

Briefs

New Hampton students start their ‘spring break’ today

New Hampton Community Schools and St. Joseph Community School will get New Hampton’s version of a spring break, beginning today (Thursday). Students will be dismissed two hours early today, and students and staff will then have both Friday and Monday off before returning to school on Tuesday. Unlike some other schools in the state, New Hampton doesn’t take a week-long spring break each year; instead, the district usually takes both Good Friday and Easter Monday off, which means its break can occur anytime between late March and early April.

Iowa PBS to debut ‘wild’ weather documentary April 19

Weather in Iowa can be unpredictable and relentless. Iowa PBS’s new documentary, Iowa’s Wild Weather: Storms, dives deeper into how the weather in our state affects farmers, ranchers, city dwellers and rural residents as we all have had to learn how to deal with Mother Nature. “Iowa’s Wild Weather: Storms” premieres on Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. Iowa PBS will also be hosting a screening and discussion for Iowa’s Wild Weather: Storms on Tuesday, May 2 at 6 p.m. at Bricker-Price Block in Earlham. Register for the free event at iowapbs.org/events.

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2148 Odessa Ave., NH
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Easter Services:
April 9th, 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

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Sandra and Jim Russ pose for a photo with their children and grandchildren during Saturday night’s annual New Hampton High School FFA Banquet.

Advisor: FFA is in good hands

BANQUET: FROM 1

year ends in May, Jim and Sandra will walk out the doors of New Hampton High School for the final time. As teachers, at least. But the story of Jim Russ is filled with plenty of twists and turns. He certainly did not take a nice, flat interstate highway to becoming one of the top ag teachers in the state.

HE WAS A “town kid” for a good chunk of his life. Growing up in the Delhi area, his family lived on an acreage and his dad did some chores on the farm to help pay for the rent. But when Russ was in the sixth grade, the family, which included eight children, moved into town, where he attended Maquoketa Valley schools. “I took the ag class to fill my schedule, and I fell in love with ag and FFA,” he said. “Actually, I always loved ag — I helped on a lot of farms — but that class really changed my life. There was something about it, about FFA, that reached me. It put me on the path, I guess.” He went to Iowa State University, earned a degree in agriculture education and, just as importantly, he met his wife in Ames. The two were married in August 1983, just a couple of weeks before Jim Russ would begin his teaching career.

OVER THE NEXT 21 years, the Russ family grew to include Jessica, Chris, Brett and Elisa. Russ taught at Edgewood-Colesburg, building strong ag and FFA programs, but as the new century began, he wasn’t quite sure if he wanted to remain in the classroom. “I probably should have done it three or four years before I did it,” he said of his “break” from teaching. Finally, in 2004, he took the plunge. Russ resigned and, for the first time since 1983, when August rolled around, he wasn’t heading back to class. Four years later, he was helping his oldest daughter, Jessica, who was applying for ag education jobs, and the itch to return to school came on strong.

“Once Jessica got her job, it was like, ‘Dang, I think I can get back into this,’” he said, “so I decided to see what was left.” He learned about an opening in New Hampton, applied and got the job, although he’ll tell you, he was the second choice. But when Steve Pfaffle, who now teaches at Turkey Valley, turned down the job, Russ landed in New Hampton. But Brett Russ was heading into his senior year of high school so the family decided to “split up.” Sandra would stay in Edgewood, and Jim would head to Charles City and be Jessica’s “roommate” for a year. “That was interesting to say the least,” Sandra recalled with a laugh. “One minute, I’m taking a call from him complaining about her and then the next minute I’m taking a call from her telling me ‘Dad’s impossible sometimes.’ I finally told them they had to learn to get along and to leave me out of it.”

HUSBAND AND WIFE, along with



Former New Hampton High School FFA chapter member Madison Kolbet (above) provides the entertainment during the banquet, where soon-to-be FFA Advisor Rachel Bauler and FFA President Marshall Zeien (below) pose for a photo with New Hampton’s superior chapter award.



youngest daughter Elisa, who was then an eighth-grader, reunited in the fall of 2009 when Sandra accepted a special education teaching position in New Hampton. And for 15 years, the team of Jim and Sandra built a powerhouse FFA program. Over and over Saturday night, as speakers stepped to the microphone, they lauded both. “You couldn’t have asked for two better people,” FFA Alumni President James Frantzen said. “They’ve really brought a lot to our school. They’ve re-energized this program.” From the greenhouses to the vineyard to “the mule” to the community involvement to the annual 100-plus membership in FFA, it’s been quite a ride. Two New Hampton students — Michael Tupper and Elisa Russ — served back-to-back presidential terms for the Iowa FFA. The chapter brought home a state championship in horse judging. And there’s plenty of pride in wearing the blue corduroy. So what makes Jim Russ the most proud? “Shoot, I knew that question was coming one of these days,” he said with a laugh. For a moment, he pondered the question before coming up with the answer. “I just look at the changes in the program,” he said. “To see the kids proud of all that history, that means a lot. I guess

the best answer is there isn’t one thing, it’s everything put all together.” For 15 years, the “town kid” has made FFA a home to everyone at New Hampton High School. The kids who have spent their entire life on the farm sit next to some kids who live smack dab in the middle of town and rarely see a farm. Maybe, that’s what means the most to Russ. FFA is as inclusive group as there is at New Hampton High. “There is a place for everyone,” he said. “That was our goal when we came here, and I hope we achieved that, I hope kids know that.”

IN MANY WAYS, this was a typical FFA Banquet; after all, awards were handed out, officers were installed, thousands of dollars was raised during the auction and the food, well, the food was dang good. The FFA members gave “Russ” — as in Jim; not Sandra — the appropriate amount of grief, which is a common occurrence at every FFA Banquet. But the words spoken, the gifts given and the tears shed reminded everyone in the banquet hall — OK, the old high school gymnasium — that this one was a little different. Jim Russ, though, has no doubt, none at all, that he and his wife are leaving FFA in good hands. In January, he welcomed a student-teacher, Rachel Bauler, to his classroom. A month later, the Iowa State University student’s hiring as Russ’ replacement was made official by the New Hampton School Board. Bauler played a key role in Saturday night’s event, and the confidence Russ has in his replacement is high. A day after his last banquet, as an advisor at least, he talked about the future of the program that he and his wife have thrown their lives into the past 15 years. “She’s going to do a great job, she has that rapport with the kids,” he said. “I know she’s going to make changes, and you know what? That’s great. I’ll be here rooting for her, supporting FFA and the kids. Because that’s what we do in FFA.”

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Wednesday	33	17	--
Thursday	52	33	--
Friday	72	30	.32
Saturday	41	27	--
Sunday	65	32	--
Monday	51	36	--
Tuesday	48	35	.25

Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny and windy with a high of 57 and low of 27.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 56 and a low of 40.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high of 64 and a low of 45.

Easter: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of pop-up showers; high 66, low 40.

Extended forecast: Mostly sunny both Monday and Tuesday and highs will be in the 60s while lows will be near 40.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton Light Plant and Telecommunications boards, 5 p.m., Light Plant Boardroom.

History

- In 1937, the airship Hindenburg, the largest dirigible ever built and the pride of Nazi Germany, bursts into flames upon touching its mooring mast in Lakehurst, New Jersey, killing 36 passengers and crew members.
- In 1954, 25-year-old medical student Roger Bannister cracks track and field's most notorious barrier — the four-minute mile — during a track meet in Oxford, England.
- In 1994, in a ceremony presided over by England's Queen Elizabeth II and French President Francois Mitterrand, a rail tunnel under the English Channel was officially opened, connecting Britain and the European mainland for the first time since the Ice Age.
- In 2004, more than 51 million Americans watch the final episode of the popular sitcom "Friends."

Birthdays

- The late country singer and songwriter Merle Haggard was born in 1937.
- Zach Braff, who starred on TV's "Scrubs," turns 48.
- American actor Paul Rudd turns 54.
- Hall of Fame baseball pitcher Bert Blyleven turns 72.
- American actor Billy Dee Williams turns 86.
- James Watson, the American molecular biologist who co-discovered DNA's structure, turns 95.

Corrections

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

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

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Marland Orvis Johnson, 88

Marland Orvis Johnson passed peacefully of natural causes on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at the age of 88 in Billings, Montana.

He was born on April 8, 1934, in Elma, to Karl and Anna Johnson.

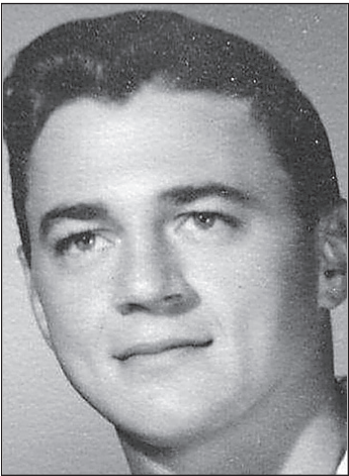
He graduated in May of 1952 from New Hampton High School in New Hampton.

After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy on March 12, 1953, and was honorably discharged on Dec. 18, 1962.

While serving his country he married his high school sweetheart, Jeananne Fliger, on April 4, 1955, in Honolulu, Hawaii. This union brought one son, Craig (Alison) Johnson, and two daughters, Marla (Jeff) Engels, and Anell Johnson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Charles and Dean; sisters, Alna, Dagney, Wanda (Ron) Hansen and Sonja (Keith) Olmanson; and grandson Kaden Hafer.

Marland is survived by his wife Jeananne, three children, Craig (Alison) Johnson of Houston, Marla (Jeff) Engels of Seattle, and Anell Johnson of Laurel, Montana; brothers, Walter Johnson of Akron, Ohio, Donald (Claire) Johnson of Phoenix, and Waldon (Peggy) Johnson of



Marland Johnson

Cresco; along with four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Marland's final resting place will be Graceland Cemetery in New Hampton. He and Jeananne will be interred together when her time comes.

Marland was a wonderful man full of many gifts, talents and excelled at everything he did.

He will be sorely missed.

The family has requested that any flowers be sent to the Autumn Springs Assisted Living Facility Staff and residents for their wonderful care and support.

Melvin J. Pacovsky, 85
Janet E. Pacovsky, 79

Melvin J. Pacovsky, age 85 of New Hampton, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022, at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center with his children by his side.

Janet E. Pacovsky, age 79 of New Hampton, passed away on Friday, Jan. 15, 2021, at MercyOne New Hampton.

A Celebration of Life for Melvin and Janet will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2023, at Conway-Markham Funeral Home in New Hampton.

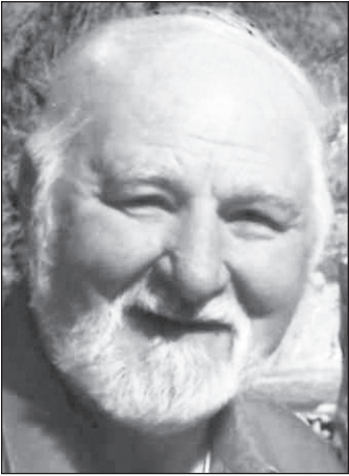
There will be a two-hour visitation at the funeral home on Friday prior to the celebration service.

Online condolences may be left at www.conwaymarkham.com. Memorials may be directed to the Friends of Chickasaw County Conservation.

Melvin Joseph was born on August 11, 1937, to Grant C. and Edith (Mlady) Pacovsky in Glenville, Minnesota.

He attended Saude country school and graduated from New Hampton High School in 1954.

He married Janet Hoppe on September 5, 1959, in Northwood.



Melvin Pacovsky



Janet Pacovsky

and Lynn Pacovsky of New Hampton; their grandchildren, Corey (Paige) Wegner of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Jason Wegner of Grimes, Autumn Vorwald of Davenport, and Shelby Vorwald of Bend, Oregon; his great-grandchildren, Cole, Jackson, Madigan, Kellen, and Ashlyn; his sister-in-law, Colleen Hoppe of Bella Vista; brother-in-law, Steven Hoppe of Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Janet in 2021; brothers, Frankie and Grant (Kay) Pacovsky; and sister, Darlene (Bobby) Foster.

Property Transfers

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Dean J. Fisher, Dean Fisher and Ellen Fisher to Mary O'Brien, Chris Fisher, Dean J. Fisher LE and Ellen Fisher LE; SW NE SE NE N1/2 SE SE SE 20-96-11 E1/4 SW 20-96-11 W1/4 SW SW 21-96-11.

Todd A. Grimm to Nicole A. Grimm; S66-1/2 L15 W1/2 SW 07-95-12.

Richard James 'Beard' Lenehan, 67

Richard James "Beard" Lenehan, age 67 of Lourdes, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, March 26, 2023.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 31, 2023, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, in Lourdes, with Father Jerry Kopacek celebrating the mass.

Burial was held at Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery in Lourdes.

Visitation took place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2023, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Lourdes, with a Scriptural Wake Service at 4 p.m.

Online condolences may be left at www.conwaymarkham.com. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Richard was born Dec. 28, 1955, the son of James and Geraldine (Chihak) Lenehan in New Hampton.

He graduated from New Hampton in 1974, where he was awarded "best hair" and best looking in his class. He was married and the couple welcomed their four chil-



Beard Lenehan

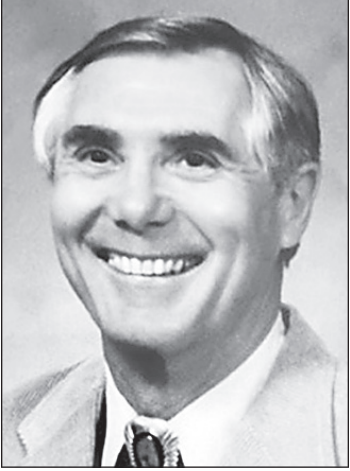
dren, Lacey, LeAnn, Lonny and Lindsey. The couple later divorced.

He was known as "Beard" to many.

He held a variety of jobs including construction, working for DOT, truck driving and, of course, farming.

He was active in farming almost his entire life. He made many memories with his kids on the farm, picking rocks in the summer, getting the planters ready for spring, and teaching

Eugene V. Hrdlicka, 96



Gene Hrdlicka

Eugene V. Hrdlicka passed away on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

Gene was born Aug 20, 1926, to Irene and Loddy Hrdlicka in New Hampton.

He graduated from New Hampton High School. He was active in sports as a swimmer and played softball. He also played baseball in high school and basketball in college. Gene officiated high school and college basketball for 23 years in Iowa.

Gene joined the Navy during WWII. After the war he returned to Iowa and graduated from Gates Business College in Waterloo in 1947.

He married Nayda Mabon in 1948 and they had six children. Gene worked as a bookkeeper for Wheeler Braun Lumber Co. While living in Iowa, he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

In 1967, Gene moved to Las Vegas and met the love of his life, Jeanne Graham.

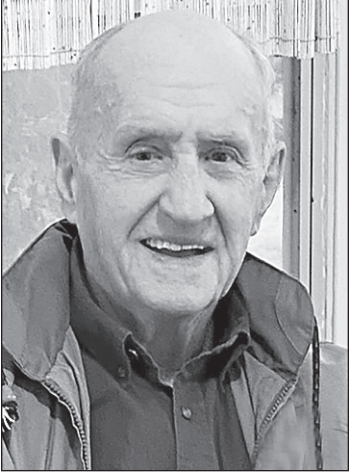
They were married in 1974. They enjoyed traveling the USA, taking ocean cruises and playing cards with their children and grandchildren.

Gene was labeled a sports

nut. He was either watching a game on the TV, reading about sports in the newspaper or participating in some sports activity. Gene rooted for the Boston Red Sox, Celtics and UNLV. He worked at UNLV as the facilities director of the UNLV Buchanan Physical Education and Athletic Complex until his retirement.

Gene was a charter board member and president of the Nevada Senior Games and Olympics. He guided its growth for over 10 years while working at UNLV. He loved to partici-

Francis J. O'Regan, 88



Francis O'Regan

Francis J. O'Regan, age of 88 of Waukon, died Friday, March 31, 2023, at Green Lea Care Center in Mabel, Minnesota.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Waukon with Father John Moser officiating.

Burial with military honors will be held at St. Mary's Hanover Cemetery, rural Waukon.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 10, 2023, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, where there will be a 3:15 p.m. Rosary and Scripture Service.

Martin-Grau Funeral Home in Waukon is handling the arrangements.

Francis James O'Regan was born on May 12, 1934, in Waukon, the son of Maurice James and Mary (Bresnahan) O'Regan.

He graduated from St. Patrick Catholic High School in Waukon.

Francis served in the U.S. Army from 1956-1958.

On Oct. 4, 1958, Francis married Leona Mary Franzen at St. Mary's Hanover Catholic Church in rural Waukon. They farmed near Waucoma, from 1969 until 1998, when they moved to Waukon. Francis and Leona were blessed with seven children, six boys and one girl.

Their family had many adventurous road trips and always had a sit-down dinner at their family table every night,

where stories of the day were told and delicious food was served.

The story of Francis and Leona goes that Francis first sighted Leona in the Catholic Witness Newspaper, where her picture was displayed for being valedictorian of her high school class. He vowed he was going to marry that girl one day and as fate had it, he met beautiful Leona Franzen and they were married for 59 years until Leona passed to heaven on Oct. 21, 2017.

Francis was a great baseball pitcher in his day; legend has it, he hit the longest homerun in Waukon to date. He was a Little League coach, a faithful man who took his family to church religiously, a life-long farmer, a proud employee of John Deere in Waterloo, for 28 1/2 years, a hunter who would never shoot

his kids how to drive and operate machinery in the fall. When talking about his tractors "if it ain't red, keep it in the shed."

He was known for his famous lemon bar recipe and made sure to tell you how to make it not once but twice.

He enjoyed playing cards, watching the Cowboys, watching Nascar and phone calls with anyone that would listen (probably solving world problems).

He is survived by his children, Lacey Greer (Tony) of Cresco, LeAnn Shekleton (Shane) of New Hampton, Lonny Lenehan (Kelsey) of Cresco, and Lindsey Wulff (Dylan) of Charles City; grandchildren, Aubrey, Lian, Logan, Shyann, Aiden, Emma, Ila, Kinsley and Kashton; siblings, Rosanne Schultz, Rosalee (Denny) Lechtenberg, Randy (Patty) Lenehan, Rodney (Cindy) Lenehan, Robert (Cindy) Lenehan, Roger Lenehan, Ronald (Mark) Lenehan, Raeanne (Russ) Obermeier, and Renee Lenehan; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his parents, James and Geraldine Lenehan.

pate in many events and earned over 100 medals (mostly gold). Still playing in his 80s, Gene won several gold medals in the Arizona Senior Olympics. Retirement meant trying every racquet sport. He especially loved pickleball. He loved to play everyday and meet new people.

Gene loved gardening and tending to his fruit trees. He enjoyed the computer and created many DVDs of his children growing up and family vacations out West. Gene also enjoyed boating on Lake Mead and traveling to Utah to relax.

Gene was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanne; a grandson, Corey Hrdlicka; a son-in-law, Don Wolfram. He is survived by his six children and two step-children, NaJean Wolfram of Las Vegas, Forrest Hrdlicka (Belinda) of Las Vegas, Valerie Ellis (Don) of Solon, Denise Lounsberry of Cedar Falls, Craig Hrdlicka of Winnemucca, Nevada, Gayle Moore (Marty) of Las Vegas, Clayton Graham (Kay) of Las Vegas, and Steve Graham (Sandi) of Las Vegas, 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

a pheasant because he thought they were a beautiful bird, a seasoned pool player and mentor of the game, a brilliant storyteller, a lover of music and live shows, an accomplished numismatist and, most of all, was a loving husband to Leona and an inspirational father who loved his children dearly.

Survivors include his daughter and his six sons, Katie O'Regan of Waukon, Patrick (Amy) O'Regan of Decorah, Michael (Wanda) O'Regan of Leland, Illinois, Kenneth O'Regan of Saratoga, Donald (Lisa) O'Regan of Madison Heights, Virginia, Dean O'Regan of Waukon, and James (Lindsay) O'Regan of Hudson; grandchildren, Molly (David), Brian, Bridget (Cody), Darcy, Clairissa, Mitchell, Shawn, Jasonlee, Rachel, Sam, Reilley, Shane, Elise, and Cael O'Regan, and Nick Decker; his two great-grandchildren, Wells and Hayes; his siblings, Timothy (Donna) O'Regan, Maureen Mellady, Dr. Thomas (Suzanne) O'Regan and Joanne Liddiard; and his brothers-in-law, Kenneth Franzen of Apple Valley, Minnesota, and Donald (Elsa) Franzen of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Meredith O'Regan, Phillip Liddiard, MaryJane Franzen, Stan Franzen, and Wilma Franzen.

Honorary casketbearers are Francis's grandchildren. Casketbearers are Francis's six sons.

Online condolences may be left at www.martinfunerals.com.

Property Transfers

Nicholas L. Kloxin, Stacey J. Kloxin and Stacey Kloxin to Shayne E. Dodge; W1/2 NEW HAMPTON WEST VIEW ADDITION Lot: 8 Block: 3 W1/2 NEW HAMPTON WEST VIEW ADDITION Lot 9 Block 3.

Ben Brincks, Bernard Brincks and Sherrie L. Brincks to Bernard Brincks and Sherrie L. Brincks; SE1/4 L2 NE NE 23-95-14.

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Mass at 4:30 p.m.; Easter
Vigil, 7 p.m. Saturday;
Easter, 8 and 10 a.m.

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If summing up Jesus’ preaching, teaching, and ministry in one word, it would be love. Love is the essence of Christianity.

So, apostle John defines in 1 John that “God is love.” Therefore, we must live a life of love.

Love should be the content of a Christian’s life and faith. For this love, God sent His only-begotten Son to this earth, and because of this love for us, Jesus was willing to sacrifice Himself on the cross in order for forgiving and

saving us. The love leads us into the kingdom of God and eternal life.

Love also enables us to embrace the other person’s mistakes. It helps us to love our enemies.

Furthermore, love has the mysterious power to let a person be born again and change the world. Because of love, Jesus abandoned the throne of heaven and came to the earth in order to sacrifice on the cross.

Jesus knew that His journey into Jerusalem would lead to His death on the cross, but Jesus still went forward with

it because He believed it was necessary to fulfill God’s plan.

I hope that you will be the community of faith that loves God the most in the world. I also expect that we will all become people who love our neighbors as ourselves.

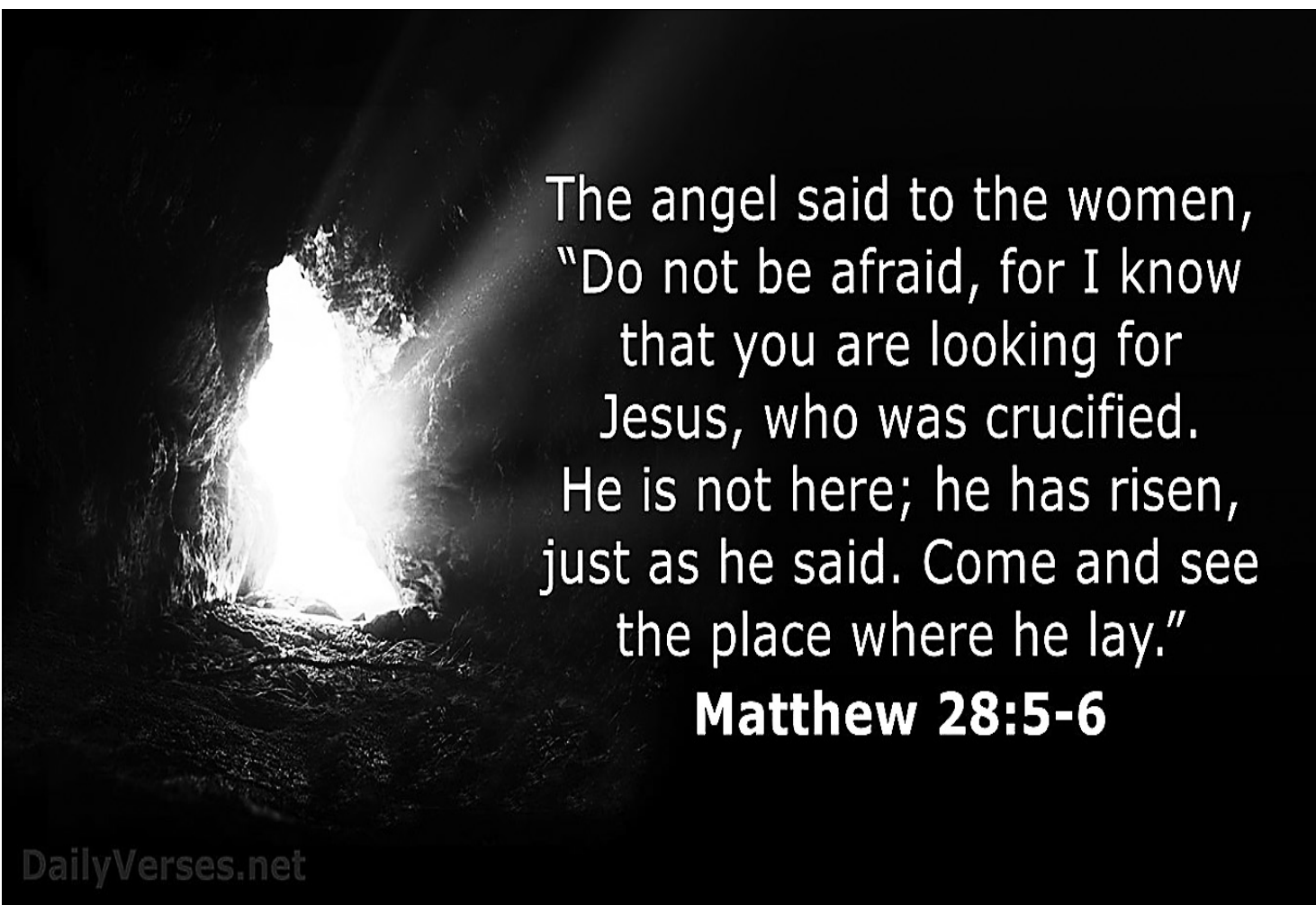
I pray that you will become such a community of faith to save souls and transform the world with the love of Jesus Christ.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all



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

men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
— John 13:34-35, NIV



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The angel said to the women,
“Do not be afraid, for I know
that you are looking for
Jesus, who was crucified.
He is not here; he has risen,
just as he said. Come and see
the place where he lay.”
Matthew 28:5-6

For Christians, Easter is the holiday

We celebrate Easter because it is a part of the redemptive plan of mankind. It is cause for celebration because the rising of Jesus proves to man that He is the Son of God. The power of the Holy Ghost caused Jesus to rise, and the Comforter or Holy Ghost is now here to assist us.

So, we take confidence because we have the same power working in us that raised Jesus from the dead.

Since Jesus was crucified, He became the sacrificial Lamb for mankind. That is why we can plead the blood to the devil whenever we are in trouble, sick, or in need of rescue.

The enemy is afraid of the blood because he knows it is the blood of Christ and the only way mankind can avoid hell. The crucifixion is significant because God sent His Son as a ransom for our sins. The enemy is quite familiar with the Son of God who is a part of the Trinity. The devil was once in Heaven until he was kicked out.

In the book of Luke, God sent Gabriel to Nazareth in Galilee to announce Jesus’

birth to Mary (Luke 1:27-33). The birth of the Savior was foretold in Isaiah 7:14. “Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

Where Can We Find the Story of Easter in the Bible?

In the Bible, the story of Easter is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us victory. We are now joint-heirs with Jesus Christ. Gentiles were now able to receive salvation. We are so fortunate as a generation that God has allowed the story of the crucifixion to be told in film and television. The Passion of the Christ is a good depiction of the crucifixion and Resurrection.

Why Is it the Most Important Holiday for Christians?

This is indeed a high holy day for Christians because Jesus died for us so that we might live. Every human goes somewhere when they leave this earth. We will all live forever somewhere. For Christians, we will live for eternity in

Heaven. That is why it is so important to witness to others who do not know Christ. We can rejoice when a Christian transitions from this life unto the next because Jesus died for us.

God values us so much as His children that He allowed His Son to walk and minister among us. He allowed Him to be ridiculed and betrayed. He allowed Him to die a shameful death on a cross. He allowed the temptation of Jesus Christ. He allowed Jesus to suffer many things. Through all of that suffering, we do not have to worry about a hell that was created for Satan and his fallen angels.

We do not have to worry about a lake of fire. We can be assured that our names will be found in the Book of Life. We do not have to be condemned for life when we missed the mark. We can go to God in prayer to obtain grace and mercy to help in a time of need.

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Bickering ends busy two days for supervisors

By **BOB FENSKE**
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors covered a lot of ground during a pair of meetings that were held on Monday and Tuesday, but the final four minutes of the board's week was, in a word, strange.

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn and Supervisor Jake Hackman argued back and forth over comments that Kuhn said Hackman made — with the latter denying most of them — during a recess Monday.

"You were yelling at me after the meeting when nobody else was in here," Kuhn said.

"That was just discussion," Hackman replied.

"You were calling me names," Kuhn said, and Hackman quickly denied the accusation. "I never called you names," he said.

"You kept saying you're a crappy chair, you're a crappy chair," Kuhn said.

"That's not facts," Hackman said, and Kuhn cut him off and said, "You said you're running out on the county. I don't even know what that's supposed to mean."

Back and forth, the board chairman and the man who served as board chairman from 2018 to 2020.

The exchange was the second of the week between the two. On Monday, Hackman chided Kuhn for allowing MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center CEO and President Aaron Flugum to talk for "15 minutes" and told him that Chickasaw Ambulance Service owner Jeremy McGrath should get the same time allotment.

"You're not the chair now," Kuhn said to Hackman Monday morning. "I'll handle the meeting the way I want to."

Tuesday's bickering back and forth didn't end when Kuhn asked if there were any other "future agenda items" to be considered. Hackman said he wanted to talk about "rules of conduct of the Boards of Supervisors."

"Does that include swearing at board members," Kuhn asked.

"Yeah, go ahead and add that. ... You've got to be con-

sistent when people talk, too, from the public. Sometimes you allow two minutes, sometimes you allow 15. Let's have that in the rules of conduct for Board of Supervisors meeting."

After a few more barbs, the board finally adjourned, ending a week in which board members discussed a potential grant that Chickasaw County and Alta Vista are in the running for that would be a part of Engineer Roman Lensing's proposal for major work on County Road V-18 from Highway 18 to the Chickasaw County line and into Howard County.

The board also met for more than an hour with department heads to discuss the county handbook with the county's HR attorney, Ann Smisek of Ahlers and Cooney.

That meeting was held in exempt session, even though the week before in open session, board discussed issues some members had with department heads giving new hires vacation even though the handbook says the county will only grant vacation days after one year of service.

After the exempt session, which Kuhn opposed, Smisek summarized the discussion.

"Because, in my opinion, things have been brought up to the public already," Kuhn said before the session, "I feel like we're giving the appearance of trying to hide something if we do that."

Smisek said the current vacation policy in the handbook was discussed.

"We got feedback from the department heads on whether the vacation policy should be changed going forward," she said, "and to reiterate to all department heads and elected officials that they should follow the current policy as written, unless and until the board adopts a change to vacation policy and that goes for all policies in the handbook actually."

She added that the board was receptive to department heads approaching the supervisors when they have a "difficult-to-fill" position or a lack of applications where they think deviation from the current policy would be beneficial.



Photos courtesy of Lisa Welter

Awards for Public Health, Environmental Health

The Iowa Environmental Health Association's Sheila Schossow (left) recently handed out two awards to Chickasaw County officials.

Penny Andorf (center) was named the nvironmental Health Professional of the Year while Chickasaw County Public Health and Homecare Services Administrator Lisa Welter (right) accepted the association's Health Department of the Year Award on behalf of her department.

Andorf was lauded for representing a professional role model for all members, as well as going above and beyond the normal excellence by teaching, training and striving to upgrade their own departments and also the total environment as a whole.

Public Health, meanwhile, represents a group of people who are dedicated to public health and IEHA officials lauded the department's ability to support, initiate and help to expand the public health needs of their county, city or community.

"I am very thankful," Welter said, "and we are very fortunate in Chickasaw County to have such a great group of dedicated and caring individuals in Environmental Health, Public Health, and Home Health. These awards are well deserved."

This week also marks National Public Health Week, and on Monday, the Board of Supervisors approved a proclamation for the week, as well as also designating April as Child Abuse Prevention week in Chickasaw County.

Hospital CEO: Supervisors need to listen to ‘experts’

AMBULANCE: FROM 1

The EMS association is formed and we choose to fundraise and to build the building on our own, is that something the board would be interested in, could support something like that?"

"It alleviates a lot of the red tape or what, but it gets us a building built to our specs with the majority of fundraised dollars. It's a win for the taxpayer, and I think it's a win for how we want it built."

Knutson said that he has talked to other publicly-owned ambulance services and the process they've used is to form a 501c3, build the building and then donate it back to the county or municipality.

"It is something that is routinely done," he said, "I will say that."

The EMS director said that the contractors he has talked to said a new building would cost \$100 and \$125 per square foot. He said he expected the building to be somewhere between 2,800 and 3,800 square feet and that he would like to see it built in the vacant lot to the east of the Community Services Building.

"I'm for it, if we can get donations to build most of it," Supervisor Steve Breitbach said. "I've said it before, EMS needs to be in the center of town, just because of the volunteers."

Fellow Supervisor Scott Cerwinski wasn't so sure, however.

"I'm still not really [in favor] of having it in the middle of town," he said. "I think we lose sight of it is a county ambulance, not a New Hampton

ambulance."

Cerwinski said having the ambulance at the Heritage — or at least not in the middle of New Hampton — would allow the service to be "closer to a lot of the communities."

New Hampton resident and MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center CEO and President Aaron Flugum vehemently disagreed.

"No, it's not," he said. "That's a lie. It's not closer to all the communities. ... From what I've listened to all your meetings, that's not the data that's been shown."

Flugum was referring to a presentation Knutson made during a March 13 meeting in which the EMS director told supervisors that a software program he used showed that the "county would have a 74 percent slower response time for

67 percent of our calls if the station" is built at the Heritage.

"You've guys have been able to do an amazing thing here," Flugum said, referring to the start-up of the county-owned service.

"But you hire people in these departments to be experts in what they do. And that's what Joel is; he's your content expert on EMS, just like [Engineer] Roman [Lensing] is your content expert on roads ..."

Flugum took the supervisors to task for micro-managing EMS to the "point where you're logistically impossible to make it a successful business."

Supervisors, though, did remain open to the idea of exploring the 501c3 option and agreed to talk with County Attorney David Laudner, who was unable to attend Monday meeting in person.

Police chief says relationships are key in law enforcement

POLICE CHIEF: FROM 1

And she's not wrong."

His road to becoming a law enforcement officer, however, was filled with twists and turns. Pederson went to elementary school in St. Ansgar and graduated from Red Rock Central High School in Lamberton, Minnesota in 1997. He then embarked on a career with Hy-Vee, working in stores in Windom, Minnesota, Mankato, Minnesota, Webster City and Harlan.

It was in the city of almost 5,000 in

southwestern Iowa where he turned his childhood dream into a reality.

"My wife's brother and her uncle were deputies, and I did some ride-alongs with them," he said, "and I just knew, this is what I wanted to do."

He graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy and landed a job in Harlan, where he has been an active member of the city's fire department for 20 years.

Pederson and his wife, Kristi, have two children — Andy is a high school freshman and Madison is a sixth-grader.

He said he's looking forward to engaging with the community — both in and out of uniform. He has spent a number of years coaching youth baseball and football.

"I think a really important part of police work is building relationships," he said. "We're in this not only to protect but to serve. I can tell you almost every officer I know didn't get into this to write tickets and make arrests, they got into law enforcement because they wanted to help people and they want their communities to be safe."

I want to give a huge thank you to all my friends and family for making my 80th birthday so special. All the cards, calls, gifts and luncheons meant so much to me. All of your kindness and thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Pat Leichtman

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Thank you to Good Sam's Nursing Home, Palmer Hospital ER and Cardiac Rehab, Mercy One Hospital & Family Clinic New Hampton and North Iowa for all your wonderful care given to Dick and anyone else we may have forgotten.

May God Bless You, The Family of Dick Vrzak

Briefs

Prichard new Floyd County attorney, to stay on as city attorney

Floyd County's new part-time county attorney was sworn in last Wednesday morning at a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Todd Prichard, a Charles City attorney, former Iowa legislative leader and Army Reserve colonel, took the oath of office after the board took two actions – passing a resolution changing the county attorney position from full time to part time and setting the salary, then making the appointment.

Prichard stressed in his interview for the position Monday that part time did not mean half as many hours as full time. The main distinction is that designation allows him to maintain a private practice, which by Iowa Code a full-time county attorney cannot do.

He said he would limit his private practice to things like probate work and business law that can be scheduled around his county attorney duties, and he would be available for whatever amount of time and whenever the county job requires.

Prichard, who also serves as New Hampton's city attorney, said Monday he planned on remaining with the city.

The topic of full versus part time came up again Wednesday morning, as supervisors were discussing the appointment before making it official.

"I've received some pushback on the part-time piece of it," said Supervisor Dennis Keifer. "I think the public doesn't necessarily understand. They think you're limited to 20 hours a week and I don't know what you or we can do to help clarify that."

"I think, do the job," Prichard said, is how you prove it can be done.

— Bob Steenson, Charles City Press

Mental health drop-in center available Wednesday mornings

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.

The center is funded by the county and is free of charge to anyone who wants to come. People are free to come nd go as they please. They don't have to show up at a specific time or stay for any amount of time.

Everybody Hurts run/walk/ride set for Mikkelson Park 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."

If weather is a factor, the race will be held on Saturday, April 29 at 9 a.m., and we'll have more on the event in next week's Tribune.

Financial Tips for Blended Families

Becoming part of a blended family can certainly be rewarding. Of course, as is the case in all families, there will be challenges, one of which is financial. A blended family must deal with some specific financial issues, so it's a good idea to become familiar with them.

- In particular, consider these areas:
- Separate or joint accounts? – Should your two family units combine all your finances or maintain separate accounts? There's no one correct answer for everyone, because this issue has emotional and psychological components to it, as well as financial considerations. But the nature of your new, blended family might guide you to a choice that makes sense for your situation.
 - So, for example, if you are remarrying at a later stage in life, and you and your new spouse have adult children, you might think the best move is to keep separate accounts. But if you are joining households with a spouse or partner with younger children, you may want to merge accounts to pay for household expenses and work toward your new, shared financial objectives. And it doesn't have to be an "either/or" approach — you might decide to blend some accounts and keep others separate.
 - Debts and credit ratings – It's likely that you and your new spouse or partner, and perhaps even some children, will bring debts into your blended family. As these debts can affect your family's finances in several ways, including your ability to borrow and your credit ratings, you will want to know what everyone owes, and the amount of monthly payments needed to meet these obligations. After that, you may be able to find ways to consolidate debts or find other ways to reduce or eliminate them.
 - Legal issues – When you establish a blended family, you may want to review, and possibly update, the beneficiary designations on your life



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insurance policy and retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k). These designations can supersede instructions you may have left in your estate planning documents — including your last will and testament — so it's important to ensure they reflect your current wishes. And speaking of your estate plans, you may well need to revise them, too, in consultation with your attorney.

- Attitudes toward money – Attitudes toward money — yours and those of your new spouse or partner — should be addressed when starting a blended family. Is one of you more of a saver while the other spends more freely? As investors, does one of you favor taking more risk while the other is more conservative? It's important to reconcile these differences as best you can, especially if you plan on merging your finances. This means that you both may need to compromise somewhat, but you should strive to avoid having either of you feeling uncomfortable in your choices. In any case, open and honest communication is the first step in achieving a harmonious financial strategy.

These aren't the only financial considerations involved with blended families, but they should give you some things to think about — and the earlier you start thinking about them, the better.

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Terry and Jane Johnson

Johnson 50th anniversary

Many of you may remember the “Blizzard of ’73” that pummeled the state with over a foot of snow, but that didn't stop Terry and Jane Johnson from saying “I do” amongst family and friends at the United Methodist Church in Montezuma on April 14, 1973.

Since then, Terry and Jane have traversed across the state residing in Des Moines, Sheldon, Wilton, Durant, Algona, and New Hampton meeting many life-long friends along the way.

Terry has been spending his time in retirement fixing up full size and pedal tractors, farming, and driving semi for local farmers. Jane is still working full-time as a bookkeeper and enjoys spending time with family, making jean quilts, and cooking.

Prior to the pandemic they took a once in a lifetime trip to Europe and took in sights like the Eiffel Tower, Oktoberfest, and the Swiss Alps.

Let's shower them with cards of well wishes and congratulations as they approach their big milestone.

Cards can be sent to: Terry and Jane Johnson, 2362 IA HWY 24, New Hampton, IA 50659.



Jim and Darise Donat

Donat 50th anniversary

Jim and Darise (Stolfus) Donat are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple married on Feb. 10, 1973, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg by the Rev. Lloyd Bickel.

They are the parents of seven children — Sarah (Cory) Michels of Randalia, Michael (Shelly) Donat and John Donat of Maynard, Aaron Donat of Oelwein, Tim (Lisa) Donat of Waverly, Anne Marie (Justin) Goodchild of Iowa City, and Elizabeth Ann (deceased).

The couple has 15 grandchildren — Mary (Beau) Winters, and Adam, Emma, Kate (deceased) and Madelyn Michels, Joshua and Kelly Donat, Evan, Shaun, Allyson Donat, and step grandsons Oliver and Miles Mann, and Mayer, Logan, and Elliott Goodchild.

An open house will be held at their home at 710 Maynard Street Maynard Street in Maynard on Saturday, April 15, from 4 to 8 p.m.

All family and friends are invited. The couple requests no gifts.

City remains ‘in’ on new law enforcement center, jail

CITY COUNCIL: FROM 1

know when the referendum would be held, and while Kuhn said that he has been told there is enough time to put the question on the ballot and “educate” voters for a September question, some council members, especially Cory McDonald wondered why the vote couldn't be had in November during the municipal-school elections.

“They were saying that if it goes to a special election,” Councilwoman Katie Fisher said, “it's the only question, voters can focus on it and people are usually well informed about that.”

McDonald, though, said he struggled with the county spending between \$12,000 and

Council OKs budget, levy on 5-1 vote

The New Hampton City Council voted to approve its 2023-24 budget and tax levy, although Monday's approval did not come with unanimity.

The council voted 5-1 to approve the budget that will see the city bring in \$1.85 million in property taxes during the fiscal year that begins on July 1. That's a decrease of 6 percent from the \$1.97 million the city expects to receive in property taxes this year.

No one spoke at the public hearing or offered written comments, but Councilman Cory McDonald shared that he had taken calls concerned about the budget. He ended up casting the only no vote.

Under the approved budget, the estimated levy on property will be \$12.40801 per \$1,000 valuation while ag land within the city will be taxed at \$3.00375 per \$1,000 valuation.

\$15,000 for voters to cast ballots in September when there is already an election set for two months later.

“We as a council, and we've been looking underneath every rock for this dollar and that dollar for this past year for [the] budget,” he said. “For \$12,000 to \$15,000 ... I guess I don't understand why we wouldn't have it in November.”

Sheriff Ryan Shawver said that after talking to Samuels Group owner Sid Samuels, he felt confident that the prices quoted at the March 20 joint meeting would hold through the end of the year.

“March would be iffy,” he said. “November of 2024 they'd have to go back to their estimating team.”

Shawver also said that if the city would choose to move forward, “we'd like to get the Samuels Group back here to help us with the education portion of this,” for a cost around \$35,000.

“We've got one chance to do this,” the sheriff said, “and we need to put every foot forward that we can to get the best education out there, whether people want to vote no, we want to make sure they understand why they're voting no and what that means. And if they want to vote yes, they fully understand what that means.”

He said if the city would pay 25 percent of those education costs, which would work out to \$8,750, and City Clerk Karen Clemens said the city does have enough ARPA funds to cover that costs if the council wants to

go that route.

Former Police Chief Zach Nosbisch, who is now Shawver's chief deputy said he understood the angst some residents have over building a new jail, but he also pointed out that the current jail no longer comes close to meeting state standards.

“You're always going to have those individuals that it's going to be hard on,” Nosbisch said. “I mean we're never going to get away from that, but eventually, like now, comes the time where you have to do something, especially on the county side, but the city has the opportunity to maybe save a little money actually moving out there as well.”

But before the council voted to move forward on creating a Joint Advisory Board — which would include one representative from the city, one from the county and one jointly agreed to by both entities — one resident asked city leaders how long they thought the city of New Hampton “will be able to justify its own PD?”

Nosbisch said the biggest issue in the past for the police department had been the relatively low wages the city paid and the fact that the city required employees to live within 10 miles of the city, but last year, the city upped wages and increased the radius to 50 miles and “we were able to hire officers pretty quickly.”

New Hampton Mayor Bobby Schwickerath, meanwhile, said he did not see a day when the city wouldn't have a police department.

“I don't think the discussion's been had [of having the Sheriff's Office cover the city] outside of looking into the possibility of it,” he said. “I don't see us going that route just because of the expense and with more expense, we'd have less coverage. I'm not speaking for the council, but I will speak for myself and say I don't see us doing that within the 20 years.”

After he made his comments, the City Council unanimously moved forward with setting up a Joint Authority Board.



Turkey Valley Area Calendar of Events

2023 April





Tuesday, April 4, 2023
TBD Track: High School JV/Var. Boys vs. Edgewood-Colesburg @ Edgewood-Colesburg Elementary School
4:30pm Track: High School JV/Var. Girls @ Postville High School
5:00pm Soccer: High School Varsity @ Postville High School

Wednesday, April 5, 2023
12:00pm- 6:00pm Blood Drive

Thursday, April 6, 2023
2 Hour Early Dismissal
4:30pm Track: High School JV/Var. Boys @ Postville High School
5:00pm Track: High School Meet @ Decorah High School

Friday, April 7, 2023
NO SCHOOL
5:00pm Soccer: High School Varsity vs. Waterloo West @ New Hampton

Saturday, April 8, 2023
9:00am Soccer: High School Tournament vs. Postville @ Postville High School

Monday, April 10, 2023
NO SCHOOL
7:00pm School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2023
4:00pm Golf: Varsity J.V./Varsity vs. Tripoli @ Maple Hills Country Club - Tripoli
4:00pm Track: Boys JH Invitational vs. Clayton Ridge @ Clayton Ridge HS
4:30pm Track: Girls Varsity Meet @ Nashua-Plainfield High School
4:30pm Track: High School Var. Girls/Boys vs. Nashua-Plainfield @ Nashua-Plainfield High School

5:00pm Soccer: High School Game vs. Clear Lake @ TBA

Thursday, April 13, 2023
4:00pm Golf: High School J.V./Varsity vs. West Central @ Jackson Heights Golf Course
4:00pm Golf: Varsity J.V./Varsity vs. West Central @ Jackson Heights Golf Course
4:00pm Track: Girls JH Invitational vs. Clayton Ridge Middle School @ Clayton Ridge High School
4:30pm Track: Girls Varsity Meet @ New Hampton High School
4:30pm Track: High School Var. Girls/Boys vs. New Hampton @ New Hampton

Friday, April 14, 2023
5:00pm Soccer: High School Game vs. Clayton Ridge @ New Hampton

Saturday, April 15, 2023
IHSMMA Solo & Ensemble

Monday, April 16, 2023
FFA - State Convention @ Ames

Monday, April 17, 2023
FFA - State Convention @ Ames
4:30pm Track: Girls Varsity Meet @ New Hampton High School
4:30pm Track: High School J.V./Varsity vs. New Hampton @ New Hampton

Tuesday, April 18, 2023
FFA - State Convention @ Ames
TBD Track: Boys JH 7th/8th Boys vs. North Fayette Valley @ North Fayette Valley High School
4:00pm Golf: Varsity JV/Var @ Silver Springs Golf Club - Ossian
4:00pm Track: Boys JH 7th/8th Boys @

North Fayette Valley High School
4:30pm Track: High School Var. Girls vs. Cresco @ Cresco
5:00pm Soccer: High School Game vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School

Thursday, April 20, 2023
4:00pm Golf: High School J.V./Varsity vs. South Winneshiek @ Silver Springs Golf Club - Ossian
4:00pm Golf: Varsity J.V./Varsity vs. South Winneshiek @ Silver Springs Golf Club - Ossian
4:00pm Track: Girls JH 7th/8th Girls vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ Sumner-Fredericksburg High School
4:00pm Track: Girls JH Game @ Sumner-Fredericksburg High School
4:00pm Track: Girls JH Invitational @ Sumner-Fredericksburg High School
4:30pm Track: Girls Varsity Girls/Boys @ Kee High School Football Field and Track Complex

Friday, April 21, 2023
5:00pm Soccer: High School Game vs. Waterloo West @ Waterloo West High School

Monday, April 24, 2023
4:00pm Golf: High School J.V./Varsity vs. Postville @ Tri City Golf Club
4:00pm Golf: Varsity J.V./Varsity vs. Postville @ Tri City Golf Club
4:30pm Track: High School Var. Girls/Boys vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ Sumner-Fredericksburg High School
5:00pm Soccer: High School Game vs. Charles City @ New Hampton

Tuesday, April 25, 2023
4:00pm Golf: Varsity Varsity @ Meadowbrook Golf Course
4:00pm Track: Girls JH 7th/8th Girls vs.

North Fayette Valley @ North Fayette Valley High School
4:30pm Track: High School Var. Girls vs. Clayton Ridge @ Clayton Ridge High School

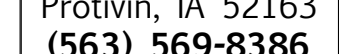
Wednesday, April 26, 2023
1:00pm- 6:00pm Greenhouse Open House & Garden Sale

Thursday, April 27, 2023
4:00pm Golf: High School J.V./Varsity vs. Central Elkader IA @ Jackson Heights Golf Course
4:00pm Golf: Varsity J.V./Varsity vs. Central Elkader @ Jackson Heights Golf Course
4:15pm Track: Girls JH Meet @ Nashua-Plainfield High School
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4:15pm Track: Boys JH Meet @ Nashua-Plainfield High School
4:30pm Track: High School Var. Boys vs. Clayton Ridge @ Clayton Ridge High School
5:00pm Soccer: High School Game vs. North Fayette Valley @ North Fayette Valley High School

Friday, April 28, 2023
4:00pm Track: Boys JH 7th/8th Boys vs. North Fayette Valley @ North Fayette Valley High School
4:30pm Track: High School Var. Girls vs. North Butler @ North Butler High School
4:30pm Track: High School Var. Boys vs. Starmont @ Starmont High School

Saturday, April 29, 2023
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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.

Woodburning workshop in April

A woodburning art class will be offered at the Chickasaw Co. Nature Center at Twin Ponds on Thursday, April 13 at 6 p.m.

Participants will create some art by using one of oldest methods, woodburning and there will be a brief talk about the history of woodburning.

Pre-registration is required by calling 641-394-4714.



Receiving STAR Chapter awards were (front row, from left) Karla Pickar (placement), Carrie Schwickerath (farmer), Beth Pickar (agri-science), (back row) Jacob McDonald (greenhand) and Logan Zeien (agri-busi).



Senior Award winners included (front row, from right) Quinten Reicks, Ashley Rosonke, Elaina Rosonke, Tanner Njus, (back row) Aiden Brincks, Kandice Eggerichs, Noah Eichenbeger, Josie Fuerstenberg and Maddie Geerts.

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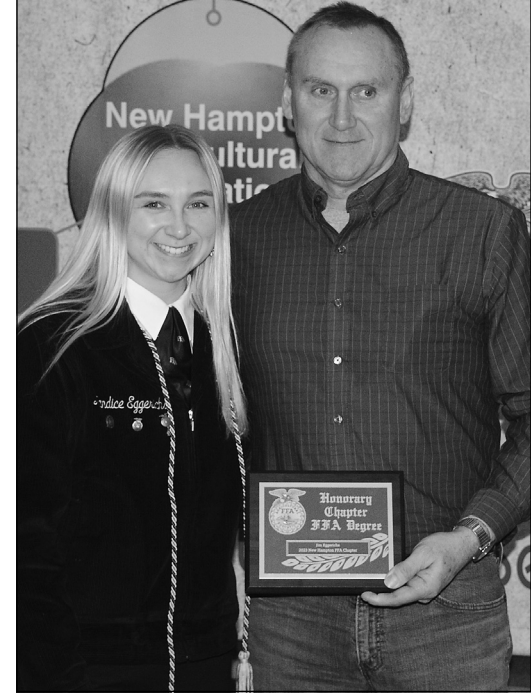
Snapshots from another great annual meeting and banquet



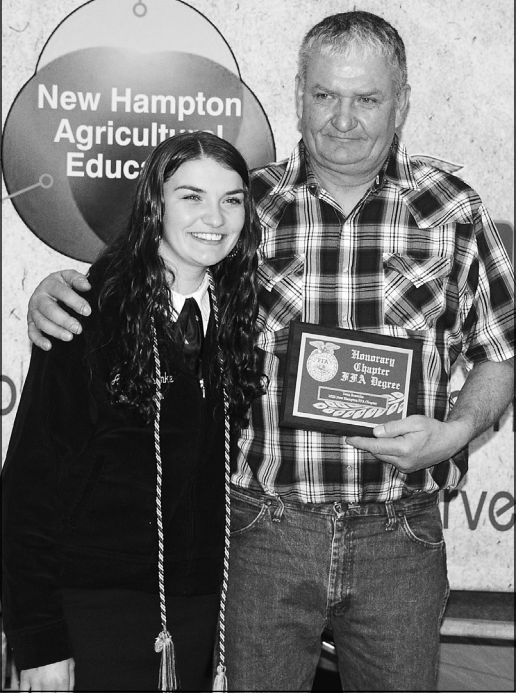
Junior Award winners included (front row, from left) Kimberly Jordan, Madelyn Van Wey, Grace Maloy, (back row), Marshall Zeien, Logan Zeien, Ethan Praska, Madison Schaufenbuel and Tori Bearman.



Sophomore Award winners included (from left) Hayden Hackman, Beth Pickar, Aleah Eichenberger, Carrie Schwickerath and Karla Pickar.



Honorary Degrees were presented to Jim Eggerichs (left) and Dean Rosonke (right) by their daughters while Freshman Award winners included (above, front row, from left) Olivia Eichenberger, Rebecca Wickham, Jacob McDonald, (back row) Jennifer Eichenberger, Liz Deere and Weston Praska.



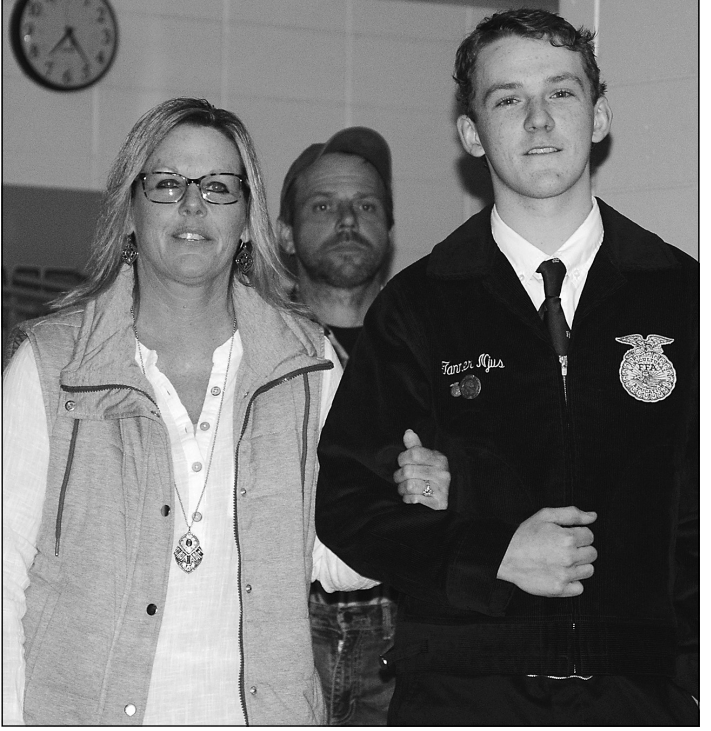
New Hampton FFA members honored the families of Dan Speicher, Dale Rosonke, Bob Svec and Rich Holthaus with Memorial Awards. Pictured are (front row, from left) Carol Speicher, Jeree Svec, Cindy Holthaus, (back row) Linda Rosonke, Jessica Speicher and Miranda Eichenberger.



Receiving an honorary degree from their children — Aleah, Jennifer and Noah — are Heather and Jeremy Eichenberger.



Receiving honorary degrees were Troy and Shelly Reicks (left) and Connie and DJ Njus (right) while Rachel Bauler (above), New Hampton's new FFA advisor, talks during the banquet.



More FFA Banquet photos in next week's Tribune

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Chickasaws get wins from Anderson, 4x1, take fifth at Decorah

By **BOB FENSKE**
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It started fine and ended decently, but New Hampton boys track coach Scott Jenkins was the first to admit that the "middle" needed work.

It doesn't mean, however, that the Chickasaws didn't get something out of Monday night's Decorah Early Bird.

Start with two wins — Peyton Anderson in the 3,200, the second event on the track, and the 4x100, which is the penultimate event of any track meet.

"PJ ran a great race, and honestly, he felt like he had a lot left in the tank," Jenkins said. "He wanted to save something for the 800, and I get that, but

he PR'd for the season at least and beat a kid from MFL who finished 10th at cross country. That's a nice win."

The same goes for the 4x100 that saw Carter Cahoy anchor the Serie brothers — Beau and Hunter — and Braden McShane to a win in 45.14 seconds, the fastest time New Hampton has recorded in the event in eight years.

It also gave the Chickasaws the 47th fastest time in the state as they eye qualifying the relay for the Drake Relays, which brings the top 96 teams to the meet that will be held later this month.

"We can get better, but that was a really good race for our guys," Jenkins said. "Our hand-offs were much better and win-

ning a 4x1 in Decorah, with that many fast teams, that was definitely a highlight."

The coach, though, was hoping for more than 49 points and a fifth-place finish. Going into the meet, he knew teams like Mason City, Decorah and Clear Lake were probably out of reach, but Jenkins thought his team could battle Waukon for fourth. Instead, the Chickasaws' NEIC rivals outscored New Hampton 58-49.

A disqualification in the 4x200, in which the Chickasaws crossed the finish line second, didn't help. Neither did a tough night in the field, where the Chickasaws scored just seven points, all of which came in the discus thanks to a third-place

throw from Marshall Zeien and a seventh-place toss by Carsyn Leistikow.

"We found a lot of things to work on," Jenkins said, "but at the same time, it can only help us running against the Mason Citys, the Decorahs and the Clear Lakes."

TEAM RESULTS

Mason City 146, Decorah 145, Clear Lake 125, Waukon 58, New Hampton 49, MFL-Mar-Mac 46, South Winneshiek 19.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

Sprint medley - 5. Beau Serie, Carter Cahoy, Dylan Schmitt, Hunter Serie 1:44.57; Jayden Bucknell, Reid Rausch, Kale Venem, Elliott Eiler 1:54.54.

3,200 - 1. Peyton Anderson 10:41.99

4x800 - 7. Landon Bruess, Braiden Schaufenbuel, Weston Praska, Jarrin

Robinson 10:04.97.

Shuttle hurdle - 6. Tristin Willadsen, Eiler, Jayden Bucknell, Ryan Willadsen 1:21.38.

100 - 7. Cahoy 11.92, 9. B. Serie 12.03, 21. Karson Kolbet 12.97, 41. Gatlin McCumber 14.37, 42. Jacob McDonald 14.39, 43. Marshall Zeien 14.41, 47. Carsyn Leistikow 15.00, 48. Aiden Groth 15.56.

Distance medley - Schmitt, Bryce Flugum, R. Willadsen, Caden Rochford 4:21.86.

400 - 8. Eiler 1:04.14.

4x200 - B. Serie, Cahoy, H. Serie, McShane, DQ.

110 high hurdles - 5. Aiden Roberson 17.48, 10. T. Willadsen 20.47.

800 - 3. Anderson 2:12.59, 14. Robinson 2:32.38.

200 - 11. Schmitt 25.0, 24. Kolbet 26.26, 33. Flugum 26.70.

400 hurdles - 4. Roberson 1:03.12, 7. R. Willadsen 1:05.94, 11. T. Willadsen 1:08.12, 16. Rochford 1:11.82.

1,600 - 10. Schaufenbuel 5:32.56, 12. Praska 5:38.82.

4x100 weightman's - 5. Leistikow, Groth, McCumber, Zeien 57.17.

4x100 - B. Serie, McShane, H. Serie, Cahoy 45.14, 14. Rausch, McDonald, Bucknell, Venem 55.62.

4x400 - 5. Roberson, Anderson, McShane, H. Serie 3:44.24; 10. Flugum, Eiler, Rochford, Schmitt 4:09.86.

Long jump - 19. Venem 15-10, 21. Flugum 14-7.5.

Shot put - 10. Leistikow 38-10, Zeien 35-9, 15. McCumber 34-11, 47. Groth 23-4.25.

Discus - 3. Zeien 120-0, 6. Leistikow 107-1, 14. McCumber 95-5.

20. Robinson 90-3, 40. McDonald 66-4, Groth 50-10.

High jump - 7. Roberson 5-6.

Only game in town!

While Tuesday's rain led to the postponement of virtually all sporting events, New Hampton's Treyce Orr and his soccer teammates lost a heart-breaker to Postville, 3-2. The Pirates connected on a penalty kick with 3:30 left in regulation to down the Chickasaws. NH is now 3-2 on the season and plays at W-SR tonight (Thursday).

Kelly Terpstra/Tribune



Couple of seconds highlight Turkey Valley outdoor opener

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
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The Turkey Valley girls track team officially started its season last week Tuesday at the Frostbite Relays, hosted by Sumner-Fredericksburg.

Cool temperatures forced the cancellation of the season-opening meet after the 4x200, but the Trojans were still able to snare some top finishes amongst the nine-team field.

Turkey Valley finished sixth overall with 32 points in the truncated meet. Waukon won the meet with 99 points and Wapsie Valley was runner-up with 75 points.

TV finished runner-up in the distance medley (4:40.2), just edging out North Fayette Valley (4:40.6) at the finish line. The runners for the Trojans in that relay

were Olivia Snyder, Kinsey Reicks, Addison Steinlage and Morgan Wenthold.

The Trojans' 4x800 group of Layni Schuchhardt, Steinlage, Haylee Hanson and Karstyn Lukes wound up fourth in 12:13.

Turkey Valley's sprint medley (Clare Courtney, Jenna Thronson, Snyder, Wenthold) placed fifth in 2:03.97.

TV senior Jacqlyn Schmitt, who competed at state last year in the discus, placed runner-up in the event with a toss of 83-2.5. Schmitt was sixth in the shot put (29-4).

Wenthold, just a freshman, finished third in the long jump (14-6.25). Schuchhardt, a sophomore, engineered a ninth-place result in the 400 dash with a time of 1:14.

Turkey Valley is scheduled to compete tonight (Thursday) at Postville and run in the Nashua-Plainfield Invite Tuesday.

FROSTBITE RELAYS TEAM SCORES (

Waukon 99, Wapsie Valley 75, South Winneshiek 70, Sumner-Fredericksburg 54, Kee High 54, Turkey Valley 32, Dunkerton 25, Tripoli 24, North Fayette Valley 22.

TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

100 dash - 14. Ryann Schmitt 15.17, 25. Addison Lutgen 16.23, 27. Karen Ventura 16.6.

400 dash - 9. Layni Schuchhardt 1:14.16, 13. Delaney Busta 1:19.3.

4x200 - 9. Schmitt, Addison Steinlage, Karstyn Lukes, Lutgen 2:26.92.

4x800 - 4. Schuchhardt, Steinlage, Haylee Hanson, Lukes 12:13.66.

Sprint medley - 5. Clare Courtney, Jenna Thronson, Olivia Snyder, Morgan Wenthold 2:03.97.

Distance medley - 2. Snyder, Kinsey Reicks, Steinlage, Wenthold 4:40.2.

Long jump - 3. Wenthold 14-6.25.

Shot put - 6. Jacqlyn Schmitt 29-4, 17. Aubrey Hoffer 23-9.5.

Discus - 2. Schmitt 83-2.5, 12. Hoffer 70.

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THURSDAY

New Hampton girls golf vs. Charles City, 4 p.m.

Turkey Valley trapshooting vs. Cresco, 4 p.m.

New Hampton trapshooting at Nashua, 4 p.m.

Turkey Valley boys track at Postville Relays, 4:30 p.m.

New Hampton soccer at Waverly-Shell Rock, varsity at 5 p.m., junior varsity to follow

New Hampton, Turkey Valley girls track at Decorah Invitational, 5 p.m.

New Hampton boys track at Dave Sage Relays, Waverly, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

New Hampton boys golf at Charles City, noon

MONDAY

New Hampton trapshooting vs. Waverly, Turkey Valley, 3:30 p.m.

New Hampton girls golf at Mason City, 4 p.m.

New Hampton boys golf vs. Decorah, 4 p.m.

New Hampton boys track at Decorah, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

New Hampton trapshooting vs. Nashua, 3:30 p.m.

New Hampton girls golf vs. Denver, 4 p.m.

Turkey Valley golf at Tripoli, 4 p.m.

New Hampton boys golf at Mason City, 4:30 p.m.

New Hampton girls track at Osage, 4:30 p.m.

Turkey Valley girls and boys track at Nashua-Plainfield coed invite, 4:30 p.m.

New Hampton soccer vs. Clear Lake, varsity at 5 p.m., junior varsity to follow

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

New Hampton trapshooting vs. Waverly, 3:30 p.m.

Turkey Valley trapshooting vs. Nashua, 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 invite, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

New Hampton girls and boys golf at Jesup, 4 p.m.





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Russler signs to wrestle at Wartburg

By Kelly Terpstra
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Ali Russler thoroughly enjoys the game of softball. It just so happens that she loves the sport of wrestling a little bit more. That's why Russler recently signed on to compete for the Wartburg Knights out on the mat after putting the finishing touches on a tremendous senior season at New Hampton.

Russler took a visit to the Waverly campus to talk with coaches there about the potential of her suiting up for the Knight's softball squad. Wartburg has shown keen interest in Russler's athletic prowess out on the ball diamond. Russler's a two-time all-state softball player that will finish off her prep career this summer for the Chickasaws.

Then one thing led to another and Russler went down a different avenue with the black-and-orange clad Knights.

"It turns out I like wrestling more. It was crazy. We just started talking and that's how it went," said Russler.



Photo submitted

New Hampton senior Ali Russler (middle) signs on to wrestle for Wartburg College recently surrounded by her family. Russler finished third overall at 145 pounds in the state of Iowa's first sanctioned girls wrestling tournament this past winter.

mark. She did not place at the non-sanctioned IWCOA (Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association) state meet.

"It's been one ride, let me tell you," said Russler.

Russler went 46-5 this past wrestling season and won 40 of her matches by pin.

Russler said she liked the close proximity of the Wartburg campus and the feeling she got from the Knights' coaching staff.

"I really enjoyed how close it was to home for me. It's only 30 minutes," said Russler. "It's a

good environment."

Wartburg added the sport of women's wrestling in October of 2021 and this coming winter will be the first official year of competition for the Knights.

Brady Kyner is the Wartburg women's wrestling head coach. He is a 2022 Wartburg grad and was a two-time collegiate All-American for the Knight men's program that has won 14 NCAA Div. III crowns.

"It just felt like home in a sense," said Russler. "I go there two times a week and wrestle. It's been a great experience."

Russler said Wartburg's first commit for women's wrestling was Cedar Falls' Hope Chiatello. She wrestles at 110 pounds and will be Russler's roommate in college.

The future remains very bright for Russler in a sport that she may well be just starting to scratch the surface of.

"I want to wrestle as long as I can, but I also want to coach wrestling. Once I'm done with my schooling, I'm thinking about coming back to New Hampton and giving back to the sport. I love helping people."

New Hampton girls take two of top three places

TRAPSHOOTING: FROM 15

Swehla claiming the place with five straight hits.

Before Monday's meet was complete, Matthews proved to be prophetic as he talked about how the New Hampton girls fared Saturday when he said "we didn't get any of the individual hardware, but we're not worried, we have a lot of girls who can shoot well."

And on Monday, Jaiden Fettkether took first in the girls division with a 46 while Tori Bearman finished third with a 45.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD INVITE TOP SQUADS

New Hampton Red 231, Charles City 224, Turkey Valley 223.

TOP BOYS

Ethan Swehla (NH) 47-21, Grant Clark (GHV) 47-19, Joshua Scott (NH) 47-18, Aaron Holschlag (NH) 47-17, Hunter Kruse (TV) 47-13.

TOP GIRLS

Hailey Thuenta (Decorah) 47-15, Mallory Koebrick (CC) 47-11, Taylor Quade (CC) 45.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

Red - Swehla 47, Scott 47, Holschlag 47, Daniel Orthaus 45, Isaak Schwickerath 45.

Other scores - Tori Bearman 36, Nick Brincks 43, Carson Burke 38.

Jonathan Condon 34, Ben Douglas 38, Aleah Eichenberger 5, Noah Eichenberger 32, Jaiden Fettkether 42, Josie Fuerstenberg 38, Teigen Howe 43, Chase Humpal 38, Hunter Humpal 40, Kimberly Jordan 39, Emmett Kuehner 35, Grace Maloy 35, Daniel Orthaus 45, Karla Pickar 42, Kendra Pickar 34, Jake Schwickerath 31, Trinity Schwickerath 41, Nolan Swehla 37, Kelly Thronson 23, Caleb Utley 43, Ashton Venem 38.

TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

Squad - Kruse 47, Calen Franzen 45, Tristan Pullman 44, Cadyin Huber 44, Ashley Fischer 43.

Other score - William Diers 31, Brennen Drilling 42, Alexis Elsbernd 35, Brady Fischer 41, Haylee Hanson 38, Landon Huber 36, Traejin Keel 40, Kale Kuennen 36, Ty Moudry 38, Hunter Nelson 36, Ethan Orvis 42, Jonah Orvis 35, Wade Petersen 40, Jonathan Redfern 26, Kinek Reicks 39, Parker Reicks 40, Tanner Tlusty 31, Boden Toussaint 41.

NEW HAMPTON TRIANGULAR TOP SQUADS

New Hampton Red 236, New Hampton Black 234, Oelwein 226.

TOP BOYS

Jeff Treat (Oelwein) 50, T. Schwickerath 49-23, E. Swehla (NH) 49-19-5, Holschlag (NH) 49-19-4.

TOP GIRLS

Fettkether (NH) 46, Kenna Hageman (SW) 46, Bearman (NH) 45.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton trapshooter Ashton Venem takes a shot at a clay during Monday's meet.

Red (236) - Orthaus 48, I. Schwickerath 47, Holschlag 49, E. Swehla 49, Scott 43.

Black (234) - Brincks 48, T. Schwickerath 49, Venom 45, H. Hoopla 47, Howe 45.

Gold (219) - Bearman 45, Maloy 42, Ka. Pickar 43, N. Swehla 47, Fuerstenberg 42.

White (192) - N. Eichenberger 38, Fettkether 46, Condon 26, Ricky Pauley 42, J. Schwickerath 40.

Silver (189) - Utley 40, Jordan 35, Ke. Pickar 36, Kuehner 40, Snyder 38.

Platinum (172) - C. Humpal 38, Douglas 40, Burke 45, Thronson 31, A. Eichenberger 18.

Chickasaws play 'extremely well' at tourney

TOURNEY: FROM 15

Broughton scored two goals in the Cascade victory. Montiel and Chickasaw senior Treyce Orr also found the back of the net with goals.

Broughton continued his streak of games with a goal

in the win over CR. He netted two more goals and Montiel also notched a goal as well. Broughton scored NH's first goal versus AP/D-NH.

"The team showed up and played extremely well throughout the tournament. Our confidence was boosted after beating some traditionally good teams,

and we kept the momentum going all the way until the finals," said Maas.

NH hosted Postville (0-3) on Tuesday and will take on traditional powers in the next week. The Chickasaws are slated to tangle with Waverly-Shell Rock on the road tonight (Thursday) and host Clear Lake on Tuesday.



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Coffee Cup champs!

The winners of for the 2022-2023 Coffee Cup bowling league was the Rochford Insurance sponsored team of Eleanore Martin (left) and Malinda Welton. They defeated Mid Tech Machining (Jeanne Roder and Kristy Kirkus) 3 games to 1.

The season ending banquet was held at the Pub at the Pinicon on Wednesday with a lunch, a short meeting and the presentation of awards and prizes.

Turkey Valley boys lose pair of meets because of weather

TV BOYS TRACK: FROM 16

and Ryan Franzen also secured gold with a top time of 1:40 in the sprint medley.

Scott's goal - at least early on - is pretty straight forward. He has been head coach at TV since 1999.

"We're always trying to figure out who can run what and how well - what combinations we can throw together," said Scott. "We're still trying to see what we got. We're early yet. We've got some young kids."

TV's 4x800 squad was third overall with a time of 9:36. Hayek, Busta, J.D. Kruse and Russell Nieman ran in that relay.

Nieman placed sixth in the open 400 dash in 1:00.24.

"He's dealing with some shin-splint issues," said Scott. "Unfortunately for him I kind of held him out of some stuff for last Tuesday," said Scott. "I wanted him to run the mile. Of course the meet got called before that could happen."

Schmitt ran to an eighth-place finish in the 100 dash in a time of 12.51.

TV finished seventh overall in the team standings at Sumner-Fred. Waukon won the meet (80 points) and the host Cougars were runner-up (76 points).

TV's meet at North Fayette Valley last Friday was canceled because of inclement weather. The Trojans were supposed to run at Ed-Co on Tuesday but that meet was canceled because of the threat of severe weather.

FROSTBITE RELAYS TEAM SCORES

Waukon 80, Sumner-Fredericksburg 76, Tripoli 62, Wapsie Valley 58, North Fayette Valley 57, South Winneshiek 56, Turkey Valley 34, Dunkerton 31, Kee High 13.

TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

100 dash - 8. Troy Schmitt 12.51, 12. J.D. Kruse 13.01, 18. Miguel Diaz 14.04.

400 dash - 6. Russell Nieman 1:00.24, 21. Tucker Reicks 1:10.96.

4x200 - 8. Kruse, Logan Busta, Diaz, Dairean Keyes 1:50.74.

4x800 - 3. Chase Hayek, Burke Busta, Kruse, Nieman 9:36.44.

Sprint medley - 1. Schmitt B. Busta, Noah Hanson, Ryan Franzen 1:40.87.

Distance medley - 1. B. Busta, Hayek, Hanson, John Forbes 3:58.69.

Shuttle hurdle - 7. Schmitt, Keyes, L. Busta, Forbes 1:50.41.

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Classroom stars!

Four players — (from left) Isaac Howe, Ben Tenge, Carsyn Leistikow and Aiden Roberson — who helped New Hampton to a playoff run this past season pose for a picture after they received word that they had been selected to the Iowa Football Coaches Association’s all-academic all-state team.

Student-athletes selected for all-academic all-state must have at least a 3.7 grade-point average, be a senior starter, be involved in other extra-curricular activities and be recommended by their coaches.

Despite ‘losing’ goal, Chickasaws have plenty to celebrate in 10-3 win

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Montiel’s hat trick (three goals scored) was a big reason why New Hampton won — but there’s a lot more to this New Hampton team than the rapid-scoring ability of the Turkey Valley senior and his scoring buddy Broughton.

“I really think we can make it farther than we have in the past,” said Broughton. “We returned everyone except for one last year.”

That lone graduating senior — Edgar Nunez — is a key piece missing for Shannon Maas’ squad this spring. But many of New Hampton’s players have stepped up their games from last year.

“I just think we can come into the season with a lot of confidence because we have a ton of returners,” said Maas, who is also in her third year as head coach at NH.

Broughton scored the match’s first goal less than four minutes into the fray. Montiel found the back of the net about three minutes later to make it, 2-0, New Hampton. Charles City got on the board after Carter Haberkorn hit paydirt with a goal at the 32nd minute. Broughton made it two goals on the night with a ball that found the back of the net at 29:06. NH senior midfielder Gracie Reicks knocked home a goal in the 22nd minute to make it 4-1 New Hampton.

Montiel then tracked down a ball, dribbled his way near the net and fired a scoring strike into the right corner of the net to make it 5-1 Chickasaws half-way through the first half.

The first of Broughton’s penalty kicks was made good at the 10-minute mark, New Hampton now up 6-1.

Montiel appeared to score a goal with seven minutes left in the first half, but no signal from the side ref was made. That head scratcher appeared to be a gaffe by the official, but in the long run it didn’t affect the outcome of the match.

“I was right there. I was celebrating with Victor,” said Broughton. “I would think the

side ref should have seen it, but I guess not. There’s not really much you can do but play on.”

Charles City’s James Marty found the back of the net with a minute-and-change left in the first half. The score at half was 6-2.

Broughton added a penalty kick about four minutes (36:27) into the second half and sophomore Xander Meyerhoff scored his first goal of the season two minutes later (34:27).

Marty would add another goal for the Comets in the 32nd minute to trim the lead to 8-3. Broughton’s last penalty kick, followed by Montiel’s goal, finished off New Hampton’s scoring.

“I want to score better goals. I want to take more shots,” said Montiel, who attends Turkey Valley.

Maas talked about the potent scoring ability of Montiel — who led NH in goals last year with 12. Broughton was second on the team in goals as sophomore with 10.

Maas had this to say about her top returning goal scorer from last season — the always fun to watch Montiel.

“He is very confident in his ability on the ball,” said Maas. “He just has a really good eye for seeing the field, seeing what players are open. He’s very quick.”

Broughton plays for the club squad, Iowa Rush North, which is based out of Waverly. He said players from Charles City, Waverly and Decorah comprise the team.

“If we can just connect our passes better, I think we can be a pretty solid team,” said Broughton.

While it’s great to have the firepower from Montiel and Broughton — every player on the roster will be counted on pull out wins this season. That’s why playing together as a team will be New Hampton’s main focus this year.

“The goal is team unity,” said Maas. “It’s nice to have individual great players, but if we’re not working together, then we can’t accomplish much.”



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton’s Aydin Ries leads the attack for the Chickasaws during their season opener at Charles City.



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New Hampton’s Addison Trower takes off after receiving the baton from Josie Speltz in the distance medley during the Chickasaws’ first outdoor meet of the season that was held last Thursday in Waverly.

Coach, athletes excited to get outdoors

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celebrate on what I thought was a pretty good night for us.”

Up and down the lineup — which may not have quantity but certainly does have quality — the Chickasaws were solid.

They “double scored” in five events, they took second in a pair of relays and got a season-best time from sophomore Natalie Nosbisch in the 1,500, where she ran a 5:30.98.

“That is more like the Natalie we expect,” Laures said, “and it was great to see the way she went out and really took control of that race. Again, it was about being competitive, and we saw that competitive fire

with Natalie.”

Then again, Laures and her girls were just happy to be outside. It wasn’t perfect track meet weather, but it was pretty good March track meet weather.

“We really treat the indoor season more like scrimmages,” the New Hampton coach said. “I guess it’s my philosophy that it kind of helps us see where our strengths and weaknesses are and what we have to work on. And honestly, you have to have those because track practices can get a little repetitive, but make no mistake about it, we were excited to run outside.

“An 800 is two laps, instead of four, and the girls were all saying it’s great because they

can breathe again. Mentally, they needed this and we had a lot of fun with it.”

TEAM SCORES

Waverly-Shell Rock 193, New Hampton 121, Dike-New Hartford 118.5, Charles City 100, Waterloo West 55, Hudson 41, Waterloo East 25.5, Mason City 25.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

100 - 3. Kinsley Hackman 13.92, 5. Taylor Ries 14.15, 200 - 4. Hackman 28.47, 10. Cora Schwickerath 32.70, 400 - 5. Natalie Nosbisch 1:06.08, 8. Braelyn Rosonke 1:09.54, 800 - 9. Madalyn Van Wey 3:06.30, 1,500 - 2. Nosbisch 5:30.98, 7. Kristen Reicherts 6:25.44, 100 hurdles - 1. Carlee Rochford 16.24, 7. Addison Trower 21.83, 400 hurdles - 1. Taylor Ries 1:10.74, 4x100 - 2. Madison Shawver,

Hackman, Josie Speltz, Hailee Pesek 53.94.

4x200 - 2. Speltz, Shawver, Megan Pickar, Pesek 1:55.21.

4x400 - 3. Camryn Smith, Pickar, Ella Knutson, Kandice Eggerichs 4:36.52.

4x800 - 1. Nosbisch, Eggerichs, Knutson, Pickar 10:49.52.

Sprint medley - 1. Shawver, Hackman, Ries, Pesek 1:58.20.

Distance medley - 4. Smith, Trower, Eggerichs, Reicherts 5:04.86.

High jump - 1. Rochford 5-5, 8. Pesek 4-4, 9. Rosonke 4-2.

Long jump - 8. Ries 14-4.75, 14. Smith 13-0.

Shot put - 4. Rochford 31-7, 11. Elena Federspiel 27-6, 15. Madison Schaufenbuel 26-2, 26. Amiya Kellogg 22-0.

Discus - 5. Schaufenbuel 86-2.5, 15. Beth Pickar 69-6.5, 22. Kellogg 60-5.5, 24. Federspiel 52-4.5

Chickasaws solid in their new events

NH BOYS TRACK: FROM 16

the injuries and illnesses afflicting his team ... well, Jenkins will take it.

Start with the field events. It’s where New Hampton got its only win of the night as junior Marshall Zeien came up with a PR of 133-8 in the discus.

“That was huge for Marshall, especially for a first meet,” Jenkins said. “I think it took a little of the sting off of him because he was frustrated with his shot put performance. But to go PR in the first meet of the year, that’s big.”

Zeien said he felt good in warmups, and on “my first throw I hit the ‘center’ and let it rip. ... I’m happy for the first meet of the year throwing it like that. It’s a great start, but I know I have a lot of work to do yet.”

New Hampton also got points in the field events from junior Braden McShane, who finished fifth in the long jump with a leap of 19-4; senior Aiden Roberson, who cleared 5-6 in the high jump to finish sixth; and senior Carsyn Leistikow, who finished eighth in the shot.

McShane had never long jumped before Wednesday night, the day before the meet, while Roberson hadn’t competed in the high jump since his days as a middle school athlete.

“It just shows you what kind of an athlete Braden is,” Jenkins said. “To pop a 19-4 — and he had another 19-footer in there, that’s impressive.”

He felt the same way about “Robey,” too. “He just missed 5-8 on his attempts so it’s definitely something we can build on,” the New Hampton coach said.

“Once he gets his steps down and the way I know he’ll work on it, it’s going to be exciting to see where he can go in the high jump. He’s just one of those kids who you know is going to give it all he has every time he jumps or steps on the track.”

New Hampton actually got off to a good start in the relays, as Beau Serie to Dylan Schmitt to Hunter Serie to McShane brought home a runner-up finish in the sprint medley.

But after that, the illnesses and injuries led Jenkins to juggling his relay lineup the rest of the night.

“We had some kids who picked up a lot of valuable experience,” he said, “and we found



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New Hampton’s Karson Kolbet takes the baton from Ryan Willadsen during the distance medley at the Waverly-Shell Rock Coed last week.

a lot of things that we can build on. For the first night out, for all the stuff we went through, it was a solid effort by our guys. Now, we just need to get healthy and work on getting better next week.”

TEAM SCORES

Waverly-Shell Rock 174.5, Clear Creek-Amana 150, Dike-New Hartford 90, Charles City 87, New Hampton 69, Waterloo Columbus 63.5, Waterloo East 49, Hudson 44.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

100 - 8. Beau Serie 12.27, 16. Jayden Bucknell 14.45, 200 - 4. Dylan Schmitt 24.97, 12. Caden Rochford 12.17, 400 - 13. Elliott Eiler 1:01.93, 14. Bryce Flugum 1:05.31, 800 - 8. Jarin Robinson 2:30.18, 1,600 - 13. Braiden Schaufenbuel 5:39.13, 3,200 - 2. Peyton Anderson 10:49.84, 110 high hurdles - 4. Aiden Roberson 17.95,

400 hurdles - 9. Ryan Willadsen 1:03.67, 4x100 - 5. B. Serie, Schmitt, Hunter Serie, Braden McShane 46.77.

4x200 - 7. B. Serie, Schmitt, Karson Kolbet, H. Serie 1:39.22.

4x400 - 5. Roberson, Schmitt, Anderson, H. Serie 3:49.24.

4x800 - 5. Rochford, Weston Praska, Robinson, Schaufenbuel 9:58.37.

Sprint medley - 2. B. Serie, Kael Meyers, McShane, H. Serie 1:42.17.

Distance medley - 5. R. Willadsen, Kolbet, Tristin Willadsen, Anderson 4:11.85.

Shuttle hurdle - 5. R. Willadsen, Eiler, Tristin Willadsen, Roberson 1:16.92.

High jump - 6. Roberson 5-6.

Long jump - 5. McShane 19-4, 16. Flugum 16-0, 19. Kale Venem 15-6.

Shot put - 8. Carsyn Leistikow 38-11, 11. Logan Peterman 37-8, 17. Gatlin McCumber 35-10, 20. Marshall Zeien 34-3.

Discus - 1. Zeien 133-8, 9. Leistikow 106-0.5, 12. McCumber 102-8, 21. Robinson 88-8.5.

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New Hampton's Isaak Schwickerath (above) tracks a clay while teammate Jaiden Fettkether fires a shot during Monday's trapshooting meet at the Fredericksburg Sportsmen's Club.

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NEW HAMPTON, TURKEY VALLEY FIND SUCCESS ON RANGE

By Bob Fenske
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The New Hampton trapshooting team started its season off, pardon the pun, with a bang as its Red squad claimed wins at the Nashua-Plainfield Invitational Saturday and a home triangular on Monday.

The pun may be lame, but the team certainly isn't.

"We've got a lot of kids back who want to step in and fill the roles that last year's seniors had," said Jay Matthews, one of several New Hampton coaches watching and dispensing advice at Monday's home opener at the Fredericksburg Sportsmen's Club. "I thought we shot very well for the first day out, especially because it wasn't a perfect day with the wind. We'll definitely take the start we got from our kids."

New Hampton Red fired a 231 to top second-place Charles City by seven shots while Turkey Valley's top team finished with a 223 to take third.

Ethan Swehla led the Chickasaws as he won five-way shoot-off to claim the individual title. Swehla joined teammates Joshua Scott and Aaron Holschlag, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura's Grant Clark and Turkey Valley's Hunter Kruse in finishing the meet with 47s. Swehla, though, fired a 21 in the shoot-off to best Clark by two shots. Scott finished with an 18, Holschlag had a 17 and Kruse came up with a 13 in the extra round.

The three shoot-off competitors were joined on the Red Squad by Daniel Orthaus and Isaak Schwickerath, both of whom finished with 45s. Turkey Valley's top squad included a 45 from Calen Franzen, 44s from Tristan Pullman and Cadyn Huber and a 43 from Ashley Fischer.

Two days later, New Hampton was back in action and the Chickasaws dominated their home opener.

New Hampton Red fired a 236 on a cloudy but calm day to best New Hampton Black by two shots for the squad title.

And while New Hampton didn't have the individual winner — Oelwein's Jeff Treat had a perfect 50 — it did have three shooters tie for second with 49.



Hunter Humpal tracks a clay while Teigen Howe waits "on deck" during Monday's meet.

Trinity Schwickerath finished with a 23 in the shoot-off to take second while both Swehla and Holschlag had 19s, which

sent them into a sudden-death shoot-off for third place, with

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Chickasaws make a run at a tourney title

New Hampton tops Cascade, Clayton Ridge before falling 3-2 decision in soccer title tilt

By Kelly Terpstra
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If the finish is anything like the beginning to the season, these Chickasaws are in store for plenty of celebration.

New Hampton continued its impressive start to the 2023 campaign by picking up two more victories at the Postville Tournament on Saturday.

NH, now 3-1 on the year, advanced all the way to the championship game of the tourney hosted by the Pirates. New Hampton defeated Cascade, 4-2, and Clayton Ridge, 3-1, in bracket play to move into the title bout.

There, New Hampton faced off against Aplington-Parkersburg/Dike-New Hartford. A competitive match-up saw AP/D-NH come away with a 3-2 win.

"Late in the game we found a surge of energy off of a goal on a free kick and began to really apply the pressure, but unfortunately just ran out of time putting what would have been the tying goal in the back of the net seconds after the final whistle blew," said NH head coach Shannon Maas.

New Hampton, in just its third year of competition, is off to a flying start this spring. New Hampton is rated No. 16 by the Bound Power Rankings and sport two of the best strikers in the entire state — at least based off early season stats.

New Hampton junior Carter Broughton leads all classes in the state in goals scored with 10. The Chickasaw forward/midfielder scored a hat trick plus two in the season opener against Charles City last week Thursday. Broughton notched five goals in that 10-3 rout of the Comets.

Broughton and senior forward Victor Montiel have wreaked havoc on goalkeepers and defenses thus far in four matches. Montiel is tied for fifth in the state in scoring with six goals.

AP/D-NH, rated third by Bound, got a goal 11 minutes into the second half by Jackson Mulder to put the Falcons up 3-1. Montiel then connected on a free kick at the 26:45 mark of the second half to slice AP/D-NH's lead to just one.

"It was a nice bending shot around the wall that sent the goalie the wrong way and found the back of the net," said Maas.

Maas said the match versus AP/D-NH was very evenly-matched and the Falcons did a good job of possessing the ball, especially in the midfield.

"Tired legs after two previous physical games were a factor in our level of energy against them in the championship. In the end, AP gained momentum from their goals, and we began to get down on ourselves a bit," said Maas.

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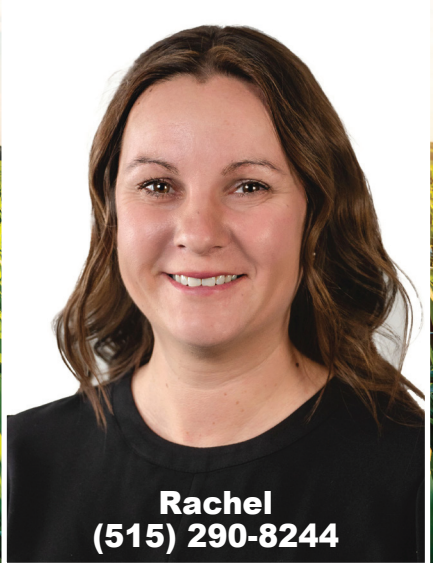
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Tristin Willadsen (above) races down the backstretch on his 400 leg of the distance medley while New Hampton teammate Beau Serie (below) warms up for the 100-meter dash at Thursday's coed meet in Waverly.

Chickasaws juggle to fifth-place finish

Injuries and illnesses limit New Hampton to just one win, but coach loves squad's attitude

By Bob Fenske
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Scott Jenkins turned into a mad scientist Thursday night during his New Hampton boys track team's outdoor opener.

Blame illnesses and injuries.

The end result was that Jenkins' original lineup went out the window, yet the third-year coach had plenty of reasons to be excited about this team's performance at the Waverly-Shell Rock Coed.

"We were dropping like flies," Jenkins said, "and right before the 4x4, I realized we needed to find someone so I had the team around me and I said, 'Hey, I need someone to run a 400.' And right away, PJ's hand went up. ...

As a coach, to see our guys so willing to help the team, that meant a lot."

Anderson, who had already finished second in the 3,200 and run the 800 in the distance medley, came up with a split of 57 seconds in the meet's final



event to help the Chickasaws secure a fifth-place finish in the relay.

And that's where the Chickasaws ended the meet, and to score 69 points with all

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Trojan boys at least get in half of a track meet

By Kelly Terpstra
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The Frostbite Relays held true to its word last week Tuesday in Sumner.

Severe weather can be a problem for track coaches in the state of Iowa.

Getting in meets can obviously be a challenge with the unpredictable nature of a midwest spring.

Such was the case in Turkey Valley's season-opening meet last week Tuesday hosted by Sumner-Fredericksburg.

Inclement weather had the last laugh in this chilly get together of eight northeast Iowa schools that competed in less-than-ideal conditions. Hence, the meet was called off after teams competed in the 4x200 relay.

"It was getting cold and it's early in the year. Then it's starting to get where people were going to start worrying about kids not warming up like they should, pulling muscles," said TV head coach Mark Scott. "Nobody was upset that they called it."

Before the meet in Sumner was cancelled because of a plummeting mercury, TV demonstrated they've got plenty of horses to cross the finish line first as the Trojans swept the medley relays with blue-ribbon finishes.

"Everybody always likes the medleys...because you don't have to have four good 800 runners. You don't have to have four good 400 runners," said Scott. "Most small schools look at those to see what they can do."

TV's distance medley squad of Burke Busta, Chase Hayek, Noah Hanson and John Forbes out ran the field with a winning time of 3:58.69.

The contingent of Troy Schmitt, Busta, Hanson

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FLYING OUT OF THE GATE!



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New Hampton's Carter Broughton (above in stocking cap) celebrates with his teammates in the final seconds of the Chickasaws' 10-3 win over Charles City last week.



Gracie Reicks (left) gets ready to strike the ball while Tegan Dungey (above) battles for a loose ball during Thursday's match at Charles City.

CHICKASAWS OPEN SEASON WITH 10-3 ROAD VICTORY

By Kelly Terpstra
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Carter Broughton got the party started and his New Hampton Chickasaws kicked off the 2023 season in fine fashion at Charles City on Thursday night.

This was a feel-good celebration from the get-go.

While the weather was not ideal – it often

never is this time of the year in Iowa – New Hampton's offense was on-point in another dominating effort over the Comets.

New Hampton – in its third year of competition – once again bested Charles City, this time by a comfortable margin of 10-3.

New Hampton – which officially entered into competition in sanctioned organized soccer on the prep level in 2021 – has now beaten Charles City in four out of the last five meetings. Charles City defeated New Hampton, 8-0, in the Chickasaws' first ever match two years ago.

NH topped CC, 3-2, for one of its two wins in that inaugural season. New Hampton swept the Comets last year by scores of 8-0, 4-0 and 7-5. Four of New Hampton's six wins in the past two spring campaigns have come at the Comets' expense.

Despite NH's recent dominance over Charles City – the Comets began playing soccer in 2018 – the rivalry is a good-spirited battle between the two NEIC squads.

"I played with a lot of these guys over the winter, so I kind of knew where their strong points were," said Broughton.

Broughton was lights out in the scoring department as he netted five goals – three via penalty kick. New Hampton's other talented striker up top – senior Victor Montiel – demonstrated what he's all about on the pitch as well as he weaved and darted his way past the Comet defense for three goals of his own.

"I feel like we have a strong squad this year. We'll let our game speak for us," said Broughton, a junior who has started for New Hampton since his freshman year.

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New Hampton's Braelyn Rosonke (above) runs the open 400 while teammate Kristen Reicherts (right) anchors the distance medley during a meet at Waverly last week.



'Competitive' girls take second at outdoor opener

Chickasaws get wins from Rochford, Ries and two relays to finish as Waverly-Shell Rock Coed runner-up

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All Jeanette Laures had to do after she got off the bus in Waverly last Thursday to realize that this might not be a "fast meet" was look at the stadium flags.

"I knew that we were going to be running into a headwind down the homestretch," the veteran New Hampton girls coach said, "and we talked about that's OK, all I want to see tonight is us competing."

And the Chickasaws definitely did just that as they claimed five wins on their way to a solid sec-

ond-place finish at the Waverly-Shell Rock Early Bird Coed. The host Go-Hawks ran away with the team title, piling up 193 points while New Hampton edged a solid Dike-New Hartford team 121-118.5, to finish as the runner-up.

To be honest, headwind or no headwind, it really doesn't matter for Laures. Early-season meets – and Thursday's was the outdoor opener for New Hampton – are always about competing.

"Rarely are you going to see season bests early in the season," Laures said, "so for us, we're always focusing on just competing. Not that

the girls aren't focused on times – they always want to know – but that's not the goal with meets like this."

Winning and placing, however, are.

New Hampton got wins in both individual hurdles races as Carlee Rochford won the 100 hurdles in a rout and Taylor Ries claimed the 400 hurdles. Rochford also won the high jump with a leap of 5-5 to meet the Drake Relays "Blue Standard" for the event, and New Hampton won a pair of relays as Natalie Nosbisch to Kandice Eggerichs to Ella Knutson to Megan Pickar pro-

duced the fastest 4x800 time while Hailee Pesek anchored Madison Shawver, Kinsley Hackman and Ries to victory in the sprint medley.

Rochford's leap in the high jump gave the New Hampton senior her second Blue Standard, which comes with an automatic berth in the Drake Relays later this month. During the indoor season, she reached the qualifying mark in the long jump.

"It's super nice that she's gotten two Blue Standards out of the way already," Laures said, "and it was one more thing we were able to

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