

Supervisors will hold final public hearing on budget/levy April 10

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by inflation recently that has led to dramatic price increases for fuel and equipment purchases, Lensing probably deserved taking that proverbial sigh of relief Monday morning.

"You can see how close we were on the estimate and their low bid," he told board members. "I'm pretty happy with that so we don't have the situation like we did last year."

Supervisors on Monday also had a chance to see how the county's potential new voting machines work as Henry M. Adkins and Sons' Mark Fredericks gave them a demonstration on a new machine that he said is not only faster but easier for election workers to use.

The Chickasaw County Auditor's Office, which oversees all elections in the county, is proposing that the county buy 11 machines — nine for its precincts and two "back-ups" — at a total cost of \$50,578.

While supervisors said they appreciated the fact that it was probably time to buy new election equipment, they pointed out that new election equipment is not in the county's 2023-24 budget.

Fredericks, though, said his company would work with the county by delivering the equipment during the budget year and allowing the county to either pay the entire balance or begin its three-year payment plan in July 2024, which would be part of the 2024-25 budget.

Although board members didn't make a final decision, they asked Fredericks to draw up a contract and they will take up the matter at a later date.

Finally, board members spent about an hour going through its proposed 2023-24 budget and then approved holding a public hearing on the budget at 9:10 a.m. on Monday, April 10.

The action came a week after the board approved its maximum levy, which will see tax-asking increase by 1.99 percent for the General Basic/General Supplemental funds and 11.38 percent for the Rural Services Basic budget.

Supervisors Jake Hackman reminded his fellow board members that the board could still reduce budgets, but there appeared to be little appetite to do so from the rest of the board. Setting the public hearing passed on a 4-1 vote, with just Hackman voting no.



Mark Fredericks, a representative from Henry M. Adkins and Sons, demonstrates the new voting machines the Chickasaw County Auditor's Office is hoping to purchase and have up and running by the June 2024 primary.

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N-P students show their hearts are in right place

Elementary raises more than \$17,000 in Heart Challenge

BY BOB FENSKE

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Harmony Iriarte and Jax Mohs may be young, but they know just how much hearts can hurt.

So when their Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School physical education teacher, Jill Kalvig, decided the school would take part in the American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge, they went to work.

And they had plenty of company, too, as students in grades K-5 smashed — and we mean absolutely demolished — their teacher's goal to have the school raise \$6,000.

By the time all the pledges were turned in on March 10, Nashua-Plainfield students had raised a whopping \$17,285.24 for the American Heart Association, and the school was led by a third-grader named Harmony and a kindergartener named Jax.

Iriarte raised \$1,147 from family and friends while young Mr. Mohs was just \$37

behind the school leader.

"I was totally blown away," Kalvig said. "It was really fun to see the kids excited not only about what we were doing in class but also really taking up the challenge and helping people."

For some, though, it was a little more personal.

Take Harmony Iriarte, for example. Her father, former Nashua Police Chief Jeremy Iriarte, passed away last spring after suffering a heart attack. He was just 33 years old and left behind a wife and four children.

"I wanted to do something nice for my dad," she said, "and we had a lot of friends who made donations."

Young Jax, meanwhile, was born with cardiomyopathy, a disease of the heart muscle that makes it harder for the heart to pump blood to the rest of the body.

He showed off the "dragons" he received for raising certain amounts of money and said he had "fun" doing the challenge.

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Jax Mohs and Harmony Iriarte show off the "dragons" they earned during Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School's recent fundraiser.

know," his mother, Jennifer Mohs, said, "but a lot of people know he's been through a lot and wanted to support him. For Jax, it's mostly about the dragons on his bracelet. That definitely makes him smile."

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Former lawmaker in line to become next Floyd County attorney

County supervisors looking to change position from full-time to part-time and Prichard lone candidate to express interest in the position

By BOB STEENSON

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Floyd County will change from a full-time county attorney position to a part-time county attorney, and likely appoint Charles City resident Todd Prichard to fill that spot, if the county Board of Supervisors continues on the path it charted Monday.

A special meeting was held Wednesday after this edition of the Tribune went to press. Supervisors were expected to pass a resolution to change the county attorney position from full time to part time, and to appoint a person to that position.

The decision to change to a part-

time county attorney was driven more by the person the supervisors want for the job, rather than their own thoughts that the position should be changed; in fact, two of the county supervisors expressed reservations about the change to part time.

The supervisors are looking to fill the office that is now vacant after previous County Attorney Rachel Ginrey resigned effective March 13 to take the same position for Hancock County.

Three applicants applied for the

opening, including the current assistant county attorney, Randall Tilton, and Brandon Moe, an assistant county attorney in Cerro Gordo County. Both those candidates said the county attorney position should be full time.

The third candidate, Prichard, applied for the position as a part-time job. The long-time Charles City attorney, former Iowa legislator, and Army colonel (currently serving in the Army Reserve) said he had previously served as a part-time assistant county attorney under Normand Klemesrud from 2010 to 2014, and Klemesrud was also a part-time county attorney.

"This does not mean that I would only dedicate a predetermined amount

of hours to the job," he said in his application letter. "I will dedicate the hours necessary to successfully meet the requirements of the office."

Prichard's law firm — Walk, Prichard, Baresel & Murphy, PC — serves as the city of New Hampton's attorney, and Prichard has attended virtually every City Council meeting since September 2021.

During his interview with the supervisors Monday morning, Prichard said he would give up practicing family law and do mostly probate and business law in his private practice — two areas that are more easily worked into a schedule.

Prichard told that board that many

if not most counties in this region of the state have part-time county attorneys.

"Maintaining the county attorney's position as a part-time position would be more cost effective for the county without sacrificing the time required to effectively represent the county," Prichard said.

Prichard represented Chickasaw County in the Iowa House for almost 10 years after winning a special election to replace fellow Democrat Brian Quirk in 2013.

After his district changed dramatically in redistricting, he decided not to seek a sixth term during the 2022 election.

Sponsors help make pickleball tourney success

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at the end of the day, but we had a lot of fun."

Her husband is Jason Rude, a social studies teacher at New Hampton Middle School, and the group that came together to put on the tournament was the same group that also put on a middle school dance earlier this year.

"They thought it would be fun to take a trip to Minneapolis to see a play and a baseball game, with the idea being that there's lots of people that have never been to either and some that would otherwise never go to either," Jason Rude said. "We looked at what we could do to raise funds to pay for it and the idea of pickleball was mentioned."

So they reached out to the New Hampton Pickleball Club — "we're a club in that we have a Facebook page," Lisa Rude said with a laugh — and the club was more than willing to lend a hand.

And the timing was good in that the middle school physical education classes taught by Brian Schmitt and Jordan Rommes were in the first week of a pickleball unit.

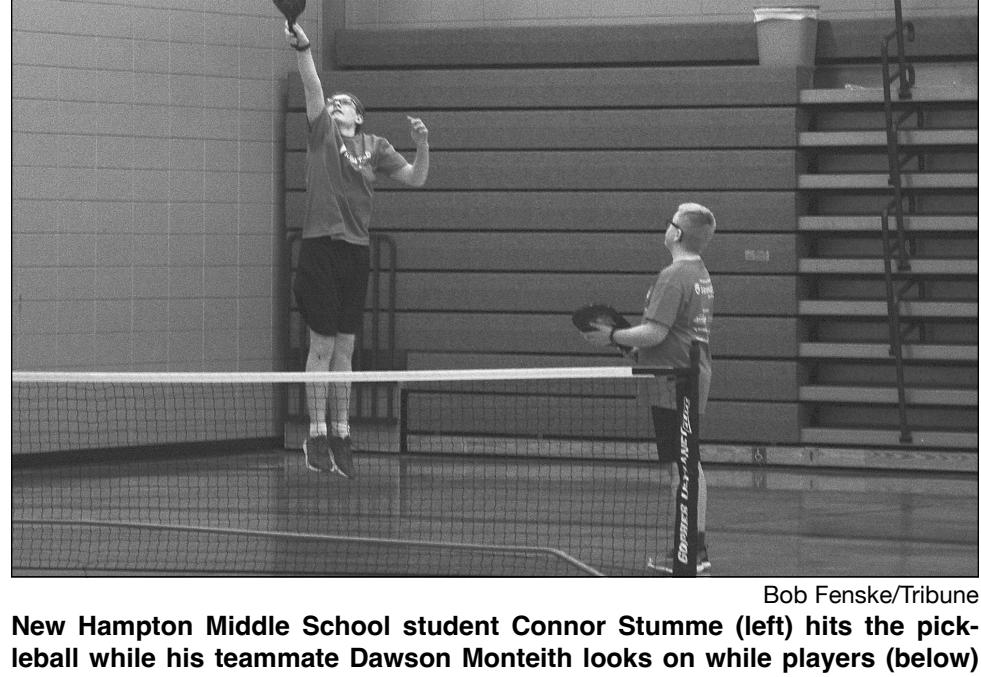
The students and Rude worked on gaining sponsors, and Pickleball paddle suppliers like Franklin Sports, Selkirk Pickleball and Gamma Sports made donations. So, too, did Chip Shots, a pickleball and golf simulator facility in Rochester, Minnesota, that is owned by New Hampton High School alumnus Ryan Utterback, who donated three \$60 gift cards to his club.

Locally, Zip's Outfitters donated eight shirts that were given to winners in the four-division tournament while Lyle and Sally Kriener provided gift cards to the champs as well.

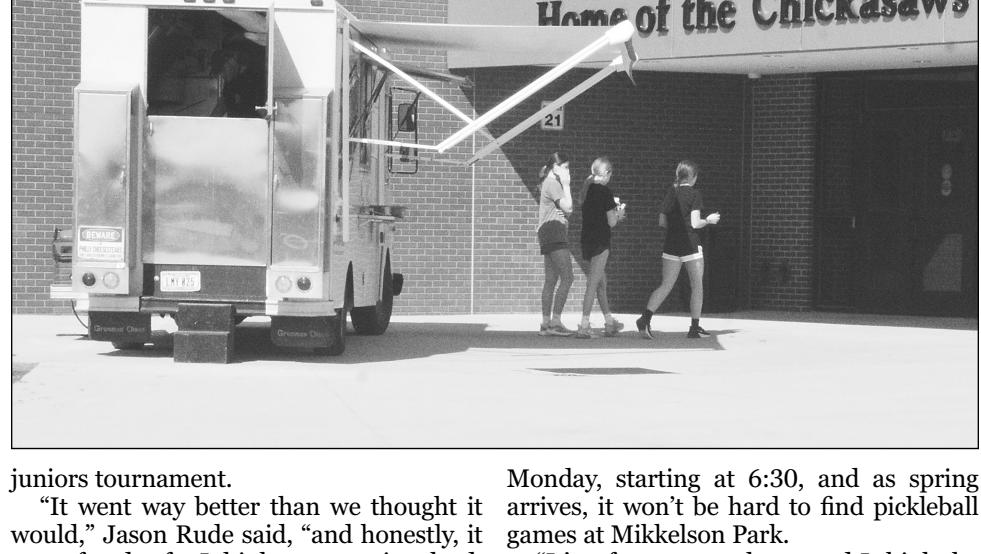
So on Saturday, they opened the doors and hoped for the best.

They got it as the tournament had four women's doubles teams, eight men's double teams, six mixed doubles teams and nine youth teams. And the best part is that many traveled to New Hampton as the tournament drew people from places like Decorah, Clear Lake, Waukon and Charles City.

After more than six hours of pickleballing, Tyler and Ben Harman from Decorah claimed the men's title, Decorah's Amber Fogle and Waukon's Megan Enyart brought home gold in the women's division, Fogle and another Decorah resident, Tyler Mikesh, won the mixed doubles crown and New Hampton Middle School's own Braden Manson and Charlie Kriener topped the



New Hampton Middle School student Connor Stumme (left) hits the pickleball while his teammate Dawson Monteith looks on while players (below) head back to the gym after getting some tasty nourishment from All About Cheesesteaks during Saturday's tournament.



juniors tournament.

"It went way better than we thought it would," Jason Rude said, "and honestly, it was a fun day for I think everyone involved. I love seeing our students involved and they did a great job."

Meanwhile, his wife made a pitch for new pickleball players — pointing out that indoor pickleball continues in New Hampton with a recreational night, each

Monday, starting at 6:30, and as spring arrives, it won't be hard to find pickleball games at Mikkelsen Park.

"It's a fun sport to learn and I think the best part of it is that it's really for anyone," she said. "Look at the tournament, there were students, there were people in their 60s ... that's a pretty cool activity, and all of us love seeing new people get interested in pickleball."

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Briefs

New Hampton students to get their 'spring break' next week

New Hampton Community Schools and St. Joseph Community School will get New Hampton's version of a spring break next week.

Students will be dismissed two hours early next Thursday and students and staff will then have both Friday and Monday off before returning to school on Tuesday, April 11.

Unlike some other schools in the state, New Hampton doesn't take a week-long spring break each year; instead, the district usually takes both Good Friday and Easter Monday off, which means its break can occur anytime between late March and early April.

New Hampton City Council to hold public hearing on 23-24 budget

The New Hampton City Council will hold its second and final public hearing during Monday night's meeting and is expected to vote on it once the public hearing is closed.

Monday's meeting will also include Sheriff Ryan Shawer and Chief Deputy Zach Nosbisch discussing the recent presentation in which Samuels Group recommended the city and county build a \$13.2 million law enforcement center and holding jail. If the city does take part in the project, it's part of the building that would house the Police Department would be about \$2.8 million.

The Finance Committee met earlier this month to discuss possible ways to trim its budget as the city's proposed tax levy will bring in about \$1.85 million in property tax revenue, a decrease of 6 percent from the \$1.97 million the city received from property taxes during this budget year, which ends on June 30.

The committee, which consists of Kalista Portath-Daly, Mindy Humpal and Cory McDonald voted to utilize an emergency even of \$0.10039 per \$1,000 valuation to generate \$15,000 in additional revenues and also increase the health/property/insurance levy to raise another \$15,000. The committee also voted to decrease council salaries by \$1,000 and decrease several department budgets.

Even with the emergency levy, the city's levy will drop by more than 30 cents next year to \$12.40801 per \$1,000 valuation while ag land within the city will be assessed \$3.00375 per \$1,000 valuation.

Trinity Lutheran Church youth to hold fundraiser dinner April 23

Mike Reicks' Famous Fried Chicken is on the menu for an April 23 fundraiser being put on by the Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Group.

The event runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will offer both dine-in and carry-out options. Tickets are \$15 for those ages 11 and older and \$12 for children 10 and under. They are available fat the church office.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used by the youth when they take their annual mission trip this summer.

Trio of supervisors say county should pursue special election for new 'holding' jail

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told county and city leaders that the cost of the facility would increase by 8 percent a year, which works out to an extra \$1.056 million if the project is put off a year.

"I understand Jake's point," Cerwinski said, but he also said he would support calling a special election. "If Sid's educational program is as good as he says, hopefully he's going to work something out so our voters will be educated. I would agree — just because of the cost — we should probably have a special election."

Shawver and his chief deputy, Zach Nosbisch, said they weren't looking for any decisions from the board; instead, as Shawver put it, "we'd like to keep the conversation moving

forward."

The two law enforcement officers said they plan on meeting with the New Hampton City Council this coming Monday to gauge the city's interest in the project.

They told supervisors that having the Samuels Group work on "phase two" — helping the entities with a bond referendum with materials and education to the public — would cost about \$35,000.

Shawver said he would ask the city, if it decides to base its police department at the new center, to cover 25 percent of the Samuels' services. That was the portion the city was responsible for when it came to the feasibility study that was released last week.

Both the sheriff and super-

visors, though, said that until the status of New Hampton's involvement is known, it's difficult to move forward. If the city opts out of the law enforcement center, it would become a county-only facility — at a cost reduction of \$2.8 million.

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Shawver said that currently Hancock County in north-central Iowa transports all of its prisoners to the Winnebago County Jail, but those two county seats are separated by just eight miles.

"If we had another county as close as Winnebago is to Hancock, I think that would be an option that I would love to explore," he said. "We use this example this week as an example. We had four arrests over the weekend so if we were closed, we can't even stop here. We have to go directly to which ever county we'd have to have a long-term contract with."

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"Let's just use Charles City, as an example, because it's the closest. You're looking at a minimum ... of an hour that you're going to have a deputy out of the county. That's my only concern."

County Attorney David Laudner — in response to some residents who expressed concern during the March 20 meeting that the county could be more efficient with technology — said both his office and

the Sheriff's Office are already using those "efficiencies."

"As far as arraignments and working with Department of Correctional Services and finding efficiencies and using technology, all that is being done."

"That's not the issue. The issue is not days two through five through 10 through 100 ... the issue is day one. The issue is really hour one."

Hackman said before the county even considers it hiring the Samuels Group to proceed with the bond, at least two things must happen.

The city's involvement has to be known, and the county needs to begin working with a bond attorney.

And he also said he hoped supervisors would take into account that 42 percent of the bond repayment would come from ag land property owners.

"Always look at who's paying the bills; it's not a majority of the voters," Hackman said.

"Our tax base in Chickasaw County, we all know where it's at. The voters ain't there."

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The 'good' of Good Friday

Christ's death is good only in that it leads to deliverance on Easter

EDITOR'S NOTE: As Easter nears, we are looking diving into the importance of three days that changed the world forever. After covering Maundy Thursday last week, this week we're focusing on Good Friday and next week, we'll delve into Easter.

What is Good Friday, and why do we call Good Friday "good" when it is such a dark and bleak event commemorating a day of suffering and death for Jesus?

Good Friday, the Friday before Easter, is the Christian day to commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus and His death at Calvary. This Christian holiday is also known as Holy Friday, Great Friday, Great and Holy Friday, and Black Friday.

For Christians, Good Friday is an important day of the year because it celebrates what we believe to be the most momentous weekend in the history of the world.

Ever since Jesus died and was raised, Christians have proclaimed the cross and resurrection of Jesus to be the decisive turning point for all creation. Paul considered it "of first importance" that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, following what God had promised in the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3).

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

On Good Friday, we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins (1 John 1:10). Easter follows it, the glorious celebration of the day Jesus was raised from the dead, heralding his victory over sin and death and pointing ahead to a future resurrection for all who are united to him by faith (Romans 6:5).

Why Is it called 'Good' Friday?
Still, why call the day of Jesus' death "Good Friday" instead of "Bad Friday" or something similar?

Some Christian traditions do take this approach: in German, for example, the day is called Karfreitag, or "Sorrowful Friday." In English, the origin of the term "Good" is debated: some believe it developed from an older name, "God's Friday." Regardless of the origin, the name Good Friday is entirely appropriate because the suffering and death of Jesus, as terrible as it was, marked the dramatic culmination of God's plan to save his people from their sins.

For the gospel's good news to have meaning for us, we first have to understand the bad news of our condition as sinful people under condemnation.

The good news of deliverance only makes sense once we see how we are enslaved. Another way of saying this is that it is essential to understand and distinguish between law and gospel in Scripture. We need the law first to show us how hopeless our condition is; then, the gospel of Jesus' grace brings us relief and salvation.

In the same way, Good Friday is "good" because as terrible as that day was, it had to happen for us to receive the joy of Easter.

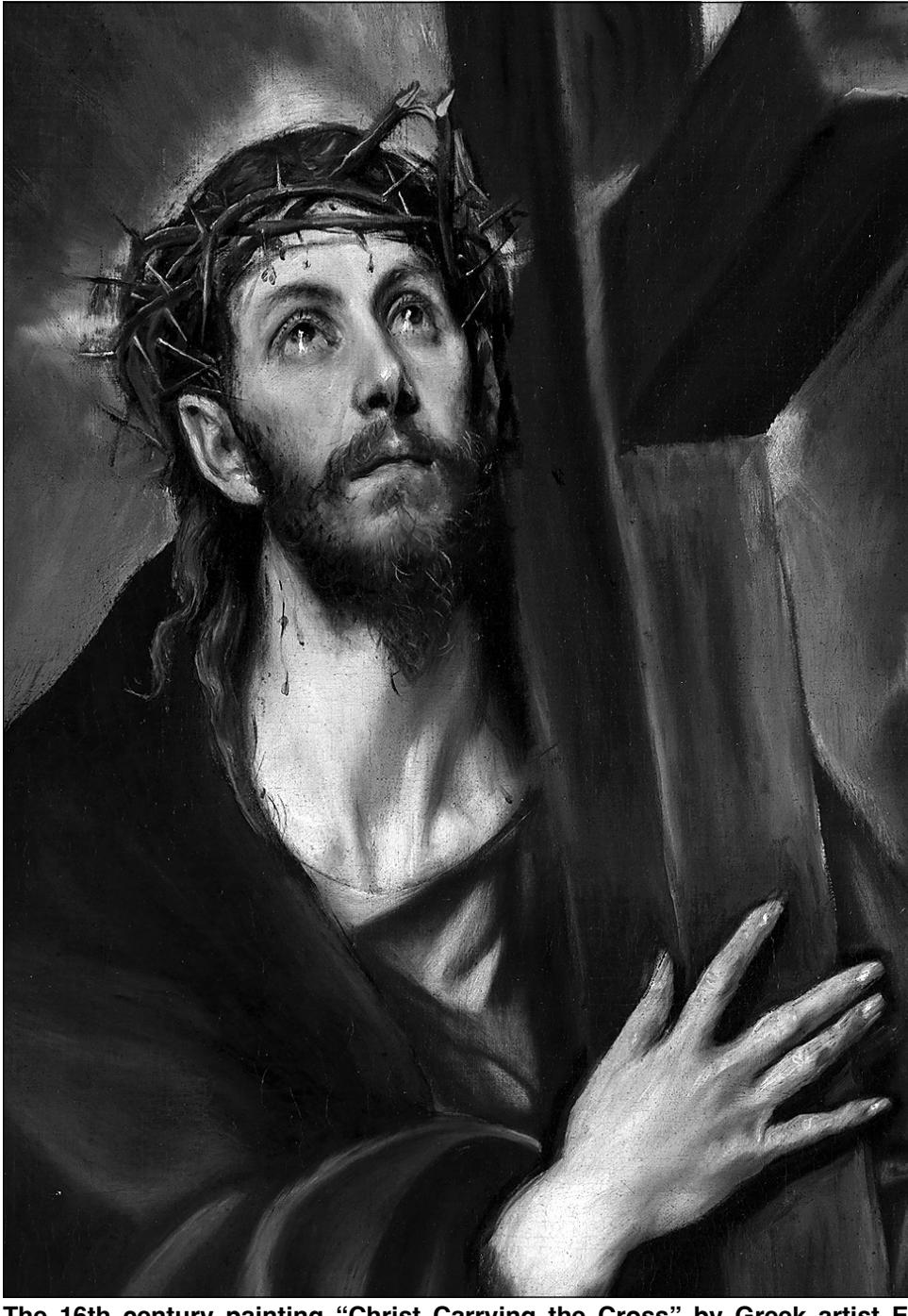
The wrath of God against sin had to be poured out on Jesus, the perfect sacrificial substitute, for forgiveness and salvation to be poured out to the nations.

Without that awful day of suffering, sorrow, and shed blood at the cross, God could not be both "just and the justifier" of those who trust in Jesus (Romans 3:26). Paradoxically, the day that seemed to be

the greatest triumph of evil was actually the death blow in God's gloriously good plan to redeem the world from bondage.

The cross is where we see the convergence of great suffering and God's forgiveness. Psalms 85:10 sings of a day when "righteousness and peace" will "kiss each other." The cross of Jesus is where that occurred, where God's demands, his righteousness, coincided with his mercy. We receive divine forgiveness, mercy, and peace because Jesus willingly took our divine punishment, the result of God's righteousness against sin. "For the joy set before him" (Hebrews 12:2). Jesus endured the cross on Good Friday, knowing it led to his resurrection, our salvation, and the beginning of God's reign of righteousness and peace.

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The 16th century painting "Christ Carrying the Cross" by Greek artist El Greco is one of the most recognizable pieces of art dealing with the day that Jesus was put to death.

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Good Friday in the Bible

The Crucifixion of Jesus - As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there.

Above his head they placed the writ-

ten charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"

In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him. (Matthew 27:32-44)

The Death of Jesus - From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lemasabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him." And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

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For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

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Where will this paycheck come from? Social Security benefits should replace about 40% of one's pre-retirement earnings, according to the Social Security Administration, but this figure varies widely based on an individual's circumstances. Typically, the higher your income before you retire, the lower the percentage will be replaced by Social Security. Private pensions have become much rarer in recent decades, though you might receive one if you worked for a government agency or a large company. But in any case, to fill out your retirement paycheck, you may need to draw heavily on your investment portfolio.

Your portfolio can provide you with income in these ways:

- **Dividends** – When you were working, and you didn't have to depend on your portfolio for income to the extent you will when you're retired, you may have reinvested the dividends you received from stocks and stock-based mutual funds, increasing the number of shares you own in these investments. And that was a good move, because increased share ownership is a great way to help build wealth. But once you're retired, you may need to start accepting the dividends to boost your cash flow.

- **Interest payments** – The interest payments from bonds and other fixed-income investments, such as certificates of deposit (CDs), can also add to your retirement income. In the years immediately preceding their retirement, some investors increase the presence of these interest-paying investments in their portfolio. (But even during retirement, you'll need some growth potential in your invest-

ments to help keep you ahead of inflation.)

- **Proceeds from selling investments** – While you will likely need to begin selling investments once you're retired, you'll need to be careful not to liquidate your portfolio too quickly. How much can you sell each year? The answer depends on several factors — your age, the size of your portfolio, the amount of income you receive from other sources, your spouse's income, your retirement lifestyle, and so on. A financial professional can help you determine the amount and type of investment sales that are appropriate for your needs while considering the needs of your portfolio over your lifetime.

When tapping into your investments as part of your retirement paycheck, you'll also want to pay special attention to the amount of cash in your portfolio. It's a good idea to have enough cash available to cover a year's worth of your living expenses, even after accounting for other sources of income, such as Social Security or pensions. In addition, you may want to set aside sufficient cash for emergencies. Not only will these cash cushions help you with the cost of living and unexpected costs, but they might also enable you to avoid digging deeper into your long-term investments than you might like.

You may be retired for a long time — so take the steps necessary to build a consistent retirement paycheck.

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Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Kuhn (second from right) ponders a point made by fellow board member Jake Hackman (left) during Monday's meeting when the board had a lengthy discussion before approving what is usually a routine payroll claim on a 3-2 vote.

HR: Department heads can deviate from handbook

HANDBOOK: FROM 1

board's job to watch these claims.

Board members approved the claims, save for the one for mailboxes.

"It just seems like we're losing control up here," Hackman said. "It's your job, our job, to watch these claims."

The regular claims, though, were just a prelude to a lengthy discussion about the payroll claim, one that Hackman said he would not support because the Auditor's Office had given a recent new hire a week's paid vacation even though the county handbook states that five days of vacation will be given to employees only after one year of service.

"You guys all got a copy from an HR attorney about this issue that I brought up last week," Hackman said, "and for that reason, I won't support the payroll. ... Again, I believe there's a county handbook and we set the clerk salary and/or benefit package through the county handbook."

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn, though, said that it was his understanding that other county offices had done similar things.

"Yes, and I wasn't aware of those," Hackman replied. "I can't do it all, Matt, but if we're going to be equal across all departments, I believe there's probably a department listening that had some new hires, that they wanted vacation pay, too, but they followed the handbook so they didn't offer paid vacation to a new hire."

He called on the Board of Supervisors to call for a "department head meeting again to say to these ... that [we can't] make up our rules up."

But Kuhn said he believed the letter that Ann Smisek, who works for the county's contracted human resources firm, Ahlers Cooney Attorneys, shared with supervisors showed that the Auditor's Office had done nothing wrong by offering the new hire paid vacation.

"As I have explained, elected officials can deviate from the handbook, but we discourage it as it can lead to claims of discriminatory treatment or favoritism," Smisek wrote.

"However, we are aware of many employers doing this as an incentive to recruit good employees."

The HR attorney went on to say that she did not believe the Board of Supervisors "can deny claims that are within the budget of an elected official even if it deviates from the handbook."

She added that she believed the matter should be discussed and that it should be considered whether more vacation benefits should be added to the handbook or to give department heads more flexibility to offer "enhanced leave benefits."

Supervisor Scott Cerwinski said he agreed that the handbook needed to be revised.

"They would have the discretion on a new hire," Cerwinski said. "I know that's a trend right now. If you hire someone who has worked somewhere for 20 years, you're giving them some vacation up front, but it doesn't say that you can do that right now."

Hackman said that what frustrates him is that he knows that some county departments are following the handbook while others are not.

"To me, that's why we have a handbook," he said. "If we're all over the board for this county of Chickasaw, we can't be all over the board because how does that look like [to] another department?"

And he added that "I don't pick on employees, I don't pick on people, I pick on policies and procedures."

County Attorney David Laudner said that he believes that there needs to be some clarification on what department heads can and cannot do.

"The bottom line is from a legal perspective," he said, "it raises all sorts of questions."

Kuhn asked several times during the discussion what

would happen if the board didn't approve the claim, asking "do we pull back everyone's checks?"

The board chairman also said there are department heads who feel like they are micro-managed by the board.

"People feel like they're under the thumb," he said, but Hackman was quick with a rebuttal.

"This is not micro-managing, this is following the county handbook, Matt."

Finally, Supervisor Steve Breitbach made a motion to approve the payroll claim, and after saying "everybody's been doing it, that's the way it is

[even though] it's not right," Travis Suckow seconded the motion.

"If we keep moving this way, we just set precedent that David, anybody else, can do whatever they want to do. Take this thing," Hackman said as he held a copy of the handbook,

"and recycle it."

But on a 3-2 vote —

Cerwinski joined Hackman to cast the two no votes — the claim was approved, but supervisors agreed to discuss the handbook issues with Smisek and possibly the county's private auditor, during its meeting this coming Monday.

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Let's be honest, most high school students — OK, all school students — can't wait to vacate the school premises on a Friday afternoon, but New Hampton High School student and Interact Club member Karla Pickar remains in the building more than an hour after school was dismissed to restock the Chickasaw Pride Food Pantry.

The pantry is located in the front entrance of the high school and is available 24/7.

The pantry is a joint venture between the New Hampton Rotary Club and the Interact Club, which Rotary sponsors.

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Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with chance of a wintry mix early and rain late; high 52, low 37.

Friday: Warm but thunderstorms developing; high 61, low 26.

Saturday: Mostly sunny but brisk; high 41, low 29.

Sunday: Finally, a great day with sunny skies and a high of 61 and low of 26.

Extended forecast:

Temps will stay moderate with highs in the upper 50s and lows in the 30s but chance of rain early in the week.

Meetings**MONDAY**

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

• New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

History

• In 1814, European forces allied against Napoleonic France march triumphantly into Paris.

• In 1855, In territorial Kansas' first election, some 5,000 so-called "Border Ruffians" invade the territory from western Missouri and force the election of a pro-slavery legislature.

• In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward signs a treaty with Russia for the purchase of Alaska for \$7 million.

• In 1870, following its ratification by the requisite three-fourths of the states, the 15th Amendment, granting African American men the right to vote, is formally adopted into the U.S. Constitution.

• In 1981, President Ronald Reagan, who had been in office for just a little more than two months, is shot in the chest outside a Washington hotel by John Hinckley Jr.

Birthdays

• Dutch artist Vincent van Gogh was born in 1853.

• Secretariat, whom many believe is the greatest racehorse of all time, was born in 1970.

• Country music star Thomas Rhett turns 33.

• NFL star cornerback Richard Sherman turns 35.

• American singer Norah Jones turns 44.

• Canadian singer Celine Dion turns 55.

• English singer and guitarist Eric Clapton turns 78.

• American film actor Warren Beatty turns 86.

Corrections

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John C. Birmingham, 67

John Charles Birmingham, age 67 of Nashua, died Monday, March 20, 2023, at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 31, 2023, at the United Methodist Church in Nashua with Pastor Sarah Namukose officiating.

Friends may greet the family from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, March 31, 2023, prior to the service at the church in Nashua.

A graveside service will take place at a later date.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel of Nashua has been entrusted with arrangements, and online condolences for John's family can be left at hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Jeremiah Hargrove, 70

Jeremiah Hargrove, age 70, of New Hampton, died Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at Linn Haven Rehab & Healthcare.

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

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

A memorial to celebrate the life of Jerry and the joy he brought to so many will be planned and scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, take time to reach out to those most important to you to let them know you love them and appreciate the role they have in your life.

Robert 'Bob' Davis, 90

Robert "Bob" Davis, age 90 of Nashua, died Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at Waverly Health Center due to natural causes.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 27, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua with interment following at Oak Hill Cemetery in Nashua.

Friends greeted the family from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 26, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service on Monday at the funeral home.

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

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to St. John Lutheran Church in Nashua.

Gary F. Kraft, 77

Gary Kraft, age 77 of Rockford, died Tuesday, March 28, 2023, in Mason City.

Funeral services are pending with Hugeback Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua.

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

Property Transfers

Kristi K. Herron, Kristi K. Liddle and Anthony R. Herron to Justice D. Watson; EX N30' & EX E66' & EX E12' W96' NASHUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 6 Block: 4 EX N30' & EX E66' & EX E12' W96' NASHUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 7 Block: 4

John T. Kipp and Ruth H. Kipp to Big Squeeze, LLC; N16' EX W26' NEW HAMPTON RAILROAD ADDITION Lot: 15 Block: 24 EX W62' NEW HAMPTON RAILROAD ADDITION Lot: 16 Block: 24.

TA & Company LC to Bill J. O'Connell; COMM 170' E NE COR FREDERICKSBURG NO ADDITION Lot: 6 Block: 22.

Lucas JP Heying to Anna M. Havlik and Christopher A. Havlik; E23' EX S4' NEW HAMPTON NO ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: 10.

South Lake Condo Association LLC to Terry Costigan and Carol Costigan; ONE SIXTH INTEREST IN COMMON ELEMENTS IN W1/2 SE 07-95-12 ONE SIXTH INTEREST IN PRACEL 2020-60 IN W1/2 SE 07-95-12.

Roger Schwickerath and Beverly Schwickerath to Undivided One Half Interest Grace M. Schwickerath; S16AC SE NW 33-97-14.

Laura L. McDonald and Laura L. Gorman to Trevor M. Thronson and Regan M. Thronson; S66' N132' L5 SE SW 07-95-12.

Karen A. Shields to Kameron D. Bergen and Elizabeth M. Bergen; S112.6' W50' NASHUA NO ADDITION Lot: 5 Block: 5 S112.6' W50' NASHUA NO ADDITION Lot: 8 Block: 5 EASEMENT FOR DRIVEWAY OVER W50' NASHUA NO ADDITION Lot: 5 Block: 5 N19.5' W50' NASHUA NO ADDITION Lot: 5 Block: 5 EASEMENT NASHUA NO ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: 5.

Brittany A. Bierle, Brittany Bierle and Brittany A. Tank to Nicholas L. Tank; NEW HAMPTON MAPLE LEAF ADDITION Lot: 6 Block: 4.

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Dianne Williams to Clifford L. Miller and Judy L. Miller; PARCEL A NW NE 06-96-13.

Dale Pitz EST, Joyce Hastings Ex and Duane Pitz EX to Bruce V. Hastings; COMM NE COR NE 21-97-11.

Dale J. Rosonke EST and Linda J. Rosonke EX to Linda J. Rosonke; NW NW 17-95-13 N1/2 S1/2 NW 17-95-13 SW NE 17-95-13.

Sheila R. Bennett and S. Bennett to Chya Maklenburg; PARCEL A SW SW 19-94-11.

Scott Heideman, 47

Scott Heideman, age 47 of Davenport and formerly of New Hampton, died Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at his home of natural causes.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 31, 2023, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with Pastor Peter Faugstad presiding.

The interment will be in the New Hampton City Cemetery.

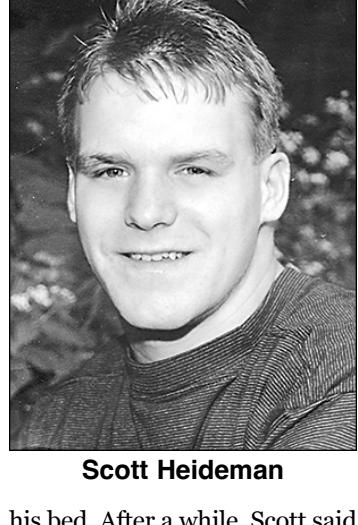
Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 30, 2023, at the funeral home. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service at the the funeral home.

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

Scott was born on Jan. 9, 1976, the day his parents, Eldon and Fern (Robinson) Heideman, welcomed him into the world at the old St. Joseph's Hospital in New Hampton.

He grew up with his big sister Lisa and his big brother Curtis in New Hampton, and there are a lot of great Scott stories from his childhood.

There was the time as a youngster when he decided he wasn't going to go to school, but his principal, Mr. Plumb, came to the Heideman house and talked with him at the edge of

Scott Heideman, 47

Scott Heideman

you."

Scott attended New Hampton High School, where he played football and wrestled and also picked up the nickname "Popeye," graduating with the Class of 1994.

After graduating, he worked for a number of engineering companies before settling in Davenport, and later in life, he worked as a supervisor of a crew that gutted old motels and remodeled them.

Scott had a heart of gold, he really loved everybody, and that included all of God's creatures. When he was young, he was walking home from school when he found a baby kitten. He picked it up, brought it home and snuck it in the house. And the Heidemans had a kitten!

Throughout his life, he faced many challenges, but we know that Scott would do anything for anyone, and we are grateful that today he is at peace and with his mom in heaven.

Survivors include his father, Eldon Heideman of New Hampton; sister, Lisa Aegeert of New Hampton; brother, Curtis (Leah) Heideman of Marion; and nieces and nephews, Holden Heideman, Harper Heideman, Jared Aegeert and Journey Aegeert.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Fern.

NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON**Week of March 26****1948 (75 years ago)**

The first Easter Egg Hunt for New Hampton and vicinity will take place next Saturday morning at East Park at 9 a.m. All children from ages six to 12 years are invited to participate in this event sponsored by New Hampton Youth Activity Organization. Francis Uglum and Paul Hartson will be in charge of the hunt.

A total of \$18 will be given in prizes and they are so arranged that a large number of children will receive some award. Those not receiving a prize will be given a candy bar.

A business transaction was closed Saturday whereby Paul Hassman became owner of the O'Holleran Elevator.

Possession will be given May 1.

Mr. Hassman will continue to do general trucking and keep on with his contract with Moorman Company to deliver their feed. J.M. O'Holleran who has been connected with the Minneapolis-Moline Implement Company, will donate his entire time to the Implement business. He plans to erect a new building on Highway 18 on the Charles City road in the near future.

1973 (50 years ago)

Spring-like temperatures have been predominate in the area for the past several weeks, even though the season didn't officially arrive until last week, on March 20.

Daytime readings for the past week have been in the upper 40s with two days recording highs in the 50s. The low for the week was 22 degrees on March 21 and the high was 58 degrees on March 23. A total of .19 of an inch of precipitation was recorded for

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Legal Notice**Board Proceedings**

The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in a joint board session with Turkey Valley Community School District Board of Directors, Monday, March 20, 2023, in the High School Media Center. President Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with directors Denner, A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath, Ayers, Superintendent Jurrens and Board Secretary Roethler present.

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

The two boards discussed how things were working between the two districts.

Director Denner moved to adjourn at 6:21 pm. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Matthews, A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath and Ayers. Nays: none.

Attest: March 20, 2023

Jay Matthews, Board President

Christy Roethler, Board Secretary

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Legal Notice**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of April 2023 at 6:30 p.m. the New Hampton Community School District will hold a public hearing at the New Hampton High School Media Center, 710 West Main Street, New Hampton, IA to accept input regarding the 2023-2024 School Calendar.

Anyone interested may appear at the above stated time and place for the public hearing and be heard or may file written comments by email to c.roethler@new-hampton.k12.ia.us or by mail to the New Hampton Community School District Superintendent at 710 West Main St, New Hampton, IA 506659. Written comments must be received in the Superintendent's office before 11:00 a.m. on the date set of said hearing. A copy of the plan is available for review at the Board office.

No. 22853
03/30/23

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'****MINUTES**

March 20, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 9:00 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 Lauder, Kathy Shekleton, Jim Cook, Doreen Cook, Kennan Seda, Assessor Raymond Armel, EMS Joel Knutson (by phone), Sheriff Rayn Shawer, Engineer Roman Lensing, Bob Fenske, member of the media, EMA Jeff Bernatz, Jeremy McGrath.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for March 20, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Attest: March 20, 2023

CHICKASAW HERITAGE BUILDING CENTER \$0.00
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..... \$0.00
WRONG SERVICE ACCOUNT K-9 UNIT \$2,000.00
..... \$4,000.00
..... \$6,000.00
RIGHT SERVICE ACCOUNT
SERVICE AREA: INTERGOVERNMENTAL \$5,602,293.00
..... \$1,512,000.00
..... \$7,114,293.00
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN \$2,498,061.00
..... \$714,807.00
..... \$4,624,311.00
PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL SERV. \$4,460,361.00
..... \$163,950.00
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES \$1,641,131.00
..... \$12,000.00
..... \$1,653,131.00
MENTAL HEALTH ID & DD \$10,000.00
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..... \$0.00
COUNTY ENVIRONMENT & EDUCATION \$871,302.00
..... \$1,837.00
..... \$873,139.00
ROADS & TRANSPORTATION \$7,244,413.00
..... \$475,205.00
..... \$7,719,618.00
GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO RESIDENTS \$554,321.00
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..... \$562,108.00
ADMINISTRATION \$2,285,023.00
..... \$22,000.00
..... \$2,307,023.00
CAPITAL PROJECT \$1,764,356.00
..... \$1,495,000.00
..... \$3,259,356.00
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT \$2,498,061.00
..... \$714,807.00
..... \$3,212,868.00

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADDED THIS 20th day of MARCH 2023. /ss/Matthew Kuhn, Chair, Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor. The above resolution is a summary. For the full text of resolutions, visit our website at: [HTTP://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov](http://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov) or visit our office at The Chickasaw County Auditor's Office, 8 E Prospect St, New Hampton, IA. Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 641-394-2100.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Resolution 03-20-23-18 TO CORRECT AN INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER RESOLUTION NO. 12-12-22-69 Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried. WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors therefore will allocate funds to the new department to operate during the 2022-2023 fiscal year with revenues from taxes and other sources for rural county services within the rural services fund. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chickasaw County Auditor is directed to conduct an interfund operating transfer of \$172,000 from "Fund No. 0011-99-000-000-81400-Rural Services Basic" to Fund No. 0004-0-37-0300-90400-Chickasaw County "EMS" to fund the new department that will provide emergency medical services during the 2022-2023 fiscal year because funds used to operate the new department and to provide services are primarily intended to benefit those persons residing in Chickasaw County outside of incorporated city areas, and such funds will be allocated from the rural services fund. PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 20th day of MARCH 2023. /ss/Matthew Kuhn, Chair, Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor. The above resolution is a summary. For the full text of resolutions, visit our website at: [HTTP://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov](http://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov) or visit our office at The Chickasaw County Auditor's Office, 8 E Prospect St, New Hampton, IA. Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 641-394-2100.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Resolution 03-20-23-18 RESOLUTION FOR INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried. WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the County Auditor to periodically transfer from General Basic Fund (0001) to the General Supplemental Fund (0002) during the FY 2022-2023 budget year, and WHEREAS, said transfer must be in

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET			
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024			
City of: ALTA VISTA			
The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Alta Vista City Hall Meeting Date: 4/10/2023 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.			
City budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals .			
The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.			
The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property			
16.80754			
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural land is			
3.00375			
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.			
Phone Number (641) 364-2975			
City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Jarrett Holthaus, City Clerk			
Revenues & Other Financing Sources			
Taxes Leved on Property	1	67,894	59,908
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	67,894	59,908
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	30,133	30,000
Licenses & Permits	7	700	895
Use of Money and Property	8	2,200	5,151
Intergovernmental	9	79,900	19,117
Charges for Fees & Service	10	290,000	248,302
Special Assessments	11	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	0	7,117
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0
Transfers In	14	20,000	20,000
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	490,827	377,337
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses			
Public Safety	16	72,005	7,500
Public Works	17	5,000	80,375
Health and Social Services	18	0	272
Culture and Recreation	19	15,902	12,400
Community and Economic Development	20	0	0
General Government	21	90,934	102,280
Debt Service	22	0	0
Capital Projects	23	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	183,841	122,180
Business Type / Enterprises	25	0	236,300
Total ALL Expenditures	26	183,841	358,480
Transfers Out	27	20,000	20,000
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	203,841	378,480
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	286,986	-1,143
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	187,637	188,780
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	474,623	188,780

No.22850

03/30/23

Suckow to approve Resolution 03-23-24 RESOLUTION FOR INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried. WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the County Auditor to periodically transfer from Ambulance Fund (0031) to the Chickasaw County Betterment Fund (0025) during the FY 2022-2023 budget year, and WHEREAS, said transfer must be in accordance with the Code of Iowa, and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa, as follows: 1. The amount of any transfer shall not exceed available fund balance in the transferring fund. 2. The Auditor is directed to correct her books when said operating transfers are made and notify the Treasurer of the amount of said transfers. PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 20th day of MARCH 2023. /ss/Matthew Kuhn, Chair, Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor. The above resolution is a summary. For the full text of resolutions, visit our website at: [HTTP://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov](http://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov) or visit our office at The Chickasaw County Auditor's Office, 8 E Prospect St, New Hampton, IA. Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 641-394-2100.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to add and relocate services to the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center: move Community Action to room #15, Riverview and Helping Services to room #16, and to offer the Juvenile Court Services Officers room #6. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to request to forgive taxes due March 2023 for Parcel# 191003300002, property owner Harry Buhre and an adjustment/credit of the March 2023 tax payment for Parcel# 191003300001 of \$109,000, property owner Harry J Buhre Jr. Trust. PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADDED THIS 20th day of MARCH 2023. /ss/Matthew Kuhn, Chair, Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor. The above resolution is a summary. For the full text of resolutions, visit our website at: [HTTP://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov](http://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov) or visit our office at The Chickasaw County Auditor's Office, 8 E Prospect St, New Hampton, IA. Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 641-394-2100.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge purchase of Sheriff Department's two Getac Tablets of \$7,326.72 with Sector to be taken out of Data Processing in the current budget. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge purchase of Sheriff Department's vehicle upfitting of \$22,893.25 with Karl Emergency Vehicle per purchase policy for FY 2022-2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

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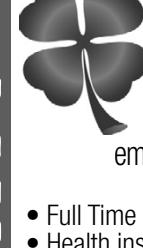
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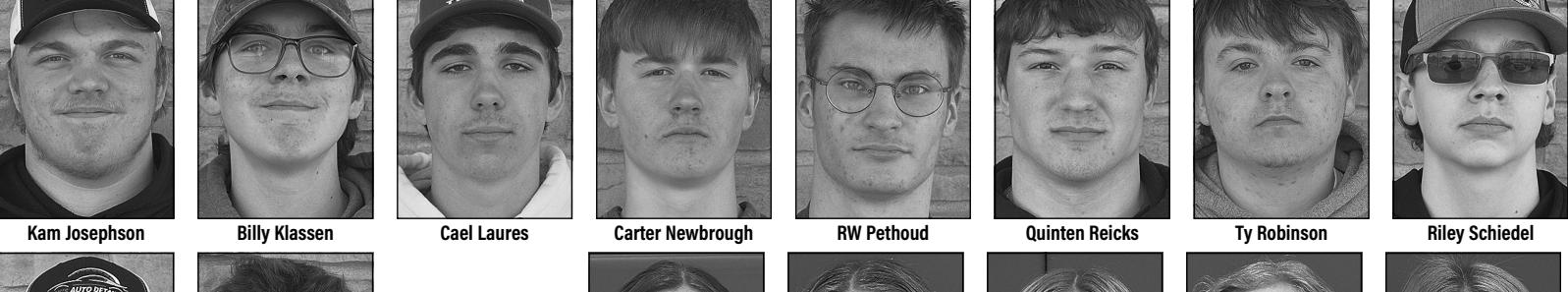
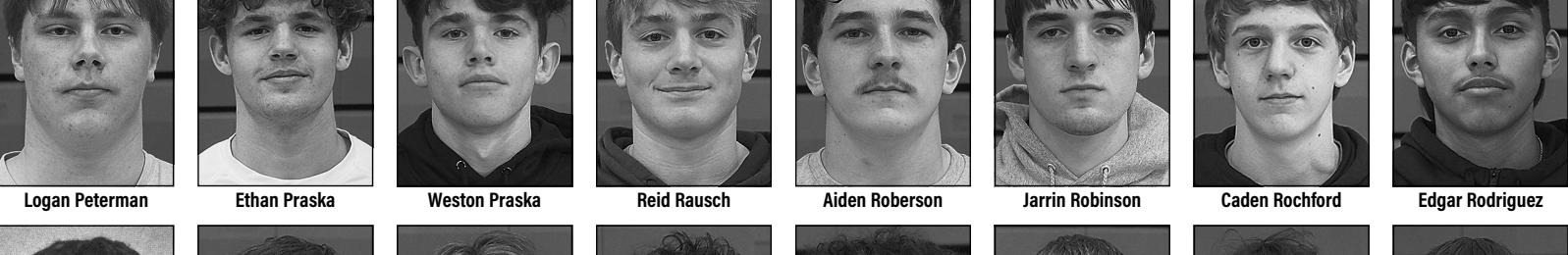
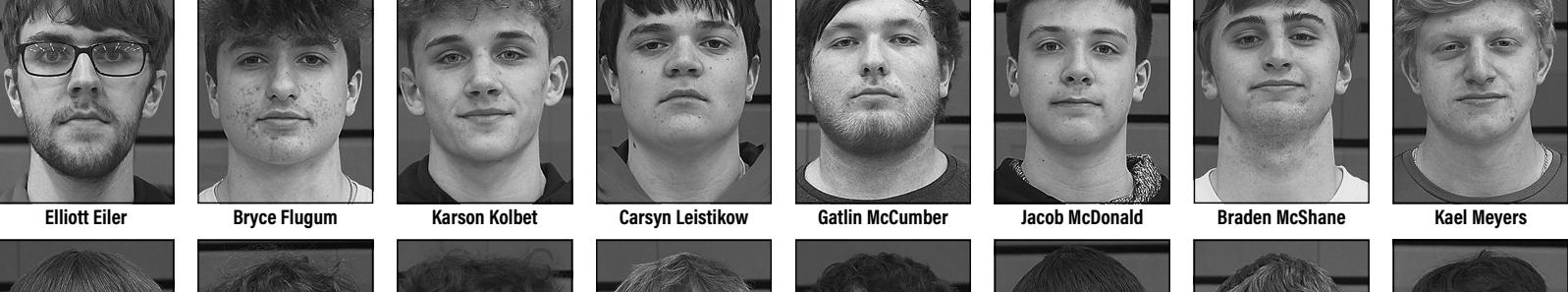
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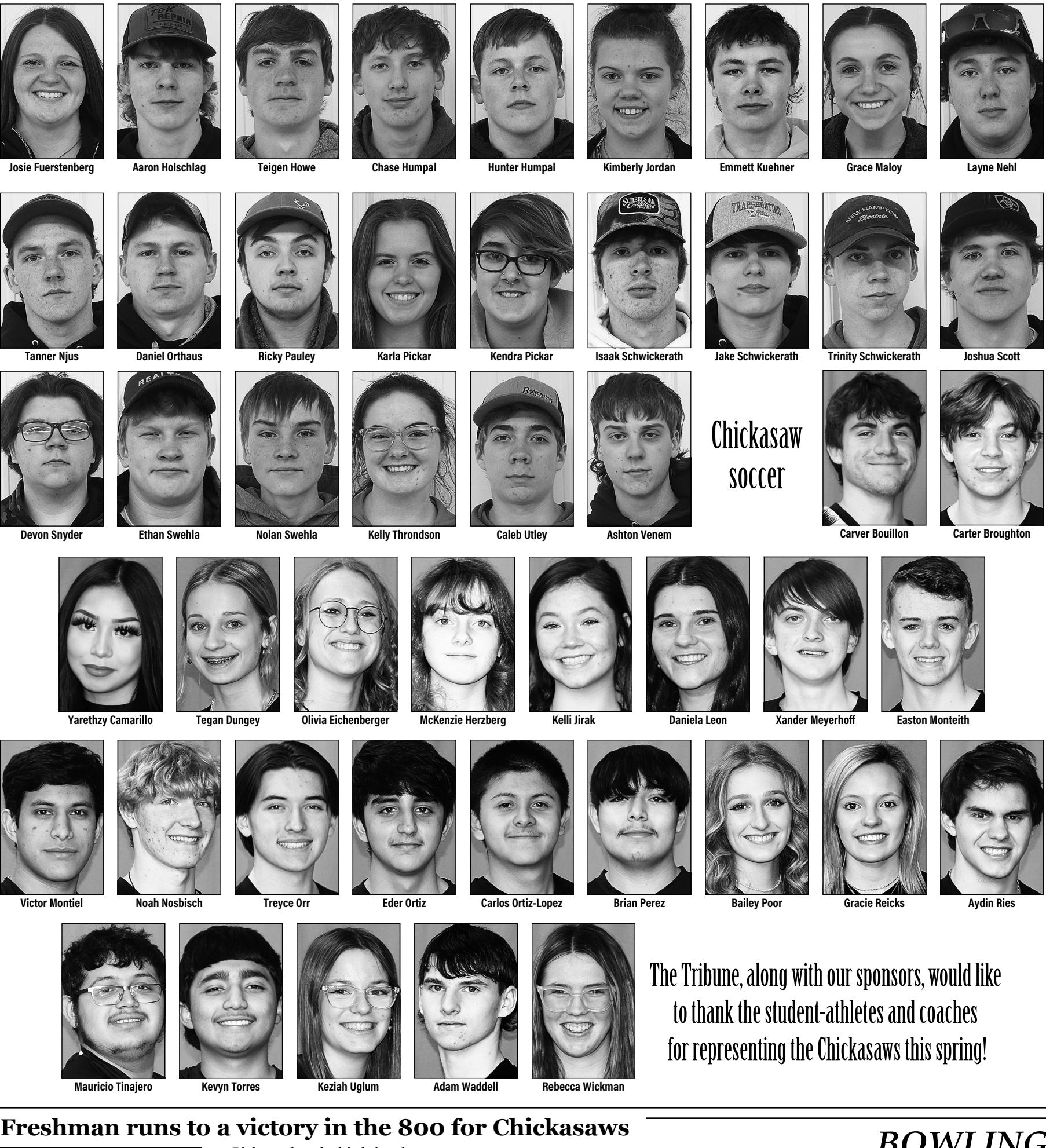


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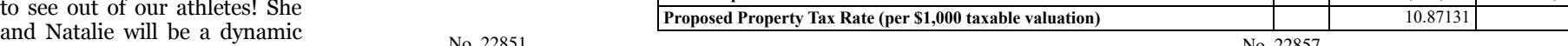
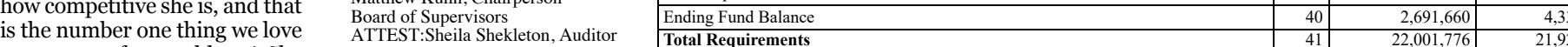
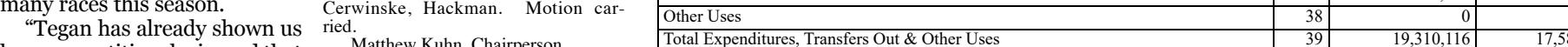
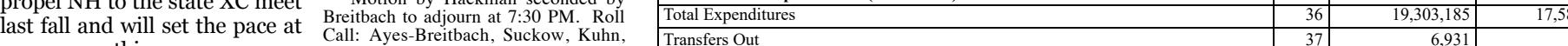
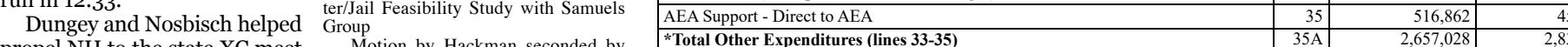
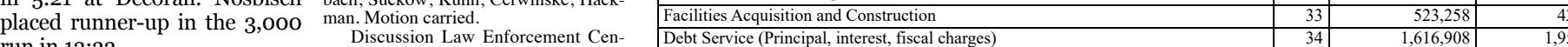
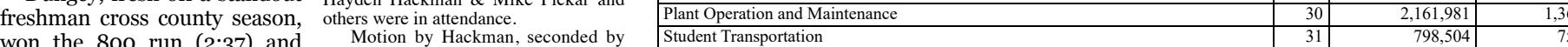
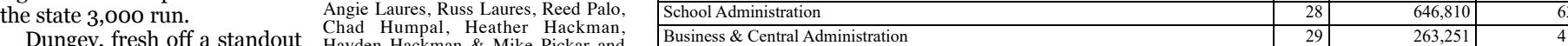
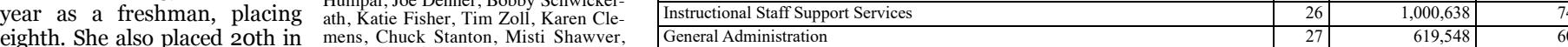
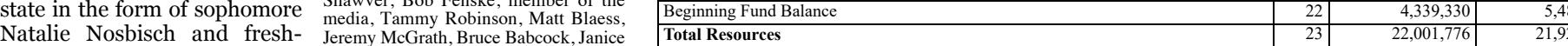
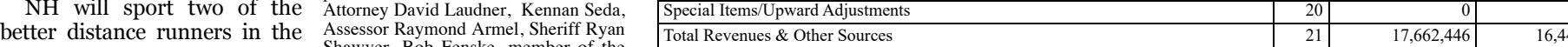
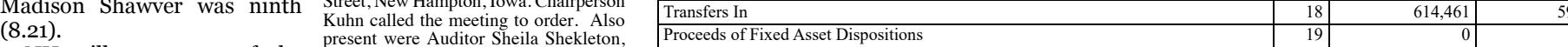
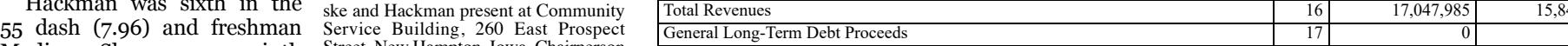
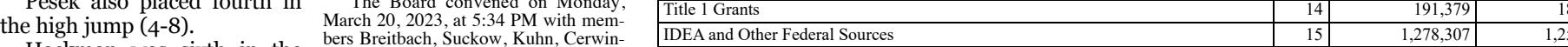
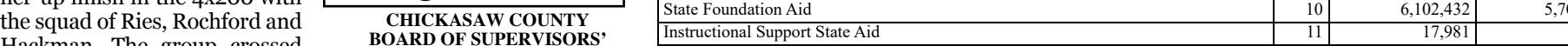
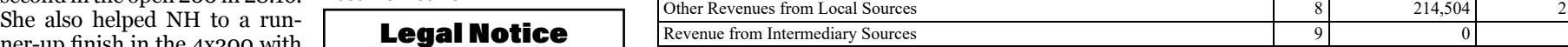
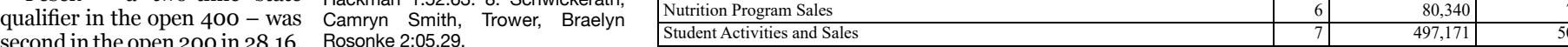
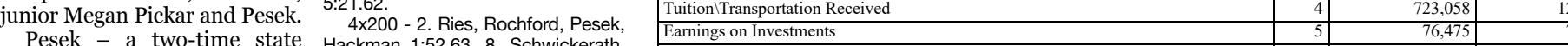
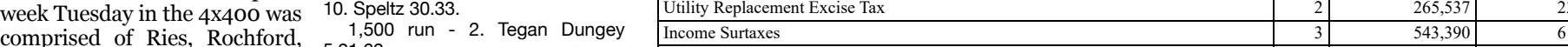
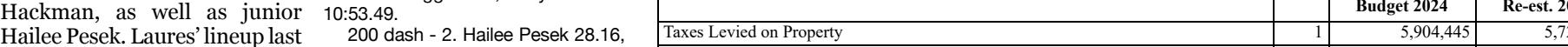
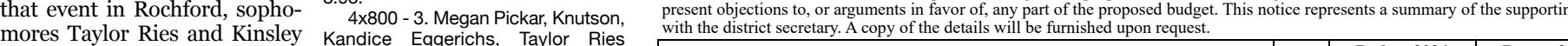
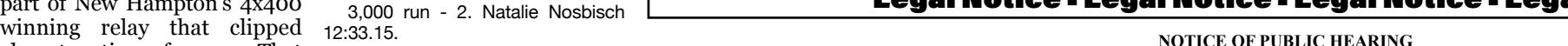
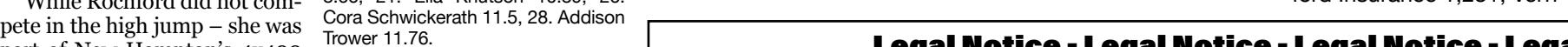
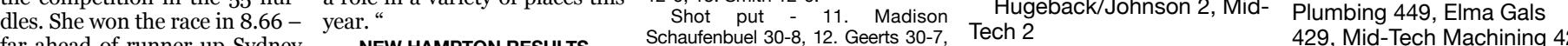
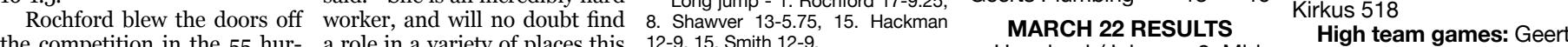
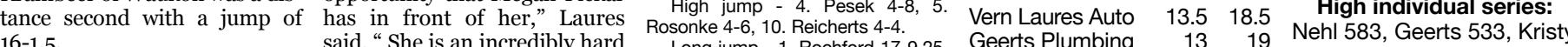
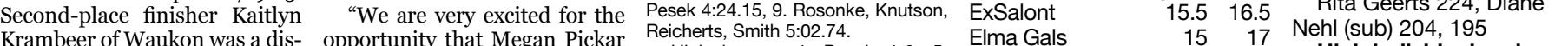
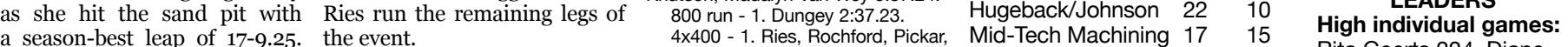
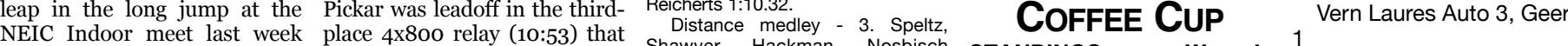
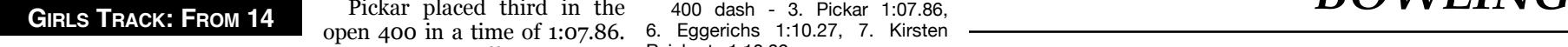
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**City of Alta Vista
Council Meeting
Monday, March 13, 2023**

The regular meeting for the City Council of Alta Vista convened on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Dean White, Rick Heying, 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 Heying to approve the agenda. Ayes: White, Slick, Laures, Heying. Nays: none. Motion carried.

February 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes were discussed. Slick made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the February 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Ayes: White, Slick, Laures, Heying. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Visitor concerns were discussed.

Vacant Council position was discussed. Adam Roethler was present and stated that he is interested in the vacant seat. After discussion, White made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve Adam Roethler as the new council member until December 31, 2023. Roll call vote. Ayes: Slick, White, Laures, Heying. Nays: none. Motion carried. Adam read and signed the Oath of Office.

South White and West Weber road project was discussed. County Engineer Roman Lensing informed the City Clerk that he was applying for a DOT grant to cover 80% of the project. Roman informed the Clerk that a estimate had to be provided by an engineer prior to the grant due date of March 15, 2023. Clerk, Dale, and Mayor Crooks met with Erdman Engineering on March 8th to go over storm sewers and roads in town. Erdman's estimate for the City is \$1,902,212.00, 80%

of which would be cover by the DOT if grant is accepted. Residents are responsible for sidewalks, and curb and gutter. Council concern is how the City will afford it. Clerk is going to look into grants. Library was discussed.

Fire Department was discussed. Fire Department is working on a new 28-E Agreement.

The FY24 Proposed Property Tax Levy was discussed. After discussion, Heying made the motion, seconded by White to set the Public Hearing for the FY24 Proposed Property Tax Levy for March 27, 2023 at 6:00 pm at City Hall. Roll call vote. Ayes: Slick, White, Heying, Laures, Roethler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

FY24 budget was discussed. Tabled until we hear from State regarding funding.

Automatic payments were discussed.

Old Creamery was discussed. The updated Quit Claim Deeds were presented. Both looked good to Council. Mayor Crooks and Clerk will get both Quit Claim Deeds signed.

Agreement for General Law Enforcement Services was discussed. After discussion, White made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the Agreement for General Law Enforcement Services. Roll call vote. Ayes: Slick, White, Heying, Laures, Roethler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

February Disbursements

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Dale Buchholtz	\$1,217.22
Jarrett Holthaus	\$553.06
Pat Halvorson	\$152.38
Kevin Crooks	\$46.17
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Richard Heying	\$46.17
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Amy Laures	\$46.12
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Chickasaws look to have breakout soccer season

New Hampton returns wealth of experience as it gears up for the season opener tonight

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Based on the amount of key returnees back for Shannon Maas' New Hampton soccer team – 2023 could be a breakthrough year for the Chickasaws.

In just its third year of competition – New Hampton will enter tonight's (Thursday) season-opening matchup at Charles with plenty of promise.

The Chickasaws defeated the Comets three times last spring and NH returns the bulk of its scoring from a season ago.

New Hampton, which went 4-8 last year, graduated just one senior in midfielder Edgar Nunez. Nunez scored six of New Hampton's 33 goals.

That means NH's main offensive weapon – senior forward Victor Montiel is back. He netted 12 goals and he'll be supported by a lineup that looks awfully familiar as the majority of the team is back this year.

Also in the starting lineup for NH will be junior midfielder/forward Carter Broughton (10 goals) and sophomore mid-

fielder Xander Meyerhoff (two goals). Treyce Orr, a senior, is a valuable team member and scored one goal this past spring at his midfield position.

Other key senior players back for New Hampton are Aydin Ries, goalkeeper Carver Bouillon, midfielder/defender Noah Nobsisch, defender Mauricio Tinajero, Gracie Reicks, Kelli Jirak, Bailey Poor and sophomore Carlos Ortiz-Lopez.

Seniors Daniela Leon and Brian Perez, along with sophomores Adam Waddell and Yarethzy Camarillo, are other players to watch out for this spring out on the pitch. Freshman Tegan Dungey, Easton Monteith, Kevyn Torres, Rebecca Wickman, Eder Ortiz, McKenzie Herzberg and Keziah Uglum will also vie for playing time.

New Hampton swept Charles City – 8-0, 7-5 and 4-0 – last spring. New Hampton also defeated Aplington-Parkersburg, 6-5.

The Chickasaws lost to Clear Lake, 6-1, in the first round of postseason play.

New Hampton looks to add to bulging girls golf trophy case

GIRLS GOLF: FROM 14

have the group of girls that can do that. Last year Sanja and Lydia were the only girls with varsity experience and we gained a lot of on-course experience with four first-year starters."

The Chickasaws are set to open the season a week from today (Thursday, April 6), when they host Charles City, and while their exposure to the outdoors has been somewhat limited because of what turned out to be a cold, wet March, Olson said one of the keys to the program's success is the fact that it has a "golf center" that includes simulators and putting greens.

"It is a huge advantage being able to get meaningful practices when the weather in Iowa is so difficult to work with in the spring," he said. "Nothing replaces seeing the ball in flight outside, but at least when we have to be inside for practice, we can get some feedback on our golf shots."

Still, Olson and his golfers know they are now the hunted in many respects.

The last time New Hampton didn't stand atop the NEIC was back in 2014 when Olson's daughter, the

lone senior on the team, was in the third grade.

"Waverly-Shell Rock is going to be a good team, and they host the conference meet this year, which is always a huge advantage," Olson said. "We will have to work hard to overcome that advantage. The other conference teams are pretty young and inexperienced so we have the experience advantage but we will not take anything for granted against our conference foes."

And as always, New Hampton has a solid schedule that includes the team, Sumner-Fredericksburg, that beat it at the state meet a year ago.

"We want to play the toughest schedule that we can get to help prepare us for tourney time," Olson said and added that if it were up to him, his squad would play even more meets and tournaments that consisted of 18 holes.

"It is hard to schedule those consistently as a number of schools don't want to play them," he said. "The entire postseason is 18-holes and they are a different animal physically and mentally so our girls understand we need to play as many as we can get scheduled."



New Hampton's Braden McShane sprints to a win in a heat of the 55-meter dash at the Warburg Indoor earlier this month.

New Hampton boys show potential at NEIC Indoor

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junior Braden McShane and sophomore Beau Serie were all around the seven-second mark in the 55 dash. Cahoy was third (6.93), McShane was fourth (7.0) and Serie was seventh in 7.07.

McShane wound up third in the open 200 with a time of 24.37 and Cahoy finished sixth (24.63).

NH senior Aiden Roberson finished in third in the 55 high hurdles in 9.0.

Peyton Anderson, another senior for Jenkins, also produced a third-place finish in the two mile run (3,200) with a time of 10:46.34.

Gatlin McCumber, a junior, is also a relative newcomer to the sport of track and field and impressed with his toss of 39-10 in the shot put. That placed him fifth. Logan Peterman, a senior, was ninth (38-6) and junior Marshall Zeien was 10th overall with a heave of 38-2.5.

"For his first time out and his first competition – that's pretty good," said Jenkins about McCumber's effort. "To have successful throws and get good distances – we'll take that all day long."

Kolbet – who qualified for state last year in wrestling at 160 pounds – made a go of it in the 55 dash (19th place, 7.46) and in the 4x200. That New Hampton relay placed fourth in 1:43 with the team of Serie, Kolbet, freshman Dylen Schmitt and senior Hunter Serie.

"He had a great wrestling year. His passion is wrestling and he wants to get better at that. He's realizing that track

can help him get there, even if it's just a little of lifting and a whole lot of conditioning," said Jenkins. "Track's going to have him in better shape."

Meyers – one of Chickasaw head baseball coach Cory McDonald's top returnees this summer at the plate and on the mound – placed 20th in the 55 dash (7.46) and also ran on NH's second 4x200 relay.

New Hampton's distance medley team was third (3:57.89) with the foursome of McShane, Cahoy, Roberson and Anderson.

The Chickasaws' 4x800 relay of freshman Caden Rochford, sophomore Jarrin Robinson, sophomore Braiden Schaufenbuel and junior Landon Bruess placed fourth in 10:11.

New Hampton was scheduled to run in the first outdoor meet of the year at the Go-Hawk Co-Ed Early Bird in Waverly tonight (Thursday).

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

55 low hurdles - 15. Ryan Willadsen 10.03, 20. Tristin Willadsen 10.3.

55 high hurdles - 3. Aiden Roberson 9.0.

3,200 run - 3. Peyton Anderson 10:46.34.

55 dash - 3. Carter Cahoy 6.93,

4. Braden McShane 7.0, 7. Beau Serie 7.07, 19. Karson Kolbet 7.46,

20. Kael Meyers 7.51, 36. Jacob McDonald 8.26.

4x200 - 4. Caden Rochford, Jarrin Robinson, Braiden Schaufenbuel, Landon Bruess 10:11.68.

200 dash - 3. McShane 24.37, 6.

Cahoy 24.63, 20. Reid Rausch 28.98,

21. McDonald 29.84.

4x200 - 4. Serie, Kolbet, Dylen Schmitt, Hunter Serie 1:43.07.

Rausch, Bryce Flugum, Olandreon Saunders, Meyers 1:49.34.

400 dash - 8. T. Willadsen 1:00.75.

Distance medley - 3. McShane, Cahoy, Roberson, Anderson 3:57.89.

10. Kole Venem, Jayden Bucknell, Weston Praska, Rochford 4:35.11.

800 run - 7. Robinson 2:31.04, 8.

Schaufenbuel 2:33.11, 11. Bruess 2:41.51.

4x400 - 6. Roberson, Schmitt, Groth 21-10.

R. Willadsen, H. Serie 3:53.79, 12.

Bucknell, Flugum, Saunders, Elliott Eiler 4:32.74.

Long jump - 15. Flugum 15-8.5, 16. Venem 15-6.5.

Shot put - 5. Gatlin McCumber 39-10, 9. Logan Peterman 38-6, 10.

Marshall Zeien 38-2.5, 26. Aiden Groth 21-10.

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Chickasaw girls show off talent at NEIC Indoor

New Hampton caps successful indoor season with four wins at NEIC Indoor, starts its outdoor season this week

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Jeanette Laures began her 18th season at the helm of her Chickasaw girls track program this spring.

While this 2023 NH squad won't be her biggest as far as numbers are concerned, it may well be one of her most talented.

Laures, who has been a part of the NH track program since 2003, led the Chickasaws to a 12th-place showing at state last year. NH tied with Okoboji with 20 points out on the blue state oval – the famed track in Des Moines that most athletes aspire to run on.

Don't be surprised if New Hampton and Laures crack the top 10 at the 2023 Class 2A state meet – in what amounts to less than two months before the last race of the prep season is complete.

That means this outdoor season will

move along quickly.

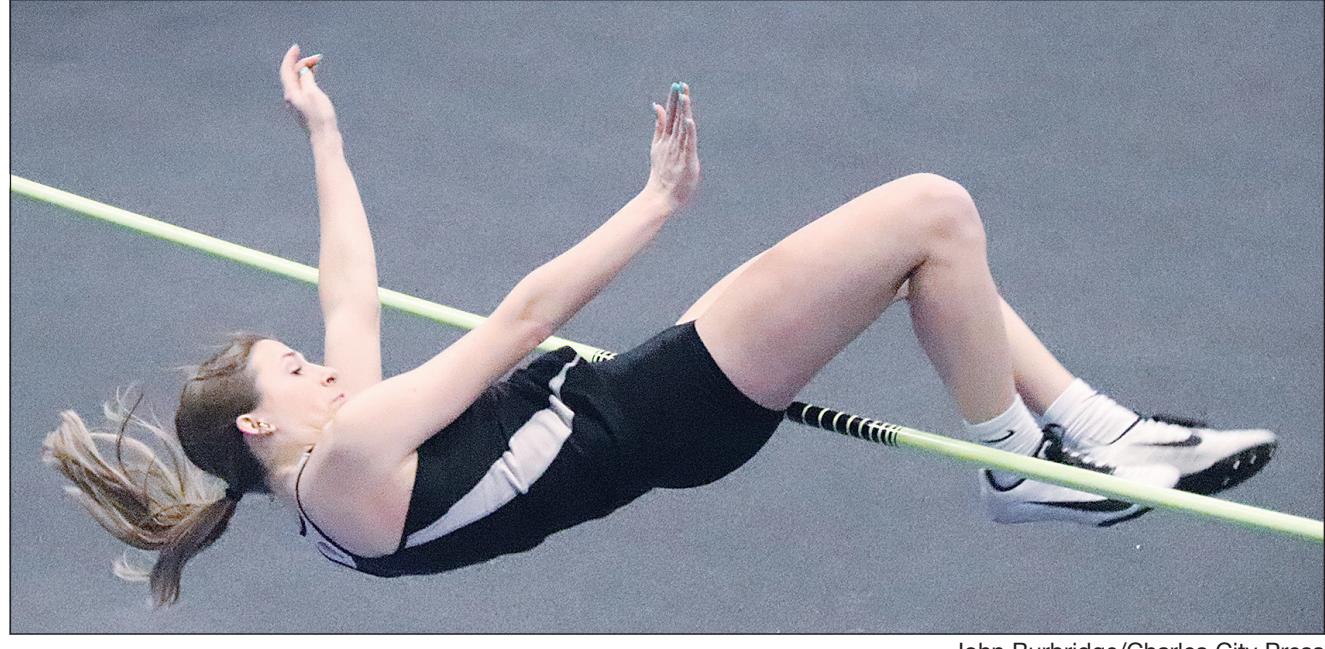
"We have a very talented, but small group of athletes this year. We do not have a lot of depth, but we believe that if we put kids in the right places, we will have a lot of success!" said Laures.

New Hampton senior Carlee Rochford headlines NH's squad and she's well known throughout the state in track circles and also the nation.

Rochford holds the school record in the long jump (17-10.75), 100 hurdles (15.64) and high jump (5-6). She'll more than likely compete next month at the Drake Relays and has her sights set on even higher finishes in this, her final run for New Hampton.

She's medaled two consecutive seasons in her marquee events at state.

Rochford, a University of Iowa recruit, came close to her school record



John Burbridge/Charles City Press

New Hampton's Hailee Pesek clears the bar in the high jump at last week's Northeast Iowa Conference Indoor that was held at Luther College in Decorah.

SEE GIRLS TRACK, 11



**IT'S TIME
TO TEE
IT UP!**

Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton's Lydia Olson, the lone senior on this year's roster, watches her shot during the 2022 Class 2A state tournament, which ended with the Chickasaws bringing home the runner-up trophy.

CHICKASAW GIRLS LOOK TO CONTINUE TO 'PROTECT THE TRADITION'

By BOB FENSKE
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Eric Olson remembers well those first few years he served as the girls golf coach at New Hampton School. The goal back then was simple, just be competitive.

Oh my, how things have changed in 13 years because the Chickasaws expect to compete for titles – be them Northeast Iowa Conference, regional or even state crowns.

"It is an expectation of the program and

no group wants to be the group to let it slide," Olson said. "The girls are committed to 'Protect the Tradition, as we call it."

And considering that New Hampton welcomes back five of the six golfers who helped the Chickasaws win their seventh straight NEIC title and were part of a team that finished as the runner-up at the Class 2A state tournament, New Hampton has the "protectors" to make a run at more titles this spring.

Graduation cost New Hampton only Sanja Noehl from last year's state tour-

nament while senior Lydia Olson, juniors Kinsli Dahl and Molly Wegner and sophomores Lauren Nuss and Maycen Hackman all return. Throw in junior Taryn Smith, who also golfered with the varsity at times in 2022, and New Hampton may be short on seniors but is most definitely long on experience.

"Lydia and Lauren need to shoot lower scores," Olson said, "and the others need to make the progression to lower scores. We

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EXPERIENCED CHICKASAW BOYS

LOOK FOR CONSISTENCY ON COURSE

By BOB FENSKE
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If the New Hampton boys golf team wants to give their coach a going away present this season, Bill Glenn has a suggestion for his Chickasaws.

And they don't even have to deliver it early.

That's because all Glenn wants is his Chickasaws to be playing their best golf at the end of the season.

"We have qualified for district the last two years," Glenn said, "and I feel for us to qualify for state as a team, we are going

to have to be more consistent. We need four guys to all play at their best down the stretch."

For Glenn, the 2023 golf season presents somewhat of a swan song as he has resigned his business teaching and coaching duties, effective at the end of the school year, after being named an assistant wrestling coach at Ellsworth Community College.

The 13th-year coach can bring plenty of firepower to the course as the Chickasaws welcome back five starters — Kyler

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton's Kyler Glenn, who qualified for the state tournament a year ago, chips the ball onto the green during the sectional tournament that was held at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club.

New Hampton boys get lift from athletes looking to make themselves 'better'

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Karson Kolbet and Kael Meyers had breakout wrestling and baseball seasons, respectively, this past year for the New Hampton Chickasaws.

They're looking to get even better.

That's one of the reasons the juniors decided to go out for track this spring.

Kolbet and Meyers are two sea-

sioned athletes that comprise NH head coach Scott Jenkins' squad. Each NH standout hasn't been out on an oval since middle school.

"There's kids out that literally haven't been out since seventh grade, that are out this year to help make themselves better for other sports," said Jenkins. "I'm glad to see that. I glad some of the kids are realizing that track will help them."

The Chickasaws put a wrap on the indoor season at the NEIC league meet held last week Tuesday at Luther College in Decorah.

Jenkins' approach to the indoor season is like many coaches across the state – times aren't as important early on in March as the simple fact of just getting out on the track and taking on a decent amount of opponents that the Chickasaws normally won't run

against in the regular season.

"It's really all about experimentation and getting the kids used to competing," said Jenkins. "For me, the indoor season is nothing more than just getting everybody out there to run a little bit. I'm not concerned with times. If we get great times, great – that looks even better."

There have been some quality times put up thus far after three indoor

meets for NH – which took place at the Iowa State Indoor meet, Wartburg and now most recently, the conference competition in Decorah.

"I know we're going to get faster," said Jenkins. "If we can stay healthy and keep bringing our times down – that's all I want."

Chickasaw senior Carter Cahoy,

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Dungey's Furniture and Flooring employees — (from left) Jacob Beckman, Marilyn Mihm, Joyce Laures, Trace Dungey, Mark Dungey, Kym Galligan, Zach Fritz, McKenzie Hanson, Bobby Schwickerath and Chad Dungey — pose for a photo in the store's expansive showroom.

LIVES BUILT AROUND FURNITURE

DUNGEY BROTHERS GREW UP AT THE STORE THEIR FATHER STARTED IN '63 AND NEVER REALLY LEFT

BY BOB FENSK
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Ask the Dungey brothers — Mark and Trace — about their childhoods and they'll give you quick smiles and tell you that almost every day was "Take Your Sons to Work" Day.

"We were out here with Dad all the time," Trace said, "and honestly, some of my earliest memories are being at the furniture store with him. We lived out here."

His older brother by two years couldn't help but smile.

"We were cheap labor," he said with a laugh, "but seriously, we had a lot of good times at the store with dad and at the drive-in with mom, too."

The older Dungey brother paused as a wry smile crossed his face.

"And sometimes we even got some work done."

But in all seriousness, Dungey's Furniture and Flooring makes for a remarkable story — one that began in 1963, when Everett Dungey decided to open his own store on New Hampton's west side across the street from Mikkelson Park.

For years, Everett and Fern Dungey owned the A&W Drive-In that was located just in front of the store, and both businesses thrived, but when Everett passed away suddenly in

1983, his two sons faced a monumental decision — keep the business going or walk away?

They stayed, and for more than 30 years, they ran the store in the same location that their father did.

And then came "The Fire," and again they faced a monumental decision — rebuild or walk away?

They stayed — reopening in a temporary location and making plans to rebuild a new, bigger, more efficient building on New Hampton's east side.

In many ways, the furniture store's tale is a saga.

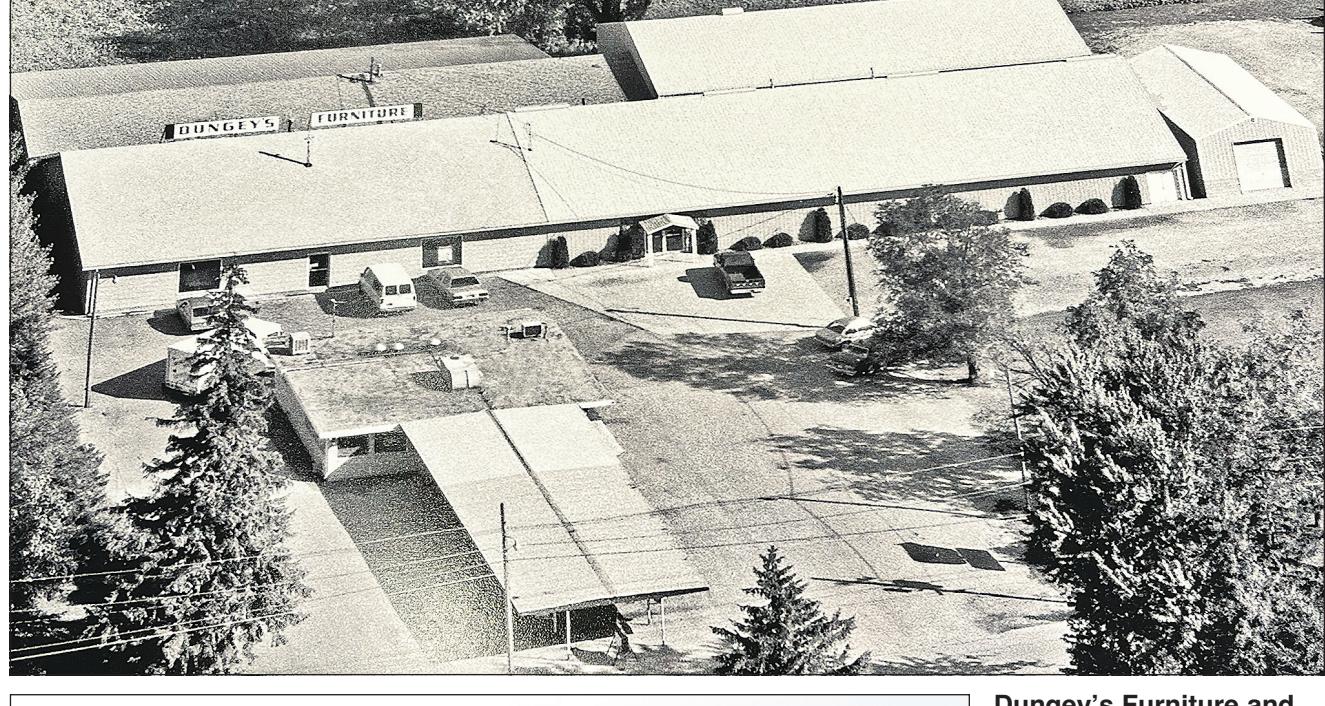
Despite the challenges it has faced throughout the years — the death of its founder, the fire and more — Dungey's has been a New Hampton mainstay for 60 years.

Small-town furniture stores have, for the most part, gone by the wayside, but Dungey's Furniture and Flooring is the exception to the rule.

"It's been a ride, that's for sure," Mark said, "but I think the one thing that hasn't changed from when Dad first opened the store is we're going to sell a good product and we're going to stand by it."

"Customer service was critical back in 1963, and it's still that way in 2023. It's a lesson Dad taught us, and it's

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Dungey's Furniture and Flooring's original site also included an A&W Drive-In and while much has changed, including its location, the store remains a vibrant part of the New Hampton business community.

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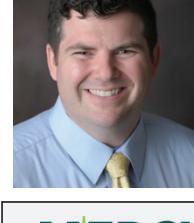
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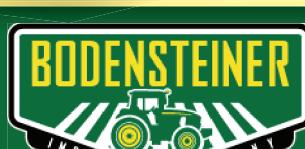
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A framed photo (above) taken in the fall of 2014 hangs in new Dungey's Furniture and Flooring store; just weeks later, store co-owner Mark Dungey walks away as firefighters work to douse the flames of a blaze that destroyed the building that housed the store since 1963.



Within weeks of the fire, the Dungey brothers (above) pose for a photo in their store's temporary home — the old Soy Basics Candle Outlet store — and in June 2016, they posed with family members and city leaders (below) during a groundbreaking ceremony for their new store on New Hampton's west side.



After father's passing, young sons continued family's furniture store legacy

DUNGEY'S: FROM 2

one we're never going to forget."

DUNGEY'S FURNITURE wasn't Everett Dungey's first foray into furniture; in fact, for several years before he opened the store, he served as a furniture rep for a company.

"He had a friend of his who said, 'Why don't you just open your own store?' and the more he thought about it," Trace said, "the more he thought, maybe that's a good idea."

Everett and Fern Dungey had purchased A&W, a place countless New Hampton residents recall fondly, especially those who were kids back in the day, in 1958, and five years later, Everett opened what was then known as "The Bargain Barn," "behind" the drive-in.

Over the years, the little store grew; in fact, the Dungey brothers believe that there were at least seven additions to the original building.

"We lost count, but it was a maze in there by the time all the additions were added," Trace said, "but over the years, Dad just needed more room. Let's put it this way, that store had some character to it."

Everett and Fern worked side-by-side at both the A&W and the furniture store, and their family grew to include Merilee, Mark, Trace and Julie.

"We all chipped in," Mark said and then with a quick glance at his brother, he added, "some of us more than others."

Trace couldn't help but laugh, and he told the story of the day that Everett had him and one of the store's other part-time employees, Rick Kramer, drive to Strawberry Point to pick up straws.

Two guys for one box of straws?
"I think he just wanted to be rid of us," Trace

said, "and the best way for him to get us out of his hair was to send us on a job ... and that job was straws."

A LITTLE LESS than three months shy of his 61st birthday, Everett Dungey passed on July 1, 1983.

The Dungey brothers — both in their 20s at the time — had come to the proverbial fork in the road.

"We were just kids, really," Trace said, "and taking over the store, honestly, I think both of us wondered if we were ready or even capable of doing it."

His brother nodded in agreement and talked about how a friend of the Dungey family offered to run the store for a year or two, but the brothers decided that, if the store was to continue, they would lead it.

"We were learning as we went," Mark said, "and those first few years, we did a lot of learning. We had a base, the stuff Dad had taught us, but until we were in his shoes, we really couldn't understand all the things he did."

While they were learning the ropes, so to speak, Fern continued to run the A&W until her retirement in 1987. That same year, Dungey's opened a second store in Osage.

"We wanted to expand our footprint, if you will," Mark said, "and we looked at Decorah, but they already had a furniture store. ... Osage made the most sense. There was a building for us, and it gave us a chance to have a place in north-central Iowa."

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Mark and Trace Dungey (left) talk outside of Trace's office at their new store while longtime employee Joyce Laures (above) talks with a customer in the spacious showroom.

Brothers' business overcomes fire

DUNGEY'S: FROM 3

Mattresses now have "memories." Furniture comes with built-in USB ports so we can plug our devices in without getting up. And then there's the "color" of furniture. Remember those wild patterns that covered our couches and recliners back in the 1970s?

The Dungey brothers and their employees are part of an ever-changing industry, but the store's owners say one thing — customer service is king — hasn't changed since Everett Dungey opened the Bargain Barn when John F. Kennedy was the president and some guy named Charles Grassley was just starting his political career as a member of the Iowa House of Representatives.

"Everyone's different," said longtime Dungey's employee Joyce Laures in an interview a couple of years ago. "You have people like you that the first mattress you like is the one you're going to get, and then you have people who are literally going to lay down on every mattress in the store, or try out every single recliner."

The Dungey brothers will tell you that the store has been blessed with great employees throughout the years.

"We couldn't do what we do without them," Mark said. "They've gone through a lot of ups and downs but have always stayed with us."

Trace and I will tell you that we have great employees, and both of us are appreciative of all of them."

Counting the brothers, Dungey's has 10 employees with a combined 294 years of experience.

"We have a lot of people who have been here quite a while," Trace said, "and that's a big thing for us. You look at Bobby [Schwickerath], he's

been with us 10 years already and he's still only fifth on the [longevity] list."

OCT. 28, 2014 will always be Dungey's Furniture and Flooring's day of infamy.

Early that Tuesday morning, Mark and Trace took separate calls telling them that the furniture store started by their dad so many years ago was on fire.

By the time the sun rose that day, the store was a complete loss, yet before the sun went down later that day, both brothers vowed to rebuild and to do so in New Hampton.

The story has been told often on these pages, but here's a quick recap:

Less than a month after the fire, Dungey's reopened for business in a temporary location at the old Soy Basics Candle Outlet store, where it remained for almost three years. In June 2016, the brothers and their family members joined New Hampton city and economic development officials to break ground on a new location, and in 2017, they moved into the 25,000-square-foot building at 904 Carty Ave.

"Even now, almost nine years later, it still means a lot to us how many people supported us after the fire," Mark said. "And to have so many of our loyal customers stay with us through that, it meant the world to both of us."

THIS SUMMER, THE Dungey brothers and their employees will lead the Heartland Days Parade as its grand marshals.

New Horizons-Chamber officials pointed to the longevity of the store and the community-mindedness of the owners as the two reasons the Dungeys were selected.

"With the store celebrating its 60th anni-



Although the quarters were cramped, Dungey's Furniture and Flooring owners Mark and Trace Dungey will always appreciate the fact that Zip's Paul Rottinghaus helped provide the store with a temporary home after a fire destroyed their building.

versary this year," New Horizons Director Liz Zweibohmer said, "and with all Mark and Trace have done for our community, it was just a natural."

But leading the parade isn't a swan song for the brothers.

Both are in their 60s now, and they were asked if they had thought about retirement. Both had the same one-word answer — an emphatic "no."

"I still love coming to work," Mark said, "and honestly, I haven't thought about it."

His brother nodded his head in agreement and laughed.

"What he said," before adding that in some

ways, the fire re-energized the brothers. "Our old building worked, but like I said, it was a maze. This looks and feels like a furniture store."

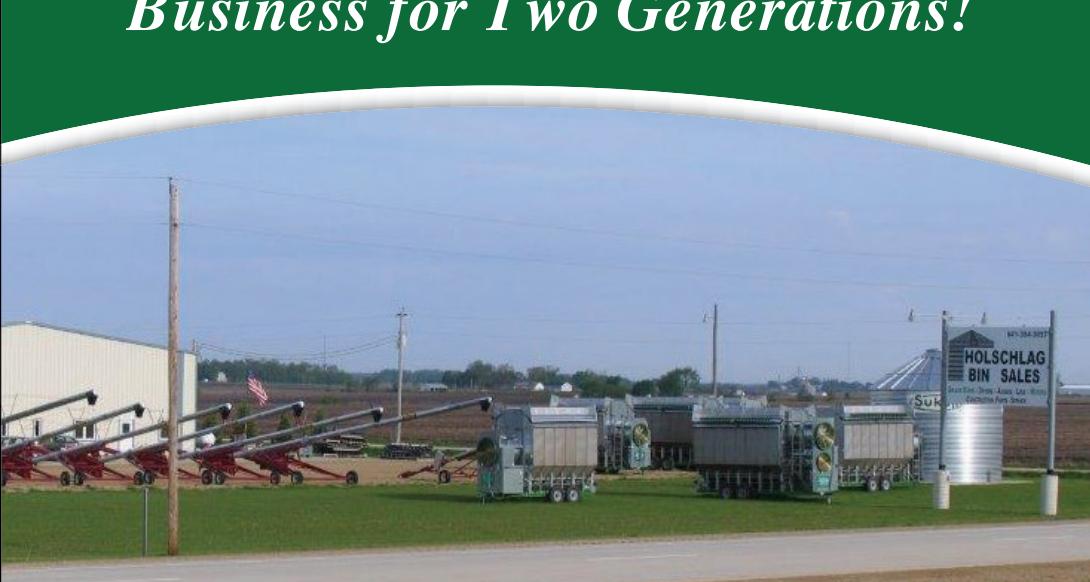
They have followed in their parents' legacy and have done so well.

Forty years ago, they were thrust into new roles as owners, but they have continued to grow the business. Dungey's isn't just a New Hampton store; instead, it attracts customers from near and far.

"For me, at least, the number of repeat customers probably means the most," Trace said. "To know they trust us to do right by them, that tells me we're doing it right."

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As Shirley Gessner (left) scans the Muscari menu, the coffee shop's owner, Anna Havlik, brews up another great drink, and in addition to a number of new businesses in New Hampton, another sign of progress in Chickasaw County's largest city is the 12-unit apartment complex being built at the corner of Hamilton and Water.

Make no mistake about it, we're making progress

The guy writing this column has been working in newspapers since 1986, which means two things: He's seen a lot and he's old.

And if I'm being honest, I actually wrote my first newspaper article back in 1979; Mr. Newell, our basketball coach, didn't have time one week to write up his report in the Mapleton Enterprise on his Scots so he handed off the assignment to his eighth-grade manager. For the next seven years, I occasionally wrote for the Enterprise and there was the one summer I worked for the Amboy Herald — doing everything from writing stories, taking photos, laying out pages, delivering papers, mowing the law ... you get the idea, right?

But my life plan had nothing to do with newspapers, save for the fact that I would read them. Actually, the plan changed. When I headed to college, I wanted to be an accountant, and while I did well in accounting classes, one day it hit me that being



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creative in accounting was likely to end up with me being in prison.

I switched majors and decided I'd be a history instructor, first thinking I'd like to teach and coach at the high school level and then changing my mind again and setting a goal to become a college professor.

And for once in my life, I was on track. As I entered what I thought would be my fourth and final year of college, I took a part-time job at the Mankato Free Press as a sports stringer, which led me to begin hired by the college paper, the good ol' MSU (as in Mankato State University) Reporter.

Almost immediately, I was hooked. Oh, I still loved history, but I loved the excitement that came with putting out a newspaper on a daily, weekly, whatever basis even more. And I never left.

From the Reporter and the Free Press, I went to the Globe Gazette in Mason City to the Ottumwa Courier to back to the Globe Gazette to back to the Free Press to the Forest City Summit to the New Hampton Tribune.

Much has changed since 1986, when I came down with newspaper fever. Back then, everything was black and white, we physically laid out pages, we used darkrooms to develop pictures

and we all had dictionaries on our desks. Today, we have color pages in newspapers, we use software programs like InDesign to lay out pages, we plug our cameras into our computers and have instant access to our photos and we now have red, squiggly lines that tell us we need to "spellcheck" our stories.

But one thing remains the same. Almost every newspaper still does some kind of "Progress Section," and the Tribune is certainly no exception.

I arrived at the Tribune in December 2009,

and a few months later — just like we did at the Free Press, the Globe Gazette, the Courier and the Summit, we geared up to put out our annual Progress section.

Now, over the years, it's had several names — "Faces of Business," "Creating and Serving" and "Persevering Through" come to mind — but to everyone who has ever sat in a newsroom, it's simply "Progress."

In many ways, this year's edition of —

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"Progress of the Heartland" returns to its roots, for these sections were started eons ago to track the progress of a newspaper's circulation over the course of the past year.

If you're reading this section in order, you've read about the amazing tale of Dungey's Furniture and Flooring and its 60 years in business, and you're going to read about a slew of new businesses that opened on Main Street during the past year, how a three-way partnership worked so well that New Hampton Auto Body is marking a half-century in business, how the dream of bringing state-of-the-art fiber-optic internet service to New Hampton became a reality and the story of how a partnership between a daycare facility and New Hampton Community Schools will help our community clear one of its toughest hurdles.

In other words, this B section and the C section that follows are proof of the progress we are making.

Look, there will always be naysayers out there, but during a recent drive through New Hampton, it struck me that our little city in particular and our area in general is definitely moving forward. We are navigating the daunting challenges that face rural Iowa these days.

As I meandered around New Hampton, I drove by the middle school that opened in 2019.

I passed Little Sprouts Daycare, a facility that came about thanks to a unique partnership between the daycare and the folks at First United Methodist Church.

A few blocks to the south, I stopped to take a picture of a 12-unit apartment building being

constructed across the street from Fareway, knowing that a "triplex" will be built near that apartment building in the near future.

I made my way through New Hampton's west-side Industrial Park, knowing that there are scores of cities our size who would kill to have just one of those plants in their communities.

And throughout that drive, I passed a number of our city parks — like Runion, which sits across the street from MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center, Garnant and Mikkelson, the so-called crown jewel of a park system that is second to none.

And it's not just here in New Hampton that we're making progress. A few weeks ago, I made a detour through Lawler on my way to Turkey Valley High School, and honestly, is there a city of 400 in the state of Iowa with as much going for it as the town where we celebrate the Irish every June?

Now, don't get me wrong. We don't live in Nirvana. We have challenges yet to tackle, maybe the biggest is the need for single-family housing. Those apartments and that tri-plex hopefully will help, as New Hampton Economic Development Director Tammy Robinson puts it, "open housing stock" in the city. At the very least, maybe they'll be the ticket to bringing young couples into our city.

But that drive, along with putting this section together, reminded me that progress sometimes comes quickly and sometimes slowly. What matters in life is that we keep putting one foot in front of the other. New Hampton and Chickasaw County are doing just that. In short, they're making progress.



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Union Block Suites owner Tessa Reicks (left) poses for a photo with U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson during the elected official's visit to New Hampton earlier this year while Muscari owner Anna Havlik (below) mixes up a drink at her coffee shop.

A LOT TO SHOW OFF

TRIO OF WOMEN TAKE THE RISKS TO PURSUE THEIR DREAMS

BY BOB FENSKE
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It was one of those raw January days in New Hampton when the woman who represents the city in the U.S. House of Representatives came a calling.

But between the coffee at Muscari and the absolute coziness at Union Block Suites, the city provided a nice, warm welcome to U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson.

"What a cool place," she said as she talked to Union Block Suites owner Tessa Reicks. "Between the coffee and this place, I need to think about opening an office here in New Hampton."

Obviously, we're a little small to be home to a congresswoman's regional office, but make no mistake about it, Reicks, Muscari owner Anna Havlik and Coulee Land Company representative LeNae Schwickerather, who became Union Block's first official tenant, made a whale of an impression on the woman who represents the Second Congressional District that includes Chickasaw County.

"I think the thing that impressed me the most is the willingness of these people to pursue their dreams," she said. "It's impressive, and your city is lucky to have all of them. The work that all three of these women — and their families

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Muscari, Union Block, Coulee allow women to follow dreams

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— put into this, it's nothing short of amazing."

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journey that day and begin with Anna Havlik, who spent more than 25 years owning and operating a hair salon.

"It wasn't that I was unhappy," she said, "but yes, for a variety of reasons, I felt like I needed a change. And then I found this was up for sale, and I thought let's go for it."

So she and her husband, Chris, along with their children, went to work, and just before Christmas, Muscari opened to rave reviews.

"We lived up here," Havlik said, "and honestly without Chris, this just doesn't happen. We wanted to give this place a whole new look, make it more inviting, more welcoming."

And boy oh boy, the Havliks did just that. In the process, they learned a lot about coffee. And we mean a lot.

"It blows my mind how many different coffees there are," she said with a laugh. "You know, you think there's just coffee, and then our distributor comes in and he shows us all these blends and tells you that's not even the half of it. Not even close."

But make no mistake about it, Muscari is a huge hit with its customers.

Just ask Shirley Gessner, a New Hampton resident studying the menu that day.

"Everything's good, I mean really good," she said with a laugh, "so I always feel like I'm struck with indecision every time I come in here. And I come in a lot."

And while the business is in its infancy, it's already growing. In addition to the drinks — and this reporter will agree 100 percent with Gessner, they're all good — lunches are served and down the road, Havlik said she would like to offer entertainment from time to time.

"We're going to see where this takes us," she said, "but it's been a joy to come to work every day. It's funny because I'm probably working more than I did even at the salon, but it doesn't feel like it. I'm seriously having that much fun with this."

EXIT MUSCARI AND take a one-walk block to the west on New Hampton's Main Street and, no



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Coulee Land Company broker LeNae Schwickerath loves the fact that she can work in her adopted hometown and do so at Union Block Suites, a new office complex in downtown New Hampton.

offense to other office buildings in the area, one can find the coolest places to "set up shop" in New Hampton.

The building, the former home to Wilshire Jewelry, is simply exquisite.

"One of the things we learned," Reicks said, "was that when you renovate a building that was built in the late 1800s, you're going to find some surprises."

And some of those surprises can be good ones, too.

As contractors worked on the building, tearing out the drywall, they found walls of exposed brick, for

example.

"When we saw that, it was like, 'Wow, we have to keep this,'" Reicks said. "The idea was to help people who needed to have a place to have an office but also didn't need an entire building for themselves."

So Union Block is set up with various suites for folks who might want to go into business for themselves, start up a side business, are looking for a second location or trying to find an office outside their home.

The business has suites of different sizes that share the Main Street location, provides entrance both from the front and back, a beautiful lobby area

that includes a coffee bar, a breakroom and more.

"It's a unique building," New Hampton Economic Development Director Tammy Robinson said, "and it meets a need we have in our community. Tessa's right. Sometimes we just need an office, not a whole building, and this is the perfect place to start. ... Maybe you grow and you do need a building down the road, but for now, this is a good place to get off the ground."

Reicks said when she purchased the building, she wanted to create a space in an updated building — one that had the amenities, like high-speed internet, for example — that had character.

"There's a charm to it, I think," she

said. "With the exposed brick, the lighting and everything, it definitely has character."

UNION BLOCK'S FIRST tenant was Coulee Land Company and its representative LeNae Schwickerath.

"This is perfect for a company like ours," said Schwickerath, who works for a small boutique real estate firm that was started in western Wisconsin but wanted a bigger presence in Northeast Iowa. "So now instead of driving to Wisconsin, I can work here and we're excited to offer our services to people throughout our area."

Coulee is known for its award-winning camera crews, large-scale marketing programs, and national network with the owner and broker Mike Law having 20-plus years in the outdoor television industry as a videographer.

Law has spent time on some of the best hunting properties on the continent and learned from some of the most experienced landowners in the U.S. and Canada. This is "real" experience, not the social media "expertise" so prevalent today.

Schwickerath joined Coulee Land Company after having 18-plus years of experience in vacant land/home real estate investing throughout Iowa and Wisconsin.

Not only does she bring her real estate experience but also her extensive 20-plus years of working in sales and marketing in the agriculture industry.

With Coulee, she specializes in country homes and recreational properties and serves as the company's Iowa broker, as well as serving as a licensed realtor in its Wisconsin office.

"We help property owners get the most value for their property when selling," Schwickerath said, "whether it's giving them recommendations for property cleanup, ways to improve the inside of their home or showcasing recreational property by showing buyers where they can put food plots and deer stands for the rewarding hunting experience. Our team is known in the industry for their vast knowledge."

She and her husband have lived in New Hampton since 2008 and have two children — Tate and Marley.

"I think as they grow older, one of the big things for me was to be able to work in town," she said. "Real estate is a powerful thing. Where you live and play becomes that center of your universe; and a place where memories are made for a lifetime. ... To be able to do that here, where I live, I couldn't be happier."

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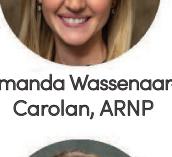
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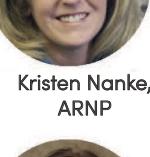
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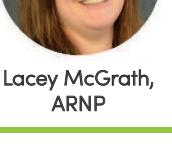
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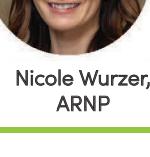
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Hospice – a wise choice for former president Carter

by Stephanie Abel-Hohenzy
Cedar Valley Hospice

Recently you may have heard former president Jimmy Carter and his family opted for hospice care. After a series of short hospital stays, he chose to forgo additional curative treatments because he was growing tired of making continual trips to the hospital. Instead, with the support of his family, they can focus on spending quality time with each other knowing he's getting excellent care in his own home.

When people hear the word hospice, they often think "death." It's a healthcare service many don't want to talk about because they don't fully understand the benefits of utilizing this type of care.

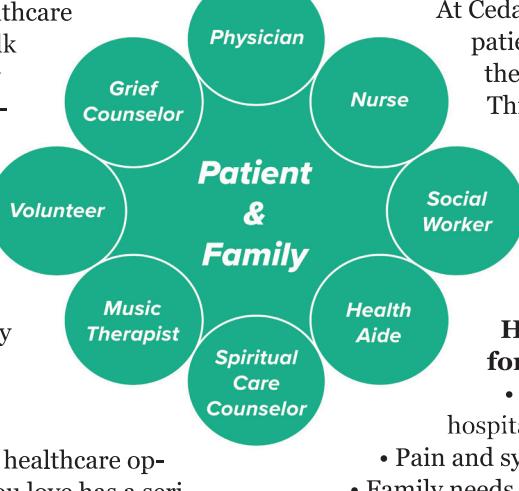
The first hospice was opened in the United States in 1974, only five years shy of Carter becoming president and Cedar Valley Hospice opening its doors to families in 1979.

Starting a conversation about healthcare options when you or someone you love has a serious illness is difficult. At Cedar Valley Hospice, our experts understand those pressures a serious illness can put on a family and are an excellent resource for answering tough questions.

What is hospice?
Hospice is a successful model of person-centered care that brings comfort, dignity and compassion to a patient wherever they call home. Every person's journey is different and all receive an individualized healthcare plan carried out by their own team.

We can enhance the communication between patients and their healthcare providers, offer personalized care in the comfort of your own surroundings and improve the quality of life for everyone involved. A nurse is available 24/7, which helps reduce stress and hospitalizations. Services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurances.

Why choose hospice care?
People often say, "I'm not ready for hospice." Sadly, far too many hospice patients and their families don't elect hospice soon enough. Hospice is not only for your final days or weeks – this is one of many hospice myths (see more in the Myth vs. Fact graphic). Typically, hospice benefits can be elected when two physicians certify that a patient has 6 months or less to live if their disease follows normal timelines.



At Cedar Valley Hospice, we often see patients' symptoms improve once they begin receiving hospice care. This is often credited to excellent symptom management; a team providing support and the decrease in overall stress knowing your health is being monitored by experts.

Hospice Care may be right for you if:

- You're experiencing recurring hospital visits.
- Pain and symptoms are difficult to manage.
- Family needs assistance with in-home care.
- You have decided not to seek curative treatment.

Not ready for hospice? Try palliative care.
Palliative care is geared toward those with a serious illness, who may not be ready or eligible for hospice. Care is provided by a nurse and social worker who visit you at home and offer support and guidance. Those who choose palliative care can still be seeking curative treatment. Examples of diagnoses include: COPD, heart disease, dementia and cancer.

Palliative Care may be right for you if:

- A life-limiting diagnosis is made.
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The best time to learn about hospice or palliative care is before you are faced with a medical crisis. One of the most frequent comments we hear from families we've served is, "We wish we would have called sooner?"

Remember, making the choice to call Cedar Valley Hospice can turn a difficult situation into one that is manageable. It is never too soon to call and see how we can help. Call us today at 800-626-2360.

Hospice Myth vs. Fact

MYTH: Enrolling in hospice means you are giving up.

FACT: Enrolling in hospice is choosing to focus on quality of life and focused care. People enrolled in hospice actually live, on average, 29 days longer than those not enrolled.

MYTH: If I enroll in hospice, I will have to give up my primary doctor.

FACT: When enrolled in hospice, a patient's primary care doctor works closely with the hospice team and communicates with them regularly.

MYTH: To receive hospice care, I will have to leave my home for an inpatient facility.

FACT: Hospice is not a place, it is a concept of care. At Cedar Valley Hospice, 96% of hospice patients receive hospice services wherever they call home.

MYTH: Hospice care is expensive and my family won't be able to afford it.

FACT: Hospice care is a covered by Medicare, Medicaid and many private insurances. At Cedar Valley Hospice, no one is denied service for inability to pay. Hospice often alleviates a financial burden because related medical needs are paid for through the hospice benefit.

MYTH: Hospice care is just for people with a cancer diagnosis.

FACT: Hospice serves people of any age dealing with serious illnesses with a prognosis of six months or less. Other than cancer, common diagnoses also include: COPD, heart disease, dementia, HIV/AIDS and more.

MYTH: All hospice providers are pretty much the same.

FACT: Hospice providers are separate entities. At Cedar Valley Hospice, staff are specially trained to focus on person-centered, compassionate care for the entire family.

MYTH: If it's time for hospice, my doctor will talk to me about it.

FACT: Many doctors wait for a patient to bring up hospice, leading to late enrollment. Families and patients often tell Cedar Valley Hospice that they wish they had known sooner about all the benefits hospice provides. Anyone can make a referral.



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New Hampton Auto Body owner Stan Trask poses for a photo in the shop with his office manager, Gail Masters (left), and his wife, Mary Ann Trask (right), and then spends time working through a claim (above) with an insurance adjuster.

STILL GOING STRONG

NEW HAMPTON AUTO BODY BUSIER THAN EVER AS IT TURNS 50

By BOB FENSKE
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Stan Trask remembers the looks he got back in the summer of 1973 when he told folks that he was going into business with Donnie Schwickerath and Howard Bunker.

"Everyone told us that there's no way a three-way partnership was ever going to work," the owner of New Hampton Auto Body said, "but we showed them they were wrong. I mean we've had our disagreements, argue over something but we always walked away, calmed down and came back together. And it worked."

Trask may be the last partner standing, but he'll always be grateful for Schwickerath and Bunker.

"We all had the things we liked to do," he said, "but you know what? We all chipped in wherever we were needed. We had a lot of good years together, and those two might be retired now, but they're as much a part of the 50 years as I am."

Fifty years is a heck of a milestone, and Trask and his staff are going to celebrate a half-century in business one of these days. They're just not

sure when because they're busy, as busy as New Hampton Auto Body and Trailer Services has ever been.

"We're booked through May," Trask said. "It's a little crazy right now, but hey, you'd rather be busy than sitting on your duff, right?"

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He's been the sole owner of New Hampton Auto Body and Trailer Sales since 2003, when Bunker called it a career and retired. Bunker's departure came three years after Schwickerath retired.

On a recent day, he carried on about four conversations almost all at once. He talked with his wife, Mary Ann; his longtime office manager, Gail Masters; an insurance adjuster; and, of course, the reporter of this story. And

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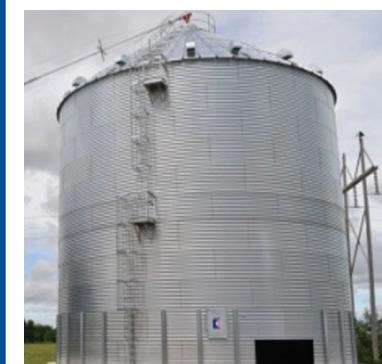


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Much has changed, but service remains priority at body shop

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even when his employees came into the office with questions, as soon as they headed back to the shop, he picked up the conversations right where he left off.

"These two women have my checkbooks," he said as he pointed at Mary Ann and Gail, "and they won't let me have them."

Trask has a million lines like that, but there is no doubt that he was made for this.

He can make a car that looks like it has no hope into a vehicle that dang near looks new. He can deal with the insurance companies that, well, can be a little difficult.

"You know, they basically tell us what they're going to pay," he said, "and that can be a little frustrating. 'No,' I'll tell them, 'you got to use this,' and sometimes we go round and round. Sometimes, I win even."

As he finished his thought, that Stan Trask smile — the one that has a little mischief in it — came out. It's the one that makes him, in his own way, a people person.

"That's one thing Stan has," his wife said. "He can deal with just about any kind of person and in this business, that's important."

OVER THE YEARS, the auto body business has seen dramatic changes.

Metal bumpers have been replaced by rubber ones. Cars have way more plastic on them today than they did 50 years ago. Red isn't red anymore because there's about a zillion different shades of colors now.

But Trask will tell you that one thing hasn't changed since he went into business with Schwickerath and Bunker so long ago.

"We want to make the customer happy," he said, "or at least as happy as we can, considering they hit something they didn't want to hit with their vehicle."

He'll tell you that one of the keys to the business' success over the years has been its employ-



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Kevin Burgart (above) gets ready to do a little work in the paint bay at New Hampton Auto Body, where Mike Pitz and Andy Trask (right) pick up parts before working on a vehicle.

ees.

Today, the business employs four workers — Mike Pitz, Kevin Burgart, Shane Stickler and Andy Trask — in the shop. Meanwhile, Masters runs the office, or as she jokes, "keeps Stan in line." And a New Hampton High School senior, Jaiden Fettkether, works as part of the school's work-release program.

Andy Trask remembers well growing up at the shop.

"Oh yea, I was down here all the time," he said. "After school, on weekends, I spent a lot of

time with Dad in the shop. It was always a fun place to be."

And it still is.

"We get our work done, don't get me wrong," Masters said, "but we do have fun, too. Everyone gets a little grief around here, but at the same time, we know people are counting on us to get their cars, their trucks and everything back in shape."

ON THAT RECENT morning, Stan Trask was asked how long he would continue working; after all, he's 71 and there's a birthday coming up.

When he's not working, he's been known to do a little golfing, helping out on one of his kids' farms and restoring old vehicles. He and Mary Ann have three children — Brad, Kristi and Andy — who have given them seven grandchildren to spoil.

"I'd like to retire, but we'll just have to see," he said and then added with a glint in his eye, "you know, at my age, you just take it a day at a time."

As he sat with his two "checkbook holders," family came up in the conversation more than once. Masters has three kids — Jason, Kiley and Ryan — and three grandchildren.

"I think one of the best parts about working here is that Stan has always been really good about letting us put our families first," she said. "We have to get our work done obviously, but he knows what's really important, too."



Longtime New Hampton Auto Body Office Manager Gail Masters works on paperwork at the body shop that is located on New Hampton's Main Street.

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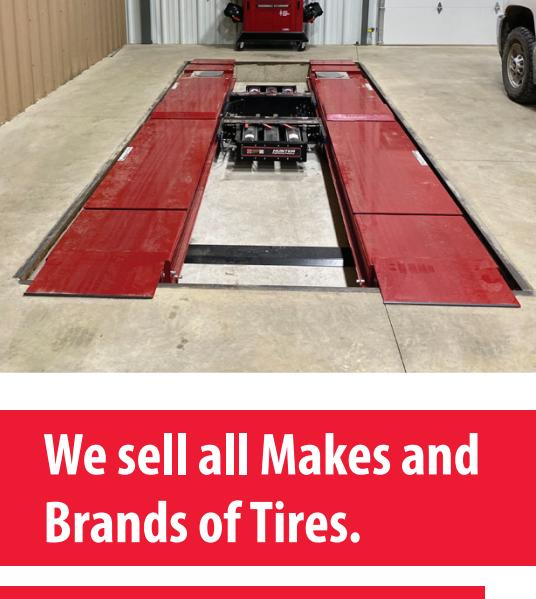
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As New Hampton High School Iowa BIG North students (above) work on various projects in the front of the building, New Hampton Municipal Utilities General Manager Brian Quirk (right) checks the various telecommunications equipment in the back of the downtown building that used to be home to New Hampton's Dollar General store.

Better late than never!

As city's foray into telecommunications continues to grow, utility ready to celebrate

BY BOB FENSK
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New Hampton Municipal Utilities General Manager Brian Quirk and his staff have long wanted to thank those who believed in the concept of a city-owned telecommunications system, and early next month, they're throwing a party for their growing number of customers.

And while Quirk won't pull out an "I told you so," the fact is a decision made by the Light Plant Board four years ago is paying dividends.

"Everything we hear from people is that they love it," Quirk said of the utility's internet, cable television and phone services. "In the world we live in, having good, reliable high-speed internet isn't a want; it's a need. And that's what we're providing the people and businesses of New Hampton."

And on Wednesday, April 5, NHMU will celebrate its continued growth with an open

house from 3 to 7 p.m.

"We never really got a chance to show off our building and our services because of COVID," Quirk said, "and then things got really busy. Not that we're not busy now, but we want to celebrate everyone who has helped us get here."

In September 2019, the Light Plant Board took the plunge, voting to issue \$22.65 million in bonds to finance much-needed improvements to the city's electrical system and to start up a publicly-owned telecommunications that would provide the city and its residents state-of-the-art fiber.

"People forget that the bulk — at least a good majority — of that money went into the electrical system," Quirk said, "and that was an absolute no-brainer. We had equipment that honestly had reached the end of its life, and if we were going to meet our goal of providing the city reliable power, it had to be replaced."

Few argued with the elec-

trical improvements, but there were some who weren't sold on the telecommunications.

Still, board members were ready to take the gamble.

The fiber was installed in 2020, and late that year, the utility began providing internet to "test customers" and early in 2021, it began installing the telecommunications to the rest of the city.

Today, the utility has more than 800 customers and is adding new ones virtually every day. The key piece, Quirk and his employees will tell you, is the internet.

"Honestly, that's where it's at," Quirk said. "I'm not saying that the cable television or the landlines aren't important to some people, but what they want most is internet they can count on. They rely on it for work, to stream and all that, and there's nothing more frustrating than having your internet go down."

And internet outages have been virtually non-existent

with NHMU.

The new utility is housed on New Hampton's Main Street in a building that was home to a Dollar General store.

The facility was extensively remodeled and is not only home to the utility but also New Hampton High School's Iowa BIG North program.

"The kids bring a lot of energy to the place," said Becky Babcock, the utility's office manager. "It's a great partnership for us."

And it's also home more often than not to Brian and Anita Quirk's dog, Ruby, an adorable miniature golden doodle, who often accompanies the general manager to work.

"She's one that really runs the place," Quirk said with a laugh, "but in all seriousness, getting this off the ground, seeing it grow, it's been really nice to be a part of."

He paused and smiled.

"I think the key has been the service our people have given to our customers," Quirk said. "It was our goal to not only give people here great internet, but also great service. ... And that's always going to be our goal."



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NEW HAMPTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



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The Industrial Development Corporation and New Hampton Economic Development is pleased to give you an overview of the projects that took place over the past several years and touch on some of the priorities we

proud to say we have made great strides in this past year but know we cannot stop there. New Hampton experienced a net gain of 45 child care slots from 2021 to 2022 at the Little Sprouts location alone. With the new wrap around childcare program that is currently being worked on, we intend to increase that by 32 more slots this fall. Little Sprouts Children's Center, along with St. Joes Kid Zone and many quality in-home providers, helped to address the critical shortage we were facing here in New Hampton. As we move forward we will continue to look for ways to expand before/after and no school day options; in hopes this will open more slots for infants and toddlers.

In New Hampton and Chickasaw County, we continue to struggle with workforce shortages. After the pandemic many employees stated they were in search of an improved work-life balance and flexibility, increased compensation, and a strong company culture. We will continue to work towards removing bar-

riers to enter the workforce by expanding childcare access, providing diversified housing options and up skilling existing employees. Working with the school on career week, job shadows and apprenticeships along with the Job Training Programs will help us in this area.

Affordable housing is another critical piece of the puzzle. The cost to develop a housing area can unfortunately stop a project before it even begins. Our organization will continue to work towards helping developers find different sources of money to make a project cash flow. New Hampton's affordable housing stock is in limited supply, making the need to maintain existing homes even more critical. Projects the past few years such as the Croell Addition, the 12-plex and many renovations and expansions throughout our community have helped our shortage immensely.

As you can see by the chart below, New Hampton has seen some very good investment in our community.

5-year History of New Hampton Permits

Year	Residential Permits	Commercial/Industrial	New Homes	Totals for the Year
2022	983,351.00	2,224,100.00	3,195,000.00	\$6,404,473.00
2021	695,904.00	4,371,587.00	2,000,000.00	\$7,069,512.00
2020	1,738,317.23	443,100.00	520,000.00	\$2,703,437.23
2019	2,164,046.00	10,031,427.00	964,000.00	\$13,161,492.00
2018	780,647.00	2,775,758.00	1,455,000.00	\$5,013,423.00
	\$6,362,265.23	\$19,845,972.00	\$8,134,000.00	\$34,342,237.23

Ensuring that New Hampton and Chickasaw County remains an attractive and vibrant place to live, work and do business is critical for future economic development success. A few other projects

that took place in our community include NNMU's fiber availability, several main street building renovations, industrial expansions and many park and bike trail improvements. These and many others

contribute to New Hampton's success. On behalf of New Hampton Economic Development and IDC, we look forward to a new year of growth and possibilities in and around our community.

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From daycare to parking lot to more, schools invest in area

It has the potential to be a busy summer for school districts like New Hampton, Turkey Valley and N-P

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New Hampton will soon join a growing list of communities when it comes to having a daycare facility based in one of its school buildings.

And this upcoming summer's project to remodel the weight room at the old New Hampton Middle School is just one of several being done by area school districts.

In New Hampton, those projects include rebuilding a wall on the northwest corner of New Hampton Elementary School, doing work on the elementary school's roof, as well as the construction of a new concrete parking lot at the district's high school and middle school.

In Turkey Valley, the Booster Club will be building a new concession stand that will serve the fans of the Trojans' football, baseball and softball teams, and school officials are also hoping to build an 1,200-square-foot addition to its industrial technology center — although that effort may have to be put off as Turkey Valley navigates issues raised by the fire marshal.

And Nashua-Plainfield — fresh off voters overwhelming approval of selling \$3 million in general-obligation bonds — will begin working on building a new baseball and softball complex on the site of the old Plainfield school building.

Add it all up, and it's going to be a busy summer for area school superintendents, especially Jay Jurrens, who is the top administrator at both New Hampton and Turkey Valley.

Start with that daycare, one that, if all goes well, will open just 14 months after Little Sprouts Daycare opened in what had been the education wing of the First United Methodist Church. That center replaced Great Plays

Daycare and allowed the center to open up more than 40 new "spots" for children, and while that certainly made a dent in the area daycare shortage, more needed to be done.

So Little Sprouts board members and the daycare's director, Amy Ameling, approached the New Hampton School Board with a partnership proposal so that school-aged children could go to daycare in the building where they go to classes.

"Our biggest issue is we're still acutely short of infant spots," Ameling

said, "and if we can move those kids who are going to school to the school, it would really help us take care of our families. Our waiting list is 12 months for infants; so if you think about that, you have to get on the waiting list before you're even pregnant."

The School Board last month approved contributing \$100,000 to the \$312,000 project Little Sprouts proposed. More than two-thirds of that money will be spent at the school while the rest will be used at Little Sprouts to turn school-aged rooms into ones that can serve babies.

"It opens up 22 infant and toddler spots, which is going to be a huge help for our families," Ameling said, "and we think it also gives us a chance to grow with our school-aged children."

That's because the remodeled space at the school will be licensed to serve between 50 and 55 children, and currently, Little Sprouts provides care for 30 school-aged children.

When the wrap-around daycare opens — and Little Sprouts officials hope it will in time for the start of the 2023-24 school year — it will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

So parents will be able to drop off their kids at school when they head to work. When school starts, those children will head to class, and when the school day is over, they'll head back to the daycare until their parents pick them up.

"It's not as uncommon as people think," Jurrens said when asked about schools providing space to daycares and he pointed out that Osage and MFL-Mar-Mac, just to name a couple, have provided daycares space in their buildings. "I think it will help our families with daycare, and that will then help us as a school district."

But remodeling an old weight room isn't the only thing on Jurrens' plate this summer.

The much-maligned parking lot behind New Hampton High School — one that is mostly gravel — will finally be paved.

During that same meeting in which it agreed to partner with Little Sprouts, the School Board voted to spend almost \$685,000 for a new concrete parking lot.

"This came up a long time ago," board member Nate Schwickerath said of the lot that is often riddled with potholes and, when it rains, small ponds, "and it needs to get



When a new "wrap-around" daycare opens at New Hampton Elementary School, a room like this one at Little Sprouts Daycare (above) will be able to provide more room for infants and toddlers while at Nashua-Plainfield, construction on a new baseball/softball complex (below) will also take place this summer.



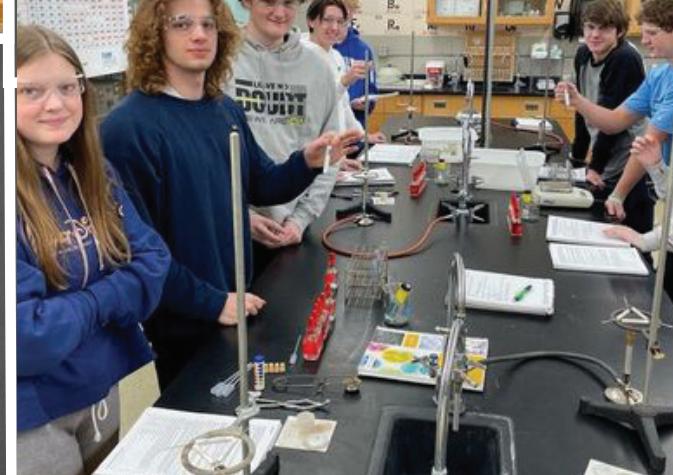
done. And it needs to get done well."

Throw in the roof work and the projects at Turkey Valley, and, as Jurrens put it, "it's going to be a really busy summer, ... but our goal at both districts is to have facilities and keep them in great shape."

But even though the summer is going to be a busy one, New Hampton Economic Development Director Tammy Robinson said it shows the commitment area school districts have not only to their students but also their communities.

"Let's face it, when families are moving to a new city, the first things they ask about are the schools and daycare," she said, "and one of the things that we can sell here is that we have great schools and those schools are committed to our community."

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AMY AMELING
Director, Little Sprouts Children's Center

Partnering with your local community college can be the solution to a workforce shortage. That's how Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) and Little Sprouts Children's Center in New Hampton are addressing a critical shortage of skilled childcare professionals in the area.

Last year, Little Sprouts (formerly known as Great Plays) had nearly 100 children on a waitlist for its daycare services. The director, Amy Ameling, contacted NICC to bring additional skilled childcare personnel into the area's labor market. This new partnership created an earn while you learn opportunity for new daycare employees; employees can now advance their childcare skills and knowledge at NICC while earning an income at the center.

"The need for caregivers with more skills and training is ongoing and emergent. That's why it is incredibly important that businesses and organizations use their resources to assist the childcare industry with earn and learn initiatives," Amy said.

She understands the struggles working parents have experienced in northeast Iowa, trying to find affordable, accessible daycare for their families.

"Business and industries in our tri-county area are desperate for workers. A lack of childcare is one of the main barriers workers identify that keep them out of the workforce," she said.

So far, Little Sprouts has enrolled 17 new employees in the Child Care Level 1 Career Pathway Certificate program taught by NICC Early Childhood program instructor Nicole Brodbeck. The program generates additional trained providers for the community, and scholarships are available for students to receive a stipend while training for their careers.

Amy believes higher wages, employer-sponsored training, grant funding and professional development programs will alleviate some of the childcare provider shortage. "Having caregivers that are well-compensated and have a ladder to climb will commit to long-term careers in childcare," she said. "Childcare for working families is the foundation of a prosperous and dynamic workforce."

Holly O'Brien, NICC College and Career Access Coordinator, said the partnership with Little Sprouts, and another one developed with Iowa BIG North, are creative collaborations that address community needs.

"Through our partnership with Iowa BIG North, we offered several programs for 3 to 7-year-old students, such as arts and crafts, story time, games and dancing! Last year we served nearly 100 students, including two classes for students off-school during teacher professional development days," O'Brien said.

NICC and its community partners plan to offer similar programming this year, including the next certificate Child Care Level 2.

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