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A large crowd of Chickasaw County residents follow along as County Assessor Ray Armel walks them through how Iowa property tax laws work during a public hearing on the county's 2024-25 fiscal year so-called max levy that was held in on April 1.

A DICEY BUDGET TOPS THE LIST

COUNTY LEADERS SPENT CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME CRAFTING BUDGET THAT INCLUDED LARGE TAX-ASKING INCREASE

For months — four to be exact — it dominated each and every single Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors meeting.

It, of course, was the 2024-25 fiscal year budget and tax levy, and when board members finally completed their work on April 22, no one seemed all that happy.

And while some may find numbers boring,

the crafting of a budget and a tax levy showed just how volatile local politics can be ... especially when it comes with a 14 percent increase in tax-asking for the three main levies — General Basic (GB), General Supplemental (GS) and Rural Services Basic (RSB) — that are controlled by the Board of Supervisors.

From discussions, some of which became a bit heated, that lasted for hours to a rare county public hearing “night meeting” to the final vote, it was a compelling story and ranks as the top news story of 2024.

In the end, board members approved a budget that saw the total tax-asking from the county go from a shade under \$6.99 million in 2023-24 to almost \$7.9 million for the fiscal

SEE BUDGET, 2

POLICE CHIEF'S RESIGNATION TURNS INTO LONG-LASTING SAGA

In a span of just a few months, New Hampton employed four police chiefs during 2024, and the situation led to some healthy crowds at a number of City Council meetings.

Police Chief Tim Pederson submitted his resignation on April 15 after it was discovered that he had found \$40 cash left behind in a self-checkout lane at a Waterloo store and rather than turning the money into the customer service area of the store or store staff, Pederson had left the store with the money.

Although he immediately returned it when called by a Waterloo police officer, city leaders said that as a police officer, he was “held to a higher standard” and suspended him

SEE CHIEF, 2



A large crowd, many in attendance to support re-instating New Hampton Police Chief Tim Pederson, attends a City Council meeting this past spring.



Superintendent Jay Jurrens (left) announces his impending retirement during a School Board meeting held on Sept. 16.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS SEARCHING FOR A NEW TOP ADMINISTRATOR

It wasn't exactly a secret; after all, New Hampton and Turkey Valley Superintendent Jay Jurrens had dropped hints that the 2024-25 school year would be his last.

The hints became reality on Sept. 16, when he told New Hampton School Board members that he intended to retire when the school year ends.

“With most superintendents, they'll make an announcement in December,” Jurrens told New Hampton School Board members during their regular meeting Monday night, “but

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Cities, county may get another quarter off of EMS payments

Supervisors discuss ambulance, bid farewell to one of their own during final meeting of '24

BY BOB FENSKE
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Chickasaw County and the six cities that contract with the county for ambulance service will in all likelihood go an entire fiscal year without having to make a quarterly payment to Chickasaw County EMS.

The subject came up during a department update given by EMS Director Joel Knutson during the final Board of Supervisors meeting of 2024 that was held on Monday morning.

Under the terms of the 28E agreements that New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington signed with the county, quarterly payments are waived when the Chickasaw County EMS fund exceeds \$750,000 for two consecutive quarters.

Quarterly payments that were due on July 5, Oct. 5 and Jan. 5 were all waived because the fund has been above \$750,000 since last January. During a meeting on Dec. 23, the county's pool-cash report showed that Chickasaw County EMS had a little more than \$856,000. If that fund is above \$750,000 on Jan. 15, the April quarterly payment will be waived.

Supervisor Jake Hackman told Knutson that Auditor Sheila Shekleton has sent a letter to the cities saying that they should budget at least two quarterly payments for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Hackman, though, said that could change if Knutson felt the service needed to purchase a new truck during the fiscal year?

“No, we're sitting, equipment wise, vehicle wise, we're sitting in a very good spot,” Knutson said. “We have started to put a few more miles on the truck that was remounted to kind of catch that up a little bit with the other trucks. ... I don't anticipate in this fiscal year ... with spreading them out like we are, I don't know what the fiscal year — 26-27 — will bring, but definitely not in 25-26.”

Hackman said he “can't see you spending a \$100,000 in two weeks so most likely, the April payment is waived, most likely. That means no

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Land values tick down bit in 2024

State farmland value decreases 3.1% according to annual Iowa State study

To the Tribune

The annual Iowa State University Land Value Survey found that farmland values decreased 3.1%, or \$369, to \$11,467 per acre in 2024.

The decrease this year nearly erases the 3.7% increase from last year and ends a five-year trend of increasing prices. The nominal value of an acre of farmland this year fell from last year's record high, but is still higher than the nominal value in 2022. When adjusting for inflation, the 2024 average value is 2.5% lower than 2013's inflation-adjusted values.

The average land value in Chickasaw County was \$11,811 per acre, down 2.5% from the 2023 average of \$12,112. Land values in surrounding counties also fell — ranging from 1.7% in Mitchell and Floyd counties to 6.1% in Bremer County.

“We saw land values rise for five straight years, including surges of 29% and 17%, which naturally leads to a reset or balancing in the market,” said Dr. Rabail Chandio, who is responsible for the annual survey. “If we look back to the previous peak in 2013, the market ‘adjusted’ with relatively small declines spread over a few years.”

Chandio said that survey respondents noted

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Celebrating a church

Little Brown Church members mark the 160th anniversary of church building's dedication

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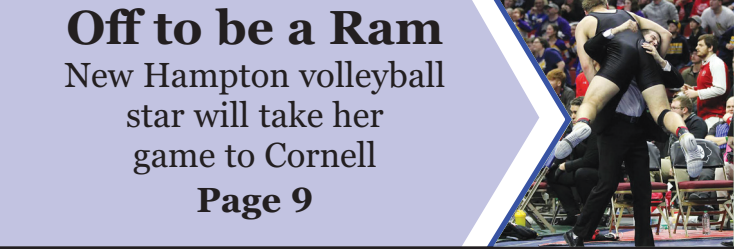
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A look back at the top-10 stories from the year that was



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Republicans from New Hampton’s Ward 3 kick off their precinct caucus at the Pub at the Pinicon on the night of Jan. 15, when the 2024 election season officially began.

BOTH HERE AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY, REPUBLICANS HAVE PLENTY TO CELEBRATE

It was, in short, a really good year to be a Republican, because the GOP won just about everything in the 2024 election.

Donald Trump is headed back to the White House, Republicans took control of both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House, the GOP won "super majorities" in both the Iowa House and the Iowa Senate and locally, the lone contested race in

Chickasaw County was won by a Republican. Add it all up and that's a lot of red.

For those of us who love politics, 2024 was our year. For those of us who abhor political ads saturating our television screens, it was not.

In the end, the election on Nov. 5 showed that Iowa in general and the area in and around Chickasaw County are getting redder every time we go cast our ballots.

Up and down the ballot, Republicans dominated when Chickasaw County votes were tabulated, and Democrats who were hoping to unseat two-term Supervisor Jacob Hackman were disappointed when the incumbent won a relatively easy victory over former Chickasaw County Auditor Joan Knoll in a rematch of the 2020 race for the District 3 seat that represents the west side of New Hampton and surrounding rural areas.

The lone Democrat to win in Chickasaw County was District 1 incumbent Steve Breitbach, who ran unopposed, but he will be the only "blue" on the Board of Supervisors for the next two years.

Republican Issac Carter, who won a primary against Terry Johnson, ran unopposed for the District 4 seat that was held by fellow GOP member Matt Kuhn, who did not seek re-election.

IT'S A CHALLENGING, YET AVERAGE, YEAR FOR OUR FARMERS

Cory Hackman knows it sounds crazy, but 2024 was kind of an average year for area farmers.

Just before Thanksgiving, the AgVantage FS crop specialist talked about a year that included too much rain in the spring and early summer, a worsening drought late in the summer and fall and a harvest season that provided perfect weather.

"When you think about it, finishing up field work right around Thanksgiving is the average," he said, "and we're there right now. We're actually finishing anhydrous today, the day before Thanksgiving, so we're right on target."

And despite all those challenges, farmers brought in a decent crop, even if the soybean harvest wasn't quite what area growers had in their sights.

"I think the mood out in the country is a lot better than people think," he said. "Between all the rain we got last spring,



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Under brilliant sunny skies, a farmer harvest a corn field in Chickasaw County this past fall.

the no rain we got at the end, it's been a decent year. Yields were better than expected and it was a decent year."

Still, Hackman said growers are hoping

for some normalcy in 2025.

"These days it seems like it's all or none," he said. "We'd love to have a normal growing season one of these years."

JURY DOESN'T NEED MUCH TIME TO CONVICT PATRIE IN 2012 MURDER

A Chickasaw County jury needed just a little more than an hour to convict a former Charles City man of murder in May, ending a case that began almost 12 years before when authorities discovered the body of retired grocer Kenneth Gallmeyer in his rural Nashua home.

Randy Patrie, 41, was found guilty on May 24 of murdering Gallmeyer during a 2012 robbery of his home.

He had been sentenced to life in prison on federal gun charges in 2014, but that sentence was overturned on appeal, leading Chickasaw

County authorities to charge him with the murder. Patrie was brought back from federal prison to Iowa in early 2022.

Gallmeyer's family members, in a statement, said they were thankful for the work done by law-enforcement personnel and prosecutors.

"This has been a case of poor circumstances and unforeseen problems," the statement read. "Our family is eternally grateful to all the parties who made this legal case possible and the 1,000s of hours of effort to make this case."

In July, Patrie received a mandatory life without parole sentence from Judge Richard Stochl.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Convicted murderer Randy Patrie (right) listens as Chickasaw County Attorney David Laudner reads aloud a victim impact statement from Barbara Gallmeyer Marshall.

SUPERVISORS HAD NO EASY ANSWERS WHEN IT CAME TO COUNTY'S 2024-25 BUDGET

BUDGET: FROM 1

year that began on July 1. That budget included a tax-asking increase of 66 percent — from \$1.08 million to almost \$1.8 million — in tax-asking for GS and a 7 percent increase in the tax-asking for RSB.

It could have been worse. At one point, the supervisors were considering a 19 percent increase in tax-asking and county residents weighed in loud and clear during a March 27 public hearing.

"Nineteen percent is not sustainable," said Arnie Boge, who represented the area for 24 years on the Board of Supervisors before retiring in 2010. "Do what needs to be done to balance the budget and not raise the taxes that kind of percentage. I do appreciate that the cost of inflation and the cost of things are going up, but 19 percent can't be sustained."

Board members spent almost a month trying to figure out ways to reduce the increase of its tax-asking and inched the increase down to 14 percent.

"I talk to a lot of people out there, too, that complain about tax increases, too," Steve Breitbach said, "but when I

ask them what services are you prepared to cut, they don't want any services cut."

But even after getting the tax-asking increase down to under a million dollars, for some, it wasn't enough.

"I'm still getting phone calls that tax-asking's too high, but what do you do? I've asked to cut expenditures out of EMA, sell a building, check out this health insurance issue," Supervisor Jake Hackman said. "Yes, we're under a million dollars now in new money coming in from last year on that tax-asking, but 14's a lot."

In the end, board members approved the budget 3-2, but with more stringent state property tax laws on the books, the challenging budget season of last spring may turn out to be the norm for counties like Chickasaw.

In a recent meeting, board members learned that the county's valuations for the 2025-26 budget increased by about 3.12 percent, which will trigger an automatic reduction in the GB tax-levy rate and Hackman estimates the fund will receive just \$36,000 in "new money" for next year's budget.

NEW HAMPTON HAS TWO INTERIM POLICE CHIEFS BEFORE HIRING ROSENDAHL

CHIEF: FROM 1

before holding a lengthy meeting in closed session. When the City Council returned to open session, Mayor Steve Geerts announced that Pederson had resigned just a year after taking over the police chief duties.

Residents, though, called for Geerts to reinstate him at a subsequent City Council meeting, but the mayor, who appoints the police chief, would

not budge.

The revolving door kept spinning though as the first interim chief, Doug Eagan, resigned from the department in early May and was replaced by another interim chief, Chad McGee.

Finally, in June, the city found a permanent replacement in Conrad Rosendahl, who had been the police chief in Lansing, and the new chief took over New Hampton's department in July.

NEW HAMPTON, TURKEY VALLEY IN THE MIDST OF SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

JURRENS: FROM 1

hopefully, letting you know now gives you a chance to get the word out there and get the best possible candidate."

And for the first time in more than 12 years, New Hampton had to begin the search for a superintendent.

Jurrens was hired in the spring of 2012 and took over as the district's top administrator on July 1 of that year. Four years later, New Hampton and

Turkey Valley began a superintendent sharing agreement that continues to this day.

Board members from both districts met shortly after Jurrens' retirement announcement and agreed to continue the sharing agreement, and in October, they hired a search firm to help them find Jurrens' eventual replacement.

The two boards hope to have the districts' next superintendent hired by sometime in February.

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For the Kennedy brothers, it seemed
‘like the time’ to retire from the law

The stories the Kennedy brothers could tell would probably be enough to fill a book, a colorful one at that.

But on July 1, after practicing law for a combined 106 years, Michael and Kevin Kennedy walked into retirement.

That was the day when the sale of the Kennedy & Kennedy Law Firm, started by their father, William J. Kennedy in 1937, to the Dillon Law Firm became official.

"It seemed like the time," said Michael Kennedy said in an interview in the office's law library a few weeks before they retired.

His younger brother was slightly more talkative.

"Symmetry, I'll have my 50

years in this month and I've been married 50 years," Kevin said. "I'm 75 years old; two-thirds of my life I've been doing this. It's about time."

Michael began practicing law at the family's firm on July 1, 1968; six years later, he was joined by his younger brother.

Weekdays, weeknights, hell, weekends, though, were often spent at the law office on Main Street. Fifty years of working together, though, hasn't caused any rifts or tension between the two.

"It's really been amazing," Michael said.

"It's been a pretty easy ride," Kevin said. "When you're working with someone you don't have any issues with, it's been good, really good."



Bob Fenske/Tribune
Kevin and Mike Kennedy take a break in the lobby of their law office that their father, William J. Kennedy, founded 87 years ago.

COUNTY COMPLETES MUCH-NEEDED ROAD PROJECT, PLANS FOR ANOTHER IN 2025

Chickasaw County gave some much-needed attention to two county highways in 2024, although one project won't be completed until later this year.

County officials approved a \$4.22 million bid from Croell Inc. for an overlay project on an 8.6-mile stretch of V18 from Highway 18 to the south city limits of Alta Vista.

The project, which included a complete reconstruction of a stretch of the highway near North Washington, was completed early this summer.

Meanwhile, the county moved ahead with plans for a project on a stretch of Kenwood Avenue running from Highway 18 south and covering about 0.7 miles.

In 2023, the Board of Supervisors had agreed to allocate \$600,000 of the county's American Rescue Plan Act dollars to a road project, but first the county learned it had

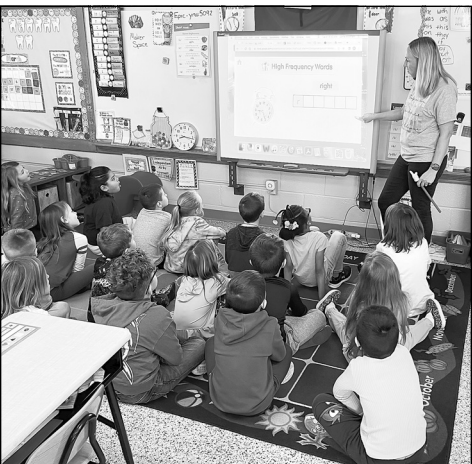
to reach an agreement with the city of New Hampton.

After a couple of months, the two sides struck a deal — with the county agreeing to provide a five-year, no-interest loan to the city for its portion of the project.

Croell Inc., which sits next to the road, was awarded the contract and will complete the work on the roadway by early next summer.

More road work may be on the way if the county approves a plan to use TIF funds from the Chickasaw Wind Energy Farm.

The county's TIF Committee earlier this year recommended that about \$9.59 million be directed on road projects that includes work on V18 from the south city limits of Alta Vista to the Chickasaw County line, reconstruction of North Linn and South Linn and two bridge replacements — one on 170th Street and one on B57.



Bob Fenske/Tribune
New Hampton Community Schools' enrollment continues to increase, especially at the elementary school.

NEW HAMPTON CONTINUES TO BUCK ENROLLMENT TREND

Back in March, New Hampton Community Schools Superintendent Jay Jurens told School Board members that the district needed to hire more teachers because of enrollment gains.

In short, he said, "that's a really good problem to have."

And it's still a good problem at New Hampton as the district continues to buck the declining enrollment trend that has afflicted much of rural Iowa.

In October, the district announced that it had seen its enrollment increase by 2.3 percent since Oct. 1, 2023, and coupled with an increase the year before, New Hampton's enrollment has seen a 6.9 percent increase in the past two years.

"I think, one, it shows we're putting out a good product with what we have at

the school," Jurens said in an interview in mid-October. "We have great teachers, we're offering students a great education, and people want to be a part of it."

Jurens said that the district is currently serving 1,010 students, which means it continues to bring in more students via open-enrollment than it is losing to other districts.

"We are in a very good place right now," he said, "and there aren't a lot of districts in rural Iowa who aren't seeing increases like we are. This is a huge positive."

If there's a concern, it is this: The district is running out of room at its downtown elementary school, but Jurens lauded the work done by Principal Emily Steele in finding space for extra "sections" of the school's preschool and younger grades.

CHICKASAW COUNTY EMS MOVES INTO ITS NEW HOME

Chickasaw County EMS finally found a home to call its own this past year.

That's because after months of navigating pitfalls, the county-owned ambulance service was finally able to move forward with a remodeling project on its station located near the intersection of Water Avenue and Spring Street in New Hampton.

And the best news of all is that the work on the building was completed under budget.

Since beginning operations on Jan. 1, 2022, paramedics, EMTs and drivers had used

rentals — first at a home on South Walnut Avenue and then in the apartments across from Fareway.

The ambulance rigs themselves moved to the new ambulance station after the county purchased the building in 2023, but the remodeling project hit several snags before a group of local contractors, led by Stanton Electric's Chuck Stanton, came up with a proposal to complete the work.

They did so a month ahead of schedule and this past summer, the new living quarters were one of the highlights of an open house at the station.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

- No School
- 10:00am Wrestling: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Osage High School

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

- Academic Calendar Begin Second Semester
- 7:15am Choir
- 4:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Quad vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ Sumner-Fredericksburg High School
- 5:15pm Basketball: Boys JV Quad vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ Sumner-Fredericksburg High School
- 6:30pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Quad vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ Sumner-Fredericksburg High School
- 7:45pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Quad vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ Sumner-Fredericksburg High School

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

- 9:00am Wrestling: Boys JV Tournament vs. Solon @ Solon High School
- 9:00am Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Solon @ Solon High School
- 10:00am Wrestling: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Cyclone Center
- 9-10 am Chickasaw Co. Clover Kids, Chickasaw Co. Extension

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

- 7:15am Choir
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys 9th Game (Date & Time Changed from 12-10-24)vs. Waukon @ New Hampton High School High School Gym

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

- 4:00pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Game vs. West Delaware @ Bowlaway Lanes
- 4:00pm Bowling: Boys Varsity Game vs. West Delaware @ Bowlaway Lanes
- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Overwatch 2 vs. Northeast

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

- 7:15am Choir
- 7:30am National Honor Society
- 12:30pm- 3:00pm Iowa BIG North City Hall/ Park & Rec. Building Freshmen Retreat
- 10-11 am Family Storytime-Donuts, New Hampton Public Library

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

- 4:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Quad vs. Clarksville @ Clarksville High School
- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Rocket League vs. West Liberty
- 5:15pm Basketball: Boys JV Quad vs. Clarksville @ Clarksville High School
- 6:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Quad vs. Clarksville @ Clarksville High School
- 7:30pm Basketball: Boys 9th Game vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School
- 7:45pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Quad vs. Clarksville @ Clarksville High

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

- 7:15am Choir
- 7:30am Interact Club
- 4:00pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Game vs. Tripoli @ Bowlaway Lanes
- 4:00pm Bowling: Boys Varsity Game vs. Tripoli @ Bowlaway Lanes
- 4:30pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Central Community Junior-Senior High

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

- Band NEIBA Honor Jazz Band @ Kennedy HS, Cedar Rapids (All Day)
- 10:00am Wrestling: Boys JV Tournament

- vs. Central Elkader IA @ Central Elkader High School
- 10:00am Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Maquoketa Valley High School
- 2:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Aplington-Parkersburg @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 3:30pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Aplington-Parkersburg @ New Hampton High School High School Gym

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

- 7:15am Choir
- 4:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Quad vs. Kee @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 4:00pm Wrestling: Girls 7-8 Dual vs. Waukon @ Waukon Middle School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Charles City @ Charles City High School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Charles City @ New Hampton High
- 5:15pm Basketball: Boys JV Quad vs. Kee @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 6:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Quad vs. Kee @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 7:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Quad vs. Kee @ New Hampton High School High School Gym

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

- 4:00pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Game vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ Bowlaway Lanes
- 4:00pm Bowling: Boys Varsity Game vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ Bowlaway Lanes
- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Overwatch 2 vs. North Fayette Valley
- 5:30pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Double Dual vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton High School

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

- 7:15am Choir
- 5:00pm Chickasaw Athletic Booster Club Meeting Middle/ High School Cafeteria
- 5:30pm FFA Chapter Meeting
- 10-11 am Family Storytime-Donuts, New Hampton Public Library

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Rocket League vs. Clarion-Goldfield-Dows
- 4:00pm Wrestling: Girls 7-8 Meet vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Waverly-Shell Rock Middle School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Waukon @ New Hampton High School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Waukon @ Waukon High School
- 6:15pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Dual vs. Charles City @ Charles City Middle School Comet Gym Senior Night Pack-the Gym Night
- 6:15pm Wrestling: Boys JV Dual vs. Charles City @ Charles City High School
- 6:15pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Dual vs. Charles City @ Charles City Middle School Comet Gym Senior Night Pack-the Gym Night

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

- 7:15am Choir
- 4:00pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Game vs. Charles City @ Comet Bowl
- 4:00pm Bowling: Boys Varsity Game vs. Charles City @ Comet Bowl
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Quad vs. Waukon @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 5:30pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Waukon @ New Hampton High School High School Gym

- 6:45pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Quad vs. Waukon @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 8:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Waukon @ New Hampton High School High School Gym

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

- 9:00am Wrestling: Boys JV Tournament vs. Independence @ Independence High
- 10:00am Wrestling: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 10 am Storytime, New Hampton Public Library

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

- Music NEIC Music Festival
- No School Teacher Inservice
- 7:15am Choir
- 4:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Quad vs. Columbus Catholic @ Columbus Catholic High School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Denver Community Schools @ New Hampton Elementary Gym
- 5:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Denver Community Schools @ New Hampton Middle School Middle School
- 5:15pm Basketball: Boys JV Quad vs. Columbus Catholic @ Columbus Catholic High School
- 6:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Quad vs. Columbus Catholic @ Columbus Catholic High School
- 8:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Quad vs. Columbus Catholic @ Columbus Catholic High School
- 1pm Movie Monday, New Hampton Public Library

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Overwatch 2 vs. Crestwood
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Charles City @ New Hampton High School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Charles City @ Charles City High School
- 4:15pm Wrestling: Girls 7-8 Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Charles City Middle School
- 5:00pm Basketball: Boys 9th Game (Date & Time Changed from 01-23-25) vs. Waukon @ Waukon High School High School Gym
- 6:30pm Trap Shooting Auditorium Mandatory Athlete and Parent Meeting
- 6-8 pm Extension Council Meeting, Chickasaw Co. Extension

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

- 7:15am Choir
- 10-11 am Family Storytime-Donuts, New Hampton Public Library

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Rocket League vs. Crestwood
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Turkey Valley @ New Hampton Middle
- 4:30pm Wrestling: Girls 7-8 Match vs. Multiple Schools @ Mason City High

- 5:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Turkey Valley @ New Hampton Middle
- 5:30pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Dual (Time Changed) vs. Decorah @ New Hampton High School *NH Senior Parent Night
- 5:30pm Wrestling: Boys JV Dual vs. Decorah @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 5:30pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Dual (Time Changed) vs. Decorah @ New Hampton High School High School Gym *NH Senior Parent Night
- 7:30pm Basketball: Boys 9th Game (Date & Time Changed to 01-21-25) vs. Waukon @ Waukon High School
- 1:30-4 PM Private Pesticide Applicator CIC (P-CIC) New Hampton/Chickasaw Extension
- 7-9:30 PM Private Pesticide Applicator CIC (P-CIC) New Hampton/Chickasaw Extension

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

- 7:15am Choir
- 4:00pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Central Elkader High School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Quad vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School Gym This game will involve playing 2 quarters.
- 4:30pm Wrestling: Girls 7-8 Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Riceville High
- 5:30pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School Gym
- 6:00pm Dance Middle School Gym NHDH Showcase & Senior Parent Night
- 6:45pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Quad vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School
- 8:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School
- 6 pm Lawler Lions Club Cowboy Poetry, Starlite Ballroom, Lawer

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

- 8:00am Large Group Speech District Large Group Speech Contest at Turkey Valley
- 9:00am Wrestling: Boys JV Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Marshalltown High School
- 9:30am Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Alburnett High School
- 6 pm Lawler Lions Club Cowboy Poetry, Starlite Ballroom, Lawer

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

- Band State Jazz Band Festival
- 7:15am Choir
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Quad vs. North Butler @ North Butler High School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. South Winneshiek @ New Hampton Middle School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. South Winneshiek @ South Winn Middle School - Ossian
- 5:00pm Wrestling: Boys JV Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton High School Middle School Gym
- 5:15pm Basketball: Boys JV Quad vs. North Butler @ North Butler High School

- 6:45pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Quad vs. North Butler @ North Butler High School
- 8:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Quad vs. North Butler @ North Butler High School

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

- Future Business Leaders of America District Leadership Conference at NICC
- 4:00pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Game vs. North Fayette Valley @ Bowlaway Lanes
- 4:00pm Bowling: Boys Varsity Game vs. North Fayette Valley @ Bowlaway Lanes
- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Overwatch 2 vs. Garner-Hayfield-Ventura
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Decorah @ New Hampton High School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

- 8:10am- 10:00am Troy Baas Photography Middle School Gym Yearbook & dance picture day
- 10-11 am Family Storytime-Donuts, New Hampton Public Library

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Rocket League vs. Dike-New Hartford
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Quad vs. North Fayette Valley @ NFV High
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Crestwood @ New Hampton High School
- 5:15pm Basketball: Boys JV Quad vs. North Fayette Valley @ North Fayette High School
- 6:45pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Quad vs. North Fayette Valley @ NFV High
- 7:00pm Basketball: Boys 9th Game (Location Changed) vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School
- Gym 8:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Quad vs. North Fayette Valley @ NFV High School

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

- 7:15am Choir
- 10:00am Wrestling: Girls Varsity Regional Tournament vs. Mason City @ Mason City High School (MCHS)
- 4:00pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Game Senior Parent Night
- 4:00pm Bowling: Boys Varsity Game vs. Forest City @ Bowlaway Lanes *Senior Parent Night
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 9th Game vs. Charles City @ New Hampton High
- 5:15pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Charles City @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 6:45pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Charles City @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 7:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Charles City @ New Hampton High School High School Gym

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Mass times: 4 p.m.,
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Service time: 9 a.m.
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Saturday Divine Service.

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Pastor: Josh Jacobs
Service time: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday.

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Service times: 9 a.m.,
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Service time: 10:30
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Service time: 8:30 or
10:30 a.m. Sunday Divine
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Mass: Saturday, Jan. 11,
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Rev. Telesphore Dusabe
Mass time: Saturday, 4
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Rev. Telesphore Dusabe
Mass time: Saturday, 6
p.m.

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CONCEPTION CATHOLIC

Rev. Telesphore Dusabe
Mass: Sunday, 7:15 a.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Pastor Bruce Miller
107 Wood St. Elma
Service time: 9 a.m.
Sunday.

ELMA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Pastor Paula Hemann
207 Plum Street Elma
Service time: 10:30
a.m. Sunday.

NORTH WASHINGTON

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Father Jim Goerend
Mass: Saturday, 6 p.m.



We need ‘directions’

Remember that a ‘cup of water’ and loving gestures are basic building blocks

Directions.

For many of us we simply type or say an address into our phones and wait for Google Maps to give us a location and a route to follow.

Some might not believe it but, there was a time before cell phones, iPads and tablets. A time when we had to either unfold a paper map (if you want to see an actual paper map there might be one in a museum) or ask a local for directions.

I remember one time when an insurance agent pulled into our driveway and asked if I could give him directions to some-

one’s house.

I was about 10 or 11 at the time so I told him to go to the S curves and take a right at the first one. Go for a mile or so and turn right at Gary’s house (my classmate). Go another mile and the place will be right after Bodensteiner’s rock.

The insurance guy looked at me and said, “What?”

I didn’t know the names of the roads, just the landmarks. Mom came out and, thankfully for the agent, gave him better directions.

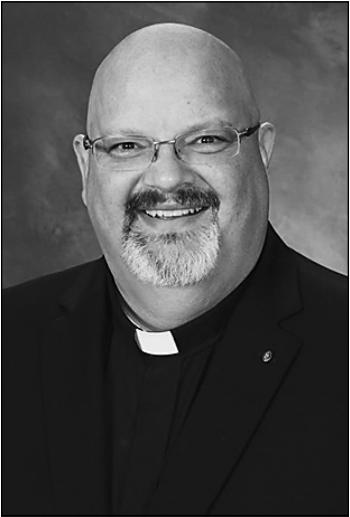
The Magi go to find the newborn king and stop to ask directions.

They knew what their goal is, to find the shepherd of Israel.

There are many in life who are searching for Jesus and find themselves all turned around and lost.

Bishop Bob Barron, who was the rector at Mundelein Seminary when I went there, would tell us seminar-ians that the first thing we needed to do was to discover who is at the center of our lives and that we would discover that it’s Jesus.

As we begin this new year let’s take time to stop, like the Magi, search our hearts for Jesus and help others



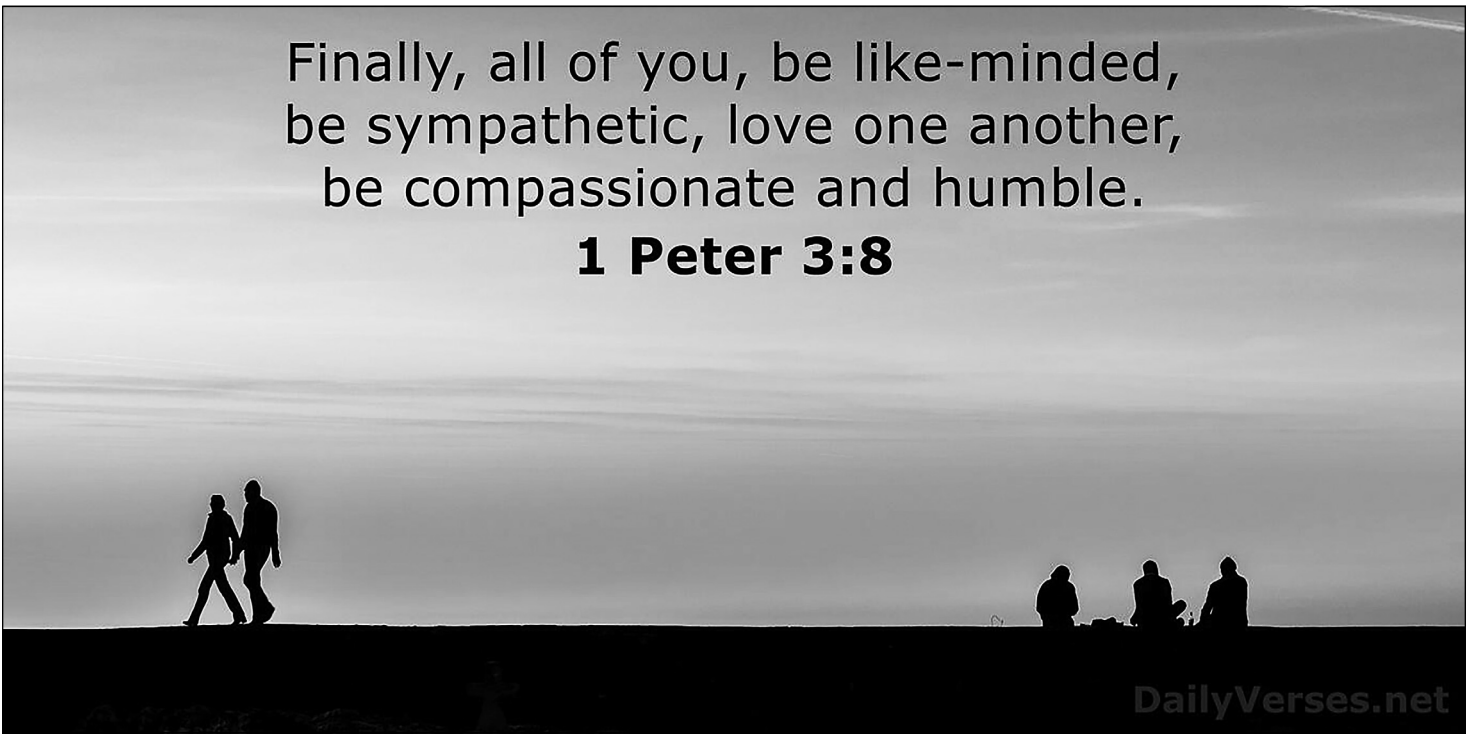
Father Jim Goerend is the priest for the Good Shepherd Cluster, which includes Catholic parishes in New Hampton, Ionia and North Washington

find Him.

Just like the Magi brought gifts for Jesus, when we let him into our hearts he will give us gifts of mercy, peace and love.

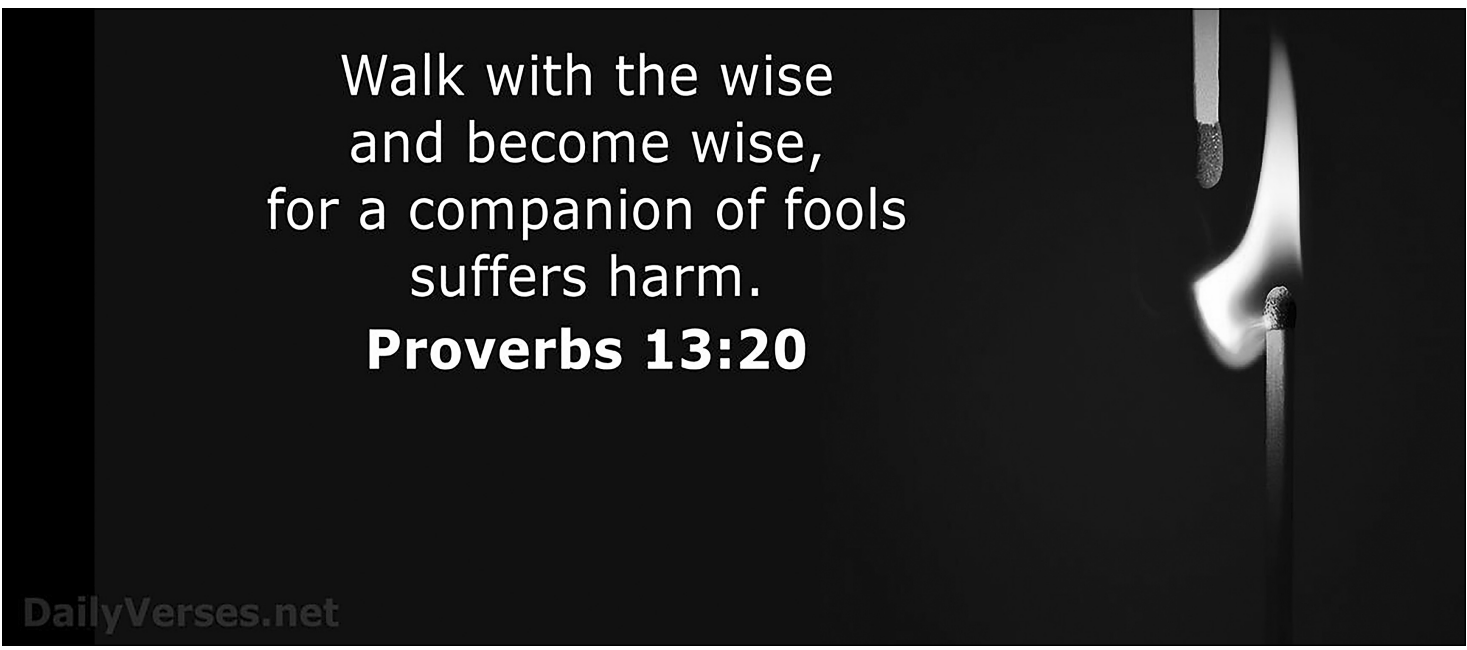
Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

1 Peter 3:8



Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

Proverbs 13:20



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Mass: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

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Are your protection plans in place?

Have you ever thought about how much you have to protect? Between your family, your finances, your independence and your legacy, it can be quite a lot — and that’s why it’s important to have the right protection plan in place.

Let’s look at these areas of need and some possible protection solutions:

• Protecting your income – An injury or severe illness could prevent you from working for some time. And if that happened, your family’s finances could become strained. To help guard against this possibility, you may want to consider disability income insurance. Your employer may offer some type of coverage, but it’s likely to be short term and may not be enough to help close the income gap you might face, so you may want to consider purchasing your own policy.

• Protecting your family – If you were no longer around, how would your family’s lifestyle be affected? Could they stay in the same house? Could your children afford college or another type of post-secondary education? If you have adequate life insurance, the answer to these questions can be “yes.” Again, you might get some coverage from your employer, but it may be insufficient, so you may want to explore additional protection through a personal policy. In determining how much coverage you’ll need, you’ll want to weigh several factors: size of mortgage and other debts, number of children, spouse’s income and needs, and the legacy you’d like to leave.

• Protecting your goals – You may have some important financial goals, such as sending your children to college and achieving a comfortable retirement. To protect these goals, you’ll need strategies to help prepare for them, which could include investing in an education savings plan and contributing regularly to your IRA and 401(k) or other retirement plans.

• Protecting your financial independence – Hopefully, you will be able to remain financial-



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ly independent your entire life. But this independence could be threatened by the need for some type of long-term care. Consider this: A private room in a nursing home costs, on average, more than \$116,000 a year, while the services of a home health aide are more than \$75,000 a year, according to Genworth, an insurance company. Medicare generally does not cover these costs or types of needs and would typically only pay for a short period. You might be left with significant bills or creditors and possibly dependent on family or loved ones. To help protect yourself from these threats, you may want to consult with a financial professional, who can offer long-term care solutions.

• Protecting your legacy – When you work hard your whole life, you may want to leave something behind to your loved ones. A comprehensive estate plan can help ensure your family — and the charitable groups you support — will receive the resources you’d like them to have. An estate plan can be somewhat complex, involving various documents and arrangements, including a will, living trust and various powers of attorney, so you’ll need to work with a qualified legal advisor, and possibly your financial professional.

As we’ve seen, “protection” can take many forms. So, try to follow all the protection strategies you need to enjoy the life you’ve envisioned for yourself and your family.

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Edward Jones, Member SIPC



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Outgoing District 4 Supervisor Matt Kuhn shows his replacement, Issac Carter, some paperwork at the end of Monday’s meeting. Carter will take his seat during a meeting set for this morning (Thursday).

Kuhn thanks fellow board members, constituents as term comes to an end

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payments were collected for the fiscal year.”

Also on Monday, the board approved two personnel items — including a position change for Samantha Cannegieter from an EMT to paramedic as well as the hiring of Ella Knutson as an EMT.

Knutson is a junior at New Hampton High School and recently completed the service’s EMS Explorer program. Board members asked Knutson if she would be “driving” a rig, and he said although he has spoken with the county’s insurance provider, Heartland, and it has no problem with her driving, she won’t get behind the wheel.

That’s because the county has a policy that no one under 18 can drive a county vehicle.

“Up and until we change our policy or she turns 18,” Knutson said, “she’ll be in a non-driving role, she’ll be just in a patient-care role. ... Either way, she’ll be a great asset to us, just on the patient care side.”

Board members unanimously approved both personnel matters on a unanimous vote.

Monday’s meeting was the

final one for Supervisor Matt Kuhn, who did not seek a second term on the board during the 2024 election cycle.

During the public comment portion, Kuhn, who served as the board chairman in both 2022 and 2023, took a moment to thank his fellow board members and his constituents.

“I just wanted to thank all of you who have not only voted but supported me these four years,” he said. “We may not have had the same viewpoint on topics, but I appreciate the willingness to work together for the goodness of Chickasaw County.”

County Attorney David Laudner chimed in and said he appreciated the work Kuhn has done and the leadership he provided during his four years on the board.

“I especially want to thank you for your leadership when you served as chair,” he said. “We had quite a few irons in the fire and quite a few projects ongoing when you were chairman. There was a lot of extra work with that, and some of those projects were quite controversial and required quite a bit of leadership.”

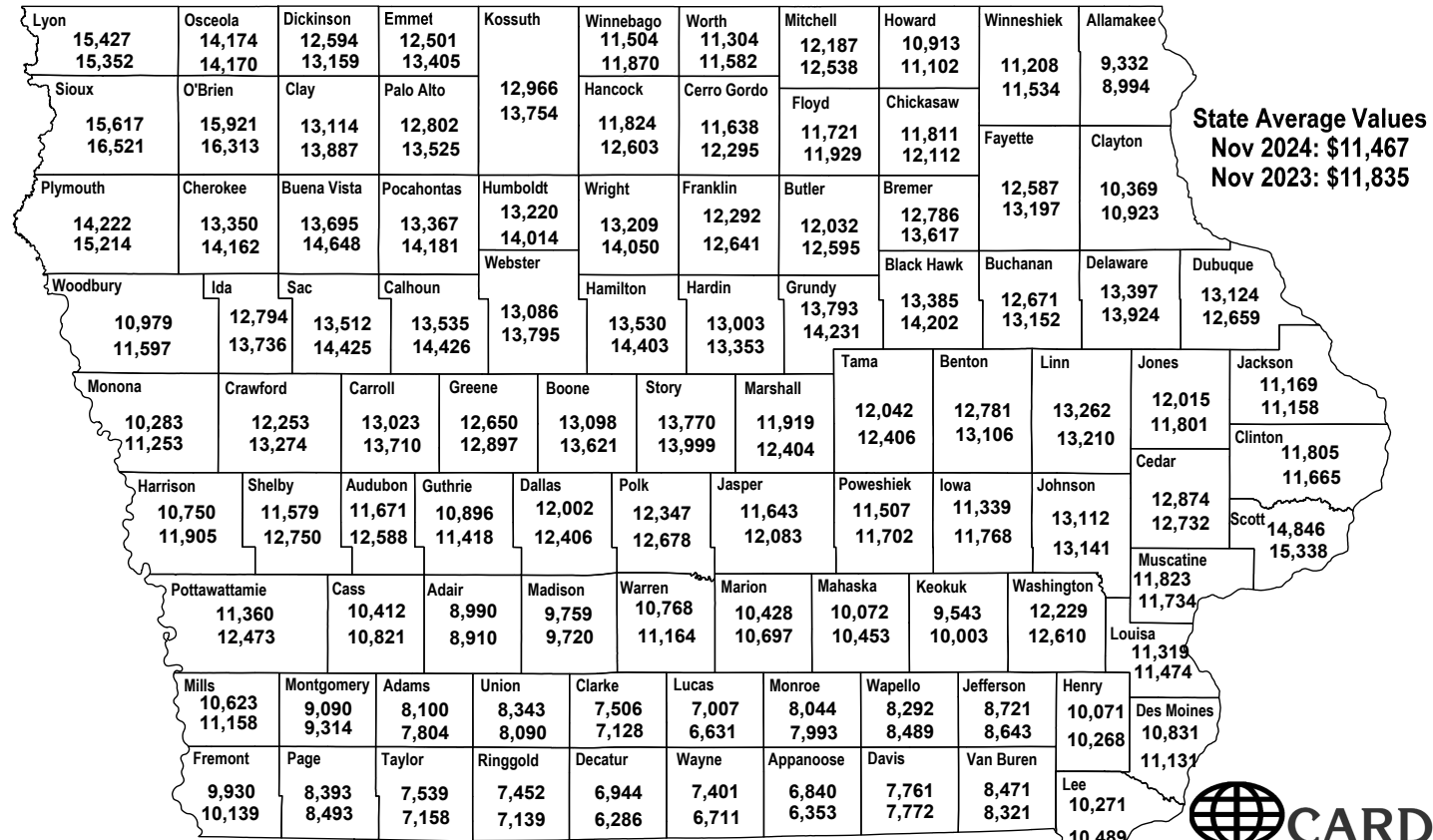
Supervisors accept bid to get rid of cooler

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors went with the lowest bid Monday in its effort to get a walk-in cooler removed from the Heritage Center.

The cooler was damaged when a water pipe burst last month at the building that houses several county and non-profit offices, and during a meeting on Dec. 23, board members called for bids to have the cooler removed.

Mick Gage Plumbing and Heating submitted a bid on Monday for \$2,700, \$43 less than the bid submitted by Stanton Electric, and supervisors unanimously approved awarding the contract to Gage.

2024 and 2023 Iowa Average Land Values, by County



County estimates of average dollar value per acre for Iowa farmland based on U.S. Census of Agriculture estimates and the Nov. 1, 2024, Iowa Land Value Survey conducted by Center for Agricultural and Rural Development, Iowa State University and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. The top figure is the estimated Nov. 1, 2024, value; the bottom figure is the estimated Nov. 1, 2023, value.



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Survey respondents bullish on longterm land values

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falling commodity prices, persistently high interest rates, and elevated input costs as factors that have tightened profit margins and placed increasing downward pressure on land values across the state.

While the Federal Reserve started cutting rates in late 2024, Chandio said the impact of the past two years of high interest rates is still weighing on farmland values.

“It takes time — sometimes up to a decade — for interest rate changes to fully ripple through the land market; and, although rates recently dropped, with another cut on the horizon, it’s not enough yet to ease the pressure from those earlier hikes as we move into 2025,” she said. “If rates fall within a couple of years, we could see farmland values beginning to recover sooner. But if rate cuts take longer, we may see declines persist for another year or two.”

The lower commodity prices will also affect more than just land values — farm income is expected to fall 4.1% this year, following last year’s 17.4% drop, as lower

commodity prices weigh on crop cash receipts.

“While crop receipts are down, livestock receipts are up 8.4%, offering some balance. So, livestock markets, like cattle and hogs, have fared relatively better, but high input costs are still exerting enough pressure to keep margins very tight,” Chandio said.

Iowa’s South Central crop reporting district was the only district to see an increase in land values. Chandio said that when land values in other parts of the state surged during the COVID-19 pandemic, the southern districts lagged behind.

“While the South Central district saw an increase this year, the other two southern districts reported only minimal decreases, indicating a relatively stable trend overall,” Chandio said.

Among the other eight districts, the Northeast District, which includes Chickasaw County, saw the smallest decrease, 1.5%, in land values. The West Central district saw the biggest drop with values dropping 7.4%.

Looking forward, survey respondents had a clear distinction between their short-term and long-term expectations for land values. Over the next year, 58% expect declines, with most predicting drops of less than 5%. However, looking further ahead, respondents are much more optimistic — 80% believe land values will increase over the next five years, with 36% forecasting gains of 10% to 20%.

“This long-term confidence aligns with expectations of more stable or slightly rising corn and soybean prices, suggesting that while the short-term outlook may be challenging, the market’s foundation remains strong,” Chandio said.

Seventy-five of Iowa’s 99 counties showed a decrease in land values.

O’Brien County in northwest Iowa, topped the list this year with a per-acre value of \$15,921, though values there decreased 2.4%, or \$392, per acre since last year. Appanoose County in south-central Iowa, reported the lowest value, \$6,840 per acre; however, those values are an increase of \$486, or 7.7% per acre.

Chamber punch card program shows healthy holiday spending

The results from this year’s New Hampton Red Punch card promotion are in, and they are impressive.

There were a little over 14,500 cards completed and turned in with each card total-

ing \$100 spent over the eight weeks from Holiday Open House to Christmas Eve.

That amounts to about \$1.45 million spent here in New Hampton.

“That doesn’t include the

many that do not participate, forget to turn in their cards or don’t get them completed,” New Horizons-Chamber Director Liz Zweibohmer said in a press release, “so chances are the actual number of spending is

likely much higher.

“Thanks to the generosity of dozens of local sponsors we were able to give away nearly \$5,500 in gift certificates, prizes and bonus bucks during the six weeks of drawing.”



Turkey Valley Area Calendar of Events

January 2025



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Friday, January 3, 2025

Begin 2nd Semester
4:00 PM Basketball: JV JV Girls/Boys vs South Winneshiek (Home) conference Opponent: South Winneshiek
6:15 PM Basketball: Varsity Var. Girls/Boys vs South Winneshiek (Home) conference Opponent: South Winneshiek

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

4:30 PM Basketball: JV JV Girls/Boys vs West Central (Away) conference Opponent: West Central West Central High
6:15 PM Basketball: Varsity Var. Girls/Boys vs West Central (Away) conference Opponent: West Central

Thursday, January 9, 2025

4:00 PM Basketball: JV JV Girls/Boys vs Riceville (Home) nonconference Opponent: Riceville
6:15 PM Basketball: Varsity Var. Girls/Boys vs Riceville (Home) nonconference Opponent: Riceville

Friday, January 10, 2025

4:00 PM Basketball: JV JV Girls/Boys vs Postville (Away)
6:15 PM Basketball: Varsity Var. Girls/Boys vs Postville (Away)

Monday, January 13, 2025

4:00 PM Wrestling: Girls 7th & 8th 7th/8th Girls vs Waukon vs. TBA (Away)
4:15 PM Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th 7th/8th vs Tripoli (Away)
7:00 PM School Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

4:00 PM Basketball: JV JV Girls/Boys vs MFL MarMac (Home)
4:15 PM Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th Game vs Nashua-Plainfield (Away)
6:15 PM Basketball: Varsity Var. Girls/Boys vs MFL MarMac (Home)

Thursday, January 16

4:00 PM Basketball: JV JV Girls/Boys vs Tripoli (Home)
4:00 PM Wrestling: Girls 7th & 8th 7th/8th Girls vs Waverly-Shell Rock vs. TBA (Away)
4:15PM Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th 7th/8th vs South Winneshiek (Away)
6:15 PM Basketball: Varsity Var. Girls/Boys vs Tripoli (Home)

Friday, January 17, 2025

4:00 PM Basketball: JV JV Girls/Boys vs Kee High (Home)
6:15 PM Basketball: Varsity Var. Girls/Boys vs Kee High (Home)

Saturday, January 18, 2025

UIC Large Group Speech

Monday, January 20, 2025

No School
6:00 PM Basketball: Varsity JV/Var. Boys vs Wapsie Valley (Away)

Tuesday, January 21

4:00 PM Basketball: JV JV Girls/Boys vs Central Elkader IA (Away)
4:15 PM Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th 7th/8th vs Clayton Ridge Middle School (Home)
4:15 PM Wrestling: Girls 7th & 8th 7th/8th Girls vs Charles City vs. TBA (Away)
6:15 PM Basketball: Varsity Var. Girls/Boys vs Central Elkader IA (Away)

Thursday, January 23, 2025

4:15 PM Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th 7th/8th vs New Hampton (Away)
4:30 PM Wrestling: Girls 7th & 8th 7th/8th Girls vs Mason City vs. TBA (Away)

Friday, January 24, 2025

4:00 PM Basketball: JV JV Girls/Boys vs North Fayette Valley (Home)
6:15 PM Basketball: Varsity Var. Girls/Boys vs North Fayette Valley (Home)

Saturday, January 25, 2025

District Speech Contest, Large

Monday, January 27, 2025

6:00 PM Basketball: JV Game vs Crestwood (Home)
6:15 PM Basketball: Varsity JV/Var. Boys vs Crestwood (Away)
6:15 PM Basketball: Varsity JV/Var. Girls vs Cresco (Home)
7:30 PM Basketball: Varsity JV/Var. Boys vs Crestwood (Away)
7:30 PM Basketball: Varsity JV/Var. Girls vs Crestwood (Home)

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

4:15 PM Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th 7th/8th Boys vs Kee High (Away)
4:15 PM Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th 7th/8th vs Kee High (Away)

Thursday, January 30, 2025

4:15 PM Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th 7th/8th Boys vs Sumner-Fredericksburg Middle School (Home) (Rescheduled from 02-06-25)

Friday, January 31, 2025

4:00 PM Basketball: JV JV Girls/Boys vs Clayton Ridge (Away)
4:15 PM Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th 7th/8th vs West Central (Away)
6:15 PM Basketball: Varsity Var. Girls/Boys vs Clayton Ridge (Away)



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Forecast

Thursday: Partly sunny with a high of 23 and a low of 8.

Friday: Mostly sunny and cold with a high of 17 and a low of 3.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high of 16 and a low of 6.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow; high 17, low 3.

Extended forecast: We're heading into a deep freeze as highs by the middle of next week will be in the single digits and lows will fall well below 0.

Meetings

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

History

- In 1811, Sen. Timothy Pickering, a Federalist from Massachusetts, becomes the first senator to be censured when the Senate approves a censure motion by a vote of 20-7.
- In 1905, Port Arthur, the Russian naval base in China, falls to Japanese naval forces under Admiral Heihachiro Togo during the Russo-Japanese War.
- In 1965, quarterback Joe Namath spurns the NFL and signs with the AFL's New York Jets.
- In 1974, President Nixon signs the Emergency Highway Energy Conservation Act, setting a new national maximum speed limit of 55 miles per hour.
- In 1980, in response to the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan, President Carter asks the Senate to postpone action on the SALT II nuclear weapons treaty and recalls the U.S. ambassador to Moscow.

Birthdays

- Russian-American scientist and science fiction writer Isaac Asimov was born in 1920.
- Famed country singer Roger Miller was born in 1936.
- American film actor Cuba Gooding Jr. turns 57.
- Former Major League Baseball pitching star David Cone turns 62.
- Former college football star and television commentator Craig James turns 64.
- American televangelist Jim Bakker turns 86.

Corrections

- The Tribune wants to make sure all information it presents is accurate and correct.
- If you see an error, please call Editor Bob Fenske at 641-394-2111.

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Mary Ball, 93



Mary Ball

Mary Ball, age 93 of Fredericksburg, died Sunday, Dec. 22, 2024, at Hillcrest Living Campus in Sumner.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Fredericksburg with Deacon Vic DeSloover officiating.

Interment was held in Rose Hill Cemetery, Fredericksburg.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Fredericksburg. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Saturday.

Mary Virginia (Simon) Ball, passed away peacefully on Dec. 22, 2024, at 93, in Sumner. Born on April 18, 1931, in Lawler, Iowa, to Merle and Winifred (Hurd) Simon, Mary grew up on the family farm with a spirit that would become a beacon of warmth and guidance to all who knew her.

Mary's early education was rooted in her hometown, where she attended Mt. Carmel Parochial School. During high school, the family moved and Mary graduated from New Hampton High in 1948. During high school, she shone as a cheerleader and basketball player, showcasing her leadership and team spirit.

Upon entering the workforce, Mary's first position was in the record department at the hospital in New Hampton. Her career journey led her to Waterloo, where she took on a role as a receptionist.

It was in 1954 that Mary's life took a joyful turn when she married Wiley Ball. The couple settled on the Ball family farm north of Fredericksburg, where they were blessed with seven children — William, Masten, Russell, Michael, Casey, Christopher and Marjory.

Mary's life was a testament to her loving and faith-filled nature. While Wiley worked in town, she dedicated herself to raising their children on the farm. Her commitment to her family and community shone brightly in 1971 when she and Wiley purchased a tavern in Fredericksburg, which they managed until 1977.

Mary's unwavering faith led her to play a pivotal role in establishing a Catholic Church

in Fredericksburg. The church opened its doors in 1974, with Mary serving on the church board and making history as the first religious education coordinator of St. Fredericks Catholic Church.

Her professional path also included a significant tenure with the United States Postal Service. Mary's diligence and dedication saw her becoming the postmaster in charge, with her career taking her to various locations — including Fredericksburg, Hawkeye, Allison, Waverly and Sumner — before she retired.

Mary's life was a beautiful tapestry woven with devotion to her family, service to her community and a steadfast faith that guided her every step. Those who knew her will remember Mary as the heart of her family, a friend to many, and a cherished member of her community.

Mary's legacy is carried on by her loving sons, William (Barbara) Ball of Fredericksburg, Russell (Debbie Heldt) Ball of Sumner, Michael (Barbara) Ball of Allison, Casey (Shelley Langfitt) Ball of Windsor Heights, Chris (Sandy) Ball of Wapell; and her daughter, Marjory (Joe) Ball Williams of Rochester, Minnesota. Her life was enriched by the joy of her children and the bond of a tight-knit family.

Preceding her in death were her beloved husband, Wiley, in 2014; her dear son, Masten, in 2021; and her sister, Betty Jean (Bill) Tylee. Mary now reunites with them in eternal peace, leaving behind a legacy of love and faith that will forever resonate with those she touched.

Property Transfers

Breitbart Farm Legacy LLC to Michael Joseph Winter and Denice Renee Winter; SW NE 07-96-12 NW SE 07-96-12.

Breitbart Farm Legacy LLC to Nicholas Joseph Winter and Gentry Elizabeth Winter; SE NE 07-96-12 EX PARCEL 2024-39 NE SE 07-96-12.

Breitbart Farm Legacy LLC to Nancy A. Pudil and Robert L.

Pudil; PARCEL 2024-39 SE NE 17-96-12.

Merle E. Johnson to Susan Marie Litterer and Lucas Gebel: NASHUA CENTRAL ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: M W1/2 NASHUA CENTRAL ADDITION Lot: 2 Block: M W16-1/2' E1/2 NASHUA CENTRAL ADDITION Lot: 2 Block: M.

From the family of Justin Hollister

We would like to thank all of you who attended the visitation for Justin Hollister and to all of you who called, sent cards or met us in person to express their sorrow at his passing. We were very touched by the kindness and generosity of the New Hampton High School class of 2000 in their remembrance of Justin. We were very moved by all who reached out to tell us how much Justin will be missed. This outpouring has given us strength and gratitude to help us through this painful time. Our pain has been eased by all of your kind words and loving thoughts. From the bottom of our hearts we thank you. May God bless you all.

Lynn, Jordan and Terry Hollister

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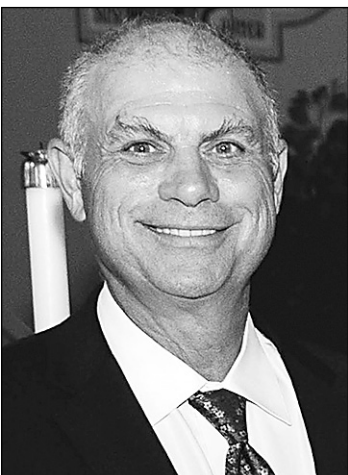
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Curtis Reynold Schwickerath, 59



Curtis Schwickerath

Curtis Reynold Schwickerath, age 59 of North Washington, passed away suddenly, due to a heart attack, on Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2024.

A Mass of Christian Burial was be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, North Washington, with the Rev. James Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, North Washington, with Dean Rosonke, John Kuehn, Roger Dietrich, Paul Holschlag, Jeff Holbert and Tim Kuehn serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Adam Schwickerath, Nathan Schwickerath and Amanda Trask.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 30, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continued an hour prior to the Mass on Tuesday at the church.

Curtis was born on Jan. 26, 1965, to Reynold and Corinne (Gebel) Schwickerath. He grew up on a farm near North Washington Iowa.

He was an active member of the 4-H Washington Cadets and later served as the president of the New Hampton FFA chapter. He graduated from New Hampton High School in 1983.

Curtis met the love of his life, Lynette Brus, on the bus during seventh grade. Their connection blossomed over the years, and they shared their first date at prom in 1983.

The couple married on Sept. 3, 1988, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Alta Vista, and together, they had two children, Emily and Max. The

Shauna L. Anderson, age 44 of Waterloo, died Friday, Dec. 20, 2024 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

She was born July 28, 1980, in New Hampton, the daughter of Robert L. Cox and Linda Jo (Darr) Cox.

She attended New Hampton High School, graduating in 1998. She graduated cum laude from Upper Iowa University, earning a bachelor of science degree in accounting.

She married Adam D. Anderson on June 14, 2008, at the First United Methodist Church in Ceder Falls. The reception was at the Sullivan Center but due to the floods of 2008, it was moved to the Isle of Capri, where a good time was held by all.

Shauna was a hard worker, a determined mom and wife who always put family first. She loved to spend time with her family, enjoying those family moments of chaos and laughter, yet at the same time, having

Sandra Lee Mahan, age 79 of Jerico, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 2024, at her home surrounded by family.

A private family service will take place at a later date.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton have been entrusted with arrangements.

Born on Feb. 10, 1945, in California to Leonard and Louise (Toscan) Sommer, Sandra's warm spirit and generous nature touched the lives of all who knew her.

A proud graduate of East Waterloo High School in 1963, Sandra carried the lessons and friendships from her formative years throughout her life. Her dedication and work ethic were evident to all who worked alongside her during her 20-year tenure at Sara Lee, from which she retired. Sandra's colleagues remember her as not just a coworker but a friend and a beacon of kindness in the workplace.

Sandra's interests and hobbies painted the picture of a life rich with simple pleasures and deep passions. An avid reader, she found solace and excitement in the worlds spun by Stephen King, often losing herself in the twists and turns of his masterful storytelling. Her love for puzzles reflected her patient and meticulous nature, each piece meticulously placed, creating a tapestry of completion and satisfaction.

Property Transfers

Justin J. Van Driel and Justin Van Driel to Kimberly A. Van Driel; PARCEL AA NE NE 12-95-13

Justin J. Van Driel and Justin Van Driel to Kimberly A. Van Driel; COMM SE COR SW SE 29-95-12 Parcel: 191029450001.

Nicole A. Herron, Nicole A. Grimm, Jonathon A. Herron and Jonathon Herron to M&L Rentals LLC; S66-1/2' L15 W1/2 SW 07-95-12.

Big Squeeze LLC to Jaydon R. Mitchell and Lacey A Mitchell; N44-1/2 ' W153' L37 SE SE 12-95-13 S30-1/2' W153' L38 SE SE 12-95-13.

himself, if possible.

Outside of his work, Curtis was passionate about the outdoors. He enjoyed horseback riding, snowmobiling and deer hunting. He enjoyed playing cards, especially euchre, where his laughter and cheerful spirit were always welcomed by his friends and family.

Curtis had a reputation for being in a good mood and always wanting to make others happy, whether through his jokes, stories, or sharing chocolate candy. He enjoyed going to his kids' sporting events through high school and rarely missed a meet or game.

Curtis also treasured spending time with his family. He and Lynette took their children on memorable trips to the Florida Keys, Yellowstone National Park, Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, St. Louis to see the Gateway Arch, Lambeau Field and a fishing trip to Lake Michigan. These trips, filled with love and laughter, were just a few of the many ways Curtis showed his deep love for his family.

Curtis is survived by his wife of 36 years, Lynette, of North Washington; one daughter, Emily (Zach) Wemark of Ames; one son, Max Schwickerath of North Washington; siblings, Pam, Sandra, Neal and Ann; his late brother Dan's family, Pat, Adam, Nathan, Amanda; and his mother-in-law, Mildred Brus. He is also survived by his wife's siblings — Diane, David, Randy, Norman, Nancy, Jane and Brenda.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Daniel Schwickerath in 1988; and father-in-law, Quentin Brus.

Shauna L. Anderson, 44



Shauna Anderson

degree in business administration and management.

As a testament to her strength, determination and her never-give-up spirit, she completed her masters degree while going through cancer treatment the whole time — never missing a class. She was currently working as the director of finance at VGM in Waterloo.

Shauna is survived by her husband, Adam Anderson of Waterloo; her children, Brayden, Gracelyn and Sofie, all of Waterloo; her dad, Robert (Sharon Reicks) Cox of New Hampton; her mom, Linda Cox of Waterloo; brother, Troy (E) Cox of Mason City; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Virgil and Betty Cox and Victor and Lorraine Darr.

A Celebration of Life visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at Locke at Tower Park, 4140 Kimball Ave., Waterloo.

Sandra Lee Mahan, 79



Sandra Mahan

that was a constant in her wellcoming home.

Described by those who loved her as the embodiment of love and kindness, Sandra's legacy is one of compassion and generosity. Her absence leaves a void in the lives of her friends and community, yet her memory will continue to inspire acts of kindness and love in those she touched.

Sandra's journey through life was marked by the love she gave and the love she received. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered for the light she brought into this world. As we say goodbye to Sandra Lee Mahan, we celebrate a life well-lived, a life filled with love, and a life that will continue to inspire us all.

Sandra is survived by her sons, Martin (Dawn) Van Brunning of New Hampton, Eric Brunning of Arizona, and Michael (Tanya) Brunning of Lenexa, Kansas; daughter, Lenora (Zach Imoehl) Darrah of Cresco; brother, Cory (Cynthia) Sommer of Wyoming; sister, Lynette (Harry) Banks of Cedar Falls; brother-in-law, Dave Brunning of New Hampton; step-daughter, Geraldine Mahan; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Louise (Toscan) Sommer; and husbands, Jerry Mahan and Paul Brunning.

Martha Mannetter, 85

Martha Mannetter, age 85, passed away peacefully Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024, at home surrounded by her family. A funeral service for Martha Mannetter will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025, at Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Charles City with Pastor Intern Beth Hurt officiating.

Burial will be at Sunnyside Memory Gardens in rural Charles City.

Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025, at Hauser Weishaar Funeral Home in Charles City and will continue one hour before the service at the church on Thursday.

Martha (Crooks) Mannetter, the daughter of Walter and Hattie (Schmudlach) Crooks, was born July 2, 1939, in Ionia.

She lived most of her life in Nashua, and most recently lived with her daughter Ann and family in Charles City.

Martha graduated from New Hampton High School in 1957 and moved to Michigan soon after. She married Theodore Sierocki and to this union a daughter, Ann Marie, was born. They later divorced.

She married Ronald Mannetter, and they welcomed two more daughters, Christina Lynn and Melissa Ann. They divorced after many years.



Martha Mannetter

She was the neighborhood Avon lady and worked for many years at Casey's in Charles City and Beatrice Cheese/Conagra in Frederickburg.

She enjoyed playing BINGO and could be found playing in Ionia, Floyd and New Hampton with her friends.

It was always a treat when her kids and grandkids would come to play along with her. She was also quite the card shark and was always up for a game of Pinochle.

She liked the excitement of living by the fairgrounds in Nashua and watching chuckwagon and figure eight races.

Martha loved spending time with her family and will be remembered as a great cook and

baker. Good food was important to her, and she always made sure to eat dessert first.

Martha is survived by her daughters, Ann (Bryan Marvin) Bettesworth of Charles City, Christina Mannetter (Adam Ferch) of Charles City, and Melissa (Dan) Fagle of Fayette; grandchildren, Morgan and Brandy Bettesworth, Spenser, Jaykob and Ethan Marvin, Austin and Kaela Ferch, Ashley Ferch, Adrianna Ferch (Maddy Hulbert), Gracie Ferch, Chelsey (Jason) Matthias, Nichole (Chase) Leech, Kayla (Cody) Kuehl, Reed Fagle and Nate Fagle; great-grandchildren, Shaniel, Savanna, and Sawyer Matthias, Beckett, Knox and Sallin Leech, and Colt Kuehl; sister-in-law, Kathy Crooks of Charles City; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Hattie Crooks; son-in-law, Vincent Bettesworth; great-grandson, Coby Kuehl; siblings, Anna Mae and Harley Bergmann, Gerry and Bill Marsrow, Carl and Shirley Crooks and Larry Crooks; nephew, Bruce Crooks; and niece, Amy Bergmann.

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

Michael ‘Mike’ Troyna, 71

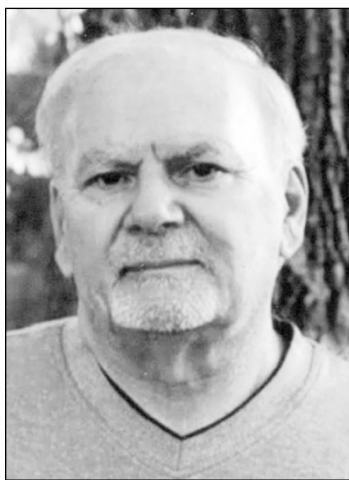
Michael “Mike” Troyna, age 71 of New Hampton, died Friday, Dec. 27, 2024, at his home of natural causes.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, at Holy Family Parish, New Hampton, with the Rev. James Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass at the church on Friday.

Online condolences for Mike's family can be left at



Mike Troyna

hugebackfuneralhome.com

Bernadette Leibold, 85

Bernadette Philomena Leibold, age 85 of Lawler, died Sunday, Dec. 22, 2024, at Hillcrest Home in Sumner surrounded by her family.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, 2024, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Lawler with the Rev. James Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Interment in the church cemetery followed.

Friends greeted the family from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in New Hampton.

Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass on Monday at the church.

Volunteers needed at Turkey Valley for Jan. 25 large-group speech contest

Turkey Valley High School is in search of volunteers to help as they host the Iowa High School Speech Association's Large Group District Speech Contest on Saturday Jan. 25.

Twenty-three area schools and hundreds of students and spectators will visit the school and volunteers are needed for several positions — including the concession stand, room chairs, timers, and many more.

Please follow this link <https://bit.ly/4gqVJ3g> to sign up. If you have questions, please reach out to Michelle Nystel at mnystel@turkey-v.k12.ia.us.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES DECEMBER 23, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, December 23, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cervinske present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cervinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske member of the media, Terry Johnson, Assessor Raymond Armel, Engineer Roman Lensing, Northeast Iowa Community Action, Chief Executive Officer, Trisha Wilkens

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for December 23, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve minutes for December 16, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discuss Employee Benefit Systems (EBS) for Chickasaw County's Flex Plan (2023). Consensus of the Board of Supervisors to have the Auditor get more information on Reducing required salary reductions-premium holiday.

Public Comment: Terry Johnson asked when Supervisor Cervinske was going to give a list of where the money from the committee of Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw County Landfill had paid for attending meetings went to.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve RESOLUTION 12-23-24-52 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-60 IN the NE1/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF section 19 all in Township 94 NORTH, Range 11 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa WHEREAS, ON THE 23rd day of December, 2024 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of Parcel 2024-60 IN the NE1/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF section 19 all in Township 94 NORTH, Range 11 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa

Was presented. WHEREAS, the minor subdivision plat of Parcel 2024-60 IN the NE1/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF section 19 all in Township 94 NORTH, Range 11 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa Has now been considered and should be approved. N O W THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be approved, accepted and the Chairman is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval.PASSED AND APPROVED on this 23rd DAY of DECEMBER, 2024. /ss/ Scott Cervinske, Chairman, Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cervinske. /ss/ Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor.

Discussed Northeast Iowa Community Action, Chief Executive Officer, Trisha Wilkins, General Re FY 2025-2026 budget request.

Discussed Secondary Roads updates with Engineer Roman Lensing.

Discussed water damage from December 5th water pipe break at the Heritage Center and received a preliminary estimate for the services Servpro will provide. Consensus of the Board of Supervisors for taking bids for the removal and disposal of the walk-in cooler at the Heritage.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to authorize ServicePro to work at the Heritage Center. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Budget Work Session Committee Assignments. Supervisor Suckow-December 19-Northeast Iowa RC&D Motion by Kuhn seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 10:24 AM Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Scott Cervinske, Chairperson Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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Lawler Lions Club

gearing up for annual Cowboy Poetry event set for Jan. 24-25

Wanting to get the word out earlier this year, the Lawler Lions Club is announcing the date for its Cowboy Music, Humor & Storytelling event.

On Friday and Saturday, Jan. 24 and 25, the Starlite Ballroom in Lawler will host the gathering, which promises “cowboy poetry, stories and music through the eyes of working cowboys and ranchers who live the life they portray.”

Three performers — R.P. Smith, Bonnie Krogman and Brooke Turner — will put on the show.

It's the 19th year for the event that has raised thousands of dollars for local organizations and causes, with this year's funds to benefit the Chickasaw County Firefighters' Association Honor Guard.

Organizers are asking for a \$30 donation for the bash, which includes a Swiss steak dinner. Only advance tickets are sold, they are available at Bank Iowa, Fidelity Bank & Trust, Luana Savings Bank, First Citizens Bank and Security State Bank.

Shows each day are at 7:15 p.m., with the meal at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. For more information call Carla Dreckman at 563-238-3861 or email carla.dreckman@yahoo.com.

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STATE OF IOWA 19-CHICKASAW COUNTY Iowa District Court 19-CHICKASAW COUNTY, Case # EQCV004532, Civil# 24-000459 CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES VS JULIE VOVES ET AL

Special Execution As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant(s)

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NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of Dec. 29

1949 (75 years ago)

Chickasaw County citizens kept a clean record over the Christmas weekend as the county jail is still unoccupied.

Chicken pox and what is commonly known as “stomach flu” seem to have become quite prevalent in both the city and country. A number of children were unable to take part in the programs Christmas Eve due to the epidemic. The chicken pox seem to be most prevalent in children five years old and younger as most of the older children had them in the epidemics the past two years.

A total of 1,492 car licenses were issued at the treasurers office up to Wednesday morning. License sales were ahead of last year until the last ten days when sales began to lag due to holiday shopping. Car owners have until Feb. 1 to purchase 1950 licenses without penalty. The sale of truck licenses is also lagging.

1974 (50 years ago)

Dan Boos and Gene Costello will be the only two New Hampton Community High wrestlers returning to action with undefeated records for the full season when the Chickasaws resume their dual meet campaign as hosts to West Union North High Friday night.

Boos, the Tribe's 105-pounder, and Costello, who goes at 138, have both gone out 10 times this year and have won all 10 of their matches. Each is 5-0 in duals and 5-0 in tournament activity.

1999 (25 years ago)

The New Hampton Tribune and Impact Advertiser Shopper will be sold to a large national media company, Liberty Group Publishing, according to current publisher and owner Dan Feuling. The transaction will take place on Monday, Jan. 3, 2000.

After 125 years of private ownership and 90 years in the Feuling family, the Tribune will become part of a larger corporation that owns over 300 publications nationally. Locally, Liberty Group Publishing owns the Charles Press, the Cresco Times-Plain Dealer, Eldora Herald Ledger and Ottumwa Courier in Iowa.

Christmas was a little bit merrier at the home of Dan and Karen Rosonke this year.

Karen was the winner of \$1,000 awarded during the promotion of the Tri-State Locator. Karen is employed by Tri/Mark and the Rosonkes have two children, Melissa and Tyler. Tri-State

Locator is available in convenience stores.

2014 (10 years ago)

The New Hampton boys basketball team lost to Waverly-Shell Rock on Dec. 9; since then, the Class 2A sixth-ranked Chickasaws have reeled off four straight wins by an average margin of 40.8 points a game. Last week the Chickasaws beat Class 4A Cedar Rapids Washington 53-44. While the final score may have shown a comfortable New Hampton win, this game down to the final minutes.

Tanner Rentschler led the Chickasaws with 14 points followed by Tucker Tenge and Jared Nicolaisen with 12 points each. Noah Eichenberger led a concerted team effort on the boards with six rebounds. Head coach Chad Sweitzer said it was not a bad way to go into the Christmas break.

The Airport Foundation has announced its major fundraising campaign, “Bricks 4 Bucks” to help raise \$180,000 to make improvements to the city's runway. The fundraising campaign will include the sale of commemorative bricks that will be placed near the runway apron at the airport. Bricks are being sold for \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000.

For the past nine months, the foundation has “gotten the word out” by holding a pancake fly-in breakfast and two raffles to educate the public on the need for the improvements.

2019 (5 years ago)

One of the top news stories from 2019. The 2019-20 school year started with the new New Hampton Middle School welcoming hundreds of students into the brand new building, one that hardly resembled the schools the students' parents and grandparents attended. There were challenges, the new cafeteria and competition gym would have delayed openings, but the academic areas were ready for students on Aug. 23. Mission accomplished.

One of the top sports stories from 2019. It was a spring that will go down in the history books for the Chickasaws. Noah Fenske won the shot put at the Drake Relays, with a throw of 60 feet, 11 1/4 inches, and became the first Chickasaw male athlete to win a title at the prestigious meet.

At the Class 2A state track meet, along with first place in the shot put with a throw of 60 feet, 1/4 inch, Fenske matched this in the discus, with a toss of 152-11, to come away with his second individual crown at the event.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF IOWA, IN AND FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY

IN THE INTEREST OF A.L.

A Child.

JUVENILE NO. JVJ000923

ORIGINAL NOTICE

TO: Augustine Lopez

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED

that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the above Court, a Petition in the above-entitled action, which prays the child in interest, be found to be a child in need of assistance. The Petitioner is the State of Iowa whose attorney is David Laudner and whose address is 516 South Linn Avenue, PO Box 189, New Hampton, IA 50659.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED

that an adjudicatory hearing to determine whether the child in interest is a child in need of assistance as alleged in the Petition pursuant to Iowa Code 232.96 shall be held before the Juvenile Court on the 6th day of January, 2025 at 1:30 o'clock P.M. in the Courtroom of the Chickasaw County Courthouse in New Hampton, Iowa.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a parent, guardian or custodian in a child in need of assistance proceeding has the right to be represented by counsel at all hearings subsequent to the filing of a Petition. If you wish to privately retain counsel, you should immediately notify the attorney of these proceedings. If you desire representation but you cannot afford to hire and attorney, you should immediately contact the Clerk of the above-named Court and request from and file with the Clerk an Application for Appointment of Counsel and Financial Statement. If you are determined to be indigent, the Court may appoint counsel for you at minimal or no cost to you.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that upon your request, the Clerk shall issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of papers at the adjudicatory hearing.

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that the adjudicatory hearing may take place without your presence if you fail to appear after reasonable notification. If you wish to state your views to the Court, you must appear in person or by attorney or the Court may rule against you.

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that in the event the Court places a child in foster care, the child's parent or guardian may be liable for all or a portion of he cost of foster care. Foster care includes all out of home placements except the State Training School at Eldora or the Mental Health Institute at Independence. The Iowa Department of Human Services will notify you of the amount of any recommended parental liability for the cost of foster care and there exists an administrative procedure if you object.

Note: The attorney who is expected to represent the child's parent should be promptly advised by the parent of service of this notice.

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For court rules on the Protection of Personal Privacy in court filings, refer to Division VI of the Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16.

If you are unable to proceed electronically, you must receive permission

from the court to file in paper. Contact the clerk of court in the county where the petition was filed for more information on being excused from electronic filing.

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Chickasaw set to become a Ram

After strong prep career, Rosonke commits to play volleyball at Cornell College

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

Braelyn Rosonke remembers that summer of COVID back in 2020, and to this day, she's thankful that her family lived out in the "country."

But that summer taught — or at least reinforced — a work ethic that carried her to a standout volleyball career at New Hampton High School and a trip to the so-called "next level" as the Chickasaw senior recently announced her commitment to continue her academic and volleyball careers at Cornell College in Mount Vernon.

"I think I'd tell kids to always keep working hard and never give up," Rosonke said when asked what advice she'd give younger student-athletes who dream of participating in college athletics. "I remember that COVID year, I'd be out in the back yard, work-

ing on my passing, my serving and all that stuff."

She paused and laughed before continuing.

"Luckily, it was a nice secluded place so people weren't driving by wondering what I was doing," Rosonke said she considered several schools, but Cornell was an easy choice.

"I loved the campus and had a chance to meet the team members," she said, "and I just could see myself there. The coaches were great and none of the other schools, to me, had what I think Cornell has."

Rosonke, a 6-foot middle hitter, had a banner senior season as she helped the Chickasaws to their third straight Northeast Iowa Conference tournament title.

She led New Hampton with 290 kills, a .415 hitting efficiency and 85

blocks while also going 233 for 258 at the serving line.

She was named to the all-NEIC first team and was also tabbed for the Class 3A Northeast Iowa all-district team by the Iowa Girls Coaches Association.

She's obviously excited about becoming a Cornell Ram, although she remains a little up in the air on what she'll study when she heads to Mount Vernon this coming fall.

"I'm pretty sure I want to do something in the medical field," she said, "but I'm still kind of undecided on which way I'm going to go."

Still, as ready as she is to head to college, she'll miss her time as a Chickasaw.

"I had a lot of great coaches and teammates," she said, "and they'll always mean a lot to me. It'll be different next year. I'm ready for it, but I'll miss being a Chickasaw, too."



Photo courtesy of Braelyn Rosonke

With her parents, Brian and Marie, looking on, Braelyn Rosonke signs her name and commits to Cornell College during a ceremony held the week before Christmas.



Zenda Vikturek (left) and Maria Jensen, dressed in period clothing, take the offering at the Little Brown Church Sunday, while Dennis and Ann Preuss (below) are also wearing their best 1864 "duds."

Little Brown Church has 160 reasons to celebrate

The famed 'Church in the Wildwood' marks the 160th anniversary of the dedication of its church building

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

The good folks of the First Congregational Ecclesiastic Society of Bradford went back in time on Sunday to celebrate the 160th anniversary of the day their little church that has become world renowned opened its doors for worship.

You might better know it as the Little Brown Church, one made famous by the song "The Church in the Wildwood," but legally, Pastor Drew McHolm said Sunday, the church is still known as the First Congregational Ecclesiastic Society of Bradford.

"Try putting that on a business card," he said to laughter during a service in which several members dressed in period clothing and in which all the songs that were sung were written before 1864.

Sunday's service, in many ways, was a history lesson — not just on the church that has been its home for the past 160 years but also one that looked back on the history of 1864 — a momentous year not only here in the United States but also throughout the world.

Here in America, as "newscasters" Jay Connor and Kristina Hogan reminded worshippers, thousands of blue- and gray-clad men lost their lives in momentous Civil War battles, President Abraham Lincoln overwhelmingly won re-election, famed composer Stephen F. Foster of "Oh Susanna" fame passed away at the age of just 37, and "In God We Trust" appeared for the first time on a 2-cent piece following the Coinage Act of 1864.

A cyclone leveled the city of Calcutta, India — killing 70,000 people. In Geneva, Switzerland, the International Red Cross was founded. In France, author Jules Verne published "Journey to the Center of the Earth."

And in Bradford, Iowa, on Thursday, Dec. 29, 1864, the members of the First Congregational Ecclesiastic Society of Bradford gathered together to dedicate a building years in the making.

The church was founded on Nov. 4, 1855, and four years later — two years after William Pitts visited the area and composed "The Church in the Wildwood" — the church received a donation of land



for the building of a church.

In 1860, the foundation was laid, and in 1862, the shell of the building was completed and worked pause as many Bradford-area men were away fighting in the Union Army. But the church was painted brown for two reasons — white paint was unaffordable and even if it wasn't, white paint needed lead, which was in short supply because of the ammunition needs of the war.

Work eventually resumed on the church and was completed in November 1864, and the Bradford Academy Choir, directed by none other than Pitts, sings "The Church in the Wildwood."

On Sunday, McHolm told his congregation that in 1864, \$300 was borrowed from the Church Building Society and was paid in full in January 1926.

"As a financial guy, that one really stood out for me," he said and then added with a laugh, "talk about an amortization schedule."

Much changed between the day that loan was taken off and the day that it was finally paid off.

Bradford, which at one time had a population of 1,500, dwindled when it lost its county seat status to New Hampton and when the railroad was routed through nearby Nashua in 1868.

In 1888, the church closed, but a dozen years later, the "Society for the Preservation of the Little Brown Church" was formed, the church reopened and services were held once again.

The song written about the church

exploded in popularity in the 1890s and remained a "go-to" song for many performers throughout the 20th century. The Carter family recorded it for RCA Records in 1932, and the song was sung by Dolly Parton, the Statler Brothers, Alabama and even Andy and Barney on "The Andy Griffith Show."

The church also became a wedding destination, and more than 75,000 couples have said their "I do's" at the church in the vale.

From 1938 to 1940, 3,800 couples were married at the church. In 1947, after World War II concluded, 1,344 weddings were held at the church, and in 1958, the annual Marriage Reunion was first held. On one day in 1976, McHolm said Sunday, 28 couples exchanged vows.

The church's current pastor arrived in 2018, and he admitted his "record" for weddings in one day is seven, one that he vowed will remain untouched.

"I will never, ever, ever do that again for many reasons," he said, adding that he now limits the number of weddings to three in a single day. "We want people to have the best experience possible. ... We do a very personable wedding that the people seem to enjoy."

The little church located just east of Nashua received a new roof and the interior of the church was completely refurbished.

Included in that project was removing the wallpaper and trying, as best as the church could, to give the church the look it had when it was dedicated 160 years ago.

But, in the end, as the Little Brown Church celebrated a building that has served it so well over the years, its pastor, in his final prayer of Sunday's service, focused on more than the structure.

"Lord, as much we thank you for this building and for its preservation and its beauty and its history," McHolm prayed, "Lord, we remind ourselves once again that your interest is not brick and mortar; Your interest is not brick and mortar; Lord, your interest is in your people. ...

"Help us to always remind ourselves that the church is the people, not the building and help us, Lord, to not be in love with the building but be in love with you and in love with your people."

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FRIDAY

New Hampton basketball at Sumner-Fredericksburg, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys at 5:15, varsity girls at 6:30 and varsity boys at 7:45 p.m.

Turkey Valley girls and boys basketball vs. South Winneshiek, JV at 4 p.m., varsity at 6:15 p.m.

SATURDAY

New Hampton/Turkey Valley JV/V boys wrestling at Solon tournament, 9 a.m.

New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling at Denver Cyclone Center, 10 a.m.

MONDAY

New Hampton 9th boys basketball vs. Waukon, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

New Hampton girls and boys bowling vs. West Delaware, 4 p.m.

Turkey Valley girls and boys basketball at West Central, JV at 4:30 p.m., varsity 6:15 p.m.

FRERICHS LED CHICKASAWS TO MUCH SUCCESS

FRERICHS: FROM 10

time for everything" and added that he had enjoyed a New Hampton coaching career that spanned 38 years and multiple sports.

"I've enjoyed it a ton," he said. "There always was the next game to look to, the preparation for the games and the relationships with the kids. That's what I will miss the most.

"The wins are nice, but being part of a team, with the assistant coaches and the

COACH 'PRETTY PROUD' OF HIS GOLFERS

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to become the first-ever Chickasaw to go to state.

"Honestly, I had no idea," Porath said when he was asked if he had it in him to vault himself into the state field prior to the district tournament. "I had no plan on coming here to state. I'm ready for it, though."

In many ways, that tournament was a coming-out party

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SENIOR YEAR LIKE NO OTHER!

McSHANE'S STATE TITLE PART OF A BRILLIANT FINAL YEAR AS A CHICKASAW

In the long history of New Hampton High School, few, if any, student-athletes have had a senior year quite like Braden McShane. In the fall, he came back from an injury and literally willed the Chickasaws into the playoffs. In the winter, wearing a wrestling singlet similar to the one worn by one of the all-time great Chickasaws, Mike Humpal, he won the Class 2A 215-pound state championship. In the spring, he placed eighth at the state meet in the discus, an event he had never competed in before last spring. And in the summer, he became the first New Hampton baseball player to ever be named to the all-state elite team as he helped lead the Chickasaws to the Class 2A state championship game. It was his epic state championship match — a come-from-behind 5-4 win over South Tama County's Gavin Bridgewater — that the Tribune deemed its top sports story of 2024, but the reality is, that body of work had a hand in McShane's selection. The wrestling title came in a loaded 215-pound bracket, and McShane rolled into the semifinals, where he faced Ballard's Henry Christensen and came away with a 3-2 win. In the final, he took on Bridgewater and heading into the third period, the New Hampton/Turkey Valley senior trailed 4-2 yet he exuded confidence as he took the mat for the final two minutes of his high school career. He came up with an escape less than 20 seconds into the frame and then patiently worked for a takedown.

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New Hampton/Turkey Valley senior hugs Braden McShane coach Matt Paulus after claiming the 215-pound Class 2A state wrestling championship on Feb. 17 at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

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New Hampton's baseball players "dogpile" after claiming the Class 2A substate title with a win over Denver on July 16 in Decorah.

CHICKASAWS MAKE A RUN AT CLASS 2A STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

New Hampton baseball coach Cory McDonald stood near the third-base dugout at Merchant Field in Carroll and paid homage to a group of seniors that had led New Hampton to a place it had never gone before. On the other side of the diamond, Underwood was celebrating its 5-1 victory over New Hampton in the Class 2A state title game, but in McDonald's eyes, Talyn Bohaty, Ben Gilbert, Noah Jenkins, Braden McShane, Kael Meyers and Ty Robinson were champions. "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." That senior class had accomplished so much, and one loss was not going

to diminish its legacy. They put together a 24-6 regular season that included winning the school's first Northeast Iowa Conference title in five seasons and then opened the playoffs with two resounding wins — 10-1 over Garner-Hayfield-Ventura and 9-5 over Osage — at Mikkelson Park — to advance to the substate game. An 8-1 win over Denver in Decorah in the substate game propelled the Chickasaws to their third state tournament in six seasons. But it turned out that they were just getting started. In both 2019 and 2021, New Hampton had gone "one-and-done" at state, but a nine-run sixth inning led to an 11-1 win over Aplington-Parkersburg in the first round of the 2024 tournament. Two nights later, the Chickasaws used a seven-run third inning to beat Sumner-Fredericksburg in the

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DANCE TEAM WINS FIFTH STRAIGHT TITLE AT STATE MEET

The girls of the New Hampton dance team embrace the pressure, and they do it quite well we might add. They overcame it yet again last month at the Iowa State Dance and Drill Team Championships that were held in Des Moines, where the girls from New Hampton claimed a state championship in its prop division and claimed another trophy with a fourth-place finish in its hip-hop division. It marked the fifth consecutive year that New Hampton had won a title at the state meet. In 2020, the dance team won its crown in the hip-hop division while the past four titles have come in prop. "I mean, you want to keep the streak going, but you have to kind of live in the moment," said junior Kylee Junk, who also finished eighth in the individual competition at the state meet. "You just have to go out



Photo courtesy of Kirk Hardcastle

Members of the New Hampton dance team perform their state championship prop routine on Dec. 5 in Des Moines.

there, do your best and realize, whatever happens, you can't change it. We just had to go out there and do our best." There's the pressure that comes with winning state titles but there's also the pressure that comes on competition day. That's because New Hampton's dancers and their coach, Emma Schwickerath, have to wait for hours to find out how the judges felt they fared. There is, as we often point out, no scoreboard in dance. But Schwickerath was confident as she and her dancers waited for hours for the awards ceremony to start.

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Lauren Nuss watches her tee shot during the second round of the Class 2A state golf tournament this past spring.

NEW HAMPTON KEEPS ITS GIRLS GOLF TRADITION ROLLING

Maybe longtime New Hampton girls golf coach Eric Olson summed up the Chickasaws' 2024 season best. "We checked a lot of boxes," he said in late May after the Class 2A state golf tournament wrapped up its two-day run at Boone's Cedar Pointe Golf Course. That they did. Win a ninth straight Northeast Iowa Conference team title? Check. Advance to the

state tournament for a seventh-consecutive year? Check. Have the medalist runner-up at the state tournament? Check. Pick up another top-four finish at the state tournament? Check. New Hampton finished the tournament dominated by Northeast Iowa teams in fourth place. Sumner-Fredericksburg, led by the incomparable Chloe Bolte, won the team title. Oelwein

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BOWLER MAKES HISTORY WITH STATE TRIP

Jamison Porath went to the bowling alley on Feb. 13 without a clue; he left by making a little bit of history. In just the second year of the New Hampton bowling team, Porath earned the first-ever trip to the state tournament on a day when he just seemed to get better and better.

He opened the district meet with a 213, jumped up to a 227 and then closed out his day on his home "course," Bowlaway Lanes, with a 243. Add it up and it was good for a 683 series and a third-place finish in the tournament. And that was good enough for him

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Jamison Porath follows through after sending his ball down the lane during last winter's district tournament.

IT'S THE END OF AN ERA FOR CHICKASAW FOOTBALL

New Hampton High School did something this past spring it hadn't had to do in more than three decades. It hired a new head football coach. For 31 years, coach Scott Frerichs had led the Chickasaws on to the gridiron under the "Friday Night Lights," but on April 22, an era came to an end when he turned in his resignation. And while he downplayed it, Frerichs did say "there's a

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