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County to use EMS budget for EMS remodel

Three of the five supervisors say living quarters should be paid for with funds provided by cities, county

BY BOB FENSK
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors want more information before signing off on a contract to have the building that houses Chickasaw County EMS remodeled to include living quarters.

But board members, or at least three of them, said Monday that if

they do move ahead with the remodel, they want to use money from the EMS budget, not the county's Capital Improvements Project fund, to pay for the project.

During their final meeting of 2023, the board first discussed the estimate they received from Design Connections President Aaron Thompson during a meeting held on Dec. 18, and board members agreed that they needed

more information before they proceeded with the project.

An hour and a half later, the EMS building located just off the New Hampton downtown area came up during discussion on a budget amendment that board members will consider in the new year.

Three supervisors — Travis Suckow, Scott Cerwinski and Jake Hackman — said they felt that the money need-

ed to come from the Chickasaw County EMS budget, which includes money put in not only by six cities but also the county.

"I don't know right now," Suckow said. "I don't like to use that capital projects [fund], I'll say that."

During the Dec. 18 meeting, Cerwinski had floated the idea of

using both capital improvement funds and the EMS budget to cover the costs, but on Tuesday, he backed away.

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County attorney likes job, is not looking to leave

Comp Board member tells supervisors they should be worried, and although Laudner says he'll listen, he's not 'actively' looking

BY BOB FENSK
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A Chickasaw County Compensation Board member told the Board of Supervisors Monday that he feared a mass exodus from the courthouse if county leaders don't approve the recommendations for pay raises that his board made earlier this month.

And that board member, Mike Kennedy, used one elected official, County Attorney David Laudner, as an example.

"Another thing is the possibility that Chickasaw County could lose its county attorney," Kennedy said when talking about concerns about turnover in county offices. "There are not a lot of lawyers wanting to come north of Highway 20. There's going to be a hell of a demand for experienced county attorneys in this area."

Kennedy used Winneshiek County as an example — pointing out that it lost its assistant county attorney and that its top attorney may retire in the near future — and he also said that it was his understanding that Laudner has "had phone calls from other counties."

"If he gets up and takes a walk, this county is in serious, serious trouble," Kennedy said. "I just don't think that we can continue to think that we can just give nominal raises to people who have important jobs."

Laudner, though, said after Monday's meeting that he is not "actively" looking for another job. The former Palo Alto assistant county attorney was appointed by supervisors to his current post in the fall of 2021 and won election to a full four-year term in 2022.

Palo Alto Attorney Peter C. Hart, though, recently announced that he will resign his office, effective Feb. 1, and Laudner said he has been contacted by Palo Alto County officials about his interest in the position.

Laudner on Monday said "I'm happy where I'm at" and that he "had no intention of leaving," but at the same time, he wasn't going to "close"

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Rain falls on several Little Light of Mine exhibits on Christmas Day, but trust us, area farmers weren't complaining about the dreary holiday; instead, the rain was a godsend to drought-stricken fields in the area.

Rain is the best Christmas present

It didn't look or even feel like Christmas, but we'll take the warmth and much-needed rain

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On a most decidedly unlike-Christmas Day, one could have forgiven area farmers if they were "singing in the rain."

The drought isn't over, for sure, but boy in a year like 2023, a Christmas weekend that included temperature in the 50s and an inch of rain was the best present Santa Claus could deliver.

And as Jack Richardson said when his family made a Christmas Day stop at in New Hampton their way from Cannon Falls, Minnesota, to North Liberty on Monday night, it "beats the hell out of 10 inches of snow."

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Obviously, it's not a typical Christmas morning on Monday as the First Citizens Bank temperature sign proves.



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Rotary, Interact members show that it's better to give than receive

Rotary provides Christmas meals; Interact prepares stockings

BY BOB FENSK
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Put it this way: The members of two area clubs that have a "bond" were pretty dang busy last week.

Yes, New Hampton Rotary Club and New Hampton High School Interact Club members were gearing up for Christmas with their families and, at least for the Interact Club members, studying for semester tests.

But they also took a break and took part in one of the tenets — it is better to give than to receive — of the holiday season.

Members of the Rotary Club

put together and distributed 41 Christmas meals to school families, veterans and other community members in need.

The meals included ham donated by Reicks View Farms. MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center sponsored the other items for the meal including potatoes, carrots, corn, green beans, stuffing, pie and rolls.

While Rotary Club members took care of the food, New Hampton High School Interact members filled 50 stockings with holiday treats and toys.

The Christmas stockings

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Photo courtesy of Jennifer Monteith

New Hampton High School Interact Club advisor Kris Ward (left) takes a selfie with club members (from left) Olivia Hoy, Easton Monteith and Kinsley Hackman after club members filled stockings for area children.

Top stories

We'll kick off 2024 by looking back at the top news and sports stories that made 2023 memorable

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Bowlers get win

New Hampton picks up spares, gets home win over North Fayette Valley

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NEIC victory

New Hampton girls top Comets for their first conference win

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Members of New Hampton High School's choirs — Nu-Hi Chorale and the Chamber Choir — enter the gym singing "On This Good Christmas Morn" while Andi Gebel plays the bass clarinet and Israel Ortiz (right) is on French horn with the concert band at the school's annual Winter Concert that was held last Monday.



Members of the Concert Band — (from left) Skyler Bugenhagen, Josi Singewald, Rebecca Wickham, and Ben Schuchhardt — perform during the final holiday concert of 2023 last week.



Members of the Chamber Choir (above) perform a song under the direction of Jill Cantu while Brooke Vestel, Sydney Laures and Ella Wassenaar (right) sing with the Nu-Hi Chorale.



Lauren Nuss (left) plays the saxophone and Dylan Carter (above) performs on the trombone with the New Hampton High School Concert Band.

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Briefs

After great run, Little Light of Mine to douse the lights this weekend

For those who want to experience the Christmas lights at Mikkelsen Park, time is running short as the Little Light of Mine Committee will end the 2023 holiday lights run on New Year's Eve.

This year's display is the largest in the seven-year history of Little Light of Mine. In addition to the lights provided by the committee, there are more than 160 businesses, organizations, families and individuals who have put up displays.

City Hall, Chickasaw County Courthouse to be closed Monday for New Year's Day

The Chickasaw County Courthouse and New Hampton City Hall will be closed on Monday in observance of New Year's Day.

The county's Board of Supervisors will hold its first meeting of 2024 on Tuesday at 9 a.m. while new Mayor Steve Geerts will lead his first City Council meeting, one that will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Iowa Farm Bureau offering ag scholarships

High school students who plan to pursue an agricultural major or minor after their 2024 graduation are encouraged to apply for Iowa Farm Bureau Federation's \$2,500 scholarship. Awarded to 27 students, this scholarship is renewable for four years, up to \$10,000.

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Board still unsure about remodeling project

AMBULANCE: FROM 1

"I was in favor of splitting it a bit," he said, "but then I don't know if capital projects is fair to the two communities that aren't part of the ambulance project."

The EMS service came online this past Jan. 1, and it provides service to rural residents of the county and six cities — New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington — that signed 28E agreements with the county. Under those agreements, the county-owned ambulance service agreed to provide service to those communities but there is no language in those agreements what limits how the county can spend those funds.

THE COUNTY WAS able to cover the start-up costs for the service — including purchasing three ambulances, equipment and the building at 204 E. Prospect — with its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. To date, the county's ARPA funds have covered about \$1.35 million in start-up costs.

The plan, at least in Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Kuhn's eyes, was that the county would use ARPA funds to cover the remodeling costs, but earlier this year, board members voted 3-2 to designate \$600,000 of its ARPA funds to the Secondary Roads Department road project.

County leaders were also considering using some of the \$450,000 or so it has in its Capital Improvements Project Fund to move Public Health and Homecare Services to the Heritage Center and to pay for a project that would allow that building to be hooked up to the city of New Hampton's water system.

But when supervisors learned it would cost \$600,000 to remodel the Heritage for Public Health, they dropped that plan. However, they are still considering spending around \$230,000 to hook into the city water system.

Supervisor Steve Breitbach said he felt the ambulance station remodeling should be paid with capital improvement funds — pointing out that the county can alleviate water issues at the Heritage with a conditioning system that would cost between \$8,000 and \$12,000.

"It doesn't make any sense to me," he said, "to spend that kind of money [for city water]."

BUT THE TRIO of supervisors supporting using the EMS budget were unmoved, giving board members a "consensus" to use funds that have been collected from both the county and the cities who have signed 28E agreements.

County Auditor Sheila Shekleton said there is currently about \$675,000 in the Chickasaw County EMS fund.

That's important because after the first year in operation, if there is more than \$750,000 in that account for two consecutive quarters, the county is required to waive cities' payments until that account drops under \$750,000.

Supervisors on Tuesday appeared to be leaning toward using \$180,000 of EMS money for the project that Design Connections estimates will cost \$183,307. Hackman and other supervisors also pointed out that there is still about \$49,000



Bob Fenske/Tribune
The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors look over documents during Tuesday's meeting.

in ARPA funds if the project costs more.

THAT \$183,307 ESTIMATE falls under the threshold of \$196,000 that if exceeded means, under Iowa Code, the county would have to bring in an architect and follow state-mandated bidding processes to complete the remodeling project.

Board members didn't want to pull the proverbial trigger on agreeing to a deal with Design Connections because they want to make sure that using a fire-resistant wall meets state code.

For months, the county was under the assumption that the building would need a sprinkler system, but on Tuesday morning, Thompson said via phone that the two-hour firewall is allowed under state law.

A week earlier, he submitted an estimate of more than \$270,000 for the remodeling project if the county used a sprinkler system.

But on Tuesday, board members wanted to know the exact estimate Thompson has for the project, because his initial one for a firewall doesn't include the cost of a second stairwell that would be required on the cost of ethernet.

Cerwinski expressed concerns about the project if it went over budget and exceeded the \$196,000 threshold, but County Attorney David Laudner said later in the meeting that "as I read the code — and there are those who interpret this differently — if you're under \$196,000 when the project is bid out, you're fine, you've met the requirements. Now, I don't think you can play games with that."

Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley, during the board's weekly public comment segment, said he wasn't sure the county should even remodel the building. Instead, he proposed continuing to rent living quarters for the ambulance crew.

"Did a little figuring and why not keep the apartment that you already have? At \$1,200 a month and \$200,000 [to pay for the remodeling], it would last you 13 years," Ashley said. "You remodel that building down there, and in two months, I guarantee you someone's going to say, 'I smelled smoke last night' and you're going to be right back to where you are now."

Comp Board chair: We want good relationship with supervisors

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

the door when it came to any potential job offers down the road.

Kennedy said his concern as a member of the Compensation Board, though, was county wide and that "I'm really afraid if we have continued turnover, we're going to sooner or later have a hell of a problem over here."

The longtime New Hampton resident and attorney said he hoped that supervisors would leave the Compensation Board's pay raise recommendations intact. During its meeting on Dec. 6, Compensation Board members voted 5-2 to ask the supervisors to increase the pay of the county's attorney, auditor, recorder, sheriff and treasurer by 9 percent and to give pay raises of 3.2 percent to the Board of Supervisors.

A year ago, the Comp Board recommended 20 percent raises for county officials in an effort to attract qualified candidates and keep pay in line with similar-sized counties and private-sector jobs. Supervisors scaled back those raises to 9 percent.

And in November, the Board of Supervisors reached a con-

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sensus in which it urged the Comp Board to not give them pay increases this year.

Compensation Board Chairwoman Stephanie Mashek, though, said on Monday that supervisors needed at least a 3.2 percent raise to cover cost-of-living inflation over the past year. She also pointed out that she and her fellow board members realized that the raise for the sheriff's office might not be fully in compliance with Iowa's "Back the Blue" law.

Doreen Cook, one of two Comp Board members who voted against the motion setting the recommendations, disagreed, pointing out that the city of Boone, which has a similar population to Chickasaw County, pays what amounts to \$8.37 per resident to its police

chief while the Comp Board's recommendation for a 9 percent raise for the sheriff equated to \$8.50 per resident.

Cook also said that Chickasaw County's elected officials were paid near the average of the eight counties closest to Chickasaw in population — pointing out that the auditor was being paid a little below the average while the recorder and treasurer were making by a few hundred dollars a little more than the average.

Supervisors didn't take action on the Compensation Board recommendations although Jake Hackman said he was having a "hard time how you came up bringing everyone up to 9 percent."

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said it was too early for board members to consider the rec-

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It certainly isn't a "white Christmas" in New Hampton, but area farmers appreciated the fact that it was a "gray, rainy" one.

'Heat wave' sets a number of marks

WEATHER: FROM 1

of snow." Yes, indeed it did.

Officially, New Hampton received .33 inches of rain on Christmas Eve and .68 on Christmas Day, and since the rule of thumb is a tenth of an inch of rain equals an inch of snow, Richardson wasn't wrong.

More importantly, though, was in a two-day period, New Hampton got 1.01 inches of precipitation, and it fell on ground that hasn't frozen yet and was bone dry. From Oct. 24 to Sunday, New Hampton had just .74 inches of rain, exacerbating an already ugly drought picture.

As Chickasaw County Board of Supervisor member Steve Breitbach, who also farms, put it before Monday's meeting, "It doesn't solve [the drought], but by God, it helps."

So the rain was welcomed, as were, for many, the warm temperatures that had the heartier folks among us doing their last-minute Christmas shopping in shorts.

New Hampton broke or tied six temperature records from Friday through Monday, including:

Grants available to nonprofits in Chickasaw County but deadline nearing

Grant applications can now be submitted to the Chickasaw County Community Foundation (CCCF) for the 2024 grant cycle, with a submission deadline on Monday, Jan. 15, 2024, at 5 p.m.

Grants are awarded to projects within the program areas of arts and culture, community betterment, education and youth development, environment and animal welfare, and health and human services.

The 2024 online grant application can be found on

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God became one of us

Christmas is a powerful reminder that we are not alone in darkness

Merry Christmas everyone! As I write this, we are only a few days away from December 25.

Many Christmas celebrations have already taken place and others will last until families can join each other in the new year.

Christmas, a festive season that blankets the world in a warm, joyous glow, holds a special place in the hearts of millions.

A national polling service took time off from political polling this season to give us reasons why folks celebrate this holiday. From religious significance to cultural traditions, here are 10 compelling reasons that make Christmas a cherished and globally celebrated holiday.

TOP 10 REASONS WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

1. Birth of Jesus Christ
2. Spreading Love and Goodwill
3. Cultural Traditions
4. Festive Decorations and Lights

5. Family Bonding
6. Joy of Giving
7. Holiday Feasts and Treats
8. Magical Atmosphere
9. Season of Reflection and Renewal
10. Global Celebration

At the core of Christmas lies the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. For Christians, this day marks the incarnation of the Son of God, a momentous event that symbolizes hope, love, and redemption.

The nativity scene, with Mary, Joseph, and the newborn baby Jesus in a manger, remains a powerful reminder of the truth of Christmas.

Our people come together to share joy, kindness, and goodwill, fostering a sense of community and unity.

We see this in business places, our service clubs and with those who share in our local Red Kettle campaign. Christmas has cultural traditions and some of them are seen in deco-

rations and food in our community. We are reminded that Christ's birth is celebrated around the world.

Mikkelson Park is amazing during the Christmas season! If you haven't been to see the "Little Light of Mine" display, I encourage you to make it a part of your family's Christmas tradition.

The joy of the season along with the warmer weather have served to lighten up not only our park but homes all throughout the area this year.

The practice of adorning Christmas trees, homes, and streets with ornaments and lights not only creates a festive atmosphere but also symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness.

The act of giving is a central theme during Christmas. Whether it's through thoughtful gifts, acts of charity, or volunteering, the season encourages individuals to extend a helping hand



The Rev. Kevin Frey serves as the senior pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton. For more information about Trinity, visit the church website at trinitylutherannewhampton.org.

to those in need.

We remember that not all people have a "Merry Christmas" as they deal with loss in so many ways this season and that points us to the manger to worship "God With Us – Emmanuel." God did not leave us in the darkness of our sin. God became one of us so that we may be set free.

From the New Hampton Ministerial Association and each of our congregations, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The New Year offers all of us a clean slate

While many people are deciding how to celebrate on Dec. 31 and figuring out their New Year's resolutions, what should Christians be doing? There might not be one "right" way to observe the transition from 2023 to 2024, but here are some thoughts to help believers stay Christ-focused.

Many people, no matter what they believe, look at Jan. 1 as a chance for a new beginning. If the previous year was disappointing or they made significant mistakes, they imagine wiping the slate clean and starting over.

Christians know that new starts are available any time, they are not dictated by the calendar. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

1. New Resolution: Confession

Starting over often turns into making resolutions, but quitting smoking, starting a diet, or purchasing a gym membership is only the beginning of a "fresh start." If there is a sin issue in any person's life, he or she can address it right now.

In fact, peace awaits the one who is quick to confess and repent of sin. "Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD" (Psalm 32:10).

Bad habits and addictions are symptomatic of deeper issues. Rather than making a resolution to quit doing something or start doing something else, take advantage of this renewed impetus to face sin in your life and find freedom from its effects through the Father's loving direction.

For example, you might be the kind of person who seeks attention by causing drama. You might run from conflict by exercising too much and trying to control a painful situation by regulating calories carefully.

Fear could be driving you to drink or abuse drugs. These habits or addictions enslave a person; they rob peace because alcohol or exercise or drama becomes a focus of worship; an idol.

The New Year is a perfect time to dig up the roots of trouble by the power of the

Holy Spirit, under the assurance that honest and whole-hearted repentance leads to life and peace (2 Corinthians 7:10).

2. Remember All the Lord Has Done

"Take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Deuteronomy 6:12). Christians are enjoined to never forget what their Lord has done for them.

A Christian who obtains his greatest joy from the Lord sees January 1 as a time to remember the goodness of God as it has unfolded across the past year. Sometimes the details of God's intervention are only obvious when one surveys his goodness over time.

We can never remember the Lord's grace and mercy and love towards us too often. Remembering Christ is essential; the more one does this the better.

3. Celebrate the New Year

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). This is the Psalmist's exhortation for every day, not just New Year's Day; not only on good days, when we anticipate the

company of friends and a great meal, perhaps music and dancing. Every day is the Lord's Day and every day we are his.

Christians do not need to avoid "fun" as though Christ was averse to it. God does not demand that we be serious all the time.

We are not called into debauchery, that is not joy; but we are encouraged by Christ's example to be filled with the exuberance for life, which is living inside of us by the Holy Spirit.

4. Christ Coming Closer

Every year, someone predicts the end of the world. This so-called prophet names a year and tells the world not only when but how the world will end. With each new catastrophe and major conflict between world powers, Armageddon seems nigh, but only God knows when the end will come (Matthew 24:36).

Yet, every Jan. 1, Christians wonder "will this be the year Jesus returns?" One thing is for sure: Jesus' return is sooner today than it was yesterday. With that in mind, we prepare.

"We are God's children now, and [...] we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure (1 John 3:2-3).

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Time: A Key Element Of Investing

Who knows where the time goes?

We've reached the end of another year, so it's appropriate to reflect on the nature of time and how it affects us. And time certainly is a key element in the pursuit of your financial goals.

As an investor, time can be your greatest ally. If you hold some investments for the long term, you could achieve an impressive cumulative growth in value.

Furthermore, if you keep adding shares to these investments, possibly through a dividend reinvestment plan, you could attain "growth on growth" through the power of compounding. Of course, when you own equity investments, you will experience market fluctuations, but in general, the longer you hold these investments, the more you can reduce the effects of market volatility.

But you also need to consider aspects of time in these contexts:

- Checking progress on achieving goals – When you establish a goal, such as saving for a child's education or your own retirement, you know the end date of when you'll need the money, but it's also important to mark your progress along the way. So, each year, see how far along you are in meeting your goal. If you're falling behind, you may need to adjust your investment mix.

- Choosing an appropriate strategy – The time needed to achieve a goal should drive your investment strategy for that goal. For example, when you are saving for a retirement that won't happen for three or four decades, you will need to invest for growth by placing a reasonable percentage of equities and equity-based investments in your portfolio, based on your comfort with the various types of risk, including interest rate risk, credit risk and market risk. You will experience some bumps along the way — keep in mind that the value of investments will fluctuate and the loss of some or all principal is possible — but you likely have time to over-



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come the "down" periods. On the other hand, when you are saving for a short-term goal, such as a vacation or a new car or a wedding, you'll want a set amount of money available precisely when you need it. In this case, you may need to sacrifice some growth potential for investments whose principal value won't fluctuate, such as certificates of deposit (CDs) and bonds.

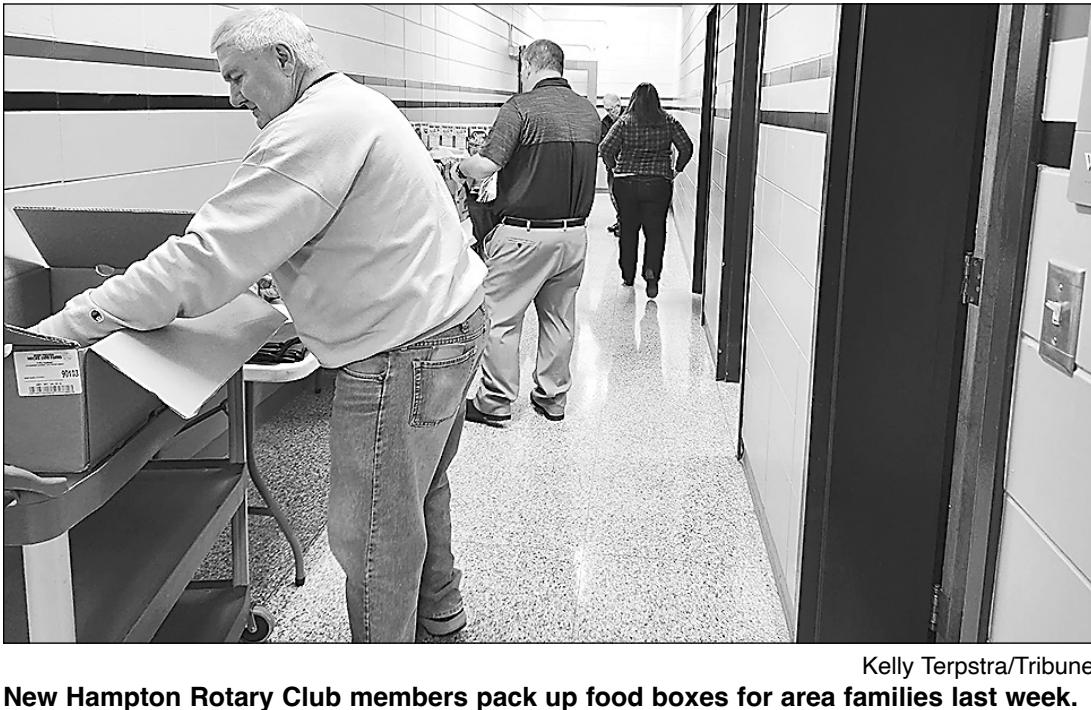
Keep in mind, though, that when you're investing for long- and short-term goals, it doesn't have to be just one strategy or the other. You can save for retirement with primarily growth vehicles but still have room in your portfolio for shorter-term instruments. And even when you're specifically investing for some short-term goal, you can't forget about your need to save and invest for retirement.

And here's one final point about the relationship between time and investing: Your risk tolerance can, and probably will, change over the years. As you near retirement, you may feel the need to adjust your portfolio toward a more conservative approach. That's because you may want to consolidate any gains you might have achieved while also recognizing that you simply have less time to bounce back from down markets. Still, even in retirement, you'll need some growth potential in your portfolio to help you stay ahead of inflation.

When you invest, one of your biggest considerations is time — so use it wisely.

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

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton Rotary Club members pack up food boxes for area families last week.

Chickasaw Pride Pantry has been a huge success

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were distributed at Chickasaw Pride Pantry located inside the high school entrance.

Chickasaw Pride Pantry is open all day, every day to anyone in need. It is sponsored by New Hampton Rotary and NHHS Interact Club and

provides a convenient supply of food and personal care items for students, their families and the community.

More than 7,000 pounds of food and personal care items have been distributed this year at the pantry, which is open 24/7 in the upper entrance of New Hampton High School.

NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of Dec. 24 1948 (75 years ago)

A scrappy New Hampton team handed the West Union Bombers their first defeat of the season. New Hampton jumped out to a quick lead and had an 11-7 lead in the first quarter. The Bombers were playing aggressive man to man and held the Chicks to 4 points in the second period. The half-time score was 15-14. The Bombers were close on the Chick's trail as they were behind 22-21 at the end of the third quarter.

The Chicks stayed out front the whole fourth quarter. The Chicks, who led 30-26, stalled the last two minutes to give New Hampton its third non-conference victory, 30-26. Ball and Scott led the Chick attack with 7 and 6 points respectively. Charlie Wentz looked good for the locals on defense. The Chicks meet Postville next Thursday.

Saturday brought 2 and one-half inches of snow in New Hampton, the heaviest of the season. Weather for the most part has been ideal for this time of year.

Winter was ushered in on Tuesday without any ado and Wednesday was a clear, snap-py day. High for the week was 36 degrees on Friday and low was six above zero Friday night. Precipitation for the week amounted to .37 of an inch.

1973 (50 years ago)

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chekal will retire this week from their posts at the C & H Farm Service Lumber Yard, New Hampton. The Chekals, Paul and Ruth, have been associated with C & H for the past 13 years, he as lumber yard manager and she as head of paint department and bookkeeper there. Paul is planning on working part-time at the lumber yard.

Succeeding Chekal as manager of the lumber yard will be Roger Gerleman, who has been with the company for the past three and one-half years.

The final drawing of the New Hampton Chamber of Commerce Christmas promotion was held Saturday with Gerry Simmons of New Hampton winning the \$729 console television.

Other winners were Hugo Dietzenbach of Waucoma, who received \$100 in Bonus Bucks, and Frank Samec and Phyllis Nosbisch, each received \$50 in Bonus Bucks.

The drawing was sponsored by the retail division of the New Hampton Chamber of Commerce.

1998 (25 years ago)

The New Hampton varsity boys basketball team was a 60-56 winner in their Northeast Iowa Conference opener at Waverly-Shell Rock on Friday night.

The game was close all the way, although the Chickasaws had a one point lead at half. New Hampton had four players in double digits

against the Go-Hawks. Casey Tierney and Blake Flansche had fifteen points each, Mark Kipp had fourteen points and Chris Winter had twelve points.

"This was a huge win for us," said Chickasaw head coach Scott Hogeland.

On Sale at Fareway: Whole Hams. \$1.29/lb.; Fresh Broccoli or Cauliflower, 99 cents/head; Post Cereal, \$2.19/Box; Bakeshoppe Cottage Bread, 89 cents; Blue Bunny Chocolate Milk, 1.99/gallon; Pepsi Products, \$2.39/12 pack; Doritos, 2/\$5.00; Fastco Shredded Mozzarella or Cheddar Cheese, \$1.49; Budweiser, \$5.99/12 Pack.

2013 (10 years ago)

The average value of Iowa farmland jumped again this past year. Overall, the average farmland value is estimated at \$8,716 per acre, an increase of 5.1 percent from 2012. In Chickasaw County, the average farmland value increased 6.1 percent to \$8,700 per acre.

It marked the fourth straight year and the 24th time in the past 27 years that land values had increased.

There may not be a lot of snow on the ground, but whatever is here will be sticking around.

This past weekend's storm gave Chickasaw County just a glancing blow as New Hampton had 1.4 inches of snowfall while Ionia had 2 inches, according to the National Weather Service.

Monday was cold, when the mercury didn't even break zero, and the inch or two of snow expected in the forecast, that means it's going to be a White Christmas.

2018 (5 years ago)

Celina Quirk, a 2018 New Hampton High School graduate, has made her Army dream a reality.

After surviving a grueling past six months, one that included completing basic training and graduating from her Advanced Individual Training (AIT) as a combat medic, she'll embark on another journey as a college student at the University of Northern Iowa.

Celina is the daughter of Brian and Anita Quirk.

The defense sparked the New Hampton girls basketball team to beat North Fayette Valley. With six minutes left in the second quarter, the TigerHawks had 13 points, at halftime, they still had 13 points. And three minutes into the third quarter, North Fayette Valley's point total hadn't budged. The TigerHawks eventually got off 13, but by then New Hampton had built a big lead and went on to post a 55-21 win.

Balance was the word for the night for the Chickasaws as Paige Wisner and Hope McDonald scored 11 points apiece and Maddi Moorman and Emma Reicherts finished with nine apiece.

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Chickasaw COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Harlan A. Pose, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003173 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Harlan A. Pose, Deceased, who died on or about November 10, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on December 6, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Harlan A. Pose, deceased, bearing date of August 17, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that John Pose 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 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 December 20, 2023,
John Pose, Executor of Estate 5532
13th Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55417
Michael K. Kennedy, ICIS#:
AT0004194 Attorney for Executor
Kennedy & Kennedy 12 E. Main St.,
PO Box 406 New Hampton, IA 50659
Date of second publication 1/04/2024

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Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLETUS LEO LAURES, Deceased, CASE NO. ESPR003176 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Cletus Leo Laures, Deceased, who died on or about November 17, 2023:
You are hereby notified that on December 12, 2023, the last will and testament of Cletus Leo Laures, deceased, bearing date of March 19, 2007, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Tracy Geerts and Thomas Laures 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 December 12, 2023,
Tracy Geerts, Executor of estate Address: 603 E. Main Street, New Hampton, Iowa 50659

Thomas Laures, Executor of estate Address: 4828 West 4th Street, Waterloo, Iowa 50701

Nathaniel W. Schwickerath, ICIS#:
AT0007110 Attorney for executor Schwickerath P.C. 2069 170th Street New Hampton, Iowa 50659

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is interested in obtaining and maintaining that property in the ROW that is east of Spring Creek. The council would like to offer to adjoining property owners the opportunity to discuss the best option if the City does vacate the property. Main will continue to investigate the inquiry and discuss at a future city council meeting.

Globe Life has been added as a vendor which offers employees extra insurance coverage. Moved by Fisher, seconded by Speltz; That Resolution #6606 RESOLUTION APPROVING WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FACILITY PLAN be approved. Ayes - Porath, Speltz, Denner, Fisher, Humpal, McDonald, Nays - None. Absent - None. Resolution approved.

Fire Chief Toby Schwickerath presented the council with information on the possible purchase of a Pierce Freightliner M112 Pumper Tanker. The fire department staff utilized Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing company, for bids on the tanker truck. The base unit price of the tanker is \$628,442.00; if a down payment of \$300,000.00 is made, the overall cost will be reduced by \$44,375.00. The New Hampton & Dayton Townships have a financial obligation to share the cost of new equipment based on an existing 28E agreement.

Dayton Township is willing to contribute their share of \$81,909.38 as part of the \$300,000 down payment. New Hampton Township representatives shared their concerns about the large additional expense of the purchase; their share of the new truck is \$163,818.76. The City of New Hampton's share is \$339,338.86. City Council members discussed that the budgeting process is just beginning for FY2025 and they have serious concerns on the loss of revenues due to House File 718 as well as being uncertain about the results of the ongoing union negotiations effective 7/1/2025. The Council agreed to continue discussions with the Fire Department after the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget has been approved.

PWD Casey Mai shared with the council an inquiry he received about the vacating the Right of Way (ROW) of East Gardner Street, between North Locust Avenue and North Foley Ave. This ROW 713.75' long and 66' wide. The New Hampton Park & Rec Department

denner; that the meeting adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Ayes - Six. Nays - None. Absent - Denner. Motion carried.

ATTTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, CMC City Clerk ROBERT SCHWICKERATH, Mayor

No. 23530
12/28/23



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Law school grant

Emmeline Eike, a 2019 graduate of New Hampton High School, recently received a \$2,500 grant from the Iowa P.E.O. Project Fund to help her with expenses while attending law school.

Eike graduated from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, in the spring of 2023 with a major in finance and pre-Law business/commerce.

She is now attending law school at Marquette in Milwaukee.

She is pictured with Rachel Fliris, the vice president of P.E.O. Chapter DL in New Hampton and chair of the chapter's Philanthropy Committee. Also pictured is Jill Eike, Emmeline's mother.

P.E.O. International awards scholarships, grants, and loans to women to help them achieve their highest aspirations. The local New Hampton chapter also awards a \$500 scholarship to a New Hampton High School senior year during the Dollars for Scholars Awards Night program.

IOWA DEMOCRATIC PARTY CAUCUS

Monday, January 15th, 2023 7:00pm

You must be in-line or signed-in by 7:00pm to participate.

Chickasaw Democrats will meet at the following location(s):

Precincts 1-4,7-9: New Hampton Elementary School - Cafeteria, 206 W Main

Precinct 5 (Stapleton/Fredericksburg): Fredericksburg City Hall, 151 W Main

Precinct 6 (Bradford): Nashua Plainfield Middle School - Commons, 612 Greeley St.

The purpose of this year's caucus is to:

1. Discuss and adopt proposed resolutions to be added to the county platform.

2. Elect Unbound Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention

The precinct caucus is a great way to get involved in grassroots activities with the Iowa Democratic Party. All Iowa Democrats are encouraged to attend.

Please visit iowademocrats.org or call the helpline (515) 216-3893 if you have a question and/or to request a Presidential Preference Ballot.

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Ronald Dean Rivers, 79

Ronald Dean Rivers, age 79 of Waverly, passed away peacefully Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, at the Bartels Lutheran Retirement Home in Waverly, surrounded by his loving family after his long journey with Alzheimer's disease.

A funeral Mass for Ronald Rivers was held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Charles City with the Rev. Tom Heathershaw officiating.

Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in Charles City.

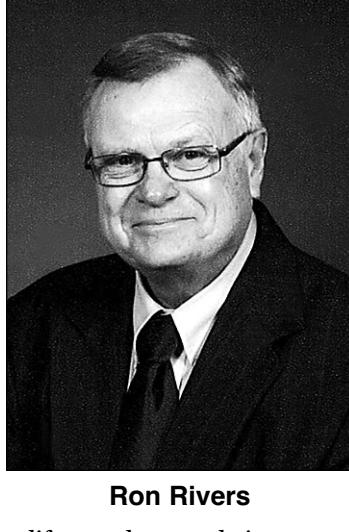
Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, at Hauser Weishaar Funeral Home and continued one hour before the service at the church on Friday.

Ronald Dean Rivers, the son of Dean Rivers and Rita (Hagarty) Rivers was born on Nov. 8, 1944, in Osage. They made their home in rural Floyd. Ron graduated from the Immaculate Conception School in Charles City in 1963.

On July 10, 1965, Ron was united in marriage to Diana K Lang. To this union they were blessed with three children — Angela, Scott, and Lisa.

They raised their family in Fredericksburg, Iowa where Ron worked at Meinerz Creamery for 35-plus years. Ron was also an active member of the St. Frederick's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus where he was a Fourth Degree Knight. Ron and Diana later divorced.

Ron then met the love of his life, Leanne. They created

**Ron Rivers**

a life together on their acreage in rural Nashua. Together they enjoyed kayaking, camping, and going on day trips. His two dogs Remington and Benjamin were always by his side while he was outside where he loved to be.

After graduating high school Ron went to Arhart Printing School where he learned Linotype and became a press operator. Ron also worked at Oliver in Charles City.

After leaving Oliver, Ron went through the Police Academy and was a police officer for Charles City until moving to Fredericksburg, where he was a reserve officer for Chickasaw County.

After retiring from Conagra (Meinerz Creamery), he went on to work as an emergency room tech at the Waverly Hospital, and then an ICU tech at Allen Hospital until his retirement.

Ron was part of the Chickasaw Ambulance Service for 35 years where he was an

EMT-I. He was also involved with the Red Cross, Disaster Services and was a First Aid instructor. Ron also served on the Fredericksburg City Council and Lions Club.

Ron served as a Boy Scout leader for 12-plus years. During this time, he helped guide his son, Scott, to earn his Eagle Scout. Ron also earned the Silver Beaver Award for his dedication and years of service.

Ron loved his family and was always there to lend a helping hand. He especially enjoyed sharing his love for the outdoors with his grandchildren and great grandchildren especially taking them fishing, canoeing, and camping.

Living members to cherish his memory include Leanne Schipper; his children, Angela (Marty) Peters of Clarksville, Scott Rivers of Greene, and Lisa (Mike) Kreger of Floyd; grandchildren, Elizabeth (Dustin) Blue, Jordan (Jessica) Sickels, Tyler Rivers, Dylan (Erin) Rivers, Mikaela (Jared) George, Christian Kreger, and Olivia Kreger; 11 great-grandchildren; siblings, Roger Hagarty, Edna Rivers, Ken Rivers, and Teresa Rivers; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Gary Rivers; and nephew, Brett Rivers.

Hauser Weishaar Funeral Home, 1205 South Main Street, Charles City, is in charge of local arrangements. Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall for the family at www.hauserfh.com.

Brian "Butch" Tierney, age 60 of New Hampton, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023, at his home.

Funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with the Rev. Jim Goerend presiding.

Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton with Michelle Kuhn, Matthew Kuhn, Ryan Leach, Curt Heideman, Jason Hackman and Shawn Hackman serving as pallbearers.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, at the funeral home. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Butch was born on Oct. 8, 1963, in New Hampton, and Butch was the beloved son of Joseph "Arnie" Tierney and Lois Robinson.

Butch's early years were filled with the joy of the outdoors. He attended St. Joseph Catholic School until the eighth grade, after which he continued his education at New Hampton High School, graduating with the Class of 1982. Fond childhood memories included spending time at his grandparents' farm near Jerico, where he reveled in running around, fishing, and always finding ways to have fun outdoors.

After high school, Butch

Brian 'Butch' Tierney, 60**Butch Tierney**

entered the workforce, quickly earning a reputation as an extremely hard worker. His dedication led him to the United States Navy, where he served with pride and camaraderie. Stationed in Norfolk, Virginia, he served aboard the USS Canisteo (A099), forging lasting friendships and cherishing the experiences of his naval service.

On May 12, 1984, Butch married the love of his life, Shelly Pitz, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. Their union brought forth two sons, and the couple's love endured through the years, strengthened by the bonds of friendship and shared experiences.

Butch spent his entire life in New Hampton, working at Beatrice Cheese in Fredericksburg from 1994 to

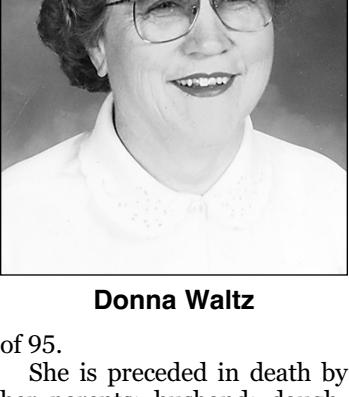
2004, and later at Nestle in Waverly until his retirement in 2021. Known for his unwavering work ethic, Butch was admired by colleagues and friends alike.

In his leisure time, Butch found solace in the great outdoors. Whether fishing, hunting, riding four-wheelers or simply enjoying nature, he cherished every moment. Spending quality time with his grandchildren was a priority, and he relished taking drives with his hunting dogs to scout for future hunts, all while listening to his favorite classic rock tunes.

A lifelong member of the American Legion, Butch leaves behind a legacy of hard work, dedication, and a love for life. His memory will be forever etched in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Butch is survived by his wife, Shelly of New Hampton; one son, Bruce (Kayleen) Tierney of Aplington; two grandchildren, Zoey Tierney and Izaak Tierney; two sisters, Barb (John) Kuhn of New Hampton and Brenda Leach of New Hampton; one brother, Brad Tierney of Frederika; and many nieces, nephews and close friends.

He was preceded in death by one son, Justin Tierney; parents, Joe "Arnie" and Lois Tierney; in-laws, Lavern and Edna Pitz; and one brother-in-law, Jeff Leach.

Donna Waltz, 95**Donna Waltz**

Donna Waltz was born April 13, 1928, in Lawler, daughter of Andrew and Sigrid (Johnson) Urness.

She graduated from New Hampton High School.

Donna married Darold Waltz June 10, 1947; he preceded her in death Aug. 29, 1981.

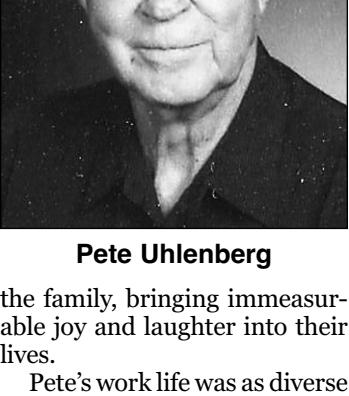
She worked at Powers Manufacturing as a seamstress, retiring after 37 1/2 years. Donna then worked at Columbus High School in the cafeteria.

She was a member of the Evansdale Amvets. Donna enjoyed cards, gambling, bowling, bingo and traveling. She loved spending time with her friends, family and family get-togethers.

Donna passed away on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at her home, at the age

of 95.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Barbara Carey; grandson, Denny Wroe; and four sisters, Hazel Buehler, Alice Daily,

Vernon 'Pete' Uhlenberg, 88**Pete Uhlenberg**

Vernon "Pete" Uhlenberg, age 88 of Fredericksburg, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023, at Community Memorial Hospital in Sumner.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

Interment was held at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg following the luncheon.

Friends greeted the family from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, prior to the service at the funeral home. Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Fredericksburg have been entrusted with arrangements.

Jeanne was active in several golf leagues in the Twin Cities area and in Tucson, Arizona. She had many friends in both places. During the winter months in Arizona, she volunteered as an AARP tax counselor for 15 years.

She is survived by her brother, Ron (Julie) Lenz; sisters Kathleen (Roger) Rasing and Joyce (Larry) Schmitz; 14 nieces and nephews; and many great nieces and nephews.

Jeanne was preceded in death by her parents and her dear friends, Patricia and Malcolm Becker and Pat Paine.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 5200 Harlan, IA 51593-0700 or to crs.org.

William 'Bill' Ott, 78

William "Bill" Ott, age 78 of Fredericksburg, died Friday Dec. 22, 2023, at Whispering Willows Assisted Living in Fredericksburg.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, at Hillcrest Baptist and Brethren Church in Fredericksburg with Pastor Scott Smith presiding.

Interment with military honors will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 2024, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in Fredericksburg. Visitation continues an hour prior to services at the church on Saturday.

Online condolences for the Ott family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Dennis K. Enck, 76

Dennis K. Enck, age 76 of Nashua, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, at Linn Haven Rehab and Healthcare in New Hampton.

Arrangements are pending at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Nashua.

Online condolences for the Enck family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Lucille Ann McKay, 95

Lucille Ann McKay, age 95 of Waucoma, died Monday, Dec. 25, 2023, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Waucoma.

Online condolences for the McKay family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Roger Reynold Schwickerath, 75

Roger Reynold Schwickerath, age 75 of New Hampton, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, at New Hampton Nursing and Rehab Center.

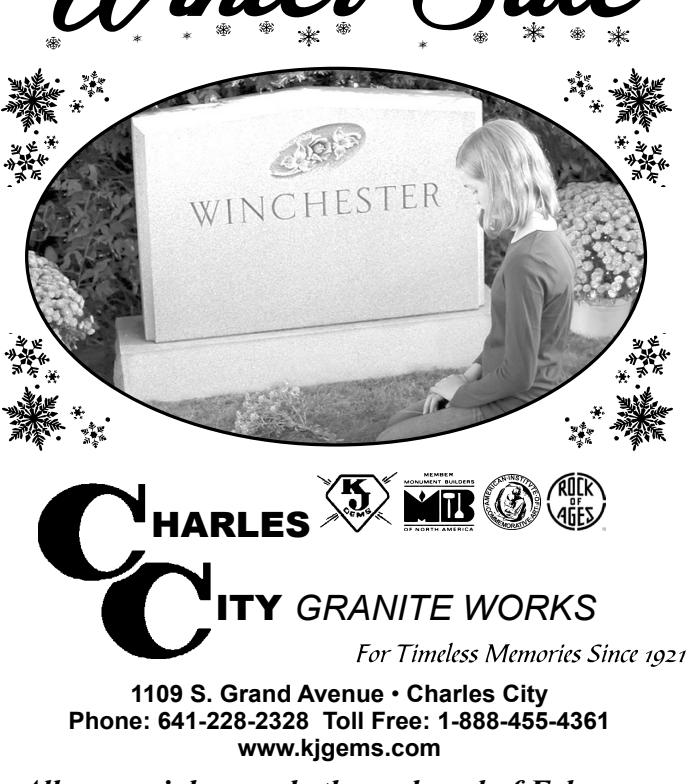
Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

Online condolences for the Schwickerath family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

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Charles City, IA 50616**Chickasaw bowlers pick up first win of season**

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

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The New Hampton bowling team may not have eclipsed school records again on Tuesday night in a home meet at Bowaway Lanes against North Fayette Valley, but they got something just as sweet – a victory.

After taking on Grundy Center in its first two meets of the season, the Chickasaws and head coach Andy Aries squared off against the TigerHawks and came away with 738 pin win – 2,760 to 2,022.

Aries said NFV coach Elise Vandersee informed him that she had several players not competing because of sickness, but the TigerHawks made the road trip from over in West Union anyway.

"It is what it is. She could have very easily called and asked to reschedule if she had to, but she decided to come over and bowl anyway," said Aries. "I do appreciate that."

While New Hampton's overall score was lower than the previous meet's

2,895 total against Grundy Center at Crystal Lanes, Aries was still happy his team is improving and moving in the right direction.

"We've done fairly well so far," said Aries. "We're obviously progressing in certain areas, so that's a big thing. As long as we keep progressing and moving forward, that's always going to be a big help."

New Hampton (1-2) broke several school records in that effort on Thursday, Dec. 14 at Grundy Center. That night the Chickasaws were able to mow down the pins for many a strike. Against the 1-4 TigerHawks they're weren't as many strikes but New Hampton made sure to not allow as many open frames as there were against Grundy Center.

"From what I noticed there was a lot less spares missed this time through. That was a big help," said Aries. "We didn't throw as many strikes, but we did cover a lot more spares so that does make a huge difference."

Aries said the Chickasaws' home alley is heavier on the oil on its lanes than at

Crystal Lanes, where the lanes are drier. That can obviously make a difference in how team's approach scoring and the strategy that ensues.

"They did very well today. Honestly, I think they were a little more consistent today," said Aries. "They did run into a few troubles as far as adjusting and stuff like that, but that's all right."

NH's top roller – junior Landon Marr – was at it again on Tuesday. He started out slow with an opening game of 170 and followed that with an impressive 234, which was the high game on the night. That equated to 404 series – which gave him medalist honors.

NH's score was 1,841 before the baker games. The Chickasaws rolled a 919 baker game (five games with rotating players in each game) and saw its top tally of 210 come in the fourth game.

Gabe Macon, another junior for New Hampton that played basketball last season, decided to go out for the sport of bowling this winter and give it go.

It's been a tremendous success for him early on in his career. He finished with a

375 series and rolled 203 in the second game.

Macon talked about his decision to swap the orange round basketball for the one with three holes in it.

"Landon (Marr) talked me into it," smiled Macon.

What's rolling a strike like? Macon gave his take on what the feeling is like by knocking down all 10 pins at once.

"It's like a 3-point shot," said Macon.

Chickasaw junior Jamison Porath finished with a 367 and freshman Charlie Kiener was right behind him with a 365. Kody Kleen, a junior, wound up with a 330 and junior Xander Meyerhoff came up with a 292.

"Last year it was more about learning and this year it's more getting actually better," said Kleen.

What's the key in an individual sport that tallies a team total? The answer is having each other's back according to Kleen.

"If they miss a shot or if they're feeling down, you've got to step up and help them out," said Kleen.

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20/20 FX, DATA SUPPLIES \$1,303.34	
AG VANTAGE FS, BRUSHING CHEMICAL.....\$53.31	
AIRGAS, CYLINDER RENTAL.....\$326.31	
ALTA VISTA, CITY OF, AV SHOP UTILITIES.....\$71.62	
ANDERSON, WILMARSH, VAN DER MAATEN, BELAY & FRETHEIM, TEMP ASSISTANT ATTY - NOV 2023.....\$3,550.44	
ARMEL, RAY MILEAGE REIMBURSMENT FOR ISSA MEETING.....\$179.48	
AT & T, PHONE BILL FOR NOVEMBER.....\$45.02	
ATCO INTERNATIONAL, CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES @ COUNTY BLDGS.....\$175.70	
BLACK HAWK COUNTY TREASURER, 4TH QTR MEI FEES - COUNTRY RESIDENTS...\$540.00	
BLACK HILLS ENERGY, NAT GAS OUTSIDE SHOPS.....\$7,778.93	
BLACKHAWK AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS ANNUAL SPRINKLER INSPECTION.....\$235.00	
BMC AGGREGATES, ROCKS \$2,387.07	
BOEHMER, KATIE, DEC 12 MEETING.....\$25.00	
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, MEDICAL SUPPLIES.....\$1,690.33	
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS, ROCK.....\$2,426.92	
BUTLER CO REC, POWER @ ANCHOR.....\$351.28	
BUTLER COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC, ELECTRIC @ OLD LANDFILL.....\$58.92	
BUTLER-BREMER MUTUAL TELE-	
PHONE CO., TELEPHONE BILL.....\$220.28	
CALHOUN-BURNS, OUTSIDE ENG INSPECTION RATINGS.....\$4,968.20	
CARQUEST OF NEW HAMPTON/ CROELLI REDI MIX INC, PARTS & STOCK PARTS.....\$859.24	
CHICKASAW COUNTY POSTAGE METER, MOTOR VEHICLE POST-AGE.....\$2,179.08	
CINTAS CORPORATION #762, FIRST AID RESTOCK.....\$94.34	
CINTAS CORPORATION, MED CABINET REFILL.....\$134.27	
CIRCLE K COMMUNICATIONS, STOCK PARTS.....\$28.05	
COLLINS, JANE, NOV MILEAGE.....\$282.31	
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EKWALL, JAMIE, MEAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR INMATE TRANSPORT.....\$4.09	
FAREWELL STORES, SUPPLIES.....\$49.07	
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FASTENAL COMPANY, HARDWARE.....\$593.96	
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FLICK, TAMMY, NOVEMBER MILE-AGE.....\$142.33	
GEERTS PLUMBING & HEATING, LABOR + PARTS.....\$864.86	
HAWKINS, SUPPLIES.....\$984.53	
HEALTHCARE FIRST, SURVEYS SENT TO CLIENTS PER CMS GUIDELINES.....\$104.74	
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HENRY ADKINS & SON, ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FOR ELECTION MACHINES.....\$7,541.50	
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IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, JAIL MED SCHOOL [TIEDT].....\$125.00	
JENDRO, RURAL RECYCLE PICKUP.....\$2,887.58	
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, CONSERVATION MONTHLY BILL \$754.95	
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, LAB FEES FOR WELL-WATER TESTING.....\$691.50	
KIME, ANDREA, NOV MILEAGE.....\$111.35	
KIME, JENNY, NOV MILEAGE.....\$449.33	
KNUTSON, ANN, NOV MILEAGE.....\$32.88	
KNUTSON, CATHRYN, INDEED JOB AD REIMBURSEMENT.....\$64.13	
KNUTSON, JOEL O., REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMS STAFF SHIRTS.....\$285.94	
KUEHN, KATHRYN, DEC 12 MEETING.....\$25.00	
NEW HAMPTON CARE CENTER, NOV INMATE MEALS.....\$50.00	
NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, INTERNET + TV + PHONE BILL.....\$1,070.97	
NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE, NOV PAPER STATEMENT.....\$1,453.11	
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NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ACLS CARDS..\$14.00	
NORTHERN IOWA THERAPY PC, OT, PT & ST THERAPY SERVICES\$10,530.00	
NOSBISCH, RANDY, DEC 12 MEETING\$25.00	
PAULUS, JUDY, NOV MILEAGE.....\$283.62	
PETERS, WENDY, NOV MILEAGE.....\$202.40	
PETROBLEND, LUBRICANTS\$1,954.80	
PHILLIPS PLUMBING & HEATING, BOILER SERVICED.....\$645.30	
POWER PLAN, OUTSIDE REPAIR #61.....\$6,059.89	
QUADIENT LEASING, QUARTERLY POSTAGE LEASE\$628.05	
RAINSOFT OF NE IOWA, WATER TREATMENT SRVS CHARGE-CH\$120.00	
RAPID PRINTERS, CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES\$554.20	
RASMUSSEN, THERESA, MLG REIMBURSEMENT FOR DELIVERIES\$13.10	
RILEY'S, SHERIFF/AUD/PH TONER\$2,262.31	
SADLER POWER TRAIN, STOCK PARTS\$588.62	
SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL, AG LAND BIENNIAL CONFIGURATION\$2,760.00	
SCHUETHE ACE HARDWARE, CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES\$498.35	
SCOTT PHARMACY, INMATE MEDS\$62.03	
SECTOR, INSTALLATION SERVICES\$1,894.50	
SHEKLETON, JULIA, NOV MILEAGE\$163.10	

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12/28/23 NH 12/28/23 NR**Legal Notice • Legal Notice****New Hampton Schools Board Proceedings**

The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in regular session, Monday, December 18, 2023, in the High School FCS Room. President Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Directors Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, Denner, Superintendent Jurrens, and Board Secretary Roethler present.

Director Ayers moved to approve the agenda. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurrens presented information on the termination of Sue Mahoney's paraprofessional contract. Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the termination of the contract. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurrens presented information on the purchasing of a new dryer for the high school. Director Denner moved to approve the purchase of a dryer from RJ Kool in the amount of \$6,415.00 with SAVE Funds. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director Denner moved to approve the First Reading of Board Policy 705.1R(2) PURCHASING-BIDDING-USING FEDERAL FUNDS IN PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS

In addition to the District's standard procurement and purchasing procedures, the following procedures for vendors/contractors paid with federal funds are required. When federal, state, and local requirements conflict, the most stringent requirement will be followed.

2 CFR Part 200, Subpart D Subsection \$200.318 (c)(1)

No District employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award and administration of contracts supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. District officers, employees, and agents may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. However, for situations where the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value, district employees must abide by all relevant board policies. Violation of this requirement may result in disciplinary action for the District employee, officer, or agent.

2 CFR Part 200, Subpart D Subsection \$200.320 (e)(1-4)

Procurement for contracts paid with federal funds may be conducted by non-competitive (single source) proposals when one or more of the following circumstances apply: (1) the item is only available from a single source; (2) public exigency or emergency will not permit the delay resulting from competitive bids; (3) the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from the non-Federal entity; or (4) after solicitation of a number of sources, competition is inadequate.

2 CFR Part 200, Subpart D Subsection \$200.321

The District will take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. Affirmative steps must include: (1) placing such businesses on solicitation lists; (2) soliciting such businesses whenever they are potential sources; (3) when economically feasible, dividing contracts into smaller tasks or quantities to allow participation from such businesses; (4) establishing delivery schedules that encourage participation by such businesses; (5) when appropriate, utilizing the Small Business Adminis-

tration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and (6) requiring the primary contractor to follow steps (1) through (5) when subcontractors are used.

The district will include the following provisions in all procurement contracts or purchase orders: include the following provisions when applicable:

2 CFR Part 200 Appendix II

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulation Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for termination.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "f

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES December 18, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cervinske, and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Chickasaw County Cemetery Commission Dale Liddle, Judy Liddle & Diane Murphy, Doreen Cook, Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley, Terry Johnson, Stanton Electric Chuck Stanton, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Darren Steinlage Construction Darren Steinlage, Assessor Raymond Armel, EMA Director Jeff Bernatz, Custodian Dave Gorman, Engineer Roman Lensing.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for December 18, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the meeting minutes from December 11, 2023 with changes. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public comment: Doreen Cook asking about new hires and response time. Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley asking about 28E Agreement with the cities and the EMS bills.

Discussed the EMS Building project bids.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the part-time hire

Samantha Streeter as a Paramedic for EMS at the wage of \$22.99 starting December 18, 2023. Roll call: Ayes; Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski, Kuhn, Nay; Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the part-time hire Cally Mueller as an EMT for EMS at the wage of \$15.66 starting December 18, 2023. Roll call: Ayes; Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski, Kuhn, Nay; Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve EMS Supply Fee Schedule effective January 1, 2024. Roll call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Discussed Chickasaw County Cemetery Commission FY24-25 Budget Request.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Family Farm Tax Credit Applications: 45 New Family Farm Tax Credit Applications and 46 Family Farm Tax Credit Removals Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Homestead Tax Credit Applications: 169 New Homestead Tax Credit Applications, 194 Homestead Tax Credit Removals, 1,049 Homestead Exemption Applications, and 6 Homestead Exemption Application Denials Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the removal of 22 Homestead Tax Credit that no longer qualify due to ruling by the Department of Revenue, and to authorize chair's signature Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to proceed with repair of the twenty-two window sills for the Community Service Building not to exceed \$5,000.00. Roll call: Ayes; Breitbach, Cerwinski, Suckow, Kuhn. Abstained: Hackman. Motion carried.

Discussed storing extra toys for one year for Toys for Tots at the Heritage Center.

Discussed updates on city water hookups.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to adopt RESOLUTION #12-18-23-85 CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure;

and WHEREAS, only counties that have

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve Military Exemption Applications, 26 New Military Exemption Applications, 42 Military Exemption Removals, and 1 Military Exemption Application Denials. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge the purchase of a trailer per the Purchase Policy for \$12,745.00 from New Hampton Auto Body and Trailer Sales. Roll call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Secondary Roads Engineer Roman Lensing gave department updates.

Discuss updating the Chickasaw County Hazard Mitigation Plan with EMA Director Jeff Bernatz and tabled until next week to do some research.

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adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application; and WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2024 and January 31, 2025 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on on results other than the final score on the master matrix; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CHICKASAW COUNTY THAT the Board of Supervisors

hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3). ADOPTED on this 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairman, Aye; Breitbach, Cerwinski, Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by

Suckow to approve employee vacation carryover, Andrea Kime, 19.5 hours to be used by January 31, 2024. Roll call: Ayes; Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski, Hackman, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Budget work session.

Supervisor Hackman left at 11:20 AM

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve prior bills \$5,191.13. Roll call: Ayes; Cerwinski, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve payroll checks dated December 15, 2023. Roll call: Ayes; Cerwinski, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments

Supervisor Suckow, Northeast Iowa RC&D, Turkey River Watershed, Decker 14.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 11:40 A.M. Roll call: Ayes; Cerwinski, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

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New Hampton sophomore guard Caden Rochford drives to the basket during the third quarter of Friday's game against Charles City.

Charles City boys coach says New Hampton plays 'really hard'

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and Charles City coach Ben Klapperich seconded Rausch's opinion.

"I don't think we played very well, but give some of that credit to New Hampton," Klapperich said. "They play hard, really hard, and they caused us a lot of trouble."

New Hampton was led by Laures, who finished with 13 points and six rebounds. Rochford's 11 points came on a night in which he was 3-for-6 shooting behind the arc, but New Hampton hit just 17 of 48 shots from the field.

The loss to Charles City came a night after New Hampton rallied from an early 22-12 deficit against an 8-0 Kee team to make a game of it.

The Chickasaws cut the Hawks' advantage to 30-27 at halftime, but the second half followed a pattern — Kee would

extend the lead to double digits, New Hampton would cut the deficit and Kee would again build onto its lead.

Senior Ben Gilbert had his best night of the season, hitting 5-of-8 3-point shots to finish with 15 points while Laures finished with 10 points and Nick Brincks added nine points and six rebounds.

"We dug the hole and we just couldn't quite climb out of it," Rausch said Friday, "but these last two nights were a vast improvement from the [66-53] loss to Sumner-Fred [last Tuesday]. We just have to keep at it, good things are going to happen. ... Someone's going to think they're getting a night off drawing us in the tournament, but I don't care what anyone says, we're going to surprise some people after the break."

New Hampton is set to open the 2024 portion of its schedule with a game at Crestwood on

Friday, Jan. 5, but Rausch said there is a possibility that New Hampton will pick up an extra game and play a Clarksville team that is 1-7 a week from tonight (Thursday).

"They're short games and we're working on it," he said, "but right now, we're going to take a break, come back on Wednesday and work hard. We're closer than people think."

**KEE 57,
NEW HAMPTON 50**

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Kee 22 8 15 12 - 57

Ben Gilbert 5-11 0-0 15, Adam Ewert 2-8 2-6 8, Nick Brincks 4-5 1-1 9, Cael Laures 5-15 0-0 10, Reid Rausch 2-7 1-2 6, Jake Schwickerath 1-1 0-0 2, Carter Newbrough 0-0 0-0, Caden Rochford 0-7 0-0 0, Ryan Willadsen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-54 4-9 50.

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New Hampton's Cora Schwickerath (above) heads to the basket on a fast break while teammate Megan Pickar (below) goes up for a layup after making a steal during Friday night's game against Charles City.

Improving Chickasaws pick up W

A night after falling in high-scoring affair, New Hampton girls grind out NEIC victory

BY BOB FENSKE

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Ask New Hampton girls basketball coach David Leichtman or any of his athletes and they'll tell you that the Chickasaws have come "miles" since Nov. 20.

That was the day, of course, the Chickasaws opened the 2023-24 season, and a 57-33 loss to Riceville was the first of four straight defeats New Hampton endured.

But thanks to a hard-fought 59-39 win over Charles City on Friday night, New Hampton not only got its first Northeast Iowa Conference victory but the Chickasaws headed into the break playing .500 basketball over its final six games of 2023.

"I think we've really stuck together," junior Cora Schwickerath said after scoring an efficient 14 points against the Comets. "Hardly any of us have played together before this year so I think part of it is we're getting used to each other. We're getting better and better every game, but this was a big

win for us. We really wanted to go into Christmas with a win."

A night after dropping a heartbreaking, high-scoring affair to Kee High, 79-75, New Hampton had to grind out a win over a Charles City team that came into the game on an eight-game losing skid.

The Comets, behind the outside shooting of Maggie Boss, took a 20-18 lead after a quarter of play, and New Hampton led just 33-32 at halftime.

But after falling behind 35-32 early in the third quarter, New Hampton found its rhythm. Molly Wegner hit two free throws, and Ava Leichtman did the same to give the Chickasaws a lead it would never relinquish. A Jordan Thronson jumper pushed the advantage to 39-35, but Boss, who finished with a game-high 27 points, nailed a 3 and it looked like a barnburner was in the works.

Instead, New Hampton ended the quarter on a 7-0 run that included a pretty dish from Megan Pickar to Jackie

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New Hampton junior Ryan Willadsen grabs a rebound during the first half of the Chickasaws game with Charles City Friday.

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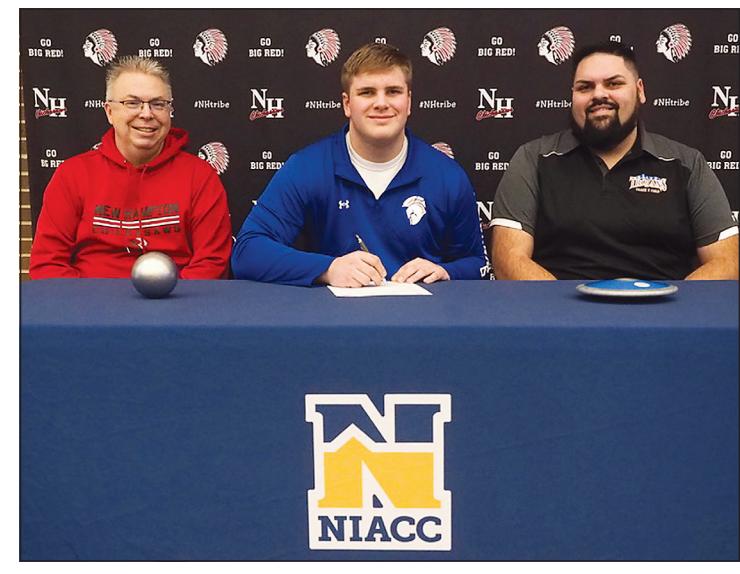
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New Hampton High School senior Marshall Zeien poses for a photo with his high school track coach, Scott Jenkins (left) and his future coach, North Iowa Area Community College's Coltin Hahle.

Drake experience leads Zeien to sign with NIACC

Trojans happy to have 'great kid' with 'untapped potential'

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

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Friends, family and coaches showed up to support New Hampton High School senior Marshall Zeien on Thursday afternoon.

It was a big moment for the Chickasaw – as the New Hampton Hall of Fame discus thrower signed on to compete in field events for the NIACC (North Iowa Area Community College) Trojan track team coached by Coltin Hahle.

Asked whether or not he ever thought a day like Thursday would happen – where he signed on the dotted line to compete collegiately in a sport that he has excelled at on the prep level – and Zeien had a quick answer.

"No, not at all," said Zeien. "Last year at Drake really opened my eyes. I got to watch athletes compete down there and it was just awesome."

In order to get down to the prestigious Drake Relays in Des Moines – one has to be one of the best throwers in all four classes in high school.

What did it take for Zeien to achieve that lofty distinction?

Well, it was a throw of a lifetime. Zeien is hoping he has many more just like it or even exceeding that rarified distance that few Chickasaws have been able to muster up.

"Leading up to that throw I just knew it was going to be a great day," said Zeien. "It just all led together. Having my teammates around always help me throw better."

Zeien tossed a 162-2 at his home invite last April. That toss vaulted him down to Drake, where he placed 23rd (133-4).

"That's the best part of this sport, all it takes is one and you're in the show," said Hahle. "I get goosebumps just thinking about it."

That heave put Zeien in New Hampton's top-10 list, where state title winner and Drake Relays discus champ – 2019 NH grad Noah Fenske – sits atop the all-time leaderboard in the discus (184-1).

"You talk about a light bulb – everybody needs one of those things to get it going in their head to know that they really

can do it," said New Hampton track coach Scott Jenkins. "He did it. He knew he could do it and then he kept doing it. That was the biggest thing."

Fenske helped Zeien hone his skills in the sport. He gave credit to Fenske – also an all-state football player that currently attends Southern Illinois University.

"He came back year after year helping us," said Zeien. "Cael Leistikow, he really pushed me when I was a freshman."

Leistikow also competed in the discus at state and is a 2021 NH grad.

What does Hahle like about Zeien?

"He's a great kid. He has a lot of untapped potential," said Hahle. "He's already one of the best discus throwers in the state. I think his senior year he's going to do something special."

Hahle said Zeien will throw the shot and discus as well as the weight throw (indoors) and the hammer throw (outdoors).

Zeien discussed his future plans after getting a degree from NIACC in Mason City.

"So to make the decision I looked at what I wanted to do after college. I want to go into ag sales and services and NIACC had that opportunity. Then I got to meet coach Hahle and went from there," said Zeien.

Success – especially in the upper-echelon category in high school – may look easy to some, but it's not.

"He won't toot his own horn, but he did his own work," said Jenkins. "A lot of people have helped, but the time that he put in – from this time last year up through January – the clinics that we went to. He's the one leading that charge. He's the one putting in that time. He's the one making himself better by doing all of that."

Zeien's senior season could well be another hall of fame effort. That's what driving the Chickasaw standout.

"He wanted to get better. That's gotta start right there. As long as the person's wanting to do better, that's the huge first step," said Jenkins. "Once you make Drake, you're on everybody's list and everybody's radar. I knew he belonged there."

Town Hall Meetings!

Meet in person with State Representative Charley Thomson to discuss the upcoming session of the Iowa General Assembly.

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