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County makes counteroffer to Nashua

Board of Supervisors says less law enforcement hours will mean higher hourly charge

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Members of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors expressed their frustration again on Monday with the Nashua City Council when it came to law enforcement services the county provides to the county's second largest city.

And then they came up with a

counteroffer, one that will cost the city thousands of dollars more than it hoped to pay when the Nashua City Council earlier this month voted to ask for a contract that would reduce the number of hours the Sheriff's Office would provide coverage to the city that, as of now, does not have a police department.

"I've had this discussion. These contracts should be done in November

or October, not after both of the governing bodies have set their budgets potentially," Supervisor Jake Hackman said. "Again, we're at March 14."

The Sheriff's Office currently provides 240 hours per month of law enforcement service to the city, but Nashua city leaders have pointed out that they would like the contract to provide for a set number of hours on an annual basis.

During a meeting held earlier this month, council members said they believe there are times during the year when city needs more service and other months that are, for the lack of a better term, more quiet.

Late last year, the county announced it would raise the price of coverage from \$56.81 per hour that is being

charged for this fiscal year to \$59.50 per hour for the fiscal year that begins on July, and during the budgeting process, the

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The cafeteria at New Hampton Middle School fills with people Sunday morning during the New Hampton Lions Club's 50th annual Pancake and French Toast Breakfast.

BACK, BETTER THAN EVER!

NEW HAMPTON LIONS CLUB MEMBERS APPRECIATE THE 'NOISE' OF A DINE-IN BREAKFAST

By **BOB FENSKE**
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We shouldn't editorialize in a news story, but we're going to today.

Be honest: The 2022 New Hampton Lions Club Breakfast was way better than the 2021 edition for one simple reason: It was normal.

Instead of Lions running in and out of New Hampton's new cafeteria delivering breakfasts to waiting motorists, the large gathering space was filled with folks not only eating but just catching up and shooting the breeze.

"It's nice to actually see the people we're serving," said longtime Lions Club member Bob Messersmith as a couple of his fellow club

members nodded their heads in agreement.

A year ago, of course, the Lions held a drive-through only event because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and as numerous club members said in March 2021, it was strange to have New Hampton's cafeteria "so quiet."

SEE BREAKFAST, 3

Board of Supervisors approve 2022-23 budget and tax levy

By **BOB FENSKE**
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The biggest question facing the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Monday was how much is too much when it comes to an ending fund balance.

And the board, despite the objections of one supervisor, said they felt the county was where it needed to be when it came to that balance as they

approved the 2022-23 budget and tax levy after a public hearing which didn't draw any public comment.

The \$18.25 million budget that includes \$6.694 million in property tax revenue was approved on a 4-1 vote, with only Jake Hackman casting a dissenting vote.

"Yes, some are restricted," Hackman said when it came

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Cub Scouts and Webelos — some more anxious than others — watch their cars race toward the finish line during a Pinewood Derby that was held Sunday afternoon at New Hampton Elementary School.

Scouts have blast at 'races'

Annual Pinewood Derby is about more than winning

By **BOB FENSKE**
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It was one of those moments that was pure Pinewood Derby.


Yes, winning a trophy was neat, but so was watching Jack McGee and his pal Cooper Felper hug after receiving their trophies during the annual derby that was held this past Sunday at the New Hampton Elementary School.

And if that wasn't cool enough, how about this comment overheard as a group of six cars made their way down the track.

"I hope I win," one of the Cub Scouts said, "but if I don't, I hope my friend does."

Comments like that made Nick Sanford, who is in his first year as the den master for New Hampton's Cub Scouts and Webelos, smile.

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New Hampton claims two All-State Speech nominations

Individual speech team earns 11 Division I ratings at state contest; pair of seniors will cap careers at festival later this month at UNI

By BOB FENSKE
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The “cake” for the New Hampton individual speech team was that 11 of its 13 state contest entries earned Division I ratings Saturday.

The “icing” to said cake was added on Monday, when two seniors — Sarah Eiler and AJ Vetter — learned they had earned nominations to the All-State Speech Festival later this month.

“Eleven out of 13, that’s a pretty high percentage day for state,” New Hampton coach Jason Speltz said, “and I’m so proud of all of our kids, but really, to see two seniors who have

worked so hard and who have been in speech for all four years get to go out like this, it’s pretty special.”

Eiler qualified with her literary program — which includes both poetry and prose — titled “From the Outside In,” and Speltz said Eiler hit her “self-realization” piece out of the park.

“It connected super well, which is super important with a lit program,” he said, “and she had a super introduction that hooked everyone from the start.”

“To see someone like Sarah stick with this all these years — she took some [Division] IIs along the way but always came back working even harder — is just so cool.”

The same went for Vetter, whose acting piece titled “A Mother’s Touch” dealt with an abused child left many in who watched it in tears.

“I’ve never cried more at speech than watching AJ,” Speltz said. “It’s just so powerful, and that’s probably not even the right word.”

Still, in high school speech, patience is a virtue.

Those that earn Division I ratings at a state contest must wait two days before the All-State Speech Festival nominations are announced.

“So we leave Clear Lake really happy on Saturday,” Speltz said, “and

by Monday, we’re a ball of nerves. You always hope to get some All-State nominations, but it’s hard. I mean it’s the very best of the best, and I told our kids, ‘Look, whatever happens, I’m super proud of you.’ And so yes, I’m happy for Sarah and AJ, but I would have been super pumped for all our kids even if we didn’t get any all-staters.”

Students who received Division I ratings on Saturday also included:

- Poetry: Cherish Larson.
- Original Oratory: Olivia Hoy, Beth Pickar, Cam McMorris and Catherine Pethoud.
- Radio News: B. Pickar.
- Storytelling: Annala Elliott.
- Acting: Luca Moody and AJ Vetter.
- Improvisation: Pethoud.
- Literary Program: Sarah Eiler, Elliott in improv and Karla Pickar in radio news both received Division II ratings.

And now, two New Hampton students will prepare for the All-State Speech Festival that will be held at the University of Northern Iowa on Monday, March 28.

“It’s really a celebration of speech,” Speltz said of the festival, “and I guess I’d say with both AJ and Sarah but also with all of our kids, we have a lot to celebrate.”



Photo courtesy of Jim Russ

Finding success in leadership events

A number of New Hampton High School FFA chapter members pose for a picture after participating in leadership development events at Turkey Valley last month.

New Hampton had a highly successful day as the parliamentary procedure team of Tori Bearman, Ethan Praska, Grace Maloy, Maddie Schaufenbuel and Marshall Zeien received a bronze award and was named a district alternate.

Green Hand test takers Aleah Eichenberger, Carrie Schwickerath, Beth Pickar all received gold ratings while Tanner Njus received a silver rating in ag sales. Ashley Rosonke earned a silver award and was named an alternate to district in public speaking, Karla Pickar placed second with a Gold Award in creed speaking while Quentin Reicks also placed second in radio broadcasting and earned a Gold Award.

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Supervisors says they will charge city more per hour if Nashua reduces hours

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county figured it would receive \$171,360 during 2022-23 from Nashua.

But with Nashua cutting the number of hours, the county would receive \$142,800 from the city.

After a lengthy discussion — some of which occurred when supervisors went into closed session to “avoid disclosure of specific law enforcement matters ... which if disclosed would enable law violators to avoid detection” — the board decided to make a counter-offer to Nashua in which the county would charge \$59.50 for an average of 240 hours of service a month but the cost per hour would increase to \$70 per hour if the city only wants an average of 200 hours of service a month.

“If we figure out the hours, the rate has a to go up because there’s soft costs in there,” Supervisor Steve Breitbach said. “We have fixed costs, but we also have other costs, too.”

Supervisor Jason Byrne agreed and went so far as to suggest that the county draw a proverbial line in the sand when it came to the number of service hours.

“I would personally tell them that we’re not going to agree to less than 240,” he said. “Then, we’re not going to do it and you’ll have to find your own service.”

Supervisors said they were, for the most part, OK with the language changes that the city of Nashua is proposing for the contract, but that the financial

details needed to be taken care of before they would sign off on an agreement.

At \$70 per hour, a contract that would provide 2,400 hours of service during the year would cost the city \$168,000, and supervisors pointed out that by agreeing to a contract that would provide 2,880 hours of service, the city would pay just \$3,360 for an additional 480 hours of service.

Hackman said that he believes the contract should also detail what happens if the Sheriff’s Office provides more hours of service than is stated in the contract.

“I think there should be a paragraph if it goes over, what rate? We have that with our IT person, right? We go over the block hours, we have to pay him X amount. Anything over, should be billed at this rate.”

Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann said that “there’s never been a month in the last three years we’ve never met our hours” — pointing out, for example that “last month we gave them 253, the month before was right around 250.”

Asked if the city incurred extra charges, Hemann replied, “they don’t get billed.”

County Attorney David Laudner and Hemann will now work on a new contract and submit it to the Board of Supervisors before the county sends it to Nashua’s city leaders.

“That’s our sell to them,” Byrne said. “Less is more per hour, and if we’re here more, we’re providing more service for a cheaper number.”

Supervisor questions how many residents should be interviewed

AMBULANCE: FROM 1

that while SafeTech officials will answer some questions, there will be no questions taken by members of the Ambulance Council or supervisors who do attend the town-hall meeting, which unlike the stakeholder interviews, will be open to the public.

During Monday’s meeting, the Board of Supervisors also discussed the stakeholder interview schedule, which Hackman said still needs some refining. Supervisor Jason Byrne then said he was asked by Lawler City Council member Kurt Croell if business leaders would be part of the stakeholders interviews?

During the discussion, Supervisor Tim Zoll said business leaders “may have to go to the town hall meeting,” but Byrne replied that “I think they wanted more than two

minutes.”

Hackman pointed out that Croell, who was one of several business leaders who spoke out in favor of a county-owned service during a meeting held in December, could come with Lawler Mayor Mark Muetherthies, who also serves as the chair of the Ambulance Council, during his interview.

But Hackman also wondered how many people could county leaders expect SafeTech to interview.

“I guess I don’t know what’s so different,” he said. “When ST does this across the world, they’ve never heard of this, and they’ve done a lot of these studies. If the elected officials don’t know the needs, the wants, why are we sitting here? Don’t we work for the people? Or should we have 500 people show up for this interview process? Or a 1,000? Or all 12,000 citizens?”

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New Hampton Lions Club member Phil Zwanziger (above) checks on a batch of a French toast while the serving line (below) is a pretty busy place Sunday morning during the club's annual breakfast fundraiser.

Lions definitely earn their naps

BREAKFAST: FROM 1

But Sunday morning, more than 900 New Hampton residents jammed into the room and let the Lions — with a little help from the New Hampton High School Lettermen's Club — cook their breakfast and clean up after them, too.

Sunday's event marked the 50th straight year the Lions have held what they bill as their Pancake and French Toast Breakfast, and club member Matt Kuhn said that a "good majority" of the club's 50 members rose early Sunday morning — after getting one hour less of sleep because of the move to Daylight Savings Time — to report to work.

And many of the Lions did the same jobs they've been doing for years.

"Once you find a job at the breakfast, you're there for life," Kuhn said with a laugh. "Seriously, though, it's funny because everyone still asks, 'What am I doing this year?'"

Planning for the event begins in December each year, and the Lions use the money raised for a variety of local projects and scholarships.

"We're grateful for all the support,"



Kuhn said as he stifled a yawn Sunday afternoon. "We appreciate everyone who comes out, everyone who buys tickets. It is a lot of work, but it's worth it because it helps us support our community."

Granted by Sunday afternoon, more

than a few Lions Club members were ready for naps.

"I'm heading there right now," Kuhn said with a laugh, "and I'm pretty sure, no I'm positive, I'm not the only member of our club doing that"



When you have a lot of pancake batter to make — and Terry Johnson (left) does — a drill comes in handy at the New Hampton Lions Club Pancake and French Toast Breakfast that was held Sunday, when Paul Hereid (above) buses a table while (below) Tom Sausser, Harlan Pose and Doug Welton man the ticket table.



Briefs

'45 Seconds to Broadway' takes the stage tonight, Friday

New Hampton Middle School students will present their annual musical this week as they will take the stage tonight (Thursday) and Friday at 7 p.m. and present "45 Seconds to Broadway."

Tickets for the musical, which is being directed by Jill Cantu, can be purchased for \$5 either at the middle school office during the regular school day or at the door. All tickets are general admission.

The play will be performed at the New Hampton Elementary School Auditorium.

New Hampton to hold annual Parade of Bands Concert March 27

Students in grades 5-12 will perform at the annual New Hampton Parade of Bands Concert that will be held on Monday, March 27.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. and will feature the Fifth-Grade Band, the Sixth-Grade Band, the Middle School Jazz Band, the Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Band, the High School Jazz Band and the Concert Band.

The concert will be held in the new competition gymnasium, and tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door.

Trinity Youth Group to hold fundraising dinner next month

The Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Group will holds a Mike Reicks Chicken Dinner on Sunday, April 24, at the church's Fellowship Hall.

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lasts 40 days not count-
ing Sundays.

This time period mir-
rors the amount of time
that Jesus fasted in the
wilderness at the begin-
ning of His public work
(Matthew 4:1-11).

Going without food for
that length of time would
be difficult enough, but
the devil was also there
tempting Him. In Jesus’
physically weakened
state, the devil was try-
ing to get Him to change
course, to set aside the
purpose for which His
heavenly Father had sent
Him.

“If You are the Son of

God,” the devil kept say-
ing. “If You are the Son
of God, then turn these
stones into bread. Throw
Yourself off the temple
and let God’s angels
catch You. Prove that
You are the king of the
world.”

And why shouldn’t
Jesus prove Himself in
these ways? Why not use
His divine power?

Why not make a big
entrance and put every-
one in awe of Him?

God’s Son did not take
on flesh because He was
worried about His belly,
His power, or His glory
on earth. He was here
because He loves you.

He came to do all the
good that God’s Law
requires of you that
you have failed to do.
You and I would have
caved to every tempta-
tion the devil set before
us. In fact, there is no
Commandment of God
that we have kept—we
have broken each one of
them in countless ways.

Jesus came to keep the
holy Law in our place,
so that His perfection
would be credited to us
by faith.

Our comfort is this,
that Jesus “in every
respect has been tempted
as we are, yet [was] with-
out sin. Let us then with
confidence draw near to



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the throne of grace, that
we may receive mercy
and find grace to help in
time of need” (Hebrews
4:15-16).

The history of St. Patrick

St. Patrick’s Day is celebrated each
year on March 17. St. Patrick was a larger-
than-life figure who has been ingrained
in Irish culture and was the catalyst for
a holiday celebration that now stretches
around the world.

Much of what is shared about St.
Patrick is based on folklore and exagger-
ated storytelling, according to historians.
Snakes famously banished from Ireland?
Snakes have never existed on the island to
even be banished! Getting to the truth of
St. Patrick the man takes a little digging
through the fanciful tales.

St. Patrick wasn’t Irish

St. Patrick was born to a wealthy family
in modern-day Great Britain near the end
of the fourth century. There is no evidence
that Patrick came from a particularly reli-
gious family, and History.com says it was
likely Patrick’s father became a Christian
deacon because of tax incentives and not
religious devotion.

Patrick only arrived in Ireland after
being taken prisoner by a group of Irish
raiders who attacked his family’s estate.
He spent ages 16 to 22 in captivity and
was likely held in County Mayo.

Finding religion

Patrick spent many hours working
outdoors as a shepherd during his impris-
onment. Being afraid and likely lonely,
he found comfort in his religion and
became a devout Christian. As Ireland
was largely pagan at this time, he began
dreaming of converting the Irish people to
Christianity.

Even though Patrick escaped impris-



onment, believing it was the voice of God
telling him it was time to leave, once he
returned to Britain, he had a second rev-
elation that he should return to Ireland
as a missionary. It was then his religious
training began, and it lasted more than 15
years. Eventually Patrick was ordained a
priest and began ministering to Christians

already living in Ireland and converting
others.

St. Patrick wrote an autobiogra-
phy

Much of what is known about St.
Patrick comes from two works that he
wrote about his life, known as “Confessio”
and “Epistola.” In “Confessio,” Patrick
responds to the fact that he was on trial
for mysterious reasons, although he
never names the crimes for which he was
accused. Historians surmise that he took
bribes because Patrick mentions returning
or paying for gifts given to him.

St. Patrick didn’t introduce
Christianity

Although Patrick played the most
influential role in spreading Christianity
to Ireland, he wasn’t the first to do so.
However, he did organize the followers
who already existed and converted king-
doms which were still pagan. St. Patrick
also connected Ireland with the Church of
the Roman Empire.

St. Patrick helped the shamrock
become a symbol of Irish national-
ism

The shamrock, also known as a three-
leaf clover, and formerly the “seamroy”
by the Celts, was a sacred plant that
symbolized spring. St. Patrick, according
to legend, used this familiar plant as a
visual guide to explain the Holy Trinity
of Christianity. By the 17th century,
the shamrock had become a symbol of
emerging Irish nationalism, according to
History.com.

I have told you these things,
so that in me you may have peace.
In this world you will have trouble.
But take heart!
I have overcome the world.
John 16:33



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When you're driving these days, it's pretty hard to get lost because your smartphone's Global Positioning System (GPS) can get you just about anywhere. And as an investor, you can have a similar experience by employing another directional tool – a personalized financial strategy.

Let's look at the parallels between your GPS and this type of strategy.

To begin with, your GPS pinpoints your exact location at the start of your trip – in other words, it tells you where you are. And when you create a financial strategy, your first step is to evaluate your current situation by answering these types of questions: What are your assets? How much do you earn? How much do you owe? How much are you contributing to your IRA, 401(k) or other retirement accounts? Once you've got a clear picture of your finances, you'll be ready to begin your journey toward your long-term goals.

Once your GPS has identified your starting point, it will then show you where you want to go and the routes to help you get there. And it's the same with your financial strategy – you want it to help lead you to a particular place in your life. In fact, a well-designed strategy can show you the steps you need to take to help reach more than one destination – to a place where you can send your children to college, a place where you can retire comfortably, a place where you can leave the type of legacy you want, and so on.

Here's another element of your GPS that applies to your financial strategy – the warnings. You're certainly familiar with those thick red lines your GPS shows to indicate traffic slowdowns ahead. And while they're annoying, they're also useful in cautioning you that you may arrive at your destination later than you had originally planned. Your financial strate-



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gy can also express "warnings" about events that could hinder you from reaching your goals. These obstacles might include an illness or disability that could keep you out of work for a while, or the need for some type of long-term care, such as a nursing home stay or the services of a home health aide. Your financial strategy can not only identify these threats, but with the guidance of a financial professional, suggest potential solutions.

In addition to providing warnings about things such as heavy traffic and road construction, your GPS can change your route if you miss a turn or if you decide, for whatever reason, to go a slightly different way. Your financial strategy can also show you alternatives, if it's comprehensive and overseen by a financial professional, who, using specialized software, can create hypotheticals – illustrations that provide alternative outcomes for different steps, such as retiring at various ages, investing different amounts each year or earning different rates of return. These hypotheticals can be quite helpful to you as your chart your course toward your goals, especially if you need to change your plans along the way.

Your GPS and your financial strategy are two great tools for helping get you where you want to go.

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

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Turkey Valley lands new principal

School Board approves appointment of longtime New Hampton teacher, instructional coach

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

Michelle Hoy loves her job as an instructional coach with New Hampton Community Schools, so it wasn't like she was desperate to leave the only district she has called home since becoming an educator 22 years ago.

"Honestly, I was going to be very picky and choosy when it came to jobs I was applying for," she said, "and for me, it was going to have to be a pretty special place before I was going to leave New Hampton."

She found that special place in Turkey Valley, and on Monday night, the Turkey Valley School approved hiring Hoy as its new principal, effective this coming August. She will replace Renee Cuvelier, whose resignation was accepted at Turkey Valley's February School Board meeting.

Superintendent Jay Jurrens made the recommendation to hire Hoy and said he believes Hoy's experiences will translate well into her new role as a PreK-12 building principal.

"Michelle's a tireless worker," he said Tuesday morning, "and she's very dedicated to building relationships with staff and students. Her goal is student achievement and that really is what we're all about."

Hoy graduated from Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock High School and attended North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City before transferring to Buena Vista University to complete her teaching degree.



Hoy

Her first job was a reading interventionist at New Hampton Elementary School and she also taught second grade for one year, third grade for eight years and fourth grade for six years before becoming an instructional coach six years ago.

She said among the things that drew her to apply for the Turkey Valley position was the fact that she knows several staff members through joint professional development trainings and the variety that her new position will offer her.

"The fact that we get to work with everyone from preschoolers to high school seniors," Hoy said, "in my mind, that's real plus."

"The only bittersweet thing for me is knowing I'm leaving New Hampton, but like I said, Turkey Valley was one of those districts I would have always considered to start this new chapter in my career."

Turkey Valley, New Hampton boards pleased with sharing

School Boards hold joint meeting, get details on how both districts have benefited from sharing positions

By **BOB FENSKE**
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The Turkey Valley and New Hampton school boards held their annual joint meeting earlier this week and when they headed their separate ways, they did so in agreement that they want to continue to share a number of positions.

The most notable, of course, is the superintendent, and both boards say they are pleased with how the sharing agreement has worked out for the districts the past six years.

Jay Jurrens, the man who is being shared between the two districts as their top administrators, said both New Hampton and Turkey Valley have saved thousands of dollars with the arrangement and both districts

have also received substantial amounts of revenue from incentives offered by the state to districts that share administrators.

"One of the things I will say is that every year we have this meeting I realize how well these boards work together," Jurrens said.

"I think a big reason this has worked so well is that when we do have these joint meetings, they feel comfortable with each other and are willing to bring their thoughts and concerns to the table."

Jurrens shared information with both of his boards Monday that showed just how much each district is saving.

In 2015-16, the last year the two districts did not share, Turkey Valley's cost for a superintendent's salary and benefits

was \$81,896 while this past year, the district's cost was \$60,183. New Hampton's costs have dropped from \$164,840 to \$155,527 and while not as substantial, Jurrens pointed out that his numbers didn't reflect inflation.

But each district also receives a little more than \$57,500 in state incentives because they share a superintendent – meaning Turkey Valley's "net cost" for its superintendent is just \$2,623 and New Hampton's is \$97,967.

In addition, the districts also share a maintenance director, a business manager and a transportation director, and add it all up and each district will receive about \$151,100 in state sharing

incentives during the 2022-23 fiscal year that begins on July 1.

Turkey Valley, meanwhile, also receives about \$35,000 in additional revenue because it "purchases" shared teaching services for its agriculture and band programs.

"I think one of the keys that makes this work is that both boards understand that they have to do the best for their districts," Jurrens said. "That's the direction they've both given me, too. If it makes sense, if it's best for our students at Turkey Valley that we share with New Hampton, great, but if it's better that we share with another district, that's great too. That's been a key to making this work as well as I think it has."

Parent-teacher conferences set for next week

New Hampton Community Schools and St. Joseph Community School students will have a somewhat abbreviated schedule next week as both districts will hold parent-teacher conferences.

Students will be dismissed an hour early both Tuesday and Thursday for the conferences, and will not have school on Friday because it will serve as a "comp day" for teachers.

Those who have questions about signing up for conferences should call their students' school offices.

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CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS MONDAY MARCH 7, 2022 7:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of New Hampton met in regular session in the Council Chambers at 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton Iowa at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 21, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schwickerath at 7:02 p.m. Council members present were Humpal, McDonald, Boos, Daly, Denner, Fisher. Also in attendance were Casey Mai, Tammy Robinson, Bob Fenske, Megan Baltes, Rick Kramer, several NHHS students and City Attorney Todd Prichard (via telephone).

Moved by Daly, seconded by Boos; That the agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by McDonald, seconded by Fisher; That the minutes of the regular council meeting of February 21, 2022, be approved. Ayes – Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Denner, seconded by Humpal; That the claims in the amount of \$88,736.25 be approved. Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

7:00 PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY BUDGET 2022/2023

Mayor Schwickerath announced now is the time and place fixed for the public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year Budget beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. The Council investigated and found that the time and the place of the hearing had in accordance with the law and as directed by the City Council been published in the New Hampton Tribune on the 24th day of February 2022 in New Hampton in the County of Chickasaw. Mayor Schwickerath asked for oral comments. There were none. Mayor Schwickerath asked for written comments. There were none.

Mayor Schwickerath declared the hearing closed.

Moved by Boos, seconded by Humpal; That Resolution No. 6501 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET, be approved. Ayes – Fisher, Humpal, McDonald, Boos, Daly, Denner. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution approved.

TRIBE Trail Committee members, Megan Baltes and Rick Kramer, requested the council to consider a \$250,000 pledge for Phase 3 of the TRIBE Trail Project. The total cost of Phase 3 is estimated at \$521,620. If the council will pledge this money, it will help to leverage grant funds as well as local donations to raise the remaining \$271,620. Some council members were concerned about increasing taxes even though they agreed it was a beneficial project to continue to improve the 'quality of life' in New Hampton. After a lengthy discussion, it was moved by McDonald, seconded by Denner; to request additional input from residents and table the discussion until the March 21, 2022 city council meeting, be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – Fisher. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Finance Committee Chair McDonald shared with the council the recommendation of the Finance Committee to increase Eric Kuehn's wage as he completes his wastewater certifications. Moved by McDonald, seconded by Boos; That RESOLUTION 6502 A RESOLUTION APPROVING WAGE INCREASE FOR ERIC KUEHN WHEN HE COMPLETES WASTEWATER CERTIFICATION GRADE 2, be approved. Ayes – Fisher, Humpal, McDonald, Boos, Daly, Denner. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution approved.

Council member McDonald presented a final version of the CIP 2022 Project Prioritization Questionnaire for council approval. The Council is requesting the department heads to have their projects submitted to the Council by the June 6th council meeting. Moved by Daly, seconded by Fisher; That the CIP 2022 Project Prioritization Questionnaire be implemented for city departments to evaluate CIP projects and submitted to the council by the June 6th City Council meeting, be approved. Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

The New Hampton Running Club is requesting to host on 5K route on Saturday April 29th at 8:00 am. Moved by Denner, seconded by Humpal; That the New Hampton Running Club 5K route on April 29th, 2022, be approved. Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

City Clerk Clemens presented a revised agreement for rental of the Community Center. As prices of all utilities continue to increase, the \$40.00 current rental fee is not covering the expenses that are incurred. The proposal includes an increase the rental fee to \$100.00 and the deposit from \$100.00 to \$150.00. Non – profit organization will continue to be no charge. Moved by Boos, seconded by McDonald; That Resolution No. 6503 A RESOLUTION APPROVING INCREASE IN RENTAL FEES AND DEPOSIT AMOUNTS FOR THE RENTAL OF THE NEW HAMPTON COMMUNITY CENTER, be approved. Ayes – Humpal, McDonald, Boos, Daly, Denner, Fisher. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution approved.

Jerry Reno, property owner of 18 East Main Street is requesting to place a dumpster on Main Street, in front of his building during construction on the building. Moved by Fisher, seconded by Daly; That the request of BLC, Inc to place a dumpster on Main Street for 2-3 days during construction, be approved. Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Denner, seconded by McDonald; That the following minutes and correspondence be accepted and place on file. Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Committee As A Whole minutes of 2-21-2022

Upper Wapsi Watershed Management Authority Donation Request

BRAI on July 29th, 2022. A committee has been established and there is a meeting scheduled for March 11th.

Moved by Boos, seconded by Denner; that the meeting adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

ROBERT SCHWICKERATH, Mayor

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, City Clerk

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

CITY - WRITTEN SINCE FEBRUARY 21, 2022

State of Iowa, Sales Tax 2/1/22- 2/15/22

CarQuest, Hose Reel (Fire)

John Deere Financial, Supplies (Fire Sewer Street Police)

USPS, 4 Rolls Stamps

USPS, Postage for Utility Bills (WA SR)

Jendro Sanitation, Recycling Service (1,426 x \$8.11)

Chickasaw Co Recorder, Record Trail Easement

Total Written

CITY - TO BE WRITTEN

20/20 FX, Fixed Idrive (Clerk) Set up

Aable Pest Control, Monthly Pest Control

Calhoun- Burns & Associates, Bridge Inspections (Street)

Chickasaw Co Auditor, Hotel/ Motel Tax

City Laundering Co, Mats, Air Dispenser(SR) Uniforms (SR WA ST)

Culligan, DI Rental, Carbon Filter (Sewer) Salt (Custodial)

Douglas, Ken, February Mileage Reading Meters (122 x \$39)(WA)

Eurofins Environment Testing North Central, Testing Fees (Sewer)

Five Star Coop, Diesel (Fire) Supplies (WA SR) Gas (WA SR)

Fox Strand, January engineering services (Sewer)

Galls, Uniform Allowance (Police)

Bob Hackman, Office Entry Remodel (Police)

IA Municipal Solutions LLC, February 2022 Wastewater Operator Services

Jendro Sanitation, Refuse Pickup (Fire PD Clerk Custodial SR ST)

L & R Manufacturing, Truck Repairs (Fire)

LeisureTime Golf Cars, UPS Shipping (Water)

Mercy Medical Center - NH, Drug Screening (Fire)

NAPA, Switch, Def, Klean (St) Oil (SR) Fitting (Fire)

NHMU, Phone Service (St Carnegie Fire PD Clerk Econ)

New Hampton Tribune, Council Minutes, Budget, Tax Levy (Clerk)

Northeast Iowa RC&D, Contribution to Upper Wapsipinicon Watershed

Nutri-Ject Systems, Hauling & Application of Biosolids (Sewer)

Petty Cash, Income Offset Letters (Clerk) Postage (P&Z)

Prichard, Todd, Regular Salary

Rapid Printers, Supplies (Clerk) Billings (WA SR) Steak Dinner Tkts

Riley's Inc, Copy Fee (Clerk Econ PD SR) Supplies (SR)

Sandry Fire Supply, Face piece, Cylinder, OHD Fit Testing (Fire)

Schueth Ace Hardware, Flag (Custodial) Supplies (PD St SR)

Secretary of State, Notary Renewal (Econ)

Stanton Electric, New LED Lights, Cord Ends, Cord Reels (Fire)

Summit Fire Protection, Fire Monitoring Service (4/22- 3/23) (Com Ctr)

Sunset Law Enforcement, Ammunition (Police)

Verizon, Data Charges (Police)

Vern Laures Auto, Oil Change (Police)

Wayne's Truck Equipment, Transmission for 2008 F150 (Street)

Plus City Written

TOTAL TO BE APPROVED 88,736.25

PAYROLL - WRITTEN SINCE FEBRUARY 21, 2022

EFTPS - FICA Tax, Federal Tax

Iowa Dept of Revenue - State W/H Tax

Mass Mutual Financial - Deferred Comp

Treasurer, State of Iowa - IPERS

CEMETERY - TO BE WRITTEN

Jendro Sanitation, Refuse Pickup (Cemetery)

LIBRARY - WRITTEN SINCE FEBRUARY 21, 2022

Schueth Ace Hardware, Cleaning Supplies

Park & Rec - WRITTEN SINCE FEBRUARY 21, 2022

AgVantage FS, LP for Park Shop

Bodensteiner Implement, Lubricant, Wheel Bolt

CarQuest, Headlight

CWC, Court Rental for Bball

Hackman, Tara, Reimburse for Facebook Ad

Jendro Sanitation, Dumpster Service

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	H	L	P
Wednesday	24	10	--
Thursday	24	10	--
Friday	18	1	--
Saturday	33	1	--
Sunday	53	33	--
Monday	55	26	--
Tuesday	53	27	--

Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 50 and a low of 31.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 45 and a low of 27.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high of 54 and a low of 33.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high of 61 and a low of 46.

Extended forecast: Partly cloudy Monday with highs in the 60s; good chance of rain Tuesday with highs in the 50s.

Meetings

MONDAY

Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.

New Hampton School Board, including public hearing on 2022-23 budget and tax levy, 6:30 p.m., NHHS Media Center.

New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

History

- In 1776, British forces are forced to evacuate Boston following General George Washington's successful placement of fortifications and cannons on Dorchester Heights, which overlooks the city from the south.
- In 1461, Saint Patrick, a Christian missionary who became the bishop and apostle of Ireland, dies at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland.
- In 1905, future U.S. president Franklin Delano Roosevelt weds his fifth cousin once removed, Eleanor Roosevelt, in New York City.
- In 1969, 70-year-old Golda Meir, who was born in Kiev, Ukraine, makes history when she is elected as Israel's first female prime minister.
- In 2000, with the release of the film "Erin Brockovich," Julia Roberts becomes the first actress ever to command \$20 million per movie.

Steven Lane Zimmerman, 57

Steven Lane Zimmerman, age 57 of the New Hampton Group Home in New Hampton, died Friday, March 11, 2022, at St. Marys Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota.

Steven was born on June 26, 1964, in Waterloo, the son of Dean and Nancy (Gaylor) Zimmerman.

He attended River Hills School in Cedar Falls until the family moved to cities in California, Illinois, and Michigan. After the divorce of his parents, his mother, sister and he returned to Waverly and Waterloo.

In 1974 Steven became a part of Comprehensive Systems in Charles City. After different placements within the system, he became a resident at the New Hampton Group Home in 1982 and lived there until his death. He also worked at the Treasure Chest, a store run by Comprehensive Systems. Throughout the decades, he was cared for by many wonderful caregivers and enjoyed the company of his fellow house mates.

He is survived by his mother, Nancy (Gaylor) Zimmerman of Waverly; his father, Dean Lane (Linda) Zimmerman of Summerfield, Florida; his sister, Jane Zimmerman, of Curtin, Australia; his aunt, Sara Jane Gaylor (Mark Amo) of St. Louis; his uncles, David (Lisa) Gaylor of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, and Steven Gaylor of Escondido, California; and many cousins with their families.

Steven was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Frederick C. and Ardis A. Gaylor; his paternal grandparents, Herschel H. and Ruth A. Zimmerman; and his uncle James Zimmerman.

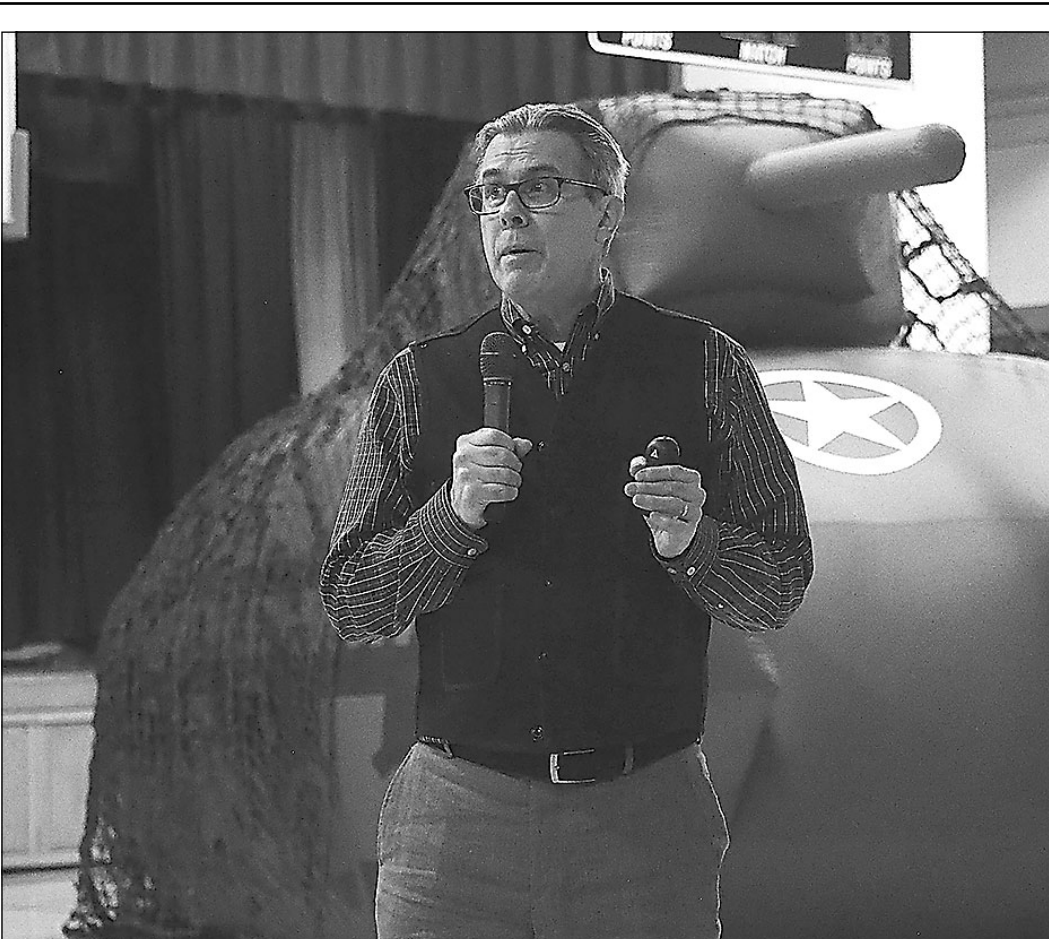
An inurnment will be held at a later date in Harlington Cemetery in Waverly. Memorials may be sent to Comprehensive Systems, Inc., New Hampton Group Home, 841 W. Main Street, PO Box 284, New Hampton, Iowa 50659. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting the family.

Jeremy Iriarte, 33

Jeremy Iriarte, age 33 of Nashua, passed away at the Floyd County Memorial Hospital in Charles City, on Monday, March 14, 2022.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at Cedar Point Church in Nashua.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 21, 2022, at the Hugelback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua.



Telling the Ghost Army story

Rick Beyer, a best-selling author, award-winning documentary producer and a longtime history enthusiast, shares stories about the famed "Ghost Army" of World War II with Nashua-Plainfield students during an assembly held this past Monday. Beyer was one of the key sources used by Nashua-Plainfield student Caleb Sinnwell for a National History Day project that was named best in the nation during the contest that was held this past May.

Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

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News Bits From Our Past

Week of March 13 1947 (75 years ago)

- L.M. Gibbons, Tux Whalen, Dale Gates and Bob Denner won first and second places, respectively, at a bowling tournament in Decorah.

This tournament has been running for three weeks and at the time the New Hampton boys entered, there were 180 entries. Gibson and Whalen rolled 1,734 and had 126 pins handicap.

Denner and Gates rolled 1,688 and had 159 pins handicap. First and second will pay approximately \$190 in prize money.

- The American Legion Auxiliary met at the Legion Hall March 4 with more than 50 members present.

Highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Purple Heart Medal to Mrs. Kolthoff by Mr. Sullivan of Mason City. This is an award in honor of Clifford Kolthoff who lost his life in the Philippine Islands at the time of the Japanese invasion.

Mrs. Kolthoff was also presented with a Gold Star Auxiliary pin by the president.

1972 (50 years ago)

- Two deserving New Hampton area men will be honored by residents of

New Hampton and Chickasaw County.

Tim Burke and Bill Palmersheim, who have both received national recognition in the Future Farmers of America, will be featured in a program at the high school and among the dignitaries on hand will be Iowa Governor and Mrs. Robert Ray and officers of the Iowa Future Farmers of America.

Burke and Palmersheim were named recipients of the coveted American Farmer Degree, the first members to receive this honor in the 40 year history of FFA in New Hampton.

1997 (25 years ago)

- Fredericksburg has waited 57 years to send a boys team to the boys state basketball tournament.

The Falcons sealed the deal with a 83-72 win over Traer, North Tama. The Falcons were rated Number One during the season, but will be seeded sixth in Des Moines. Burg was defeated in the first round by Lynnville-Sully 53-42, a traditional 1-A powerhouse, they finished in third place at State last year.

2012 (10 years ago)

- The New Hampton Lions Club held their annual Pancake and French Toast Breakfast on Sunday morning. The fundraiser served almost 1,200

residents, all the money raised is used to support various local projects and scholarships.

This was the 40th year the breakfast was held.

- The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors took up an offer from the city of Fredericksburg for its 28E agreement for law enforcement services from the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office.

The supervisors authorized County Attorney Pat Wegman to extend a one-year contract to the city of Fredericksburg that includes 150 hours of dedicated law enforcement per month, as well as drive-through service at a cost of \$80,000. The move was approved in a 4-1 vote.

2017 (5 years ago)

- The 2017 Lawler Irish Fest Committee has chosen Tom and Carole Leonard as their grand marshals for this year's celebration.

The board chose the Leonards because the couple loves Irish Fest and have been part of the community for many years. This year's Lawler Irish Fest is the fifth year for the celebration.

- A member of the New Hampton state champion cross country teams of 1981 and '82, Sandy (Havlik) Sabelka,

has been coaching the same sport for Denver for 14 seasons, and has met much success both on and off the course.

At the Iowa girls state basketball tournament, Sabelka was the 2017 recipient of the CHARACTER COUNTS! award.

In recognition of this honor, a \$1,000 cash award will be made to the Denver athletic department to further enhance character development initiatives.

2021 (1 year ago)

- Chris Sullivan announced he is stepping down as the Turkey Valley boys basketball coach this past week after a successful 10-year stint.

Sullivan took over the boys hoops program that he used to play in when he was hired in 2011 and led the Trojans to four consecutive conference championships from 2016-2020.

He guided TV to the district final in his first year at the helm, a season that produced a runner-up finish in the Upper Iowa Conference. Sullivan has impact on the hoops players he helped mold into winners on the floor.

— News Bits From Our Past are compiled by Terri Josephson

Birthdays

- Bobby Jones, the first golfer to win the so-called "Grand Slam," was born in 1902.
- Olympic gold medal swimmer Katie Ledecky turns 25.
- Actor Rob Lowe turns 58.
- American actress Kurt Russell turns 71.
- Patrick Duffy, who starred as Bobby Ewing on TV's "Dallas," turns 73.

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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Friends of MercyOne Healthcare Scholarship deadline is April 1

MercyOne New Hampton is accepting applications for Friends of MercyOne Healthcare Scholarships, in the amount of \$750. Four scholarships are available to graduating seniors or non-traditional students who reside in the MercyOne New Hampton service area.

Applicants must plan to further their education in a health care field. Some qualifying fields of study include but are not limited to: medical records technicians (transcription and coding), pharmacy and pharmacy techs, laboratory techs, radiology techs, dietetics, physical / respiratory therapy, psychology, as well as nursing and pre-medicine.

The scholarship will be awarded to students who exemplify character through academic achievement, volunteerism, and extra curricular participation. In awarding the scholarship, strong consideration will be given to students with financial need. However, the scholarship may be awarded to a promising student regardless of financial need.

Students interested in the scholarship may download an application www.mercyone.org/newhampton (search "scholarship"). The completed form must be returned no later than April 1 to MercyOne New Hampton, Friends of MercyOne Scholarship, 308 N. Maple Avenue, New Hampton, IA 50659.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Monteith at 641-394-1626.

MercyOne New Hampton accepting nursing scholarship applicants

MercyOne New Hampton is accepting applications for the Friends of MercyOne Vianna Holschlag Nursing Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000. The scholarship is available to students from the MercyOne New Hampton service area who plan to receive higher education in the field of nursing. Applicants may be traditional or non-traditional students, entering or pursuing either an associate degree or a baccalaureate program in nursing.

The scholarship will be awarded to students who exemplify character and ideals as determined by the Auxiliary Executive Board. In awarding the scholarship, strong consideration will be given to students with financial need. However, the scholarship may be awarded to a promising student regardless of financial need.

Students interested in the scholarship may download the application at www.mercyone.org/newhampton (search "scholarship"). The letter and completed form must be

Legal Notice

Gardiner + Company today released an audit report on the Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:
The Agency had total operating receipts of \$1,281,196 for the year ended September 30, 2021, a 5.03% decrease from the prior year. Operating disbursements for the year ended September 30, 2021 totaled \$921,535, a 25.24% decrease from the prior year.

AUDIT FINDINGS:
Gardiner + Company reported findings related to the receipt and disbursement of taxpayer funds. They are found on pages 25 through 28 of this report. The findings address issues such as lack of segregation of duties. Gardiner + Company provided the Agency with recommendations to address each of these findings.

Two of the findings discussed above are repeated from the prior year. The Agency Board has a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the Agency's operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the "watchful and responsible care" a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State's website at <https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports>.

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Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Lou Ann Thronsdon, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR003023
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Lou Ann Thronsdon, Deceased, who died on or about January 7, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on January 25, 2022, the Last Will and Testament of Lou Ann Thronsdon, deceased, bearing date of September 21, 2007, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Dale Thronsdon and Wayne Thronsdon have been appointed Executors 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 devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further 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: January 27, 2022.
Dale Thronsdon, Executor of Estate, 3259 140th S, Waucoma, IA 52171
Wayne Thronsdon, Executor of Estate, 1415 Windsor Ave, Waucoma, IA 52171

Robert H. Story, ICIS#: AT0007687, Attorney for Executors, Story, Schoeberl & Seebach, LLP, 126 N. Elm St., PO Box 89, Cresco, IA 52136
Date of second publication: 3/24/22

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OFFICE FURNITURE FOR SALE BY SEALED BIDS
Solid wood chairs originally from 1929 in good condition.

For sale by sealed written bids submitted to:
Chickasaw County Auditor
Chickasaw County Courthouse
8 East Prospect, P.O. Box 311 • New Hampton, IA 50659

Bids are due by March 31st, 2022 at 4 PM. Bids will be opened on April 4th, 2022 at 9:15 AM. All items are sold "as is". Chickasaw County reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Items must be paid for and removed by April 15, 2022.

The City of Lawler is accepting bids for the sale of the following Dump Truck with a minimum bid of \$6,000.
1990 Ford F700 Dump Truck with Snow Blade and SS Sander. 50,350 miles.

Questions can be directed to Jay Uhlenhake – 563-380-8871

Sealed bids must be received by April 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
The City Council will review bids April 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

CITY OF LAWLER

414 E. GROVE ST • PO BOX 215, LAWLER, IOWA 52154
PHONE: 563-238-3614 • Lawlercycityclerk@iowatelecom.net

returned no later than April 1, to MercyOne New Hampton, Friends of MercyOne Scholarship, 308 N. Maple Avenue, New Hampton, IA 50659.

NICC graduates

The following students have graduated from Northeast Iowa Community College. The students are listed by their hometown and major.

Fredericksburg: Emily Fitch, practical nursing; William Kroenecke, commercial-residential electrician.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Terrance H. Kasuboski, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR003038
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Terrance H. Kasuboski, Deceased, who died on or about February 18, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on March 10, 2022 the Last Will and Testament of Terrance H. Kasuboski, deceased, bearing date of October 9, 2014, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Alice E. Kasuboski 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 devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further 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 March 10, 2022.
Alice E. Kasuboski, Executor of Estate, 410 N. Sherman Ave., New Hampton, IA 50659

Kevin E. Schoeberl, ICIS#: AT0006991, Attorney for Executor, Story, Schoeberl & Seebach, LLP, 126 N. Elm St., PO Box 89, Cresco, IA 52136
Date of second publication 3/24/22

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Chickasaw County IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Ella Mae Adams, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR003032
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Ella Mae Adams, Deceased, who died on or about November 18, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on February 17, 2022 the Last Will and Testament of Ella Mae Adams, deceased, bearing date of October 5, 2009, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Cindy Kotz 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 devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further 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 March 10, 2022.
Cindy Kotz, Executor of Estate 2116 Mission Ave., New Hampton, IA50659
Kevin J. Kennedy, ICIS#: AT0004198, Attorney for Executor, Kennedy & Kennedy, 12 E. Main St., PO Box 406, New Hampton, IA50659

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, March 7th, 2022, at 9:00 AM with all members Breitbach, Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Jeff Bernatz, Chad Humpal, and Joan Knoll.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to approve the agenda for March 7th, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9:05 AM No public comment
Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to acknowledge the full-time aide position to part time on call effective March 8, 2022, for Jenny Hanson. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Zoll updated the board that Heartland Insurance Risk Pool's hired second party will not be visiting counties for valuations on county owned buildings until later this year.

9:10 AM Chad Humpal provided a Conservation Department update. Elizabeth Thyer present at 9:25 AM. Bob Fenske, member of media, present at 9:26 AM.

Sue Breitbach, Shirley Troyna, and Ray Armel present at 9:29 AM. Humpal left at 9:33 AM.

9:33 AM Elizabeth Thyer from Gardiner + Company guided the board through the County Audit report for FY20-21.

Sue Breitbach, Troyna, and Thyer left

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order. Councilmembers present were Day, Denner, Geerts, Havner, Holthaus present. Lydia Klinkel, Jerry Heying, and Clerk Donna Geerts were also present.

Motion by Havner, seconded by Holthaus, to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Day, seconded by Geerts, to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2022, meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Auditor of State, periodic exam fee

..... \$ 550.00
Alliant Energy \$1516.53
Black Hills Energy \$ 411.15
Library Acct \$1516.67
Payroll \$1299.40
941 deposit \$ 664.88
IPERS \$ 572.55
Jendro Sanitation, recycling \$ 524.88
New Hampton Tribune, minutes, bud ph \$ 180.48
First Security Bank, qtrly srvs chg \$ 75.00
State Hygienic Lab, water test \$ 13.50
S&S Signs & Designs, 2 welcome signs \$1050.00
Hawkins, Inc, chemicals \$ 1488.80
IMFOA, dues \$ 50.00
EH Electric, srvs call-lagoon \$ 60.00
Nationwide Ins, w/c adj \$ 157.00
Jerry Heying, mtg mlg reimb-water \$ 85.44
Rapid Printers, ink/paper \$ 100.38
Ace Hardware, bulbs \$ 50.60
Post Office, stamps \$ 23.20
Wayne's Truck Equipment & Parts, truck batteries \$ 520.00

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The Lawler City Council met in regular session on March 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Mark Mueterthies presided. Council members present: King, Scheidel, Croell and Kuehner(phone) absent: Izer

Others present: Jay Uhlenhake, Cathy Humpal, Stephanie Tangen, Emily Eppens, Neil Jones, Lisa Agrimanti, Rodney Vrzak and Jason Byrne

Motion made by Croell to approve the Agenda with addition of Nuisances. Second by King. All Ayes. Motion passed.

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

Second by Croell. All Ayes. Motion passed.

ARAMARK, RUGS 208.82
JENDRO, GARBAGE CONTRACT 2,560.88
POLLARD PEST CONTROL CO., PEST 56.68
SANDEAN & COOMPANY, INC, DUMP TRUCK 1,932.18
UPS 46.5
TEST AMERICA 75.6
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAXES 1,416.73
IPERS, IPERS 1,072.42
BLACK HILLS ENERGY, GAS UTILITY 743.36
MIENERGY, ELECTRICITY 24,044.94
CASH, GAS PICKUP 547.87
BROWN SUPPLY CO, WATER REPAIR 365
NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE, PH BUDGET FY22/23 186.24
DRILLINGS, RANGER 8,555.25
ANDERSON, PHONE CALL W/ MAYOR RE: 204 S 45
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC, RADIO READS 1,725.66
IOWA UTILITIES BOARD, IUB LABOR ASSESSMENT 112.5
IAMU, MEMBER DUES 2,181.00
VISA - J UHLENHAKE, GAS 95.12
HAWKEYE INTERCONNECT 42.57
BARCO PRODUCTS, CROELL PICTURE TABLES 9,791.95
PAYROLL CHECKS, TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS 5,244.43
CLAIMS TOTAL, 61,050.70 REVENUE

GENERAL FUND, 17,394.14.. 3154.18
SANITATION FUND, 2,560.88 2654.74
ROAD USE TAX FUND, 1,089.71 3781.88
WATER FUND, 5,232.69 7367.41
SEWER FUND, 4,830.82 9634.57
ELECTRIC FUND, 29,942.46 31668.29
Ordinance NO. 2021-3 to vacate

New Hampton: Troyetta Barron, practical nursing; Jonathon Dreckman, automotive technology; Ashley Jackson, associate degree nursing; Taylor Philo, applied management.
St. Lucas: Emma Barton O'Donnell, practical nursing.

DMACC fall president's list

Melissa Scheidel of New Hampton has been named to the Des Moines Area Community College for the fall semester president's list. Schediel is an early childhood education major who had a 4.0 grade-point average during the semester.

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Total \$10,910.46
Total Revenues \$11,793.49
Checks not cleared \$6500.00
RECEIVED.FUND.DISBURSED bank \$ 7,378.60, General \$ 5,085.68
\$ 1,561.08, Road Use \$ 1,353.59
\$ 1,916.24, Water \$ 1,509.46
\$ 937.49, Sewer \$ 863.06
\$.08 Savings Int

Motion by Day, seconded by Denner, to approve the monthly financial report. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Heying discussed water and wastewater reports.

Librarian Klinkel gave library update and discussed library hours in the next few months.

Clean up day will be the morning of April 23. Trash and items can be brought to a dumpster that will be located at 210 West Main Street.

Motion by Holthaus, seconded by Day to open the public hearing at 7:10 pm for the approval of the FY 22/23 budget. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor asked if there were any oral or written objections or comments. After discussion and being there were no objections, motion by Day and seconded by Havner to close public hearing at 7:13 pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Havner made a motion, seconded by Geerts, that Resolution 22-4 A RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY OF IONIA'S ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FY 2022-2023, be approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Day, Denner, Geerts, Havner, Holthaus, Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

RAGBRAI will be passing through Ionia July 29, 2022. Future planning meetings will be held. Anyone interested in being on the committee, please contact Mayor or Clerk.

Discussion on purchasing additional meters and installing outside meters on houses with inside meters.

Mayor checked on rear tractor tires from Wayne's Truck Equip & Parts. Motion by Havner, seconded by Day, to purchase rear tractor tires. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion to do walking trail on city property north of tracks from Centerville Street to Park, start with removing the dirt and rocking it.

Discussion to get quote for replacing lights around the ball diamond.

Mayor gave an update on Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan prepared by engineer and submitted to DNR.

After visiting with the Assessor's Office, it was verified that property north of the wastewater plant road is not owned by the City.

Erin Phillips present at 8:10 pm. Discussion on FY 22/23 wages for city employees. Motion by Day, seconded by Holthaus, to increase Clerk's wages \$20.00 a month. Ayes: Day, Denner, Havner, Holthaus, Nays: None. Abstained: Geerts. Motion carried.

Mayor received a quote from Bodensteiner Implement Co on John Deere X754 tractor with mower deck and trade in 13 John Deere mower for \$8800.00. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Holthaus asked if city had a fire-works ordinance.

Geerts asked City's plan to help with drop off from the new paved street on East Prairie Street.

Mayor attended Conference Board meeting.

Moved by Day, seconded by Denner, that the meeting adjourn at 8:31 pm. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Randy Taylor, Mayor
Attest: Donna Geerts, City Clerk

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portion City Street – Diagonal Street was reviewed for approval. Motion made by Scheidel to approve Ordinance NO. 2021-3. Second by King.

Ayes: Scheidel, King, and Kuehner (phone)

Nayes: None
Abstain: Croell
Motion passed.

The current Mienergy agreement still has the Hawkeye Tri-County Electric Cooperative name on it since July 2008. It should be updated to the correct name. Kurt mentioned to negotiate with other utility companies to possibly update the city transformers. Jay informed the council the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities is looking at rate studies to get pricing with other companies.

Spring cleanup dates were discussed. Suzette will call to ask if April 23rd or April 30th will work for them to drop off 2 dumpsters.

The city will be selling the 1990 Ford dump truck with a start of a minimum \$6,000 sealed bid to be sent to city hall. Suzette will place an ad in the paper, Facebook and website.

Mark gave an ambulance update. A feasibility company will be having interviews with supervisors, hospitals, fire departments, city councils and entities. Jason Byrne let the council know they need more business for the feasibility study. Kurt will help with finding more business to interview. Mark said they need to contact Jeff Bernatz for an interview time.

Motion made by Croell to open Public Hearing to approve Budget FY22-23, Resolution NO. 2022-03072022. Second by Scheidel.

Ayes: Croell, Scheidel, King and Kuehner(phone)

Nayes: None
Motion passed:
The council reviewed Budget FY22-23 for approval. No questions were asked.

Motion made by King to close public hearing. Second by Croell.

Ayes: King, Croell, Scheidel and Kuehner(phone)

Nayes: None
Motion passed.
Motion made by Scheidel to approve Budget FY22-23, Resolution NO: 2022-03072022. Second by King.

Ayes: Scheidel, King, Croell and Kuehner(phone)

Nayes: Non
Motion passed.
Mark and Kurt gave update on the Flood Grant update. Mark had Jay and Suzette send pictures and flood damage costs to Mark Newell with the state.

Kurt will follow-up with the Department of Ag.

Stephanie Tangen discussed with the council the property to the east of her property is deteriorating. The garage door was open and was concerned with the chance of dangerous animals could be living in there. Since the house and garage are deteriorating, it brings property values of surrounding property. The city will put this on the April agenda.

Motion by King to open the Public Hearing regarding the Soo Green project. Second by Croell.

Ayes: King, Croell, Scheidel and Kuehner(phone)

Nayes: None
Motion passed.

Neil Jones with Soo Green HVDC Link presented a presentation regarding the project to maintain a new 525 kilovolt underground high-voltage direct current electric transmission line (Project) in the City and within City-owned property. The Project will transfer energy, including prints wet, between Mason City, IA and Yorkville, IL. The Project route within the City will be located entirely with existing railroad rights of way.

Soo Green needs a franchise from the City authorizing Soo Green to erect, maintain and operate the Project.

Motion made by Scheidel to close the Public Hearing. Second by Croell.

Ayes: Scheidel, Croell, King and Kuehner(phone)

Nayes: None
Motion passed.

Motion made by Scheidel to approve the franchise with Soo Green. Second by King.

Ayes: Scheidel, King, Croell and Kuehner(phone)

Nayes: None
Motion passed:
Motion made by Croell to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading. Second by King.

Ayes: Scheidel, King, Croell and Kuehner(phone)

Nayes: None
Motion passed.
Next meeting will be April 4, 2022. Motion made by Croell to adjourn meeting. Second by King.

Ayes: King, Scheidel, Croell, Kuehner(phone)

Nayes: None
Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Suzette Byrne City Clerk

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at 10:15 AM.
Discussion on insurance values on County owned property. Consensus of the board is that Zoll contact Heartland Risk Pool Insurance

10:30 AM Ray Armel discussed the minor subdivision for Glenn Troyna.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve Resolution 03-07-22-19. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Breitbach, Zoll, and Kuhn. Motion Carried. RESOLUTION 03-07-22-19 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF:

Parcel 2022-10 and 2022-11 ALL in the SW1/4 of the NW1/4 of section 8, all in Township 95 NORTH, Range 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY of March, 2022 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of Parcel 2022-10 and 2022-11 ALL in the SW1/4 of the NW1/4 of section 8, all in Township 95 NORTH, Range 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa Was presented. WHEREAS the minor subdivision plat of Parcel 2022-10 and 2022-11 ALL in the SW1/4 of the NW1/4 of section 8, all in Township 95 NORTH, Range 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa has now been considered and should be approved. NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be approved, accepted and the Chairman is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 7th DAY of MARCH, 2022. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chair to the Board of Supervisors. /ss/ ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board of Supervisors.

Armel and Knoll left at 10:40 AM.

Gorman present at 10:42 AM.
Committee Assignment Update:

Hackman attended the Pathways meeting on February 28, 2022.

Byrne provided an update with RC&D on hiring a new project management director.

Hackman provided an update on the feasibility study for the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council.

10:54 AM David Gorman discussed office furniture and other miscellaneous items stored at the LEMC. Consensus is to allow the head custodian to discard appropriately. Consensus of the board to have a bid process for the wood chairs from the third floor of the courthouse currently stored in the LEMC.

Roman Lensing and Robert Hansen present at 10:55 AM.

Gorman provided a department update.

Gorman left at 11:04 AM.
11:04 AM Roman Lensing discussed Road Department Activities.

Fenske left at 11:14 AM.
Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to enter into a closed session of possible purchase or sale of real property pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(J) at 11:16AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Breitbach, and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Tears, confetti and, oh yes, Hawkeye hoops

As I watched the Iowa Hawkeye men’s basketball team win the Big Ten Tournament on Sunday, I had just one regret. I was watching it by myself. I’ve been following Hawkeye basketball for about 45 years, and when I think back and recall some of the greatest moments, almost every time, I was sharing the joy with my dad. Cheering the Hawks on in our living room. Complaining about the refs. Talking basketball strategy. Spilling popcorn and other snacks on the floor. Dad was a coach, retired now, and he turned 81 years old on Monday. For the last couple of years, he’s been fighting cancer — just like I have for the last six years. It seems strange, sometimes, to have your dad ask you for advice as to how to handle certain health issues that come up when you’re fighting cancer — it feels like it should be the other way around.

There have been times in my life when Dad and I didn’t see eye-to-eye. There were issues we couldn’t talk about. But we could always talk about Iowa basketball. The bond there can’t be broken. It all started with the likes of Lute Olson and Ronnie Lester and an amazing Iowa basketball run to the Final Four, highlighted by a basket by big Steve Waite to beat Georgetown. The cheers in our living room echoed off the walls.

Our hearts both broke a little a week later, when Lester re-injured his knee early in the semifinal game and couldn’t play. We both knew that if Ronnie had stayed healthy, Iowa would’ve won the NCAA title that year. A routine was established on Iowa game weeknights after that season. We’d eat supper during the local news. Then my sister and I would help Mom clean up the dishes while the rerun of “M*A*S*H” was on at 6:30. The Hawkeyes always seemed to start at 7 p.m. back then, and Mom would make popcorn on the stove and put it in a huge yellow Tupperware container — just in time for tip-off.

It was a family event, these Hawkeye basketball games. We’d wash the popcorn down with bottles of RC Cola. Well, my sister and I did. I’m sure Dad was drinking beer. I was in college a few years later when Dr. Tom Davis arrived at Iowa, and I started going to games in person or watching them at college game parties or in a sports bar. Still, I occasionally took a trip back home to enjoy a big game with Dad. We watched Kevin Gamble hit a shot at the buzzer to beat Oklahoma and put the Hawkeyes in the Elite Eight. Occasionally I’d have an extra ticket and invite Dad down to watch a game with me at Carver. We were there the night they retired Chris Street’s number, shortly after he was killed in a car accident. The opponent that night was Indiana, and Coach Bobby Knight sent his players back into the locker room during the ceremonies. Dad told me that was the smart thing to do — Knight didn’t want his players to be emotionally impacted, it might hamper their play. But Coach Knight came out and watched, and we could see the tears in his eyes.

“He’s crying,” I said to Dad. “He’s not such a tough guy after all.” “If you can’t cry about something like this, then you’re not much of a person,” Dad replied, wiping some tears from his own eyes. And I thought about that on Sunday, when Iowa Coach Fran McCaffery was hugging his son, Conner, after the game. Tears and confetti were falling all around them. And I thought, “What a great birthday present for my dad, a Big Ten Championship.” I was there with you in spirit, Dad. Maybe, if the Hawkeyes make a Final Four run, we’ll watch them together again.



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While the rest of the staff works, the editor is watching SportsCenter, but at least he’s come to the realization that there is a time to work and a time to watch. Still, we’ll see how long it lasts; after all, the NCAA tournament kicks into high gear this weekend.

This guy embraces the first step when it comes to his smartphone

This may be the toughest admission I am going to make in a long, long, long time.

I would be lost without my cell phone. Granted, I would also be a hell of a lot more productive. I wouldn’t be watching basketball games and wrestling meets at work (that stays between us, OK?), I wouldn’t be checking Twitter and Facebook every hour. I wouldn’t be texting hilarious — at least they are amusing to me — memes to my boys several times a day. I wouldn’t be playing games at all hours of the day and night.

Then again, I wouldn’t be sitting on the second floor of the Chickasaw Count Courthouse typing this column while the Board of Supervisors meets in closed session on a Monday morning so there is that.

The funny thing is that I was one of those people who resisted a cell phone for years. Remember my kind back in the early days of this century?

We had our land lines and that was enough. We went out on dates with our spouses and left the babysitter with this restaurant’s number or that movie theater’s number and told the sitter to have us “paged” if there was an emergency.

Back then I was a reporter with the Mankato (Minnesota) Free Press, where the newsroom staff would take turns serving as the “weekend reporter.” When you worked a Saturday and Sunday, the Freep provided us with a cell phone.

I learned quickly to despise that phone. Suddenly, I was “reachable” at all times. It sucked.

My wife at the time called. All. The. Time.

Can you pick up milk? We’re almost out of diapers? (Code for pick those up, too).

When will you be home? And my all-time favorite: What are you doing?

That one often got me in trouble because if you don’t know, I have a tendency to get a little sarcastic. Instead of

the correct answer - something like “I’m finishing up a story and then going out to interview so and so” - I’d say something stupid like “just got my feet up on my desk watching the Vikings’ game.”

And sometimes that’s exactly what I was doing, but considering that she was at home with three kids under the age of 7, that probably should have went unsaid, which is why I’m probably oh-for 2 when it comes to marriage.

I resisted cell phones as long as I could, but when I became basically a single father to two boys, I had to take the plunge and get my own phone — a trusty Motorola that had like one or two games on it and was actually used 99 percent of the time for its intended purposes — phone calls.

When the boys and I moved to New Hampton in December 2009, the Motorola was replaced by the ultimate in cool back in the day. I bought a flip phone and thought nothing could beat it ... until I got an Android, which certainly wasn’t going to be ever topped ... until I got an iPhone.

(Side note here: Android lovers, as they’re reading this, are cursing and sticking pins into their Bob Fenske voodoo dolls because Android folks are incredibly snobbish — there, I said it — when it comes to their Samsungs, Galaxies and whatever else they’re called).

Still, we had a land line for years in New Hampton. Still remember the number, too, but just in case, someone now has it, I’ll leave that exact phone number — 394-xxxx — out of this column. For years, the boys whined and pouted that they were “the only kids” in their classes without cell phones, but I remained strong with my stern fatherly comments like “because I said you can’t have one.”

I broke in 2014 when Josh went on the annual New Hampton Middle School Washington, D.C. trip. He. Was. The. Only. Kid. On. The. Trip. Without. One.

I caved and bought him a phone. And much to his chagrin, I also bought Noah one, too.

“Wait, how’s that fair?” “It’s not, but it’s buy-two-get-the-second-one-half-off,” I replied, “and one day, you’ll appreciate that.”

OK, I’m horribly digressing here. Then again, that’s nothing new.

Even into the middle 2010s, though, I used my phone — even a smart one —



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Letter to the Editor

It’s tough to bid farewell to longtime downtown business

As I drive down Main Street and see the construction project at Wilshire Jewelry, all kinds of good memories surface of happy times standing at the counter with Marty and Howard. I am reminded of that certain inviting scent as you entered the store and the great service they have offered all of us for years. Howard and Marty have been involved in every project on Main Street and always served New Hampton well. We will miss them as they step off the busiest street in New Hampton and onto a much slower thoroughfare. They so deserve a happy and healthy retirement. We want them to know we are grateful for their years of service and wish them the best in the days ahead.

Linda Kennedy, New Hampton

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THOMAS JEFFERSON

Democracy takes it on the chin with redistricting

Still, a decade ago there were 73 competitive districts, which was hardly ideal but was certainly better than what we’re facing now. As one former Republican member of Congress tells Epstein and Corasaniti, the parties are “taking the voters out of the equation. November becomes a constitutional formality.”

Why does this matter? To make things simple, let’s look at a current example: New Hampshire, which has just two congressional seats. At the moment, they’re both held by Democrats. But that is likely to change after this year, since the GOP-led state legislature has redrawn one of them to pack in more Republicans.

Though the plan’s backers argue they’re just leveling the playing field, in fact that district swung between the parties in four consecutive elections not that long ago. The new map creates “a Blue Hampshire seat and a Red Hampshire seat,” a prominent political scientist said when it first came out. Maybe that seems okay for a swing state. But if you’re a Democrat in the Republican seat or a Republican in the Democratic seat, you can see the problem: It feels like your vote doesn’t matter. In

fact, it feels like the only election that does matter is the primary.

There’s no way to soft-pedal it: This dynamic is harmful to our system. For starters, it’s one of the big drivers of our hyper-partisan politics. If the only voters who really matter are a party’s true believers, then they’re the ones a politician will appeal to, avoiding any positions that might smack of moderation or compromise. And that, in turn, leads to gridlock in closely divided legislative bodies and no-holds-barred legislating where one party has a clear advantage. Neither produces thoughtful policy that can stand the test of time, and both stoke cynicism in the electorate.

Representative democracy depends, above all, on the willingness of ordinary people to believe that the system has integrity and that they have a stake in



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what happens. Congressional and legislative districts that are clearly drawn to favor a single political party at the expense of seeking actual voter input deny all of this: Many voters are under no illusions about whose nest is being feathered and consider their own participation meaningless.

I recognize that attempts to foster the impartial—or, at least, bipartisan—drawing of congressional district lines have not always been perfect. But this does not mean we shouldn’t try.

To work properly, however, democracy needs an underlying integrity and impartiality that reassure participants the rules are fair and the results aren’t rigged. Once we violate that basic understanding, the system falters.

At the moment, it’s not entirely clear which party will benefit most from this year’s pitched redistricting battles. The GOP has scored victories in plenty of states, but the Democrats have done their best to counter in two district-rich states, California and New York. For political partisans, this is all well and good. But for people who care about the legitimacy of our representative democracy, we already know who the loser is going to be: all of us

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Charles City schools begin search for superintendent

By JAMES GROB
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The Charles City School District Board of Directors officially accepted Superintendent Mike Fisher's resignation at a meeting on March 7 and immediately began the search process for a replacement.

After four years in Charles City, Fisher has accepted a position as superintendent in his hometown of Oskaloosa. His contract with Oskaloosa is anticipated to be approved next week. Fisher's resignation will take effect on June 30.

"It is with a bittersweet feeling that I submit this letter as my formal resignation as superintendent of schools effective June 30, 2022," Fisher stated in a letter to the school board. "While Sarah and I are thrilled to return home to Oskaloosa, we are very sad to leave our Charles City family."

"On behalf of the board, community and the Charles City Community School District staff, we express deep gratitude and appreciation to Superintendent Fisher for his tireless work on making Charles City Community Schools a

'regardless' school," the school board stated in a release that touched on Fisher's mission statement — "regardless of who you are or where you are from, you can learn and be loved here" — for the district.

School Board President Pat Rottinghaus said she hoped the board could have a new superintendent picked by late April or early May, but advised the board that the process will likely be time-consuming.

"We're going to have a lot of meetings between now and then," she said. "It's going to be really busy for the next few weeks."

When Fisher was hired, the district employed Grundmeyer Leader Search LLC, based in Ankeny. The board decided last week that Grundmeyer will lead the search again as board members chose the firm over two other companies who provided proposals.

Fisher started with the Charles City district in July 2018, replacing Dan Cox. Prior to Charles City, Fisher had been head middle school principal for the Waterloo School District. He started his teaching career as a high school band director.

Briefs

Nashua man pleads not guilty to SUV theft, drug charges; trial set for April

The trial for a Nashua man accused of stealing an SUV and possessing drugs and drug paraphernalia has been set for April.

Timothy John Birmingham, age 39, was arrested shortly after midnight Feb. 8 after the 2021 Ford Ecosport he was driving was stopped by a Floyd County sheriff's deputy near the Floyd and Mitchell county line on Highway 218.

The deputy ran the vehicle license plate number on his mobile computer and it allegedly came back as stolen in Black Hawk county, according to the criminal complaint filed in Floyd County District Court.

"After detaining the defendant and the female passenger, the Mitchell County K9 was deployed and alerted on the vehicle," the deputy's report said. The report alleges that drug and drug paraphernalia including several glass pipes with residue and a scale were located inside the vehicle.

"A field test was conducted and confirmed the substance to be methamphetamine approximately 1 gram," the report said. "Dispatch ran the defendant and the passenger's information. The defendant came back with a barred drivers license with several open suspensions and also wanted out of Cerro Gordo County. Dispatch confirmed the vehicle in question was in fact stolen."

Birmingham was charged with first-degree theft of property with a value of more than \$10,000, a Class C felony, driving while barred, an aggravated misdemeanor, and possession of a controlled substance, a serious misdemeanor. He was released under the supervision of the Iowa Department of Correctional Services, and later released from supervision.

He pleaded not guilty to the charges, and a jury trial has been set for April 26 in Floyd County District Court.

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 with 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.

Keep Iowa Beautiful begins annual program next month

Keep Iowa Beautiful invites Iowans to join the Great American Cleanup and an estimated 3 million volunteers across the nation by removing litter from public areas and nature reserves during Pick-Up Iowa from April 1 to July 31.

"It's inspiring the ways Iowans take action to ensure the beauty of their community, many on an everyday basis as well as through initiatives like Pick-Up Iowa and the Great American Cleanup," said Kevin Techau, executive director of Keep Iowa Beautiful. "We are excited about the effect removing litter and trash means for the environment and the enjoyment of being in nature in Iowa."

Pick-Up Iowa creates focused efforts to clean up trash along Iowa's roadsides, neighborhoods, streets, school grounds, parks, forests, and streams. Many littered items can take hundreds, thousands, or even millions of years to decompose, such as plastic bags at 500-1,000 years and glass bottles at 1-2 million years. Clean up events have a positive and lasting impact for Iowa's landscape.

Community members or groups are invited to participate. Organizations who often host clean up events include civic associations, schools, church groups, local sports teams, college clubs, groups of families and friends, businesses, Scouts, and others. Groups can host one or more events and choose dates that work best for their members.

Events held for Pick-Up Iowa are encouraged to register with Keep Iowa Beautiful. Registered events are eligible for a limited amount of free cleanup supplies such as bags, grabbers, safety vests and gloves donated if requested. Registered events are also recognized for their contribution and commitment. Register at https://bit.ly/PickUpIowa2022.



Chickasaw Women's Pool League crowns champions

The Chickasaw Women's Pool League wrapped up its regular season last week and then held its end-of-the-season tournament where three duos claimed the top prizes.

The team of Michelle Meyer and Jaime Frahm (top left) claimed the tournament title while Christine Venem and Carrie Barloon (top right) finished in second place during the tournament that was held on Saturday. Dee Brannon and Patty Olson (left) rounded out the top three.

The regular season team title was claimed by Butch's II, which compiled a 97-65 record during the 21-week season. Josie's I was second in the regular season with an 89-73 mark while the Hide-A-Way Lounge took third with a record of 84-78.

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Board of Supervisors spars over ending fund balance

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to an ending fund balance that will top \$6.8 million at the end of the fiscal year. "Through the pandemic, we have a lot of funds left over in fiscal 2021 and I think we're going to have the same thing in fiscal year 21-22. I just can't see asking the taxpayers over and over for money when we have that big of a fund balance."

Other supervisors, along with County Auditor Stephanie Mashek and County Assessor Ray Armel, pointed out that the county needs to have at least 25 percent of its annual budget in ending fund balances to be able to pay its bills during the first three months of the following fiscal year because the county doesn't receive property tax payments until Oct. 1.

Mashek said that only about \$3.171 million of the projected fund balance on June 30, 2023, will be in undesignated funds and she added that the ending fund balance is "slightly skewed" because of the large amount of American Rescue Plan Act, better known as ARPA, funds that will remain unspent by the time the next fiscal year comes to a close.

Board chairman Matt Kuhn said he felt "we are right where we should be" and also wondered about the timing of Hackman's comments.

"I guess what kind of frustrates me," Kuhn said, "is we've had budget work sessions on this, we could have discussed this and now it's the 11th hour and things just pop up that we could have done. I find that frustrating."

Hackman countered that "I've brought them up, majority rules, move forward then and I'll voice my concerns."

The budget and tax levy approved Monday will include a tax levy of 8.17770 per \$1,000 for rural residents — a decrease of 7 percent from the \$8.79383 per \$1,000 valuation that was in place this year — and \$5.12612 for urban residents, a decrease of 7.7 percent from this year's rate of \$5.55499.

The budget will bring in \$6.69 million in revenue from property taxes, a slight decrease of 1.1 percent from the \$6.77 million the county will collect in property taxes this year. The reason the decrease in property tax revenue is less than the decrease in the levy rate is that valuations in the county went up in the past year.

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Week 21 March 9

Butch's II	97-65
Josie's I	89-73
Hide-A-Way	84-78
Bowlaway Lanes	78-84
Josie's II	76-86
Schucky's	75-87
Butch's I	68-94

RESULTS
Josie's 1 5, Butch's I 4,
Schucky's 5, Bowlaway
Lanes 4
Butch's II 7, Josie's II 2
Bye: Hide-A-Way

THREE-GAME WINNERS
Butch's II: Karen Schwier and Sue Matthews; Michelle Rosonke and Gen Sweitzer.
Butch's I: Jodi Bobenmoyer and Bea Britt.
Schucky's: Crystal Reddel and Camille Schurke.

Chickasaw Men's Pool

Week 21 March 7

The Pub	105-66
Bradford House	97-74
Josie's 2	93-78
HereZ2U	93-78
Hide-A-Way	91-80
Brite Spot	85-86
Butch's	85-86
Locker Room	80-91
Josie's 1	76-104
VFW	72-99
Quigley's	68-103

RESULTS
Bradford House 9, Josie's 1 0
Josie's 2 5, HereZ2U 4
Hide-A-Way 6, Quigley's 3
VFW 5, Butch's 4
The Pub 6, Locker Room 3
Bye: Brite Spot.

THREE-GAME WINNERS
Bradford House: Danny and Barry, Dennis and Les, Jason and Cole.
VFW: Clint and Eric.
Quigley's: Jon and Jeremy.
Josie's 2: Gary and Danny.
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Geerts Plumbing	30	10
Hugeback-Johnson	24	16
Rochford Insurance	20	20
Mid-Tech	18	22
Elma Gals	14	26
ExSalont	14	26

MARCH 9 RESULTS
Rochford Insurance 4,
Elma Gals 0
Hugeback-Johnson 3, Mid-Tech 1
Geerts Plumbing 4, ExSalont 0

LEADERS
High individual games: Rita Geerts 213, Linda Lechtenberg 204, 192, 192.
High individual series: Lechtenberg 588, Rita Geerts 572, Kristy Kirkus 507.
High team games: Geerts Plumbing 472, Geerts Plumbing 462, Rochford Insurance 438.
High team series: Geerts Plumbing 1,361, Rochford Insurance 1,270, Hugeback-Johnson 1,214.

MOST PINS OVER AVG. (GAME)
Lechtenberg 45.
MOST PINS OVER AVG. (SERIES)
Lectenber 111.

Karen Schmitt
Secretary

ROLLAWAY LEAGUE

STANDINGS	W	L
Stanton Electric	163	107
Blue Iris	161.5	108.5
Hulbert Const.	159	111
Pocketful of Posies	123.5	146.5
ASO	108	162
Security State Bank	95	175

FEB. 28RESULTS
Stanton Electric 19.5, Security State Bank 10.5
Blue Iris 16, Hulbert Construction 14
Pocketful of Posies 27, ASO 3

LEADERS
High individual games: R. Geerts 233, 205, 202; K. Kirkus 213, 202, L. Novak 202.

High individual series: R. Geerts 640, K. Kirkus 610, L. Novak 550.
High team games: Blue Iris 924, Pocketful of Posies 845, Hulbert Construction 835.
High team series: Blue Iris 2,554, Pocketful of Posies 2,432, Hulbert Construction 2,371.

SPLITS
W. Einck 5-10, L. Kapler 4-5-7

K. Rosonke
Secretary



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Kicking off spring sports

New Hampton's Gracie Reicks tries to beat the Postville goalkeeper to the ball during a soccer game played last spring, and she joined scores of other Chickasaws on Monday, the first day Iowa's high school soccer and golf teams could have practice. And if the weather holds, we're not too far away from the start of competition as the Chickasaw soccer team is slated to open its season on March 31 with a home match against Charles City while both New Hampton golf teams will have their first meets during the opening week of April.

Rochford thrives despite facing multiple 'junk' defenses

ALL-STATE: FROM 14
be recognized as a member of the Iowa Girls Coaches Association's (IGCA) all-state team.

Rochford – the second-leading scorer and top rebounder in Class 3A – earned a second-team nod on the IGCA squad.

"She sees and reads the court at next level performance that's unmatched, I think," said NH first-year head coach Dave Leichtman. "She's a natural born leader. She's a natural born competitor."

Awards and accolades come with the territory when you possess Rochford's skill level – but that's not what drives the prep superstar that thrives in multiple sports at NH.

"That's like my dream, is to play at the state tournament," said Rochford. "I have gone down there every year for a long time." Rochford and her teammates will have to put plenty of work in the offseason in attempt to achieve that lofty goal. New Hampton played to a 7-14 overall record and 2-8 league standing.

But don't put it past Rochford and her hungry Chickasaws– which haven't played at state since 2001 – the only appearance in school history.

"The accolades, they're nice. But I want to get there as a team," said Rochford. "Whatever it takes – if it takes me scoring less and somebody else stepping up, then that's what it takes. I just go out. I play basketball. It will come – whatever next year brings."

What Rochford was able to accomplish this season set her apart from every Chickasaw that has played before her.

Rochford averaged 24.5 points a game this winter – second only to Unity Christian's Gracie Schoonhoven (26 ppg) in Class 3A. That type of scoring output enabled Rochford to break the all-time single-season scoring at New Hampton with 490 points. That tremendous season eclipsed Kristin Volk's total of 431 – set in her all-state season of 1999 under the tutelage of longtime Chickasaw coach Chad Pemble.

Rochford also led her class in rebounds per game with a 10.8 average. She also sank the second-most free throws (124) in Class 3A.

What's in store for Rochford's senior season? Hopefully plenty more points and more Chickasaw victories.

"No doubt that Carlee's performances are helping the team improve its level of performance as well. That's the big thing that Carlee's after," said Leichtman. "She's the elite court leader that can do things on the court that are all-state level. She's very, very deserving."

Rochford is in her first year playing for the CY Select Wolves – an AAU hoops team based out of Des Moines. Rochford is a member of the 11th-grade team and is teammates with Audi Crooks and Molly Joyce of Algona Garrigan. The Golden Bears won their first state title in school history earlier this month.

Rochford also plays alongside Maddie Brown and Ana Spaine of West Des Moines Valley, as well as Averi Porter of Ankeny Centennial. Sydney Hurt from Storm Lake St. Mary's and Kenna Mongan of Cherokee round out the all-star caliber travel team.

"Those girls are making me better," said Rochford. "We need to make the other girls

better so that next year we are at the state tournament, because that's my ultimate goal," said Rochford.

One aspect of Rochford's game that she is working on, along with her teammates, is being able to adapt when opponents show different looks on defense.

Sometimes teams are throwing everything but the kitchen sink at Rochford in an effort to slow her down.

Triangle-in-two, box-in-one, zone, man-to-man?

Rochford and New Hampton saw it all last year. To make matters worse, Rochford and her teammates would prepare and plan for one defense and the opponent would implement another.

"That was pretty frustrating. It's really hard to scout a team when you don't know what defense they're going to throw at you," said Rochford.

Rochford made a strong case for first-team all state status. Playing at the state tournament sure doesn't hurt that cause.

All but one of the eight members of the Class 3A first team played at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines at the state tournament. Those players included Schoonhoven, Reagan Barkema of Roland Story, Ryley Goebel of Center Point-Urbana, Brooke Loewe of Ballard and Brooklyn Meyer of West Lyon. Ava Schubert of Davenport Assumption and Haylee Stokes of Estherville-Lincoln Central also competed at state and cracked the first team. Jaden Ainley of Clear Lake was the lone player that did not play at state.

"I've played with them on club teams and they're all at state. That's where I want to be," said Rochford.

New Hampton Running Club to hold annual 5K on April 2

The New Hampton Running Club will hold its annual 5K run and walk early next month, beginning and ending in

Mikkelson Park.

The event will be held on Saturday, April 2, with registration beginning at 7 a.m. and the race starting at 8 a.m.

The entry fee before March 21 is \$30 and guarantees a long-sleeve running shirt while registration after March 21 will be \$35.

Online registration is available at GetMeRegistered.com/

NewHamptonCC5K.

Those who want a "paper" entry fee can contact Jamie Ohrt by emailing her at johrt@new-hampton.k12-ia.us paper entries should be returned by mail to her at 710 W. Main Street, New Hampton, IA 50659.

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Indoor season is key for Chickasaws

Fast-paced Wartburg Indoor meet preps New Hampton track for the outdoor season

By Kelly Terpstra
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The Wartburg Indoor track meet flew by Tuesday afternoon in Waverly.

With a more condensed field compared to prior seasons – the pace was lightning-quick for all teams involved.

That sure beats the alternative, where according to one area coach a meet at Wartburg a few years back pushed up against the bewitching hour of midnight before the festivities were all said and done.

“They don’t really limit the entries. This meet they limit it to 15 teams so it does move along,” said Jeannette Laures, now in her 17th season as Chickasaw girls head coach.

That meant athletes had little breaks in between events and races were started almost an hour ahead of schedule once the ball got rolling and the competition heated up.

“It’s good for the kids. When it’s a school night and we don’t have that far to go,” said NH boy coach Scott Jenkins. “Some times track meets can drive along, it’s nice when you do get ahead and they stay ahead of it.”

For the New Hampton Chickasaws – it was a chance to rub shoulders with squads they normally don’t run into.

Of course, that’s unless you’re running, throwing or jumping at the state meet in May.

Regardless, on this beautiful spring day – the second meet of the indoor season was put in the books by the Chickasaws and they tangled with some new faces along the way.

There was Mount Pleasant – which made the long haul clear down from southeast Iowa, two-and-a-half hours away – to run in Bremer County.

There was last year’s Class 4A girls state champ –Waukee – and their crosstown rival, the Waukee Northwest Wolves. Iowa City Liberty and Meskwaki Settlement as well as GMG, Garwin were also in attendance. That just named a few of the 15 or so prep squads that pretty much came from all over Iowa, except for the western corridor of the state.

“You get to see a lot of other teams. Waukee’s here. Iowa

City’s here. You get to see teams that you don’t usually see at our home meets,” said Chickasaw senior middle-distance runner Dylan Usher.

Usher ran the anchor leg of the 4x800 relay. His split time was 2:12. He was shooting for 2:10.

This was Usher’s second indoor meet of the season and first since sitting out his junior campaign because of injury. The two-time state cross country qualifier is still not 100 percent healthy this year and maybe never be this spring. He’s toughing it out, though, in his final go-round as a Chickasaw.

“I’ve been dealing with a lot of shin problems lately but I’m just kind of running on it because it’s my last year,” said Usher.

Jenkins – in his second year as NH boys coach – couldn’t be more elated about Usher’s decision to don a Chickasaw uniform one last time around the oval.

“Having Dylan back is a huge plus – even injured,” said Jenkins.

Jenkins is also pleased that he’ll be more competitive in the long jump, high jump, sprints and the hurdle events. Last year the Chickasaws often did not have a competitor in the long jump or high jump. NH also did not field a shuttle hurdle relay team.

Chickasaw junior Aiden Roberson placed second in the long jump with a leap of 18-6 according to Jenkins. That could bode well as New Hampton has had little to zero practice time outside in some events.

New Hampton sophomore Braden McShane qualified for the finals in the 55-meter dash.

Chickasaw sophomore Carlee Rochford also won the 55 hurdles. She ran 8.9 in the finals at Wartburg.

With a swift turnaround for events like the 55-meter dash and other sprint races – it made for a somewhat hectic day if you’re also competing in field events.

“This one, for example, is going to move really fast. When it moves fast it doesn’t give kids a lot of rest time in between. Then it becomes more a conditioning meet,” Laures said.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Members of the New Hampton Dance Team perform their state championship props routine during halftime of a boys basketball game this winter.

WRAPPING UP THE DANCE SEASON

NEW HAMPTON TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL DANCE SHOWCASE, HONOR SENIORS NEXT WEEK

By Bob Fenske
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It’s been a historic year for the New Hampton Dance Team, and it will celebrate both its success and the seven seniors who have been such a big part of the program during its Dance Showcase that will be held next week in the old high school gymnasium.

“With the time change and the windows in the new gym, it really makes it hard for us to do our light [routines] in there,” said Dance Team coach Emma Schwickerath. “With us starting at 6 p.m. we thought that

would be a better way to go.”

Schwickerath said the March 25 showcase will include all the routines – including its state championship prop dance, as well as its state third-place hip-hop dance – it performed during the past year and a number of solo dances.

And it will also serve as a Senior Night for seven students – Katie Steinlage, Natalie Marr, Ariana Meyerhoff, Lauren Smith, Maddie Hidding, Rosalie Luntz and Luca Moody – who have been Dance Team mainstays in recent year. All seven seniors also performed in New Hampton’s 2020 hip-hop routine that claimed a state title

when they were juniors.

“They’ve been just a great class to work with,” Schwickerath said, “and honoring our seniors is always one of the reasons that the Dance Showcase gets a little emotional for me.”

Admission to the showcase is \$5, and Schwickerath said she is confident those who attend will get their money’s worth when it comes to entertainment.

“I say this every year,” she said, “but we’d love to see a big crowd because people can see just how hard these kids have worked to continue what I think is a pretty great tradition of dance here at New Hampton.”



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New Hampton junior Carlee Rochford beats the Wapsie Valley defense down the floor to score on a layup in a game played in January.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

Chickasaws' Rochford makes all-state team

After brilliant season, New Hampton junior named to Iowa Girls Coaches Association's Class 2A second team

By Kelly Terpstra
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Carlee Rochford remembers the question all too well last winter as she lay in a hospital bed.

There was no passing, dribbling or shots launched from long distance — not a basketball hoop was in sight.

It didn't take long for an emotional moment to overwhelm the Chickasaw standout athlete.

"Last year when I got sick I was in the hospital. They asked me what sports I did — my nurse. I literally started crying because I'm not in it right now. It was hard for me," said Rochford. "That was when it was kind of like, next year's going to be different."

Rochford was referring to her soph-

omore year at New Hampton that was stopped short because of injury and illness. The 5-10 star guard still managed to crack the All-NEIC squad for the second year in a row as an underclassmen.

But Rochford knew she could do better and made it a point to do just that.

"You can want something, but you have to actually work for it. You can't just say that, oh, 'I want to go to the state tournament,' and not put in any work in the offseason," said Rochford.

Rochford's desire and drive led her to the all-time single-season New Hampton scoring record in 2021-2022. That focus and energy she displayed on the court also allowed her to

SEE ALL-STATE, 12

Chickasaw boys get chance to compete

New Hampton coaches say they find plenty to like in team's first meet of '22

By Bob Fenske
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All Scott Jenkins wanted for this New Hampton boys track team was a chance to compete — to run, throw and hurdle — and Friday's Iowa Association of Track Coaches Indoor State meet gave his Chickasaws just that.

"Absolutely, I saw a lot of good things, a lot of things we can build on," Jenkins said after he took a small contingent of this team to Ames to kick off the 2022 track season. "With it being the first meet, you never know what you're going to get, but both [assistant coach Jordan] Rommes and I were really happy with what we saw."

New Hampton had two-top 10 finishes as the 4x100 team of Ben Tenge, Carter Cahoy, Hunter Serie and Braden McShane finished 10th with a time of 46.71 while Jacob Burgart tossed the shot 42-2.75, also good for a 10th-place finish.

Places, though, weren't as important to Jenkins as competing was.

He had several athletes competing in events for the first time. Take the long jump, for example, where both Roberson and Serie tasted "sand" for the first time this season. Roberson, meanwhile, ran the hurdles for the first time ever.

Throw in the fact that the Iowa State indoor track runs 300 meters — rather than the normal 200 used at most indoor meets in Iowa — and it was in many ways a day of firsts.

"I'm telling you, the math

was hard," Jenkins said with a laugh. "It was just different ... when the 4x1 — really everything but the sprints — starts and ends in two different places, it's got a strange vibe but our kids did a good job with it."

Granted, it was just the first of what will be many meets this year; in fact, the Chickasaws now have a meet every week through mid-May. After competing at the Wartburg Indoor this past Tuesday, New Hampton will head to Decorah this coming Tuesday for the Northeast Iowa Conference Indoor and then heads outdoors two weeks from today (Thursday) when it travels to a coed meet hosted by Waverly-Shell Rock.

"We know we have to learn our events better," Jenkins said. "That's a big thing, but it's also really understandable at this time of the year. We can go up and down the lineup and find things — our starts have to be better, our handoffs in the 4x1 were good but we can always get better. This was a good starting point, though, for a lot of our guys."

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

60 prelims - 17. Braden McShane 7.53, 26. Ben Tenge 7.65.

60 hurdles - 36. Aiden Roberson 11.04.

800 - 24. Ethan Praska 2:19.42, 27. Peyton Anderson 2:25.09.

1,600 - 14. Dylan Usher 5:02.17.

3,200 - 13. Cam McMorris 11:21.12.

Long jump - 20. Roberson 17-10.5, 28. Hunter Serie 17-2.

Shot put - 10. Jacob Burgart 42-2.75.

4x100 - 10. Tenge, Carter Cahoy, Serie, McShane 46.71.

Distance medley - Tenge, McShane, Usher, Praska, DQ.



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Running indoors on a beautiful day!

Let's be honest, Tuesday would not have been a bad day for an outdoor track meet, but then again, that's not usually the case for a meet held on March 15. NH's Megan Pickar competes in the 4x800 in a photo finish versus Waukee's Taylor LeBlanc at the Wartburg Indoor that was held on Tuesday in Waverly.

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New Hampton sophomore Braden McShane (left) runs in the 55 dash and Chickasaw sophomore Madison Schaufenbuel throws the shot put.

John named to all-ARC team

Keagan John's breakout year at Wartburg College has landed the former New Hampton High School multi-sport star on the American Rivers Conference all-league team.

John, who graduated from New Hampton in 2018, was named to the honorable mention squad after averaging 10.2 points and four rebounds a game for a Knights' squad that finished the season with a 16-10 record.

The 6-foot-1 senior averaged 28 minutes a game, hit 48.5 percent of his shots from the field, including 36.5 percent from beyond the 3-point arc and was second on the team with 40 steals for the Knights, who finished fourth in the ARC standings.



John



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New Hampton sophomore Cam McMorris leaps off the starting line after the gun sounds in the 4x800 relay at the Wartburg Indoor track meet on Tuesday.