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Trio to supervisors: Slow down

Nashua residents want board to consider options for center, holding facility

By BOB FENSKE
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Three Nashua area residents strongly urged the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors to hit the brakes on a proposed \$13.2 million law-enforcement center and “holding” jail facility during the board’s meeting on Monday.

Arnie Boge, Tim Zoll and Doug

SUPERVISORS VOTE 4-1 TO APPROVE BUDGET, LEVY.

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Strike told board members that before they move forward with setting up a Joint Authority Board with the city of New Hampton and putting a referendum to the voters, they should first

look at all of their options, including remodeling the current jail and turning it into a 24-hour holding center. “To jump off the cliff with a special election and a bond issue is not the answer,” said Boge, who served on the Board of Supervisors for 24 years. “Slow it up, so we all know where we’re going, so we can all support it.” Zoll replaced Boge on the board in 2011 and served 12 years while Strike

was a longtime sheriff’s deputy who ended his long law enforcement career as the marshal for the U.S. Northern District of Iowa. All three emphasized that they supported law enforcement, but they questioned the need to replace a jail that not only they claimed was not an imminent danger of being closed by the

State Jail Inspector’s Office but also received an award from the Department of Corrections for being the “Best of the Best” in the

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Remembering well-lived life with an elevator

Family hands over check for \$221,156 to county to honor memory of Deb Weidler

By BOB FENSKE
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This is not a story about a donation, even though the one that Lorraine and Kathy Weidler made Monday morning was, in a word, substantial.

No, this is the tale of a woman who faced many challenges in life, yet through it all, she passionately believed her job was to “give back” to those who needed her. And that is what she did ... in both life and in death.

So as Lorraine and Kathy stood with members of the Chickasaw Board of Supervisors and New Hampton city leaders near the elevator in the Chickasaw County Courthouse Monday morning, they remembered their Debbie — Lorraine’s daughter and Kathy’s sister.

You see, Deborah Lynne Weidler lived a remarkable life — one filled with perseverance, tenacity, passion and, yes, a great deal of humor — and on what would have been her 62nd birthday, her mother and her sister presented a check to the county for \$221,156 to pay for the new elevator that was recently installed in the grand old building.

“Elevators and ambulances were very important to her,” Lorraine said the day before as she told her daughter’s story, “and we felt that if we could donate the money for the elevator, hopefully that would free up some money for that third ambulance and help that emergency service. I know she’ll be smiling down on us tomorrow. I know that for a fact.”

Debbie had a tough life. She was stricken with kidney disease at a young age — spending many years on dialysis and, in turn, managing the complications that are compounded with such a disease. Many would say the hand life dealt her

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The race is on as kids, their parents and a few grandparents (above) take to the court during the annual New Hampton Women of Today’s Easter Egg Hunt Saturday morning, and little Arlo Brown (below) is all smiles as he poses for a photo with the Easter Bunny.

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FAST BUT SO MEMORABLE



IT’S A FAST, FURIOUS 10 MINUTES AT ANNUAL WOMEN OF TODAY EASTER EGG HUNT

By BOB FENSKE
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Forget a track meet, the annual Easter Egg Hunt put on by the New Hampton Women of Today may be the fastest event in all of New Hampton.

Kids and their parents gather at the various starting lines — depending on the little ones’ ages. They catch up with old friends and make a few new ones, too.

And then the horn sounds and all heck breaks loose. In a matter of 10 minutes, there isn’t an egg to be found anywhere in Mikkelson Park.

Hours of work filling eggs and then “hiding” them are over in a flash, and Saturday’s hunt was certainly no exception.

To be honest, it was even faster than normal. On the tennis court,

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Supervisor wants the board to have a new chairman

By BOB FENSKE
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A member of the Board of Supervisors on Monday said he’d like to take back his vote for current Board Chairman Matt Kuhn that he made in January.

Travis Suckow’s comments came six days after Kuhn and Supervisor Jake Hackman argued back and forth over comments Kuhn alleged Hackman had made during a recess at an April 3 meeting.

“Tuesday afternoon through Saturday, I took more calls than anything that has been going on in the county about the actions of the Board of Supervisors,”

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

A really good Good Friday tradition

The annual Pony Express ride makes its way down New Hampton’s Main Street Friday morning as members of the Chickasaw Trail Riders made their trek from near Lime Springs to Des Moines for the annual ride that raises money for Camp Sunnyside.

TRIBE Trail nails down a key grant

Committee receives CAT award, hopes to bid Phase III of trail sometime this fall

By BOB FENSKE
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It may not have put the TRIBE Trail over the top, but Megan Baltes was certainly beaming Thursday when she found out that the trail had received a \$100,000 Community, Attraction and Tourism (CAT) grant from Enhance Iowa.

“We will take it absolutely,” said Baltes, a member of the committee that has spent seven years on the trail that, once completed, will connect Mikkelson Park and an existing trail in the west-side Industrial Park. “We are very appreciative

of this grant, no question about it. We’re closing in on being able to finish it.”

Baltes said she estimates the TRIBE Trail Committee is now only about \$70,000 to \$80,000 from having the \$741,989 it needs to build the third and final phase of the project.

“Our cost estimate has gone up, like everything else,” she said, “but we do have a few other grants out there, a few other avenues we’re going down, and we fill confident we’re going to get there and be able to bid the project this fall

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Another public EMS?
Floyd County Ambulance Commission considers starting a new publicly-owned EMS service
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Competitors
New Hampton boys track coach likes effort even better than the results
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Hitting the links
New Hampton golf teams open 2023 season with victories
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Mila Hugeback, who became a big sister last week, gives the Easter Bunny a high-five Saturday after the Easter Egg Hunt at Mikkelson Park.

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Easter Bunny draws mixed reaction from children

EASTER EGG HUNT: FROM 1

home to the youngest age division, were scores of eggs when the horn sounded at 10 a.m. sharp. By 10:08, the tennis court was literally swept clean.

In that fast and furious eight minutes, though, kids had a blast. They ran to and fro, they got a little help from their parents and they played the starring role in countless photos and videos.

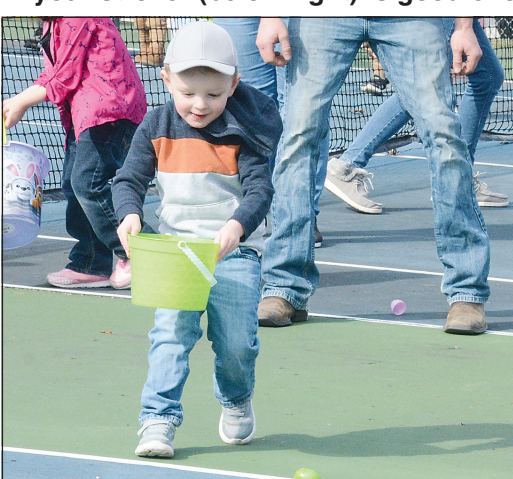
And when it was over, some were anxious to see the Easter Bunny. Some only said hi to the bunny after a lot of coaxing. And others? It would have taken all the candy in New Hampton to get them to give the terrifying creature even a moment of their time.

Some kids checked out the New Hampton Fire Department truck and the Chickasaw County EMS Ambulance, and when they were done being a firefighter or a paramedic for a moment, they headed home, with one last treat delivered by the members of the New Hampton Lions Club.

By 11 a.m., the park was virtually empty, but the memories made ... well, they will last a lifetime.



Sometimes, you need a little “help” (above) finding an egg, but if you’re Dawson Lechtenberg (below left), you don’t. And sometimes the cereal mom and dad put in your stroller (below right) is good enough, especially if you’re Jaxton Bouska.



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Floyd County looks at publicly-owned ambulance service

After AMR more than doubles request for subsidy, commission explores its options

By Bob Steenson
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Charles City and Floyd County are again looking at the possibility of starting a public ambulance company as a way to keep the cost to provide ambulance service under control, although those involved say they realize it's not something that can be done quickly.

The possibility has come up again because the cost to subsidize AMR ambulance to provide countywide service will more than double starting July 1, going from the current \$200,000 per year in the third year of a three-year contract that ends June 30, to \$415,000 in the next year beginning July 1. It would continue to increase each year after that.

The Floyd County Ambulance Commission, which is charged with making recommendations to the Charles City Council and Floyd County Board of Supervisors regarding providing for ambulance service in the county, discussed the possibility of creating a new public ambulance service at its meeting this week.

Dawn Staudt, the station manager and supervisor of AMR ambulance service in Charles City, is an ex officio (non-voting) member, and Steve Diers, the Charles City city administrator, works with the commission in an advisory capacity.

At the commission meeting, Diers said it wouldn't be possible to start a new service by the time the current contract ends June 30, so the only option for the immediate future is to continue to subsidize AMR.

"I guess no service is an option," he said.

Starting their own ambulance service "looks like maybe we could find some stability in an unstable world, but we need to figure out something in the short term," Diers said.

Floyd County Supervisor Jim Jorgensen, the chair of the com-

mission, said the group needs to consider which direction they want to go.

"I think everyone agrees we need ambulance service," he said.

Charles City Council member Keith Starr said he hadn't been in favor of starting their own service last year when the topic came up as part of the EMS Essential Services tax levy referendum process, based on the AMR subsidy level at that time and what was expected to be a \$226,000 subsidy cost in the first year of a new contract.

But when the number from AMR came in at \$415,000, Starr said, "it looks more likely."

The group discussed a new contract with AMR, and Starr said it needs to go at least as long as it would take to start their own service, meaning probably at least two more years, and maybe three years with the option of buying out the third year of the contract if a new public service is ready to take over.

The subsidy cost under the current AMR contract has been split equally between Charles City and Floyd County, although with the recent communication from AMR regarding the new subsidy rate the Floyd County Ambulance Commission has requested that the Floyd County Medical Center consider also helping pay the subsidy.

Members of the Ambulance Commission and Diers made a presentation to the Floyd County Medical Center Board of Trustees at that board's meeting last week, and although the trustees had a lot of questions and concerns, they seemed inclined to be willing to contribute \$100,000 for the next year.

The Ambulance Commission agreed to form a committee consisting of Starr, Jorgensen and Parcher to gather information including expense and revenue numbers from public ambulance companies that are currently operating.

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A day to celebrate New Hampton Municipal Utilities

New Hampton city leaders, New Horizons-Chamber officials and Iowa BIG North students pose with New Hampton Municipal Utilities board members and employees Wednesday afternoon before Mayor Bobby Schwickerath cuts the ribbon to start an open house for the telecommunications service that is based in the old Dollar General store in downtown New Hampton.

NHMU began delivering state-of-the-art fiber internet, cable television and phone service to the city in 2020, but because of the COVID-19 pandemic and a hectic schedule of getting residents signed up and hooked up to the service, an open house wasn't held until Wednesday, when the utility served burgers and brats and gave away a number of prizes to its customers.

Pictured are (from left) Liz Zweibohmer, Eric Robinson, Tammy Robinson, Vance Cook, Carter Cahoy, Peyton Anderson, Becky Babcock, Schwickerath, NHMU General Manager Brian Quirk, Jeremiah Cantu, Janine Babcock, Jannette Hendricks and Grant Anderson.



Painting by Barb Thompson

Artist reception set for Sunday at Plum Creek

Plum Creek Art Center's Connie Mohr Gallery has a new special exhibit of the paintings of Barb Thompson, who will be honored during a reception this coming Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Thompson is an Iowa artist who paints in acrylics, oil and in watercolor. Her exhibit opened March 28 and will remain on display at the gallery in Fredericksburg through June 22.

Plum Creek Art is a non-profit, all volunteer group which promotes local and area artists and art education for children and adults. Admission is always free at the gallery, which is open Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

There's reason behind donation, and her name is Debbie

DONATION: FROM 1

was unfair; however, Debbie would not have agreed. She packed a lot of life into her 61-plus years here on Earth.

Maybe those who use the elevator at the courthouse won't give a second thought that it was paid for through a memorial donation. They probably won't know the story of Debbie Weidler.

But they should.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

was one of those rare perfect spring days in and around New Hampton, and Lorraine Weidler smiled as she sat in the office of Clifton Nielsen.

"Debbie would have loved today," she said, "but then again, Debbie loved every day. They were all gifts to her."

Born on April 11, 1961, in New Hampton, Debbie grew up on the family farm near Boyd, developing her love for horses and fishing at a young age.

After graduating with New Hampton High School's Class of 1979, she headed to Cedar Falls to study business management at the University of Northern Iowa, graduating in 1983. She took a job with Kmart Corporation, leading store operations in the St. Louis area.

Health problems, though, curtailed her corporate career. Diagnosed with kidney failure,

she spent 2 1/2 years traveling between New Hampton and Rochester, Minnesota, three times a week for dialysis.

In 1987, she received the ultimate gift from her mother, who donated a kidney to her daughter.

"I never thought twice about it," Lorraine said. "When we got through all the tests and they told me I was a match, I was like, 'OK, let's do this.' She's my daughter; of course, I would do this."

Having a second chance at life, though, didn't mean she headed back into the business world.

"She told me that she had this second chance at life," Lorraine said, "and that she felt like she had to give back, she had to help people."

DEBBIE RETURNED to UNI, where she pursued a second degree in social work, and when she graduated, she took a job at Alternative Treatment Association in Postville as a family therapist.

"It was so Debbie," said her cousin, Gina Miller. "She had been given a renewed life, and that meant she was going to help people. The thing about Debbie was she was tenacious. She fought for other people, especially an underdog. And she wasn't shy about it."

She had the opportunity to



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Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors members and New Hampton city and business leaders pose for a photo Tuesday morning with Lorraine and Kathy Weidler, who donated more than \$221,000 to the county for the courthouse's new elevator in memory of Debbie Weidler.

help Lutheran Social Services pioneer a new "territory" in West Union, and with social work and therapy always being her first loves, she returned to Alternative Treatment Association before her health finally forced her into retirement.

AMBULANCE RIDES became an all-too-often occurrence for Debbie Weidler, but she never lost her sense of humor.

Lorraine laughed as she recalled the story of the ambulance passing her car on the way to Rochester. Inside the rig was Debbie with just one request

— turning on the siren as they passed her mother's car.

That was Debbie," Lorraine said. "Humor got us through a lot of tough times. We always said we'd write a book with some of the stories."

And her daughter always had a great appreciation for those who helped her. From the ambulance personnel to the Public Health professionals to the doctors and nurses to the pastors to the folks at hospice, Debbie was grateful for all of them.

She had a deep faith, one that reminded her daily that God has placed a lot of angels

in her life.

DEBBIE KNEW the importance of elevators; she had one — more of a lift, really, but an elevator nonetheless — so she could get in and out of her home on South Broadway Avenue in New Hampton.

As her health failed this last fall, she opted to discontinue treatments and told her mother she was ready to go. She had but one request: Make sure my estate helps those who need it.

Deborah Lynne Weidler passed away Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022, at her home surrounded by those who loved her the most.

"I miss her every day," her mom said Monday afternoon, "but I also know she's with her dad in a far better place. We promised her we'd honor that

wish to help people so we went to work."

She reached out to Nielsen, and they considered a number of options. And then the county decided to replace the old courthouse elevator.

"It was perfect," Lorraine said. "Elevators and ambulances ... it just came together."

So on Debbie's birthday, Lorraine, Kathy, family and friends gathered just outside the boardroom on the second floor of the Chickasaw County Courthouse.

And they gave "their Debbie" the best birthday present. Remember, this isn't a donation story; it's the tale of a passionate woman who cleared many hurdles in life so that she could help others.

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- Edna Shinstine

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Did Jesus rise from dead?

He most certainly did and his resurrection means victory over death

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Those are significant questions. But there is an even more important question than these: “Did Jesus rise from the dead?”

The resurrection of Jesus is recorded in several books of the New Testament in the Bible. If the disciples of Jesus made up His resurrection (as some believe), they are strange story-tellers.

Most people who put themselves in a story portray themselves in positive terms. The followers of Jesus put their

ignorance on full display.

Even though Jesus predicted His death on the cross and His resurrection on the third day, they could not comprehend His words (Luke 18:31-34). And when witnesses came to them on that third day, reporting that the tomb was empty and Jesus had risen, they would not believe it until they had seen Him with their own eyes.

Then they did see Him. The apostle Paul writes that Jesus appeared to His disciples on multiple occasions after His resurrection and at one time appeared to more than

five hundred of His followers (1 Corinthians 15:4-6). It seemed impossible, but there He was in the flesh.

The question about Jesus’ resurrection is so important, because if a man came back from the dead, then perhaps others can too. The big questions at the start of this article are questions that have to do only with this life. Jesus’ resurrection is about life beyond death, life where death has no more power.

That is what Jesus’ resurrection means for you. His resurrection means the victory over death is won, a victory He wants to share with all people. He said it Himself:



Pastor Peter Faugstad serves Redeemer Lutheran Church in New Hampton and the Jerico and Saude congregations northeast of town (<https://saudejerico.com/>).

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(John 11:25, ESV).

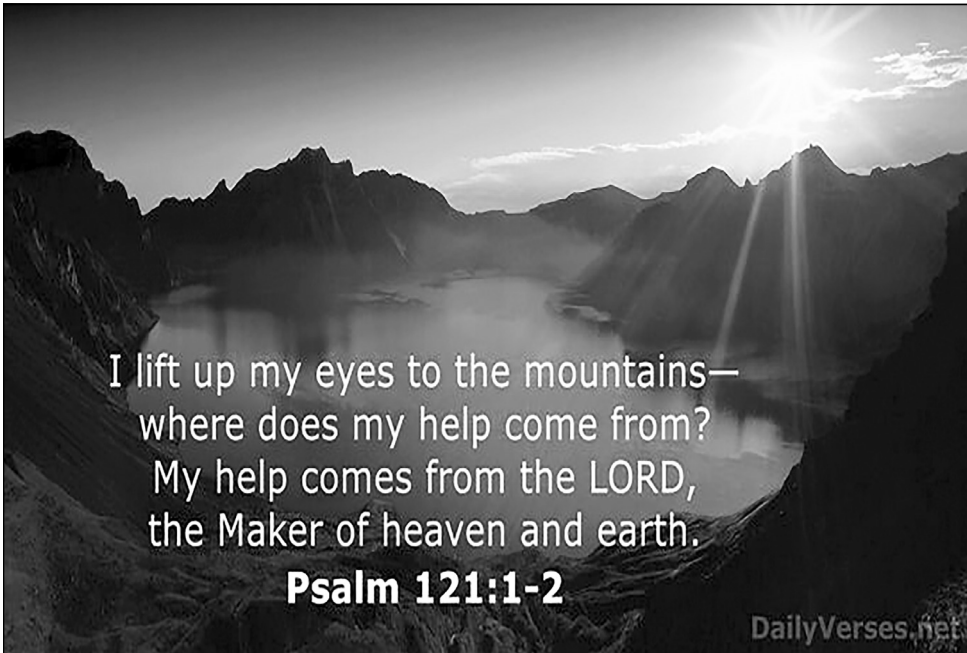
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3. The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. – Deuteronomy 28:12
4. May God give you of heaven’s dew and of earth’s richness – an abundance of grain and new wine. – Genesis 27:28

WHEN YOU WORRY ABOUT THE FUTURE

5. The threshing places will be full of grain; the pits beside the presses will overflow with wine and olive oil. I will give you back what you lost in the years when swarms of locusts ate your crops. – Joel 2:24-25
6. I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for. – Jeremiah 29:11
7. Jesus said to them, “The times and occasions are set by my Father’s own authority, and it is not for you to know when they will be.” – Acts 1:7
8. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out. – John 1:5
9. Fill your minds with those things that are good and deserve praise; things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable. Put into practice what you learned and received from me, both from my words and from my actions. And the God who gives us peace will be with you. – Philippians 4:8-9
10. I look to the mountains; where will my help come from? My help will come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. – Psalm 121:1-2
- BIBLICAL ADVICE FOR FARMERS**
11. Be sure you know the conditions of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations. – Proverbs 27:34-35
12. Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud,



- they never harvest. – Ecclesiastes 11:4
13. But ask the animals what they think – let them teach you; let the birds tell you what’s going on. Put your ear to the earth – learn the basics. Listen – the fish in the ocean will tell you their stories. Isn’t it clear that they all know and agree that God is sovereign, that he holds all things in his hand? – Job 12:7-12
14. Those too lazy to plow in the right season will have no food at the harvest. – Proverbs 20:4
15. Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty. – Proverbs 21:5
16. Plant your seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon, for you don’t know if profit will come from one activity or another—or maybe both. – Ecclesiastes 11:6

WHEN YOU NEED REASSURANCE

17. The farmer knows just what to do, for God has given him understanding. ... The Lord of Heaven’s Armies is a wonderful teacher and he gives the farmer great wisdom. – Isaiah 28:26, 29
18. He will also send you rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food that comes from the land will be rich and plentiful. In that day your cattle will graze in broad meadows. – Isaiah 30:23
19. I do not need bulls from your farms or goats from your flocks; all the animals in the forest are mine, and the cattle on thousands of hills. All the wild birds are mine and all living things in the fields. –

- Psalm 50:9-11
20. As long as the earth endures, seed-time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. – Genesis 8:22
21. And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil. And he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be full. – Deuteronomy 11:13-15
22. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. – 1 Corinthians 3:8
23. He calmed the raging storm, and the waves became quiet. – Psalm 107:29

WHEN YOU WANT TO GIVE THANKS

24. When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. – Deuteronomy 8:10
25. Then we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will thank you forever and ever, praising your greatness from generation to generation. – Psalm 79:13
26. Give thanks to God – He is good and His love never quits. – 1 Chronicles 16:34

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By definition, business owners put a lot of their financial resources into their enterprises. But as an owner, you may need to invest in more than inventories and payroll to help achieve the future you’ve envisioned.

Here are a few investments you may want to consider:

• *Retirement account* – Depending on the nature of your business and how many employees you have, you can choose from a variety of tax-advantaged retirement plans, such as an owner-only 401(k), an SEP-IRA and a SIMPLE IRA. By contributing regularly to one of these accounts, you can avoid being entirely dependent on the sale of your business to pay for your retirement years.

To fund your 401(k) or other retirement plan, you’ll have many investment options – stocks, bonds, mutual funds and so on. And if you “max out” on your retirement plan, you may even be able to build a separate investment portfolio. In any case, keep in mind that you’re already putting a lot of money into your business, so, to achieve a level of diversification, you may want to concentrate your investment choices in areas outside your industry. However, while diversification can help reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio, it can’t guarantee profits or protect against losses in a declining market.

• *Property* – Your physical space is a key part of your business’ success. So, you may want to invest some time in comparing the pros and cons of renting versus owning. Of course, owning your building may require a big financial commitment, and it may not be feasible, but it could free you from worrying about untimely rent increases.

• *Disaster protection* – If a fire or a weather-related disaster should strike your business, would you be prepared? It’s important for you to create a disaster recovery plan, which can include business interrup-



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tion insurance to pay for your operating costs if you’re forced to shut down for a while.

• *Emergency savings* – While a disaster protection plan with appropriate insurance can help keep your business afloat, it’s unlikely to cover other types of emergency needs, such as a major medical bill or an expensive repair to your home. For these unexpected costs, you may want to build an emergency fund covering at least a few months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. Without such an emergency fund, you may be forced to dip into your 401(k), IRA or other long-term investment vehicle.

You’ll also want to invest the time and energy into creating a business succession plan. Will you keep the business in your family? Sell it to outsiders or a key employee? If you do sell, will you do it all at once or over time? Clearly, the answers to these types of questions will make a big difference in your ultimate financial security.

Finally, invest in help – Enlist the services of a financial advisor and business-planning professional, so you’ll be able to make the decisions that work best for your business and you.

Your business may well be a lifelong endeavor — so make sure you’re investing whatever it takes to earn a lifetime of benefits.

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Photo courtesy of Tammy Vrzak

Stellar season for the Trojanbots!

Turkey Valley Robotics Team, the Trojanbots, competed in its second year at the Iowa Regional Event in Cedar Falls at the McLeod Center on March 22-25.

The program’s coaches said their students did a fantastic job at manufacturing and programming their robot this year to get it ready for competition.

During the build season, students broke up into different committees working on marketing, design, mechanics, electrical wiring, and programming. The different committees collaborated together to build a successful robot that could complete all tasks within the competition that included autonomous, grabbing inflated cubes and cones, placing these game pieces on shelves and pegs, and balancing on the Charge Station (teeter-totter).

“We showed great growth and improvement from last year,” co-coach Tammy Vrzak said, “and we are looking forward to preparing for next year’s competition!”

Third and final phase of TRIBE Trail could be built next spring

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and have it constructed next spring or summer.”

The TRIBE Trail Committee was created in 2016 and began fundraising for the project almost immediately.

The first phase of the trail — from Mikkelson Park to Garnant Park — was

built in the fall of 2017.

The second phase that took the trail from Garnant Park to Linn Avenue was completed in 2020.

The third phase of the trail will end at the Industrial Park trail that begins near the Chickasaw Wellness Center.

“When you think about it, a year ago, we really didn’t have any of this money

raised,” Baltes said, “so we feel very good with where we’re at now.”

The third phase fundraising was kicked started by the New Hampton City Council’s decision to use \$200,000 of the city’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the trail, which was one of the conditions for a \$100,000 anonymous donation the committee received.

Author to share her story in return to New Hampton April 28

The New Hampton Public Library will “welcome home” an author who has written a book about surviving a loved one’s suicide, how to tell if a teen is mentally and socially healthy and how to become a mental health advocate.

New Hampton native Cindy Tank-Murphy will share the story of what led her to write “The Strength to Live: Finding Healing and Hope After a Loss from Suicide” during a special National Public Library Week program that will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 28.

Photo courtesy of Carrie Becker



Northeast Iowa Mobile Food Bank to make monthly distribution next week

The Northeast Iowa Mobile Food Bank will make its monthly stop in Chickasaw County next week.

Food will be distributed from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton, and the all “food-insecure” individuals and families are welcome.

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More information can be found on our Facebook page and our website www.fmclandfill.org.

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Wednesday	37	21	--
Thursday	47	21	--
Friday	61	29	--
Saturday	67	38	--
Sunday	69	43	--
Monday	74	43	--
Tuesday	79	49	--

Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny and breezy with a high of 79 and a low of 55.

Friday: Mostly sunny but chance of storms at night; high 76, low 51.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, showers likely; high 58, low 37.

Sunday: Partly sunny with a high of 52 and a low of 34.

Extended forecast: Mostly sunny on Monday but slight chance of showers on Tuesday with highs in the upper 50s and lows in the 30s.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton School Board, 6:30 p.m., High School Media Center.
- New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

History

- In 1870, the Metropolitan Museum of Art is officially incorporated in New York City.
- In 1941, representatives from the Soviet Union and Japan sign a five-year neutrality agreement.
- In 1978, opening day at Yankee Stadium, the New York Yankees give away thousands of Reggie! bars to fans, who naturally toss them onto the field after star outfielder Reggie Jackson homers in his first at-bat.
- In 1970, disaster strikes 200,000 miles from Earth when oxygen tank No. 2 blows up on Apollo 13, the third manned lunar landing mission.
- In 1997, 21-year-old Tiger Woods wins the prestigious Masters Tournament by a record 12 strokes in Augusta, Georgia.

Birthdays

- Thomas Jefferson, an American revolutionary leader and the third president of the United States, was born in 1743.
- American retail pioneer Frank Winfield Woolworth was born in 1852.
- Famed Old West outlaw Butch Cassidy was born in 1866.
- Tony Dow, who played Wally on “Leave it to Beaver,” was born in 1945.
- American golfer Davis Love III turns 60.
- Actor Ron Perlman turns 73.

Corrections

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

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Roger A. Clement, 76



Roger Clement

Hudson, Wisconsin — delivering furniture to eastern Iowa communities until 2011 when he retired.

Together, Roger and Jan had several boats that they enjoyed floating on the Mississippi River. In 1996, they purchased a 25-foot cruiser that they enjoyed on the river, especially after they retired. They spent their last summer on the river in 2019 and sold the boat.

Those left to honor Roger’s memory are his wife, Jan Clement and son, Russell Clement, both of New Hampton; his brother, Carsten (Linda) Clement of Tennessee; sisters-in-law, Norma Kerr of West Union, and Kay Behnken of Monona; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Olla (Waters) Clement; his son, Ross Clement in 2021; in-laws, Walter and Lucille Behnken; brother, Doug (Judy) Clement in 2022; his sister, Sondra Schara and her daughter, Bobbett; and brothers-in-law, Alan Behnken and Don Kerr.

Kathryn C. Buckley, 74



Kathryn Buckley

furry animals that needed help, always having a treat nearby to brighten their day too.

She loved her husband, her kids, her extra (honorary) kids, her siblings, her close friends, and the farm with her flowers, plants, garden, and yard that she had to keep just a certain way.

Her travels during her younger years turned into a love for planning family vacations out West that will always be remembered. During this tough time, mom has shown us she is still close at hand when we all need that listening ear and lifeline to talk sense into us. We should take comfort in knowing mom finally made it to her “Mountain Retreat” and is waiting for us.

Kathy is succeeded in death by her loving husband Tom. She lives on through her three little chipmunks, Amy Buckley, Chad (Shelley) Buckley, and Todd Buckley. She cherishes her honorary daughters, Kelsey Andera and Kimberly (Scott) Fett. She joins her father and mother, Albert and Grace Andera, in heaven. She treasured her granddaughter Miranda (Chad and Shelley). She lives on in the minds, hearts, and actions of her siblings, Mary Ann Andera, Norma (Al) Hoerler, Rita (Quinten) Pitzen, Marvin (Marti) Andera, and Don (Donna) Andera.

We love you ... wife ... mom ... grandma ... daughter ... sister ... angel.

Until we see you again

Max Reeves, 80

Max Reeves, age 80 of Nashua, died Monday, April 10, 2023, at Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

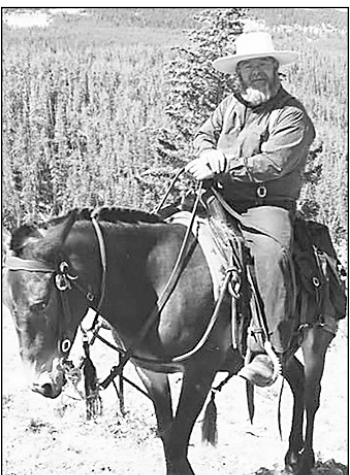
A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 27, 2023, at Bethany Alliance Church in Charles City, with the Rev. Coutler Page officiating.

Friends may greet the family from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, April 27, 2023, at Bethany Alliance Church in Charles City, before the memorial service.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements.

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

Randy ‘Buford’ Boehmer, 56



Buford Boehmer

While at a wedding dance in December 1993, Buford met the love of his life, Christy Voy. After a short courtship, he proposed to her on Valentines Day. It would be a full year before they were united in marriage on May 13, 1995, at Zion Lutheran Church in Alta Vista.

The couple made their home in Ionia before settling into their home just outside of Alta Vista, where they welcomed their three daughters — Carisa, Allison and Sage.

Over the years, horses were a special pastime for Buford, Christy and their daughters. From chuckwagon races, to trail rides near and far, the family spent much of the warm weather months on horseback.

William ‘Bill’ E. Bravener, 90



Bill Bravener

Bill graduated from Frederika High School in 1951.

On Jan. 2, 1953, he married Stella Timmer at Kirksville, Missouri. He entered the United States Army in February 1953 and was honorably discharged in December 1954.

Stella died on Dec. 23, 2008, and on May 13, 2011, he married Geraldine Boos at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton.

Bill was an active community member in Tripoli, serving as the commander of the V.F.W. for four years, scoutmaster for five years, a board member of the Bremer County Historical Society for 35 years and president of Alcock Cemetery Board for 35 years.

He worked at John Deere in Waterloo for 30 years, retiring on Jan. 30, 1989.

Bill is survived by his wife, Geraldine of Denver; children, Jo Janola (Lloyd) Selck of Sumner, Sheryl (Steven) Bruch of New Hampton, William J. (Pauline) Bravener of Frederika, Susan (Kevin) Graesser of Nashua, and Beverly (Everett) Shinstine of Ionia; two step-children, Candis (Brian) Smith of Waterloo and Joy (Kenneth) Clark of Waterloo; 15 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents and wife, Stella, he was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Matthew Hampton; and siblings, Veltta, Valeria, Cleona, Lucille, Claire, Adelbert, and LaDonna.

Arvan Haase, 74

Arvan Haase, age 74 of Nashua, died Monday, April 10, 2023, at his home in Nashua.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 14, 2023, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, with Pastor Drew McHolm officiating the service.

Military honors will be conducted immediately after the service outside of the church.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m.

Understanding Dementia set for this Friday

On Friday, April 14 a benefit dinner will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Chickasaw Event Center with the program “Understanding Dementia.”

The benefit dinner — with proceeds to go to Chickasaw Chassis Improvements — will include dessert and there will be guest speakers and a silent auction.

Those attending are asked to RSVP to Morgan at 641-394-3173. Organizers are also seeking table sponsors.

‘Designer Bag Bingo’ set for Wednesday

Doors open at 6:30 and action starts at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19 for “Designer Bag Bingo,” an event sponsored by the Friends of MercyOne, the auxiliary for MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

The event, where a brand new designer bag will be the prize for each bingo game, will be held at the Chickasaw Event Center, 301 N. Water in New Hampton.

There will be 10 games of bingo and snacks will be served, or participants may bring their own. Beverages will not be provided. A minimum age of 14 is required to play, and only those who have purchased a ticket will be admitted.

Tickets are \$40 and may be purchased by calling MercyOne’s Marketing department at 641-394-1626 or email MONTEITL@mercy-health.com.

Mental health drop-in center open Wednesdays

A nonprofit organization that provides mental health services to adults currently has a drop in center in New Hampton located at Prairie Lakes Church on Wednesday mornings 8:30 to 12:30 every week.

A drop in center is a place for adults who are looking for a place to go and hang out and be able to meet with a peer support specialist who is able to talk about mental health, community resources and services that people might be eligible to receive.

Everybody Hurts event to be held April 28

Everybody Hurts is looking forward to its third annual 5K, which will be held on Friday, April 28 at Mikkelson Park in New Hampton. This is open to anyone. Check in will begin at 4:30 p.m. that day and the event will start with the opening ceremony at 5:45. The race promptly begins at 6 p.m.

There will be a free will meal and a silent auction from about 4:30-7:15 p.m.

This year there will be a little twist to the event as a 5K Walk, Run, or Ride is being introduced.

“We have been listening to feedback and have decided to add the bike piece this year,” said the press release. “We will also have the shorter route for those who still want to participate, but may not be able to do the longer distance.”

Everybody Hurts is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit who helps educate the community on suicide prevention and mental health awareness.

If weather is a factor, the race will be held on Saturday, April 29 at 9 a.m.

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer or donate you can contact us on Facebook under Everybody Hurts <https://tinyurl.com/3vx8yz9r> or call 641-330-4687.”

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Cub Scouts will be ‘scouting for food’ for pantry this coming Saturday

The New Hampton Cub Scouts and the Chickasaw County Food Pantry have teamed up in the fight against hunger. On Saturday, April 15, the scouts will be visiting area residents to collect bags of food for the pantry. Please place non-perishable, unexpired good in a bag with the orange tag attached that scouts delivered earlier in the week. They ask that no glass items are set out and that the bags are outside the doors by 8 a.m.

New Hampton High musicians to perform ‘Jazz and Java’ Saturday

On Saturday, April 15 the New Hampton Jazz Band will be performing at Muscari, 109 East Main in New Hampton. The Live Jazz and “delicious” treats will begin at 1 p.m.

Public Works Department looking for residents to complete survey

The EPA recently revised the Lead-Copper Rule and is requiring citywide inventories across the country to be completed for lead service lines by Oct. 16, 2024.

A water service line is the connection between the water distribution pipe (water main in the street or right-of-way) and the water meter in your home or business. If lead service lines are discovered, you may be eligible to receive funding to have those lines replaced.

If you have already completed the survey for your property, just disregard. This is mandatory for the City of New Hampton to complete.

As of to-date, only 450 properties out of 1,680 (26.8%) have completed the survey.

Please go to the City of New Hampton’s website and complete the short survey. Failure to submit will result in city staff having to enter your structure at a later date to verify.

Please fill out a separate survey for each property you own within the City of New Hampton.

There are hard copies of the survey, available for pick-up at City Hall if you don’t have the electronic means to complete.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment for assistance in completing the survey, please feel free to reach out to Casey Mai, Public Works Director at 641-557-8244 or by email at nhpublicworksdirector@gmail.com.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 04-10-23-26
Notice of Destruction of Noxious Weeds**

To All Property Owners in Chickasaw County, IA

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CHICKASAW COUNTY

Passed and approved this 10TH day of APRIL, 2023

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors announces that the deadline for destruction of Noxious weeds is June 1st, 2023, so as to prevent the production of seed by all varieties of listed Noxious weeds. This includes weeds on farmlands, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands, properties within city limits, and all lands within the limits of the County. Those persons not controlling their weeds in compliance with Iowa’s Weed Law, Code of Iowa Chapter 317 Noxious Weeds, and Iowa Dept. of Agriculture & Land Stewardship Administrative Rules Chapter 58 Noxious Weeds will be notified to use appropriate methods to eradicate or control the weed problem. Failure to do so can incur penalties including, but not limited to, daily fines for non-compliance, and the Weed Commissioner or Deputies entering upon the land to control the weed problem, with all costs, including fines and administrative costs, levied against the landowner. Iowa law provides these assessments can be attached to the real estate tax of the land for collection. Weed eradication/control will still be required to be implemented in all cases where penalties are assessed.

The following weeds have been declared Noxious:

Class A Noxious Weed for Eradication: Palmer Amaranth (Amaranthus palmeri)

Palmer Amaranth must be eradicated. Each owner and each person in possession or control of any lands in Chickasaw County shall seek cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, which may include the department’s farm service agency office for that county, the

farm service agency’s state office, or any other office or official designated by the department, if Palmer Amaranth (Amaranthus palmeri) is found on lands enrolled in the conservation reserve program as described in 7 C.F.R. pt. 1410

Class B Noxious Weeds for Control:

a.Canada Thistle (Cirsium arvense)
b.Teasel (Dipsacus spp.) biennial
c.Leafy Spurge (Euphorbia esula)
d.Bull Thistle (Cirsium vulgare)
e. Multiflora Rose (Rosa multiflora)
f. European Morning Glory or Field Bindweed (Convolvulus arvensis)
g. All other species of thistles belonging in the Genus of Carduus

Matthew Kuhn, Chairman
Attest: Sheila Shekleton,
Chickasaw Co. Auditor

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**CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023
7:30 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, April 3, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schwickerath at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Daly, Denner, Fisher, Humpal, McDonald and Speltz. Also in attendance were Casey Mai, Tammy Robinson, City Attorney Todd Prichard, Bob Fenske, Tim Pederson & his family, Ryan Shawver, Zach Nobsch, Sara Scobee, Julie Eckenrodt, Kathy Shekleton, Tony Schwickerath, Matt Kuhn, Jake Hackman, Andy Chambers and NHHS government students.

Move by McDonald, seconded by Fisher; That the consent agenda be approved. Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

1.Approve meeting agenda
2.Approve City Council Minutes of March 20, 2023
3.Approve City Claims of \$183,576.41
4.Library Minutes of March 7, 2023
5.Park & Rec Minutes of March 28, 2023
6.Board of Adjustment – Sara Scobee Special Exception Request (Horses in MP District)
7.Board of Adjustment – Colin & Katie Larsen - 501 W Wilson Street
8.Agreement with J&M Displays for fireworks Display June 9, 2023.
9.Street Closure Request for Heartland Days - New Horizons Chamber
10.Mikkelson Park Blockades and Parade Route Requests – New Horizon

Chamber

11.Class C Retail Alcohol License Approval- Rancho Viejo Mexican Restaurant
7:00 PM Public Hearing

Mayor Schwickerath announced now is the time and place fixed for the public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year Budget beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. 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 16th day of March 2023 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 Daly, seconded by Denner; That Resolution No. 6563 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET, be approved. Ayes - Daly, Denner, Fisher, Humpal, McDonald, Speltz. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution approved.

Moved by Denner, seconded by Humpal; That the Ordinance #892 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE STOP OR YIELD REQUIRED” receive its third and final consideration. Ayes - Daly, Denner, Fisher, Humpal, McDonald, Speltz. Nays – None. Absent – None.

Mayor Schwickerath declared Ordinance # 892 adopted.

Attorney Todd Prichard prepared an agreement for Sara Scobee, resident at 2200 S. Linn Ave, who has requested to have 2 horses on her property, which is

in the city limits. Moved by McDonald, seconded by Fisher; That Resolution No 6564 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE KEEP-ING OF HORSES, be approved. Ayes - Daly, Denner, Fisher, Humpal, McDonald, Speltz. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution approved. Resolution approved.

The Committee as a Whole met to discuss an increase in Public Works employee wages with information presented by Public Works Director Mai. The Committee recommended approval and has presented the information to the City Council. Moved by Daly, seconded Fisher; To approve the submission of the Memo of Understanding to Local Union #2003, effective July 1, 2023 and to allow increase of \$2.00/hr for Dennis Marvin, effectively immediately. Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

On March 20, 2023 a joint New Hampton City Council and Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors meeting took place to receive the Samuels Group law enforcement center report. Each organization individually needs to approve the next step if they would like to project to continue to a ballot request. The first step of creating a Joint Board Authority includes the designation of a representative from the city, from the county and an appointed third member. If the Samuels Group is contracted for the second phase, the ballot request election could take place in September, 2023 or November 7, 2023. If the ballot passes the privately managed Industrial Development Corporation has agreed to donate 5 acres of land in the South Industrial Park for the law enforcement center if both the city police and county sheriff occupy the new

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**CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’
MINUTES
April 4, 2023**

The Board convened on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa and Suckow Absent. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Terry Johnson, Joan Knoll, Bob Fenske, member of the media.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for April 4, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Absent- Suckow Motion carried.

Supervisor Suckow arrived 9:04 AM Budget Work Session

Motion by Cerwinske seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 9:45 AM. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske and Hackman, Motion carried.

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

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council of Ionla met in regular session Monday, April 3, 2023, at 7:00 pm in Ionla City Hall.

Mayor Taylor presided with Council Members Crooks, Day, Denner, Geerts, Havner present. Also present were Water/Wastewater Operator Jerry Heying, Brian Sigler, Library Director India May and Clerk Donna Geerts. Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

Motion by Havner, seconded by Crooks to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Day, seconded by Denner to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2023, meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Crooks, seconded by Havner to approve the claims. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Alliant Energy\$1563.47
Black Hills Energy\$366.01
Library Acet.....\$2051.35
Payroll\$1631.20
941 deposit\$551.18
IPERS\$450.52
Jendro Sanitation, recycling\$585.39
New Hampton Tribune, publication\$ 237.64
Treas, State of Iowa, state tax ...\$171.00
Treas, State of Iowa, WET tax...\$700.48
IA Workforce Development, unemployment tax.....\$9.89

John Deere Financial, sprayer/cleaner ...\$15.76
State Hygenic Lab, water tests.....\$13.50
IMFOA, an dues-clerk\$50.00
Chickasaw Twp Fire District FY23 budget alloc.....\$6500.00
Chickasaw Co Aud, EMS 28e 2nd qtr pay.....\$5778.00
Jerry Heying, mlg reimb 236\$113.28
Lessin Supply Co, water pump parts\$187.32
Derek Day, water pump parts reimb\$1452.00
EH Electric, siren repairs\$485.07
TOTAL\$22,913.06
**Total Revenues\$5,778.45
RECEIVED, FUND DISBURSED Bank \$2,138.40, General\$5,224.18
\$922.63 Road Use\$846.06
\$2,054.78 Water.....\$ 3,320.06
\$588.30, Sewer.....\$920.12
\$74.34, Savings Int**

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

No public comment.

Heying gave wastewater and water report. Discussion on letter received from DNR-out of season discharge and ammonia nitrogen compliance. Will reach out to engineer to file these reports. Discussion to purchase a pump for Well House for back up. Heying will get a quote and Taylor received a quote

for a new pump.

Motion by Day, seconded by Geerts to acknowledge Water/Wastewater Operator Jerry Heying’s retirement April 30, 2023. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Day, seconded by Geerts to open the public hearing at 7:10 pm for adoption of the proposed Ordinance AMENDING PROVISIONS MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMPENSATION. All voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor asked if there were any oral or written objections or comments. There were no comments or objections. Motion by Crooks and seconded by Day to close public hearing at 7:11 pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Day made a motion, seconded by Crooks, to approve the first reading of the proposed ordinance “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF IOWA, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMPENSATION ”-Ordinance No. 129. Roll Call: Ayes: Crooks, Day, Denner, Geerts, Havner. Nays: None. Motion carried. Full text of Ordinance is on file at Clerk’s Office and City Hall.

Day made a motion, seconded by Geerts, to set public hearing to hear objections to the passage of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ionla, Iowa, by amending provisions mayor and council compensation on May 1, 2023, at 7:10 pm in Ionla City Hall. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Clean up day will be April 15, 2023. Dumpster will be provided at 501 W Main Street for city residents to bring their trash from 8 am- 12 pm. Appliances can be placed in scrap iron dumpster for fire department fundraiser. There will be a \$15 fee for TVs, microwaves and computers. No tires.

Motion by Day, seconded by Havner to approve the renewal of a liquor license for the Hide-A-Way Lounge. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Consensus of the council to allow New Hampton Park and Rec to use the ball diamond for practice and games this summer, with the exception of Tuesday nights in June and July because of Ionla Ball.

Reviewed Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency Auditor’s Report. Report on file at City Hall.

Motion by Day, seconded by Geerts to open the public hearing at 7:15 pm for adoption of the proposed Ordinance CHANGING THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING RATE TO \$18.00 PER QUARTER. All voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor asked if there were any oral or written objections or comments. There were no comments or objections. Motion

by Crooks and seconded by Day to close public hearing at 7:16 pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Crooks made a motion, seconded by Day, to approve the first reading of the proposed ordinance “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF IOWA, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISION TO RECYCLING CHARGES”-Ordinance No. 130. Roll Call: Ayes: Crooks, Day, Denner, Geerts, Havner. Nays: None. Motion carried. Full text of Ordinance is on file at Clerk’s Office and City Hall.

Day made a motion, seconded by Crooks, to set public hearing to hear objections to the passage of an Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the city of Ionla, Iowa, by amending provisions to recycling charges on May 1, 2023, at 7:15 pm in Ionla City Hall. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Library Director India May gave an update. Discussed purchasing a book drop box and a kiosk to post items, also doing research on a splash pad. Council suggested to bring back more information on the splash pad project.

First Security Bank will be opening soon at their new location at 404 W Main Street. They will install a night depository and collect city utility payments. They offered the clock/thermometer sign

at old location to City. Consensus of Council to see if it could be hung on east side of library/city hall building.

Motion by Day, seconded by Havner to approve and authorize Mayor’s signature on Agreement Contract for design services through bid letting with Snyder & Associates. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion on Water/Wastewater position. Motion by Crooks, seconded by Day to hire Brian Sigler as part time Water and Wastewater Superintendent effective May 1, 2023, setting his monthly wage at \$500.00 for water system and \$500.00 for wastewater system, plus mileage reimbursement. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor will mark the streets needing repairs and contact a contractor to get a quote on street maintenance repairs.

Mayor got a quote on lights for ball diamond from EH Electric. Approximate cost is \$600 a light. Poles will also need to be purchased. Consensus of Council to purchase the lights and poles.

Motion by Havner, seconded by Day to adjourn meeting at 8:50 pm. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Randy Taylor, Mayor
Attest: Donna Geerts, City Clerk

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**CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’
MINUTES
April 3, 2023**

The Board convened on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske 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, Terry Johnson, Bridget Edson, Alta Vista Mayor Kevin Crooks, Dee Larkin, Assessor Raymond Armel, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Engineer Roman Lensing, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Public Health Director Lisa Welter, EMS Director Joel Knutson, MeryOne Aaron Flugum, Louise Harris, EMA Director Jeff Bernatz, Jeremy McGarry, Environmental Health Director Penny Andorf, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, Recorder Shirley Troyna, Ahlers & Cooney Human Resources Ann Smizek, Custodian Dave Gorman

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for April 3, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from March 27, 2023 with changes. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Public Comment Dollar General is closing the sale on April 11, 2023 and Attorney Dave Laudner is working on the deed.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Hackman to enter 9:10 AM PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION 03-20-23-22 A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH A PROPOSAL TO SELL THE REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS SURVEY PARCEL 2022-48. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Email from Assessor Raymond Armel in support of sale.

No public comment

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to close at 9:12 AM PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION 03-20-23-22 A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH A PROPOSAL TO SELL THE REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS SURVEY PARCEL 2022-48. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 04-03-23-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS SURVEY PARCEL 2022-48 and authorize chair’s signature on Quit claim Deed. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. 04-03-23-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS SURVEY PARCEL 2022-48 TO ROBERT HANSEN FOR \$200.00

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors set forth a proposal to sell to Robert Hansen for \$200.00 the real property identified as Survey Parcel 2022-48, and legally described as a parcel of real property located in part of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 18, Township 94 North, Range 14 West of the 5th P.M., in Chickasaw County, Iowa, described as commencing at the center of said Section 18; thence on an autonomous G.P.S. bearing S 89° 44’ 31’’ W (record S 89° 05’ 50’’ W) 795.26 feet along the south line of said Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) to the centerline of Amherst Boulevard; thence N 21° 54’ 20’’ W (record N 22° 33’ 01’’ W) 391.76 feet; thence N 66° 43’ 17’’ E (record N 66° 03’ 50’’ E) 60.28 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of Amherst Boulevard and the northwest corner of Chickasaw County Recorder’s Fee Book 2015-0404 and point of beginning of this description: thence continuing N 66° 43’ 17’’ E 159.04 feet (record N 66° 03’ 50’’ E 159.14 feet) along the north line of said County Recorder’s Fee Book 2015-0404 to the northeast corner thereof and the westerly right-of-way line of Nashua and Charles City Road; thence north-westerly 303.16 feet along a 196.20 foot radius curve concave southwesterly having a central angle of 88° 31’ 55’’ and chord bearing of N 75° 49’ 24’’ W 196.48 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of Amherst Boulevard; thence S 21° 48’ 38’’ E 119.53 feet along said easterly right-of-way line to the point of beginning, said parcel containing 0.29 acres, and held a public hearing on April 3, 2023, pursuant to Iowa Code section 331.261(2), after publishing notice of said public hearing; and WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors believes the sale price to be reasonable when taking into consideration the nature of the real property and the overall needs of Chickasaw

County; and WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors believes the sale of the real property to be in the best interests of Chickasaw County; and WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors intends to proceed with the sale of the real property identified as Survey Parcel 2022-48 to Robert Hansen for \$200.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors authorizes the sale to Robert Hansen for \$200.00 the real property identified as Survey Parcel 2022-48, and legally described as a parcel of real property located in part of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 18, Township 94 North, Range 14 West of the 5th P.M., in Chickasaw County, Iowa, described as commencing at the center of said Section 18; thence on an autonomous G.P.S. bearing S 89° 44’ 31’’ W (record S 89° 05’ 50’’ W) 795.26 feet along the south line of said Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) to the centerline of Amherst Boulevard; thence N 21° 54’ 20’’ W (record N 22° 33’ 01’’ W) 391.76 feet; thence N 66° 43’ 17’’ E (record N 66° 03’ 50’’ E) 60.28 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of Amherst Boulevard and the northwest corner of Chickasaw County Recorder’s Fee Book 2015-0404 and point of beginning of this description: thence continuing N 66° 43’ 17’’ E 159.04 feet (record N 66° 03’ 50’’ E 159.14 feet) along the north line of said County Recorder’s Fee Book 2015-0404 to the northeast corner thereof and the westerly right-of-way line of Nashua and Charles City Road; thence north-westerly 303.16 feet along a 196.20 foot radius curve concave southwesterly having a central angle of 88° 31’ 55’’ and chord bearing of N 75° 49’ 24’’ W 196.48 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of Amherst Boulevard; thence S 21° 48’ 38’’ E 119.53 feet along said easterly right-of-way line to the point of beginning, said parcel containing 0.29 acres, and directs the Chairman and the Chickasaw County Auditor to sign any and all documents necessary to facilitate and finalize the sale of the real property. HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors this 3rd day of April, 2023. Ayes: /ss/Matthew Kuhn, Scott Cerwinske, Jacob Hackman, Steve Breitbach, and Travis Suckow. Nays: None. ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

QUIT CLAIM DEED

For the consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, Chickasaw County, Iowa, does hereby quit claim to ROBERT HANSEN the following described real property: a parcel of real property located in part of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 18, Township 94 North, Range 14 West of the 5th P.M., in Chickasaw County, Iowa, described as commencing at the center of said Section 18; thence on an autonomous G.P.S. bearing S 89° 44’ 31’’ W (record S 89° 05’ 50’’ W) 795.26 feet along the south line of said Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) to the centerline of Amherst Boulevard; thence N 21° 54’ 20’’ W (record N 22° 33’ 01’’ W) 391.76 feet; thence N 66° 43’ 17’’ E (record N 66° 03’ 50’’ E) 60.28 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of Amherst Boulevard and the northwest corner of Chickasaw County Recorder’s Fee Book 2015-0404 and point of beginning of this description: thence continuing N 66° 43’ 17’’ E 159.04 feet (record N 66° 03’ 50’’ E 159.14 feet) along the north line of said County Recorder’s Fee Book 2015-0404 to the northeast corner thereof and the westerly right-of-way line of Nashua and Charles City Road; thence north-westerly 303.16 feet along a 196.20 foot radius curve concave southwesterly having a central angle of 88° 31’ 55’’ and chord bearing of N 75° 49’ 24’’ W 196.48 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of Amherst Boulevard; thence S 21° 48’ 38’’ E 119.53 feet along said easterly right-of-way line to the point of beginning, said parcel containing 0.29 acres, identified as Survey Parcel 2022-48

This transaction is exempt from transfer tax pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 428A.2(21) & (19). The undersigned hereby relinquishes all rights of dower, homestead, and distributive share in and to the real property. Dated: April 3, 2023 CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA ss Matthew Kuhn. ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor NOTARY PUBLIC Donna Geerts.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention month. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded Hackman to proclaim the week of April 3-9, 2023 as Public Health Week. Roll Call:

Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Discussed with Public Health Director Lisa Welter about two awards that were awarded: Environmental Health Professional of the Year to Penny Andorf and Health Department of the Year Award to the Chickasaw County Public Health.

Discussed design consultant contract and payment options between Chickasaw County/City of Alta Vista and Erdman Engineering/WHKS for road reconstruction with Alta Vista City limits. The federal grant does not cover survey cost. There was a consensus from the Board of Supervisors to cover up to 40% of the design costs within city limits of Alta Vista.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve and authorize chair’s signature to Enter Premises with Merle & Delores Brannon for Chickasaw County FHWA Bridge #111720 Supplemental Pile Project. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve and authorize chair’s signature to Enter Premises with Dale Kolbet for Chickasaw County Culvert Lining Project on V18. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motions by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to enter CLOSED SESSION UNDER SECTION 21.5(1)(J) TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE at 10:10 AM Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motions by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to close CLOSED SESSION UNDER SECTION 21.5(1)(J) TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE at 10:20 AM Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

No action taken out of closed session. Discussed with Jeff Bernatz the purchasing a server for the Radio Tower Project for \$2,000.00 and have him turn it into insurance.

Discussed sale of 910 East Main St, New Hampton, property and earnest money.

Discussed proposed Law Enforcement Center and asking if City of New Hampton was interested in a joint author-

ity with Chickasaw County.

Discussion on Election Equipment Proposal was tabled to next week.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve and authorize chair’s signature on Cowbell Cyber Insurance. Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried

Recessed at 11:20 AM
Resumed at 1:00 PM
1:00 PM entered CLOSED SESSION UNDER SECTION 21.9 A MEETING OF A GOVERNMENTAL BODY TO DISCUSS STRATEGY IN MATTERS RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHO ARE NOT COVERED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 20 IS EXEMPT FROM THIS CHAPTER.

2:17 PM came out of CLOSED SESSION UNDER SECTION 21.9 A MEETING OF A GOVERNMENTAL BODY TO DISCUSS STRATEGY IN MATTERS RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHO ARE NOT COVERED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 20 IS EXEMPT FROM THIS CHAPTER.

Summary; Vacation policy discussion-follow current policy until Board of Supervisors approve change or approach Board of Supervisors to approve variation in difficult to fill positions.

Supervisor Cerwinske left at 2:28 PM

Discussed going out for RFP for HR Services and Union Negotiations Representative.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS- Supervisor Breitbach—Northeast Iowa Community Action- March 27

Supervisor Cerwinske—Pathways- March 27

Motion by Breitbach seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 2:36 PM. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Hackman, absent Cerwinske Motion carried.

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

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News Bits From Our Past
Compiled by Terri Josephson

**Week of April 9
1948 (75 years ago)**

- New Hampton's oldest business firm, Gardner Drug Store, Changed ownership last week on Thursday, April 1, when Arthur Boettcher purchased the store from Henry W. Gardner.

Mr. Boettcher is well qualified to take over the business as he has been employed there for 16 years and has been managing it for Mr. Gardner for several years. Mrs. Boettcher, who has been the bookkeeper for the past will year will continue to assist her husband in that capacity.

Mr. Boettcher has secured the services of John McDonald who will be in charge of the pharmacy department.

- Dan McGrath has filed for state representative for Chickasaw County on the Republican ticket. He will be opposed by the incumbent, George Fiene of Nashua, who is a Democrat and has served one term.

Mr. McGrath came to New Hampton several years ago from Nashua. He built up a fine implement business which he sold to his sons several months ago. Recently he has devoted most of his time to farming interests.

1973 (50 years ago)

- Two New Hampton area high school seniors have been named Regents Merit Scholars at Wartburg College, Waverly.

The area residents, Coleen Cheney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cheney of New Hampton and Randy Groth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Groth of rural Elma, are among 30 of next fall's freshman receiving the scholarship at Wartburg.

The candidates for the scholarship were all in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class and most were in the top five per cent. Competition included predictive grade point average, written essays and personal interviews. The final group of 30 had an average composite American College Testing Program of 30. Regent Merit Scholars will receive a minimum of \$500 per year.

- The dates were April 8 and 9 of 1973, and people in Northeast Iowa and the New Hampton vicinity will remember them for a long time. More violent spring snowstorms have hit the area than in years past.

Officially New Hampton received 15 inches of snow from the time the storm started much like many light spring snow showers Sunday morning and then increased to gale fury with winds gusting to 50-miles-per-hour Monday, before finally blowing itself out early Tuesday morning.

1998 (25 years ago)

Agricareers, Inc. celebrated its 30-year anniversary recently.

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Two New Hampton success stories, Grant Anderson and Rich Kriener, employees of Security State Bank were recruited by Agricareers, Inc. for their positions. Their advertisements in trade magazines and newspapers appear nationwide.

- It will be a contest of youth and skill vs. age and treachery. Speed and agility could hardly be a match for experience, wisdom and maturity, could they?

To find out, mark Saturday, April 18th, on your calendar, because that's the date of the annual New Hampton letterwinners vs. Community All-Stars basketball game. On that night, fresh young kids from both the boys and girls sports programs at NHHS will have the chance to experience the real world when they face off against the seasoned pros of the Community All-Stars in a game of basketball.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. All of the funds raised by the game support both Letterwinner Clubs scholarships for boys and girls at NHHS.

2013 (10 years ago)

- Just over a week on the job and the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office newest deputy already has a couple arrests under his collar.

The K-9 unit, featuring Ax, was officially on the job last week after going through intense training with Deputy Ryan Shawver. Ax will receive ongoing training, and is considered a "dual purpose" K-9 unit and had training in narcotics, patrol work and tracking.

- The Heartland Parade Committee announced that Wally and Glennda Murphy have been selected to serve as grand marshals of the New Hampton annual parade.

The announcement was a little emotional for the couple because Wally's mother, Loretta Murphy, died last month at the age of 99. Glennda said they are doing this for Wally's mom because "she was something special."

Parade Chairwoman Tammy Robinson said nominations were taken for grand marshals and that the Murphys were deserving of the honor.

2018 (5 years ago)

- The annual Stars and Stripes Spectacular was put on by the Lawler squadron of the Sons of the American Legion at the Starlite Ballroom in Lawler Saturday night.

The annual dinner and auction raised thousands of dollars for the Retrieving Freedom organization out of Waverly. The non-profit raises, trains and provides service dogs to combat veterans and those who have autism.

- The New Hampton School Board gave the go-ahead for members of the New Hampton Alumni Association to begin a fundraising campaign for a larger vocational agriculture and industrial technology center.

FFA Alumni President James Frantzen said the organization would seek pledges to help fund a larger center that is part of the \$19.415 million building project that also includes a new middle school and competition gymnasium.



Former Chickasaw County Supervisor Arnie Boge (left) and Sheriff Ryan Shawver discuss some of the concerns Boge and two other Nashua area residents, Tim Zoll and Doug Strike, have about a proposed new law enforcement center and 24-hour holding facility during Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting.

Board wants to explore 'jail' options

JAIL: FROM 1

Small Jail Division.

All three attended the joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the New Hampton City Council on March 20, when the Samuels Group presented its jail feasibility report and recommended that the city and county come together to build a \$13.2 million law-enforcement center that would include a 24-hour holding facility to replace the current jail that is located across the street from the courthouse.

"At first I thought that's a pretty good idea," Boge said, but then added that the more the trio analyzed the Samuels Group presentation, the more questions they had.

Boge also questioned moving the Sheriff's Office to the southern edge of New Hampton's city limits, saying that he felt it was important to have the sheriff and deputies close to the courthouse.

"Whenever we called over to 3121 ... somebody was over here in about 30 seconds if you needed them," he said, "and there's something to be said for that, to have the presence of law and order in the proximity where you're doing business."

The three also questioned why the current jail couldn't be turned into a 24-hour holding facility, and Sheriff Ryan Shawver said that the Samuels Group said it wouldn't be feasible.

"Once we close ours, there's no opening it back up unless it's brought up to current jail standards or current 24-hour holding

standards," he said. "The minute you start remodeling anything in there, you've got to bring it up to those standards."

Strike said he is more than willing to work with a committee or help the Sheriff's Office in any way. He said he supported the plan presented by the Samuels Group when he first heard it on March 20, "but when I got to analyzing, that's where these questions came up."

County Attorney David Laudner said that while he understood the trio's concerns, he also urged supervisors to reach out to get a professional opinion on how much it would cost to turn the current jail into a 24-hour facility.

"If the board is going to take that avenue, the board needs a professional person, similar to the Samuels Group, to give that opinion what that is," he said.

"You get a professional Plan B — not a hodgepodge, no disrespect to you guys ... [but] the first 20 minutes you guys said I heard this and I heard this and some of it wasn't even true. To me, if you're going to do it, you're going to get an actual Plan B, then hire a Plan B."

Supervisor Scott Cerwinske, who represents the Nashua area, appeared to support finding the costs of a Plan B.

"I don't think it would hurt to look at some other options, whatever that entails," he said. "I've probably had more phone calls on this issue than anything that's been brought up in the last three weeks."

Boge said the most frustrating part of

the process was the Samuels Group's push for a special election, one that the company's founder, Sid Samuels, said during that March 20 meeting would allow voters to focus on one and only one issue.

"When I heard [Samuels] suggest to both boards that they do a special election so that it would lower the voter turnout, I was surprised that nobody came up out of the chair," Boge said. "To suppress the vote? That's not necessarily representing the will of the people. It's trying to represent the will of a special interest or to drive something through."

Supervisors decided to invite the state jail inspector and a bond attorney to a meeting, and board member Jake Hackman had questions about forming a Joint Authority Board with the city, something the New Hampton City Council agreed to during a meeting last week.

"You know, there were some City Council members that I don't think they understood what they voted for," he said, pointing out that it would be the Joint Authority that would put on the referendum and would have control over the new facility.

He said he wanted to know if the New Hampton Industrial Corporation would consider donating the land to the county if the city wasn't involved, and Chief Deputy Zach Nosbisch, who served as New Hampton's police chief until last month, said he would talk with Economic Development Director Tammy Robinson.

Supervisor wants a 'timeout' for board chairman

CHAIRMAN: FROM 1

Suckow said. "One person from out of the county called it a kindergarten class. ... And another person say that there's no respect because there's no leadership. As a representative of my district, I take offense to."

Suckow said he was disap-

pointed that "attacks" were made in a public meeting and that he believed that if a supervisor had a problem with a fellow board member, he should talk "one-on-one and not have a shouting match."

"As one person put it, you put first-graders in a timeout," he said. "I know someone has

asked the chairman to step down and take a timeout. At this point, I'm asking the same thing. I don't know if I can do this now or it has to be done other ways ... but I would like to rescind my vote of Jan. 3, 2023, for the chair."

Suckow was one of four board members, the lone exception

was Hackman, to vote for Kuhn to serve as the board chair for a second consecutive year.

He made his comments during the "public comment" portion that is held near the beginning of each meeting, and Kuhn said he would be willing to put it on next week's agenda and "we can discuss it."

Board doesn't touch pay, approves budget as presented

By Bob Fenske
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on Monday voted 4-1 to approve the county's 2023-24 budget and tax levy as presented, even though there was some discussion about lowering at least their pay in the fiscal year that begins July 1.

That means the county's tax-asking from rural residents will increase by 11.38 percent — from \$2,065,067 to \$2,300,000 — because of the new county-owned ambulance service and the relatively high inflation rate that has led to an increase in what supervisors call "daily operations."

The public hearing and subsequent discussion on the budget lasted for almost 30 minutes, despite the fact that just one county resident — James Cook of Fredericksburg — spoke during the hearing.

Cook took issue with the recent 2023 assessments that he said raised the value of his property by \$75,000 and said that based on the higher assessments, the county could lower the levy rate, but both Supervisor Jake Hackman and Assessor Ray Armel clarified points.

"Those assessments came out on April 1 for next year's budget work session," Hackman said. "The new assessment that

came out has nothing to do with today's public hearing."

Armel backed up Hackman's statement, saying that property owners will be assessed taxes on their 2022 assessment and he also pointed out that he expects the rollback to change next year, which means taxes won't increase by the same percentage that property assessments increased.

He also pointed out that the supervisors were only certifying to the "state their tax asking; the state certifies the levy rate."

Cook, though, asked the supervisors to be cognizant of the county's spending and who will actually pay the bills. While he accepted the information Hackman and Armel gave him, he added, "However, there's nothing wrong with leading the way. Be a leader for the state by watching out for us out there who are paying this."

After the public hearing closed, supervisors spent a considerable amount of time talking about the 9 percent pay increases the Board of Supervisors voted in late 2022 — before current Supervisors Scott Cerwinske and Travis Suckow became members of the board — to give elected officials in the county.

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn joined Suckow, Cerwinske and Steve Breitbach in saying that maybe supervisors should pass on the pay raises.

"I have no problems not taking a pay raise," Cerwinske said. "I'm OK with that [the other pay raises] because we're trying to catch up with what happened last year."

Hackman, though, didn't agree.

"I've always said this is not for me. I'll be gone here shortly. It's for the people coming in," he said. "We've always heard it ... how do you attract people to run for this office? ... What are we, 87th, I believe in the state of Iowa. Again, this is not about me. I say if you do it to the supervisors, you have to do it across the board."

County Attorney David Laudner repeated his belief that if supervisors didn't want to take the pay raise that they needed to pass a resolution 30 days before the budget was adopted.

"I guess my comment is the code says 30 days prior to the adoption of the budget," he said. "I think that's how it has been widely interpreted. I can see an interpretation the opposite way. ... But I think you open yourself up to someone saying that's not right."

Hackman, who has consistently opposed the budget because of the tax-asking jump from Rural Services Basic, finally "called the question." The board voted 4-1, with Hackman casting the lone nay vote, to approve the budget with the raises and tax asking as presented.



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Briefs

New Horizons-Chamber to have a day for the ladies on Saturday

A variety of events are scheduled for Saturday’s Ladies Day in New Hampton. Over 25 businesses in town are participating, where shoppers may win prizes just by registering.

From breakfast specials at Klunders Kafe from 7-9 a.m. to face painting and temporary tattoos at Crescent Moon Tattoo from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to golf cart test drives and treats at Leisure Time Golf Cars from 8-noon, there is something for everyone.

Some, like the spring bulb and bouquet making class at Pocketful of Posies from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a mini-photo session at Union Block Suites, also from 9-1, require pre-registration, others, for example, Mommy and Me canvas painting at the NH Public Library from 9-noon and a make and take self-watering planter at New Horizons-Chamber from 9-11 a.m. is first come, first serve. An open house at Union Block Suites will be held from 9-11 a.m.

Make and take cards at Rapid Printers/Office World from 9-noon is also on a first come, first serve basis, while hanging basket workshops and a succulent dish workshop at Morris Landscaping at 10 and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. require no registration. Goodie bags will be distributed starting at 9 a.m. at the New Horizons Chamber office.

For those in need of a job, TriMark is holding a hiring event from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and if that goes well — or maybe if it doesn’t go well — there’s a Bloody Mary bar at Dak’s Tap.

Soil and Water Conservation scholarship applications due May 1

Two scholarships in the amount of \$750 each will be available for high school seniors to apply for, sponsored by the Chickasaw County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), Fidelity Bank & Trust, Bank Iowa, Luana Savings Bank, Security State Bank, Farmers Win Coop, First Citizens Bank, and Lincoln Savings Bank.

Selections will be made based on leadership, character, career, scholastic achievement, and conservation message and will need to be submitted to the Chickasaw SWCD at 420 W. Milwaukee Street, New Hampton, Iowa by May 1.

High school seniors can apply for the 2023 scholarship by visiting the website at <http://www.cdiowa.org/awards.html>.

New Hampton Education Association receives grant

The New Hampton Education Association was awarded a \$500 Community Outreach Grant from the Iowa State Education Association (ISEA) for work on Little Sprouts Daycare.

The ISEA established Community Outreach Grants to collaborate and create opportunities for community service or school projects. Grants are available to members of the ISEA. The deadline for grant applications is February 15 and October 15.

“Educators in public schools across the state volunteer their time and energy in projects outside the scope of a workday and we know how much this extra work helps to strengthen and support local communities, ISEA President Mike Beranek said’.

Members of the New Hampton Education Association, New Hampton Economic Development, and community businesses are teaming up to help the New Hampton Little Sprouts Daycare Center expand to include a wraparound program at the New Hampton Public School. The program will serve three- and four-year-olds along with school aged students.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton trapshooter Teigen Howe fires a shot during a meet last week at the Fredericksburg Sportsmen’s Club.

New Hampton girls sweep ‘podium’ at home meet

TRAPSHOOTING: FROM 14

Hampton’s home opener on Monday.

“I think the big thing is just focus,” he said when asked to his quick start to the season. “Trapshooting, it’s a mental sport, and if you have to have the mindset that if you can shoot one, you can shoot 50.”

He’s had that outlook on the sport almost since he first picked up a gun.

“I’ve been shooting my whole life, and it does help a lot that I shoot almost year-round,” he said. “When you’re out there, focus is everything. It’s just you, your gun and the clay, nothing else.”

After getting a rare week-end off, New Hampton was back in action Monday at the Fredericksburg Sportsmen’s Club for a triangular that included Waverly-Shell Rock and Turkey Valley.

And for the first time this season, Red didn’t bring home top squad honors as Waverly-Shell Rock Black fired a 236 to beat Red by four shots.

New Hampton Black and Turkey Valley Red tied for third with 225s.

Still, it wasn’t a lost day by any means for New Hampton, which had the top boys shooter in Teigen Howe, who hit 49 shots in regulation and then bested W-SR’s Oliver Henning 20-18 in a shootoff.

Swehla, meanwhile, remained consistent as he tied Landon Huber of Turkey Valley for third with a 48.

Meanwhile, the New Hampton girls dominated the field, sweeping the top three spots as Jaiden Fettkether finished with a 48 and Grace Maloy and Karla Pickar each had 46s.

After both Maloy and Pickar fired 21s in the shoot-off, Maloy claimed the second-place award on her first shot of sudden death.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD TRIANGULAR TOP SQUADS
New Hampton Red 225, New Hampton Black 211, Charles City 1 210.

TOP BOYS

Ethan Swehla (NH) 49, Brayden Ellis (CC) 47, Carter Burkhardt (CC) 47, Isaak Schwickerath 47, Joshua Scott (NH) 47.

TOP GIRLS

Tori Bearman (NH) 43, Jaiden Fettkether 38, Kimberly Jordan (NH) 38.

NEW HAMPTON SQUADS

Red (225) - Daniel Orthaus 42, I. Schwickerath 47, Aaron Holschlag 40, E. Swehla 49, Scott 47.

Black (211) - Nick Brincks 44, Trinity Schwickerath 43, Ashton Venem 40, Humber Humpal 40, Teigen Howe 43.

Gold (197) - Bearman 43, Grace Maloy 33, Karla Pickar 35, Nolan Swehla 40, Josie Fuerstenberg 35.

White (168) - Noah Eichenberger 33, Fettkether 38, Jonathan Condon 30, Ricky Pauley 38, Jake Schwickerath 29.

Silver (165) - Caleb Utley 34, Jordan 38, Kendra Pickar 31, Emmett Kuehner 33, Devon Snyder 29.

Platinum (135) - Chase Humpal 33, Ben Douglas 35, Carson Burke 33, Kelly Thronsdon 25, Aleah Eichenberger 9.

NEW HAMPTON TRIANGULAR TOP SQUADS

Waverly-Shell Rock Black 236, New Hampton Red, 232, New Hampton Black 225, Turkey Valley Red 225.

TOP BOYS

Howe (NH) 49-20, Oliver Henning (WSR) 49-18, Landon Huber (TV) 48, Swehla (NH) 48.

TOP GIRLS

Fettkether (NH) 48, Maloy (NH) 46-21-1, Ka. Pickar 46-21-0.

NEW HAMPTON SQUADS

Red (232) - Orthaus 42, I. Schwickerath 47, Holschlag 47, E. Swehla 48, Scott 48.

Black (225) - Brincks 43, T. Schwickerath 42, Venem 46, H. Humpal 43, Howe 49.

Gold (221) - Bearman 42, Maloy 46, Ka. Pickar 46, N. Swehla 43, Fuerstenberg 44.

White (197) - N. Eichenberger 29, Fettkether 48, Condon 36, Pauley 38, J. Schwickerath 46.

Silver (194) - Utley 35, Jordan 43, Ke. Pickar 34, Kuehner 44, Snyder 38.

Platinum (188) - C. Humpal 44, Douglas 46, Burke 39, Thronsdon 35, A. Eichenberger 24.

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Gorgeous night to hit the oval!!!



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Turkey Valley’s Olivia Snyder (left) and Morgan Wenthold run in the 100 dash at the Nashua-Plainfield Co-Ed Invite on Tuesday night. The mercury hit into the low 80s for the early-season meet which featured several area teams.

TV’s 4x400, 4x100 place second at Postville meet

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a blue-ribbon result in the sprint medley with a time of 1:39.52. The relay was made up of seniors Troy Schmitt, Chase Hayek, Hanson and Ryan Franzen.

TV’s 4x400 relay was runner-up in 4:02 and consisted of Burke Busta, Oliver Schmitt, Logan Busta and J.D. Kruse.

The Trojans’ 4x100 relay was runner-up (46.12) as well with the pairing of Troy Schmitt, Hanson, Hayek and Franzen. That was the top time this year for the group.

Troy Schmitt, a senior, placed third in the discus with a toss of 109-9 and junior Oliver Schmitt was third in the 110 hurdles in 17.76.

FOSTER-KIESAU RELAYS

TEAM SCORES

Waukon 165, South Winneshiek 103, MFL-Mar-Mac 78.5, Tripoli 75, Turkey Valley 69, West Central 37, Central Elkader 30.5, Kee High 22, Postville 5.

100 dash - 2. Noah Hanson 11.55, 7 J.D. Kruse 12.67.

200 dash - 1. Hanson 23.09, 3. Ryan Franzen 24.28, 5. Chase Hayek 25.16.

800 run - 5. Busta 2:23.97.

110 hurdles - 3. Oliver Schmitt 17.76.

Discus - 3. Troy Schmitt 109-9.

Shot put - 12. Logan Busta 31-7.

4x100 - 2. T. Schmitt, Hanson, Hayek, Franzen 46.12.

4x200 - 8. L. Busta, Kruse, Tucker Reicks, Dairean Keyes 1:53.64.

4x400 - 2. B. Busta, O. Schmitt, L. Busta, Kruse 4:02.42.

Shuttle hurdle - 4. O. Schmitt, Keyes, Reicks, L. Busta 1:25.14.

Sprint medley - 1. T. Schmitt, Hayek, Hanson, Franzen 1:39.52.

Distance medley - T. Schmitt, O. Schmitt, Hayek, Franzen DQ.



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Turkey Valley track athletes cheer their teammates on in Nashua on Tuesday evening.

TV trapshooters take on Cresco Area Clay Crushers

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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The Turkey Valley trapshooters took on the Cresco Area Clay Crushers near Jackson Junction last week Thursday.

The TV Red team downed the top squad from Cresco by seven shots – 226-219.

Cole Suckow of Crestwood won the individual title on the boys side with a perfect 50 round. Hunter Kruse of TV and Kyle Larson of Cresco tied for runner-up honors. Each fired a 48 and both shot a 20 in the shoot-off.

Keira Myers of Turkey Valley won the girls competition. She tied with teammate Alexis Elsbernd with a round of 46. Myers came out on top as she won the shoot-off, 20-18.

Other top scores from TV came Brennen Drilling (47), Hunter Nelson (45), Landon Huber (45) and Traejin Keel (44). Kale Kuennen fired a 43. Ashley Fischer, Ethan Orvis and Parker Reicks each tallied a 42.

TV’s meet at Cresco on Tuesday, April 4 was cancelled because of inclement weather.

TOP SQUADS

TV Red 226, Cresco Area Clay Crushers 11 219, Cresco Area Clay Crushers 8 213.

TOP BOYS

Cole Suckow (CR) 50-0, Hunter Kruse (TV) 48-20, Kyle Larson (CR) 48-20.

TOP GIRLS

Keira Myers (TV) 46-20, Alexis Elsbernd (TV) 46-18, Avery Johnson (CR) 44-0.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley’s Ashley Fischer (right) fist bumps Brady Fischer at a home meet versus Cresco near Jackson Junction last week Thursday.

TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

Red (226) - Landon Huber 45, Ty Moudry 41, Kruse 48, Elsbernd 46, Myers 46.

Other scores - Ethan Orvis 42, Cadyn Huber 40, Jonathan Redfern 36, Boden Toussaint 38, William Diers 37, Wade Petersen 41, Kinek Reicks 33, Calen Franzen 0, Traejin Keel 44, Parker Reicks 42.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Molly Wegner putts in the season opener at New Hampton Golf & Country Club against Charles City last Thursday.

Comets no match for NH

NH GIRLS GOLF: FROM 14

rolls around later this week, Olson and his Chickasaws will have completed a decent portion of its regular season in a matter of just eight days. NH played a dual at Denver on Tuesday and travels to Jesup on Friday to take part in a quad. The Chickasaws have 12 regular season scheduled meets this spring, including the NEIC meet.

“This week’s going to be a big week,” said Olson. “A third of our season’s already gone after basically one week. It’s kind of crazy.”

New Hampton easily outdistanced Charles City last week on its home course by a score of 184-242.

In the triangular versus the 3A champs from a year ago and host Mason City, the DeLong sisters from Clear Lake demonstrated their sound squad is tough to beat – especially when New Hampton had never played on the challenging course that features fast greens and tight, tree-lined fairways on the front nine.

Meghan DeLong, the younger of the sisters, shot a sizzling two-over par 39, while Rebecca DeLong fired a 42. That was more than enough clout from two of its top four scores that mattered to outdistance New Hampton in the final team tally – 182 to 203. The host Riverhawks of Mason shot a 243.

Course conditions and familiarity matter in golf – perhaps one of the reasons New Hampton fell 21 strokes back of Clear Lake.

“We knew nothing about Highland Park. We’ve never played there. They didn’t even have a scorecard online, so I had to find one through other channels to kind of give us any idea of what it was like,” said Olson. “We were going in pretty blind, unfortunately.”

Playing without senior captain Lydia Olson – Eric’s daughter – New Hampton was led by sophomore Lauren Nuss. Nuss carded a 45 in Mason City and was the meet medalist (44) at home versus Charles City.

Highland Park’s greens are quite a bit smaller than New Hampton’s home course manicured – the New Hampton Golf

& Country Club. Throw in the fact that the front nine is also spacious and it makes for some tough shots after one hits off the tees.

“It’s long. It’s got three Par 5’s,” said Eric Olson. “The greens were way faster than what we played out here – like triple the speed faster. When we played our greens last Thursday, our greens had only been mowed one time. It’s a big difference when you go from really slow greens to really fast greens.”

New Hampton junior Molly Wenger was on top of her game with a 45 against Charles City, while Lydia Olson tallied a 46. Kinsli Dahl, a junior, came into the clubhouse with a 49 and fellow junior Taryn Smith shot a 52. Maycen Hackman, a sophomore, fired a 55.

Brenna Flattum (52), a sophomore, and freshman Alivya Geerts (55) paced the NH JV squad against the Comets.

Dahl (51), Wegner (53), Hackman (54) and Smith (55) rounded out the varsity scoring for the Chickasaws at Mason City.

Geerts fired a 48 for the JV team at Mason City, followed by junior Kira Tenge’s 52.

Eric Olson talked about the season opener at home against the Comets, which was a little chilly, but the Chickasaw head coach called the start to the season promising.

“It was cold, but we were able to get out there and play,” said Eric Olson. “It was good having four girls in the 40s and we had a couple girls knocking right on the door of 40. It was really good first time out. We had only been on the course one time before that.”

NEW HAMPTON 184, CHARLES CITY 242

Medalist - Lauren Nuss (NH) 44.

New Hampton scores - Nuss 44, Molly Wegner 45, Lydia Olson 46, Kinsli Dahl 49, Taryn Smith 52, Maycen Hackman 55.

New Hampton JV scores - Brenna Flattum 52, Alivia Geerts 55, Kira Tenge 59, Katherine Brincks 84.

RIVERHAWK TRIANGULAR TEAM SCORES

Clear Lake 182, New Hampton 203, Mason City 243.

Medalist - Meghan DeLong (CL) 39.

New Hampton scores - Nuss 45, Dahl 51, Wegner 53, Hackman 54, Smith 55.

New Hampton JV scores - Geerts 48, Tenge 52, Flattum 59, Brincks 83.



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Chickasaw sophomore Brenna Flattum gets ready to strike an approach shot in the season opener.

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Chickasaw coach likes how his team competes

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that he popped one, he had a nice series there."

But what Jenkins appreciated the most were the "little things" he saw on the track.

The Chickasaws, who were coming off a sixth-place finish at last Thursday's Dave Sage Relays, placed in every event, save for the 3,200 and they did it by — as Jenkins put it — "running guys down."

He used youngsters like sophomore Braiden Schaufenbuel and freshman Weston Praska as examples. Schaufenbuel took fifth in the 800 with a career-best time of 2:23.09 while Praska was fifth in the "mile," but it was how they did it that had Jenkins smiling.

"They both just really competed," he said. "Braiden had a really good night because he ran the 4x8 well and turned around and gave us a really good open, and Weston, maybe the time wasn't what he wanted, but I loved the way he went after the West Delaware kid down the stretch and moved up. That's the stuff we need to see."

And he also appreciated the team-first attitude that he saw from a number of his runners.

Freshman Dylan Schmitt, who filled in on the 4x200 relay just minutes after running the 400 leg of the distance medley, and Peyton Anderson, who ran a lifetime best split of 2:06 on his 800 leg of the distance medley, filled in nicely on the 4x400.

"You want to see guys step up, and I know we were asking a lot, especially for Dylan," Jenkins said. "We have a lot of guys who are willing to sacrifice for their teammates."

And there was one final bright spot — the weather — on Monday.

"Warmer temperatures puts everybody in a better mood, including the coach," Jenkins said with a laugh. "You just feel like you can run a little farther, jump a little higher and throw a little farther."

The good news is the Chickasaws may get a repeat today (Thursday) when they make their home debut at the New Hampton Coed Invitational.

"We want to put on a good

show and give our fans something to cheer about," the New Hampton coach said. "It's looking beautiful, maybe a little windy, but I'm never going to argue with 70-degree temps."

DAVE SAGE RELAYS TEAM SCORES

Waverly-Shell Rock 161, Decorah 152, Waterloo West 102, North Fayette Valley 83, Wapsie Valley 79, New Hampton 76, Crestwood 74.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

100 - 7. Carter Cahoy 11.95, 9. Beau Serie 12.07.
200 - 6. Dylan Schmitt 25.05, 7. Ethan Praska 25.17.
1,600 - 5. Peyton Anderson 5:00.78.
3,200 - 4. Anderson 10:59.10.
110 hurdles - 6. Aiden Robinson 17.94.
400 hurdles - 11. Ryan Willadsen 1:05.88, 12. Tristin Willadsen 1:17.14.
4x100 - 2. B. Serie, Braden McShane, Hunter Serie, Cahoy 45.43.
4x200 - 3. B. Serie, Cahoy, H. Serie, McShane 1:35.46.
4x400 - 5. Roberson, E. Praska McShane, H. Serie 3:40.55.
4x800 - 6. Caden Rochford, Braiden Schaufenbuel, Weston Praska, Jarrin Robinson 10:03.34.
Sprint medley - 5. B. Serie, Cahoy, H. Serie, Roberson 1:41.57.
Distance medley - 4. T. Willadsen, Schmitt, R. Willadsen, E. Praska 4:05.58.

Shuttle hurdle - 5. T. Willadsen, Elliott Eiler, Jayden Bucknell, R. Willadsen 1:17.72.

High jump - 3. Roberson 5-4.
Long jump - 4. McShane 19-3.75.
Shot put - 5. Carsyn Leistikow 39-6.5, 9. Marshall Zeien 35-9.5.
Discus - 2. Zeien 134-6, 12. Leistikow 101-3.
4x100 weightman's - 6. Leisitkow, Aiden Groth, Gatlin McCumber, Zeien 57.38.

JUNIOR VARSITY RESULTS

100 - 9. Kael Meyers 13.09, 13. Jacob McDonald 14.40.
200 - 4. T. Willadsen 26.70, 5. Kale Venem, 27.06.
800 - 6. Landon Buress 2:31.84, 9. W. Praska 2:37.73.
4x100 - 4. Reid Rausch, Venem, Bucknell, Meyers 51.97.
4x400-5. Rochford, Schaufenbuel, Schmitt, Robinson 4:07.28.
Sprint medley - 4. Rausch, Bryce Flugum, Venem, Eiler 1:54.65.
Long jump - 10. Venem 15-5.25, 12. Flugum 14-11.5.
Shot put - 2. McCumber 38-9.5, 13. Griffin Wenzlaff 29-9.5, 20. Groth 23-4.
Discus - 6. McCumber 109-2, 14. Robinson 82-5, 17. McDonald 76-4, 20. Wenzlaff 53-6, 22. Groth 45-4.

DECORAH RELAYS TEAM SCORES

Decorah 164, Waukon 115, New Hampton 109, MFL-Mar-Mac 63, South Winneshiek 62, West Delaware 41, Central Elkader 19, Kee High 14.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

Sprint medley - 3. B. Serie, H.



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New Hampton sophomore Beau Serie hands off the baton to his older brother, Hunter, during the sprint medley at the Decorah Relays Monday.

Serie, Cahoy, E. Praska 1:42.94.
3,200 - 7. Robinson 12:32.86.
4x800 - 4. Rochford, Landon Buress, Schaufenbuel, W. Praska 9:57.85.

Shuttle hurdle - 5. T. Willadsen, Eiler, Bucknell, R. Willadsen 1:16.74.
100 - 3. McShane 11.57, 5. B. Serie 12.01.

Distance medley - 2. Roberson, R. Willadsen, Schmitt, Anderson 3:53.08.
400 - 2. E. Praska 55.25, 9. Eiler 1:02.57.

4x200 - 2. B. Serie, Schmitt, H. Serie, McShane 1:36.20.
110 high hurdles - 3. Roberson 17.16, 8. R. Willadsen 19.36.

800 - 5. Schaufenbuel 2:23.09, 9. Buress 2:28.98.
200 - 6. Schmitt 25.26.
400 hurdles - 4. R. Willadsen 1:03.87, 10. T. Willadsen 1:08.62.

1,600 - 5. W. Praska 5:45.70.
4x100 weightman's - 2. Leistikow, Zeien, McCumber, Logan Peterman 55.00.

4x100 - 1. B. Serie, Cahoy, H. Serie, McShane 45.03.
4x400 - 2. Roberson, Anderson, E. Praska, H. Serie 3:41.03.

Long jump - 2. McShane 19-8, 11.

Flugum 16-0.
High jump - 7. Roberson 5-4, 10. Schmitt 5-0.

Shot put - 1. Zeien 43-10.75, 4. Leistikow 40-8.
Discus - 1. Zeien 130-3, 7. Leistikow 107-8.

JUNIOR VARSITY RESULTS

3. Rausch, Meyers, Bucknell, T. Willadsen 1:53.13.

100 - 3. Meyers 12.62, 16. Rausch 13.46, 22. McDonald 13.87, 24. Peterman 13.98, 29. Zeien 14.26, 30. McCumber 14.30, 35. Wenzlaff 14.90., 37. Leistikow 15.02, 38. Groth 15.44.

4x200 - 3. Flugum, Venom, Bucknell, Rochford 1:48.16.
200 - 7. Flugum 26.29.

4x100 weightman's - 2. McDonald, Groth, Wenzlaff, Robinson 56.62.
4x100 - 2. Rausch, Venem, Eiler, Meyers 50.38.

4x400 - 4. Flugum, Venem, Schaufenbuel, Rochford 4:19.40.
Long jump - 7. Venem 15-5.

Shot put - 1. Peterman 42-2, 12. Wenzlaff 30-4, 28. Groth 22-11.75.
Discus - 2. McCumber 109-31, 7. Roberson 93-11, 9. Peterman 90-9, 12. McDonald 82-7, 29. Wenzlaff 57-7, 34. Groth 44-3.



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New Hampton's Kelli Jirak chases down a loose ball during last week's game against Postville.

Chickasaws on wrong end of one-goal games

New Hampton falls to Postville during home opener then drops 4-3 game at Waverly-SR

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Injuries, a controversial call and weather that would make even the bravest of harsh-climate survivalists cringe from the chill in the air.

That was all part of the New Hampton soccer team's home opener versus rival Postville last week Tuesday.

Postville crashed New Hampton's party and did so in thrilling fashion with a penalty kick made good in the final three minutes of the contest.

We'll get to that later.

The Pirates earned their first win of the season after defeating New Hampton, 3-2. Then the squad from Allamakee County hurriedly got off the field and into the warm comfort of their toasty and awaiting bus.

On a night that saw almost all sports activities cancelled because of severe weather and a mercury that made it physically painful to view the soccer action as a spectator — New Hampton played.

Just not well enough.

"Postville came to play and it didn't really look like we did," said NH head coach Shannon Maas. "We weren't playing the way that I know we have played and that we can play as far as working together, passing the ball. The sense of urgency wasn't there."

Postville (1-3) jumped on top of a somewhat lethargic New Hampton squad to take an 2-0 lead in the first 25 minutes of play before halftime.

That intermission was sliced in half, by the way, down to just five minutes from it's usual 10 minutes. The game was also moved up 30 minutes from its original start time to beat the weather, which started to turn for the worse halfway through the second half as winds picked up and the temperature plummeted.

Salvador Rodriquez started the game's scoring with a goal at the 26:21 mark of the first half. He scored again underneath 15 minutes remaining before intermission to give the Pirates a two-goal cushion.

"We weren't really passing to each other and playing as a team as much as we had in the past games," said senior NH midfielder/defender Aydin Ries. "We just didn't have the energy that we could have at the beginning."

Then New Hampton woke up from its cold slumber.

NH senior Victor Montiel raced down a ball and promptly out ran everyone on the field to score New Hampton's first goal.

He put the ball inside the right corner of the net with 10:20 left before halftime.

The halftime score was 2-1, Postville.

Maas said New Hampton's offensive formation wasn't where it needed to be.

"That was kind of out of whack," said Maas. "We're going to face some adversity. It's all about how well we adjust and how we handle out."

Treyce Orr, another experienced senior and veteran player for the Chickasaws, knotted the score at 2-2 with some nifty dribbling inside the penalty box. He let his feet do the rest as he fired a goal past the Pirate keeper with 30:10 left in the second half.

"We lacked a little bit of energy at the start. They came to play and we just weren't there all the way," said Orr. "As the game picked up we slowly got back into it, but when we lose momentum it's very hard to get the ball back."

Then came what many believed to be a blown call by the referee as Ries was whistled for a foul inside the penalty box that gave Abdiaziz Ibrahim a penalty kick with just 3:30 left in regulation.

"I don't think I did anything illegal," said Ries. "That's the first PK I've had in my entire life."

Maas felt the foul on Ries was also unjust.

"It should not have been a foul — even the side ref said that," said a perplexed Maas.

NH's starting goalie — Carver Bouillon — who was kicked in the face just minutes earlier, was replaced by freshman back-up keeper Easton Monteith for the penalty kick. Ibrahim just barely slid what turned out to be the winning goal past a game Monteith and his outstretched hands near the far left post.

Montiel, one of the top scorers in Class 2A alongside Chickasaw junior Carter Broughton, did not play in the second half after injuring his ankle.

"We need to learn to not rely on just him. We need everyone," said Maas about Montiel's departure from the game.

New Hampton — in just its third year of competition — has never beaten Postville.

The Chickasaws lost to Waverly-Shell Rock by a score of 4-3. The Go-Hawks led 4-1, but NH scored two goals in the final minute to cut the W-SR lead to just a single goal.

Montiel scored two goals against the Go-Hawks and senior Brian Perez added another in the back of the net.



It was not exactly spring like during New Hampton's soccer game with Postville as fans like Amy and Cory Orr layered up to watch the Chickasaws and Pirates.



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New Hampton's Ben Gilbert watches his putt roll toward the hole during Friday's meet in Charles City.

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"It probably helped that we played our home course, I'll say that," Glenn said, "but we also hit a lot more good golf shots than we did at Charles City. For the most part, I thought our guys made good decisions and then executed the shots they wanted."

Three days after Kyler Glenn, Ben Gilbert and Adam Ewert shared medalist honors with 90s at Charles City, 90 didn't come close to "scoring" for New Hampton.

Jack Shawver fired a 76, his career-low, to earn medalist honors by three strokes over Glenn, who tied his career bests. Kam Josephson had a 39 on his first nine and finished with an 83 while Adam Ewert rounded out the scoring with an 85.

Just as importantly was the fact that New Hampton got two 18-hole rounds in during the first week of the season.

"We didn't have school on Friday or today," coach Glenn said Monday, "so it made sense to play 18. I know some people were saying, 'You sure you want

to play 18 this early in the season?' My thought is we'll take 'em when we can get 'em. It's what conference, sectionals and districts play and I want our guys to have that experience."

And although the Chickasaws were without two-year starter Ty Robinson to open the season, depth doesn't appear to be a problem for New Hampton in 2023.

In Monday's JV meet, Ty Shekleton shot a 42 and Carter Newbrough finished with a 45.

"Having competition on your own team, that's a good thing," Glenn said. "I mean you'd rather have too many low scores than not enough, right?"

And one of the things Glenn likes about this year's squad is some of the comments he heard Monday in the clubhouse after his team improved to 2-0.

"Almost everyone was talking about a hole or two they should have scored better on," he said, "and that's key in golf. You want to be confident and all that, but you also want kids to realize that they can improve."

The Chickasaws played in a triangular at Mason City Tuesday, play Osage in a scrimmage today (Thursday) and then travel to Jesup for a triangular on Friday.

NEW HAMPTON 361, CHARLES CITY 446

Medalists - Kyler Glenn (NH) 90, Ben Gilbert (NH) 90, Adam Ewert 90.
New Hampton results - Glenn 45-45 - 90, Ewert 50-40 - 90, Gilbert 49-41 - 90, Jack Shawver 46-45 - 91, Kam Josephson 49-47 - 96, Carter Newbrough 49-49 - 98.

CHARLES CITY JV 278, NEW HAMPTON 288

Medalist - Noah Jenkins (NH) 58.
New Hampton results - Jenkins 58, Quinten Reicks 71, Riley Scheidel 71, Billy Kalusen 88, RW Pethoud 88.

NEW HAMPTON 323, DECORAH 355

Medalist - Shawver (NH) 76.
New Hampton results - Shawver 37-39 - 76, Glenn 43-36 - 79, Josephson 39-44 - 83, Ewert 45-40 - 85, Gilbert 48-42 - 90, Cael Laues 52-48 - 100.

NEW HAMPTON JV 183, DECORAH 185

Medalists - Ty Shekleton (NH) 42. Hunter Quandahl (D) 42.
New Hampton results - Shekleton 42, Newbrough 45, Chase Gebel 48, Jenkins 48, Reicks 59, Scheidel 74.

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THURSDAY
New Hampton trap-shooting vs. Waverly-Shell Rock, 3:30 p.m.
Turkey Valley trap-shooting vs. Nashua-Plainfield, 4 p.m.
New Hampton boys golf vs. Osage, 4 p.m.
Turkey Valley golf vs. West Central, 4 p.m.
New Hampton and Turkey Valley girls and boys track at New Hampton Coed Invitational, 4:30 p.m. events, 5 p.m. running events.
FRIDAY
New Hampton girls and boys golf at Jesup, 4 p.m.
New Hampton soccer vs. Clayton Ridge, varsity at 5 p.m., junior varsity to follow
New Hampton trap-shooting at Nashua, 6:15 p.m.



SATURDAY
New Hampton trap-shooting at Turkey Valley invite, 8 a.m.
New Hampton girls track at Iowa City West, 10:30 a.m.
MONDAY
New Hampton girls golf vs. Crestwood, 4 p.m.
Turkey Valley at New Hampton Invitational, 4:30 p.m.
TUESDAY
New Hampton trap-shooting at Nashua, 3:30 p.m.
Turkey Valley golf triangular at Silver Springs, Ossian, 4 p.m.
Turkey Valley girls track at Crestwood Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

New Hampton soccer at Decorah, varsity at 5 p.m., junior varsity to follow
New Hampton boys track at Charles City's Comet Relays, 5 p.m.
THURSDAY, APRIL 20
New Hampton girls track at Waterloo West, 3:30 p.m.
New Hampton trap-shooting vs. Cedar Falls, 3:30 p.m.
Turkey Valley golf vs. South Winneshiek at Silver Springs, Ossian, 4 p.m.
Turkey Valley trap-shooting vs. Cresco, 4 p.m.

Turkey Valley girls and boys track at Kee High Coed Invitational, 4:30 p.m.
New Hampton soccer vs. Mason City, varsity at 5 p.m., junior varsity to follow.
FRIDAY, APRIL 21
New Hampton boys golf at Crestwood, 4 p.m.
New Hampton boys track at Waukon Invitational, 4:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 22
New Hampton girls golf vs. Columbus Catholic, 9 a.m.
New Hampton boys golf vs. Sumner-Fredricksburg, Denver and South Winneshiek, 9 a.m.
Turkey Valley trap-shooting at New Hampton invitational (New Hampton Senior Day) 9 a.m.



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New Hampton's Hailee Pesek (above) makes up the stagger on her way to a win in the 400 while Ella Knutson (below) anchors to 4x200 relay at a meet in Decorah last week.

It beats last year's weather

New Hampton girls coach appreciates chance to compete on track

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Mother Nature can be quite fickle – as evident by the unpredictable weather patterns of an Iowa spring.

The New Hampton Chickasaws have avoided her wrath thus far into the season for the most part.

That's why Jeanette Laures and her NH girls track team just feels fortunate to be able to run in the early stages of 2023 – when inclement weather has already forced the cancellation of several sporting events for other NH spring sports teams.

New Hampton has had one meet postponed so far this year – last week Tuesday's planned meet at Mason City. But that's a far cry from a year ago when New Hampton had its first three meets called off because of less-than ideal running conditions.

"We've already had two more meets than we did at this time last year, so it's exciting to see the progress through the meets rather than just practicing," said Laures. "Plus, it's more fun for our athletes. We have competitive athletes, and that's what they want to do....compete!"

While New Hampton is just starting to get warmed up in the outdoor season as the temperature has also risen – the Chickasaws still haven't sported a full lineup.

The Chickasaws were without the services of one of the state's top track stars in Carlee Rochford last Thursday at the Decorah Invite. Rochford – a University of Iowa recruit – has been nursing a nagging knee injury and did not compete at Decorah.

Sans Rochford, New Hampton still put up some good times and top finishes.

Decorah won the meet with 174 points – almost 100 points better than New Hampton's third-place total of 76. Waukon wound up runner-up with 88 points.

"We have yet to compete at full strength, so we're looking forward to everyone getting healthy and having a full squad to contend with. I think we'll be dangerous then!" said Laures.

Laures led the Chickasaws to a 12th-place state finish a year ago and New Hampton is looking to improve on that state standing later on next month in mid-May at the state track meet in Des Moines.

New Hampton has all the tools for a top-10 state finish if healthy.

Once such athlete is junior Hailee Pesek – who won the open 400 in a season-best time of 1:04.34. That finish at the tape just edged out runner-up finisher – McKenzie Riley of Decorah (1:04.7). Pesek placed



13th in the 400 dash at state as a sophomore with a time of 1:02.56. She has run in the state race two consecutive seasons.

Pesek also placed fourth in the open 200 in a time of 27.52 (season best). Brinley Krivachek of Decorah just nipped Pesek for third place at the finish line in 27.51.

NH sophomore Taylor Ries won the 400 hurdles in 1:12.13.

The Chickasaws were also winners in the sprint medley with the team of freshman Madison Shawver, sophomores Kinsley Hackman and Ries, followed by Pesek. The group ran a season-best time of 1:57.94.

The 4x100 relay was second and clipped out to a tune of 54.21 with the team of Shawver, Hackman, Ries and Pesek.

The New Hampton d-med squad placed third in 4:59.85 with the squad of Shawver, junior Addison Trower, sophomore Braelyn Rosonke and senior Kandice Eggerichs.

Tegan Dungey – a freshman – was runner-up in the 1,500 run in 5:33 and placed fourth in the two-mile run in 11:51.

Natalie Nosbisch – a sophomore – placed third in the open 800 with a time of 2:37.29 – also a season best.

"We've got some individual strength this year that will continue to score big points for us in some individual events from the 100 to the 3,000. We're trying to give kids some variety right now by moving them around, and we're conditioning them with longer and shorter events," Laures added.

The Chickasaws ran at Osage on Tuesday and host the New Hampton Co-Ed Invite on Thursday. Then a select group of Chickasaws will compete in the Iowa City's West Eastern Iowa Track and Field Festival on Saturday.

DECORAH INVITE TEAM SCORES
Decorah 174, Waukon 88, New

Hampton 76, Waverly-Shell Rock 73, South Winneshiek 65, Crestwood 59, Kee High 27, Turkey Valley 26.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

Sprint medley – 1. Madison Shawver, Kinsley Hackman, Taylor Ries, Hailee Pesek 1:57.94.

3,000 run – 4. Tegan Dungey 11:51.8, 7. Natalie Nosbisch 12:20.56. 100 dash – 10. Hackman 13.84, 12. Ries 14.11.

Distance medley – 3. Shawver, Addison Trower, Braelyn Rosonke, Kandice Eggerichs 4:59.85.

400 dash – 1. Pesek 1:04.34

4x200 – 6. Camryn Smith, Kirsten Reicherts, Shawver, Ella Knutson 2:00.14.

100 hurdles – 8. Trower 18.82, 15. Schwickerath 21.83.

800 run – 3. Nosbisch 2:37.29, 14. Madalyn Van Wey 3:22.94.

200 dash – 4. Pesek 27.52, 10. Hackman 28.65.

400 hurdles – 1. Ries 1:12.13, 4. Knutson 1:15.77.

1,500 run – 2. Dungey 5:33.33, 16. Reicherts 6:26.63.

4x100 – 2. Shawver, Hackman, Ries, Pesek 54.21.

4x400 – 5. Smith, Rosonke, Eggerichs, Knutson 4:41.

Long jump – 12. Smith 13-4.5.

High jump – 5. Reicherts 4-6, Rosonke 4-4.

Discus – 10. Madison Schaufenbuel 74-4, 12. Beth Pickar 70-11.

Shot put – 6. Schaufenbuel 31-3.75.

JV RESULTS

Sprint medley – 3. Trower, Cora Schwickerath, Rosonke, Smith 2:09.01.

100 dash – 19. Schwickerath 15.67.

400 dash – 5. Van Wey 1:21.03.

200 dash – 4. Eggerichs 30.57.

Discus – 7. Eggerichs 70-6, 12. Elena Federspiel 63-10, 19. Amiya Kellogg 55-11.

Shot put – 16. Kellogg 22-11, 19. Federspiel 21-8.5, 21. Pickar 20-9.

Young Trojans turn in a solid effort in 4x800

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third (54.42) with the team of freshman Makinley Lutgen, Snyder, as well as freshmen Jenna Thronndson and Morgan Wenthold. That clip was a PR for the group this year.

Wenthold ran a top time so far for TV in the 100 dash. She crossed the tape in 13.45 – good for third place.

Another freshman – Karstyn Lukes – ran a season PR in the 400 dash (1:13.78). That lap around the track saw her finish in the eighth slot overall.

TV's 4x800 team placed fifth in 11:50 – also a season best. The squad consisted of sophomore Layni Schuchhardt, followed by the freshman trio of Addison Steinlage, Haylee Hanson and Lukes.

TV ran in the Nashua-Plainfield Co-Ed meet on Tuesday and is also entered to compete in the New Hampton Co-Ed tonight (Thursday).

DECORAH INVITE TEAM SCORES

Decorah 174, Waukon 88, New Hampton 76, Waverly-Shell Rock 73, South Winneshiek 65, Crestwood 59, Kee High 27, Turkey Valley 26.

TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

Sprint medley – 6. McKinley Lutgen, Jenna Thronndson, Olivia

Snyder, Morgan Wenthold 2:05.81.

4x800 – 5. Layni Schuchhardt, Addison Steinlage, Haylee Hanson, Karstyn Lukes 11:50.72.

100 dash – 3. Morgan Wenthold 13.45, 11. Olivia Snyder 13.85.

Distance medley – 5. Snyder, Thronndson, Steinlage, Schuchhardt 5:07.48.

400 dash – 8. Lukes 1:13.78.

4x200 – 8. Ryann Schmitt, Schuchhardt, Karen Ventura, Addison Lutgen 2:09.24.

100 hurdles – 10. Kinsey Reicks 19.41, 13. Hanson 20.38.

800 run – 10. M. Lutgen 3:08.45.

200 dash – 11. Wenthold 29.04, 15. Schmitt 31.6.

400 hurdles – 9. Hanson 1:24.29.

4x100 Weightwoman – 2. Ventura, Lukes, Aubrey Hoffert, Jacqlyn Schmitt 1:01.87.

4x100 – 3. M. Lutgen, Snyder, Thronndson, Wenthold 54.42.

4x400 – 6. Schuchhardt, Reicks, Hanson, Steinlage 5:03.01.

Discus – 4. J. Schmitt 91-8, 16. Hoffert 65-1.

Shot put – 4. J. Schmitt 33, 13. Hoffert 24-1.5.

JV RESULTS

100 dash – 9. R. Schmitt 14.74,

16. Kinsey Reicks 15.19, 18. Addison Lutgen 15.45, 20. Delaney Busta 15.72, 23. Karen Ventura 15.95.

400 dash – 1. Busta 1:16.63.

200 dash – 6. A. Lutgen 31.94, 14. Busta 33.31, 16. Ventura 33.72.

4x100 – 5. R. Schmitt, Reicks, A. Lutgen, Busta 59.76.

Discus – 8. Thronndson 69-7.



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Turkey Valley's Addison Lutgen navigates a curve as she runs a leg of the 4x200 relay at a meet held in Decorah last Thursday.



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Under the lights no problem for Chickasaw trapshooters

Swehla continues his strong start to season with a 49 to help New Hampton Red to squad win at triangular

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Ethan Swehla has been around guns his whole life, going so far as joking that he learned to shoot before he learned to walk.

But last week, the New Hampton trapshooter experienced some-

thing new; he and his teammates shot "under the lights" during a triangular meet that was held at the Nashua Fish and Game Club.

"It didn't affect me at all," said Swehla, who not only helped New Hampton Red claim the squad title during the night event but also picked up the individual title with a

49. "I really enjoyed it, it was cool, and honestly, I think I was more dialed in."

Swehla's 49 bested four shooters — teammates Isaak Schwickerath and Joshua Scott and Charles City's Brayden Ellis and Carter Burkhardt — in the individual race as New Hampton enjoyed another

strong outing.

Red shot a 225 while New Hampton Black finished with a 211 to nip Charles City 1 by one shot. New Hampton also swept the podium for the girls as Tori Bearman finished with a 43 and Jaiden Fettkether and Kimberly Jordan each had 38s.

The victory was Swehla's second on the young season. He had a 47 and won a shoot-off to claim the Nashua-Plainfield Invitational title on the previous Saturday and then had a 49 and won another shoot-off to finish second in New

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Swehla



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton junior Jack Shawver gets ready to hit his tee shot during the Chickasaws' season-opening meet that was held Friday in Charles City.

Chickasaw boys pick up two 18-hole wins to start season

By **BOB FENSKE**
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On the plus side, New Hampton opened its boys golf season with an 85-shot victory.

Granted, the Chickasaws' 361 last Friday at Charles City's Cedar Ridge Golf Course wasn't exactly the score their coach was looking for, but, a win is a win, right?

"We'll never say no to a W," Bill Glenn said, "but I think every kids that teed it up would like to have a few — probably more than a few — shots back. I look at it as, hey,

we got to play 18 and we got a win. That's two positives right there."

Fast forward three days to Monday. The Chickasaws played their home opener at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club with another 18-hole meet, this time against Decorah, and the Chickasaws fired a 323, the best score they've posted since 2019.

"Now, that's more like it," Glenn said Monday night after his team posted a 32-shot victory over the Vikings. "Honestly, though, I'm not that surprised. With this

group [of juniors], I've always said if we could all play our A game, we could be dangerous."

That 2019 team is the last New Hampton squad to qualify a team for the state tournament, and although it's early in the season — there's very little green on the course and few, if any, leaves on the trees — Monday's performance has Glenn thinking this team has a chance to do the same thing that 2019 team did.

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New Hampton girls pick up right where they left off

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
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Time flies.

It will have been four years ago in late May next month that the New Hampton girls golf squad claimed its first ever state championship in 2019.

The pieces are in places once again to make another run.

Eric Olson's Chickasaws are looking to get back to state in 2023 to reel in another crown this spring and continue a winning tradition that few teams can rival in New Hampton's

decade of dominance.

New Hampton — ranked No. 1 in Class 2A by the Iowa High School Golf Coaches Association — opened the season last week Thursday at home versus Charles City.

Then it was off to Highland Park Golf Course in Mason City this past Monday where the talented Chickasaws tangled with defending Class 3A state champ Clear Lake in the Riverhawk Triangular.

When Saturday morning

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton's Kinsli Dahl keeps an eye on her putt as it rolls toward the hole during last week's season opener.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley's Delaney Busta competes in the 400-meter dash at a meet in Decorah last week.

Turkey Valley girls put their focus on track improvement

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
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Time are important, but they're not the end all, be all at this juncture of the season for the Turkey Valley Trojans girls track squad.

TV competed at the Decorah Invite last week Thursday and finished in eighth place with 26 team points.

Trojan co-head coach Sarah Bakula described her thought process through the first two weeks of the outdoor season — which has seen two meets (NFV, Postville) get canceled because of inclement weather.

"Times are not critical at this point. Early season is just about working through practices and doing our best in meets. Yes, we want to see times improve, but all the factors on days of meets just might not be right. We want to work on competing and putting ourselves in positions, while still being able to finish races strong and see where that takes us," said Bakula, who is one-half of TV's coaching staff along with Dalton Hackman.

TV sports four seniors on its roster — Jacqlyn Schmitt, Aubrey Hoffert, Clare Courtney and Olivia Snyder. There's one junior on the team in Ryann Schmitt. That means the rest of the Trojans lineup is all underclassmen.

The future of TV athletics was on display at Decorah. The youthful group is coming along according to Bakula.

"High school track is a much bigger stage and you are running against girls that are possibly three years older than you are, rather than the same age," said Bakula. "But our freshman have already exceeded expectations and we are excited to help and watch them improve through this year and throughout their high school career."

One key senior competitor for TV is senior Jacqlyn Schmitt. She placed fourth in the discus (91-8) and also fourth in the shot put (33). Both those efforts were season bests for the state competitor from a year ago.

TV's 4x100 relay placed

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New Hampton's Ethan Praska makes the "cut" as he runs the 400 leg of the sprint medley relay during Monday's Decorah Relays.

Small Trojans' squad takes fifth at Postville meet

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
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Mark Scott would love to have a full lineup and be able to test the waters in each and every event for his Turkey Valley boys track squad — but sometimes numbers don't allow that to happen for a smaller school such as TV.

"It's nice when you can cover all the bases — all the field events and the hurdle events — but when your numbers get low

in a small school, that doesn't happen. You just gotta pick and choose what you can run — what kids want to run and go from there," said Scott.

The Trojans — sporting 13 athletes this year on their roster — competed in the Foster-Kiesau Relays in Postville last week Thursday.

This was TV's second outdoor meet of the year. The Trojans scheduled meets at North Fayette Valley and Edgewood-Colesburg were canceled because of bad

weather in the first two weeks of competition once the indoor season was completed.

TV placed fifth with 69 points at Postville.

Turkey Valley senior Noah Hanson looked in mid-season form at Postville by winning the 200 dash (23.09) and placing runner-up in the 100 dash (11.55). Those were season-best times for the talented Trojan standout.

The Trojans produced a season PR and

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New Hampton shows off competitive side

Chickasaw boys pick up trio of wins, score season-high points to take third at Decorah Relays

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Hunter Serie played the role of big brother to perfection Monday night as he stood near the track at Decorah High School.

The New Hampton senior was asked who was the fastest Serie — Beau or Hunter?

"Is that really even a question," he said with a mischievous grin.

A few minutes later, the younger Serie, who is a sophomore, was asked the same question.

"I think I can take him in a 100, but a 200 and a 400? I hate to say it but he's probably got me there," Beau said. "But seriously, it's kind of cool that we run a lot of the same relays, and I think, yeah, we push each other quite a bit."

The Serie brothers may give each other healthy doses of good-natured grief, but make no mistake about it, they have become key components of New Hampton's track team, one that put together its best performance of the season Monday as the Chickasaws ran, jumped and threw their way to a third-place finish at the Decorah Relays.

"Not just from a team point standpoint was I happy," New Hampton coach Scott Jenkins said, "but really from an effort standpoint and guys stepping up, competing type efforts, that's what really made me happy. We finally ran people

down, we finally held people off, and that was good to see."

The host Vikings won the meet with 164 points, Waukon took second with 115 and New Hampton had a season-high 109.

The Chickasaws got wins from Marshall Zeien in the shot put and the discus, as well as a winning jaunt from its 4x100 team of Beau Serie, Carter Cahoy, Hunter Serie and Braden McShane with a season-best time of 45.03.

Start with the 4x100 team that is seeking to become the first New Hampton sprint relay to qualify for the Drake Relays since 2015. McShane, who had a stellar night, breaking career marks in both the 100 and the long jump, took the baton from Serie in second place and chased down Decorah's Trevor Kuennen to give the Chickasaws its lone win on the track.

"That's a big race for us," Hunter Serie said, "and it would be so cool for us to get a chance to run at Drake. We just have to keep getting faster."

Zeien, meanwhile, won his second discus title of the season, but it was his performance in the shot put — with a career-best 43-10.5 — that had his coach the most excited.

"I basically told him that tonight was the night we were going to decide if we were going to let him keep spinning or go back to the glide," Jenkins said. "What was nice is it wasn't just

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