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Supervisors give green light to Kenwood project

If New Hampton City Council OKs bid at this Monday's meeting, work may be finished sometime this autumn

By BOB FENSKE
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on Monday approved moving ahead with the paving project on a 0.7-mile stretch of Kenwood Avenue, and New Hampton Public Works Director Casey Mai said he hopes his City Council follows suit when it meets this coming Monday.

"It should be a no-brainer in my opinion," Mai said. "That road needs work, everyone knows that, and if we don't do it now and kick that can down the road, guess what? It's just going to get more expensive."

Because the Croell Inc. property along the east side of the road is within New Hampton's city limits, the city is responsible for half of the costs for about 2,016 1/2 feet of the project,

and earlier this year, the county and the city entered into an agreement to jointly fund the project.

During a meeting on July 22, the supervisors received just one bid — from Croell — for the project, and the \$797,120 bid was 113.51 percent of the engineer's estimate.

Because of bid materials for its portion of the project, the cost for New Hampton's will be \$211,479.53, or

117.8 percent of the engineer's estimate. The

county's portion of the project would cost \$585,641.18, or 112.05 percent of the engineer's estimate.

County Engineer Roman Lensing told supervisors on Monday said that the main reason the Kenwood project bid came in higher than expected was the cost per square yard of concrete.

He pointed out that the county was charged \$42.47 per square yard of concrete for the recently-completed County Road V18.

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A thrilling ride on the baseball diamond!

New Hampton assistant coach Jordan Rommes greets catcher Talyn Bohaty after the senior thwarted an Underwood stolen base attempt during the Class 2A state championship game last Friday, and although the Chickasaws fell short of a state crown, they took New Hampton to a place it's never been before. Thanks to a great group of sponsors, the Tribune is publishing a four-page pullout section in this edition that celebrates New Hampton's historic run on the diamond. See Pages 5-9

Joint training is key for area rescue agencies

Rescue Squad volunteers take to the water in Nashua to train for what they hope never happens

By BOB FENSKE
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The men and women who gathered on the shore of Cedar Lake last week hoped the training they were about to undertake will never have to be used. "I know it sounds weird," Chickasaw County Rescue Squad member Jordan Holthaus said, "but you do it, you learn it, and you're hoping it's all for nothing."

He paused for a moment and smiled. "Any training we do — this, a house fire, a school shooting, whatever — you know if it happens, it's probably going to be bad so we do this just in case so that we're ready."

For a couple of hours, volunteers from the Rescue Squad, Nashua Fire and Rescue, Nashua Area EMS and Chickasaw County EMS worked to make sure if a water rescue needs to be done, they can do it safely and with the best possible outcome for the victim.

"Water rescues can be really tricky,"



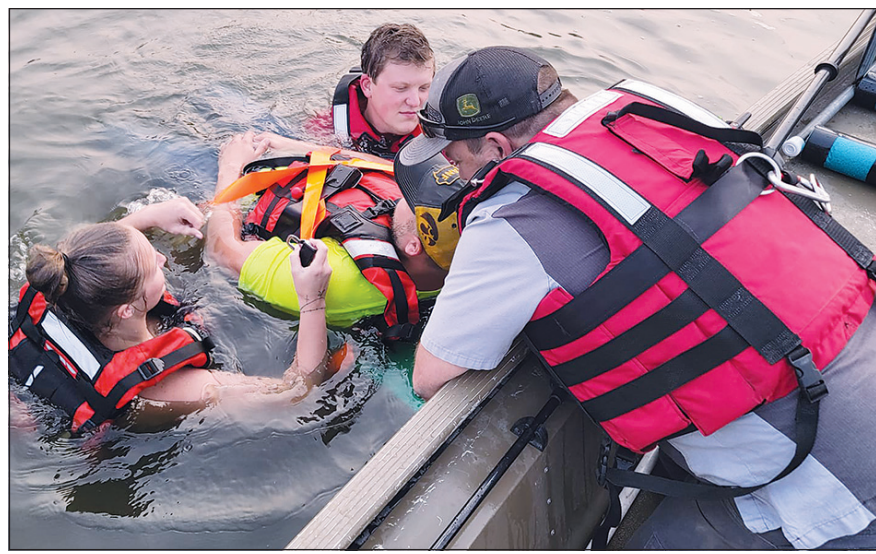
Nashua Fire and Rescue and Chickasaw County Rescue Squad personnel take to Cedar Lake Tuesday evening to train on water rescue techniques.

Photos courtesy of Jordan Holthaus Holthaus said. "You could be dealing with someone really intoxicated or really panicked and the goal obviously is to get them out of the water before tragedy strikes."

And that's not always easy. From getting them out of the water into a boat to getting them back to shore to getting them into an ambulance takes time and effort.

And the best way to be prepared for

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Sans parade, Ionia kicks off festival on Friday evening

By BOB FENSKE
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The parade is a no-go — and it appears the softball tournament is, too — but Ionia Fun Days organizers say this weekend's celebration will still live up to the festival name.

"It's going to be a little different, no question about it," said Erin Phillips, a member of the committee that organizes Ionia's annual town festival, "but we're still going to have fun, we're still going to have plenty to do."

The two-day celebration kicks off Friday evening at 7 p.m. with the recognition of the grand marshals — the Jeremy and Christy Deutsch family — and the crowning of Little Mister and Little Miss Ionia in the parking lot of the Ionia Community Library, and after a kids painting class, a "Glow in the Dark Foam Party" will be held, beginning at 9 p.m.

"I'm really excited to see what that's going to look like," Phillips

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Pilot dies in crash

Fatal crop-dusting helicopter accident near Nashua remains under investigation

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Helping its own

New Hampton Municipal Pool raises \$1,100 for lifeguards injured in boating accident

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Chickasaw County's ambulance service shows off remodeled digs

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Kansas man killed in helicopter crash while spraying near Nashua

A Kansas man died in a crop-dusting helicopter crash that took place northeast of Nashua on Monday.

Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver said that at about 1:30 p.m., the Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center received a 911 call of a recording that showed that the owner of an iPhone had been involved in a crash.

Deputies were dispatched and found the pilot, Eleazar Villafranca Jr. of Manhattan, Kansas who was pronounced dead by the Chickasaw County Medical Examiner.

Shawver said that a full autopsy has been ordered to be completed by the Iowa State Medical Examiner's Office.

He added that the crash remains under investigation by the Iowa State Patrol, the Federal Aviation Agency and the National Transportation Safety Board.

The Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Nashua Fire Department, Chickasaw County Rescue Squad, Chickasaw EMS, Chickasaw EMA, Chickasaw County Medical Examiner, Office of the State Medical Examiner of Iowa, Iowa State Patrol, New Hampton Police Department, FAA, NTSB, Corn Belt Power Cooperative and Hugeback/Johnson Funeral Home.

ISU Extension urges college-bound to check out financial aid opportunities

July's barely over and many families and students are focused on summer fun, so returning to school in the fall may be the last thing on their minds.

However, planning for the 2024-25 academic year is already well underway for those attending college in the fall, said Jeannette Mukayisire, a human sciences specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Financial aid often is the first item on the agenda, and despite issues with this year's rollout, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form is up and running.

Students who are interested in receiving federal financial aid, such as Pell Grants and Direct Loans, should complete the FAFSA as soon as possible, said Mukayisire. Next, interest rates for the Direct Loan program are updated every year, and the 2024-25 rates were established in May.

"Unfortunately, borrowing costs remain relatively high for the upcoming academic year," Mukayisire said.

On a positive note for consumers, costs for books and supplies continue to remain stable, and the price growth in tuition has slowed compared to the overall Consumer Price Index.

"This trend may provide some level of relief for families living with higher expenses for several years in a row," said Mukayisire.

Families also have the option to plan years in advance for their children's educational needs. 529 Savings Plans, which are qualified tuition plans, have existed for several decades now, but some of the most significant benefits of these plans were only recently implemented. In addition to qualified tuition and fees, 529 plans can now be used for K-12 education expenses, student loan payments and other qualified educational expenses.

Similar to other tax-advantaged investment accounts, 529 plans may offer access to various underlying investments that could help keep up with inflation over time; however, the student's time horizon (when they need to use the money) and personal risk tolerance should always be considered. Starting this year, some individuals may be able to roll their unused 529 funds into a Roth IRA.

"This is a major change to the program," said Mukayisire. With this option, eligible beneficiaries can potentially avoid taxes and penalties that are typically applied to withdrawals of unused funds.



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

A motorist travels Tuesday on Chickasaw County Road B22, also known as the "Jerico Blacktop," just west of the unincorporated community in the northern part of the county.

County compares favorably to Bremer when it comes to road miles

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when it comes to roads in each.

He said that Chickasaw County has 849.93 miles of Secondary Roads miles while Bremer has 713.88 miles. Lensing said

that Chickasaw County has 144.25 miles of paved "farm-to-market" roads while Bremer has 132 miles, and even if you include so-called "local" paved roads, Chickasaw County has almost the same amount of total paved roads so "Chickasaw has 146 [miles]

and Bremer has 147.5 [miles]."

He went on to point out that Chickasaw County has 260 bridges compared to Bremer's "roughly" 225.

"Just so you guys know," Lensing said, "that's why I feel we need two assistants."

Public Works director to recommend city go ahead with Kenwood project

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project while the Kenwood bid had a price of \$55.69 per square yard. The V18 project, though, covered 8.6 miles of roadway from Highway 18 north to the south city limits of Alta Vista.

"My assumption is the sheer scale of the project is why you're seeing a higher bid price for the smaller one," Lensing said.

The engineer also told supervisors that "Croell did indicate that they hope to do this this fall if we were to award the contract — that's not a guarantee, but they do hope to get it done

this fall."

The issue, at least for Supervisor Matt Kuhn, was that the county would need to do a budget amendment because the county has agreed to borrow New Hampton the money for its share of the costs, with the city paying back the county in five equal annual installments, beginning on July 5, 2025.

The county is planning on using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for its portion of the project and had budgeted \$200,000 to pay the city's portion. Because the city's portion is almost \$11,500 higher than

that amount, a budget amendment would be required.

"I'll just state I'm not supporting a budget amendment, whether it's for Secondary Roads or any other department," Kuhn said. "We need to live within what we budgeted."

But Supervisor Jake Hackman made the motion to move ahead with the project — including putting together a budget amendment — and the motion passed 4-1, with only Kuhn casting a nay vote.

On Tuesday, Mai said he would recommend the City Council do the same when it

meets on Monday at 7 p.m.

"That road is in terrible shape, and like I said, all we do by waiting is pay more — probably a lot more — down the road," he said. "Just to give you an example, we looked at four roads probably about eight years ago and the cost was \$1.9 million. Today, to do those roads, it's \$6.7 million.

"This is \$25,000 to \$30,000 more than the estimate, but what's that number going to look like five years from now? I'm going to recommend we do it because it's either pay now or pay a lot more later."

County land records soon to be available online for a 'subscription'

By BOB FENSKE
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A decision by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors gave the County Recorder's Office the go-ahead to put the county's land records online during a meeting on Monday.

Following Monday's board meeting, Recorder Shirley Troyna said that doesn't mean local residents won't still be able to come into her office, thumb through books and have copies printed; in fact, Troyna said she doesn't expect "local usage" of her office to change all that much.

Troyna asked board members to approve her office spending about \$15,000 to redact personal information — ranging from Social Security numbers and drivers license numbers — that can be found in

records into the 1990s.

"I don't really want to go ahead and do this unless we can do that," said Troyna, who told supervisors that she has the money in her budget to do the redacting. "I just don't want to put that kind of personal information out there on the internet."

At a July 8 meeting, Troyna and Cott Systems Account Executive Don Beussink explained how the system would work. Cott Systems would upload the records and maintain the website in return for receiving a percentage of the costs it would charge those who accessed the site via a subscription price and the downloading of records.

On Monday, Troyna said that the idea would be to make it easier on those who do not live near the courthouse in New Hampton to conduct research and gain documents they need.

"With the windmills, I had someone parked in my back room for three entire months doing research and paying for copies," she told board members but added that she wouldn't proceed with the project unless she got the OK to spend the money for redaction.

Board members, once they were assured that Troyna would not need a budget amendment to complete that process, voted unanimously to give her the go-ahead.

Following the meeting, Troyna emphasized that she didn't think activity in her office would change all that much when it came to local residents.

"But it does give you the option, if you're sitting at home on a Sunday wanting to look up records, to do that," she said, "but no, for the people of our county, it's not going to change much."

Iowa PBS to feature plenty of programming from the Iowa State Fair

Iowa PBS officials are gearing up for another big year at the Iowa State Fair that will be held this month in Des Moines.

Visitors to the statewide network's exhibit in the Varied Industries Building will offer entertainment for all ages and a chance to explore everything that makes Iowa PBS special. Attendees will also be invited

to show off their love for Iowa PBS with a free foldable fan giveaway.

This year, fans of Iowa PBS are invited to test their knowledge on 12 shows exclusive to the network with an interactive trivia wall.

Iowa PBS plans to uphold its longstanding tradition of sharing state fair highlights

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This year's programming begins Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 6:15 p.m. with a live broadcast of the 2024 Iowa State Fair Parade.

The 2024 Iowa State Fair Queen Coronation will be livestreamed on YouTube, Facebook

and iowapbs.org on Saturday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.

Fair coverage continues nightly at 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. Aug. 12-17 with Fair 2024 and concludes Sunday, Aug. 18 at 8 p.m. with the State Fair Talent Championship.

Visit iowapbs.org/fair to check out all the state fair fun Iowa PBS has to offer.

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FREE DONUT DAY THURSDAY, AUGUST 1 • 9 AM



Bob Fenske/Tribune

It'll be a happening Sunday in both Nashua and Lawler!

Meredith and Quentin Becker renew their vows during the Little Brown Church's 2023 Marriage Reunion, and the annual celebration of matrimony will take place this Sunday at the famed church located near Nashua, beginning with a 10:15 a.m. Sing-a-Long and followed by the worship service that includes the vow renewal ceremony at 10:30 and entertainment following the service.

Meanwhile, in Lawler on Sunday, the annual Chickasaw County Relay for Life — sponsored by the Lawler Lions Club and the Relay for Life Committee — will be held at Highland Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The annual American Cancer Society fundraiser will include live music, short reflections from individuals about their “cancer journeys” and the lining up of luminary bags to remember those who lost their fights to cancer and to honor those who have survived the disease.

Independent candidates can start filing for general election next week

Area residents who want to run with non-party affiliation, i.e., as independents, for elected county and townships positions can begin filing for the November election this coming Monday. The same goes for candidates who will be nominated by petition and those nominated by either the Democratic and Republican parties for offices in which they didn't have a candidate on the ballot. The filing deadline runs through Wednesday, Aug. 28, and candidates who file during the period will join primary winners on the ballot for November's general election. Republicans who won nominations via the June primary included Jake Hackman (Supervisor District 3), Issac Carter (Supervisor District 4), Sheila Shekleton (county auditor) and Ryan Shawver (county sheriff). Democrats who won nomination in the primary included Steve Breitbach (Supervisor District 1) and Joan Knoll (Supervisor District 3).

Those who want more information on how to become a candidate can call their local county's Auditor's Office.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

The TRIBE Trail is almost complete!

Part of the third and final phase of the TRIBE Trail can be seen in this photo taken looking east of Western Avenue last week, and New Hampton Parks and Recreation Director Tara Perkins said on Monday she has high hopes that construction will be completed and the trail will officially open by the end of August. Work on the trail began in 2017 with the completion of the first phase from the existing trail in Mikkelson Park to Garnart Park near Logan Street. The second phase, which took the trail south and west to Linn Avenue was completed in 2019 and once this phase is complete, the dream of connecting the Mikkelson trail to one that winds through New Hampton's west-side industrial park will be a reality.

Despite lack of parade and softball, Ionia will still have fun

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said. “From the pictures and videos I've seen, it's a blast and it looks so cool.” Usually, the parade is held on Saturday morning, but with Highway 18 detouring through the city because of a bridge project a couple miles north of Ionia, the Fun Days Committee decided not to hold the parade and bring it back “bigger and better” in 2025. “When we first started planning, we didn't realize the detour would be in place until October, and traffic in town has been crazy with the detour. Just safety wise, we felt like we didn't have much choice,” Phillips said. “We did look at trying a side street, but with the poles, there just wasn't enough room for trucks to get down the road. It's a bummer, but we still wanted to recognize the Deutsches and the parade will be back next year.” Still, there are plenty of events on tap Saturday — starting with the Ionia Fire Department's freewill donation pancake breakfast from 8 to 10



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Because of a highway detour, Ionia Fun Days won't have a parade this year, but take heart kids, there still may be ways to score some candy.

a.m., a Bloody Mary bar, food trucks, kids games and activities, bean bag tournament, a Show and Shine Car, Truck and Antique Tractor Show from noon to 5 p.m., the Ionia Community Library's “50th Anniversary Bash” from 3 to 5 p.m., a “Puzzle, Pop and Pizza Challenge” at 5 p.m. and live music by The Smokin' Notes from 8 to 11 a.m. For kids who might be bummed that there is no parade and i.e., candy to be had, the

Fun Days Committee is trying to soothe that pain. “Rausch Bros. Trucking, the ones that always ‘dump’ the candy off that conveyor belt, gave us seven bags of candy,” Phillips said, “and we told people who usually pass out candy and things, that we'd love for them to set up at the car show and pass their stuff out.” And Phillips said she's excited for the challenge that is new to Ionia Fun Days. “Basically, the deal is that you

have a team of four, and they need to complete a 350-piece puzzle, eat a pizza and drink eight pops,” she said. “Whoever does it first, wins the prize. It should be a lot of fun.” Meanwhile, it will be a big weekend for the Ionia Community Library, which is celebrating the 50th anniversary of being in its current facility. “It's a great story how we got this wonderful facility,” Phillips said, “and it's a chance for us to celebrate a building that is not only our City Hall but has provided so much to our community.” Besides not being able to have a parade, the celebration also lost the softball tournament that has been a Fun Days tradition for years. Organizers announced the cancellation of the tournament earlier this week. “We had like two teams,” Phillips said, “and it's tough to have a tournament when you don't have teams, but as challenging as this year has been, we're still going to have fun, we're still going to celebrate what we think is our neat little town.”

New Hampton Calendar of Events

August 2024



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

- 4-6 pm New Hampton Farmers Market, 2 N. Main

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

- Ionia Fun Days, Ionia

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

- Ionia Fun Day, Ionia

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

- 1:00pm- 5:00pm Marching Band Camp

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

- Shows at Iowa State Fair
- 1:00pm- 5:00pm Marching Band Camp
- 5:30-9:30 pm Preserve the Taste of Summer: Salsa Making, ChickasawExtension

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

- Shows at Iowa State Fair
- 1:00pm- 5:00pm Marching Band Camp
- Lawler Lions Club Bingo, Starlite Ballroom, Lawler
- 11:30-2:30 pm Regen PGC Field Day, Nashua Iowa

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

- Northeast Iowa Antique Engine & Power Show, 2732 Stanley Ave, Fredericksburg

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

- Northeast Iowa Antique Engine & Power Show, 2732 Stanley Ave, Fredericksburg

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

- 7:00pm- 8:00pm Marching Band Night Rehearsal

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

- Academic Calendar, Freshman Orientation

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

- New Teacher In-Service
- 4-6 pm New Hampton Farmers Market, 2 N. Main

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

- Teacher In-Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

- Teacher In-Service
- 7:00pm- 8:00pm Marching Band Night Rehearsal
- 1:00-3:30 pm Farmland Leasing and Management Whorkshop, Chickasaw Extension

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

- Teacher In-Service
- 6:00-8:00 pm Extension Council Meeting, Chickasaw Co. Extension

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

- Teacher In-Service
- 5:00pm Chickasaw Athletic Booster Club Meeting, Middle/ High School Cafeteria
- Veteran's Coffee at 9 am at Heritage Residence, New Hampton

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

- Teacher In-Service
- 4-6 pm New Hampton Farmers Market, 2 N. Main

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

- 2 Hour Early Out
- Begin 1st Semester
- 3:30pm Troy Baas Photography High School Athletic Complex Area Fall Meet the Team Photos
- 5:00pm Volleyball: 9th Scrimmage vs. TBD @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 5:00pm Volleyball: JV Scrimmage vs. TBD @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 5:00pm Volleyball: Varsity Scrimmage vs. TBD @ New Hampton High School
- 5:45pm Cross Country: Girls Varsity Scrimmage vs. TBD @ New Hampton High School
- 5:45pm Cross Country: Boys Varsity Scrimmage vs. TBD @ New Hampton High School
- 6:00pm Football: 9th Scrimmage vs. Decorah @ New Hampton High School
- 6:00pm Football: JV Scrimmage vs. Decorah @ New Hampton High School
- 6:00pm Football: Varsity Scrimmage vs. Decorah @ New Hampton High School

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

- FFA, ISU CDE State Event - Livestock Evaluation
- 8:00am Volleyball: Varsity Scrimmage vs. Multiple Schools @ Union High School

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

- FFA, St. Joe's Pedal Pull
- Suicide Grief Support-Everybody Hurts at St. John's School of Religion 1:30-3, New Hampton

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

- 5:00pm Volleyball: JV Match vs. Multiple Schools @ Nashua-Plainfield High School
- 5:00pm Volleyball: Varsity Match vs. Multiple Schools @ Nashua-Plainfield High School
- 4:30 pm Best Dam BBQ Challenge, Nashua Fairground

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

- 5:30pm FFA Chapter Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

- 5:00pm Cross Country: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Charles City @ Wildwood Golf Course

- 5:00pm Cross Country: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Charles City @ Wildwood Golf Course
- 5:30pm Volleyball: JV Game vs. Multiple Schools @ Charles City High School
- 5:30pm Volleyball: Varsity Match vs. Multiple Schools @ Charles City High School
- 4-6 pm New Hampton Farmers Market, 2 N. Main

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

- 2 Hour Early Out
- 5:00pm Football: 9th Game vs. Denver Community Schools @ Denver Athletic Complex
- 7:30pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Denver Community Schools @ Denver Athletic Complex
- NH Area Charity Pull at Big 4 Fair, Nashua Fairground



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Back-to-school Bible verses

Are you ready to go back to school? We all feel differently about school, some love it, some struggle a bit more, some of us enjoy the routine and the demands, some of us wake up every day dreading it.

However we feel, we know for sure that it will bring its challenges. As disciples, school is a place we know we will meet with temptation. But that is nothing for us to fear – with the right weapons in our hands, every temptation can be a victory won!

With that in mind, we’ve collected some Bible verses for back to school on some common areas that students deal with. We hope to encourage and strengthen everyone for those opportunities that we know will come up as we navigate our school life. May these weapons always lead us to victory in Christ!

“Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.” 2 Corinthians 2:14.

The fear of man

Fear of man is basically worrying/ caring about what people think of you. As a Christian, sometimes our faith means that we have to go strongly in the opposite direction of what is happening around us. Evil talking. Immodesty. Tolerance for things that are against the word of God. Vanity. Arrogance.

These things can be the norm for non-Christians, and for us to make a stand against them, even just by walking away, can be hard to do. To have people think less of us can be a hard pill to swallow. These Bible verses will give you the power to do what’s right every time when you go back to school, no matter what people think!

“In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?” Psalm 56:11.

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9.

“For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.” Galatians 1:10.

“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.” Colossians 3:23.

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10.

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7.

“For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7.

Stress/Anxiety

As a student there is a lot that can contribute to stress and anxiety. Getting good grades, time management, homework, finances, plans for the future, extra-curricular activities, etc. There are many things that can place demands on us. But it’s good to know that we have a Rock to stand on even in these practical matters. Here are some Bible verses to strengthen you when you go back to school:

“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19.



“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7.

“Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7.

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Matthew 6:33.

“Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’ whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.” Isaiah 30:21.

It’s righteous to care about important things like school or work, but you have to be on guard that these things do not steal your peace or joy.

Peer pressure

Many students experience peer pressure. These strong influences that pressure us to do things that transgress the laws of the Spirit and go against our conscience and convictions.

In order to properly fight and make a stand for righteousness, we have to really be able to see and understand how vital it is to stand before God’s face with a pure, clean conscience, even though it may mean bearing reproach. You have to have made a firm and conscious decision to be willing to bear that for Jesus’ sake. You will most likely experience peer pressure when you go back to school, but these Bible verses can help you stand up for what you know is right:

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:2.

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.” Deuteronomy 6:5.

“Do not be deceived: ‘Evil company corrupts good habits.’” 1 Corinthians 15:33.

“For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.” 1 Peter 3:17.

“Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.” Colossians 3:2-4.

Being faithful to keep yourselves pure from the spirit of the world

Paul wrote to his young co-worker Timothy: “Flee youthful lusts.” 2 Timothy 2:22. But when you’re out there in the world, and there are all kinds of things going on around you, and things bombarding you from all sides, this simple directive can seem overwhelming and maybe impossible to follow up.

However, if we bind these words of God to our hearts and minds, we will have weapons that guarantee that we can flee and overcome the impure spirits in the world. Then we can stand triumphantly in purity in the middle of this crooked and perverse world!

“I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.” John 17:15.

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13.

“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.” 1 Corinthians 10:13.

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.” Ephesians 6:10.

“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.” 2 Chronicles 16:9.

“But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.” 2 Thessalonians 3:3.

We wish good success to everyone going back to school and hope these Bible verses will be a help and encouragement for you! May God keep you and strengthen you and bless you in all you do. Put Him first, and then you are sure to succeed!

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Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is –his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

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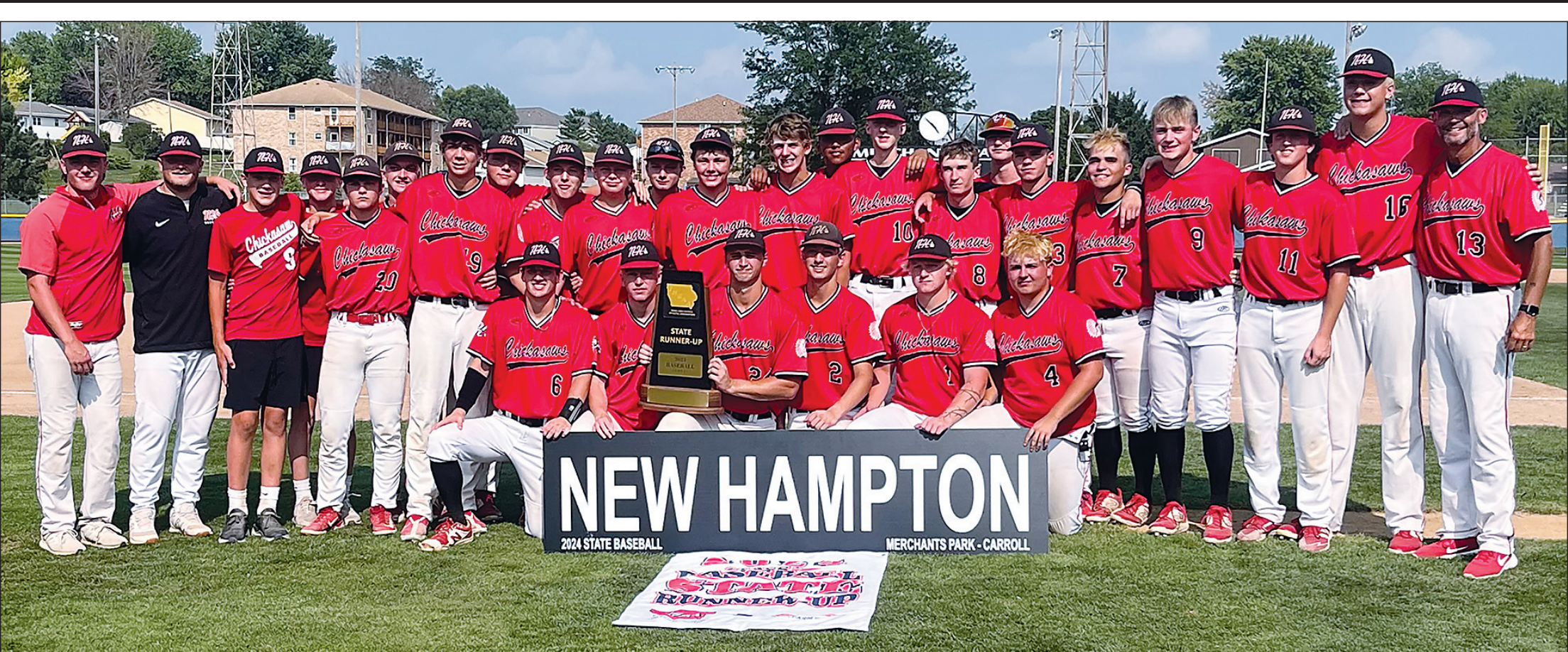
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New Hampton players and coaches pose for a photo with the hardware they claimed during a historic run at the Class 2A state baseball tournament that was held last week in Carroll.

A team that made all of us proud

Led by six seniors who faced 'trials and tribulations,' Chickasaws reached new heights during runner-up run

Emotions enveloped New Hampton baseball coach Cory McDonald late Friday afternoon as he talked with reporters who had just covered the Class 2A state championship game between this Chickasaws and Underwood.

The loss stung, no doubt about it, but when he was asked what he would say to his six seniors — Kael Meyers, Braden McShane, Ben Gilbert, Ty Robinson, Talyn Bohaty and Noah Jenkins — he first came up with just two words.



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"Thank you."

As he stood near the third-base dugout at Merchants Park in Carroll, the veteran coach searched for the right words to describe a group that has experienced the gamut during their high school baseball careers.

After a moment, McDonald found them and spoke in a voice chock full of emotion.

"I've been coaching that group for a long time. I would say this more than any group

of seniors that I've coached, these six have experienced the most trials and tribulations that most people don't know the half of," he said. "I could write a book about the six seniors, with each senior getting one chapter, and I guarantee you it would be a bestseller."

Four of them — Meyers, McShane, Gilbert and Bohaty — played key roles in New Hampton's monumental 9-8 substate upset of top-ranked Roland-Story back in 2021, and all



New Hampton's Noah Jenkins looks up for the safe call after scoring a run in the Chickasaws' win over Sumner-Fredericksburg, and after the final out is recorded in the semifinal game, catcher Talyn Bohaty and pitcher Braden McShane (right) celebrate.

of them were key contributors to a team that had a stunning season in 2024.

New Hampton claimed the outright Northeast Iowa Conference championship, it's first since 2019, won a district title against a highly-competitive field, rolled through its sub-state game and then became the first team in school history to win a state tournament game and the Chickasaws liked it so much, they won another one, too.

That brought them to the state championship game against Underwood, and we all know what happened. The fairy tale ending didn't material-

ize as the Eagles claimed their school's first-ever baseball championship with a 5-1 win over a New Hampton team that just couldn't seem to buy a break in the title tilt.

In between 2021 and 2024, though, these six fellas who did so much to bring New Hampton to the brink of a state title, dealt with an ungodly number of injuries.

When that marvelous run to the state tournament ended in 2021, Chickasaw fans figured they'd be making the trip to Carroll for the next

SEE CHICKASAWS, 9



Shortstop Ben Gilbert (left) gets ready to fire a throw to first in the semifinal game against Sumner-Fredericksburg, Ty Robinson (center) swings at a pitch in the championship game against Underwood and pitcher Kael Meyers (right) throws a pitch to the plate in the title tilt.



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Chickasaws ride the wave to vault into 2A title game

Seven-run third inning, strong pitching lift New Hampton to 7-3 win over Sumner-Fred

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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The dream of playing for a state title became a reality.

The New Hampton Chickasaws played for a state championship Friday afternoon after once again demonstrating that it can perform on the big stage under pressure Thursday night.

After winning its first state tournament game in program history two days prior against Aplington-Parkersburg, New Hampton (29-6) vied for a state title against top seed Underwood (29-2) after turning back fellow Chickasaw County squad Sumner-Fredericksburg by a score of 7-3 on Thursday night at the 2A state tournament at Merchants Park in Carroll.

Underwood (29-2) advanced with an 8-7 win over Chariton (25-5) in the only other game played at Merchants Park on Thursday. The Eagles clawed back from a 5-0 first-inning hole.

But back to these Chickasaws, who exploded for seven runs in the bottom of the third inning to take control of the state semifinal game that featured

a school in the Cougars of S-F who are separated by some 20-odd miles from New Hampton.

"We Chickasaws have the utmost respect for coach [Tom] Nuss and the Cougars. We knew that it was going to be a fight tonight and it was. Both teams should be proud of how all of the Chickasaw County boys competed," said Chickasaw head coach Cory McDonald.

New Hampton sent 12 batters to the plate in that absolutely golden third inning that saw seven hits come off the bat of the Chickasaws.

"It's surreal. It doesn't feel real," said Chickasaw senior catcher Taly Bohaty. "We have put in so much extra work. This is well-deserved for our team."

Jaxon Eckley, New Hampton's junior starter who went three innings and limited S-F to just four hits, went 3-3 at the plate.

"Jaxon gave us another great start on the mound for his teammates," said McDonald.

"Having just pitched two days ago, he did everything we needed him to do for us tonight and then Braden (McShane) shut the door."



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New Hampton first baseman Reid Rausch is energized during the Chickasaws' seven-run third inning during their win over Sumner-Fredericksburg in the semifinal game at the state tournament.

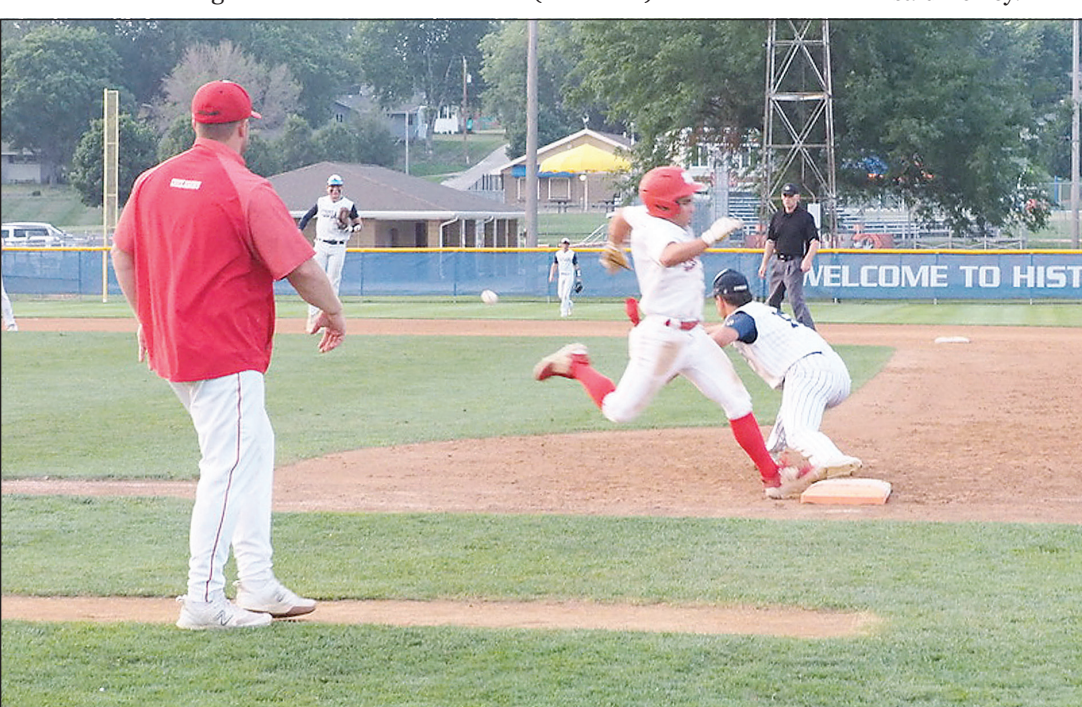
Eckley collected two hits in that third inning and his high infield chopper scored the Chickasaws' final run.

"We know that games are running thin with this team, I think it brings a little bit more fight to us. We know that every game could be our last," said Eckley.

Those seven runs would be all New Hampton would need as the senior McShane seemed to ratchet it up on the mound another notch as each inning ensued. He sent the Cougars down in order in the sixth and struck out two batters in the final frame. A fly ball out to Tate Schwickerath in right

would end it.
"This is what competitors live for — these moments," said McShane. "Getting to pitch in that situation is awesome. I just wanted to close that out and get us to the state finals."

SEE SEMIFINAL, 8



New Hampton's Jaxon Eckley (above) hustles down the line to beat the throw for an infield single in Thursday's semifinal game, and following the Chickasaws' win, coach Cory McDonald (right) dons a blonde wig during the postgame celebration.



Tough-luck Chickasaws fall in 2A state title game

New Hampton hits 'em where Underwood is in 5-1 loss, but coach says his players epitomize their school and their community

By BOB FENSKE
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Baseball can be a cruel game sometimes, and never was that more evident than in Friday's Class 2A state championship game.

For 6 1/3 innings, Underwood pitchers Jack Vanfossan and Gus Bashore held New Hampton hitless, but it wasn't like the Chickasaws weren't making contact. For those keeping "score" in the stands or at home, the number of "lineouts" recorded by New Hampton piled up.

"We felt like every other game in this tournament it's just been waiting, waiting, waiting and then the floodgates just break and we just go crazy for an inning," New Hampton first baseman Reid Rausch said. "And we really saw that coming, and it just didn't. ... That stings."

The result was a 5-1 loss, and the one box New Hampton desperately wanted to check — state championship — was not to be.

"That's baseball," New Hampton coach Cory McDonald said. "We hit the ball well and we just hit them right to where they were at. Credit to them, they played good defense and obviously credit to Vanfossan, who pitched an extraordinary baseball game."

Still, New Hampton put "good wood" on the baseball throughout the game. Jaxon Eckley lined out twice, Kael Meyers and Braden McShane both hit hard line drives right to Underwood centerfielder Mason Boothby, Taly Bohaty ripped a deep fly to left field. Ty Robinson lined out to Eagles first baseman Luke Seidler. And Underwood shortstop Garrett Luett made a phenomenal play on a Ben Gilbert grounder to the hole.

"We hit the ball really good," Gilbert said. "I mean, we just couldn't find a gap but sometimes that's the way it goes, that's what happens."

Still, New Hampton stayed in the game, thanks to a gritty pitching performance by its ace, Meyers, who was backed up by an excellent defense.

Underwood took a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning. Vanfossan hit a one-out double down



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune
After taking a throw from catcher Taly Bohaty, New Hampton second baseman Caden Rochford gets ready to tag out Underwood's Gus Bashore as the Chickasaws ended the third inning with a "stikeout-throw out" in the Class 2A state title game.

the right field line on a play in which Chickasaw rightfielder Tate Schwickerath came inches away from making a sensational catch. After Meyers got a fly out, Bashore hit a barely-fair single past third base to score Vanfossan.

In the top of the fifth inning, New Hampton put together a threat when Rausch reached on a one-out error. Pinch-runner Xander Meyerhoff moved to second on a Braxton Bundy sacrifice bunt and took third on a wild pitch during an at-bat in which Ty Robinson coaxed a walk. But Vanfossan got a groundout to end the inning. "Yesterday, they were not a clean fielding

team, they had like five errors and then today, we were hitting the ball and they were just making plays," Bohaty said. "I don't know how but that's just the sport — anything can happen just like that; any day can be your day or not your day."

Underwood pushed the lead to 3-0 with a two-run fifth inning and made it 5-0 with another two-run frame in the sixth, but the Chickasaws still felt like they had a chance.

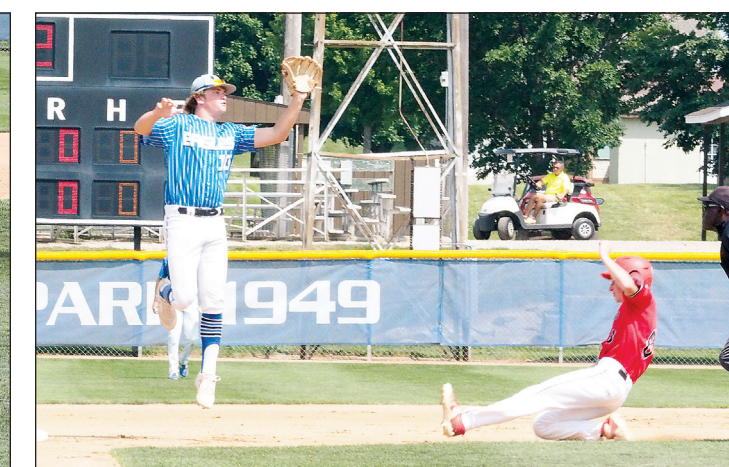
"Yeah, from the first inning to the seventh inning, I didn't sense any negativity in the dug-out," Meyers said. "We were fiery from the first to the seventh inning and that's exactly what you

need to do at the state tournament."

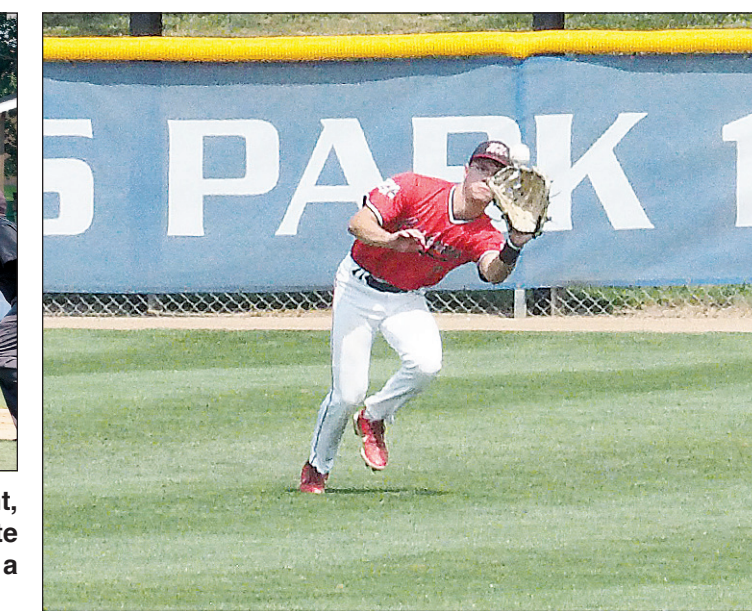
The senior who had a brilliant final high school campaign — going 11-1 on the mound and compiling a .460 batting average — paused for a moment before finding the words he wanted to use.

"We still felt like we were going to win that game going into the top of the seventh, and I think that says a lot about the guys on this team. We didn't quit, we got the bases loaded and we thought we had a shot here."

SEE TITLE GAME, 8



Braxton Bundy (left) drops down a perfect sacrifice bunt, Colton Ashley (above) swipes second base and Tate Schwickerath (right) ends an Underwood threat with a catch in right field.



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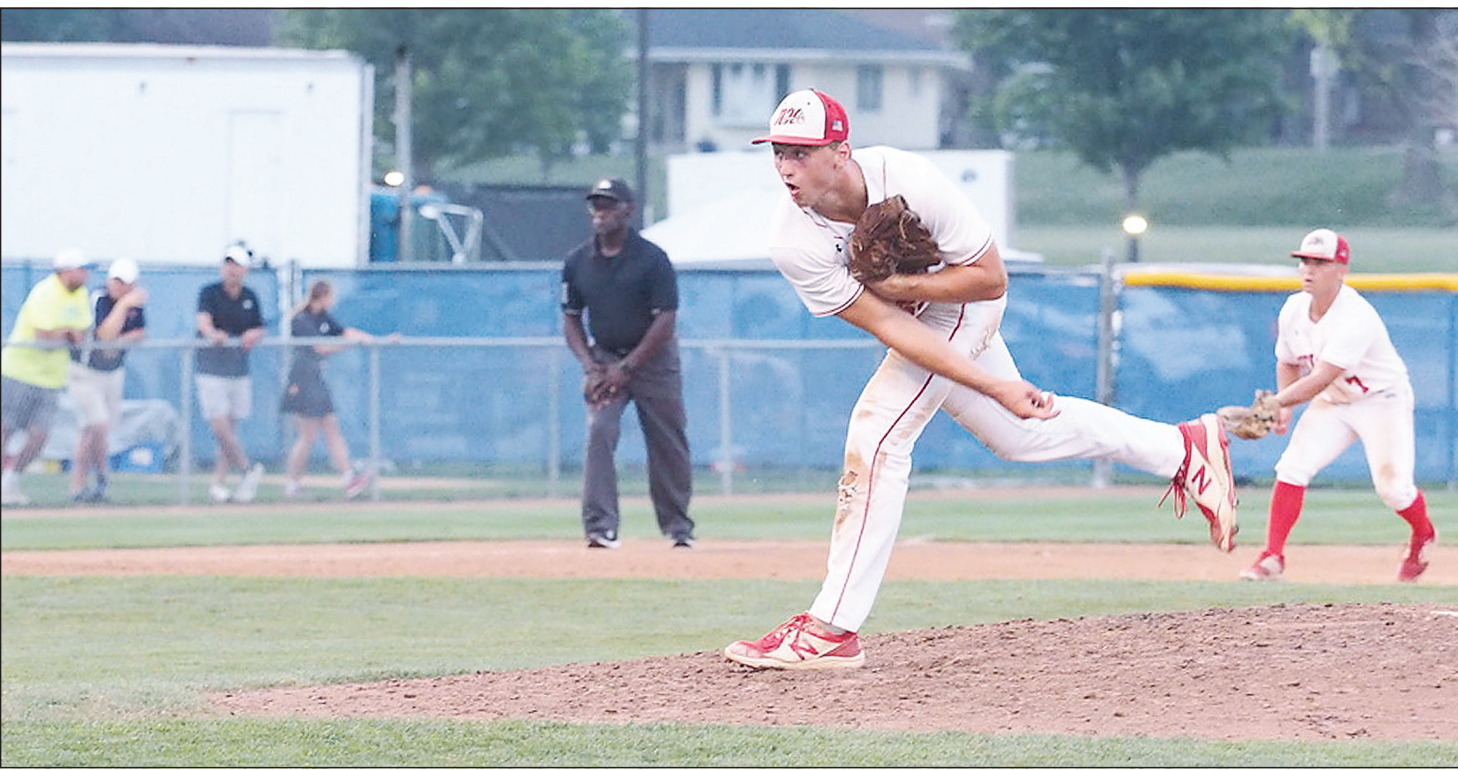
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New Hampton seniors Braden McShane (above) and Kael Meyers (below) send pitches to the plate during the Class 2A state baseball tournament.

Chickasaws reached new heights in 2024



TITLE GAME: FROM 7

Vanfossan had been pulled with two outs in the sixth inning because of the pitch-count rule, and McShane opened the seventh by drawing a walk off of Bashore.

After Bohaty flew out to deep left field, Rausch came up with a solid single through the right side of the Underwood defense and pinch-hitter Noah Jenkins loaded the bases with a walk.

All of a sudden, the large throng of Chickasaw faithful had hope. Was a miraculous comeback in the works?

When Robinson bloomed a single into right field — one that Vanfossan almost made a fantastic catch on — New Hampton appeared to finally have caught a break from the baseball gods as McShane raced home with the Chickasaws' first run on championship Friday.

Alas, it wasn't meant to be as Vanfossan quickly got the ball into the infield to get a force out on second and a subsequent tag on pinch-runner Colton Ashley for what had to be the strangest game-ending double play in state tournament history.

Just like that, the best season in New Hampton baseball history had come to an end with a 29-7 record.

Yes, other teams had won more games — the Chickasaws won 30 games in 2016 and 32 more in 2017 — but no New Hampton squad had advanced this far in one season. Both the 2019 and 2021 teams had qualified for state but both were one-and-done on Iowa high school baseball's biggest stage.

This team, though, made history when it opened the state tournament with an 11-1 win over Aplington-Parkersburg in the first round of the 2024 state tournament and then added to its lore with a 7-3 victory over Sumner-Fredericksburg in the semifinal game Thursday night.

On Friday, though, all those accomplishments — a Northeast Iowa Conference championship, a district title, a substate victory and two wins at the state tournament — couldn't take the pain away.

"We literally checked every box but this one," Rausch said. "It's tough."

But the coach of the Chickasaws wanted his players to know just how much they meant to him.

"I do feel pride beyond words that I can come up with for how these boys competed this entire season, but especially this state tournament," McDonald said. "They showed the entire state of Iowa all that is great about New Hampton and why we Chickasaws love our community. Our boys exemplified the very best of being Chickasaws."

UNDERWOOD 5, NEW HAMPTON 1

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Underwood 000 122 x - 5
Kael Meyers 6 IP, 9 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 3 BB, 6 K.

Runs - Braden McShane 1. Hits - Reid Rausch 1, Ty Robinson 1. RBIs - Robinson 1. Sacrifices - Bundy 1. Stolen bases - Colton Ashley 1.

Chickasaws grateful for large following at state tournament

SEMIFINAL: FROM 6

Here's how New Hampton's bottom of the third went down and it's ultra-impressive considering that the Chickasaws hammered out nine runs in one frame in the quarterfinal opener versus A-P.

Caden Rochford led off with a single to start the frame, followed by Eckley's line-drive down the line in left. Ben Gilbert singled to load the bases. Up stepped Chickasaw senior Kael Meyers, who slapped an RBI single the opposite way in left to notch the score at 1-1.

"We really feed off momentum. In intense innings, we really feed off of that," said Gilbert. "We just keep going and keep pouring it on 'em."

McShane's high chopper to third was beat out for an infield single and that station-to-station baseball produced another run, New Hampton now up 2-1.

"We were hittin' them the whole night. We were just kind of hitting it to somebody. We just know that we were putting the ball in play. We knew, like Aplington-Parkersburg, eventually it was going to come. We played great defense the rest of the night and closed it out," said McShane.

Bohaty worked a full-count for a walk and the third run crossed the plate for New Hampton. Reid Rausch's bloop single in shallow right near the foul line jacked up the score to 4-1.

Rausch's single was the sixth hit of the inning, but New Hampton wasn't done.

McShane beat a throw home on a grounder to second on a drawn-in infield and suddenly New Hampton had a four-run advantage, now leading 5-1. That play chased S-F starter Jaymison Howard, a lefty who surrendered seven earned runs and could not record an out in that disastrous third inning for the Cougars.

"Obviously, you're not going to play a game and not get punched in the mouth. We knew the bats were going to step up at one point. Once we saw we could get two hits together, everybody just started building off the energy. It was amazing," said Eckley, who made every out in the field in the top of the fifth via ground balls he threw to first.

Noah Jenkins scored on a wild pitch to make it 6-1 and Eckley slapped his second hit of the inning to provide the Chickasaws with its final tally of the evening.

S-F threatened in the top of the fourth with two runs, but McShane worked out of the jam



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton coach Cory McDonald and his players "salute" the Sumner-Fredericksburg Cougars following Thursday's semifinal game.

and limited the damage. The Cougars scored the first run of the game on an RBI double by Jaxon Willems in the second inning.

"This isn't nothing to him. He's wrestled for a state title and he won it. He's just going out there and playing ball," said Bohaty.

Eckley talked about the tremendous support from a large contingent of red-clad Chickasaw fans that made their presence known in the state tournament game, which was a solid three-hour drive one-way from the friendly confines of New Hampton's home ball diamond of Mikkelsen Park.

"It feels amazing when something good happens. You just look out to the crowd and see so many familiar faces. The community is so happy to see you succeed. It's a big boost to our playing during the game," said Eckley.

Now onto the biggest game in Chickasaw baseball program history. McDonald had this to say about the whopper of week for his red-hot ball club.

"The story tonight is tomorrow," said McDonald.

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SUMNER-FREDERICKSBURG 3**
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NH 007 000 x - 7
Pitching — Jaxon Eckley 3 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 1 K; Braden McShane 4 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 4 K.

Runs — Tate Schwickerath 1, Ben Gilbert 1, Kael Meyers 1, McShane 1, Noah Jenkins 1, Xander Meyerhoff 1, Caden Rochford 1. Hits — Eckley 3, Rausch 2, Gilbert 1, Meyers 1, McShane 1, Rochford 1. RBI — Eckley 1, Meyers 1, McShane 1, Talyn Bohaty 1, Rausch 1, Braxton Bundy 1. Hit by pitch - McShane 1. Sacrifices - Meyers 1. Stolen bases - McShane 1.



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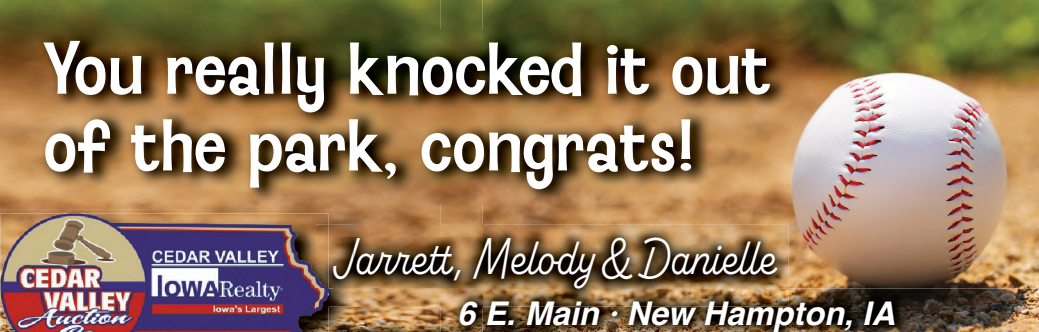


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A week to remember in Carroll!

New Hampton third baseman Jaxon Eckley (above) gets ready to take a throw from catcher Talyn Bohaty during Friday's championship game, when Chickasaw first baseman Reid Rausch (right) wins the race to the bag to record an out.



Chickasaw fans (above) watch a foul ball head into the stands, and anyone who doesn't believe baseball is a game of inches only needs to see how close Ben Gilbert (right) is to picking up New Hampton's first hit in the state tournament title tilt.



Cupboard not bare but Chickasaw seniors will be missed

CHICKASAWS: FROM 5

few years; instead, arm woes, a bad hamstring, a broken leg, the yips, a freak accident in the weight room ... they, the list can go on and on, and New Hampton's next two seasons ended in the district championship game.

But this summer, the seniors finally were healthy.

Like Robinson said after that sub-state game up in Decorah a couple of weeks ago, "Once we got healthy, we won a lot of baseball games. We knew we had it in us; we just had to be healthy."

Here's what finding good health meant for these six seniors.

McShane hit .515, smacked a team-leading 14 doubles, two triples and four home runs and drove in 43 runs. He set a school record with 20 hit-by-pitches and was one of the best centerfielders in the state of Iowa while, just for good measure, going 5-1 on the mound with a 0.83 earned-run average.

Meyers was 11-1 as a pitcher. He finished with a 1.29 earned-run aver-

age and struck out 116 batters in 71 innings. At the plate, he hit .457, had 14 extra-base hits, scored a team-high 43 runs and drove in 39 more.

Gilbert scored 42 runs, pitched and played solidly at shortstop.

Bohaty and Robinson may not have liked their batting averages, but again and again, they came up with key hits during New Hampton's march to the state championship game.

Bohaty also was one of the top defensive catchers in the state, throwing out 16 would-be basestealers, including two in the state tournament.

And Jenkins tied Jaxon Eckley for the team-lead in stolen bases with 28.

We can stat folks to death when it comes to the six seniors who wore the Chickasaw Red for the last time on a warm, humid Friday afternoon in Carroll.

But statistics tell only part of the story. Just ask the underclassmen who will work to carry on the New Hampton baseball tradition in 2025.

"I'm going to remember a lot about the seniors ... who honestly taught me winning," junior first baseman Reid Rausch said. "I mean after the bas-

ketball season we had, it was so good to come out here and just succeed and succeed and succeed. A lot of it is thanks to them, almost all of it is thanks to them. They're all such good mentors, role models and friends."

In other words, Meyers, McShane, Gilbert, Robinson, Bohaty and Jenkins will be missed.

It goes both ways, though.

"I'm just going to miss everything about this team," Bohaty said. "The team meals, hanging out in the hotel, swimming, everything, it wasn't just what happened on the diamond, I guess that's what I'm saying."

The cupboard isn't bare by any means.

Five state championship game starters — Rausch, Jaxon Eckley, Braxton Bundy, Caden Rochford and Tate Schwicklerath — will be back next summer, as will Colton Ashley, who started the Chickasaws' semifinal game in Carroll.

So, too will a bunch of players who showed glimpses in varsity games and a whole lot more in JV and JVV games this past summer.

Still, it's going to be weird not

seeing those six seniors around the batting cage, on the mound, at the plate and on the bases. They've been playing baseball for what seems like forever — all the way back to their youth baseball playing days when they were coached by Scott Jenkins and Misti Shawver.

Maybe that forever part is what made Friday so hard.

"Everything, I loved everything about our team in general, honestly," Gilbert said.

"We've all worked so hard since we were small. It was just awesome that we got here and everything. We fell short a little bit."

No, you didn't, Ben. You and your teammates took us on a ride we'll never forget, and Chickasaw fans can't thank you enough.

Life does go on, but as Gilbert put it, "it's going to be different. I'm used to playing baseball, so it'll be weird next year but it's a new chapter and we'll make the best of it."

Chickasaw fans who watched them lead the New Hampton '9' to unprecedented heights this year knows that's a guarantee they can take to the bank.

A Season to Remember

5-15	Clear Lake	L	1-2
5-18	at Riceville	W	6-2
5-23	at Charles City	W	10-0
	at Charles City	W	15-1
5-24	at NFV	W	10-0
5-25	Turkey Valley	W	7-0
	Turkey Valley	W	3-0
5-28	Crestwood	W	11-1
	Crestwood	W	10-0
5-30	at Dunkerton	W	11-1
5-31	at Decorah	W	17-2
	at Decorah	W	7-6
6-4	Jesup	L	7-8
6-5	at Waukon	W	12-2
	at Waukon	W	8-4
6-7	Turkey Valley	W	6-1
6-10	at Waverly-SR	W	7-4
	at Waverly-SR	L	0-5
6-13	at Central Springs	W	14-3
6-14	Charles City	W	12-0
	Charles City	W	5-1
6-19	at Crestwood	W	12-3
	at Crestwood	W	8-0
6-24	Decorah	L	2-4
	Decorah	W	3-2
6-25	at Oelwein	L	3-13
6-28	Waukon	W	4-3
7-1	Waverly-SR	W	4-0
	Waverly-SR	L	2-3
7-3	Waukon	W	3-1
7-9	GHV*	W	10-1
7-13	Osage*	W	9-5
7-16	Denver**	W	8-1
7-23	A-Parkersburg***	W	11-1
7-25	Sumner-Fred***	W	7-3
7-26	Underwood***	L	1-5

* District tournament

** Substate game

*** State tournament

Chickasaws by the numbers

Overall Record: 29-7
Conference Record: 17-3
Home Record: 13-4
Away Record: 13-2
Neutral Record: 3-1
Shutouts: Eight
Times shutout: One
10 runs or more: 13-0
Five runs or more: 24-1
Runs: 266
Runs allowed: 88
Hits: 272
Hits allowed: 155
Stolen bases: 166
Stolen bases allowed: 30
Hit by pitches: 91
Hit by pitches allowed: 38

The Chickasaw tradition continues

Here are the season records for New Hampton baseball since Cory McDonald took over as head coach, with * denoting conference championships and seasons in bold representing Chickasaw teams that qualified for the state tournament:

2009.....	18-14
2010.....	23-11
2011.....	25-9
2012.....	24-8
2013.....	25-9
2014.....	20-12
2015.....	25-7*
2016.....	30-4*
2017.....	32-3*
2018.....	27-6*
2019.....	28-10*
2020.....	11-10
2021.....	19-16
2022.....	18-15
2023.....	23-10
2024.....	29-7*



The hope here is that New Hampton seniors like Talyn Bohaty, shown here hugging assistant coach Jordan Rommes after the championship game, will understand all they helped the Chickasaws accomplish this season.

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TURKEY VALLEY AREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2024

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

- 8:00 Am-11:00 Am Football Camp

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

- 8:00 Am-11:00 Am Football Camp

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

- 8:00 AM-9:30 AM Volleyball Camp Gr. 6, 7, & 8
- 7:00 PM School Board Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

- 8:00 AM-9:30 AM Volleyball Camp Gr. 6, 7, & 8
- 9:45 AM-10:45 AM Volleyball Camp Gr. 3, 4, & 5

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

- 8:00 AM-9:30 AM Volleyball Camp Gr. 6, 7, & 8
- 9:45 AM-10:45 AM Volleyball Camp Gr. 3, 4, & 5

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

- 4-7 pm Open House

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

- First Day of School, 2 hr early dismissal

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

- First Day of Preschool
- 6:00 PM Cross Country: High School Invitational vs Multiple Schools vs. Edgewood-Coleburg (Away)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

- 2 hr early dismissal

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

- 7:00 PM Football: Varsity vs Fremont-Mills at West Des Moines Valley Stadium (Away)

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Thursday	78	60	--
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Saturday	84	65	--
Sunday	83	65	.54
Monday	84	66	--
Tuesday	84	69	--

Forecast

Thursday: Partly sunny but 50 percent chance of showers or storms; high 81, low 67.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 84 and a low of 67.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high of 86 and a low of 66.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high of 82 and a low of 63.

Extended forecast: We'll cool off a bit next week as highs are expected to be in the 70s and lows will drop into the 50s by mid-week.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

History

- In 1914, four days after Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, Germany and Russia declare war against each other, France orders a general mobilization, and the first German army units cross into Luxembourg in preparation for the German invasion of France, signaling the beginning of World War I.
- In 1936, as more than 5,000 athletes from 51 countries march into a stadium packed with 100,000 on-lookers, Adolf Hitler makes his only public statement of the Berlin Olympics at its opening ceremony on this day in 1936: "I proclaim the Games of Berlin, celebrating the eleventh Olympiad of the modern era, to be open."
- In 1944, Anne Frank, the young Jewish girl hiding out in Nazi-occupied Holland whose diary came to serve as a symbol of the Holocaust, writes her final entry three days before she and her family are arrested and placed in concentration camps.
- In 1981, MTV: Music Television goes on the air for the first time ever, with the words "Ladies and gentlemen, rock and roll."

Birthdays

- William Clark of the Lewis & Clark expedition was born in 1770.
- Moby-Dick author Herman Melville was born in 1819.
- Jason Momoa, who starred in "Game of Thrones," turns 45.
- Adam Duritz, lead singer for the band Counting Crows, turns 60.

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Marianne Meissen, 80

Marianne Meissen — a beacon of love and generosity — passed away on Friday, July 26, 2024, at the age of 80 at her home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 2, 2024, at Holy Family Parish in New Hampton with the Rev. James Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton where there will be a 7 p.m. Scripture Service. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass on Friday at the church.

Born on April 12, 1944, in Waverly, Marianne's life was a testament to the power of kindness and the strength of family bonds.

She attended Butler Center Country School in her early years and later graduated from Waverly High School in 1962.

It was at the Electric Park Ballroom where she met Emmett Meissen, the love of her life. The couple married on May 28, 1965, in Spring Valley, Minnesota, and soon made New Hampton their forever home, where they raised their five children in a household filled with love and warmth.

Marianne's primary role in life was that of a devoted wife and mother. Her home was always a welcoming place, reflecting her caring and gentle nature.

While she loved being a homemaker, Marianne also enjoyed various part-time jobs in New Hampton that allowed her to meet and connect with people. She sold Avon products, worked in the bakery at Liddle's grocery store, helped customers at BE Mick's clothing store, and later became a real estate agent. Each of these roles was an extension of her warm and social spirit.

After the passing of her beloved husband, Emmett, in 2023, Marianne found companionship and joy in the Red Hat Lady organization, which kept her socially connected to her community.

She was a devout member of Holy Family Parish, cherishing Sundays when she could attend mass with her family, followed by shared meals and conversations. Her faith and her family were the cornerstones of her life.

Marianne's interests were as nurturing as her personality. She had a green thumb for growing flowers and tomatoes and was famous among family



Marianne Meissen

and friends for her delicious apple pies, cookies, and fresh-baked bread. Traveling was another passion of hers, and she continued to explore new places with her family until her sudden passing. Her home was her pride, always immaculate, though she insisted it could always be cleaner.

Marianne's legacy is carried on by her loving family. She is survived by her five children, Deb Meissen of Ruskin, Florida, Jackie (Al) Bohr, Brian (Kathy), and Diana (Mike) Scott, all of New Hampton, and Greg (Barb) of Isanti, Minnesota. She was the proud grandmother to 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, who will all miss her deeply. She also leaves behind her faithful dog, Pippie, who was a source of comfort and companionship. Her three brothers, Don (Sharon) Kluiter of Shell Rock, Larry (Linda) Kluiter of Aplington and Dale (Kay) Kluiter of Waverly, and sister-in-law, Darlene Franzen of Jerico, will remember her fondly.

Marianne was preceded in death by her parents, Jerry and Evelyn Lahr Kluiter; and her husband, Emmett.

She often expressed how blessed she felt to have such a wonderful family and how they were the best part of her life.

Those who knew Marianne will remember her as a loving, kind, and generous soul. Her gracious heart never failed to acknowledge her blessings, and she exuded selflessness, love, warmth and gratitude. Her departure leaves a void in the lives of those she touched, but her spirit will continue to inspire and guide her loved ones.

Marianne Meissen's life was a beautiful reflection of the values she held dear. Her memory will be cherished, and her influence will live on in the hearts of her family and friends. She was a treasure to all who knew her, and her legacy of love and kindness will never be forgotten.

Dorothy May Janssen, 95

Dorothy May Janssen, age 95 of Nashua, died peacefully Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 11th Street Chautauqua Guest Homes in Charles City.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at St. John Lutheran Church in Nashua.

Burial was held in Sunnyside Memory Gardens Cemetery in Charles City with Brittney Ross, Marissa Janssen, Kyle Janssen, Kristian Holmvig, Dakota Janssen, Mercedes Wedeking and Logan Janssen serving as pallbearers. Leslie Geerts, Amanda Janssen, John Hutchinson, and Dusten Janssen served as honorary pallbearers.

Visitation was held from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday.

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

JoAnn Ruth Larson Betten, 96

JoAnn Ruth Larson Betten died Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at New Hampton with her family by her side.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in New Hampton, beginning at 11 a.m.

The family has requested no flowers. On behalf of JoAnn's wishes a donation made payable to the General Fund, Trinity Lutheran Church, be sent to: Trinity Lutheran Church, 223 S. Water, New Hampton, IA, 50659, or a charity of your choice.

Thank You

The family of Michael T. Cordle sends a sincere thank you to all who reached out to us at the time of his passing. The beautiful flowers sent were enjoyed greatly and the sympathy cards contained wonderful messages. Memorials will go to a special cause.

We were overwhelmed by the attendance at Michael's Celebration of Life. All members of his immediate family were represented. Members of the Nashua Class of 1979 attended, also college friends, and good friends from Chicago and Denver, plus many others. They expressed how Michael affected their lives and what a good friend he was. The family was humbled by their messages. He had a wonderful send off as he passed on in his journey.

Our thanks go out to everyone who was a part of Michael's life. May he rest in Peace.

Bill J. Mulder, 87

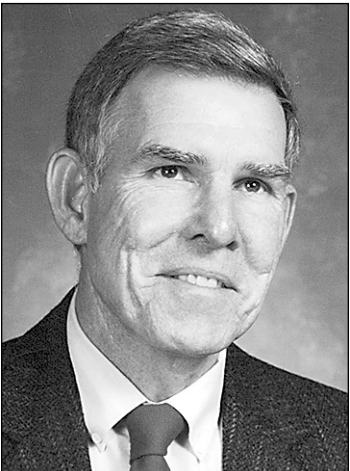
Bill J. Mulder, age 87 of Fredericksburg, died Sunday, July 21, 2024 at the Tripoli Nursing and Rehab Center in Tripoli.

A private family service will be held at Peace UCC Church with Pastor Scott Smith presiding. A public Celebration of Life will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, at the Fredericksburg Community Center.

Bill John Mulder was born April 12, 1937, in Sheldon, the son of John and Loretta (Oberman) Mulder. Bill's journey was one marked by dedication, kindness and an unwavering commitment to enriching the lives of others.

Bill's early life in Sheldon laid the foundation for his lifelong love of learning and sports. After completing his elementary education and graduating from Sheldon High School in 1955, he went on to attend Westmar College in LeMars, where his passion for football flourished. His academic pursuits did not end there; he furthered his education by obtaining a master's degree from the University of Northern Iowa in 1972.

It was in his beloved hometown of Sheldon that Bill met the love of his life, Cheryl. He and his future wife formed an enduring partnership, celebrating their union at the congregational church in Sheldon on May 26, 1962. Together, they embarked on a journey that would be filled with shared joys



Bill Mulder

and accomplishments.

Bill's professional career began in Primghar, where he took on his first teaching role.

In 1964, they moved to Lawler, where he would leave a lasting legacy at Turkey Valley High School. Bill served as head football coach of the Trojans for 14 years, leading to an undefeated season and a Cedar-Wapsie Conference championship in 1969.

He also served the school for 33 years as an industrial arts and physical education teacher, then later as guidance counselor and athletic director until his retirement in 1996.

On Oct. 18, 2019, Bill was honored as the first inductee into the Turkey Valley Hall of Fame. His influence and friendships have continued well beyond his years in education.

Outside of his professional

life, Bill's interests were varied and rich. He was a skilled woodworker, an avid golfer who celebrated the rare achievement of a hole-in-one in Fredericksburg, a diligent gardener and a fishing enthusiast.

His love for nature and the outdoors was evident in his nearly five decades of annual trips to a favorite Minnesota resort near Henning.

Bill's service to his community was as heartfelt as his commitment to education. He was an active member of the Fredericksburg Lions Club, and his leadership and devotion were also evident in his role as council president at Peace Church, where he guided with a steady hand and a warm heart.

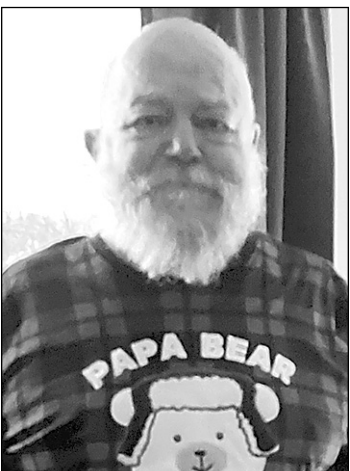
Survivors include his wife, Cheryl; three children, Nancy Lynch (Warner Milne) of New Zealand, David (Joan) Mulder of Eldora, and John (Michelle) Mulder of Sunrise Beach, Missouri; seven grandchildren, Samantha Winkler, Olivia Pfund, Jocelyn Mulder, Eric Mulder, Stormy Kahue, Keely Rogers and Jakoby Mulder; two great-grandchildren, Myla Anderson and Stevi Rogers; a sister-in-law, Sondra (Joe) Dalton of Boise, Idaho; nieces, Barbara (Al) Giese, Carla Hoffman, Lisa Patterson and Laura Jantzen-McFall; and nephew, Steve Jantzen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley (Bob) Kramme; a brother, Gary Mulder.

Gerald 'Jerry' Reynold Schwickerath, 74

Gerald "Jerry" Reynold Schwickerath, age 74, passed away Saturday, July 20, 2024, at his home.

He was born June 15, 1950, in New Hampton, to Louis and Orella (Stansbery) Schwickerath.



Jerry Schwickerath

While growing up in New Hampton, school was tough for Jerry because he had so many obligations with the family business. He got his CDL when he was 16 years old and was on the road that same day driving for the family tiling business.

Jerry persevered and graduated from New Hampton High School and then enlisted in the U.S. Army, he was honorably discharged on Dec. 31, 1974.

Jerry met the love of his life, Janet "Janny" Kuykendall in high school. They were an inseparable couple and were united in marriage Nov. 13, 1971, in New Hampton.

They would start their mornings off with Jerry braiding

pilot and bus driver.

His favorite loves in his life were his ultralight, airplane, Kubota tractor and banana cream pie.

He was preceded in death by his infant son, Travis Joe Schwickerath; siblings, Carol Jirak and John Schwickerath; nephews, Kevin Boyle and Kraig Boyle; and his parents, Louis and Orella Schwickerath.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Janet Ellen (Kuykendall) Schwickerath; children, Tara (Mike), Tesse (Dave), and Tyler Schwickerath; grandchildren, Kaden, Brody and Keylee; sibling, Ardel (John) Boyle; sister-in-law: Sherry (John); and many special nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Private family services were held. Arrangements are with McGregor Funeral Home & Cremation Services in McGregor, Minnesota.

Go to www.srffuneral.com to leave a message of condolence.

Jeanne Marie Blum, 92

Jeanne Marie Blum, age 92 and a former resident of Nashua, died Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at Floyd County Medical Center in Charles City.

Jeanne requested cremation and a private

family graveside service at Riverside Cemetery in Rockford at a later date.

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

Property Transfers

David Kerkove, David J. Kerkove and Toni Kerkove to Scott A. Anderson and Doris E. Anderson; NW1/4 SW NE 28-97-12.

Sandra K. Busta to Scott Busta, Karla Pisarik and Sandra K. Busta LE; LAWLER COWLEYS ADDITION Lot: 7 Block: 1 LAWLER COWLEYS ADDITION Lot: 8 Block: 1.

Nicholas Heying to Russell John Evans; L4 NE NE 17-95-13.

Kenneth J. Seery, Kenneth Seery, Kenneth Seery Jr., Connie K. Seery, Connie Kay Seery, Connie Seery and Constance K. Seery to Kenneth Seery TR, Connie Seery TR, Kenneth Seery Family TR and Connie Seery Family TR; N28 NEW HAMPTON ORIGINAL PLAT (NH) Lot: 2 Block: 25.

Christina M. Nolan to Tristan Miller and Chadwin T. Miller; NASHUA ORIGINAL PLAT NASHUA Lot: 4 Block: 5.

Cole Aaron Tweten to Colton Braby and Emily Braby; L2 SW SE 07-94-11.

Chickasaw County Treasurer, Marie I. Koehler, Pam Hildebrand, Bank of America, Chickasaw County Auditor, Chickasaw County Attorney, Iowa Attorney General and City of Nashua to ACC 926 LLC; COMM 26R S OF NE COR 05-94-14 Parcel: 191305100002.

Beverly K. Schwickerath to Christian E. Schwickerath and Journey T. Schwickerath; BEG 2186 7' E FROM SW COR 11-95-12 PARCEL A SE NW 11-95-12.

Susan M. Heiman TR, Jean R. Heiman TR and Joan Rose Heiman REV TR to Joan Rose Heiman REV TR; EX L1 SE 30-96-12.

Margaret M. Shekleton EST, Mary Beth Kamrath Ovel EX, Mary Beth Kamrath Ovel EX and Patrice Shekleton Ross EX to Shane Shekleton; N1/2 SW 16-95-12.

Patrice Shekleton Ross and Brian Ross to Shane Shekleton; NE SW 16-95-12.

John T. Shekleton and Janice Shekleton to Shane Shekleton; NW SW 16-95-12.

Joan M. Jacobson to Markus R. Johns; EX W26.50' & EX E15.80' FREDERICKSBURG FCDC FIRST HOUSING ADDITION Lot: 2.

William R. Wohlers and Barbara M. Wohlers to William R. Wohlers TR and Barbara M. Wohlers TR, UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST William R. Wohlers REV TR UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST Barbara M. Wohlers REV TR; W1/2 SE 20-97-14 E46' W138' NEW HAMPTON DARROWS ADDITION Lot: 1 Block: 2 NE NW 17-95-14 SE NW 17-95-14 NW NE 17-95-14 SW NE 17-95-14 Parcel: 190420425001 Parcel: 191007202010 Parcel: 191007202008 Parcel: 191217200001 Parcel: 191217150001.

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How should you respond to market cycles?

The movement of the financial markets can seem mysterious — and yet, if we look back over long periods, we can see definite patterns that consistently repeat themselves. As an investor, how should you respond to these market cycles?

To begin with, it's useful to know something about the nature of a market cycle and its connection to the business or economic cycle, which describes the fluctuations of the economy between periods of growth and contraction. Issues such as employment, consumer spending, interest rates and inflation can determine the stage of the business cycle. On the other hand, the market cycle refers to what's happening in the financial markets — that is, the performance of all the different types of investments.

The market cycle often anticipates the business cycle. In other words, the stock market may peak, or hit bottom, before the business cycle does the same. That's partially because the financial markets are always looking ahead. If they foresee an event that could boost the business cycle and help the economy, such as the Federal Reserve lowering interest rates, they may become more "bullish" on stocks, thus driving the market up. Conversely, if the markets think the business cycle will slow down and the economy will contract, they may project a decline in corporate earnings and become more "bearish" on stocks, leading to a market drop.

Once you're familiar with the nature of market cycles, you won't be surprised when they occur. But does that mean you should base your investment strategy on these cycles?

Some people do. If they believe the market cycle is moving through a downward phase, they may try to cut their perceived losses by selling stocks — even those with strong fundamentals and good prospects — and buying lower-risk investments. While these "safer" investments may



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offer more price stability and a greater degree of preservation of principal, they also won't provide much in the way of growth potential. And you'll need this growth capacity to help reach your long-term goals, including a comfortable retirement.

On the other hand, when investors think the market cycle is moving upward, they may keep investing in stocks that have become overpriced. In extreme cases, unwarranted investor enthusiasm can lead to events such as the dotcom bubble, which led to a sharp market decline from 2000 through 2002.

Rather than trying to "time" the market, you may well be better off by looking past its cycles and following a long-term, "all-weather" strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance, time horizon and need for liquidity. And it's also a good idea to build a diversified portfolio containing U.S. and foreign stocks, mutual funds, corporate bonds, U.S. Treasury securities and other investments. While diversification can't protect against all losses, it can help protect you from market volatility that might primarily affect just one asset class.

Market cycles often draw a lot of attention, and they are relevant to investors in the sense that they can explain what's happening in the markets. Yet, when it comes to investing, it's best not to think of cycles but rather of a long journey — one that, when traveled carefully, can lead to the destinations you seek.

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

During a joint water rescue training conducted by four agencies last week, volunteers work to take a "patient" off a boat and transport him to a waiting ambulance.

Training together pays big dividends for volunteers

TRAINING: FROM 1

the unthinkable is to realize that often times those incidents will have multiple agencies responding.

"If I'm bringing our boat down here from New Hampton, for example, because of work schedules and all that, it might just be me," Holthaus said. "To be able to work

with these guys, the fire guys from Nashua, the ambulance people from Nashua, that's important because I'm going to need their help.

"The more we do together when we train, the more we know each other when it's real."

Holthaus pointed out in this day and age — when so many of the volunteers work out

of town — so-called mutual aid has become a critical part of the rescue landscape.

And he called Tuesday's training a success.

"We learn from each other, and I think everyone who was there would agree, we're better at water rescues now than we were before the training. And that's why we train and train together."

Rescue Squad golf outing set for Aug. 10 at Country Club

There's still time to register for one of the biggest Chickasaw County Rescue Squad fundraisers, a four-person best-shot golf tournament that will be played on Saturday, Aug. 10, at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club.

The tournament will begin with sign-in at 8:30 a.m. and golfers will take the course at 10 a.m. for a shotgun start. A lunch will be served and following the end of the tournament, the silent auction winners will be announced. Three contests

— longest drive, longest putt and something called "closest to the keg" — will also be held, and the Rescue Squad will also give prizes to the "funniest dressed team."

The entry fee for each team up to Aug. 6 is \$240 and

includes two carts. After Aug. 6, the entry fee will be \$280.

To register, go to the Rescue Squad's facebook and scan the QR code.

For more information, contact Jason Rude at 563-388-1317.

NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of July 28 1949 (75 years ago)

- With prospects of a bumper crop in Chickasaw County, farmers in the area will be learning details of the government's program to help provide storage facilities. A meeting was held at which the new government program was outlined to AAA officials from the area.

Under the terms, the Commodity Credit Corporation will guarantee loans by local lending agencies to producers for building of additional storage cribs or bins. If farmers cannot or do not want to obtain credit from other sources, the CCC will make the loans direct.

- When Mrs R.W. Finch of Alpha decided to investigate the unusual noise of the birds around her home, she found wires lined with sparrows, robins and wrens. With much chattering they would swoop down toward the wren house in the tree near by. She discovered a snake curling around the wren house. She called Mr. Finch and he arrived just in time to save the wren eggs as the snake, a small spotted adder, was halfway into the house.

1974 (50 years ago)

- A third member of the same native New Hampton family has become a partner in a long-established New Hampton legal firm. Kevin J. Kennedy is now associated with his father, William J. Kennedy, and his brother, Michael K. Kennedy, in the law offices of Kennedy and Kennedy. Kevin Kennedy, 25, completed his studies Magna Cum Laude from the University of Notre Dame with a B.A. in history, before graduating from the University of Iowa School of Law this past June.

Kevin was an elementary and junior high student at St. Joseph's Community School and then attended New Hampton High School where he ranked second scholastically in his graduating class. While in high school, he also starred in three sports, football, basketball and baseball.

- The New Hampton High School softball team wasn't suppose to defeat Charles City or Turkey Valley in tournament action, but they did both. Continuing their Cinderella role, the Chickasawettes ran their string to four straight, beating Charles City 14-13 and then nudged the Trojanettes 5 to 3 to move into the semi-final round of district play. The Tribe then defeated Sheffield-Chapin 10 to 5 in a district final game. New Hampton's road to the state tournament ended when Cresco came out on top 8-0.

Cresco's Wanda Milbrath, who recently joined the century club, made New Hampton her 104th victim (no New Hampton team was ever able to beat the graduated senior) with a brilliant one-hitter.

New Hampton ended their summer season 13 and 11. The fall softball campaign will start in two weeks, with Carol Cordes at the helm as summer season head coach, while Gene Voss joins the Chickasaw football staff.

1999 (25 years ago)

- Wednesday, July 21, three centenarians were honored at a celebration at the New Hampton Senior Site. Those three, Nettie Johnson, Hazel Donovan and George Lentz are residents of the New Hampton Care Center. Nettie was 100 years old on Sept. 17, 1998, Hazel celebrated her 100th birthday on July 4 of this year and George will celebrate 103 years on Oct. 17 of this year.

- Chickasaw football stand-out and UNI recruit Casey Tierney will be playing in the 1999 Iowa Shrine Bowl All-Star Classic on July 31, at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. A linebacker, Tierney was a team leader for the Chickasaws and a two-year varsity letterwinner with numerous football awards in addition to honors in basketball, track and field and baseball. This year he will be a part

Briefs

Hospice to hold training session for volunteers

Cedar Valley Hospice will hold a volunteer training for those interested in becoming a volunteer for the organization.

A two-day session will be held on Tuesdays, Aug. 6 and 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cedar Valley Hospice Support Center, 900 Tower Park Drive in Waterloo.

Registration can be made by calling Chris Dunn at 319-272-2002.

Cedar Valley Hospice volunteers support the organization in several ways, including patient-family and grief support, fundraising/event coordination, office assistants, Hospice Home greeters, rest-assured callers and more.

Cedar Valley Hospice serves patients and families in 15 counties, including Chickasaw.

Incentives for planting cover crops are available

Iowa farmers interested in planting cover crops this fall may be eligible to receive a higher cost share for their efforts. Applications are now open for an incentive offered through the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's Water Quality Initiative.

Through the program, first-time cover crop users are eligible for \$30 per acre, and returning cover crop users are eligible for \$20 per acre.

"With a \$5 per acre increase from last year, we are thrilled to see this incentive continue," said Cynthia Farmer, senior policy associate with the Center for Rural Affairs. "The program demonstrates Iowa's leadership on conservation and water quality."

In addition to cover crops, the program supports additional conservation practices that build soil health and improve water quality. Farmers implementing no-till or strip-till are eligible for \$10 per acre, and first-time users of a nitrogen inhibitor with fall fertilizer application are eligible for \$3 per acre.

"As farmers plan for the upcoming season, this financial assistance will provide the necessary support for increased use of cover crops and other conservation practices in Iowa," Farmer said.

The incentive is limited to 160 acres per participant and cannot be applied to acres enrolled in other state or USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) cost-share programs. However, the incentive may be combined with other climate-smart commodity programs administered by non-NRCS entities.

Interested farmers should visit their local Soil and Water Conservation District office to apply. A list of offices can be found at costshare.iowaagriculture.gov/districts.

Drake University dean's list

The following local students have been named to the Deans' List at Drake University.

To be eligible for the Deans' List, students must have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the Spring 2024 semester at Drake.

Fredericksburg: Ava Bernhard, Zimpleman College of Business, dean's list.

Ionia: Chloe Ashley, Zimpleman College of Business, dean's list.

New Hampton: Chloe Reicherts, Zimpleman College of Business, dean's list.

Farmers Market continues

The New Hampton Farmers Market is open each Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. on South Chestnut Avenue near Riley's Inc.

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Nashua Area EMS director proud of service's first year

Vikturek appreciative for the support from city, firefighters and residents, says city's ambulance responded to 152 calls

By BOB FENSKE
editor@nhtrib.com

Nashua Area EMS shushed the doubters big time during its first year of existence, but the fact that the service had a banner debut year didn't surprise its director one iota.

"We've had wonderful support from the city, from the fire department, from the people of our town and, of course, our volunteers," Nashua Area EMS Director Zenda Vikturek said. "There were a lot of people who didn't think we could do it, didn't think we could sustain it, but here's the deal, those people aren't from Nashua."

She paused for a moment and smiled.

"The people here, though, can do anything when they come together, and our little service is proof of that."

Nashua Area EMS went into service on July 1, 2023, and responded to 152 calls during its first year in business.

"That number, I'll be honest, did surprise me," Vikturek said. "I didn't think it would be that many, but I guess people decided to call us. They knew we'd be there."

The gamble the city made in 2022 when it decided not to sign a 28E agreement with Chickasaw County for ambulance service, so far, is paying off for the county's second-largest city. Back then, Nashua officials said the only way they'd sign on to be a part of Chickasaw County EMS is if that service would station an ambulance in the city.

When county officials said no, Nashua pulled the proverbial slot machine lever and struck out on its own — purchasing a used ambulance and beginning the process of setting up its own service.

The ambulance is stationed at the Nashua Fire Department, and a host of firefighters have

provided invaluable support to Nashua Area EMS — serving as drivers and showing up for ambulance calls even when they haven't been called to the scene.

"They are the best guys in the world," Vikturek said. "We'll be on a call, and we'll come out and there's guys there saying 'do you need help with anything?' It's small towns at its best."

Vikturek also lauded the assistance that City Clerk John Ott and Deputy City Clerk Lisa Berends have provided the service.

"Any questions I have, we have, John and Lisa are right there for us," she said. "It takes a lot of people to make this work, and without all of them, we wouldn't be where we are today."

The community, too, has thrown its weight behind its ambulance service by donating and supporting fundraisers ranging from Bingo Nights put on by the Nashua-Plainfield Lions Club to the breakfast during Water Over the Dam Days to the golf tournament that raised funds for the service.

"Those fundraisers have been really helpful," Vikturek said, "and we really appreciate the donations we've received. We've gotten them from so many people, including patients. That means a lot to us, it shows how much people care about what we're doing, the service we're providing."

And then there are the volunteers who sign up for 12-hour shifts in which they are "tied" to home in a way. The goal when a call comes is to have drivers and EMTs at the fire station within five minutes.

"So that means when you're signed up, you're not shopping in Waverly, you're not getting your hair done in Charles City, you're not going to an away game," Vikturek said. "That takes a real commitment, and we're lucky to have so many



Bob Fenske/Tribune

The Nashua Area EMS ambulance takes part in the Water Over the Dam Days Parade that was held on the last weekend of June

people willing to do it."

The service's director said on Wednesday that Nashua Area EMS' current roster numbers 32, which includes firefighters who are signed up to serve as drivers. She said there is a core group of 19 EMT and drivers who take most of the shifts, but Vikturek added that the city has helped by allowing employees to serve as drivers during their regular workdays.

"There are a lot of pieces to the puzzle that have fit together really nicely," she said. "I'll say it again, our community has come together to make this work."

Vikturek said it was a busy first year for her as the service's director and that challenges remain.

"Working with insurance companies can be a challenge," she said. "You'll send something in, get it back and they want more information, but overall, it's gone very well. Just on the director stuff — the paperwork and all that — I'd say I put 20 hours in a week and that doesn't include the time I put in on the rig."

There's little doubt that she's proud of the work that has gone

into bringing Nashua Area EMS to where it is at today. She's quick to point out that those naysayers who said the service would be out of service more than it was in have been proven wrong.

"It's rare when we're out of service," she said, "and not once have we had to call elsewhere when we have been. Maybe there's a little luck in that, but it's because we have so many people who have been willing to step up and be a part of this,

that's why this is working so well."

And as for year two?

"I'm just as excited for this next year as I was at this time last year," she said. "We laid the foundation in our first year, and we're going to keep building on that in the future."

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHAD FLICK, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003224 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Chad Flick, Deceased, who died on or about June 21, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on July 25, 2024, Constance J. Flick and James L. Flick were appointed administrators of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on July 29, 2024

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRUCE A. STEEGE, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR003226 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Bruce A. Steege, Deceased, who died on or about July 10, 2024.

You are hereby notified that on the 22nd day of July, 2024, the last will and testament of Bruce A. Steege deceased, bearing the date of the 26th day of May, 2009, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Kenneth Steege and Janet Forsman were appointed executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 29th day of July, 2024

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Blood donors reach milestones in latest drive

Numerous individual milestones were reached by blood donors that "gave the gift of life" July 23 in New Hampton.

There were 46 units collected, including one first-time donor, for up to 138 lives saved or sustained.

An amazing 26-gallon milestone was reached by Denise Straw and also impressive was the 22-gallon gallon mark by Steven Bruch.

Sheryl Bruch hit the 17-gallon mark, Shirley Hoffman reached nine gallons, while Loren Dietzenbach was at six gallons, Chris Praska and Todd Becker at two gallons each and Katie Einck at one gallon.

"Together, these eight individuals have donated 680 pints of blood, sustained the lives of 2,040 individuals," said a news release from the LifeServe Blood Center.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES KELLNER, Deceased PROBATE NO. ESPR003228 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Charles Kellner, Deceased, who died on or about July 18, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on July 26, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Charles Kellner, deceased, bearing date of July 22, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Steven James Lantow was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated July 26, 2024.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Chickasaw COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Virgil L. Snyder, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003227 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Virgil L. Snyder, Deceased, who died on or about June 4, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on July 25, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Virgil L. Snyder, deceased, bearing date of July 8, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Joseph L. Snyder was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated July 25, 2024.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY MARKEE, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR003221 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons interested in the Estate of Mary Markee, Deceased, who died on or about April 7, 2024.

You are hereby notified that on the 28th day of June, 2024, the last will and testament of Mary Markee deceased, bearing the date of the 15th day of November, 2019, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Bonnie Kestel was appointed personal representative of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having

claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Administration will be a small estate as provided by Chapter 635, The Code.

Dated this 23rd day of July, 2024.
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NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW HAMPTON, IOWA IN THE MATTER OF THE VARIANCE APPLICATION OF SCOTT & CARRIE BOHATY TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You are hereby notified that the Board of Adjustment of the City of New Hampton, Iowa, will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on the 5th day of August, 2024 in the City Hall of the City of New Hampton, Iowa, in the matter of the appeal of Scott & Carrie Bohaty from the denial of her building permit application for a new 36' x 50" structure.

Scott & Carrie Bohaty are requesting approval of a variance in order to construct a thirty-six-foot by fifty-foot (36' x 50') detached accessory structure located on the west side of their property at 322 E Milwaukee Street within the City of New Hampton. The new proposed structure's overall footprint is 1,800 square feet in size. This property is located in the (R-2) Low Density Residential Zoning District. The variance being requested is as follows:

1. An increase of 300 square feet above the maximum allowed 1,500 square feet in total area occupied by all accessory structures.

You are, therefore, notified that the hearing will be before the Board of Adjustment at the time, date, and place set forth above and that you may appear and make known to the Board any objections that you have to granting the requested building permit from the terms of the zoning ordinance of the City of New Hampton, Iowa.

Dated this 29th day of July, 2024.
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW HAMPTON, IOWA
By: Todd P. Prichard
City Attorney

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY ZACH PHILLIP, Plaintiff vs. JOSE VINCENTE MCCAIN, Defendant CASE NO. SCSC008223 ORIGINAL NOTICE TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of this court naming you as a defendant in this action, which petition prays (1) for a judgment against Defendant in the amount of \$5,200 plus court costs based on nonperformance of contract. The name and address of the attorney for the plaintiff is Todd P. Prichard, 1300 Grove Street, PO Box 454, Charles City, Iowa 50616. The attorney & phone number is 641-228-4500; facsimile number is 641-228-3143.

You must serve a motion or answer on or before (2) August 29, 2024, and within a reasonable time thereafter, file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Chickasaw County, at the courthouse in New Hampton, Iowa. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

You are further notified that the above case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. Please see Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for information on electronic filing and Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings.

If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in court because of a disability, immediately call your district ADA coordinator at 319-833-3282. (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942) IMPORTANT: YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS

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FFA to hold can drive Aug. 25-28

The New Hampton FFA Chapter will be hosting a can drive later this month to raise money for events and projects in the upcoming year.

More details will be available closer to the drive that will be held Aug. 25-30, but those dropping off cans are asked to have them in "durable bags."

Czech Days near

Holy Trinity Church in Protivin will be holding its 46th annual Czech Days Aug. 16-18.

Softball and volleyball tournaments will be held, as well as a variety of music, an antique tractor and car show, bingo, a cake walk, kids pedal tractor pull, a polka mass and, of course, a kolache or two.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES JULY 22, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, July 22, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Hackman. Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, EMA Director Jeff Bernatz, Terry Johnson, Custodian Dave Gorman, Engineer Roman Lensing, Croell Aaron Lukes.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for July 22, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Kuhn to approve minutes for July 15, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Kuhn, Breitbach, Cerwinski. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to direct the County Attorney to draw up an ordinance placing the responsibility of the cost of cleanup of any hazardous substance incident or emergency on the party who is found to be legally responsible for said incident or emergency. Roll call: Ayes: Kuhn, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Terry Johnson would like the Board of Supervisors to look into the dissolution of the 28 E with Nashua Dam. EMA Director Jeff Bernatz would like to be present when the Board of Supervisors are discussing his department.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Kuhn to acknowledge waiving October 2024 quarterly installment payment that the six cities are obligated to make for the EMS and direct Auditor to send the letters. Roll call: Ayes: Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Cerwinski. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Kuhn to approve the fixing and installation of outlets and circuit board for the Community Services Building per

guidelines for Vaccine for Children Program. Roll call: Ayes: Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Cerwinski. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Recessed: 9:17 AM
Resumed: 10:00 AM
Supervisor Hackman called in at 10:00 AM.

Departmental updates given by Engineer Roman Lensing

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to acknowledge the resignation of Leighton Gaul from Secondary Roads Effective July 15, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Kuhn, Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, Cerwinski. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to authorize County Engineer to fill the open position of Assistant to Engineer. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge the rate change for James Ludwig (Secondary Roads) from \$26.25 to \$27.71 effective July 31, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow. Nays: Kuhn, Hackman, Cerwinski. Motion failed.

10:10 AM Open sealed bids for Kenwood Ave. paving project.

Bid-Croell -- \$797,120.71

No action taken the Engineer wants to bring in some information next week.

Supervisor Hackman disconnected at 10:15 AM

Committee Assignments

Supervisor Kuhn, July 18, INRCOG Regional Transit & INRCOG

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to adjourn at 10:17 AM. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinski,
Chairperson Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton,
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Local chamber is gearing up for big month

Circus set for Friday; Best Dam BBQ Challenge will close out August

By Bob Fenske
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August isn't exactly going to be a quiet month for the Big 4 Chamber of Commerce as the organization will start and end the month with two big events. On Friday, the chamber will be sponsoring the Culpepper and Merriweather Great Combined Circus, which will put on two shows — one at 5 p.m.; the other at 7:30 p.m. — at the Big 4 Fairgrounds. And the chamber will end August with its annual "Best Dam BBQ" event that will take place on the Saturday of the Big 4 Fair, which as always be held over the Labor Day weekend.

The chamber's Val Johnson said the circus is the same one that visited Nashua in 2022 and is part of the organization's plan to have a circus entertain area residents on an every-other-year basis. "Backin 2020, we thought it would be a great way for us to provide great family entertainment," Johnson said, "and that's really what we're all about. At the same time, we thought having a circus every year would be a bit much, but every-other-year would be perfect." She said the circus will be one of the key fundraisers for the chamber, adding that the organization is pushing hard to complete a signage project. "We really want to get going on it, but the problem is the cost has doubled since we first started talking about it," Johnson said. "We're talking in the neighborhood of \$30,000 so fundraisers are critical for us."

"Circus Day" in Nashua will begin long before the first show commences as the tent raising and tours of the circus will take place at 9:30 a.m. And the midway will open at 4 p.m., an hour before the first show starts. Advance tickets are \$8 for senior citizens and children ages 2 to 12 and \$13 for those ages 13 to 64 and can be purchased at several area businesses. Tickets will be sold at the box office and will be \$9 for senior citizens and children ages 2 to 12 and \$16 for older children and adults. And while the circus is the first big event on the August calendar for the Big 4 Chamber of Commerce, officials are already working on the eighth annual Best Dam BBQ Challenge that will be held on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, Aug. 31. "We're excited because we already have seven competitors registered," Johnson said. "It's a great event, one that we love sponsoring and not just because the food's amazing. It's always a lot of fun, and it's another event that families love, and like I said, that's what we're all about."

Dairy Center to hold event Friday evening in Calmar

Before school is back in session, join the Northeast Iowa Dairy & Agriculture Foundation on Friday, for "Moo-sic, Moo-vies and Moo-re on the Farm." This family-friendly event is open to the public and begins at 5:30 p.m. at Iowa's Dairy Center, which is located just south of Calmar at 1527 Highway 150 South. Guests are invited to try a variety of delicious food from local food trucks and enjoy live music from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. At dusk, attendees will be asked to find a place to sit on the lawn to enjoy the movie, The Secret Life of Pets 2, shown on an outdoor projector screen. Free popcorn will be provided with the movie. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own blankets and lawn chairs for the viewing of the movie.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Horizons-Chamber members join New Hampton and Chickasaw County elected officials and staff members of Chickasaw County EMS to celebrate the newly-remodeled ambulance station during a ceremony in which New Hampton Mayor Steve Geerts did the honors of cutting the ribbon at an open house that was held last Wednesday.

EMS director: Open house helps educate the 'investors'

Chickasaw County EMS not only gets to show off remodeled station but also able to show why living quarters are needed

By Bob Fenske
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Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson had only one regret when it came to the open house that the ambulance service held last week. "I wished I had been able to talk to more people," he said, "but it was kind of a zoo around here. A good zoo, mind you, but seriously, we were really grateful for the turnout we had." Knutson said between 200 and 250 residents turned out for last Wednesday's open house that also included a ribbon-cutting ceremony put on by New Hampton's New Horizons-Chamber. The three-hour event included hot dogs, chips and some to-die-for cupcakes (made by Knutson's mother), and gave Chickasaw County EMS employees a chance to give tours of the remodeled building. And those tours, Knutson, said gave residents an understanding on why the living quarters that were added to the building near the intersection of South Water Avenue and

Prospect Street were needed. "When we were doing tours," Knutson said, "it was funny how many people looked into the rooms and said, 'Oh, you have a bed in here?' It gave us a chance to tell them for 24 hours, this is our home. I think people understood the need and why we do the 24-hour shifts." Chickasaw County EMS went into service on Jan. 1, 2023, and is owned by the county, which, through 28E agreements, provides services not only to the rural areas of the county but also to six cities — Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler, New Hampton and North Washington. Under the terms of the 28E agreements, the county is required to provide the ambulance service while the six cities make quarterly payments to the county. Chickasaw County spent almost \$1.41 million of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds on equipping the EMS Department and the purchase of the building in New Hampton that serves as the service's main station. It also



Residents gather inside the Chickasaw County EMS building in New Hampton during an open house that was held last week.

has an ambulance housed in Fredericksburg. Both the county and the six cities made six quarterly payments for the service, but because of a clause in the 28E agreements, the payments for July were waived, due to the fact that the department's fund balance was above \$750,000 for two consecutive quarters. Last week's open house came two days after the Board of Supervisors formally approved the waiver of the next quarterly payment — which would have been due on Oct. 5 — because the fund balance as of July 15

was just over \$1 million. "The people who came, yes, they are the ones that invested in this endeavor," Knutson said, "so to give them a chance to see what we're doing with that investment, that was really important to all of us involved with EMS."

Late Night Swim a success; pool, as expected, to have 'altered' hours in August

By Bob Fenske
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Start with the good news: "Swim for Them" was a big success at the New Hampton Municipal Pool. The Late Night Swim held last Thursday raised \$1,100 for the family of two lifeguards, Ashlyn and Delaney Busta, who were injured in a boating accident over the Fourth of July holiday weekend. "We had some really nice donations and we appreciate everyone who came out to support Ashlyn and Delaney," New Hampton Parks and Recreation Director Tara Hackman said. "We probably didn't have quite the numbers because of the state tournament semifinal game, but we had a lot of out-of-towners, especially from the Turkey Valley area. It worked out really well." What isn't working out so well, though, is the August schedule at the pool.

Granted Hackman knew it was going to be a challenge — warning patrons last week that the pool would in all likelihood see altered hours at the facility because college-age lifeguards are heading back to campus while high school students who work at the pool are involved in sports and other extra-curricular activities that begin next week. Her warning became a reality this week when the pool had to change hours — it will be closed both Friday and Saturday because of a lack of guards and will be open Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. — and more changes are on the way. "Our goal is to keep the pool open until Aug. 21," Hackman said, "but we're going to have different hours and probably announce them each week on our Facebook page. We're trying, but it's tough." Even if the pool isn't open, the facility's splash pad will be available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Photos courtesy of the New Hampton Municipal Pool

Participants in the "Swim for Them Late Night Swim" at the New Hampton Municipal Pool pose for a photo "under the lights" during last Thursday's event.



Lifeguards who worked the event included (front row, from left) Halle Weber, Tierney Perkins, Maycen Hackman, Rebecca Wickman, Luella Reicks, Kinze Kirkland-Shea, Avery Vsetecka, (back row) Easton Monteith, Kinek Reicks and Karsyn Reicks.

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