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Three cities ask county for ARPA

North Washington, Lawler and Ionia follow Nashua to county boardroom

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A week after the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors indicated that it will follow through on using \$50,000 of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to help the city of Nashua with dam issues, three more Chickasaw County cities on Monday asked the Board of Supervisors to share some of

the county's federal dollars.

Board members agreed to table the requests but only after a relatively lengthy discussion not only about the requests but also the dam project in Nashua.

North Washington and Lawler both made formal requests for \$50,000 of the county's ARPA funds while Ionia asked the county for \$30,000.

North Washington Mayor David

Geerts, who attended Monday's meeting, said his city would use the funds to seal coat streets and told supervisors that the city's budget has been "depleted" after buying a water tank for the city, along with the added expenses of providing emergency medical services.

Lawler and Ionia, meanwhile, both made written requests to the county and although neither city had a representative at Monday's meeting,

Lawler's letter stated that it would use the funds to help fund improvements to city bridges and city streets while Ionia wants the money so that it can continue to make improvements to its city parks.

Geerts brought up both the dam and Nashua's new ambulance service and asked two questions of supervi-

sors.

"Who owns the Nashua dam, the Nashua lake and the generator? I would think that would be known

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It was quite the evening at the Big 4 Fairgrounds as **Elaina Rosonke** (above) is crowned the Chickasaw County fair queen alternate, **Tori Bearman** (right) shares the moment with **Trinity Brincks** after she was crowned fair queen and three **Fredericksburg Futures 4-H Club** members — (below, from left) **Eli Dix**, **Riley Kolthoff** and **Lucille Kleiss** — pose for a photo after "graduating" from **Clover Kids**.



Supervisors pass on offer to have EMS building come with living quarters

Board members say they would like to take possession of building as soon as possible

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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors want to move ahead with finalizing the purchase of a building that will permanently house the Chickasaw County EMS, despite an offer from the building's current owner to delay the sale so that he could put the living quarters for ambulance personnel into the building before the county takes ownership.

Supervisors, though, were lukewarm to the offer, especially after County Attorney David Laudner told the board it would be walking a legal tightrope on some of the language that might be included in a new purchase agreement.

Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson said the idea of having the building's living quarters ready for the county came up recently during a conversation with Jeremy McGrath, who along with his wife Lacey, own the building at 204 E. Prospect St. that the county has agreed to purchase for \$350,000.

The county is expecting the sale to be finalized by Aug. 1, and the city of New Hampton has already agreed to let the county out of its lease for the two Police Department garage spaces Chickasaw County EMS currently uses.

"The only thing he has concerns with ... is it goes out to bid and carpenter x,y and z says it's \$100,000," Knutson said, "but [at the end] the price comes in at \$120,000, he wants to make certain that the county will be agreeable to pay for that overage."

If the building already included living quarters for ambulance crews, the county would not have to spend money for an architect or an engineer, which is one reason the county has explored using donations to cover the costs of remodeling the building so that staff will be at the station 24 hours a day.

Laudner, though, has consistently pointed out that if the county spends any money — he's

SEE AMBULANCE, 4

Teaching 'subs' get a big bump

Board OKs superintendent's suggestion to raise daily pay

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Ask New Hampton Superintendent Jay Jurrens about the biggest challenge facing school districts like his, and his answer comes quickly and takes up all of two words.

Finding subs.

On Monday night, the School Board agreed with the superintendent's recommendation and agreed to raise the substitute teaching pay in the district by 25 percent — from \$120 per day to \$150 per day.

Jurrens earlier Monday said two issues have made finding substitute teachers difficult in recent years. First, there's the teacher shortage, or as the district's top administrator put it,

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CELEBRATING A HECK OF A SHOW!

ACHIEVEMENT SHOW CROWNS ROYALTY DURING AN EVENING IN WHICH IT CELEBRATES 4-H, FFA STANDOUTS

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SNAPSHOTS FROM THE 2023 4-H AND FFA ACHIEVEMENT SHOW!

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Maybe the new Chickasaw County ISU Extension director said it best Saturday evening.

Scratch that, at least the "maybe" part because Amanda Tupper summed it up perfectly

as scores of families, 4-H and FFA members and others gathered at the Big 4 Fairgrounds in

'Celebrities' enjoy their time in the show ring

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
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Nashua's Jada Goddard is a fan of the TV series "Yellowstone." She also loves animals.

So it only made sense that Goddard and her husband Matthew — owners of Goddard Livestock — named one of their Red Angus show heifers "Beth Dutton" in honor of the popular western drama that stars cinematic acting legend Kevin Costner.

The "real" Beth Dutton — a fictional character — is played by English actress Kelly Reilly. Beth is the daughter of patriarch John Dutton (Costner's role) and is one of several members of the legendary, albeit notorious, Montana ranch family that seems to be in a perpetual power struggle to see who controls or benefits the most from their lucrative livestock business.

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Marty Nuss looks like a pro as the **Sumner-Fredericksburg Elementary** teacher competes in the celebrity beef showman-ship contest Friday.

Library celebrates new 'home' for one of its most prized pieces of art

By BOB FENSKE
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New Hampton Public Library Director Carrie Becker doesn't really need a reason to step out of her office; after all, Becker isn't the kind of director who just wants to hole up in her own little space.

But now she has another reason to stretch her legs, for the first thing she sees is the "Path by the Sea," a painting donated to the library years ago on its 50th anniversary and one that has found a new home in the library.

Adam Emory Albright's painting now hangs prominently in the library; in fact, it has its own "wall" thanks to some help from the New Hampton Lions Club members who paid for the new display place for the work of art by a man who grew up in the New Hampton area.

"It was a wonderful partnership, and you know me, I love it when our library can partner with just about anyone," Becker said. "It's absolutely beautiful, and the more and more I learned about Albright and the painting, the more and more I appreciate the fact that so

many people have supported this project."

And earlier this month, the painting and its new display space were celebrated during an open house at the library.

"It has such a unique history and it's been fascinating to learn not only the painting but the artist and the painting's meaning to our library," Becker said. "It's a pretty amazing story, and we hope people treasure it as much as we do here."

During the July 8 open house, Rebecca Hassman Splittstoesser was on hand to discuss her research on Albright, who was one of the most influential and prosperous artists of his day.

Albright was born in Monroe, Wisconsin on Aug. 15, 1862, but he and his 12 brothers and sisters, along with their parents Zachariah and Caroline, grew up in the New Hampton area.

In his book "For Art's Sake," Albright shared that at an early age he liked to "make pictures" and fondly recalled life on the farm along Bradford County, as well as excursions to the Wapsipinicon River.

Both the farm and the river made a great impact on his later



Bob Fenske/Tribune

One of the New Hampton Public Library's most treasured pieces of art has found a new home in the facility thanks to a partnership between the library and the New Hampton Lions Club.

life and art.

In 1880, at 18 years of age, finding no satisfaction in physical labor, Albright set out to attend the Art Institute of Chicago, and he later studied art in Pennsylvania, Munich and Paris before returning to

Chicago in 1888.

Most of his art depicts children in bucolic scenes. His style being somewhat impressionistic, his works are dreamy, idyllic, and pastoral.

Albright was married to Clara Wilson in 1890 and the couple had three sons — Lisle and twins Ivan, and Malvin. The twins both became artists; Ivan was a famous painter while Malvin was an accomplished sculptor. The father and sons set up shop in an abandoned church in Warrenville, Illinois. Albright selected that town due to its peaceful river and country feel. Today that is the site of the Albright Studio Museum.

Over the years Albright returned to New Hampton, whose people welcomed him warmly. He visited in 1928 to install monuments on his parents' graves in Graceland Cemetery.

In 1949, he returned to attend the 50th anniversary of the New Hampton Public Library, where he presented "Path by the Sea" to the library and its longtime director, Bessie Porter, for the children of New Hampton.

In addition to sharing the



story of Albright, Splittstoesser also presented the library several artifacts — including a copy of "For Art's Sake," many many black and white images of the artist and his family printed from glass plates found in the Albright Studio Museum in Warrenville.

Becker said before being placed in its new display area, the painting was professionally restored by Sara Boesen in Des Moines. Edwards Creative of Milan, Illinois, created a museum quality space in which to

display it and the Lion's Club paid for the space.

During the restoration process, the library also had the piece evaluated by an art historian, Mary Louise Kane of Massachusetts, who valued the painting at \$30,000.

"It's such a neat story of a boy who grows up here, becomes a famous artist but never forgets New Hampton," Becker said. "It deserves a prominent spot here, and I'm so thankful, with a lot of support from a lot of people, we could do this."



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Lyndin Maurer (above) gets her calf ready for the show ring while Fredericksburg Futures 4-H club member Eadie Suhr (right) talks with the judge during the Beef Show.



Snapshots from the Achievement Show!



New to this year's show are the "littles" and receiving crowns Saturday night were (from left) Little Mr. Chickasaw Alternate Eli Dix, Little Miss Chickasaw Alternate Addie Rochford, Little Miss Chickasaw Ava Peterson and Little Mr. Chickasaw Lane Van Driel.



The "shows" remain the heart and soul of the Achievement Show and when it comes to the annual fair, sometimes patience is a virtue as participants in the Beef Show (left) and Horse Show (above) can attest.

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often used the phrase “a dime” — on a new building or remodeling one it is purchasing then it must follow state codes that require either an architect or an engineer.

The county attorney was not at Monday’s meeting in person but joined board members by phone, telling them the county can’t take on any of the risk when it comes to cost overruns.

“You can not, can not, have an agreement with him to have him take on the risk and build the building and then pay extra,” he said. “That’s very clear in the law.”

The issue with collecting donations is that it may take months before a non-profit organization — a “Friends of Chickasaw County EMS” — can be formed, and Board Chairman Matt Kuhn wondered if the board would be setting a precedent.

“Are we going to start asking every other department to come up with donated funds,” Kuhn asked his fellow board members. “Why do we single out one department?”

But Supervisor Scott Cerwinski said supervisors only began thinking about using private donations after Knutson brought the idea to the table.

“I don’t think we’ve necessarily singled out this department,” he said. “I think this department said way back when that they could get donations.”

Supervisor Steve Breitbach said he was in favor of using the county’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to build the living quarters in the East Prospect building.

“I think there’s some money out there that could be donated,” Breitbach said, “but it’s going to push this project back so far that I think we want to get that building done sooner.”

Supervisor Jake Hackman, too, was in favor of taking possession of McGrath’s building sooner rather than later, although he also didn’t commit to spending ARPA dollars for the living quarters.

“To stop the purchase agreement that we all agreed to, and now that this is happening, what are we telling the people of this county? I don’t think we can wait for the association to get started,” he said. “We need to get the staff where the trucks are. I just think we should just move forward with the purchase agreement that we both agreed [upon] and get the building bought.”

The biggest hangup, it appeared from Monday’s meeting, was a price quote the county has received from an architect that is also helping the county with cost estimates on remodeling parts of the Heritage Building Center.

The architect is charging the county a little more than \$10,000 for the work at the Heritage but has quoted the county a price of \$35,500 for the work at the East Prospect building.

“Do they really understand what we’re looking for,” Hackman said. “I think we need to go back to them and see why there’s such a big difference.”

Upper Iowa graduates

Upper Iowa University is pleased to announce its 2023 graduates, followed by the respective honors and degree earned.

Area grads include and their degrees are:

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Work continues on New Hampton High School’s new parking lot Monday morning, and Superintendent Jay Jurrens says the parking lot should be open by the middle of next month.

Superintendent says parking lot work at high school is going well

SCHOOL BOARD: FROM 1

“Anyone who wants a job has a job.”

The second reason is rooted in the COVID-19 pandemic. For years, school districts like New Hampton relied heavily on retirees to fill the ranks of substitute teachers, but the pandemic led a number of those subs to eschew the classroom.

“And they haven’t come back,” Jurrens said. “They realized that they didn’t really need the extra money and losing a lot of that core group has really hurt us. We’re not alone on this, by any means. Every district in the state has issues finding substitute teachers.”

Jurrens said he knows districts in the area that are paying as much as \$200 a day for substitute teachers, and he told board members on Monday that Howard-Winneshiek (Crestwood) recently jumped its sub pay to \$175 per day, that Riceville is at \$150 and that

North Fayette Valley is looking to go to \$140 or \$150.

He said he settled on \$150 as his recommendation because it would put New Hampton somewhat in the middle of what districts are offering subs.

“We have to remain competitive and attract people, no question about it,” he said, “and I think this is a solid place to start. We won’t be the highest, but we won’t be the lowest and if we stay at \$120, we’re going to be at the lowest.”

The board’s action on substitute teacher pay was part of a busy Monday evening that started with the School Board holding a work session to interview a pair of high school seniors — Olivia Horner and Leander Reicks — who applied to serve as the student board representative this year.

During its August meeting, board members will make their decision on the student board member, who will take their “non-voting” seats during the

meeting that is set for Aug. 21.

Among the other items discussed at Monday’s meeting were:

- Board members approved a pair of change orders to the new concrete parking lot that is being poured at the high school. Jurrens said earlier Monday that some tiling has had to be added to the project but also noted that the district will save some money because not as much “sub-base” was needed.

Still, he said he expects the project, originally estimated at \$650,000, may come in about \$25,000 over budget, but he said school officials had a \$50,000 contingency set aside in case there were issues that cropped up.

He said the biggest challenge will be the fact that the parking lot won’t open until Aug. 11 at the earliest, meaning that fall sports teams will have to park in the high school’s “upper lot” when they begin practicing earlier next month.

- The resignations of five parapros-

essionals were accepted and Jurrens said the district is actively advertising its open positions. In response to the substitute teacher shortage, the district is offering an additional \$1 per hour to paraprofessionals who also have their sub license.

- Board members did hold off on approving a lease agreement with Little Sprouts Daycare, which will have a “school-age” program at the elementary school, beginning this fall. Board members want some minor revisions to the agreement and will take up the agreement at its August meeting.

- The board approved the hiring of Emily Sanford as a part-time 3-year-old preschool teacher, a position the board created during its June meeting in an attempt to grow the district’s preschool program. Board members also hired Ashley Lester as an academic interventionist and Austin Hemesath as a bus driver.

Rotary Club hands out scholarships

A total of \$7,250.00 in scholarships has been awarded by The New Hampton Rotary Club to eight local students enrolled in post-secondary education programs:

Grace Burrett, Kayla Crooks, Hannah Heit, Chance Johnson, Abby Nie, Morgan Nuss, Brooke Usher and Paige Wisner were all awarded scholarships by the service club.

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Nashua Area EMS’ healthy contingent of volunteers

Let’s be honest, there were a few people out there that said Nashua would never be able to attract enough volunteers to run its own ambulance service, but Nashua Area EMS’ rebuttal just might be this group photo of the men and women who are running for the service that went into operation on July 1. The volunteers who are making sure an ambulance is available to Nashua residents include (front row) Cindy Shoemaker, Carly Clinton, Karagan Fisher, Brookelynn Gerber, Shelena Pasucal, Toni Nelson, Zenda Vikturek, Brandy Molitor, Kurt Nelson, Chad Nelson, (back row) Andrew Pahnisch, Melissa Sudol, Dannon Mohs, Shea Gerber, Abe Karels, Josh Caster, Cheryl Dettmer, Tabitha Corathers, Deb Scroggins, Zade McCall, (absent from photo) Tyler Sedivy and Sharri Dann.



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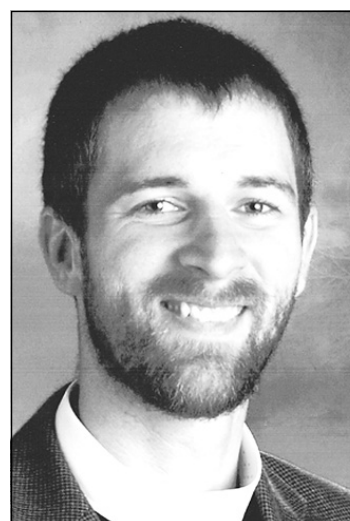
Apostle Paul wrote, "For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another" (Titus 3:3).

Paul states that "doing whatever we want" is not freedom; it is slavery. But then he explained how we have been set free from all that, set free from our sin, from hopelessness, and from death.

"But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to

his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:4-7, and you might want to read these beautiful words again).

Jesus let Himself be bound and taken to the cross, so we would be set free from our sin by the shedding of His blood. And He let Himself be wrapped in burial cloths and locked up in a tomb, so we would be set free from the chains of death by His resurrection.



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

This declaration of our freedom is conveyed to us through God's powerful Word and Sacraments—a freedom that no one and nothing can undo.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Packing in a lot of learning, fun at Trinity!

Staff from Camp EWALU lead Trinity Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School students in a song as the second day of VBS kicked off Tuesday morning. Students taking part in the Bible School are not only learning a lot this week, they're taking part in a bunch of fun activities — including making tie-dye bags, geocaching at Twin Ponds Nature Center, playing water games and spending an afternoon at Mikkelson Park. VBS ends today (Thursday) with a Family Night that will include a potluck supper and the fun things "campers" learned while attending VBS.

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a.m.

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Almanac

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Wednesday	81	57	.78
Thursday	77	60	1.88
Friday	80	58	.05
Saturday	79	57	.10
Sunday	77	53	--
Monday	76	52	--
Tuesday	75	55	--

Forecast

Thursday: Sunny and pleasant with a high of 77 and a low of 55.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 78 and a low of 57.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high of 81 and a low of 59.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high of 83 and a low of 61.

Extended forecast: We'll have more typical summer weather to start the work week as highs climb into the upper 80s and lows drop into the mid-60s.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.

History

- In 1881, five years after Lt. Col. George A. Custer's infamous defeat at the Battle of the Little Bighorn, Hunkpapa Teton Sioux leader Sitting Bull surrenders to the U.S. Army, which promises amnesty for him and his followers.
- In 1944, German dictator Adolf Hitler cheats death as a bomb planted in a briefcase goes off, but fails to kill him.
- In 1969, American astronaut Neil Armstrong, 240,000 miles from Earth, speaks these words to more than a billion people listening at home: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." Stepping off the lunar module Eagle, Armstrong became the first human to walk on the surface of the moon.
- In 1976, on the seventh anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing, the Viking 1 lander, an unmanned U.S. planetary probe, successfully lands on the surface of Mars.
- In 1977, a flash flood hits Johnstown, Pennsylvania, killing 84 people and causing millions of dollars in damages.

Bernard Wayne Mathews, 79

Bernard Wayne Mathews, affectionately known as Bernie, died Friday, June 30, 2023, at Linn Haven Rehab & Healthcare in New Hampton.

He was born on Feb. 19, 1944, in Vancouver, Washington, the son of Christopher and Margaret (Slifka) Mathews.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Chickasaw Event Center in New Hampton.

The interment will be at a later date.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in New Hampton has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences for the Mathews family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Bernie spent his formative years in Cresco, where he embraced the joys of small-town life and cultivated his love for hard work and community. A proud graduate of Notre Dame High School in Cresco in 1962, he immediately embarked on a path of service and dedication, working for the Street Department for the city of Cresco.

In 1965, Bernie's life took a turn when he met and married Sharon Lowe of New Hampton. Their union was blessed with four children — Kim, Sheila, Chris, and Danny, who filled their lives with laughter, love, and unforgettable memories. Despite their eventual divorce, the bond they shared as parents remained strong.

Bernie's industrious spirit led him to the John Deere Tractor Works in Waterloo, where he started working in 1965. For 30 years, he poured his heart and soul into his work, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues. His dedication and commitment were a testament to his character, and he retired in 1995 with a legacy of excellence and integrity.

On May 19, 1995, Bernie embarked on a new chapter in his life, marrying Sandra Reicks at the Little Brown Church in Nashua.

They made their home in New Hampton, where they shared a life filled with joy, love, and shared passions. Bernie's adventurous spirit found a perfect outlet in fishing, classic cars, and truck pulling with his sons. The couple's 1962 Chevy Monte Carlo, a treasured purchase, became a familiar sight as they cruised around town, embodying their love for adventure and each other.



Bernie Mathews

Described as handy, adventurous, and analytical, Bernie was a man who embraced life to the fullest. He had a knack for fixing things, a testament to his handy skills that were invaluable to his family and friends. His adventurous nature led him to explore new experiences, while his analytical mind helped him navigate the complexities of life with grace and wisdom.

In every aspect of his life, Bernie Mathews was a symbol of strength, resilience, and unwavering love. His legacy will continue to inspire those who knew him, reminding them of the power of hard work, the importance of family, and the joy of living life to the fullest. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all those whose lives were touched by his presence.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra; two daughters, Kim (Dan Beach) Mathews and Sheila (John Milliron) Ross; two sons, Chris (Kari) Mathews and Danny (Jessie) Mathews; nine grandchildren, Paige (Jeremy) Greene, Evan (Josh Brannen) Shares, Nichole Schmidt, Cody Schmidt, Ashlee (Tucker) Cooper, Lexi Ross, Levi Mathews, Zeb Mathews and Danica Mathews; seven great-grandchildren; brother, Eddie (Karen Heier) Mathews; sisters, Pat (Bob) Gallagher; brothers-in-law, Dave (Faye Kozelka) Reicks and Dean Reicks; sisters-in-law, Pat Ahern, Barb (Dave) Schmauss, Lori (Dave Goodell) Reicks, Sharon (Bob Cox) Reicks and Debbie Reicks; many nieces and nephews; his former wife, Sharon Rowe; and his good dog, Sadie.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his in-laws, Denny (Katy) Reicks, Bill (Sandy) Reicks, Mike Reicks, Al Reicks and Mark Ahern.

Doris (Steere) Lovejoy, 76

Doris (Steere) Lovejoy, age 76 of Charles City, went to Heaven on Thursday, July 13, 2023.

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

Online condolences for Doris' family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Property Transfers

Jackie L. Hoffman and Jackie L. Wilson to Jackie L. Hoffman and David L. Hoffman; WOOD HAVEN ADD L7 NW 07-95-14.

John W. Hauser, John Hauser and Elizabeth Hauser to Keith R. Hauser and Jennifer C. Hauser; NE NW 36-94-11 EX S470' W463'4" NW NW 26-94-11 NE NE 35-94-11.

Keith R. Hauser TR, John W. Hauser TR, John Hauser TR, Raymond M. Hauser REV TR and Marcella M. Hauser REV TR to John W. Hauser and Elizabeth Hauser; EX S483' W430' SW SE 29-94-11 EX BEG NW COR NE SW 29-94-11 BEG SE COR SW 29-94-11 EX W60AC SE 30-94-11.

Gerald F. Linder to Ethan Koch and Kimber M. Powers; FREDERICKSBURG MATTKES FIRST ADDITIION Lot: 1.

AK Family LLC to Adam Douglas Kleiss, Kayln Marie Boge Kleiss and Kayln Marie Boge Kleiss; PARCEL 2021-15 IN PARCEL 2020-17 SW NW 28-94-12.

Phyllis Vsetecka EST, David Vsetecka EX and Keith Vsetecka EX to Kevin E. Vsetecka; PARCEL 2022-81 SE NE 36-97-12 PARCEL 2022-81 NE SE 36-97-12 PARCEL 2022-82 NW SW 31-97-11.

The family of Francella Burgart would like to thank the nurses, therapist, aides and other staff at New Hampton Nursing and Rehab for providing the best care possible for our mom while she was a resident there. We are so grateful to this wonderful team for their warm, compassionate and loving care they gave mom every day during her stay. Thanks to Father Jim Goerend, Pastor of Good Shepherd Catholic Parish and those who visited mom to provided communion. You gave mom great comfort; your visits meant so much to her.

Thank you so much to the St. Croix Hospice staff who helped keep mom comfortable in her final days. Each of you were a great help to mom and to our family during her final days.

Thank you to the team of compassionate and talented people at Hugeback Johnson Funeral Home for a wonderful celebration of life for mom. You all helped make this trying time easier for us. Thanks to Gladys Christoph for her assistance with the many details that made mom's funeral mass so special for her many family and friends who attended the service. Thanks to Julie. Burgart and Pocketful of Posies for the lovely flowers.

Thank you to Father Jerry Kopacek, Deacon Tom Renze and Deacon Vic Desloover for providing such a beautiful mass and eulogy for our mom. We would like to thank Dennis and Michelle Lau for giving your time and talent to provide the beautiful music. Thanks to our brother Jim for the wonderful tribute to mom he gave at the end of Mass.

Thanks to the Rosary Society for providing lunch. The sandwiches, salads and desserts were excellent. Our thanks to the many people who prepared and donated the wonderful meal.

Lastly, we thank all those who visited mom during her stay. Your visits always lifted mom's spirits and helped in so many ways. Thanks to all of you who helped us through this difficult journey with memories of mom, hugs, prayers, food, flowers, cards, and keepsakes. We are so grateful.

Patricia ‘Pat’ Ipsen, 75

Patricia “Pat” Ipsen, age 75 of New Hampton, died Sunday, July 16, 2023, at 9th Street Chautauqua Guest Home in Charles City.

A gathering of family and friends will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 23, 2023, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton, followed by a Remembrance Service at 4:00 p.m.

Online condolences for Pat's family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Patricia Ann Ipsen — a remarkable woman, educator and community advocate — was born on March 17, 1948, in Newark, New Jersey. Patricia, a gracious and dedicated individual, devoted her life to the service of others, both in her professional and personal pursuits. Her kindness, intelligence, and thoughtfulness left an indelible mark on the hearts of all those who knew her.

After graduating from Jefferson Community High School in 1966, Patricia went on to pursue higher education at the State Teachers College in Cedar Falls. She earned her degree in 1969 and later returned to the University of Northern Iowa to obtain her master's degree in library media science. Her passion for learning and her desire to become a librarian fueled her academic journey.

During her time at UNI, Patricia met the love of her life, Bill Ipsen, who was her roommate's brother. Despite the time it took for their paths to align, as Bill was serving our country in the Navy, the two eventually found each other and embarked on a brief courtship.

They were married on Dec. 18, 1971, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. The newlyweds initially made their home in an apartment on Main



Patricia Ipsen

Street in New Hampton before eventually settling on a beautiful acreage north of the town, where they established their forever home in May 1974.

Patricia's professional life was dedicated to teaching and the pursuit of knowledge. She began her career teaching 11th-grade English in New Hampton from 1969 to 1978. Following this, she owned and operated a bookstore in the town from 1978 to 1986.

Patricia's lifelong dream of becoming a librarian came to fruition in 1987 when she took on the role at New Hampton, a position she held for 30 years until her retirement in 2016. Pat was instrumental in planning and soliciting donations for the new library in New Hampton in the early 1990s.

Outside of her work, Patricia's interests were many and varied. She loved canning tomatoes, a food she held sacred. “Ravioli Day” was a treasured family affair annually, that grew to support community fundraisers as well. Cooking, baking and entertaining were all passions that Patricia pursued with great joy.

The arts also played a significant role in her life, with her love for musicals, concerts

Vincent Thomas Morrissey, 78

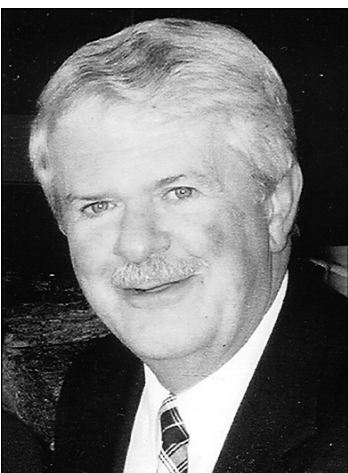
Vincent Thomas Morrissey, age 78 of Osseo, Wisconsin, passed away on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at Dove Healthcare, Osseo.

He was born on March 28, 1945 in Detroit, the son of Vincent D. Morrissey and Eleanor A. Morrissey (nee Koviak). He spent his childhood in Detroit.

He married Suzanne M. Germain in 1970. Together they had four children — Matthew, Mark, Bridget, and Patrick — Suzanne passed away in 2000 and on Aug. 30, 2003, Vince married Kristine Boeckmann of Osseo.

Vince graduated from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School in 1963, and received his bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and his master's degree from Central Michigan University.

Vince worked in hospital administration most of his life, both in Michigan and Iowa. He also taught classes at Northeast Iowa Community College.



Vince Morrissey

Vince would be a big help to Santa Claus at various functions during the holiday season.

He served with distinction in the Michigan National Guard. Vince was a member of the Waverly Chamber of Commerce, the New Hampton Library and Bandshell Revitalization Project, and an active member of his local community in New Hampton.

Michael Gerard Stika, 68

Michael Gerard Stika, age 68 of Madison, Indiana, and son of the late Robert and Dorothy (Hruska) Stika, Sr., died Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at the Kindred Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

A Memorial Mass will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 22, 2023, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Protivin, with the Rev. Nick Radloff and Deacon Jim Zajicek presiding.

Inurnment will follow at the church cemetery.

Briefs

County notification needed for road and ditch work

Chickasaw County officials are reminding residents that a permit is required from the county engineer's office for any work that is to be performed within secondary road right of way. This includes various tasks such as ditch cleaning, placement of new driveways, driveway extensions, filling in ditches, etc.

Placement or burying of rocks, broken concrete or any other foreign matter in county

ditches or within secondary road right of way is not allowed. Anyone placing such debris will be notified by letter to remove it. Failure to respond to such letter within a timely manner will provide cause for official notice to remove the debris within 48 hours. After the 48-hour notice, the debris will be removed with the costs assessed to the adjacent property owner.

Farm cropping within secondary road right of way is not allowed. Anyone farming within county right of way will be notified to reseed the road right of way within a timely manner.

Thank You

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who brought food, sent cards, memorials, flowers, prayers, or offered support during the time of Mark's passing. Special thanks to Father Radloff, Deacon Jim Zajicek, everyone involved in Mark's funeral service and meal, Lawler American Legion and Sons of the Legion #279, St. Croix Hospice for their loving care, and Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home for their professional guidance and work.

The family of Mark Timlin

Church to hold ice cream social

Immanuel Lutheran Church in rural Lawler will hold an ice cream social on Wednesday, July 26, but it will include much more than just ice cream.

The church will serve ice cream, toppings, brownies, apple crisp, pork sandwiches, potato salad and baked beans during the event that will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door and are \$12 for those 11 and older, \$6 for children ages 5 to 10 and free to kids 4 and under.

Retired? Consider benefits of part-time work

After spending decades in the workforce, you might look forward to the day you retire. But if you decide, for one reason or another, that you'd like to redefine "retirement" to include part-time work or consulting, you could enjoy exercising your skills and meeting new people. But you can also receive some key financial benefits.

Specifically, bringing in some paychecks in your retirement can help you in these areas:

- *You could contribute more to your IRA.* During your working years, you may have contributed regularly to an IRA, but once you retired, you might have thought those days were over. But there's no age limit – if you have any earned income, you can contribute to an IRA and boost the financial resources you have available for retirement.

- *You could potentially lower your withdrawal rate.* Once you're retired, you will likely need to rely on your investment portfolio to provide you with some – or maybe most – of your income. Consequently, you'll need to establish an appropriate withdrawal rate – a percentage of your portfolio that you can take out each year without running the risk of potentially outliving your money. Income from part-time work or consulting may lower your dependency on investment income, thereby reducing your annual withdrawal rate and extending the overall longevity of your investment portfolio.

- *You could add to your grandchildren's 529 plans.* When you invest in a 529 education savings plan, the earnings and withdrawals are federally tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified education expenses. As a grandparent, you can contribute to a 529 plan with your grandchildren as beneficiaries. And a 529 plan can be used for more than college – it can fund some programs at trade schools and K-12 expenses in some states. So, by putting some of your earned income to



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work in a 529 plan, you can help improve your grandchildren's prospects.

- *You could reduce your debts.* By the time you reach retirement, you may or may not have retired your mortgage, but you might have other debts on your books. If you can apply some of your earned income to these debts, you can improve your cash flow and possibly avoid dipping into your retirement accounts for short-term needs.

Of course, you'll also have to consider some issues if you end up working in retirement, particularly if you bring in a sizable amount of money. For example, if you're earning income and collecting Social Security before you reach your "full" retirement age – which is likely between 66 and 67 – your monthly benefits will be reduced. (However, these "lost" benefits will be restored once you do reach your full retirement age.) Also, the added income could push you into a higher tax bracket or even cause you to pay the Medicare premium surcharge or the 3.8% surtax on net investment income if your income reaches certain levels. So, before embarking on any employment that may yield a large additional income, consult with your tax advisor.

Overall, though, the financial benefits of part-time employment income during your retirement years may be worth it – so give some thought to "unretiring."

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

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Area farm fields get much-needed rain

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Even though the U.S. Drought Monitor's Iowa map remains "ugly," there's some good news for area farmers in this week's USDA's Iowa Crop Progress and Condition Report.

That's because New Hampton in particular and Northeast Iowa in general finally got some decent rainfall last week; in fact, over a five-day period beginning on Tuesday, July 11, New Hampton recorded 3.49 inches of rain.

And while New Hampton may have

had the highest rainfall in Northeast Iowa, much of the rest of the area received anywhere between 1 and 3 inches of rain, and it showed in that USDA report that was released on Monday.

Just 3 percent of farmland in Iowa's Northeast District was "very short" of topsoil moisture while 34 percent remained "short."

Still, that was much better than even two weeks ago when the USDA reported 41 percent of farmland in the district was "short" of topsoil moisture and 11 percent was "very short."

This week's report showed that 37 per-

cent of subsoil moisture was "very short" or "short," down from 59 percent just before the Fourth of July holiday.

Through Tuesday, New Hampton had received 4.63 inches, more than 1 1/2 inches more than the 3.03 the area normally receives in the first 19 days of the month.

Much of last week's precipitation fell before the U.S. Drought Monitor released its weekly report on Thursday, which continued to classify the southern half of Chickasaw County as enduring "severe drought" while the northern half of the county is dealing with "moderate drought" conditions.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

It could take more than three months, but New Hampton's stoplights on Main Street should be in "sync" by the end of the year, thanks to a decision by the City Council on Monday night.

New Hampton will dip into reserves to fix stoplights

By **BOB FENSKE**
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The New Hampton City Council bit the bullet Monday night and moved ahead with purchasing controllers for five city stoplights at a cost of \$26,500.

Council members had discussed the controllers during a meeting last month after they learned that three of the stoplights had controllers that were beyond repair because of their age, but they held off on a solution because they wanted city officials to explore grant opportunities for the city.

The controller on the stoplight at South Linn Avenue and Hamilton Street has not worked for several years, and last week, the controller on the stoplight at North Linn and Prospect Street went out. That left five of

the seven stoplights in the city without effective controllers.

"Right now, we just have to fix our lights," Councilman Joe Denner said. "That's what we've got to do."

But City Clerk Karen Clemens had little good news for the council when it came to grants – saying the city doesn't qualify for federal grants and although the Iowa Department of Transportation does have a grant program in place, the earliest the city could receive money from the program is July 1, 2024.

Clemens told council members the city has about \$6,000 in the current budget, which meant if city leaders went ahead with the purchase of the controllers for the five faulty stoplights, the city would have to amend its budget and dip into the city's general fund reserves.

During the discussion last month, New Hampton Fire Chief Toby Schwickerath had told the council that he'd like the city to purchase at least some emergency vehicle preemption units, which allow vehicles like fire trucks, ambulances and police cars to "switch" the lights when they are on emergency calls. Those units, Clemens said, are \$6,988 apiece.

There had also been talk about purchasing a "video protection unit" for the stoplight at Linn Avenue and Main Street, and that unit runs \$14,000.

Councilwoman Mindy Humpal said she felt pursuing the "flashers" – the nickname for the emergency vehicle units – could be put off for a year to see if New Hampton could come up with grant money.

"My thought would be an amendment to the budget for

the [controllers] and potential grant application for the flashers," Humpal said. "I think that's a worthwhile avenue to pursue, and I don't know [about] the video."

Fellow council member Katie Fisher said as much as she would like to see the video production unit, the cost concerned her.

"If we can get two flashers on the lights that we want for less than what we would get for one video," Fisher said. "That makes more sense to me."

Council members ended up unanimously approving the purchase of the controllers and seeking grants for the other units, but it will be a while before the city receives the controllers because Clemens was told that it would take about 90 days for them to be delivered once the order is placed.

N-P principal ready to dive into new position

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Dean Youngblut goal is to "hit the ground running."

Considering that the new Nashua-Plainfield secondary principal's contract doesn't technically start until Aug. 1 and he was in his office on Wednesday, it looks like he's going to reach that goal.



Youngblut

"The summer is flying by and Aug. 1 is going to be here before we know it," he said, "and I want us to hit the ground running when we get there so I'm going to be in the office a day or two each week until then. The more I can get done now, the more people I can meet, the better it will be when Aug. 1 rolls around."

The Nashua-Plainfield School Board approved the hiring of Youngblut to replace Karl Smith during its meeting last Monday.

He will replace Karl Smith, who worked at Nashua-Plainfield for the past two years and resigned after accepting an elementary principal position in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Youngblut said he was excited to take on a new role.

Raised in Jesup, where he was a member of the Class of 1994, Youngblut attended the University of Northern Iowa and earned a degree in 6-12 math education in 1998. He taught and coached at South Hamilton, North Tama, Union and Jesup before taking a job at Expo High School in Waterloo as a math instructor. He has coached football, baseball, wrestling and softball and has also been a longtime wrestling official – working the past seven state tournaments.

Nashua-Plainfield fans may recognize Youngblut because he worked as an official at the Class 1A regional dual meet the Huskies' hosted this past winter.

"I've enjoyed that a lot, the officiating part," he said, "because it's kept me involved

in the sport. Obviously, it's a different perspective when you're officiating, but it's a way to get to meet a lot of great coaches and kids."

And while he isn't going to hang up his whistle, there's no question his first priority is his new job.

"As a leader, I think of myself as a facilitator," he said, "and I've always felt that way even as a teacher so really, the only thing that's different is that now in addition to facilitating for students, I'll be doing it for our teachers and our staff."

"If they want to try something new, I want to be there to help them gain that experience. If they want to get better at something, I want to help them reach that goal. I think it's important to realize that one person doesn't have all the answers but together, we do."

Youngblut said one of the things that attracted him to Nashua-Plainfield was the school district's staff.

"From everything I've heard, we have an outstanding faculty," he said, "and it's a great community. I'm excited to get going. I think you can see that excitement when I'm here on a Wednesday in July. I can't wait to get going."

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Public Works director makes plea for residents to complete surveys

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

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

Public Works Director Casey Mai said this is mandatory for the City of New Hampton to complete. As of to-date, only about 550 properties out of 1,680 (32.7 %) have completed the survey. Please go to the City of New Hampton's website and complete the short survey. Failure to submit will result in city staff having to enter your structure at a later date to verify. Please fill out a separate survey for each property you own within the City of New Hampton. There are hard copies of the survey, available for pick-up at City Hall if you don't have the electronic means to complete.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment for assistance in completing the survey, contact Mai at 641-557-8244 or by email at nhpublicworksdirector@gmail.com.

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Agencies providing emergency food and shelter programs in Chickasaw County can apply for federal funds to assist their efforts.

The county has been awarded \$5,561 through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

A local board will determine how the funds, appropriated by Congress, are to be distributed among emergency food and shelter program run by local service agencies in the area.

Eligible local service agencies must be private voluntary non-profits or units of government eligible to receive federal funds; have an accounting system and practice non-discrimination; have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food or shelter programs; and have a voluntary board if they are a private voluntary organization.

Agencies interested in applying for EFSP funds should contact Sheri Alldredge, Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments, at 319- 235-0311 for an application.

Applications must be received by Aug. 4, 2023, and awards will be announced soon after.



Photo courtesy of Marj Troyna

Strong turnout for Class of '73's 50th reunion!

The New Hampton High School Class of 1973 met for its 50-year class reunion during last Month's Heartland Days celebration. The classmates rode on a float during the Heartland Days parade and later met in a picnic shelter out at Mikkelson Park for social get-together. The following day, a social hour, followed by meal, was held at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club. Between both nights, the Class of 1973 had approximately 75 classmates attend plus many spouses/friends.

Those in attendance included (front row, from left) Jan (Richardson) Eiler, Paula (Beckman) Clites, Terri (McGrane) Shepard, Bev Valvoda, Terry Baltes, Marj (Christoph) Troyna, Dixie (Burgart) Joebgen, Barb (Brincks) Gieber, Karen (Richter) Utley, Alice (Knutson) Rasing, Irvin Nystel, Dale Helling, Gail Schaudenecker, Donna (Johnson) Blocker, Carolyn (Burgart) Nelson, Al Mahoney, Larry Fickbohm, (second row) Joyce (Knutson) Bergmann, Sue Heiman, Mike Rosonke, Duane Heit, Tony Meirick, Paul DiLaura, Jane (Hauth) David, Darise (Stolfus) Donat, Ben Beckman, Rob Kotz, Jane (Wikner) Unga, Coleen (Cheney) Rowley, Julie (Zipse) Keller, Jo (Skoda) Vaala, Corinne (Colbert) Ball, Barb (Koons) Sauser, Jim Roths, Kevin Crooks, Dale Maklenburg, Mark Huegel, Marty Blocker, Dwight Kolthoff, John Rankin, Tim Phillips, Duane Maupin, (third row) Jane (Wamsher) Angell, Vicki (Schroeder) Halvorson, Steve Gebel, Kelvin Leibold, Rich Hruska, Duane Gebel, Gary Halvorson, Bob Vorwald, Dan Testroet, Dave Hennings, Dave Heusmann, Tom Ball, Kevin Crooks, Jim Boos, (fourth row) Dennis Johnson, Tom Jenn, Chuck Schultz, Creighton Huffman, Mike Weber, Bob Rigler, Lynn Nosbisch, Steve Geerts, Steve Nosbisch and Randy Breitbach.

Awards are handed out at annual Achievement Show

SHOW: FROM 1

FFA Achievement Show wasn't done Saturday evening — there was still a Dairy Show to be held Sunday and the annual Achievement Show breakfast and auction on Monday — the folks gathered on a beautiful, albeit a bit smoky, summer evening were there to celebrate.

And the show, a rite of July here in our little corner of the world, had plenty to proclaim Saturday.

There were awards to hand out, Clover Kids to graduate, nine-year FFA members to honor, a Hall of Fame to induct and, of course, crown a little royalty.

After handing out a number of awards and honors, Achievement Show officials announced that the late Nancy Demro was Chickasaw

County's newest 4-H Hall of Fame member before concluding the Awards Ceremony with the crowning of Little Mr. Chickasaw Lane Van Drill, Little Miss Chickasaw Ava Peterson, 2023 Chickasaw Fair Queen Alternate Elaina Rosonke and 2023 Chickasaw Fair Queen Tori Bearman, who will represent the county at next month's Iowa State Fair in Des Moines.

Throw in a scrumptious meal provided by the Chickasaw County Pork Producers, and it was a heck of an evening at the fairgrounds in Nashua.

"It's been a great show so far," County Youth Director Patrick Dirks said, "and I think for me, when I look out there and see all the people that were here, it shows you just how much people care about our little show here. And that's reason enough to celebrate."



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Chickasaw County's nine-year 4-H members — (from left) Eadie Suhr, Noah Eichenberger, Kandice Eggerichs, Trinity Brincks and Kendall Bailey-Pint — are honored during the Awards Ceremony Saturday evening.

New Hampton Community Schools First Day of School August 23, 2023



REGISTRATION

Parents of children in the elementary, middle and high school are asked to register their children online for the 2023-24 school year. Online registration will open on:

Monday, July 24, 2023

Go to: new-hampton.k12.ia.us

Click Menu, go to Registration, and follow the links.

If you need assistance, please contact the School Offices or stop in after August 1st.

Parents new to district should stop in or call the school office after August 1st for assistance.

The purpose of registration is to provide an opportunity for parents to pay school fees, hot lunch/breakfast fees and to find out their class assignments. This service is necessary to eliminate congestion on the first day of school. Education Options Registration will be with registration on the above dates.

FEE SCHEDULE

INSTRUCTION FEE

K-4 \$55.00

5-8 \$80.00

9-12 \$85.00

7-8 GRADE ATHLETIC TOWEL FEE \$20.00

One time payment per year if a student participates in football, volleyball, cross country, basketball, wrestling and/or track.

RevTrack online fees will be waived until August 23, 2023

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAMS AT ALL BUILDINGS BEGINNING

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Breakfast (preK-4)\$1.85

Lunch Per Meal (preK-4) .\$.2.75

Lunch Per Meal (5-12) ...\$.2.85

Extra Milk Per Carton 40¢

Afternoon Milk (K-3)\$45.00

Lunch fees may be paid during registration. Please fill out a Free/Reduced Lunch Form to see if you qualify. The High School will have a closed noon period ~ students will eat in the cafeteria whether they bring their lunch or use the school lunch program.

OPTIONAL FEES

School Yearbook High School\$60.00

Vehicle Registration\$15.00

High School students who drive vehicles to school **must** register each vehicle. All vehicles must have a sticker/tag visible from outside the vehicle in order to legally park in the high school parking lot.

ACTIVITY PASS

Student Activity Passes will be FREE for all regular home Athletic events held at New Hampton CSD. Thanks to the generous partnership from Bank Iowa, NH Athletic Booster Club, First Citizens, Rochford Insurance Agency, O'Donnell Insurance, Fidelity Bank, Security State Bank, Luana State Bank, Joe Maloy Insurance, Nosbisch Insurance, Andrew Robinson - State Farm Insurance, and Curtis Franzen - Farm Bureau Financial. State sponsored tournaments, NEIC Conference Tournaments, the high school and middle school musicals, and the high school variety show are NOT included in this fee.

K-4. Free

5-12. Free

H.S. Activity Admission Fees

Adults \$5.00 per event

Students \$5.00 per football event

Students \$3.00 per other event

M.S. Activity Admission Fees

Adults \$3.00

Students \$2.00

Family \$5.00

The school will provide the opportunity for adults to obtain a ten-punch activity pass for the 2023-24 school year at a cost of \$45.00 per ticket. With the ten-punch ticket at \$45.00, an individual will save \$5.00 over the cost of ten single admissions. Over and above the cost of savings, an activity pass holder will gain quicker admission to events. People who hold an activity pass will not need to stand in line to obtain their single admission ticket. These activity passes will only be honored at New Hampton home events and would not apply to state sponsored tournaments, the high school musical, and NEIC Conference tournaments. The ten-punch activity passes can be obtained during the dates noted above for student registration days or from the Superintendent's Office any day during normal business hours.

Adult
Activity
Pass

WAIVER OF STUDENT FEES

Students whose families meet the income guidelines for free and reduced price lunch, the Family Investment Program (FIP), Supplementary Security Income (SSI), transportation assistance under open enrollment, or who are in foster care are eligible to have their student fees waived or partially waived. The Standard Fee Waiver application form will be available when parents register their children. This waiver does not carry over from year to year and must be completed annually. This waiver of student fees applies only to the above listed fees. Fees for the high school and middle school yearbooks and activity passes are not included in these waiver provisions.

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SATURDAY JULY 29 | **10 AM TO 3:30 PM**
Family Fun For Everyone!
Games, Food, Activities & Local Products
Parking on the street and one block west at St. John's Lutheran Church

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Visit floydcountymuseum.org
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CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Join us to Celebrate

Sharon & Bernard Krizan

Open House
Saturday, July 29
1 pm to 3 pm
at Here's 2U, Fredericksburg

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY BOARD ROOM MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023 5:15 P.M.

The members of the Telecommunications Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. in the Telecommunications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton.

Board members present were Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, Cantu and Dahl. Attorney Kit O'Donohoe, General Manager Brian Quirk and Deputy Clerk Courtney Lechtenberg were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anderson at 5:40 p.m.

Moved by Cantu; seconded by Hendricks; that the agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Hendricks; seconded by Dahl; that the minutes of the regular meeting minutes of June 12, 2023, be approved as presented. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock; seconded by Cantu; that claims in the amount of \$133,266.91 be approved as presented. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Hendricks; seconded by Babcock; that the Finance Reports for

June, 2023, be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

General Manager Update:
1. Staff is busy with installations and one calls

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Babcock; that the meeting adjourn at 5:49 p.m. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

ATTEST: COURTNEY LECHTENBERG, Deputy Clerk
GRANT ANDERSON, Board Chair
TELECOMMUNICATIONS July 10, 2023 5:15 P.M.

State of Iowa, Sales & Use Tax- May..... \$1,206.75
Aureon, Transport Service..... \$2,685.00
Showtime Networks, Showtime Package..... \$899.95
Waverly Utilities, Transport Service..... \$899.95
Cedar Falls Utilities, Wholesale Bandwidth..... \$1,110.00
Black Hills Energy, Gas Service..... \$39.11
Cedar Falls Utilities, Shared IPTV Costs Jan- May 2023..... \$1,344.03
US Cellular, iPad Service & Device Payment..... \$65.57
Payroll Account, Salaries June 2023..... \$20,113.65
Betty Gorman Estate, Customer Reim-

bursement..... \$87.47
Joanne Winter, Customer Reimbursement..... \$17.64
National Cable TV Coop, Connectors..... \$98.91
Reimbursement, Medical Reimbursement..... \$2,104.45
BIG Network, Digital Base, Total Base, BTN..... \$284.40
Butler Bremer Communications, Voice..... \$740.53
Calix, Inc., Cloud Support..... \$239.28
Cedar Falls Utilities, 28E Agreement Headend Equipment..... \$1,179.51
Five Star Coop, Gas..... \$114.75
Goldfield Telecom, Power Adapters, GPON line cards..... \$46,129.08
Graybar, Cables, EZ Bends..... \$3,783.23
High Plains Technology, Monthly Micro-solf 365 Fee..... \$74.50
Innovative Systems, Printing, Mailing, Software License Additional Service..... \$30,250.32
Iowa One Call, Email..... \$135.00
Jendro, Refuse Pickup..... \$77.57
M.T.S., Inc., Window Washing..... \$34.24
National Cable TV Coop, Video Programming..... \$8,377.41
National Cable TV Coop, Staples, Remotes..... \$910.92
New Hampton Tribune, Legal Publication / Marketing..... \$422.88
NIMECA, Disability Insurance ... \$78.26

Patriot Communications, LLC, Installations..... \$10,502.50
Schueth Ace Hardware, Building Supplies..... \$84.49
US Copyright Office, Licensing Fee..... \$67.00

TOTAL TO BE APPROVED..... \$133,266.91

PAYROLL CHECKS WRITTEN SINCE June 12, 2023

AFLAC, Supplemental Insurance..... \$48.12
Ameritas Variable Life Insurance, Deferred Comp..... \$90.00
Ameritas Variable Life Insurance, Deferred Comp..... \$90.00
EFTPS, FICA & Federal Taxes..... \$1,638.89
EFTPS, FICA & Federal Taxes..... \$1,642.36
Iowa Dept of Revenue, State Withholding Tax..... \$541.40
Treasurer, State of Iowa, IPERS..... \$2,393.61
Wellmark, Health & Dental Insurance..... \$2,885.81

TOTAL PAYROLL..... \$9,330.19

No.23146
07/20/23

MULTI-CULTURAL GENDER FAIR (MC/GF) GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Students, parents of students, or employees of the New Hampton Community Schools have the right to file a formal complaint alleging non-compliance with the regulations outlined in Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or Section 12.(8) of the Iowa State Education Standards.

Level I (Informal and Optional) - Employees with a grievance of discrimination on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, race, national origin or disability may first discuss it with their principal or immediate supervisor, with the objective of resolving the matter informally. A student or parent with a complaint of discrimination on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, race, national origin or disability should immediately discuss it with the teacher, counselor or building administrator involved.

Level II (Informal and Optional) - If the concern remains unresolved, the grievant is encouraged to approach the MC/GF Compliance Committee for the purpose of resolving the concern through fact gathering and discussion. The role of this group is to reconcile, if possible, the concern of the grievant using an informal procedure. The group will consist of the grievant, the person against whom the grievance has been filed, the principal or designee, a minimum of two MC/GF Advisory Committee members, and the MC/GF Facilitator.

Level III (Formal) - If the grievance is not resolved at level one or level two and the grievants wish to pursue the grievance, they may formalize it by filing a complaint in writing on the Compliance Violation Form, which may be obtained from the Compliance Officer.

The remaining steps in the grievance process will be reviewed with the grievant. The entire grievance procedure is available for inspection in the Compliance Officer's Office along with other information relating to these topics. Please contact Brad Schmitt, Middle School Principal, 710 W. Main, New Hampton, IA 50659, (641) 394-2134 ext. 2 b_schmitt@new-hampton.k12.ia.us if you have any questions, concerns, or complaints. Mr. Schmitt is the Title VI and Title IX Officer for the New Hampton Community School District.

PARENTAL NOTICE GENERAL EDUCATION INTERVENTIONS

The New Hampton Community School District uses a problem solving model to address student concerns through general education interventions. Problem solving activities are part of the school's general program and may occur at any time throughout the school year. The problem solving process is a systematic set of procedures designed to look at different factors that might be affecting student success, such as what is taught, how it is taught, and how the student responds to these processes. During the problem solving process, school personnel (including special education staff and Keystone special education personnel) may be involved in gathering information that will be used to develop effective interventions.

As parents, you are key participants during all facets of problem solving. If a child is recommended for special education services, parents must give written consent. Parents may also request that their child be considered for special education services at any time by contacting the child's principal.

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination against persons with a disability in any program receiving federal financial assistance. In order to fulfill obligations under Section 504, the New Hampton Community School District has the responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability should knowingly be permitted in any program and practices of the school system.

The New Hampton Community School District has the responsibilities under Section 504, which include the obligations to identify, evaluate, and if the student is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to afford access to appropriate educational services.

If the parents or guardians disagree with the determination made by the professional staff of the school district, he/she has a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Matt Manson, Section 504 Coordinator for the New Hampton Community School District, at (641) 394-2134 ext. 3.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the School receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students who wish to inspect their child's or their education records should submit to the school principal [or appropriate school official] a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the School to amend their child's or their education record should write the school principal [or appropriate school official], clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. The criteria for determining who constitutes a school official and what constitutes a legitimate educational interest must be set forth in the school's or school district's annual notification for FERPA rights. A school official typically includes a person employed by the school or school district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer, contractor, or consultant who, while not employed by the school, performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official typically has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school or school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer.

(4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are: Student Privacy Policy Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202

ANNUAL NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

The New Hampton Community School District offers career and technical programs in the following service areas: Industrial Technology, Family and Consumer Sciences, Business, Vocational Agriculture, and Health Sciences.

It is the policy of the New Hampton Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the district's Equity Coordinator, Brad Schmitt, Middle School Principal; 710 West Main, New Hampton, Iowa 50659, 641-394-2134 ext. 2, b_schmitt@new-hampton.k12.ia.us

Brad Schmitt

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Emily Steele

Elementary Principal 641-394-2134 ext. 1

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALAN KING, Deceased, Probate No. ESPR003125 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons interested in the Estate of Alan King, Deceased, who died on or about June 18, 2023.

You are hereby notified that on the 23rd day of June, 2023, the last will and testament of Alan King, deceased, bearing the date of the 1st day of February, 2007, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Dale King was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever

barred.

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

Dated this 5th day of July, 2023.

Dale King, Executor of estate, P.O. Box 164, Lawler, IA 52154

Christopher F. O'Donohoe, ELWOOD, O'DONOHUE, BRAUN & WHITE, LLP, Attorney for executor, 101 North Locust Avenue, P.O. Box 310, New Hampton, Iowa 50659, ICIS Pin #: AT0005848

Date of second publication 27th day of July, 2023.

No.23124
07/20/23 07/27/23

Legal Notice • Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELAINE L. ALBRECHT, DECEASED, PROBATE NO. ESPR003127 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Elaine L. Albrecht, Deceased, who died on or about June 15, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on July 6, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Elaine L. Albrecht, deceased, bearing date of October 7, 2019, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Ronald L. Albrecht was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities

are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated July 7, 2023.

Ronald L. Albrecht, 113 Southshore Drive, Montezuma, IA 50171

Mark S. Rolinger, ICIS#: AT0006713, Attorney for Executor, Redfern, Mason, Larsen & Moore, P.L.C., 415 Clay Street, P.O. Box 627, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Date of second publication 07/20/23 Probate Code Section 304

No.23130
07/13/23 07/20/23



HELP WANTED SCHOOL PARAEDUCATOR

Are you passionate about supporting students' learning and creating a nurturing educational environment? New Hampton Community Schools is seeking a Paraeducator to join our dedicated team. This is an exciting opportunity to make difference in the lives of students while working within a supportive and collaborative school community.

POSITION DETAILS:

- Position: Paraeducator
- Starting Pay: \$15.90 per hour
- Additional Incentive: \$1 per hour increase if you obtain your substitute teaching license

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- As a school paraeducator, your primary responsibilities will include:**
- Assisting teachers and students in classrooms to facilitate the learning process
 - Providing one-on-one or small group instruction to students under the guidance of the classroom teacher
 - Supporting students with special needs, ensuring their inclusion and participation in all classroom activities
 - Assisting with classroom management and maintaining a positive and productive learning environment
 - Collaborating with teachers and other paraeducators to develop and implement educational plans and strategies
 - Monitoring student progress and providing feedback to the classroom teacher
 - Assisting with administrative tasks, such as record-keeping and preparing instructional materials

QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Previous experience working with students or in an educational setting is desirable but not required
- Ability to work collaboratively and follow instructions from teachers and administrators
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Patience, empathy, and a genuine interest in supporting students' educational and social-emotional growth
- Flexibility and adaptability to meet the needs of diverse learners

SCHEDULE:

- School Hours: 8:00 to 3:30
- Exact schedule to be determined based on school needs

BENEFITS:

- Competitive starting pay of \$15.90 per hour
- Opportunity for a \$1 per hour increase upon obtaining substitute teaching licensure
- Comprehensive benefits package, including health insurance and IPERs retirement plan
- Paid leave and holidays

APPLICATION PROCESS:

To apply for the position of School Paraeducator at New Hampton Community Schools, please submit your resume and a cover letter highlighting your relevant experience and qualification to e_hemesath@new-hampton.k12.ia.us. Please indicate "School Paraeducator Application" in the subject line. You may also drop it off at the superintendent's office at 710 West Main Street; New Hampton, Iowa.

Applications will be accepted until July 28, 2023.

Only selected candidates will be contacted for an interview.

New Hampton Community Schools is an equal opportunity employer, committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive environment.

We encourage individuals from all backgrounds to apply.

Join our team and contribute to the success of our students! Apply today and become a valuable member of the New Hampton Community Schools family



New Hampton Community Schools Notifications

ORIENTATION FOR FAMILIES

ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE
MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST
2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST
4:00PM - 6:00PM

5TH GRADE ORIENTATION AT 5:00PM

HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16TH
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

NOTICE ~ ALL ATHLETES

You must have a Doctor's certificate of fitness before you are eligible to participate in athletics. Athletes are responsible for obtaining their own physicals. All athletes must have insurance or waiver of insurance along with emergency procedure cards on file with school before they will be allowed to participate.

IMPORTANT: Students participating in interscholastic athletics, cheerleading and dance; and their parents/guardians; must sign an acknowledgement form stating they have received the information provided on the concussion fact sheet titled, "HEADS UP: Concussion in High School Sports." Students cannot practice or compete in those activities until this form is signed and returned.

SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

Ten buses will operate in the district to provide transportation for approximately 720 rural students. Bus assignments will be published in a later issue.

High School students living in New Hampton may ride from the elementary school building to the high school building in the morning and from the high school to the elementary building in the afternoon.

SCHOOL BUS VIDEO CAMERAS

The New Hampton Community School District Board of Directors has authorized the use of video cameras on school district buses. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior, to maintain order on the school buses, and to promote and maintain a safe environment. Students and parents are hereby notified that the content of the videotapes may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of the videotapes are confidential student records and will be retained with other student records. Videotapes will only be retained if necessary by the administration. Parents may request to view videotapes of their child if the videotapes are used in a disciplinary proceeding involving their child.

REPORTING A SAFETY CONCERN

- If you see something, say something.
- Call 9-1-1 if there is an immediate danger, if you know about an emergency, or if you see suspicious activity.
- Otherwise you may report any other safety concerns via the district's reporting number 641-394-2134 Extension 6008. This number allows students, staff, parents, and community members to confidentially submit concerns regarding safety, harassment, intimidation, and bullying to the district administration. All reports may be submitted anonymously.

PARENT NOTIFICATION

Parents'/Guardians' Rights Notification:

Parents'/Guardians in the New Hampton Community School District have the right to learn about the following qualifications of their child's teacher: state licensure requirements for the grade level and content areas taught, the current licensing status of your child's teacher, and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree. You may also request the qualifications of an instructional paraprofessional who serves your student in a Title I program or if your school operates a schoolwide Title I program.

Parents'/Guardians may request this information from the Office of the Superintendent by calling or sending a letter to Office of the Superintendent, 710 West Main Street, New Hampton, IA 50659.

STUDENT ABUSE BY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND ASSIGNED INVESTIGATORS

Chapter 102 of the Iowa Administrative Code prescribes procedures for charging and investigating incidents of abuse of students by school employees. The school district's designated investigators are: Jay Jurrens, Superintendent (641) 394-2134 or Jamie Steele, school nurse (641) 394-2134

HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The school district provides students with instruction in human growth and development. Parents may review the human growth and development curriculum prior to its use and have their child excused from human growth and development instruction. Parents should contact the principal if they wish to review the curriculum or to excuse their child from human growth and development instruction.

Jay Jurrens

Superintendent 641-394-2134 ext. 6

Matt Manson

High School Principal 641-394-2134 ext. 3

Scott Frerichs

Activities Director 641-394-2134 ext. 4

Public hearing on amending county budget set for Monday

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

before you give money away,” he asked before diving into the EMS question.

Nashua last year decided not to sign a 28E agreement to be part of the county-owned Chickasaw County EMS ambulance service and instead struck out on its own and Nashua Area EMS went into service on July 1.

“Second question, have you signed a mutual aid agreement with the city of Nashua?,” Geerts asked and pointed out if the county has, “then they are getting the same service the rest of the towns in the county are receiving without paying their fair share. It seems to me they are getting everything the rest of the towns are without paying anything, and there’s no guarantee as to how many hours a week they will be in service.”

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn, referencing a six-month mutual aid agreement the county has signed with Nashua Area EMS, said that the deal represents “a trial to see how it works.”

It was the county’s contribution to the dam project, however, that took center stage for much of the discussion. Nashua spent about \$1.2 million on a dam repair project in 2020, but issues have arisen since the project was completed.

Earlier this year, Nashua Mayor Alex Anthofer approached the Board of Supervisors and requested that the county help the city with engineering costs and board members agreed to use \$50,000 of the interest its ARPA funds have earned to help the city.

Supervisor Scott Cerwinski, whose district includes Nashua, stood by the board’s decision, even though he conceded on Monday that who actually owns the dam remains up in the air.

“I believe there’s some question on whether or not some

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YOUR RIGHT TO
KNOW HOW YOUR
TAX MONEY IS
BEING SPENT**



Bob Fenske/Tribune

North Washington Mayor Dave Geerts (far right) talks with the Board of Supervisors during a meeting on Monday morning at the Chickasaw County Courthouse.

paperwork was filed properly to determine who actually owns the dam at this time,” Cerwinski said, “but I would say at the end of the day, the city of Nashua is going to fix that dam — whether they own it or not.

“I believe the property values that lie in the county along that lake and in the city are well worth the \$50,000. ... There are numerous people outside the Nashua area that use that lake that are Chickasaw County [residents].”

County Assessor Ray Armel said he had done research on the dam’s ownership and said that the documents he has been able to locate are “up for interpretation.”

In Ionia’s request, meanwhile, city officials sounded much like Cerwinski when they pointed out that out-of-town residents use the city’s park. They wrote that the New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department, for example, uses the Ionia ballfield for youth baseball and softball games and that events like family and celebrations mean “many people from other communities are

visiting our park.”

Supervisors have a public hearing set for 9:10 a.m. this coming Monday to consider a budget amendment to the county’s 2023-24 budget. That amendment includes the

funds for Nashua, but does not include the requests from North Washington, Lawler and Ionia. If those funds are eventually OK’d by county leaders, they would need to be part of a future budget amendment.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES July 10, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 9:01 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Deputy Zach Nobsisch, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Public Health Director Lisa Welter, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, Custodian Dave Gorman, Engineer Roman Lensing and EMA/911 Director Jeff Bernatz.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for July 10, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes, Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the meeting minutes from July 3, 2023 with a change. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Cerwinski, Suckow, Kuhn. Abstained; Breitbach. Motion carried.

No Public Comment

Motion Hackman, Seconded by Cerwinski to receive and file Chickasaw County Treasure Semi Annual Report ending June 30, 2023 and authorize publishing in Chickasaw County designated papers. Roll call. All Ayes: Motion carried.

Discussion on updates of the Samuel Group on the designing for the Sheriff Department by Sheriff Ryan Shawver.

Discussion of Vehicle Lease Option/Vehicle purchase for FY24-25 for the Sheriff Department.

Discussion of the Juvenile Court Officer move to the Heritage around August 18, 2023.

Discussion with Conservation Director Chad Humpal about landfill updates. Discussion about Conservation Department updates.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge the purchase of Trailer for \$5,900.00 for the Conservation Department. Roll call. All Ayes: Motion carried.

Discussion and direction given to

Chickasaw County Attorney Dave Laundner to build lease agreements for the non-for-profits at the Heritage Building.

Discussion with Custodian Dave Gorman about public water service installation.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to direct Chickasaw County Attorney Dave Laundner to combine the purchase and procurement policies.Changing the purchase to over \$10,000.00 you go for board approval, \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00 you get board approval and competitive bids, and over \$25,000.00 the department gets board approval and sends out Request For Proposals. Roll call: Ayes; Cerwinski, Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, and Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve Resolution 07-10-23-53 **A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN INABILITY TO IDENTIFY AN ELIGIBLE AND WILLING APPOINTEE TO THE NEW HAMPTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION** WHEREAS, the city of New Hampton extends its zoning jurisdiction to the unincorporated areas of Chickasaw County within two miles of the city limits pursuant to Iowa Code section 414.23(1); and WHEREAS, in accordance with Iowa Code section 414.23(2), the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors shall appoint two members to the New Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission, including (1) a member of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, or the Board’s designee, who shall be a resident of the area outside the city limits over which the zoning jurisdiction is extended; and

WHEREAS, at least one of the two members of the New Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission appointed by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors also shall own land that is actively used for an agricultural purpose as defined in section 570A.1, except when such requirement prevents the identification of an eligible and willing appointee for at least six months; HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors this 10th day of July, 2023. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chair,

State Fair announces final three foods for ‘People’s Choice Award’

A panel of celebrities narrowed down the list from 10 to the top three foods during a livestreamed tasting event on Tuesday.

The top three 2023 New Foods Finalists include the “Grinder Ball,” the “Iowa Twinkie” and the “Deep-Fried Bacon Brisket Mac-n-Cheese Grilled Cheese.

The Grinder Ball is a blend of bacon balls stuffed with mozzarella cheese, wrapped in bacon, rotisserie smoked and dipped in warm marinara sauce. The Grinder Ball is The Bacon Box’s new signature gluten-free take on the traditional State Fair Grinder.

The Iowa Twinkie is “a Texas staple with an Iowa twist.” A smoked bacon-wrapped jalapeno stuffed with pulled pork, sweet corn, cream cheese and ranch seasoning, the Twinkie is then glazed with Whatcha Smokin’ BBQ & Brew house-made Sweet + Sticky BBQ sauce and drizzled with house-made ranch dressing.

The Rib Shack’s signature Bacon Brisket Mac and Cheese is slathered between layers of American cheese and two slices of What’s Your Cheez Bacon Cheddar Bread. It is then deep-fried until golden brown and served with a signature raspberry chipotle BBQ sauce.

Fairgoers can sample the top three finalists and cast their vote starting Thursday, August 10 through Monday, August 14 at midnight. The winner will be announced Wednesday, August 16 during the Fair.

Past Peoples’ Choice Award winners include:

2019: G Mig’s Wrap Stand – Georgie’s Roast with the Most Wrap

2021: Cluckin’ Coop by the Iowa Egg Council/Iowa Poultry Association – Chicken Egg Salad with Fry Bread

2022: The Rib Shack – The Finisher

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Board Proceedings

The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in a work session, Monday, July 17, 2023, in the High School Media Center. Vice President Denner called the work session to order at 6:00 pm with Directors A. Schwickerath, B. Ayers, Superintendent Jurens, and Board Secretary Roethler present. Director N. Schwickerath arrived at 6:10pm. Director Matthews absent.

Student Board Member Interviews.

Attest: July 17, 2023

Timothy Denner

Vice President
Christy Roethler
Board Secretary

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Board Proceedings

The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in regular session, Monday, July 17, 2023, in the High School Media Center. Vice President Denner called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with Directors Ayers, A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath, Superintendent Jurens, and Board Secretary Roethler present. Director Matthews was absent.

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

Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the consent agenda. Approve minutes of the June 19, 2023, regular session. Approve the June monthly financial report and the July 2023 bill listing. Approve the following resignations: Paula Gorres and Juana Para (Elementary Para-Educators), Bill Boyd (Middle School Para-Educator), Susie Troyna (High School Para-Educator), Mary Jo Parson (Food Service), Dan Haggerty (Custodian) and Spencer Schmitz (Academic Interventionist). Approve the following hires for the 2023-24 school year: Ashley Lester (Academic Interventionist), Emily Sanford (part-time 3-year-old Preschool Teacher), Austin Hemesath (Bus Driver).

All new hires pending obtaining suitable licensure and passing appropriate background checks. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Old Business: Director Ayers moved to approve the Second Reading Board Policies Second reading board policies 402.05, 503.07, 503.07E1, 503.07E2, 605.1, 605.1-R-1, 605.2, 605.3, 605.3-R-1, 605.3-E5, 605.5, 605.7-R1. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Direcotr N. Schwickerath moved to approve the Transportation Director contract in the amount of \$15,000 with the addition of paying director should be compensated sub pay in the amount of \$30 for each additional route trip after 10. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: Ayers.

New Business: Superintendent Jurens presented information on the milk and bread bids. Director Ayers moved to accept the milk bid from Anderson & Erickson. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the Transportation Director contract in the amount of \$15,000 with the addition of paying director should be compensated sub pay in the amount of \$30 for each additional route trip after 10. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: Ayers.

Director A. Schwickerath moved to approve First Citizens Bank as the district’s depository with a limit of Ten

Million. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to appoint Christy Roethler as the School Board Secretary/Treasurer for the FY2024 school year. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none. Vice President Denner administered the oath of office.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to appoint Linda Tiemessen and Building Principals the level 1 investigators and the Chief of Police and Sheriff as Level 2 investigator. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director A. Schwickerath moved to appoint the Chief of Police as the city treasurer officer and the Sheriff as the county treasurer officer. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the following high school activity fund raisers for the 2023-2024 school year. Cross Country (5K Race), Football (Camp, and Saver Card Sale), Volleyball (Camp & Fan Apparel Sale with Youth Volleyball Club), Girls’ Basketball (Camp & Food Sale), Boys’ Basketball (Camp & Event Workers for NH Park & Recreation Tournaments), Wrestling (Raffle with Youth Wrestling Club and Fan Apparel Sale), Girl’s Track (Fan Apparel Sale and T & F Camp), Boy’s Track (Fan Apparel Sale), Girls Golf (Fan Apparel Sale), Boys Golf (Fan Apparel Sale), Trapshooting (RADA Cutlery Sale, Trailer Advertising, Battery sale), Baseball (Fan Apparel Sale), Softball (Fan Apparel Sale), Music (Frozen Food Sale, Coffee & Hot Chocolate, Fruit and Food Sale), FFA (Fruit and Food Sale and Can Drive), Sophomore Class (Magazine Sale/ Sweet Corn), Student Senate (Homecoming Shirts (switches yearly w/ Letterman’s), Dance (Butter Braid Sale, 59 Minute Fundraiser), Cheerleading (Cookie Dough), Lettermen’s (Meat Sales, and Annual Lift-a-Thon). Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurens presented information on electronic time clock options. Director A. Schwickerath moved to approve a Four-year contract with Frontline in the amount of \$24,891.76 using ESSER Funds to purchase this. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurens presented information on the milk and bread bids. Director Ayers moved to accept the milk bid from Anderson & Erickson. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the Transportation Director contract in the amount of \$15,000 with the addition of paying director should be compensated sub pay in the amount of \$30 for each additional route trip after 10. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: Ayers.

Director A. Schwickerath moved to approve First Citizens Bank as the district’s depository with a limit of Ten

information on the facility contract between the district and Little Sprouts Daycare. After discussion this item was tabled till the August meeting.

Director Ayers moved to approve the renewal of PowerSchool Access Agreement renewal with Grant Wood AEA. This is the software used by teachers and the district to keep track of our student information including grades, discipline, etc. The cost is \$12,182.98. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director Ayers moved to approve the renewal of Schoology an online platform used by teachers to deliver and collect materials to and from students for their classwork. The cost for this is \$6,564.30 using ESSER Funds. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director A. Schwickerath moved to approve the purchase of a 3-year license agreement for Achieve3000 Software. This is an intervention program that will be used by the Middle School to help with literacy instruction. The amount of this program is \$26,516.40 and will be purchased using ESSER Funds. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the Renaissance Renewal in the amount of \$1,982 using ESSER Funds. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director A. Schwickerath moved to approve the following Activity Account Transfers: 1. From: Drama \$6,337.67 a. TO: Speech \$179.30 2. From: MS Music (\$2,199.84) a. TO: MS Vocal Music \$455.69 3. From: Athletic Towels (\$7,210.92 a. TO: Soccer Camp \$888.60 b. TO: Dance \$1,466.38 c. TO: General Athletics \$4,855.4. From: Student Senate Vending (Concession Stand \$17,789.02) a. TO: General Athletics \$5,000. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve using \$7,300 from PPEL Funds to help offset the costs of the High Tunnel. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurens presented the change orders for the parking lot. Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the Parking lot change orders. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director Ayers moved to approve the pay application for the parking lot in the amount of \$114,391.43 to Wicks Construction, Inc. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director Ayers moved to approve the superintendent’s contract for the FY23 school year with an increase of 5.1% on salary. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

The Board discussed the IASB Legislative Priorities. Following discussion of the various resolutions, the Board moved to endorse the following resolutions: 1: Student Achievement, 4: English Learners, 7: Mental Health & 8: Special Education.

1. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT Iowa students benefit from rigorous content standards and benchmarks that reflect the real-world knowledge and skills students need to graduate from high school prepared for college, trade school, military service, or to enter the workforce. We support state policies to: - Provide technical assistance for school districts to fully implement the Iowa Content Standards which define what students should know and be able to do in math, science, literacy, social studies, and 21st century skills. - Ensure research-based professional development that provides educators with training, support, and time to work together. - Support intensive, high-quality tutoring to improve student literacy and math proficiency. - Continue evidenced-based literacy materials to help improve student achievement. - Expand programming for career and technical education and apprenticeships. - Ensure assessments are aligned to high expectations, improve, and align instruction, and quality professional development. - Support curriculum decisions that are made by locally elected school boards.

- Allow a consideration process that engages stakeholders, the Department of Education, and the state board of education in new graduation requirements. - Provide full access to technology and online learning through Infrastructure investments, including: - Provide incentives to expand service with a priority on those areas with access to the slowest speeds. - Guarantee minimum download and upload speeds as a condition to receive grant funding or other financial incentives.

4. ENGLISH LEARNERS The demographics of Iowa students are ever-changing, and an increasing number of our students do not speak English as a first language. We support state policies that ensure success for these students with the expansion of programming for English-learners (EL) until the students reach proficiency.

7. MENTAL HEALTH Student mental health issues are increasing and impacting student achievement. To address these concerns, we

support state policies that would establish comprehensive school and community mental health systems to offer preventative and treatment services to:

- Increase access to in-school and telehealth services. - Increase access to mental health professionals via in-person or telehealth visits. - Improve awareness and understanding of child emotional and mental health needs through ongoing teacher, administrator, and support staff training. - Integrate suicide prevention and coping skills into existing curriculum. - Support the mental health needs of educators and staff. - Provide a comprehensive mental health resources clearinghouse for schools and community providers. - Expand training that includes a referral plan for continuing action provided by mental health professionals outside of the school district. - Designate a categorical funding stream for mental health professionals serving students and ongoing teacher, administrator, and support staff mental health training. - Support development of a mental health workforce to provide services to children.

8. SPECIAL EDUCATION All students deserve a world-class education, regardless of disability. To ensure the success of students receiving special education services, we support policies that will:

- Ensure predictable and timely state funding that is reflective of the actual cost and needs of these students, including educational programming and healthcare. - Support federal funding that covers 40% of the cost of educating students receiving special education services through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). - Modernize and fully fund IDEA by emphasizing improved outcomes for students with disabilities.

The next regular board meeting will be August 21, 2023, at 6:30 pm. Director N. Schwickerath moved to adjourn at 7:25 pm. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, A. Schwickerath, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Monthly Bills, July 2023, General Fund (10)

Vendor Name	Amount
Able Net Inc.....	75.00
Aegerter, Lisa	100.00
Amazon Capital Services	12,715.34
CAM Community School District	5,219.16
Chemsearch	7,634.26
City of New Hampton	12,759.22
Five Star Cooperative	1,564.89
Frontline Technologies Group, LLC.....	5,626.70
Hanawalt & Son Lumber	160.00
Howard Winneshiek Comm School.....	619.74

CUSS SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 10:52 AM. Roll call. Ayes; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski, and Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to exit CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(K) REF IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DISCUSS SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 11:49 AM. Roll call. Ayes; Suckow, Hackman, Breitbach, Cerwinski, and Kuhn. Motion carried.

No action taken out of close session. Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Hackman to approve to pay \$415,325.00 and authorize chair’s signature on Heartland Insurance Risk Pool for the County Client Authorization to Bind Coverage. Roll call. All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Hackman to approve to pay \$43,455.00 and authorize chair’s signature on Heartland Insurance Risk Pool for the EMS Client Authorization to Bind Coverage. Roll call. All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to acknowledge the resignation of Retha Praska from the Auditor’s office as of July 14, 2023. Roll call. All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to set public hearing for July 24, 2023 at 9:10 AM for the Amendment #1 of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget and direct auditor to publish Notice of Public Hearing – Amendment of Current Budget in the New Hampton Tribune on July 13, 2023 and Nashua Reporter on July 14, 2023. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT UPDATES

Supervisor Breitbach-June 26-NE IA Community Action

Supervisor Cerwinski-July 6-Heartland Insurance Risk Pool

Motion by Breitbach seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 12:09 PM. Roll Call: All Aye. Motion carried.

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

No.23154

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Hulbert, Shawn	100.00
Iowa Assoc. of School Boards ..	4,407.00
Iowa Assoc. of School Business Officials	250.00
Iowa Department of Human Services	27,194.25
ISFIS, Inc.	1,607.97
Jendro Sanitation Services Inc	1,252.28
Junior Library Guild	323.75
Kwik Star	633.97
Madison National Life Insurance ..	35.22
Mosyle Corporation	3,877.50
New Hampton Tribune	670.64
NHMU Fiber	300.00
Panorama Education Inc.	3,040.00
Phillips Refrigeration	94.76
Pitney Bowes Inc	240.00
PowerSchool Group LLC	6,564.30
Rieman Music, Inc.	196.37
Rural School Advocates of Iowa	750.00
School Administrators of Iowa	4,303.00
School Nurse Supply, Inc.	107.75
School Specialty, LLC	2,818.98
Schueh Ace Hardware	5.72
Schumacher Elevator Company	3,999.74
Stalker Sports Floors	5,675.00
Teachers Pay Teachers	6.00
thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation ..	174.93
Timberline Billing Service LLC	4,651.04
Tripoli Community School District ..	137.14
Turkey Valley Community School	174.54
Weber Paper Company	9,029.74
Weststream	1,745.93
Winters, Angela	40.01
Fund Total:	133,715.84

Physical Plant & Equipment (36)

Marco, Inc. 1,659.46

Fund Total: **\$1,659.46**

Capital Projects (33)

Align Architecture & Planning, PLC

Babcock Services

CDW Government, Inc.

Northern Cedar Service

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Software Unlimited, Inc.

Wicks Construction, Inc.

Fund Total: **\$209,057.63**

Management (22)

Community Insurance of Iowa

EMC Insurance Companies

Iowa LGRP

Fund Total: **\$532,043.85**

Attest: July 17, 2023

Tim Denner

Board Vice-President

Christy Roethler

Board Secretary

No.23156

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CRAFT SHOWS

CRAFT MARKET & CRAFTY YARD SALE. July 22nd 9am to 3pm. 1430 220th St. Ionia, Backroads Plum Crazy's parking lot. Handcrafted items, scrapbooking and craft supplies.

GARAGE SALES

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES in Charles City will be Thursday, August 3rd through Saturday, August 5th. For full list of sales look in the August 1st Northeast Iowa Shopper.

GARAGE SALE "Christmas In July" Garage Sale. Friday, July 28th 10am-5pm, and Saturday, July 29th 10am-5pm. Decorations, plants, and much more. 272 South Alta Ave, New Hampton.

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USDA FARM LOAN ANALYST POSITION

The Chickasaw County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Office located in New Hampton, Iowa, is now accepting applications to fill a Farm Loan Analyst position.

The individual selected will be responsible for providing support and assistance to Farm Loan officials by processing new loan applications, preparing loan closing documents, tracking loan payments, monitoring reports, servicing existing loans, performing analysis and evaluation of financial statements and tax returns, and any other assigned duties related to the effective delivery of loan making and servicing activities.

This position has a starting salary range of \$37,696 to \$57,118 depending on education and past experience. Other benefits include health, dental, vision, and life insurance, along with a retirement package and vacation/sick leave.

The individual selected will be required to pass a background investigation and fingerprint check.

The full vacancy announcement with mandatory application requirements can be obtained online at www.usajobs.gov by searching in the keywords section for vacancy announcement number FSA-23-12031827-DE-IA-GNB.

This vacancy has an opening date of July 11, 2023, and a closing date of July 25, 2023.

Questions regarding this position can be directed to Jennifer Ashley-Miller at 641-229-3106 or by email at jennifer.ashleymille@usda.gov.

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HELP WANTED School Custodian

Are you a dedicated individual with a passion for maintaining clean and safe learning environments? New Hampton Community Schools is currently seeking a School Custodian to join our team. This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the educational journey of our students while working in a supportive and dynamic school community.

POSITION DETAILS:

- Position: School Custodian
- Starting Pay: \$17.35 per hour
- Additional Incentive: \$1 per hour increase if you obtain your bus license

RESPONSIBILITIES:

As a School Custodian, your primary responsibilities will include:

- Ensuring the cleanliness and maintenance of school facilities, including classrooms, offices, restrooms, and common areas.
- Performing routine cleaning tasks, such as sweeping, mopping, dusting, and sanitizing surfaces.
- Emptying trash receptacles and recycling bins regularly.
- Restocking and maintaining supplies, including toiletries and cleaning materials.
- Performing minor repairs and maintenance tasks as needed.
- Assisting with setting up and breaking down for school events, meetings, and activities.
- Collaborating with fellow custodial staff to ensure efficient and effective cleaning operations.

SCHEDULE:

- School Year: 3:00 PM to 11:30 PM
- Summer: 6:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Qualifications:

- Previous custodial experience is preferred but not required
- Ability to work independently and prioritize tasks effectively
- Strong attention to detail and commitment to cleanliness
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Physical stamina and the ability to lift heavy objects, climb ladders, and perform manual labor as required
- Valid driver's license is preferred

Benefits:

- Competitive starting pay of \$17.35 per hour.
- Opportunity for a \$1 per hour increase upon obtaining a bus license.
- Comprehensive benefits package, including health insurance and IPERs retirement plans.
- Paid time off and holidays.
- Professional development opportunities to enhance your skills and career growth.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

To apply for the position of School Custodian at New Hampton Community Schools, please submit your resume and a cover letter highlighting your relevant experience and qualifications to e_hemesath@new-hampton.k12.ia.us.

Please indicate "School Custodian Application"; in the subject line. You may also drop it off at the superintendent's office at

710 West Main Street; New Hampton, Iowa.

Applications will be accepted until July 28, 2023.

Only selected candidates will be contacted for an interview.

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City of Alta Vista Council Meeting Monday, July 10, 2023

The regular meeting for the City Council of Alta Vista convened on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Dean White, Rick Heying, Adam Roethler, Samantha Slick, and Amy Laures in the Alta Vista City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Crooks.

Agenda was discussed. White made the motion, seconded by Slick to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

June 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes were discussed. Heying made the motion, seconded by Laures to approve the June 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitor concerns were discussed. S White Avenue and W Weber Street project was discussed. Consensus of the council is to request \$50,000.00 ARPA funding from Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors.

Library was discussed. Consensus of council is to allow a food pantry case be placed outside of the library.

Fire Department was discussed. Slick made the motion, seconded by Roethler to approve Larry Laures as the new Fire Chief effective July 1, 2023. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinances were discussed. Gold cart ordinance was discussed. Council is putting together an ordinance with the first reading being held at the August meeting. Animals at large in town were discussed.

Nuisance properties were discussed. 2 property owners on S White Ave will receive letters to have progress made on their houses by October 1, 2023.

Trees were discussed. City received 2 bids to remove 6 trees in town. Wilson Custom Tree's bid was for \$4,050.00 and Hangartner Tree Service's bid was for \$2,250.00. White made the motion, seconded by Laures to accept Hangartner Tree Service's bid. All ayes. Motion carried.

Grants were discussed. Fences in town were discussed. Todd and Deb Koester put a fence across an unused/undeveloped city alleyway. The concern is that the fire department needs that access in case of fires to those properties. Clerk received a call from the Koester attorney stating that they put it up as people would drive through. Quit claim deeding the property was discussed. Clerk will contact City attorney for counsel. Samantha Slicks fence was discussed. After a property survey was completed, Slicks fence is less than 2 feet from the property line. Samantha informed council of other a fence in town that is less than 2 feet from an alley and of other fences she believes are less than 2 feet that should have required a variance. A variance was discussed for the City to allow the fence to be less than 2 feet from the alley. Samantha also informed that the City will not be held responsible for any damages to the fence. White made the motion, seconded by Heying to allow the fence variance as long as the City attorney has no concerns with it and for the City to not be responsible for any damages. Ayes: Laures, Roethler, Heying, White. Abstained: Slick. Motion carried.

Delinquents were discussed. Water was discussed. Sewer was discussed. Streets were discussed. Clerk received a complaint for horse dropping on the street and sidewalk. A sign will be installed.

Sanitation was discussed. Parks were discussed. Municipal Hall was discussed. Electric was discussed. Damage to an electric pole was discussed. An uninsured driver struck a pole on S Hilltop

with their vehicle causing \$808.25 worth of damages. Clerk will contact City attorney of what the City should do.

Financial reports were not present due to ClerkBooks not being fully setup. 2 treasurer applications were received. Council made the decision to do an interview with one of the applicants.

Disbursements were discussed. Laures made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the disbursements. All ayes. Motion carried.

June Disbursements

Check,To Whom,Amt,Purpose	
Buchholtz, Dale W	\$1,109.98
5/14-5/27	
Holthaus, Jarrett	\$562.39
5/14-5/27	
Wellmark	\$713.30
Health Insurance- June Premium	
Alliant Energy	\$9,051.91
Electric Purchase	
City of Alta Vista	\$231.59
Utilities	
Holthaus; Jarrett	\$102.09
Envelopes/Basketball Net/ SD Cards/ Paper	
Dale Buchholtz (c)	\$20.00
Water and Wastewater Certificate	
Security State Bank	\$26.70
HSA- June	
Windstream	\$184.18
Telephone/Internet	
IPERS	\$967.52
Withholdings	
US Treasury	\$1,569.50
Withholdings	
Amy Buttolph	\$322.74
Hall Cleaning and Supplies	
AV Express	\$249.00
Fuel	
AV Shopper	\$131.25
Advertising	
Bodensteiner Implement Co	\$137.97
Lawnmower Chute	
Bruening Rock Products	\$121.60
Rock	

Croell..... \$2,072.00

Concrete- Manhole

Dust Busters..... \$560.00

Dust Control- 2 Applications

Jendro Sanitation..... \$1,511.27

Garbage- Large Cleanup

John Deere Financial..... \$34.96

DEF/ Spray Paint/ Batteries/Tissues

Leisure Time..... \$30.08

Shipment

Liz Geerts..... \$50.00

Hall Cleaning- Lentz

Microbac Laboratories, Inc..... \$194.25

Drinking Water Analysis/Wastewater Analysis

New Hampton Tribune..... \$286.52

Publications

Peoples Insurance Agency (c)..... \$8,737.00

Work Comp

Phillip's Refrigeration..... \$3,560.19

AC Unit- Library

Sandry Fire Supply..... \$910.22

Coveralls

Speicher Excavating Inc..... \$13,101.30

Replacing Manholes/ Fix Valve Box, Fix Curb Stop

Stanton Electric LLC..... \$1,147.00

Power Outage/ Library AC

Terry-Durin Co..... \$610.53

Meters

Cooley Pumping..... \$420.00

Toilet Rental- AV Days

IAS..... \$634.00

Diesel

Cooley Pumping..... \$95.00

Toilet Rental

Microbac Laboratories, Inc..... \$124.00

Drinking Water Analysis/Wastewater Analysis

Heiman..... \$460.00

Boots

Sandry Fire Supply..... \$25,503.90

SCBA

Buchholtz, Dale W..... \$1,109.98

5/28-6/10

Holthaus, Jarrett..... \$478.66

5/28-6/10

Buchholtz, Dale W..... \$1,109.98

6/11-6/24

Holthaus, Jarrett..... \$523.19

6/11-6/24

Kevin Crooks..... \$92.35

6/11-6/24

Rick Heying..... \$46.17

6/11-6/24

Amy Laures..... \$46.12

6/11-6/24

Adam Roethler..... \$43.02

6/11-6/24

Dean White..... \$46.17

6/11-6/24

Samantha Slick..... \$46.17

6/11-6/24

..... \$79,185.75

Library Account

Flatjord, Christina..... \$247.16

5/14-5/27

Taylor-Griffen, Crystal..... \$311.96

5/14-5/27

VISA..... \$369.13

Supplies

City of Alta Vista..... \$37.83

Utilities

City of Alta Vista..... \$426.90

Payroll Liability

AV Shopper..... \$75.00

Advertising

Taylor-Griffen, Crystal..... \$19.31

Mileage

Flatjord, Christina..... \$259.00

5/28-6/10

Taylor-Griffen, Crystal..... \$386.08

5/28-6/10

Windstream..... \$131.59

telephone/internet

Flatjord, Christina..... \$127.60

6/11-6/24

Taylor-Griffen, Crystal..... \$205.90

6/11-6/24

Pat Halvorson..... \$126.00

6/11-6/24

..... \$2,723.46

..... \$81,909.21

June Disbursements

General..... \$48,080.41

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Road Use Taxes..... \$1,767.77

Snow Removal..... \$

Water..... \$2,776.04

Water Control..... \$91.00

Sewer..... \$15,142.79

Electric..... \$11,327.74

Library..... \$2,723.46

Economic Development..... \$

Debt Services..... \$

Total..... \$81,909.21

June Receipts

General..... \$25,128.64

Option Tax..... \$3,853.21

Road Use Tax..... \$1,961.71

Water..... \$3,307.04

Sewer..... \$15,440.43

Electric..... \$14,900.10

Utility Deposits..... \$

Debt Service..... \$

Economic Development..... \$0.34

Library- Account..... \$28.29

Library- County..... \$

Library- City..... \$

Library- State..... \$

Library Donations..... \$

Library Sales..... \$

Sales..... \$

Transfers In..... \$

..... \$64,619.76

Council and Mayor concerns were discussed. Laures contacted Brady at Regional Health Services for an update on how the Ambulance operations are going. The current response time is 6 minutes and there have been 7 calls since January.

Laures made the motion, seconded by Roethler to adjourn at 8:23 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next council meeting will be August 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Alta Vista City Hall.

Kevin Crooks, Mayor

Attest: Jarrett Holthaus, City Clerk

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ELECTRIC UTILITY - COMMUNICATIONS BOARD ROOM MONDAY JULY 10, 2023 5:00 P.M.

Board of Trustees of the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant met for a regular meeting on Monday July 10, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the board room at the Communications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton, IA.

Board members present were Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, Cantu and Dahl. General Manager Brian Quirk, Attorney Kit O'Donohoe, Deputy Clerk Courtney Lechtenberg and Tammy Robinson were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anderson at 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Cantu, seconded by Babcock; that the agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Dahl; That the minutes of the June 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; That claims in the amount of \$447,132.21 be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

O'Donohoe arrived at 5:10 pm.

Moved by Cantu, seconded by Dahl; that the Finance Reports for June, 2023, be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by

Hendricks; That Resolution No. 995 RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE HOURLY WAGE OF RYAN PICKAR BY \$2.00 EFFECTIVE JUNE 18, 2023 FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE 2ND YEAR OF THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, be approved. Ayes - Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, Cantu and Dahl. Nays-None. Absent - None. Resolution – Adopted.

O'Donohoe will speak with Mike Maloney of DA Davidson about the arbitrage rebate requirements and decide whether he is able to complete the reporting. O'Donohoe will determine by the end of July whether he will complete or the Light Plant will move forward with the Beren-Tate Consulting Group completing the reporting.

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Cantu; That Resolution No. 996 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT - LETTER OF CONDITIONS FOR A LOW INTEREST LOAN TO GREAT PLAYS INC, be approved. Ayes - Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, Cantu and Dahl. Nays-None. Absent - None. Resolution – Adopted.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; That Resolution No. 997 A RESOLUTION ORDERING BIDS, APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND FORM OF CONTRACT AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS, FIXING AMOUNT OF BID SECURITY, AND ORDERING THE BOARD SECRETARY TO PUBLISH NOTICE AND

FIXING A DATE FOR RECEIVING SAME, AND FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS FOR FURNISHING MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRIC SUBSTATION MATERIALS– STOLZ PARK SUBSTATION FOR NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT, NEW HAMPTON, IOWA, be approved. Ayes - Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, Cantu and Dahl. Nays-None. Absent - None. Resolution – Adopted.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; That Resolution No. 998 APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE #12 FOR THE ELECTRIC METER CUTOVER- PHASE 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,820.22 TO NEW HAMPTON ELECTRIC, INC., be approved. Ayes - Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, Cantu and Dahl. Nays-None. Absent - None. Resolution – Adopted.

General Manager Report:

- 1.Working at the All Inclusive Park.
- 2.Assisted with some tree removal at Mikkelson Park.
- 3.Ran engines last week and expected to be on standby this week.
- 4.Replaced old hoses on Caterpillar engines.
- 5.Working on plans for the new fuel tanks.
- 6.Coordinating with the new Dollar General, Mid America and Kahn Tile on electrical.
- 7.Plant staff has been busy with one calls

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; that the meeting adjourn at 5:39 pm. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

ATTEST: COURTNEY LECHTENBERG, Deputy Clerk

GRANT ANDERSON, Board Chair

LIGHT PLANT JULY 10, 2023 5:00 P.M.

Kahn Tile Supply,Revolving Loan- Res #991..... \$38,912.00

NIMECA,Monthly Power Bill, CTS Improvement..... \$223,515.53

NIMECA,July WS-4 Payment..... \$44,000.00

State of Iowa,Sales & Use Tax- May..... \$10,097.98

Robert Risser,Refund Final Balance..... \$9.84

USPS,Postage for Utility Bills..... \$138.94

Mark Ondrashek,Refund Final Balance..... \$43.71

US Cellular,iPad Service..... \$54.16

Black Hills Energy,Engine Fuel, Heat..... \$2,975.86

Dick's Petroleum Company,Fuel Tanks..... \$100,000.00

Midwest Overhead Crane,Annual Inspections..... \$540.07

Kenneth Trottier,Refund Final Balance..... \$22.76

USPS,Postage for Utility Bills..... \$131.59

New Horizons Chamber,Payments on Utility Bills..... \$492.67

Amaril Uniform Company,PPE Clothing..... \$1,794.21

Reimbursement,Medical Reimbursement..... \$249.08

..... \$1,378.98

Bodensteiner Implement Company,Ignition..... \$293.06

Bond Transfer,Monthly Transfer..... \$4,519.30

..... \$90,000.00

City Laundering Co.,Industrial Laundering Service..... \$130.98

DA Davidson & Co,Filing Annual Continuing Disclosure..... \$1,000.00

DGR,Distribution Improvements, SCADA Project..... \$4,268.00

EH Electric, LLC,Green Enclosure..... \$384.80

Five Star Cooperative,Gas, Engine Supplies..... \$922.44

Hawkeye Alarm & Signal,Annual Alarm Monitoring..... \$300.00

IAMU,Apprenticeship Program- Pickar..... \$1,200.00

Iowa One Call,One Calls..... \$142.20

Jendro Sanitation,Refuse Pickup..... \$77.57

John Deere Financial,Tools, Connectors, Filters..... \$461.79

Mercy Medical Center -- New Hampton DOT Physical..... \$216.00

Mick Gage Plumbing & Heating, Inc.,Engine Water Drain Lines..... \$282.64

New Hampton Electric,Electric Meter Cutover Pay Request #12..... \$61,820.22

New Hampton Municipal Utilities,Phone..... \$129.72

New Hampton Municipal Utilities,Joint Expense Reimbursement..... \$6,735.50

New Hampton Tribune,Publications..... \$

NIMECA,Disability Insurance..... \$216.50

NIMECA,MRES Settlement Payment..... \$4,519.30

Power Plant Compliance,Air Controls Engine #7..... \$361.68

RESCO,Clamp Ground Rod..... \$898.80

Riley's Inc.,SD Card..... \$32.09

Schueh Ace Hardware,Garbage Bags, Chain Links, Batteries, Spray..... \$201.76

Total..... \$598,952.43

Less Transfers..... \$90,000.00

TOTAL TO BE APPROVED..... \$508,952.43

PAYROLL CHECKS WRITTEN SINCE JUNE 12, 2023

AFLAC,Supplemental Insurance..... \$131.62

Ameritas Life Insurance,Deferred Comp..... \$801.67

Ameritas Life Insurance,Deferred Comp..... \$942.66

EFTPS,FICA & Federal Taxes..... \$4,722.90

EFTPS,FICA & Federal Taxes..... \$5,701.60

Iowa Dept of Revenue,State Withholding Tax..... \$1,581.31

Treasurer, State of Iowa,IPERS..... \$6,169.61

Wellmark,Health & Dental Insurance..... \$7,663.85

Total Payroll..... \$27,715.22

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07/20/23

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EDNA M. PICKAR, Deceased, CASE NO. ESPR003126

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Edna M. Pickar, Deceased, who died on or about June 5, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on June 23, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Edna M. Pickar, deceased, bearing date of January 28, 1987, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Sandra Tierney and Virgil M. Pickar, Jr. have been appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated July 10th, 2023

Executors of Estate: Virgil M. Pickar, Jr., 1964 Newell Ave., New Hampton, IA 50659

Sandra Tierney, 304 1st St., Elma, IA 50628

Michael K. Kennedy, ICIS#: AT0004194, Attorney for Executors, Kennedy & Kennedy, 12 E. Main St. PO Box 406, New Hampton, IA 50659

Date of second publication 07/20/23

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No.23140

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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR POLK COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD J. ESLINGER, DECEASED PROBATE NO. 05771 ESPR081607

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the estate of Donald J. Eslinger, Deceased, who died on or about May 31, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on July 5th, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Donald J. Eslinger, deceased, bearing the date of October 4, 2001, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Laura A. Kangrga and Jeni Wright were appointed Co-Executors of the estate of Donald J. Eslinger. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the District Court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the Decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated July 5th, 2023.

Executor of Estate: Laura A. Kangrga, 51 Willow Hill Road, St. Louis, MO 63124

Jeni Wright, 6875 Trail Ridge Drive, Johnston, IA 50131

Attorney for Estate: Al Ostebee, Ostebee Law Office, 5441 Skycrest Drive, Ames, Iowa 50010

Date of second publication: July 20th, 2023.

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ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS

The New Hampton Community Schools is taking sealed bids on the following items:

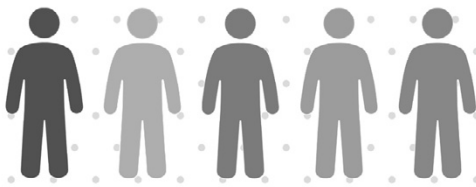
- (Lot 1) Weight scale
- (Lot 2) Ab machine, bench, weight bar
- (Lot 3) adjustable bench, misc. weight plates
- (Lot 4) bench press, weight bar, misc weight plates
- (Lot 5) bench press, pad, weight bar, weight tree, misc weight plates
- (Lot 6) misc weight plates and bars
- (lot 7) rubber flooring, 2 sets of rubber dumbbells, misc clamps
- (lot 8) weight trees, bar, and misc plates
- (lot 9) weight tree, floor rack, bumper plates, misc weight plates, and bar
- (lot 10) Misc weight plates, curl bar, floor rack, bumper plates
- (lot 11) Rubber flooring, Bumper Weights, floor rack
- (lot 12) pulley machine weight machine
- (Lot 13) Squat machine
- (lot 14) Weight scale
- (lot 15) Incline bench press (x2)
- (lot 16) floor mats with frame
- (lot 17) North star Pressure washer
- (lot 18) John Deere Flex Deck Mower Deck (minimum bid)

Pictures of items are located on the School Facebook Page or contact the Superintendent's office to arrange a time to look at the items. Bid Forms are located in the Superintendent's office. All bids are due in the Superintendent's office by 11:00 AM, Monday, July 31, 2023.

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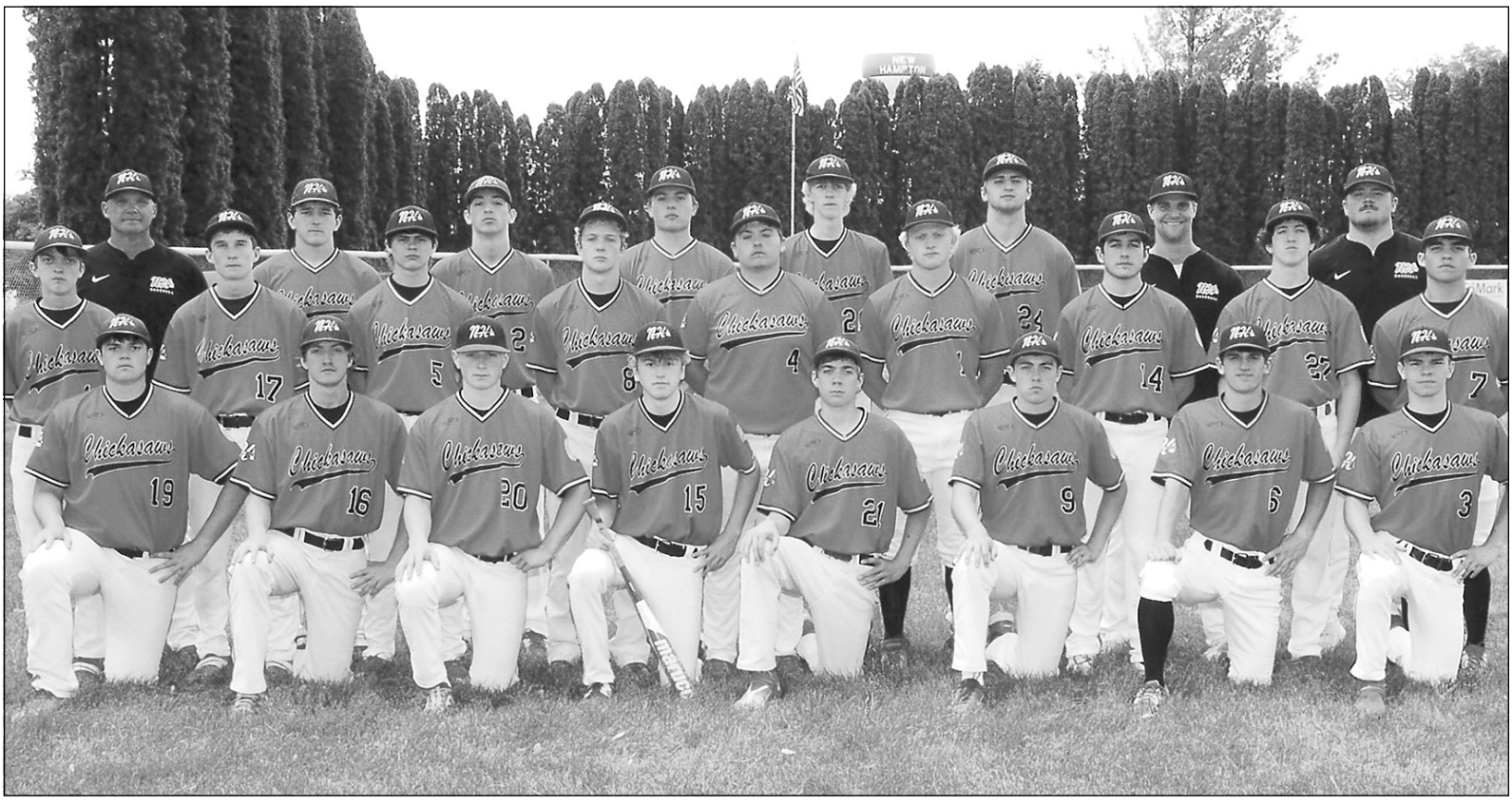
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New Hampton baseball: 23-10 overall, NEIC runners-up, district finalist

Members of the Chickasaw baseball team this summer included (front row, from left) Carsyn Leistikow, Tyler Glenn, Reid Rausch, Noah Jenkins, Caleb Utley, Evan Knowlton, Ben Gilbert, Tate Schwickerath, (second row) Xander Meyerhoff, Colton Ashley, Jake Schwickerath, Peyton Anderson, Ty Robinson, Kael Meyers, Jamison Porath, Gabe Macon, Jaxon Eckley, (back row) head coach Cory McDonald, Aiden Roberson, Tallyn Bohaty, Landon Marr, Braden McShane, and assistant coaches Josh Fenske and Jordan Rommes.

Photo courtesy of Troy Bass Photography



New Hampton softball: 11-14 record, New Hampton Invitational champions

Members of the Chickasaw softball team this summer included (front row, from left) Kailynn Gebel, Ava Leichtman, Sophie Glaser, Sydney Laures, Kaylee Johnson, Olivia Eichenberger, Kayme Hackman, (back row) head coach Tate Hofmeister, Claire Geerts, Allie Johnson, Cora Schwickerath, Jenna Heeren, Elaina Rosonke, Kandice Eggerichs, Chloe Weigel, Caycee Crawford, Jackie Pickar, and assistant coaches Macie Njus and Anthony Harris.

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NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of July 16 1948 (75 years ago)
• The Floyd County Fish and Game Club staged the first carp rodeo at Charles City Saturday and Sunday. More than 600 pounds of carp were booked and registered. The fish were taken to the locker plant to be smoked and later a carp feed will be held by the club.
Prizes were distributed among men, women and boys. Two women registered and one of them, Mrs. Jim Aspley, caught the largest carp, a 12 pounder. Carl Schaefer won first prize for the largest single day's catch of 71 pounds.
• The First National Bank has just completed an improvement and decorating program. A new rubber tile floor has been laid in the lobby of the bank, the walls and ceilings decorated and the fixtures varnished. The lighting has been changed and new fixtures added.
1973 (50 years ago)
• Mr. and Mrs. Ed Christensen, Larry, Kent and Richie, formerly of Redwood Falls, Minn., are now making their home at 215 S. Walnut.

Mrs. Christensen and the boys moved to New Hampton last Tuesday. Christensen has been here since May when he purchased the Culligan Soft Water Service.
Mrs. Christensen is the former Marilee Tiernan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Tiernan.
• Five New Hampton women bowlers split some \$400 in prize money they received for their exploits at the State Bowling Tournament in Cedar Rapids last spring. The New Hampton quintette, bowling as Dan's Maindiner No. 1, placed third in the Class C team event and also fared exceptionally well in competition in the individual events.
The Dan's Maindiner Club consisted of Dixie Steffes, Rosemary Huffman, Mary Lou Knight, Sharon Sweitzer and Rita Roberson.
1998 (25 years ago)
• With the recent purchase of new state-of-the-art computers, scanners, color monitors and digital cameras, the New Hampton Tribune will be more colorful from now on. Full color pictures and advertising will now be carried each week. Dan Feuling,

Publisher of the parent company, New Hampton Publishing Company, said the combination of the new equipment and three of the best computer designers in the industry, gives them the ability to create editorial and commercial designs that could only be dreamed about several years ago. The New Hampton Shopper will be renamed the "Impact Advertiser."
• The New Hampton varsity baseball team really uncorked a flurry of hits in back-to-back wins. The Chickasaw sluggers had twenty-three total hits in a 14-9 victory over Independence in a home game, and followed that with fourteen total hits in a 15-8 victory at Clear Lake the following night.
That's thirty-seven base hits in two nights, and it's hard to say if that has ever happened in NHHS baseball history. It's certainly something that hasn't been seen in the past few decades.
2013 (10 years ago)
• The New Hampton girls softball team is heading to the state softball tournament in Fort Dodge. The Chickasaws beat 10th-ranked Cresco

14-3 in the regional semifinal game on Friday night. New Hampton finished with 15 hits. Raelyn Webster had two home runs and Jackie Whitman had one for the winners.
On Monday, the Chickasaws beat Iowa Falls-Alden 3-1 in the regional title game. New Hampton, winner of 17 of its last 19 games, will take a 27-9 record to the state tournament. A freshman led the way to Fort Dodge as Jess Crooks tossed a four-hitter from the pitcher's circle and smacked two home runs that accounted for all three Chickasaw runs. New Hampton will face third-ranked Mid- Prairie in a first round game on Tuesday.
• Athletes gathered in Mikkelson Park for the fourth annual Expand Your Horizons Triathlon on Saturday, July 13. There were 68 participants for the 3.1 mile run, 13-mile bike ride and 300-yard swim. Despite the rainy weather during the final leg of the triathlon, attendance remained steady. A lightning warning did close the pool for a few of the finishing runners and delayed the kids' Splash and Dash, but the athletes safety was of the utmost concern.

The Expand Your Horizons 5K run-walk was held Saturday morning, Nick Heying broke the 20-minute mark on his way to winning the event. Amy Reicks was the winner of the female division.
2018 (5 years ago)
• Rachel Grober, a 2018 New Hampton High School graduate, was crowned queen at the National Guernsey Convention held in Dubuque the week of July 4. As the national queen, Grober will travel the country for the next year to represent and advocate for the American Guernsey Association. Grober now holds two crowns. She was named Iowa's dairy princess and her reign for that piece of royalty runs through Aug. 31.
• The New Hampton Parks and Recreation is ready to celebrate. The New Hampton Municipal Pool will have its "grand opening" to mark the completion of a \$725,000 renovation project that has pumped new life into the old pool. The event will include free swimming, a ribbon cutting and a free meal consisting of a hot dog, chips, drink and cookies.

A salute to our Turkey Valley boys and girls of summer!
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Trojan baseball: 14-14 overall, 11-7 in the UIC

Members of the 2023 Turkey Valley baseball team are (front row, from left) Garrett Dietzenbach, Logan Busta, Brennen Drilling, Russell Nieman, Caleb Kurtenbach, Oliver Schmitt, Carson Busta, JD Kruse, (back row) head coach Dan Stepan, Aidan Holthaus, Braylen Byrne, Chase Hayek, Noah Hanson, Treyton Hulbert, Calvin Bodensteiner, and assistant coaches Simon Schmitt and Steve Busta.



Trojan softball: 13-20 overall, 11-5 in the UIC

Members of the 2023 Turkey Valley softball team are (front row, from left) Abigail Schmitt, Jacqlyn Schmitt, Alison Leibold, Brianna Busta, Aubrey Hoffert, Olivia Snyder, Sierra Morris, Clare Courtney, (back row) assistant coaches Jeremy Weber and Anthony Troyna, Sofia Rivera, Mariah Thronsdon, Halle Weber, Maici Weber, Morgan Vsetecka, Kinsey Reicks and head coach Alvin Hackman.

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Show’s a blast from the past for celebrities

CELEBRITIES: FROM 1

Neither of those famous thespians were in attendance at the Big 4 Fairgrounds on Friday afternoon during the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show.

But “Beth” was. Tyler Krug – the judge that picked winners of the Celebrity Beef Show – quizzed Goddard about the name of her entrant in the field.

“Beth” was one of 16 heifers – along with their handlers – that helped raise funds to keep county achievements shows like this one in the state thriving.

Goddard’s response to Krug’s query was to playfully plead the Fifth.

“I said the heifer’s name was Beth Dutton. He asked what Beth Dutton likes to do in her free time and I utilized the right to remain silent,” smiled Goddard.

It’s those witty back-and-forth moments that highlighted the celebrity beef show. Those light-hearted moments also provided spectators in attendance a few laughs as well as showcased some pretty prime, Grade A beef that entered the show arena.

Think ribeye, sirloin or filet mignon – medium rare, of course.

“It’s more for the crowd. It’s fun just to make it comical a little bit,” said Megan Bierschenk, who advanced to the finals of the celebrity show with her heifer named “Blackstone” – named after one of the best-selling outdoor cooking grills on the market.

All entrants were sponsored for \$100 by businesses or organizations like Chickasaw County Youth Development, Bank Iowa, Little Wapsie Legends or the Fredericksburg Futures – to name a few.

This year’s celebrity show was beef. In prior years it’s been swine, sheep or horses. This was the fifth year the celebrity show has taken place. Last year’s proceeds from the sheep showmanship competition bought valuable equipment for 4-H and FFA members to utilize.

“The sheep one was awesome last year,” said Bierschenk, who along with her husband, T.J., helps run Bierschenk Club Lambs. She’s an N-P grad and is currently a grain merchandiser manager for POET – a bioprocessing plant in Shell Rock.

There was \$2,300 raised last year courtesy of the celebrity show and that bought a new scale for the sheep and pigs to be weighed on this summer.

“It’s a good fundraiser for the 4H program,” said Jada Goddard, a Sumner-Fredericksburg High School grad, who also advanced to the final round with her show heifer – of which there were nine finalists.

Megan, Jada and another celebrity handler – Mary Wards – all grew up together showing animals in FFA and 4-H. Those aforementioned supporters of those agriculture organizations, which help instill many positive attributes in youth growing up, all graduated high school in 2009.

“We have a lot of youth, but you don’t have to be a farm kid to be involved in this,” said Jada Goddard. “We have some of the best producers in the world that are willing to help city kids out. This is all for the kids.”

The achievement livestock shows often pit familiar faces and families against one another to see who can reel in the most blue or purple ribbons.

“We used to show here. Now all our kids are showing here,” said Megan Bierschenk.

The winner of the celebrity show this year was its elder statesman – Garth Griffin, aka “Garth Brooks.” The judge gave him that name, by the way. His heifer – “Top Gun” – bested the other 15 cattle vying for first-place honors. Griffin owns and operates Griffin Red Angus Farm in New Hampton and raised “Top Gun.”

“I told Will Maurer, three guys and all these girls – it’s just a funeral. The girls were our pall bearers,” said Griffin jokingly about alluding to the fact that he was older than all of the celebrity handlers.

Griffin was gracious in accepting the judge’s decision – which selected his cow as top heifer.

“It was definitely my skills,” he laughed. “It was a thrill and an honor.”

The celebrity show’s runner-up – Craig Kolthoff with his heifer “Phyllis” – offered another take on getting older and still being involved in shows like this one so future generations can benefit from the rewards of grooming and taking care of livestock.

“He’s just “seasoned,” said Kolthoff, a 2003 New Hampton High School grad who works at P&K Midwest, a John Deere dealership in nearby Sumner.

Kolthoff also cut to the chase when it comes to how the Big 4 Fair Board is attempting to expand the structures on site to house the animals. The goal is to keep the fair’s buildings modern and up to date so it can handle all the livestock that make its way to the fairgrounds every year.

“The fair board has been very proactive to where it’s not letting this fairgrounds go,” said Kolthoff. “We show quite a bit and we’ve been to plenty of fairgrounds that you can tell when there’s a fair board that gets after it. That is building buildings, that is fundraising and is giving back to their communities. When you give back to the community, the community gives to them.”

To give you an idea as to the participation numbers for Chickasaw County and its FFA and 4-H programs – they’re running out of room according to Megan Bierschenk.

“This barn is so full, we can’t fit any more pins in here. We’re at max capacity,” said Bierschenk. That’s why the fair board and others have hatched a five-year plan to build two new buildings on the property owned by the county. That proposed idea would build a brand new 4,800 square foot open-air show ring and a 12,000 square foot beef barn.

“The fair board has to be



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Megan Bierschenk handles her cow like an old pro as she takes part in the Celebrity Beef Showmanship contest that was held last week during the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show.

commended on where they’ve gone with this. There was a point in time where they could easily just said, you know what, use the buildings we got and it will be what it will be,” said Kolthoff. “There was a handful of them that just absolutely refused to allow that to happen.”

Kolthoff said he grew up at this county fair. He mentioned the numbers as far as participation are concerned have gotten bigger every year – whether that’s at the achievement shows in the summer or the actual fair in the fall.

“Getting to show at this one was kind of fun,” said Kolthoff. “The kids thought I needed to.”

While participation numbers might be dwindling at other county fairgrounds across the state, Chickasaw County remains strong.

“I think we’re lucky here in this area, it’s really growing and it’s become stronger,” said Griffin. “It’s generation after generation. We’re still against you and you’re still against me. It’s a friendly competition.”

Asked for the meaning behind Kolthoff’s heifer name – “Phyllis” – and he said that it’s her registered name. He then added this well-intentioned barb to finish off his sentence.

“Her barn name is something else, but you probably shouldn’t put that in any paper,” laughed Kolthoff.

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Notice is given that Homeland Energy Solutions, Lawler, Iowa, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 479, has filed a petition with the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) for a permit to construct, operate, and maintain a natural gas pipeline. The route of the pipeline is described as follows:

Exhibit A – Legal Description of Pipeline Route

The proposed pipeline route traverses within Chickasaw County public road rights-of-way and private property owned by Homeland Energy Solutions. The proposed pipeline includes approximately 2.5 miles of 4-inch diameter steel pipeline and approximately 1 mile of 6-inch diameter steel pipeline. The proposed pipeline crosses one stream and four county roads.

The project begins at a proposed interconnect station with an existing Alliance Pipeline which is located on the south side of 205th Street in the Southwest Quarter, Section 10, Township 95N, Range 12W. The entire length of the pipeline will be in Chickasaw County, Iowa.

The proposed 4-inch diameter pipeline will start at the interconnect site and proceed North across 205th Street, into the Northwest Quarter, Section 10, Township 95N, Range 12W;

then turning East continuing in the approximate center of the 205th Street ditch in the public road right-of-way;

then crossing Panorama Avenue into the Northeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 95N, Range 12W;

then turning North continuing in the approximate center of Panorama Avenue road ditch in the public road right-of-way;

then turning East at 200th Street in the Northeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 95N, Range 12W; continuing East along the approximate center of the 200th Street ditch in the public road right-of-way into the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 95N, Range 12W;

continuing East along the approximate center of the 200th Street ditch in the public road right-of-way into the Northeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 95N, Range 12W;

then crossing Quinlan Avenue into the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 95N, Range 12W on private property owned by Homeland Energy Solutions;

then turning North into the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 95N, Range 12W continuing on private property owned by Homeland Energy Solutions, connecting to the proposed Homeland Energy Solutions intermediate station, there terminating the 4-inch diameter pipeline, which is a total of approximately 12,800 feet;

then a 6-inch diameter pipeline turning North along Quinlan Avenue continuing on private property owned by Homeland Energy Solutions then turning East for approximately 350 feet and then North for approximately 670 feet around a farmstead in the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 95N, Range 12W;

then turning East in the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 95N, Range 12W on private property owned by Homeland Energy Solutions;

continuing East to the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 95N, Range 12W on private property owned by Homeland Energy Solutions;

then turning North to the Homeland Energy Solutions Ethanol Plant in the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 95N, Range 12W;

then turning east and then turning north connecting to the existing Homeland Energy Solutions station, there terminating the 6" diameter line, which is a total of approximately 4,950 feet.

A map showing the proposed route of the pipeline is attached to this notice.

The IUB has established 10 a.m. on August 9, 2023, at the Iowa Utilities

Board Hearing Room, 1375 E. Court Ave., Des Moines, IA, 50319, as the time, date, and place for hearing on the petition.

Orders issued and documents filed in this docket (Docket No. P-0907) may be viewed by searching under the docket number in the IUB’s electronic filing system (EFS) at <http://efs.iowa.gov>. Objections to the granting of the extension of franchise may be filed electronically using EFS or filed in writing with the IUB no later than 20 days after the date of second publication of this notice. Instructions for submitting an electronic filing can be found in EFS; written objections must be mailed to the Iowa Utilities

Board, 1375 E. Court Ave., Des Moines, IA 50319.

Persons with disabilities who will require assistive service or devices to observe this hearing or participate in it should contact the IUB at (515) 725-7300 no later than ten days prior to the hearing to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

The date of the first publication is July 13, 2023. The date of the second publication is July 20, 2023.

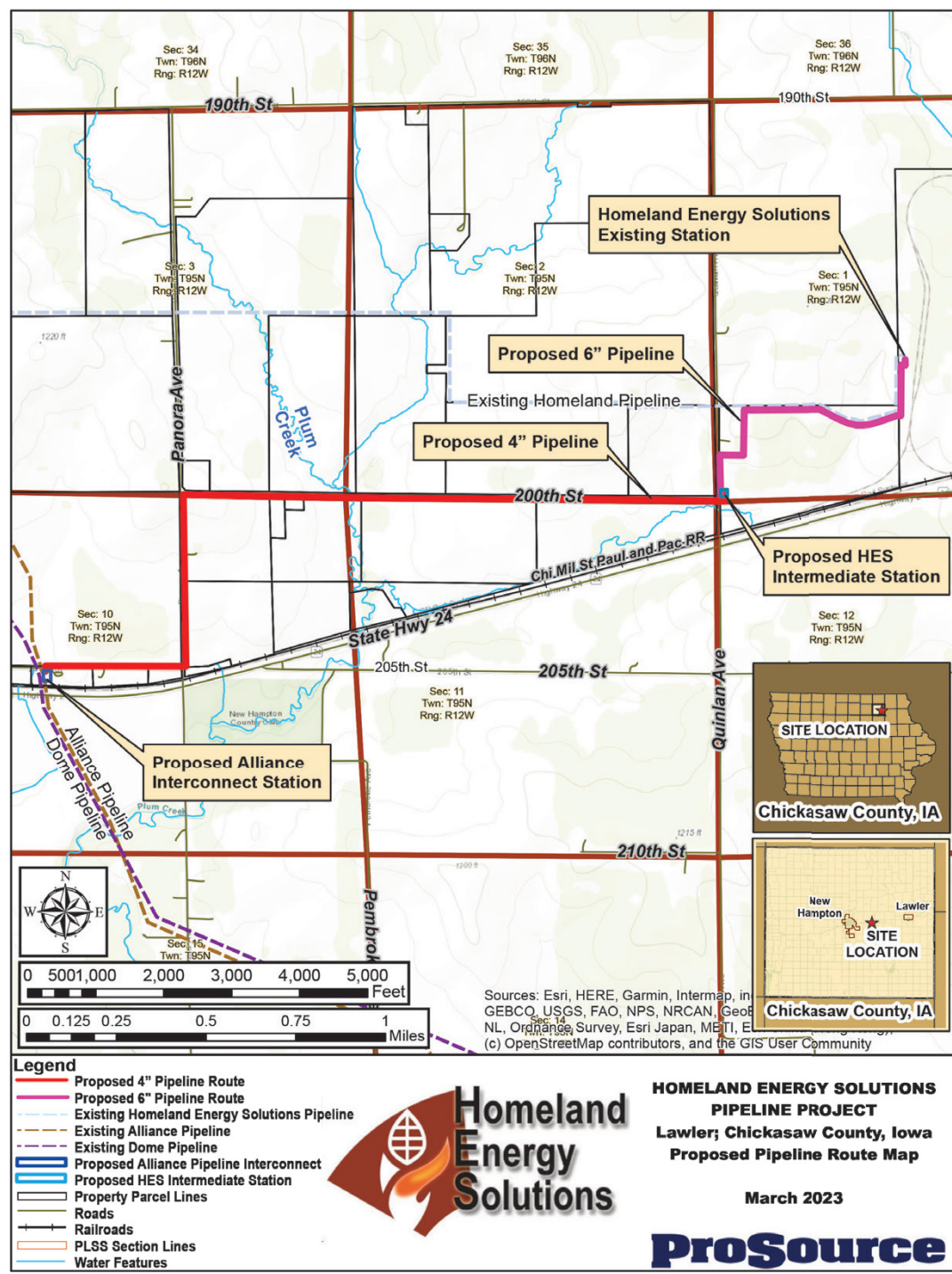
IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

BY: Jon Tack, General Counsel

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 7th day of July, 2023



Garth Griffin talks with Celebrity Beef Showmanship judge Tyler Klug during the show held last week at the Big Four Fairgrounds in Nashua.



The world’s just not going to be the same without Pat Ipsen

I remember it like it was yesterday even though the first meeting between Pat Ipsen and myself took place more than 13 1/2 years ago.

I had been the editor of the New Hampton Tribune for all of one day when Pat came into the newspaper office, glanced to her right, spied me at my desk and said, “Welcome aboard, young man.”

It was Dec. 9, 2009, and little did I know, a friendship that I will cherish for a lifetime was born.

Pat Ipsen, the longtime director of the New Hampton Public Library who had a heart of gold and a mischievous sense of humor that had impeccable timing, passed away on Sunday.

And I — along with I’m sure many others — wept.

She was one of the first “New Hamptonites” I met, although truth be told it was Noah who actually made Pat’s acquaintance first.

Dec. 9, 2009, was a Tuesday, and the day before, after I picked Josh and Noah up from their first day of school at New Hampton Elementary and dropped them off at home, my youngest — with no homework to do — walked the few blocks up to the library to, as he put it back then, “check it out.”

How was it? “They have a really cool librarian,” Noah said. “She’s really short, but she’s really cool. I talked to her for a long time.”

When Pat came into the Tribune, she mentioned that she had met Noah.

“Boy, he can talk,” she said with a laugh. “Did he get that from you?”

A few years later, I finished an interview with Pat — one that took about two hours because we got off the subject a time or two or three — and she laughed.

“Remember that first time I met you and I asked you if Noah got his gift of gab from you,” she asked. “He does.”

Then again, she, too, had the gift of gab, which made trips to the library so much fun for both me and my boys. If it interested us, it interested her, and that is a gift — one so few of us in this hectic world have been bestowed.

I have so many memories I want to share with Pat.

There’s the day she talked me into trying to use chopsticks as part of a library promotion. When I got done, I needed to change shirts and she gave me that quick smile that told me a punchline was coming. “Yeah, I think you might want to stick with a fork.”

There was the day that the bond referendum for an addition to the library failed. I saw the feisty side of Pat that day, and I reminded her



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that she still had a wonderful facility and a lot of people who couldn’t imagine life without her and the library she led.

There were the meals at her house — sometimes with just Bill and Pat; sometimes with their wonderful group of friends — that always left my stomach in knots. Oh, the food was great — anyone who hasn’t had Bill’s bread has missed out — but not only was I stuffed but also I had laughed so hard that I literally had a stomach ache.

Over the years, we had our share of serious talks. Pat was an unabashed liberal, and we talked politics a lot, but we also dealt with even more serious issues. She helped me through my depression by sharing stories of hers, and as a friend, I was so proud of her willingness to step up and share her saga with people.

There was also the day in 2018 when she called me and asked me to stop at the house. “Bill made bread,” she said to make sure I immediately made the trek down Kenwood, and when I got there, we not only broke bread but they told me that they wanted to help Josh through his first year of college.

“We’re not going to take no for an answer,” she said. “We’re going to buy his books and supplies this first year.”

I hemmed, hawed, stammered, saying things like “that’s a lot of money” and “we can’t have you do that.”

“Bob, may I remind you of what I first said,” Pat said. “No is not an option.”

It made a huge difference; then again, the Ipsens always did make a difference — in the lives of so many people.

The following year, Noah was in California for Christmas, and the Ipsens called again. “Come to our house for Christmas dinner,” Pat said. “We’re just having a few friends over. It’ll be nice.”

Josh wasn’t so sure — he knew Pat and Bill, was very appreciative of what they had done for him but “I don’t know anyone else.” I talked him into it; of course, the clincher was the “Bill’s-making-bread” line, but I digress.

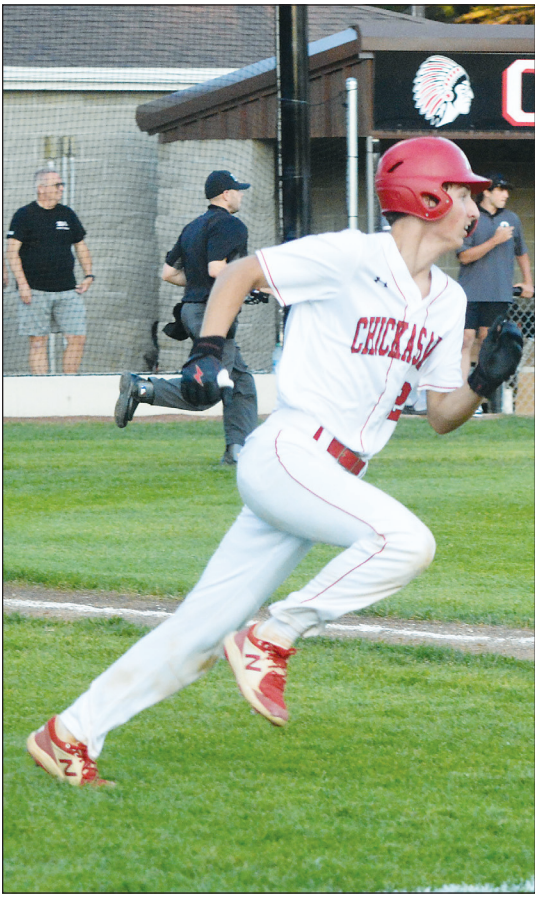
Three hours after arriving at Ipsens, I had to tell Josh that “we should be going soon.” Honest to God, he’d still be there, but I could see that Pat and Bill were running on fumes.

When we got into the car, Josh gave me a quick smile. “Best Christmas dinner ever,” he said, “and the food was good, too.”

Yes, the conversation was that good. We laughed until we cried, and maybe that’s the memory I will cherish the most when it came to Pat Ipsen.

She had a wonderful ability to connect with anyone — from library patrons to Rotary Club members to lifelong friends to total strangers.

It didn’t matter if they were 9 or 90, she had that gift, and the world just won’t be the same without this spunky, amazing woman.



New Hampton’s Talyn Bohaty (left) rounds first base on his way to a double in a game against Osage while his Chickasaw teammate, Braden McShane (right), goes into the windup in a tilt against Waukon.

Chickasaws enjoy another banner season

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Chickasaws sported the top three ERAs in the league.

“In three years of varsity baseball, he has only been injury-free for one summer, so we are looking forward to a completely healthy Braden McShane for an exciting senior season of baseball,” McDonald said.

McShane earned four saves in 12 appearances. He worked his way to a 4-2 mark in 27 innings and fanned 34 hitters.

“If we kept a school record for saves, I am confident that Braden broke that record this season. In all my years as a coach in the NEIC, I can only remember one other time that the coaches voted a reliever as one of the four all-conference pitchers, which speaks to how dominating Braden was just in that limited role due to his season-long injury,” said McDonald.

McShane batted .294 in just 34 at-bats. He hit a pinch-hit homer versus Waukon and collected 10 hits. He scored 12 runs.

Bohaty is one of the best catchers in his class and in the conference. Bohaty’s .984 fielding percentage was fourth-best in the NEIC. He threw out 12 runners on the basepaths — second only to Waukon’s Carter Schellsmidt’s 21. He was first in the NEIC in total chances in the field (250) and putouts (224).

Bohaty’s bat was steady as he ripped five doubles, came up with 26 hits and knocked in a solid 27 runs. He averaged .263 at the plate and was one of the leaders in hit-by-pitches in the NEIC with 10. Meyers was second in the league in HBPs at the plate with 13 — tied with Gilbert.

All-NEIC Baseball		
FIRST TEAM PITCHERS		
Gannon Shekleton	New Hampton	Sr.
Grant Parker	Waverly-Shell Rock	Jr.
FIRST TEAM CATCHER		
Carter Schellsmidt	Waukon	Sr.
FIRST TEAM INFELDERS		
Noah Hatlan	Waukon	Sr.
Kael Meyers	New Hampton	Jr.
Reed Peters	Charles City	Sr.
Gehrig Tibbitts	Waverly-Shell Rock	Fr.
FIRST TEAM OUTFELDERS		
Nolan Foster	Waverly-Shell Rock	So.
Dylan Stockdale	Waverly-Shell Rock	Sr.
Lincoln Joslin	Charles City	Sr.
FIRST TEAM UTILITY		
Abram Wrage	Waverly-Shell Rock	Sr.
Jaxon Eckley	New Hampton	So.
Landen Bergan	Crestwood	Sr.
SECOND TEAM PITCHERS		
Landon Kuennen	Decorah	Jr.
Braden McShane	New Hampton	Jr.
SECOND TEAM CATCHER		
Talyn Bohaty	New Hampton	Jr.
SECOND TEAM INFELDERS		
Kaden Alstad	Decorah	So.
Malachi O’Brien	Charles City	Fr.
Nathan O’Neill	Waukon	Sr.
Lance Myers	Waverly-Shell Rock	Sr.
SECOND TEAM OUTFELDERS		
Ethan Holthaus	Decorah	Sr.
Ben Wymer	Decorah	Sr.
Ayden Hoffert	Waverly-Shell Rock	Jr.
SECOND TEAM UTILITY		
Kayden Blunt	Charles City	Sr.
Jack O’Neill	Waukon	Jr.

“From where Talyn was a year ago to where he is today, I am very proud of the progress he made knowing how challenging the process was mentally and physically to get to this point and happy that conference coaches recognized Talyn’s growth, too,” said McDonald.

New Hampton enjoyed another award-winning season under McDonald’s tutelage. The Chickasaws were ranked

ninth in the final rankings of Class 2A and earned the No. 1 seed in their district. New Hampton (23-10, 13-7) placed second in the NEIC standings. MFL-Mar-Mac upset NH, 4-3, in the district final and ended the Chickasaws’ dream of playing in the state tournament for the third time in school history. It was the 14th-straight season that New Hampton had played in the district championship.

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New Hampton’s lone two seniors — Kandice Eggerichs (left) and Elaina Rosonke — capped their prep softball careers by being named to the all-Northeast Iowa Conference second team.

New Hampton coach lauds Chickasaws’ two seniors

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lead in that category had she had more opportunities at the plate with additional at-bats? Randall led the state with 21 blasts cranked over the outfield fence.

Hofmeister sure thinks so. “You add another 15, 20 games – she’s probably getting 20 or more home runs,” said Hofmeister.

Randall and her Panthers (24-11, 17-3), which play in the Hawkeye Ten in southwest Iowa, won that league and played 35 games this summer.

Heeren was first in the league in slugging percentage (.952) and second in the NEIC in total bases (59). She also sported a .500 on-base-percentage, which was fifth-best in the conference. Heeren led the Chickasaws with a .387 batting clip and amassed a team-leading 22 RBI to go along with her 24 hits.

Heeren’s defense helped save runs for New Hampton with a .922 fielding percentage. That included just four errors in the field in 51 total chances. She also was successful inside the pitcher’s circle as she went 3-3 with a 1.04 ERA in 33.2 innings pitched.

“Defensively, I wasn’t worried about that. She’s always been a good fielder for us. Pitching – she really helped us out a lot this year,” said Hofmeister.

She was also a positive presence in the dugout for the Chickasaws.

“Last year she was pretty quiet. Going into the season I told her I definitely needed her to be more of a vocal leader,” said Hofmeister. “She definitely stepped up to the plate and did that. She knew when to be positive with the girls and then she also understood when she needed to be stern and firm with the girls saying that we gotta get going.”

For seniors Kandice Eggerichs and Elaina Rosonke, it was a season to remember for the inseparable pair.

“They’re best friends, for sure,” said Hofmeister.

Eggerichs and Rosonke were

All-NEIC Softball FIRST TEAM PITCHERS

Clara Hjelle	Decorah	Fr.
Maya Willey	Waverly-Shell Rock	Jr.

Kaitlyn Krambeer	Waukon	Jr.
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FIRST TEAM INFIELTERS

Bryar Duwe	Decorah	Sr.
Ava Ellis	Charles City	Sr.
Jayden Knox	Waukon	Sr.
Olivia Ollendick	Crestwood	Sr.
Jenna Heeren	New Hampton	Jr.

FIRST TEAM OUTFIELDERS

Lani Hubka	Decorah	Sr.
Lauren Staudt	Charles City	Jr.
Natalie Beck	Waverly-Shell Rock	Fr.

FIRST TEAM UTILITY/DESIGNATED PLAYER

Alex Wohlers	Charles City	Jr.
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SECOND TEAM PITCHER

Natalie White	Charles City	Sr.
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SECOND TEAM CATCHER

Lauren Luzum	Decorah	Fr.
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SECOND TEAM INFIELTERS

Autum Schaller	Decorah	Sr.
Kiana Krueger	Waukon	Sr.
Britain Ferrie	Crestwood	Sr.
Blaire Cummings	Crestwood	So.
Kandice Eggerichs	New Hampton	Sr.

SECOND TEAM OUTFIELDERS

Laney Peter	Crestwood	So.
Reese McCormick	Waukon	So.
Elaina Rosonke	New Hampton	Sr.

SECOND TEAM UTILITY/DESIGNATED PLAYER

Cameron Johnson	Waukon	Jr.
Delaney Ruzicka	Charles City	Sr.

awarded for their fine seasons with second-team All-NEIC recognition.

The bond between New Hampton’s only seniors on its roster was strong and that also helped everyone’s production out on the diamond.

“I’ve been very blessed to have great seniors,” said Hofmeister, in his second year as NH head coach. “It’s great to have and it also lets those juniors know that they gotta step up and do the same thing next year when they’re seniors.”

Eggerichs blasted four home runs and slugged (.595) – both key power stats ranked her third in the NEIC. She also batted .333 and led the team in hits (28) and tied with Heeren for most runs scored on the team with 19. Eggerichs tied with eighth-grader Caycee Crawford with a team-leading eight dou-

bles. She plated 16 runs with her potent bat.

One key stat that sometimes is overlooked is the amount of times a batter doesn’t strikeout. Eggerichs only fanned 11 times in 84 at-bats. That’s the same amount of times Heeren struck out, but in 22 less at-bats.

“She’s putting the ball in play or getting on base with a walk. She had a tremendous year,” said Hofmeister. “She’s very deserving of second-team all-conference. I thought she possibly could have got first team, but first team this year for conference, it was just stacked.”

Eggerichs was also a reliable glove at second base, as evident by her .914 fielding percentage. She was charged with eight errors on the season in 93 total chances.

Rosonke sent two long flies over the fence and touched

home plate twice after coming up with home runs. She batted .256 and accumulated 20 hits. She scored 16 runs and knocked in eight at the dish.

Despite nine errors, which came out to .769 fielding percentage, Rosonke made plays in right field – often in dramatic fashion. Rosonke’s final game – a 9-0 loss to Sumner-Fredericksburg-Tripoli in the Class 3A regional opener – saw her do just that. She also came up with several critical catches and terrific defensive plays down the stretch for the Chickasaws.

“Sometimes when you look at stats, it’s kind of deceiving. I don’t think it always tells the whole story about a player,” said Hofmeister. “She made phenomenal plays throughout the whole season.”

One shining example of Rosonke’s commitment to the team came in the form of her sacrificing her overall offensive production in order to benefit the Chickasaws in certain situations.

“Elaina did whatever I needed her to do this year,” said Hofmeister. “I remember going into that Sumner game and the focus was try to play small ball as much as we could. Before the game, she came up to me and said, ‘if you ever need me to bunt throughout the game, just give me the sign and I’ll go ahead and do it for the team.’ That right there just kind of describes the kind of person and the athlete Elaina is. She’s willing to do anything for the team, regardless of what it is.”

IHSAA head to lead national federation

Tom Keating, executive director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), is the new president of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) for 2023-24.

Keating, the 64th president of the NFHS, began his one-year term July 2 following the NFHS Summer Meeting, which was held this year in Seattle.

Bob Lombardi, executive director of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA), was elected by the NFHS Board of Directors to the position of president-elect for the upcoming year.

Keating joined the IHSAA staff as executive director July 1, 2019, after 15 years at Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids. He was president of Xavier High during the 2018-19 school year after 14 years as the school’s principal.

He served 24 years at Wahlert Catholic High School in Dubuque, prior to arriving at Xavier in 2004.

A native of Philadelphia, Keating began his career as a teacher and coach at Maxwell High School in 1977 before starting an award-winning run as a teacher, coach and activities director at Wahlert in 1980. Keating led Wahlert to 11 state volleyball championships, and he was named NFHS National Coach of the Year for volleyball in 2003.

Keating served on the IHSAA’s Board of Control from 2008 to 2018 and was chairperson in 2014-15.

In 2010, he was named the National Catholic Educational Association’s Educator of the Year. He was a 2003 inductee in the National High School Athletic Coaches Association’s Hall of Fame, and he has been an adjunct instructor and authored five graduate-level courses for Drake University.

Nationally, Keating joined the NFHS Board of Directors as the Section 4 representative at the start of the 2020-21 school year.



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IHSAA executive director Tom Keating speaking at the 2023 NFHS Summer Meeting as new president of the NFHS board.

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New Hampton's Gannon Shekleton delivers a pitch to the plate during a non-conference game against Wapsie Valley late in the season.

Quintet of Chickasaws named all-NEIC

Shekleton, Meyers, Eckley named to all-conference first team while McShane, Bohaty tabbed by coaches for second team

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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If there were headliners this season in the Northeast Iowa Conference – it starts with New Hampton's Kael Meyers and Gannon Shekleton.

Those two Chickasaw standouts out on the baseball diamond this summer flexed their muscles in a big way in 2023.

So did sophomore Jaxon Eckley – who like Meyers and Shekleton – was chosen by NEIC coaches as one of the best players the league has to offer.

Bradley McShane and Talyn Bohaty also strengthened their bold resumes with powerful contributions as well for New Hampton head coach Cory McDonald's Chickasaws and received all-league recognition.

Meyers and Shekleton – who played to an all-state level this summer – were awarded for their fine seasons with first team all-league distinction as the NEIC handed out all-conference status recently. Eckley joined them as well on the first team.

McShane and Bohaty – both juniors – earned second squad All-NEIC honors.

This was the first time Shekleton, Eckley and Bohaty were selected by NEIC coaches as all-league performers. Meyers and McShane were tabbed on the first team all-conference squad last year as sophomores.

Shekleton, a senior, did not lose a game on the mound as he worked his way to an 8-0 record and a sparkling 1.31 ERA. The bona-fide ace of McDonald's staff was one of only three pitchers in Class 2A with a least eight wins to go undefeated.

"That's extraordinary," said McDonald, who has coached New Hampton for 15 seasons.

Shekleton became the first Chickasaw ever to earn at least eight wins on the mound without a blemish.

"Gannon is one of many great success stories of this outstanding baseball team full of over-achievers. Gannon has always had nasty stuff, but he struggled with control," said McDonald. "But for his senior season, Gannon was able to put it all together and had one of the best seasons of any Chickasaw baseball pitcher in school history."

Shekleton walked 37 batters in over 24 innings toiled on the hill as a junior. He limited those free passes to just 20 in 53.1 innings of work his final season as a Chickasaw.

"Gannon is a positive example to any younger Chickasaw pitchers who struggle with control – stick with it, like Gannon stuck with it," said McDonald.

Shekleton was productive at the plate as well.



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New Hampton's Kael Meyers (above) laces a basehit in a game against Turkey Valley while teammate Jaxon Eckley (right) throws to first to record an out in a Chickasaw win over Waukon this season.

NEIC Baseball Standings

	Conf.	All
Waverly-SR	16-4	21-12
New Hampton	13-7	23-10
Decorah	11-9	16-17
Charles City	9-11	17-17
Waukon	8-12	15-19
Crestwood	3-17	4-22

He collected 24 hits and hit .250 for the year with 27 RBI and 21 runs scored.

Meyers is flat-out one of the state's best hitters and is now also a New Hampton record holder.

Meyers, who bats left-handed in the leadoff spot for the Chickasaws, broke the school record with his on-base-percentage of .617. That old NH OBP mark was held by Tanner Weigel and set 14 years ago in 2009.

"That's awesome," said McDonald.

Meyers' OBP was fifth-best in Class 2A and led the NEIC.

Meyers was at the top of the leaderboard or in at least the top three of a plethora of important statistical offensive categories in the NEIC. He led the Chickasaws in runs (41), hits (40), doubles (10), home runs (3) and RBI (29). He also walked 26 times, also first on the team. He stole 24 bases in 25 tries.

Bear in mind, Meyers' impact more than likely would have been even more far-reaching had he not tore a ligament in his elbow in the first week of the season and was lost for the year as a pitcher.

Meyers was also an elite fielder at first base – evident by his .981 fielding percentage (just three errors in 158 total chances).

"In what started as his worst nightmare with a torn UCL while pitching in the conference opener, Kael showed remarkable maturity by physically and



mentally adjusting on the fly with a switch to first base and then proceeding to put together one of the best offensive seasons by any Chickasaw baseball player in school history," remarked McDonald.

Meyers' transformation into one of the state's top players didn't happen overnight. McDonald was beyond impressed by his award-winning work ethic that allowed him to put in a superb season at the plate and in the field.

"From sheer hard work, Kael has developed into one of the best pure hitters that I have ever coached in my 27 years. No one devoted more time and effort into this baseball season than Kael, so he is getting everything that he worked so hard for. We are excited for Kael to recover from Tommy John surgery and be a team leader in 2024," said McDonald.

Eckley, batting in the two-hole for McDonald, was another great table-setter for the Chickasaws. He batted .313, sported a .515 on-base-per-

centage and scored 29 runs – tied with teammate Ben Gilbert. Eckley was 17-19 in stolen base attempts and proved his worth as well on the hill.

Eckley amassed the second-best ERA in the NEIC with a 1.40 percentage. He was 4-1 in 40 innings of work and struck out 47.

The sophomore third baseman could also pick it. He committed just four errors in 71 total chances – good for a .944 fielding clip.

"Jaxon is a tremendous baseball player in all facets of the game and this was his breakout season with coaches in Northeast Iowa taking note. Only a sophomore, Jaxon's best is still yet to come," McDonald added.

McShane overcame injuries during the year to have one of the better seasons for New Hampton in the pitching department as junior. His ERA was 1.56 – third-best in NEIC hierarchy. That meant the

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Junior slugger leads Chickasaws' all-NEIC contingent

Heeren named to all-league first team while squad's two seniors land on second team

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NEIC Softball Standings

	Conf.	All
Decorah	11-4	18-16
Charles City	9-6	18-16
Waverly-SR	8-7	11-19
Waukon	6-9	16-15
Crestwood	6-9	14-17
New Hampton	5-10	11-14

The softballs just kept leaving the yard and there was nothing opposing pitchers could do about it – except tip their cap.

New Hampton junior Jenna Heeren elevated her game in 2023 – which included a home-run hitting tear through the middle to latter portion of the regular season for Tate Hofmeister's Chickasaws.

That's one of the reasons Heeren was named to the first team All-NEIC softball squad.

Heeren – who possesses one of the most explosive bats and strongest arms in Class 3A at shortstop – played to second-team all-league recognition as a freshman and sophomore.

This summer, Heeren's bat caught fire and stayed hot through most of the regular season.

After smashing five home runs a season ago, Heeren doubled that total and entered double-digit dinger territory with 10.

She was tied for seventh



Eggerichs



Rosonke

in Class 3A with those 10 round-trippers and led the NEIC in that category.

"When you have somebody that can hit home runs, not only that, but she was also able to get extra-base hits. Any time you can do that you're definitely confident when she's up to the plate if somebody's on base to score that person. She improved tremendously. She was good last year, but she definitely stepped up a notch this year, compared to last year," said Hofmeister.

The question is what would have happened to Heeren's offensive power numbers had her team increased its number of games played?

New Hampton went 11-14 overall in 25 games this year. The Chickasaws played to a 5-10 league mark.

A large portion of teams, regardless of class, play upwards of 40 games in a softball season.

Sure it's a hypothetical scenario, but could have Heeren challenged Creston senior Nevaeh Randall for the state

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New Hampton's Jenna Heeren secures the pop fly to record the final out in the Chickasaws' win over Turkey Valley at the New Hampton Invitational last month.

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