headed and were transported to surrounding hospitals for apparent carbon monoxide exposure.

An investigation determined that four subjects staying in the house had been running a generator in the basement without proper ventilation. One adult male was pronounced dead at the scene, and two others in the house also received medical treatment.

Authorities said no names are being released because of the investigation.

The press release said both the Sheriff’s Office and the county medical examiner are continuing to investigate the incident.

The Fayette County Sheriff’s Office was assisted by the Iowa State Patrol, Waucoma fire and first responders, Gunderson Air, Gunderson Ambulance Service, SEMS Ambulance Service, Ossian Ambulance Service, Winneshiek Ambulance, Chickasaw Ambulance Service and Hawkeye First Responders.

### Turkey Valley preschool registration set for March 16

Turkey Valley Preschool will hold new student registration for the 2022-2023 school year on Wednesday, March 16.

Registration will be held from 3:45 to 6 p.m. and in the elementary library located right inside of the elementary entrance doors.

Parents will bring your child’s birth certificate as proof of birth date and his/her social security number.

Those who can’t attend may send someone who can register your child on your behalf or call the elementary office 563-776-6011 to make other arrangements to register your child.

### Protivin Knights of Columbus to hold benefit auction Sunday

The 24th annual Protivin Knights of Columbus benefit auction will be held Sunday, March 13, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Held at the Community Center in Protivin, the auction will include antiques and collectibles, tools, primitives, pottery, glassware, household, farm toys, coins, figurines, marbles, sports cards, not to mention pies, assorted bakery and kolaches.

Donations of the above items will be accepted from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday or 8 a.m. until the sale begins on Sunday morning.

All proceeds will go toward vocations and special needs.

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From the entries we receive, your name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win \$30 in New Hampton Chamber Bucks.

**Call the New Hampton Tribune office  
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Forecast

**Thursday:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of light snow; high 23, low 13.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny with a high of 24 and a low of 4.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny with a high of 25 and a low of 17.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny and warmer with a high of 45 and a low of 30.

**Extended forecast:** Partly cloudy and very spring like with highs in the upper 40s Monday and 50s Tuesday; lows in the 30s both days.

Meetings

MONDAY

Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., including 9:15 a.m. public hearing on 2022-23 budget and tax levy, Courthouse.

New Hampton Light Plant and Telecommunications Boards, 5 p.m., Light Plant Board Room.

History

- In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signs a brief document officially promoting then-Major General Ulysses S. Grant to the rank of lieutenant general of the U.S. Army, tasking the future president with the job of leading all Union troops against the Confederate Army.
- In 1876, the first discernible speech is transmitted over a telephone when inventor Alexander Graham Bell summons his assistant in another room by saying, “Mr. Watson, come here; I want you.”
- In 1906, a devastating mine disaster kills over 1,000 workers in Courrières, France.
- In 1959, Tibetans band together in revolt, surrounding the summer palace of the Dalai Lama in defiance of Chinese occupation forces.

Birthdays

- Country music superstar Carrie Underwood turns 39.
- American gymnast Shannon Miller, who starred in the 1992 and 1996 Olympics, turns 45.
- Padget Brewster, who starred on TV’s “Criminal Minds,” turns 53.
- Kim Campbell, the first woman to become prime minister of Canada, turns 75.
- American martial arts actor Chuck Norris turns 82.

Corrections

- The Tribune wants to make sure all information it presents is accurate and correct.

If you see an error, please call Editor Bob Fenske at 641-394-2111.

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Teresa M. Lensing, 88

Teresa M. Lensing, age 88 of New Hampton and formerly of Little Turkey, passed away on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at Linn Haven Healthcare in New Hampton.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 7, 2022, at Holy Family Parish in New Hampton with Father Brian Dellaert celebrating the mass. Those unable to attend the family could join them online at Conway-Markham Funeral Home’s Facebook page via Live.

Burial was held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Josephville, Missouri.

Visitation was held from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, 2022, at Conway-Markham Funeral Home in New Hampton with a 1:30 p.m. Rosary and 1:45 p.m. Scriptural Wake Service. Visitation continued at the church one hour prior to the funeral mass on Monday.

Online condolences may be left at [www.conway-markham-fh.com](http://www.conway-markham-fh.com). Memorials may be directed to the family.

Teresa Mary was born Feb. 10, 1934, the eldest child of Raymond and Mary Ann (Frichtl) Orf in Josephville, Missouri.

She attended school at St. Joseph’s School in Josephville. After completing her education, Teresa dreamed of becoming a nurse. However, she underwent her first open heart surgery to repair a hole in her heart making it impossible to pursue her dream.

Teresa was later asked by the reverend nun to teach at the Academy of Sacred Heart in St. Charles, Missouri, where she taught for many years until she was united in marriage on June 19, 1960 to George Joseph Dorweiler at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Josephville, Missouri.

The couple made their home in Mora, Missouri, where they welcomed their daughters Barbara and Diane. Heartbreak hit when George passed away after his brave battle with cancer on July 30, 1964. Teresa welcomed their third daughter, Rose on September 15, 1964.

In beginning this new journey, Teresa moved her family to her childhood home with her mother where they lived until 1969.

Teresa was the united in marriage to John Andrew



Teresa Lensing

Lensing on Aug. 2, 1969 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church. The couple moved their family to Little Turkey, where they welcomed their only son, Anthony on Oct. 26, 1972. Teresa experienced heartbreak again when John passed away on May 29, 1989.

She would remain in their home until 1999 when she moved to New Hampton. Teresa enjoyed being a wife and devoted mother. In her limited spare time she was an avid gardener, seamstress and homemaker.

Teresa was an active member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Little Turkey and the parish Rosary Society for many years. She also provided childcare prior to her diagnosis of breast cancer, which she beat with a brave face and fierce spirit.

Those left to cherish Teresa’s memory are her daughters, Barbara Maurer of Midland, Michigan, Diane (Eric) Lobaugh of Story City, and Rose (Randy) Key of Boulder, Colorado; her son, Anthony (Dana) Lensing of Castle Rock, Colorado; her grandchildren, Leslie (Brandon) Stone, Ashlie (Alex) Slotter, C.J. Maurer, Christopher Maurer, Elisabeth Maurer, Mitchell Lensing and Brett Lensing; step-grandchildren, Peter Key, Sonya (David) Glasser Key Woody; her great-grandchildren, Frances, Kenzie, Riley, Alexander, Samuel, and a new great-grandson on the way; her brother, Joseph (Donna) Orf of Josephville, Missouri; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her infant brother, Francis; her husbands, George Joseph Dorweiler and John Andrew Lensing; her younger sister, Mary Virginia and special friend, LaVern Roths.

Kathleen Elizabeth Drilling, 79

Kathleen Elizabeth Drilling, age 79 of Waucoma, finished her journey here on Earth Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022, at Palmer Lutheran Health Center in West Union.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 2, 2022, at St. Luke’s Catholic Church in St. Lucas, with the Rev. Nick Radloff presiding.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday at the church.

Kathleen was born in 1942 to Arnold and Hermina Boeding at home on the family farm near St. Lucas.

She graduated from St. Luke’s School in 1960.

Kathleen was united in marriage to Earl Drilling, Jr. on Sept. 20, 1960, at St. Luke’s Catholic Church. The couple farmed and raised cattle near St. Lucas for 50 years. They moved off the farm to Waucoma in 2007.

Kathleen is survived by her husband, Earl; their children, Debra (Steve Winter) Drilling, Dina Gross, Dave (Rhonda) Drilling, and Darla (Dave) Goerend; grandchildren, Jenna (Sam) Greene, Jaedyn Winter, Austin Gross, Hilary Gross, Isaiah Drilling, Olivia Drilling, Marisa (Max) Krivachek, and Mason Goerend; great-grandchildren, Bentley Greene and Baby Krivachek (on the way); siblings, Doris Ott



Kathleen Drilling

(Don deceased), Jerry (Joan) Boeding, Carol Lechtenberg (Ken deceased), Ron (Audrey) Boeding, Marv (Kathy) Boeding, Duane (Claudia) Boeding, Lois Fure (Bruce deceased), and Linda (Bob) Thompson; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Kathleen’s faith was central in her life. She shared her faith by teaching children’s religion classes, offering communion, and mass lector all for a significant number of years. She was a member of the St. Luke’s Rosary Society, Waucoma Historical Society and was a founding member of the St. Lucas Historical Society.

Kathleen was an avid reader, devouring books of all genres.

Mary ‘Maude’ Buchholtz, 77

Mary “Maude” Buchholtz, age 77 of Alta Vista, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

There will be a private family service at Conway-Markham Funeral Home in Elma with burial held at Union Cemetery in Alta Vista.

Online condolences may be left at [www.conway-markham-fh.com](http://www.conway-markham-fh.com). Memorials may be directed to the family.

Mary was born January 21, 1945, the daughter of Steven and Agnes (Roths) Adams in New Hampton.

She attended and graduated from Immaculate Conception Catholic School in North Washington. While in school, Mary enjoyed going to teen hops in Alta Vista.

One night at the dance, Mary met the love of her life, William



Mary Buchholtz

“Bill” Buchholtz. The couple were united in marriage on May 15, 1965.

They made their home in Alta Vista where they welcomed their two children, Dale and

Germaine ‘Gerri’ Denner, 82

Germaine “Gerri” Denner, age 82 of New Hampton, died Thursday, March 3, 2022, at New Hampton Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2022, at Hugelback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton where there was an 8 p.m. Parish Scripture Service led by the Rev. Brian Dellaert.

Burial will be at a later date at St. Luke’s Catholic Cemetery in St. Lucas.

Online condolences for the Denner family may be left at [hugelbackfuneralhome.com](http://hugelbackfuneralhome.com).

Gerri was born on Jan. 25, 1940, to John Sr. and Catherine (Huber) Foreman in Fort Atkinson. The oldest of the Foreman’s 14 children, Gerri grew up on a farm near St. Lucas, where she helped her parents with chores on the farm but, more importantly, was her mother’s “right hand.” In many ways, Gerri helped raise her younger siblings.

She received her education at St. Luke’s Catholic School, graduating in 1957, and she was an outstanding shortstop for the St. Lucas Saints, who were coached by her father.

After high school, she worked as a nurse’s aide in New Hampton before she married John Denner on April 4, 1959. The couple had five children – Tim, who was born on his parents’ first anniversary, Jan, Terry, Dave, and Denise – and farmed near Lawler for many years before they were divorced.

The Denner kids had a mother who loved her five children



Gerri Denner

with all of her heart. She was their fiercest advocate and their No. 1 protector and supporter – attending their school events and never missing any of her sons’ football games.

She worked hard on the farm – doing everything from tending to a large garden to picking rock – and her children will always remember their mom’s beautiful voice. Gerri loved to sing and she enjoyed going “down home” to St. Lucas to visit her parents and siblings.

Gerri was a longtime, active member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, where she sang in the church choir and helped with funeral luncheons for many years.

Throughout her life, even after battling health issues like MS, she remained a very positive, kind, and beautiful soul, and she was blessed with 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Chickasaw County Conservation Board will hold GPS event March 17

The Chickasaw County Conservation Board will hold a “Pot O’ Gold” GPS event on Thursday, March 17, at the Twin Ponds Nature Center.

The event will run from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and will be hosted by the county’s naturalist, Matt Crayne.

Crayne said that one GPS unit will be available for each group or family, and because there are a limited number of units available, they will be handed out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information about the event, or to reserve a GPS device for your group, call Crayne at the Twins Ponds Nature Center at 641-394-4714.

*The family of Jeff Leach wishes to express our sincere gratitude to all of our family, friends and neighbors, as well as to all of our daycare families for all you have done to help us and being so understanding for the time we needed to take off during Jeff's illness and death.*

*We'd like to thank everyone for all the food, cards, flowers and memorials. A special thank you to Dr. Brinkman, Mayo Clinic, MercyOne New Hampton, Mason City Clinic and the Chickasaw Ambulance Service.*

*Thank you to Perry, Mitch and the Laumes family for providing the food and drinks during the visitation.*

*A special thank you to Father Brian Dellaert for the wonderful service you gave Jeff.*

*A huge thank you to Hugelback-Johnson Funeral Home for going above and beyond with everything you provided for our family and Jeff.*

*And thank you to the Pub at the Pinicon for the excellent meal.*

*All your thoughtfulness and kindness will always be remembered.*

*The Family of Jeff Leach*

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Drive-through TRIBE Trail Steak Dinner set for March 27

The annual TRIBE Trail Steak Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 27, and this year’s affair will be a drive-through affair because the Pub at the Pincon is usually closed on Sundays.

Tickets for the dinner are \$25 and can be purchased at New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department, the City Clerk’s Office or from any committee member.

Tickets will only be available on a pre-sale basis, and those that purchase them can pick up their dinners anytime between 4 and 6:30 p.m. on the day of the event.

All proceeds will go to Phase III of the trail, that when completed, will connect trails in Mikkelson Park and the west-side Industrial Park.

For more information about the dinner, call Megan Baltes at 641-394-2437.



Robert ‘Bob’ Joseph Rasing, 51

Robert “Bob” Joseph Rasing, age 51 of New Hampton, died Saturday, March 5, 2022, at his home.

A private family service will be held.

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

Bob was born on Dec. 15, 1970, nine years to the day his older brother Ken was born, to Leo and Rita (Jacobs) Rasing in New Hampton. He was the youngest of the couple’s eight children and grew up on a farm west of New Hampton. Like many farm kids, he worked side-by-side with his parents, sisters and brothers.

He received his education in New Hampton and was a member of New Hampton’s Class of 1989.

Bob worked a number of jobs during his life, but most notably, he worked for years at New Hampton Farm and Fleet, which later became Theisen’s, and the Decorah Mart. What made Bob such an exceptional employee is he knew everyone and everyone knew him.

He never married or had kids, but he was a loving and supportive son to his parents (he always helped his mom decorate



Bob Rasing

the Christmas tree, for example), one heck of a brother to his siblings and a great uncle to his nieces and nephews. Bob always loved it when the first word from them was “Bob” and not “Mama” or “Daddy!”

In his younger days, Bob loved to camp and fish, and he enjoyed going to tractor shows. He was also a huge “Star Trek” fan and collected memorabilia. Bob was also very proud of his knife collection, one he worked years to build, and he never tired of showing it off to his family and friends.

Bob had a quick wit, and he’d come up with the best practical jokes — like the time he stood

behind one of his sisters-in-law and jumped on the elevator floor, scaring the bejeebers out of her. But you couldn’t stay mad at him because he’d flash that you-know-what eating grin and you knew it was all in good fun.

He also loved to grill and cook, and ask any family member and they’ll tell you that Bob Rasing made the tastiest and best pancakes in the world.

For years, Bob signed all his cards with “No. 1 son,” “No. 1 brother” and “No. 1 uncle, and he really was one of a kind. He got along with everyone, and the world just won’t be the same without him. But he left a lifetime of wonderful stories and those who knew and loved him are grateful for that today Bob is in a better place.

Bob is survived by three brothers, Ken (Shari) Rasing of New Hampton, Jim Rasing of New Hampton, and Kevin (Peney) Rasing of Fredericksburg; three sisters, Joyce Rasing of Hugo, Minnesota, Karen (Duane) Schwickerath of Waverly, Linda Woodruff of Rudd; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Rita; a brother, Melvin Rasing in 1969; brother-in-law, Scott Woodruff; nephew, Travis Rasing.

Marie Bigelow, 93

Marie Bigelow, age 93 of Nashua, died Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at the United Methodist Church in Nashua with the Rev. Sarah Namukose presiding.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 7, 2022, at the Hugeback Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday.

Online condolences for Marie’s family may be left at hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Marcia A. Pitzenberger, 74

Marcia A. Pitzenberger, age 74 of New Hampton, passed away Sunday, March 6, 2022.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a

later date. Dickinson Family Funeral Homes & Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

Council members want feedback on TRIBE Trail

TRIBE TRAIL: FROM 1

“There are several grants I would like to apply for, but without matching funds, we are very unlikely to receive them,” said Baltes, who also added that the committee would continue to reach out to potential private donors. “If we would be fortunate enough to raise more funds through grants and local donations and not need the full \$250,000 from the city, we would only ask [for] what we’d need.”

She said the goal was to construct Phase III of the trail — which would run from Linn Avenue to the existing trail in the west-side Industrial Park — in the fall of 2023 and/or spring of 2024.

City Clerk Karen Clemens said that the city could raise the \$250,000 with a 10-year levy of 18 cents per \$100,000 valuation, which for the coming year, would mean that an additional \$9.72 would be levied for a property valued at \$100,000.

Two council members — Bob Boos and Joe Denner — were skeptical of the proposal.

Boos said that when he’s received complaints about the trail, he’s been able to “calm down” residents by pointing out that tax dollars have not been invested in it.

“I’m going to have a hard time doing this,” Boos said, “and having them come at me and now it’s the taxpayers paying it. With increased fuel costs, groceries, everything’s going up, people are going to start wondering where this money is going.”

Baltes said that she understood the argument but countered that “we feel like it’s a very important quality of life project as well for our community [and] there’s also a lot of support out there.”

Kramer added that the committee has raised \$1 million from grants and private donors to complete the first two phases of the project.

New Hampton Lions ready to serve breakfast March 13

The New Hampton Lions Club will hold its 50th annual Pancake and French Toast Breakfast this Sunday, so that means we may lose an hour’s worth of sleep because of the start of Daylight Savings Time but we’ll at least get a good breakfast.

The event is set for Sunday, March 13, at the New Hampton High School and Middle School cafeteria, and unlike a year ago, when only a drive-through option was available because of concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be a “dine-in” option in 2022.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$8.50 at the door and can be purchased from any Lions Club member.

Children ages 12 and under don’t need a ticket; instead, they can give a “free-will” offering to the Lions.

Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and all proceeds will go to support programs and scholarships sponsored by the Lions.

down First Avenue and through Garnant Park to Logan Street — was built in 2017. The second phase, which runs south from Logan Street before making a turn to the west to Linn Avenue, was completed in 2019.

Phase III will cross Linn Avenue near the former Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home, go west near Harvest Church, turn north to the back of the fire station and then turn back to the west before connecting with the trail near the back of the Chickasaw Wellness Complex.

Baltes told the council that the latest estimate the committee has received for Phase III is \$521,620, and she was quick to point out that if the committee can’t raise the \$271,000, it would not ask the city for the money. And she added that if more private funds are raised through private donors and grants, the committee would ask for less than the \$250,000 it is requesting.

News Bits From Our Past

Week of March 6 1947 (75 years ago)

• The New Hampton City Election will be held Monday, March 31, and parties who wish to have their names on the ballot must file their nomination papers by March 15. Mark Eischeid is the only one who has filed for Mayor. The city clerk informs us that Ed Gerber, present councilman from the First Ward, has taken out papers but has not yet filed his nomination petition.

1972 (50 years ago)

• Announcement was that the Wally Knutson Insurance Agency is now associated with the Carney, Schnurr and Carney Agency and Wally Knutson will serve his customers from the Carney office.

Knutson, a native of the New Hampton area and a graduate of the New Hampton High School, has been in the insurance business since 1967 and has had his own agency since 1970. He and his wife Elaine, are parents of two sons, David, 7 and Stephen, 4. Knutson joins Harry Carney, Clarence Schnurr and Gerald Carney in the business.

• Four New Hampton wrestlers entered the AAU wrestling tournament in Fort Madison over the weekend. Tom Ball won his championship title competing at 178 pounds. Duane Boos picked up third place at 114.5 and Kevin and Larry Ball, both competing in the 143-pound class placed fifth and 12th place respectively.

As a group, the New Hampton entries posted 19 wins, just three losses and two draws. Ball added the AAU title to the state high school crown he had won at 167 the previous weekend.

1997 (25 years ago)

• New Hampton Middle School eighth grade wrestling coach Dennis Pagel was recently recognized for 10 years of service with the Chickasaw wrestling program. Coach Pagel started as an elementary teacher in 1986-87 and has served as a three-sport coach working with track, wrestling and football.

Coach Pagel has assisted with several aspects of the annual Lions Club wrestling tournaments, and he is often seen at area junior tournaments as a volunteer official.

• The Senior Site began a drive for a new bus for Senior Citizens. At a cost of \$45,000, the bus would seat 16 passengers and have a lift to assist wheelchair riders. Stepping up to deliver the first contribution/challenge were Harry and Marvel Pietan, long-time New Hampton residents with a donation of \$5,000.

The Chickasaw Chassis is getting tired, the 1985 vehicle, which has been serving the seniors was christened in the fall of 1993. It has served 24,000 passengers and driven 40,000 miles, including trips to Fredericksburg and Lawler.

2012 (10 years ago)

• New Horizons-Chamber leaders want to make sure local business owners know about an opportunity geared toward helping keep up the appearance of the community. With support from the City of New Hampton, the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant and Main Street Iowa, an economic assistance program provides funds for qualifying improvements to businesses. Up to \$2,500 is available for improvements such as new exterior doors and windows, signage, etc. With \$5,000 available, two or more grants are made available year on a first-come, first-serve basis.

• Mike Billings, a NHHS 1976 graduate and Brian Heying, a NHHS 1994 graduate, will both receive awards this Saturday at the boys state basketball tournament in Des Moines. Heying will be inducted into the players Hall of Fame and Billings will be one of four recipients of the Saggau Award of Merit. Both went on to graduate from the University of Northern Iowa.

2017 (5 years ago)

• There was plenty of excitement at the 1A state girls basketball tournament. Turkey Valley beat Janesville 60-58 in the first round and a close loss 45-36 to Springville in the finals, fans were treated to their closest game in the semifinals as the Lady Trojans took Exira/Elk Horn-Kimballton into overtime before advancing to the finals with 48-46 win.

Turkey Valley senior Shelby Reicks earned a spot on the Class 1A all-tournament team for the second straight year.

• It was announced recently that New Hampton, Ionia and Lawler will be included in the 2017 Register’s Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) route. On Thursday, July 27, riders will leave from Charles City and will head to Ionia (13 miles), then to New Hampton (8.5 miles), to Lawler (8.3 miles), to Protivin (12.7 miles) and finally to Cresco (12.1 miles).

2021 (1 year ago)

• Speech Coach Jason Speltz took his team to the district meet on Saturday, Feb. 27. It sent 14 entries to the meet, and all 14 earned Division I ratings to qualify for the individual speech state competition that will held Saturday, March 13, in Postville.

At the state meet the team took home eight Division I ratings. New Hampton had two students, Elliott Thronsdon and Zoe Worpel receive “straight” Division I ratings, meaning all three judges deemed their work as “superior.”

— News Bits From Our Past are compiled by the Tribune’s Terri Josephson

Notice to Bidders Project M-2022-1

Chickasaw County will receive sealed bids for **LIMESTONE RESURFACING** until 10:00 A.M., CDT, on the 28th day of March 2022, at the Office of the County Auditor, Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Specifications and bidding documents may be obtained from the Office of the County Engineer, Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa 50659.

A certified check in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid, or satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable Surety, shall be submitted with the bid.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive technicalities, or to readvertise for bids, if the best interest of the County will be served thereby.

Legal Notice

City of Alta Vista Council Meeting

Monday, February 28, 2022

The regular meeting for the City Council of Alta Vista convened on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Frank Burke, Kevin Crooks, Dean White, Samantha Slick, Rick Heying, and Amy Laures in the Alta Vista City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frank Burke.

Agenda was discussed. Laures made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

The February 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes were discussed. White made the motion, seconded by Slick to approve the February 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitor concerns were discussed. Laures made the motion, seconded by Heying to open the Public Hearing on the FY23 Proposed Property Tax Levy at 6:02 pm. Roll call vote. Ayes: Crooks, Laures, Slick, Heying, White. Nays: none. Motion carried. No comments registered by those attending and no written comments were received. Heying made the motion, seconded by Crooks to close the Public Hearing on the FY23 Proposed Property Tax Levy at 6:04 pm. Roll call vote. Ayes: Crooks, Laures, Slick, Heying, White. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Laures made the motion, seconded by White to accept Resolution 2022-2-1 approving the FY23Proposed Property Tax Levy. Roll call vote. Ayes: Crooks, Laures, Slick, Heying, White. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The FY23 Budget was discussed. After discussion, Laures made the motion, seconded by Heying to set the Public Hearing for the FY23 Budget for March 14th, 2022 at 6:00 pm at City Hall. Roll call vote. Ayes: Crooks, Laures, Slick, Heying, White. Nays: none. Motion carried.

AV Express liquor license was discussed. Laures made the motion, seconded by Slick to approve the AV Express liquor license. All ayes. Motion carried.

VFW liquor license was discussed. Heying made the motion, seconded by White to approve the VFW liquor license. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council and Mayor concerns were discussed. White made the motion, seconded by Slick to adjourn at 6:30 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next council meeting will be March 14th, 2022 at 6:00 PM at Alta Vista City Hall.

Frank Burke, Mayor

Attest: Jarrett Holthaus, City Clerk

No. 21824

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Local Government Property Valuation System

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed NEW HAMPTON School Budget Summary Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023

Location of Public Hearing: New Hampton High School Library 710 West Main Street New Hampton, Iowa 50659 Date of Hearing: 03/21/2022 Time of Hearing: 06:30 PM

The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 22/23 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.

		Budget 2023	Re-est. 2022	Actual 2021	Avg % 21-23
Taxes Levied on Property	1	5,840,126	5,629,078	5,481,646	% 3.2
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2	235,352	283,878	280,866	% -8.5
Income Surtaxes	3	534,009	465,650	535,427	% -0.1
Tuition/Transportation Received	4	701,998	674,999	655,339	
Earnings on Investments	5	74,207	113,393	17,529	
Nutrition Program Sales	6	78,000	80,000	80,209	
Student Activities and Sales	7	479,195	468,664	424,029	
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	208,252	201,766	191,269	
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0	
State Foundation Aid	10	5,757,040	5,462,209	5,348,600	
Instructional Support State Aid	11	17,634	0	0	
Other State Sources	12	1,119,385	1,086,630	1,089,938	
Commercial & Industrial State Replacement	13	0	81,726	79,804	
Title I Grants	14	185,805	180,393	153,819	
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	1,241,075	1,214,986	1,300,641	
Total Revenues	16	16,472,078	15,943,372	15,639,116	
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	0	0	0	
Transfers In	18	596,564	643,490	496,198	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	0	0	0	
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	0	0	121,498	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	17,068,642	16,586,862	16,256,812	
Beginning Fund Balance	22	4,492,802	5,651,563	5,343,203	
Total Resources	23	21,561,444	22,238,425	21,600,015	
*Instruction	24	9,795,082	10,066,295	8,784,460	% 5.6
Student Support Services	25	257,422	249,924	125,000	
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	736,242	714,798	592,159	
General Administration	27	599,560	772,298	535,191	
School Administration	28	627,971	706,768	546,565	
Business & Central Administration	29	193,168	187,542	125,353	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	1,342,022	1,388,460	1,167,671	
Student Transportation	31	740,588	670,076	527,168	
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	31A	4,496,973	4,689,866	3,619,107	% 11.5
*Noninstructional Programs	32	767,997	621,090	603,533	% 12.8
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33	420,639	408,387	231,192	
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34	1,923,689	1,509,661	1,648,219	
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35	495,335	450,324	442,725	
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	35A	2,839,663	2,368,372	2,322,136	% 10.6
Total Expenditures	36	17,899,715	17,745,623	15,329,236	
Transfers Out	37	6,729	0	496,198	
Other Uses	38	0	0	123,018	
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39	17,906,444	17,745,623	15,948,452	
Ending Fund Balance	40	3,655,000	4,492,802	5,651,563	
Total Requirements	41	21,561,444	22,238,425	21,600,015	
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)		10.77409			



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## A rite of March at NHMS

The cast of “45 Minutes to Broadway” (above) performs a scene and during a rehearsal while Andi Gebel, Piper Hackman, AnnaRose Pauley and Easton Monteith do the same during a rehearsal for the New Hampton Middle School musical.

Students will take the stage on Friday and Saturday, March 18-19, with the curtain going up at 7 each evening.

Dorothy Huber/Tribune

## Student Briefs

### Hawkeye dean's list

Hawkeye Community College announces the Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester. To make the Dean's List, an individual must be a full-time student and successfully complete 12 or more credits in the fall or spring semesters with a semester GPA of 3.50 or better.

Area students include:

Alta Vista: Brianna Jordan.

Elma: William Kopp.

Fort Atkinson: Breanna Busta, Liza Herold.

Fredericksburg: Karee Schult.

Nashua: Liberty Fisher, Sydney Hansen, Shane Hillesheim, Chloe Matthews.

New Hampton: Adrian Rings, Ashlynn Tank, Ethan Theis.

Waucoma: Becca Farrell.

### NICC dean's list

The following students have been listed on the North-east Iowa Community College's fall dean's list.

Alta Vista: Anja Schleich.

Elma: O'Malley Fair, Kara Holmstrom, Abigail Retterath, Charlie Ring.

Fort Atkinson: Hailey Elsbernd.

Fredericksburg: Maddison Engelhardt, William Kroe-neck.

Lawler: Erin Busta, Rosalie Busta, Kara Reicks, Kylie Rosonke, Josie Weber.

New Hampton: Trevor Burgart, Lona Cain, Jacob Davis, Lilyann Hackman, Emily Jackson, Natalie Marr, Lydia Olson, Tierney Perkins, Taylor Philo, Chloe Reicherts, Caitlyn Rochford, Carlee Rochford, Abby Schoba, Lauren Smith, Alivya Wisner.

Waucoma: Tess Franzen, Holly Schmitt, Garrett Wurzer.

### Upper Iowa dean's list

Upper Iowa University has announced its dean's list for the 2021 fall semester. To be honored, students must have a minimum 3.50 grade point average. The honorees included:

Fort Atkinson: Ellie Loesch.

Waucoma: Raquel Schmitt.

New Hampton: Sarah Rosauer.

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## Welcoming On Track Signs to the chamber!

On Track Signs owner Beth Holthaus and her family pose for a photo with New Horizons-Chamber members during a ribbon cutting for the business that Holthaus recently purchased from Sandy Boeding. Holthaus was a longtime employee at Sandy's Sign Shop and last year, both she and Boeding announced they had a transition plan in place, one that became a reality earlier this year.

## BOWLING

### COFFEE CUP LEAGUE

STANDINGS	W	L
Geerts Plumbing	26	10
Hugeback-Johnson	21	15
Mid-Tech	17	19
Rochford Insurance	16	20
Elma Gals	14	22
ExSalont	14	22

**MARCH 2 RESULTS**  
Rochford Insurance 3,  
Hugeback-Johnson 1  
Elma Gals 2, ExSalont 2  
Geerts Plumbing 4, Mid-Tech 0

**LEADERS**  
**High individual games:**  
Rita Geerts 189, Linda Lechtenberg 187, Eleanore Martin 183.  
**High individual series:**  
Geerts 537, Lechtenberg 515, Lorraine Pullman 483.  
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STANDINGS	W	L
Blue Iris	145.5	94.5
Hulbert Const.	145	95
Stanton Electric	143.5	96.5
ASO	105	135

Pocketful of Posies 96.5 143.5  
Security State Bank 84.5 155.5

**FEB. 21 RESULTS**  
Hulbert Construction 24.5,  
Pocketful of Posies 5.5  
Stanton Electric 19, ASO 11  
Blue Iris 26.5, Security State Bank 3.5

**LEADERS**  
**High individual games:**  
A. Lechtenberg 213-218, L. Lechtenberg 209, K. Kirkus 208.

**High individual series:** A. Lechtenberg 590, R. Geerts 552, K. Kirkus 532.  
**High team games:** Stanton Electric 828, Hulbert Construction 811, Pocketful of Posies 801.

**High team series:** Stanton Electric 2,333, Blue Iris 2,318, ASO 2,304.

**SPLITS**  
R. Geerts 5-7, 3-10.

**FEB. 14 RESULTS**  
Hulbert Construction 22, ASO 8  
Stanton Electric 25, Blue Iris 5  
Security State Bank 25, Pocketful of Posies 5

**LEADERS**  
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**High individual series:** R. Geerts 593, A. Lechtenberg 581, R. Buttolph 562.  
**High team games:** ASO 856, Stanton Electric 843, Hulbert Construction 826.

**High team series:** Stanton Electric 2,502, Hulbert Construction 2,451, Blue Iris 2,383.

**K. Rosonke**  
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**CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 28, 2022**  
The Board convened on Monday, February 28th, 2022, at 9:00 AM with all members present Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, Breitbach, and Kuhn in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kuhn. Also present are Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Mark Knoll, and Bob Fenske, member of media.  
Motion Byrne, Second by Zoll to approve the agenda for February 28, 2022, with the additional agenda item at 10:15 AM to discuss Heartland Risk Insurance Values and with the deletion of the appointment at 9:10 AM with the County Engineer. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the minutes from February 22, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Jeff Bernatz present at 9:03 AM. Discussion on streaming the board meetings.

Consensus of the board is to allow for modification to the board's desk to accommodate the streaming technology necessary for streaming meetings.  
9:05 AM No public comment.  
Hackman provided an update to the meeting held with County Social Services regarding the lease agreement with Prairie View Management Inc. and Chickasaw County.  
Consensus is to stay at \$2,000.00 per month of the rental of the Heritage building to Prairie View Management Inc lease agreement pending further discussion.  
Kuhn discussed the Heritage property located at 2275 S. Linn Ave New Hampton for a site survey in the future. No action taken.  
Chad Humpal and Justin Van Driel present at 9:19 AM.  
Committee Assignment Update:  
Hackman attended a CSS meeting on February 23, 2022.  
Kuhn attended an Upper Wapsi Pinon meeting on February 8, 2022  
Byrne attended an RCD meeting on February 23, 2022  
Hackman provided an update on the

Ray Arnel present at 10:09 AM. Hemann and Bernatz left at 10:13 AM.  
10:15 Assessor Ray Arnel discussed property values owned by the County.  
Motion by Hackman, Second by Breitbach to approve claims in the amount of \$289.42. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve claims in the amount of \$56,270.25. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Committee Assignment Update:  
Zoll attended an FMC Landfill meeting on February 23, 2022  
Zoll conducted business on behalf of the FMC Landfill on February 25, 2022  
Motion by Hackman, Second by Breitbach to adjourn at 10:55 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors  
ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board  
  
No. 21821  
03/10/22 NH 03/11/22 NR

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**CHICKASAW CO. CLAIMS- 02/28/2022**  
20/20 FX LLC.....M A R C H CONTRACT SERV-2021/22, SUPPLS CO DEPTS.....1,850.50  
ACES.....MONTH TECH SUPPORT-MARCH.....189.00  
AG VANTAGE FS INC DIESEL FUEL NASHUA SHOP.....1,011.17  
ALLIANT ENERGY.....E L E C . - CHICKASAW & SPLIT ROCK PARKS, INTERSECTION LGHTG & IONIA SHOP ELEC."..170.48  
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES UN F & POLICE SUPPLS SHER DEPT.....322.39  
ATCO INTERNATIONAL .....C U S T . SUPPLS CO BLDGS.....126.16  
AUDITOR OF STATE FILING FEE FOR AUDIT-FY2021.....625.00  
AUSTIN HEMESATH...REAR CERAMIC TINT- 2021 DURANGO-S. JOHNSON.....265.00  
AXON ENTERPRISE INCREPLACEMENT TASER BATTERIES.....713.07  
BLACK HILLS ENERGYNAT GAS CO BLDGS.....4,740.55  
BLAESS, MATTHEW REIMB-ARMOUR CLASS & NICC CALMAR.....19.00  
BMC AGGREGATES LCSAND FOR WINTER MIX.....6,221.50  
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLCBODY BAGS-EMI.....714.10  
BUTLER CO REC.....G E O - THERNAL & ELEC TPNC, ELEC - TWIN PONDS.....657.77  
BUTLER-BREMER MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO..PHONE SERV CO ASSESSOR.....88.50  
C. H. MCGUINESS CO. INC.....REPLA C E MOTOR ON BURNER-CRTHS, LABOR TO CHECK BOILER-JAIL BLDG.....795.00  
CARD SERVICES.....RX FOR 1ST RESPONDERS, AIR BRAKE FOR

RES. TRUCK.....1,519.78  
CARDMEMBER SERVICE...L D G - CHAD HUMPAL-IACBBE WINTERFEST CONF 22.....653.76  
CCDA CCDA 2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES.....40.00  
CENTURY LINK.....911 PHONES.....215.34  
CHEMSEARCH/NCH CORPORATIONCUST. SUPPLS CO BLDGS.....252.45  
CHICKASAW AMBULANCE SRVSMAR. 2022 AMBULANCE CONTRACT FEE.....18,125.00  
CHICKASAW CO SHERIFFSERVING PAPERS.....2,986.95  
CINTAS CORPORATION #762. UNIFORMS, BUILDING AND EMPLOYEE CONSUMEABLES.....1,469.43  
CITY LAUNDERING CO INCFIR S T AID SUPPLIES.....185.50  
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA INC SALT.....17,288.40  
CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONINGWATER COOLER RENTAL & WATER CO ASSR.....32.00  
EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC...TESTING OF DRINKING WATER-CONS.....15.75  
FAREWAY STORES INCPPOPINVENTORY CO CRTHS.....83.16  
FARMERS WIN COOPERATIVE ... FUEL CO SHER DEPT.....1,019.40  
FIVE STAR COOPERATIVEFUEL CO SHER DEPT.....1,250.46  
FORCE AMERICA DISTRIBUTING LLC STOCK PARTS.....159.52  
FREDERICKSBURG, CITY OF.....F'BURG SHOP UTLS AND INTERSECTION LIGHTING.....81.16  
GAGE PLBG & HTG INC, MICK.....LABOR ON AIR CONDITIONER FOR THE IT ROOM.....90.00  
GALLS.....UNF CO SHER DEPT....

NUMBERS FOR #53.....75.50  
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL INCROBENT CONTROL- TPNC & LANDFILL.....95.20  
RAPID PRINTERS / OFFICE WORLD OFFICE & CUST. SUPPLS CO DEPTS, VOTE HERE SIGNS FOR ELECTIONS.....603.69  
RAY O'HERRON CO INC DUTY PISTOL TACO COVERED- D. GAEDE.....46.39  
RILEY'S INC.....KYACERA-P3155 DN PRINTER CO REC, TONER & DATA PROC SUPPLS..1,541.09  
SCHUETH ACE HARDWAREPAINT CO CSB, SUPPLS CO DEPT & BLDGS.....144.50  
STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERA U - TOPSY, TOXICOLOGY, HISTOLOGY FEES CO RES.....2,291.00  
SUPERIOR LUMBER INCLUMBER CO CONS.....175.02  
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC.....ESS TIME & ATTEND- PROBLEM RESOLUTN-02/02/2022.....487.50  
U.S. CELLULAR CORPORATION, EMA CELL PHONE.....138.56  
VANGUARD PUBLISHING CO LLCBUDGET PUBL, PUBL MTG NOTICE CO ASSESSOR.....46.13  
WEXFUEL-OFFICE VEHICLE-ASSR.....52.04  
WINDSTREAM CORPORATION9 1 1 PHONES.....278.48  
WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC9 1 1 PHONES.....199.88  
ZOLL, TIMOTHY.....M T G MLG REIMB-HEARTLD INS.FM-CLANDFILL.DEPT OF CORR.....246.78  
GRAND TOTAL.....82,931.88  
  
No. 21819  
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## Three largest NEIC schools don't receive invites from the UIC

### UIC: FROM 1

"ultimate goal of the expansion is to strengthen the Upper Iowa Conference to offer the best possible extra-curricular activities and competition for all Northeast Iowa students."

Turkey Valley and New Hampton Superintendent Jay Jurrens, who is the lone superintendent to both "send" and "receive" a letter, said the UIC had a number of reasons to look at expansion.

"The two big things in my mind [for the UIC] is that we have a pretty wide gap between our big and small schools [when it comes to enrollment]," Jurrens said, "and also what happens if we have schools leave, that puts us in the same situation the Northeast Iowa is in now."

Asked to put on his "New Hampton hat," Jurrens said that he would discuss the letter of invitation with the School Board at its March meeting and will also begin to seek feedback from students, coaches and community members.

The UIC's invitation letter included a timeline that has a June 1 deadline for school district to submit a formal request to join the UIC. The UIC superintendents said that the timeline calls on current UIC school districts to act on each request and that in late July and early August, the conference superintendents will vote on accepting requests.

The UIC would use the 2022-23 school year to plan the expansion and the "new UIC" would begin in 2023-24.

The NEIC currently has six schools — Charles City, Crestwood, Decorah, New Hampton, Waukon and Waverly-Shell Rock — and Jurrens has said in the past that a six-team conference may not have long-term viability.

Asked what would happen if any of the three NEIC schools accepts the UIC invitation, Jurrens said he believed "that'll be the end of the conference. ... We'd be down to five schools, and, in my opinion, that just doesn't work."

The three largest schools — Waverly-Shell Rock, Decorah

### THE NEW UIC?

Here are the Upper Iowa Conference school districts (in bold) and school districts the conference has extended invitations to, along with its BED (the number of students in grades 9-11 last year) enrollment numbers, which the state associations use to "classify" schools this year.

Crestwood.....	316
Oelwein.....	288
Waukon .....	265
New Hampton .....	260
<b>North Fayette Valley .</b>	<b>240</b>
Osage .....	218
Sumner-Frederickburg .	181
<b>MFL-Mar-Mac .....</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>Postville .....</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Clayton Ridge .....</b>	<b>152</b>
<b>South Winneshiek.....</b>	<b>152</b>
Starmont.....	146
Edgewood-Colesburg	123
<b>Central Elkader .....</b>	<b>103</b>
Tripoli.....	102
<b>Turkey Valley .....</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Lansing Kee .....</b>	<b>82</b>
Riceville .....	67
<b>West Central.....</b>	<b>58</b>

### NOT INVITED

Here are the three Northeast Iowa Conference school districts (along with their BED enrollment) that did not receive invitations to the UIC:  
Waverly-Shell Rock .... 555  
Decorah..... 431  
Charles City..... 397

and Charles City — in the NEIC did not receive invitation letters, and Jurrens said while he understood the loyalty many New Hampton residents have to the NEIC, he also said that the school district must do what's best for its students and programs.  
"I'm not saying that we've made a decision because obviously we haven't," he said, "but I've said this over and over, we also don't want to be the last team in the NEIC. Our students have to come first, and that's going to continue to be our focus as we go through this process."

## Chickasaw Women's Pool

Week 20 March 2	
Butch's II	90-63
Josie's I	84-69
Hide-A-Way	84-78
Bowlaway Lanes	74-79
Josie's II	74-79
Schucky's	70-83
Butch's I	64-89

**RESULTS**  
**Butch's II 5, Josie's 1 4**  
**Hide-A-Way 6, Schucky's 3**  
**Josie's II 5, Bowlaway**

**Lanes**  
**Bye: Butch's I**

**THREE-GAME WINNERS**  
**Butch's II: Michelle**  
**Rosonke and Gen Sweitzer.**  
**Josie's II Jess McCabe and Staci Vrzak.**

## Chickasaw Men's Pool

Week 20 February 28	
The Pub	99-63
HereZ2U	89-73
Josie's 2	88-74
Bradford House	88-74
Hide-A-Way	85-77
Brite Spot	85-86
Butch's	81-81
Locker Room	77-85
Josie's 1	76-95
VFW	67-95
Quigley's	65-97

**RESULTS**  
**Brite Spot 6, Josie's 1 3**  
**HereZ2U 5, Bradford House 4**

**Bye: Locker Room.**  
**Josie's 2 8, Quigley's 1**  
**Butch's 5, Hide-A-Way 4**  
**VFW 6, The Pub 3**  
**Bye: Locker Room.**

**THREE-GAME WINNERS**  
**Brite Spot: Randy and Justin.**  
**Bradford House: Jason and Dennis.**

**VFW: Brad and Adam.**  
**Butch's: Butch and Andy.**  
**Josie's 2: Bill and Darin:**  
**Gary and Danny.**

**TABLE RUN**  
**Brite Spot: Randy.**  
**Bradford House: Jason.**  
**Josie's 2: Danny.**

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### Legal Notice • Legal Notice

**IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELAINE M. COSTIGAN, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003011 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Elaine M. Costigan, Deceased, who died on or about November 30, 2021:  
You are hereby notified that on December 14, 2021, the Last Will and Testament of Elaine M. Costigan, deceased, bearing date of September 18, 2018 was admitted to probate in above named court and that Terry Costigan was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and

devises under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.  
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 of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.  
Dated February 16, 2022  
Date of second publication: 03/03/22  
Terry Costigan, Executor of the Estate. PO Box 219, Saint Lucas, IA 52166  
Michael K. Kennedy, ICIS#: AT0004194 Attorney for Executor. 12 E. Main St. PO Box 406, New Hampton, IA 50659  
  
No. 21779  
02/24/2022 03/10/2022



# Chickasaws gear up for unpredictable weather

BY KELLY TERPSTRA  
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When given the opportunity, the Chickasaw track teams obviously prefer to stretch their legs under the warm and watchful eye of a radiating sun.

Workouts and meets have to feel a lot better when the cool breeze is blowing at your back outside on an oval in an attempt to run, jump or throw.

“Those first two days of sun – we are trying to take full advantage of it,” said New Hampton girls track coach Jeanette Laures.

Sometimes the unpredictable nature of an Iowa winter weather season winding down has other plans.

So when life gives you lemons, you make lemonade.

“When we practice – we tell girls you have to keep hats, gloves, coats – lots of layers here at school. Because obviously we like to be outside as much as we possibly can,” said Laures.

That also means some improvisation if you’re a track coach in a state that sports four seasons that may overlap into one another.

“I’ve been up shoveling here and there during my school day to get as much snow off the track as I can. So even if we have 100 meters of one lane, at least it’s better than being in a gym,” said Laures.

Such is life in the Upper Midwest, where a change in the forecast can flip on a dime. As the saying goes – “March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb.”

That’s how spring is supposed to work – most of the time. Keep those fingers crossed, warm-weather wishers.

“Who doesn’t like, especially if you’re a senior, getting out there and doing your activity – even if it is cold? You’re still outside, you’re still doing stuff,” said NH boys track coach Scott Jenkins. “You’re hanging out with your friends.”

The majority of New Hampton’s first two weeks of practices have been conducted indoors. Track practice officially started across the state for prep teams on Monday, Feb. 21.

“We get outside when we can. We’re not out there for very long,” said Jenkins, in his second year at the helm of guiding the NH boys track program.

Speaking of inside, the Chickasaws did not have an indoor season last year – but they will in 2022. Several NH girls on Laures’ roster competed in the Dickinson Relays at

the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls on Monday. The NH boys squad competes at the IATC Indoor Championships in Ames this Friday.

“It’s really nice to have the indoor meets because they serve as a springboard for our outdoor meets,” said Laures. “We feel lucky that we can have an indoor season this year.”

So until the winter weather breaks – where flowers start blooming and birds start chirping more – it’s make do with what you have. Iowa also keeps track athletes and coaches on their toes as inclement weather can strike at any time.

This isn’t southern California. Snowfall in May?

It’s no joke when you live in the Hawkeye State.

“It happens. We prepare for wind, snow, hail, rain, 90 degrees – 30 degrees. We literally have run in it all,” said Laures.

NH tracksters take advantage of the Chickasaw Wellness Complex – just a stone’s throw south of the high school when the sky opens up or Mother Nature isn’t being agreeable.

“That’s a challenge every high school has to deal with. We’ve got the CWC. So between the school hallways and the CWC we can usually get most of the stuff done that we want to,” said Jenkins.

But you can only do so much indoors as compared to the unrestrained access of a track and all the benefits that come along with training outdoors.

“It’s really hard to get a good cardio workout inside,” said Laures. “We are pretty restricted by space.”

Jenkins said there are members of his team that are almost obligated to run amidst the sometimes harsh elements of a mid-March afternoon.

“The distance guys usually go outside no matter what just because they don’t want to do a thousand laps to get five miles in at the CWC,” said Jenkins. “That’s a lot of surface to go around.”

Laures has around 35 girls out for this year’s squad. She said that’s the most she’s had out in about a decade.

“The numbers are nice. It will hopefully allow us to fill in some gaps that we’ve had in the past,” she said.

Laures, in her 17th season as Chickasaw head coach, mentioned she has plenty of throwers in the field events. That’s something NH is looking to score better in this year.

“I’m hoping that turns out to be a really great thing for us,”



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

**New Hampton girls track coach Jeanette Laures (above) talks to her track athletes during practice indoors last week. NH head coach track coach Scott Jenkins (below, left) grabs some equipment along with assistant coach Jordan Rommes.**

Laures.

NH is also eager to get outside and train because of the sheer fact that it’s better for your body. Laures said running on hard surfaces indoors too much can lead to shin splints and lower-leg issues.

Jenkins said he has 29 kids out for the sport of track and field this year.

If there’s one constant in terms of an Iowa weather it’s that there isn’t a constant.

Perhaps New Hampton’s biggest obstacle to overcome this year will be the wind.

“We absolutely train going into the wind,” said Jenkins. “Not to make it harder on them, but to get them used to it. It is going to be a factor at a lot of these meets.”

The Chickasaws should be ready to take on whatever Mother Nature dishes out this spring.

“The nice thing is, it’s that way for everybody,” said Jenkins. “There’s no advantage to it unless you’re mentally ready to deal with it. If you’re not, it’s a bigger opponent.”



## New Hampton opens indoor track season at Dickinson Relays

### Rochford clears 5-4 in high jump to tie school record

BY KELLY TERPSTRA  
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If Monday was any indication, this could be quite a year for the New Hampton girls track squad.

New Hampton opened the season at the Dickinson Relays, held at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls. The first indoor meet of the season brought talented and seasoned athletes from all over the state to kick off the track and field season.

New Hampton had its fair share of triumphs on this day.

Carlee Rochford – a Drake Relays long jump entrant last year as a sophomore – cleared 5-4 in the high jump to place third overall among over 60 competitors. That top-notch performance was a career-best for Rochford and tied the school record. She placed sixth at state last year in the high jump.

Rochford placed eighth in the 60-meter hurdle finals in a time of 9.52. She also wound up eighth in the long jump (16-2).

New Hampton’s 4x200 relay of Taylor Ries, Marissa Cahoy, Kandice Eggerichs and Hailee Pesek placed 20th in 1:55.

Emily Jackson, a senior who also competed at state last year, finished 20th in the 1,500 run in 5:17.

Pesek placed 29th in the 400 dash (1:06). She



Carlee Rochford



Marissa Cahoy

ran at state last year in the event as a freshman.

Claire Geerts, a sophomore, finished 27th in the shot put (31-10.5).

Kinsley Hackman shot out of the gates in her first competitive race as a freshman in the 200 dash. She ran to a time of 28.57 – good for 25th place. There was a whopping 160 girls that ran the 200 race.

Taylor Ries, another freshman for NH, placed 25th in the long jump (15-1) and Hackman leaped 15 feet. That put her in the 25th spot out of over 90 other girls in the event.

“The jumps seem to be our niche. We have really explosive athletes over the last several years,” said NH head coach Jeanette Laures. “The jumps have really played a key role in scoring points for us.”

NH is back at the indoor prep circuit with a meet at Wartburg College on Tuesday. The Chicksaws then travel to Luther College on Tuesday, March 22 for the last indoor meet of the season.

DICKINSON RELAYS	
NEW HAMPTON INDIVIDUAL RESULTS	
4x200 relay - 20. Taylor Ries, Marissa Cahoy, Kandice Eggerichs, Hailee Pesek	1:55.74.
60 meter hurdles prelims - 7. Carlee Rochford	9.47, 117. Addison Trower
60 meter hurdles finals - 8. Rochford	9.52.
60 meter dash prelims - 67. Claire Geerts	8.78, 93. Alivya Wisner
9.01, 124. Trower	9.36.
High jump - 3. Rochford	5-4, 24. Kaylee Baker
4-8.	
Shot put - 27. Geerts	31-10.5.
Long jump - 8. Rochford	16-2, 25. Ries
15-1, 28. Kinsley Hackman	15.
1,500 - 20. Emily Jackson	5:17.89, 37. Campbelle Kolbet
5:42.06.	
200 dash - 25. Hackman	28.57, 68. Marissa Cahoy
29.82, 107. Wisner	30.86.
400 dash - 29. Pesek	1:06.41, 61. Eggerichs
1:09.07.	
800 run - 84. Megan Pickar	2:58.96.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

**New Hampton junior Kandice Eggerichs works out of the blocks during practice at the Chickasaw's gymnasium last week.**

## Former Chickasaw makes big drop and is rewarded with national title

GEERTS: FROM 17

I think I wrestled like that the rest of the way. People asked me if I was nervous, and I said, ‘No way, man.’ My whole idea was to have that look of a stone-cold killer and wrestle like that.”

Geerts wrestled at UNI for 3 1/2 years before a variety of factors – including a devastating elbow injury – led him to transfer to Iowa Central

in Fort Dodge.

The only surprise when it came to his national runner-up run a year ago was that it came despite the fact that Geerts was, as he put it, “a pretty small 65er.”

When the season ended, he told Iowa Central coach Luke Moffitt and his staff that he would return to Fort Dodge for a second season, with one caveat: He was dropping to 149.

“I think they all thought I was

crazy,” Geerts said with a laugh, “but I was serious. They kept telling me there’s no way, and I kept telling them I’ll be there.”

He opened the season at 157 for one tournament before settling in at 149.

“It wasn’t that hard, honestly,” Geerts said. “I knew after last year I wasn’t big enough to go 165, and I just had to be disciplined and work my, well, you know what I’m trying to say,

off. Once I got there, I felt like no one was going to beat me.”

Geerts was one of two Tritons – the other being Jordan Pryor at heavyweight – to win national titles as Iowa Central finished second in the team standings.

And the former Chickasaw isn’t done with wrestling yet.

He said he’ll graduate from Iowa Central this spring and still has two

years of eligibility remaining. And he plans on using it.

“I’ve grown up a lot the last couple of years,” he said, “and Moffitt’s one of my all-time favorite coaches. [Former New Hampton coach Nick] Hemann’s probably still my favorite, but coach Moffitt, he’s really close. Our coaches here are awesome, and if this was a four-year school, I’d stay here. That’s how much they mean to me.”



# Nymeyer credits coaches, players for stellar record

## NYMEYER: FROM 17

even tougher to tell the girls, but it was time,” said Nymeyer. To put in perspective what Nymeyer was able to accomplish with the program she took over along with co-head coach Dan Stepan in 2013, one must first start with where the Trojans were before she took over the reins.

TV had never qualified for the state tournament in its existence in either 5-on-5 or 6-on-6 girls basketball.

That all changed when TV stormed to the state finals in 2016 and came up just short of achieving a state crown against Springville. The Orioles nipped TV, 49-48, down at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines in the championship rematch. TV had defeated Springville earlier in the season, 49-42, and joined the state field undefeated and the top-ranked squad in the small-school class.

Stepan and Nymeyer were named district and regional coaches of the year in Class 1A after engineering that historic run to glory for TV.

TV did it again behind Nymeyer the following year and played itself all the way into the 1A championship tilt yet again. The foe was once more a familiar one as Springville defeated TV for the second year in a row to claim to back-to-back state titles.

The Trojans knocked on the door to the state tournament with a regional finals appearance the year prior to breaking on through in 2016. The 2014-2015 saw the Trojans begin a streak of home wins that most teams won’t ever even come close to obtaining. TV ripped off 42-consecutive home wins and did not lose a conference game in three seasons from the 2014-2015 season all the way to 2016-2017.

Nymeyer coached TV to a 76 percent winning percentage that included two regional finals contests, the most recent being in 2021.

Her career coaching record of 166-52 included crowning two all-time school scoring leaders in Shelby Reicks, who played from 2013 to 2017, and Ali Hoffert. Reicks was one of the leaders on the state runner-up squads and amassed 1,266 career points. Hoffert, a transfer from South Winneshiek after her sophomore year, broke Reicks’ record at TV with 1,346 points in the 2021 season.

Reicks and Hoffert are just a select few mentioned out of the many Trojan players that helped build the foundation of a program that continued its winning tradition this season with a mark of 16-7.

“I am very fortunate to have had passionate, talented, respectful and fun student athletes during my years at TV. I cannot express how much I have enjoyed working and building relationships with them. Their contributions have taken this program to the next level and have set the standard for future players. I am so appreciative of all of their efforts and will forever cherish the memories,” said Nymeyer.

Nymeyer obviously didn’t get it done alone. Whether it was assistant Trojan coaches like Justin Bakula, Steve Hoffert, Frank Wilson or Haley Kriener

A HECK OF A RUN	
Here is how Turkey Valley fared during Carla Nymeyer’s years as a co-head coach and head coach:	
2013-14 .....	13-10
2014-15 .....	23-2
2015-16 .....	26-1
2016-17 .....	23-3
2017-18 .....	14-10
2018-19 .....	13-8
2019-20 .....	19-5
2020-21 .....	19-6
2021-22 .....	16-7
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>166-52</b>

– Nymeyer knew it took a village to get the job done and go where Turkey Valley had never gone before. That included a fanbase and support system that Nymeyer said was second to none.

“I have been blessed to have the best coaches by my side. They have enriched my coaching with their abilities and expertise, and are truly a large part of our successes,” Nymeyer said.

“I especially appreciate the parents that have helped coach and work with our youth. I can’t thank all of our coaches enough for everything they have done for this program.”

Nymeyer said she really never had the intention of become a head coach but saw that there was a considerable amount of turnover in the Trojan staff over the years. She felt like consistency was key to creating success at Turkey Valley and building a competitive program.

Along with her coaches, players and the community as a whole – Turkey Valley achieved that success and then some.

“As coaches we knew we had a great group of basketball-minded girls on both of those teams. They had an extreme amount of passion for the game, they all grew up wanting to perform on the big stage and they put the time into working for it. They were all very competitive for each other and had the guts, determination and resilience to get it done,” said Nymeyer.

Nymeyer coached youth basketball in the mid-90s at South Winn. She coached junior high at TV from 2008-13 and became head coach at TV in 2018 after Stepan stepped down as co-coach.

Now she said she is going to focus on some things in her life that don’t involve the sport she so dearly loves – basketball.

“I had definitely created that consistency with my time involved and I felt good about how far the program has come. But the wear and tear of the time spent was starting to create some burnout, and I started thinking about personal things I’d like to do with my time,” said Nymeyer.

What were a few of the attributes Nymeyer was looking from her players in order to achieve lofty dreams and aspirations out on the hardwood?

“Perform with self-pride. Buy in – believe in the process, not the immediate result, stay the course. Everyone has a strength, use it to its fullest and keep building on your weaknesses. Be committed,” said Nymeyer.

Those aren’t just basketball goals – they’re life lessons.



# TV coach: Trojan all-UIC players are all ‘deserving’

## TV GIRLS: FROM 16

contest and sported a stat line that many players don’t achieve with four rebounds, 3.2 assists per game and 3.7 steals. She was the second-best assist leader in the league and third overall in steals per game. She led the team in 3-pointers with 17.

“Kara did a great job of controlling the ball and being an offensive threat,” said Nymeyer.

Blazek improved her offensive game and put up 8.1 points per game. She also averaged over four rebounds a game, two assists and 3.2 steals.

It was Reicks’ and Blazek’s defense that really helped TV come out on top in the majority of its games.

“She and Jalyssa also provided stifling defense game in and game out,” Nymeyer added.

Trojan junior guard Aubrey Hoffert also had a fine season. The lefty was chosen as a member of the UIC honorable-mention team.

Hoffert averaged 6.3 points a tilt and grabbed over three rebounds per game. She nailed

## UIC Girls Basketball

	Conf.	All
MFL-Mar-Mac	15-0	19-5
Central Elkader	13-3	19-5
Turkey Valley	12-4	16-7
North Fayette V	11-5	16-7
Lansing Kee	5-10	7-15
South Winn	5-11	8-14
Clayton Ridge	4-12	7-16
West Central	3-12	7-15
Postville	2-13	3-18

10 three-pointers on the season.

“All these girls are very deserving of their honors as they played major roles in our success. They took to heart that they would need to step up their games, especially offensively, in order to help make up for the talent we lost last season,” said Nymeyer. “They also worked hard at being competitive for each other in practice and showed a lot of growth and maturity.”

Turkey Valley went 16-7 overall and 12-4 in the league – good for third place. The Trojans fell to conference rival Central Elkader, 49-40, in the Class 1A, Region 4 quarterfinal.



Kelly Terpstra and Dorothy Huber/Tribune  
Turkey Valley seniors Kara Reicks (left) and Jalyssa Blazek (above) were both named to the all-UIC second team.

# All-Upper Iowa Conference Girls Basketball

FIRST TEAM		
Riley Moreland	MFL-Mar-Mac	Sr.
Delaney Scherf	Central Elkader	Jr.
<b>Jacqlyn Schmitt</b>	<b>Turkey Valley</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
Reagan Muderman	Kee High	Sr.
Kenlin Schmitt	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Grace Anderson	MFL-Mar-Mac	Jr.
Haley Frieden	Central Elkader	Jr.
SECOND TEAM		
Aaliyah Gordon	West Central	Sr.
Alyssa Bohr	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Miranda Lang	MFL-Mar-Mac	Sr.
<b>Kara Reicks</b>	<b>Turkey Valley</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
<b>Jalyssa Blazek</b>	<b>Turkey Valley</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
Kimberly Mucia	Postville	Sr.
Camdyn Deutmeyer	Clayton Ridge	Jr.
HONORABLE MENTION		
Lakota Morrissey	MFL-Mar-Mac	Sr.
Brooklyn Moon	MFL-Mar-Mac	Jr.
Grace Kuehl	Central Elkader	Soph.
Ashlyn Scherf	Central Elkader	Soph.
<b>Aubrey Hoffert</b>	<b>Turkey Valley</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
Justine Cowley	North Fayette Valley	Jr.
Makenna Grove	North Fayette Valley	Jr.
Haley Meyer	Kee High	Sr.
Janessa Zweibahmer	South Winneshiek	Sr.
Morgan Kleve	South Winneshiek	Jr.
Jaylyn Moore	Clayton Ridge	Sr.
Whitley Harber	Clayton Ridge	Sr.
Kaydenca Martin	West Central	Soph.
Abby Squires	West Central	Jr.
Sierra Mohs	Postville	Jr.
Emily Timp	Postville	Soph.

# Coach is looking forward to 2022-23

## TV BOYS: FROM 16

football and although he might not be big on words, his play and leadership spoke volumes out on the hardwood this winter.

“He’s a quiet leader – a leader by example,” said Izer. “He’s just been great for Turkey Valley in all sports. He plays with a passion. He plays with heart. He’s just a great representative of Turkey Valley in everything he does – even out of sports.”

Trojan senior Garrett Kurtenbach put a cap to a career that saw him selected all four years of his varsity career on the UIC all-league teams.

Kurtenbach, a 6-1 forward, was named to the honorable-mention team for the third time in his impressive career. He was selected to the UIC first team his junior year.

Kurtenbach led the Trojans in scoring with an 11.7 clip. He also sank 56 three-pointers – second-best in the league.

“I know he’s disappointed in the way his personal senior year

went,” said Izer. “He’s walking out with his name in the top five or top 10 in the school records for Turkey Valley.”

TV junior Calvin Bodensteiner was a repeat selection on the honorable mention squad for Izer’s bunch. He clipped out to a 7.2 points-per-game total and grabbed 4.7 rebounds a game. His outside shot also improved as evident by his 22 makes from 3-point land.

“He’s got a good set of ups,” said Izer.

Izer is counting on an even better season from Bodensteiner next year.

“I look for big things. I do look for first-team all conference out of him,” said Izer. “They’ll be more opportunities. I think he’ll be a big player for us.”

TV (12-11, 8-8) lost to Wapsie Valley, 65-35, in the Class 1A District 3 second round. TV defeated conference rival Clayton Ridge in the first round of the small-school class post-season, 43-41. The Trojans won six out of their last eight games after suffering a four-game losing streak in mid-to-

late January.

“I guess the big deal for me was the finish was good. We had to have that to save face,” said Izer.

“We got it. It got real after the Crestwood game. We set whole new goals for the rest of the year.”

## UIC Boys Basketball

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North Fayette V	10-6	13-10
Lansing Kee	9-7	12-12
South Winn	9-7	11-12
Turkey Valley	8-8	12-11
Central Elkader	3-13	4-19
West Central	2-14	3-19
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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune  
Turkey Valley’s Dylan Reicks led the Trojans’ all-conference selections by landing on the all-UIC second team.

All-UIC Boys Basketball		
FIRST TEAM		
Zach Driscoll	MFL-Mar-Mac	Fr.
Wyatt Powell	MFL-Mar-Mac	So.
Caleb Helle	Clayton Ridge	Sr.
William Spielbauer	Clayton Ridge	Sr.
Will Miller	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Dalton Dibert	Kee High	Sr.
Trey Kriener	South Winneshiek	Sr.
SECOND TEAM		
Carter Bleitz-Bentien	MFL-Mar-Mac	So.
Kaden Stocker	MFL-Mar-Mac	Sr.
Blake Reichter	North Fayette Valley	Jr.
<b>Dylan Reicks</b>	<b>Turkey Valley</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
Dan McGreal	Central Elkader	Jr.
Logan Wescott	West Central	Sr.
HONORABLE MENTION		
Caden Helle	Clayton Ridge	Jr.
Gavin Moser	Clayton Ridge	Jr.
Seth Bena	Central Elkader	Sr.
Corey Weber	Central Elkader	Sr.
Tyson Cota	Kee High	Sr.
Jonah Reinke	Kee High	Sr.
Cullen McShane	MFL-Mar-Mac	Sr.
Parker Kuehl	MFL-Mar-Mac	Fr.
Taylor Luzum	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Ben Miller	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Koby Bohr	Postville	So.
Cade Downing	Postville	So.
Keegan Streeter	South Winneshiek	Jr.
Carson Wenthold	South Winneshiek	Jr.
<b>Calvin Bodensteiner</b>	<b>Turkey Valley</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
<b>Garrett Kurtenbach</b>	<b>Turkey Valley</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
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Turkey Valley's Jacqlyn Schmitt puts up shot in a game played this past winter.

Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

# Four Trojan girls honored by UIC

Schmitt named to first team; Reicks, Blazek, Hoffert also named to all-league teams

By KELLY TERPSTRA  
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Turkey Valley seniors Kara Reicks and Jalyssa Blazek have become mainstays on the Upper Iowa All-Conference squads the past three seasons.

There was a new addition for the Trojans this winter and deservedly so. TV junior forward Jacqlyn Schmitt cracked the first team All-UIC this winter after an impressive season was put in the books that helped lead the Trojans to another strong finish in the league.

Schmitt was one of seven first-teamers in the UIC. She proved her worth down on the blocks by loosening up defenses with her hard-nosed play and steady jumper.

The left-handed post player that led the conference in free-throw shooting (77 percent) averaged 16 points and was second in the league in field-goal

percentage (51 percent).

"Jacqlyn was phenomenal inside for us. She made some really impressive shots while being double and triple-teamed," said TV head coach Carla Nymeyer. "She put the ball up strong and made teams pay when they sent her to the line."

Schmitt was able to consistently knock down her mid-range shots and that helped open the court for the rest of her teammates.

"Jalyssa and Aubrey really improved at attacking the basket and their rebounding," said Nymeyer.

Schmitt also was selected as a member of the Iowa Girls Coaches Association (IGCA) Class 1A All-District team. She also made the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Class 1A All-Region 4 squad.

While Schmitt was a newcomer as



Blazek



Reicks



Hoffert

far as an all-league selection, this is the third time Blazek and Reicks have been voted on to the league's postseason award's list.

Each Trojan standout made second team, with Reicks being chosen as a second-teamer as sophomore. She received honorable-mention status as a junior. Blazek was bestowed with honorable-mention accolades in her previous two varsity seasons.

Reicks averaged eight points a

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# Trio of Turkey Valley boys named all-UIC

Reicks named to second team; Kurtenbach, Bodensteiner honorable mention

By KELLY TERPSTRA  
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Dylan Reicks is often overmatched and undersized in the paint when he attempts to rise above the "trees" down on the blocks.

That didn't stop the Turkey Valley 6-3 senior center from having a fantastic season.

Reicks was rewarded for that performance with a spot on the second team Upper Iowa All-Conference squad.

It was a fitting end to a hoops career that started out on a wrestling mat.

"Not many people wrestle one year and earn all-conference honors before they're out the door," said Trojan head coach John Izer.

Reicks wrestled his freshman year at New



Reicks



Kurtenbach



Bodensteiner

Hampton/Turkey Valley. Then he turned his attention to the sport of basketball, where he was a wing player and reserve as a sophomore. Then his athletic frame began to take shape. That muscle, coupled with a deft touch near the hoop, turned Reicks into a consistent presence in or around the lane that much taller centers had a hard time dealing with.

"He's undersized a lot. He has good footwork and just a nose for the ball," said Izer. "He's a hard-working farm kid."

Reicks averaged 11.5 points a game and grabbed over seven rebounds a game. His 51.5 percentage from the field was No. 4 overall in the league.

Reicks was all-state in

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Keaton Geerts (above) celebrates his 149-pound National Junior College Athletic Association 149-pound win after the former New Hampton High star completely dominated Jacob Beeson (below) in the title bout on Saturday night.

## A DOMINATING 'NATTY'

FORMER CHICKASAWS CLAIMS 149-POUND NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE TITLE

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Keaton Geerts' goal wasn't just to win the 149-pound title at the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament this past weekend but to do it in dominating style.

Mission accomplished. Geerts, the 2017 New Hampton High School graduate who won two state titles as a Chickasaw, may not have started the tournament the way he wanted, but by the end of it, the Iowa Central sophomore was clicking on all cylinders, capping an overpowering run through his bracket with a 9-0 win over Jacob Beeson of Pratt (Kansas) Community College in the title match Saturday in Council Bluffs.

"My whole goal was to just dominate people," Geerts said. "That's what I told everyone, and that's what I think I did."

He certainly did. After Kael Bruce of Muskegon took Geerts down early in the



first period of the opening match, the Triton didn't give up another point the entire tournament. He reeled off 18 unanswered points to earn a technical fall over Bruce and recorded three pins to make his way into

the finals.

A year ago, Geerts finished as the national runner-up, losing the 165-pound title match to North Iowa Area Community College's Christian Minto, who repeated at that weight this past

weekend.

Asked about the start to this year's tournament, Geerts laughed.

"I was pissed," he said, "and

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## Turkey Valley's Nymeyer gives up reins

Girls coach makes tough decision but says it's 'time'

By KELLY TERPSTRA  
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You often get what you give in life. Carla Nymeyer understands that philosophy all too well.

It's what made her and the teams she coached at Turkey Valley some of the best in the state.

Whether it was her time, energy or coaching prowess, Nymeyer was one of several that helped transform the Turkey Valley girls basketball team into a state-wide power.

That time for Nymeyer has come to a close.

Nymeyer – who coached TV to its only two state tournament appearances in school history – has decided to step down after an incredible nine-year run as head coach that included two state runner-up finishes in Class 1A.

That decision, as you might imagine, wasn't an easy one.

"It was a tough decision to make, and

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Turkey Valley girls basketball coach Carla Nymeyer keeps a close eye on her team during a game against Lansing Kee this past winter.

## Former NH/TV star heading back to the NCAA wrestling tournament

Minnesota's Michael Blockhus exceeded his seed and then some at this past weekend's Big 10 wrestling tournament as the Minnesota 149-pounder entered the meet with the 10th seed and exited it with a fifth-place finish, good enough to punch his ticket for a third straight year to the NCAA tournament.

The redshirt junior, a 2018 graduate of New Hampton High School, had to work his way through the backside of the bracket after suffering a 3-2 defeat to Penn State's Beau Bartlett in the opening round.

But he bounced back with a 3-2 win over Indiana's Graham Rooks and a 7-5 decision over Kanen Storr of Michigan to earn a spot in the consolation semifinals, where he fell 9-5 to Nebraska's Ridge Lovett. Blockhus secured his fifth-place finish when Rutgers' Mike Van Brill medically forfeited.

Blockhus, who won state titles for New Hampton in 2017 and 2018, will take a 9-12 record into the NCAA tournament that is set for March 17-19 in Detroit.

It marks the third straight year Blockhus has qualified for the NCAAAs. In 2020, when he was at the University of Northern Iowa, he qualified but did not wrestle after the tournament in Minneapolis was canceled at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and a year ago, he went 1-2 as a Gopher at the national tournament in St. Louis.



Blockhus

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