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New Hampton High School graduates Izabel Willadsen and Ester Toyler lead the recessional as Sunday's commencement ceremony comes to an end.

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THE JOY OF COMMENCEMENT

NEW HAMPTON, TURKEY VALLEY BID FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF 2023 DURING COMMENCEMENT

BY BOB FENSKE AND DOROTHY HUBER
Of the Tribune

It turns out that, yes, commencements can be educational. For those who attended the Turkey Valley graduation ceremony Sunday, they learned that the square root of 127 is 11.27. That little nugget came from Aubrey Hoffert's address, but in all seriousness, the Turkey Valley grad made an excellent point. "After today, our new lives are beginning," she said, "and each of those lives will be different. We may not need to know what the square root of 127 is — which is 11.27 in case you really want to know — but we can use what we

have learned over these past years to make our own version of success." If joy is an indicator of future success, then the 126 graduates of New Hampton and Turkey Valley — 88 at the former and 34 at the latter — who received diplomas Sunday are going to live accomplished lives. Smiles abounded both in New Hampton and Jackson Junction as bands played, choirs sang, speeches were given and, of course, seniors received that most coveted of possessions — a signed diploma. Their journey to graduation did not follow a smooth and straight

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Dorothy Huber/Tribune

Bailey Poor and Arin Rausch exit the Turkey Valley gymnasium Sunday with the rest of the Class of 2023.

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Carlee Rochford (above) lands in the sand and then is all smiles (right) on the awards stand after winning the first state championship of her storied career.

Senior comes up clutch to win long jump crown

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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It took her last jump of the afternoon to claim gold. Then a tear or two trickled down Carlee Rochford's cheek. This one was for her grandpa. A final leap of 17-10 in the long jump last Thursday at the

Class 2A state track meet in Des Moines made the ever-present smile on Rochford's face beam a little brighter. Jumping with thoughts of her late grandfather Jerry Rochford on her mind — Rochford reeled in her first state title in the Class 2A long jump after consecutive

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Area to mark Memorial Day on Monday

Veterans groups throughout Chickasaw County will mark Memorial Day — the day we are all reminded that "freedom is not free" — with programs this coming Monday morning. Programs are set for New Hampton, Alta Vista, Lawler, Nashua and Fredericksburg. New Hampton's program begins at 10 a.m. and will be held at the Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial. See Saluting Our Servicemen, Pages 19-21

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Smooth planting

It was a pretty good spring for area farmers as Mother Nature provides planting assist

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Heading back!

New Hampton girls golf team earns another trip to state tournament

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Mother Nature gives farmers an ‘assist’ with planting

Virtually all the area’s corn is in the ground, thanks to almost a perfect stretch of weather; soybeans not that far behind

By **BOB FENSKE**
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It may not be completely done, but ask ISU Extension agronomist Terry Basol how his territory’s farmers are feeling right now and he’ll have a one word answer.

Whew.

“Once we got through that cold spell [last month],” Basol said, “the weather was almost perfect and the guys really got a lot of work done in a relatively short amount of time. There’s always a sense of relief when you can get through planting season with a year a like this one. Great weather, timely

rains, you can’t just ask for a lot more than what Mother Nature gave our farmers this spring.”

The latest USDA Department of Agriculture Iowa Crop Progress and Condition Report shows just how far farmers have advanced with planting in recent weeks. The report released on Monday showed that 96 percent of corn has been planted in both the North Central and Northeast districts of the state and that 91 percent of soybeans in the Northeast District and 83 percent of soybeans in the North Central district are in the ground.

“And honestly, my guess is that we made up most of the rest this week,” Basol said. “The last couple of weeks, our farm-

ers have been able to go like gangbusters.”

The report showed that about a two-thirds of the corn in both districts — Bremer and Chickasaw are in the Northeast while Floyd and Butler are in the North Central — has emerged, but maybe the best part of the report was the fact that it shows the area is coming out of the drought that afflicted much of Iowa last summer.

In the Northeast District, 82 percent of topsoil has adequate moisture while 5 percent has surplus. Subsoil moisture profiles are even better as 85 percent has adequate moisture and 6 percent has surplus.

“I think we were all a little worried last summer and even

into the fall,” Basol said. “We knew going into the winter, we needed to recharge those soil moisture compliments, which unfortunately, is completely up to Mother Nature. You can wish it to snow or rain, but if you figure out how to make it do that, let me know and we’ll retire together.”

Despite the rosy numbers presented by the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistic Service, parts of the area still remain on the U.S. Drought Monitor’s latest report that was released last week Thursday.

All of Bremer County, the southern part of Chickasaw County and much of Butler County remains “abnormally dry.”

Still, Basol said conditions

heading into this summer are far better than they were when the summer of 2022 ended.

“I know I say this every time we talk,” he said, “but timely rains, that’s a key for farmers. As dry as we were last year, the rain we did get, well, it fell at the right time.”

And with most of the crop in the ground, farmers will begin field scouting and getting ready for side dressing. They will do so breathing a sigh of relief.

“It’s a huge relief to get the crop in on such a timely manner,” Basol said. “Whenever they can be at this spot in May and say ‘it looks good; we don’t have to worry about replanting,’ that’s a good thing, a really good thing.”

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Pictured are (from left) Dave Burns, Luke Langreck, Joe Langreck, John Drach, Retrieving Freedom’s director of operations, Joe Rosenbaum and Gary Vikdal.

Photo courtesy of the Sons of American Legion

Swimming pool opens Monday

The New Hampton Municipal Pool will open for the season on Memorial Day.

The pool will follow its regular schedule — with adult swim from noon to 1:30 p.m. and open swimming from 1:30 to 7 p.m. — for its opening day of the 2023 season.

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It's a "first-bump" kind of day at both New Hampton and Turkey Valley Sunday as Joshua Scott (above) gives New Hampton School Board member Nate Schwickerath a bump while Turkey Valley seniors Alison Leibold and Victor Montiel (below) get ready to do their own bump as they depart the gymnasium.

High school was anything but normal for the Class of '23

COMMENCEMENT: FROM 1

highway; instead, the members of Class of 2023 navigated uncharted waters before they could take the walk across that stage that transformed them from seniors to alums.

They "lost" the last two months of their freshman year when schools were shut down because of the onset of COVID-19 pandemic.

The following year was filled with masks and new terms like social distancing and hybrid learning.

"We wondered if this was what school was going to be like for the rest of our lives," said Aydin Ries, one of two senior speakers at New Hampton's ceremony. "After

a year and a half of confusion, sacrifices, regulations and constantly adapting, our junior year was finally normal."

Through it all, though, these Class of 2023 members persevered and learned that they could accomplish almost anything.

The adult speakers at the ceremonies emphasized that graduation wasn't an ending as much as it was a beginning. They urged students to remain lifelong learners and give back to their communities.

And on Sunday, the young men and women who were freshly-minted alums of their schools learned a new equation: Two non-normal years plus two normal years added up to graduation.





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Saturday	71	44	--
Sunday	78	44	--
Monday	80	51	--
Tuesday	82	49	--

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Thursday: Sunny with a high of 69 and a low of 43.
Friday: Sunny with a high of 73 and a low of 47.
Saturday: Sunny with a high of 78 and a low of 53.
Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high of 81 and a low of 56.
Memorial Day: Mostly sunny but a chance of a pop-up shower or two with a high of 83 and a low of 58.

Meetings

TUESDAY

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

History

• In 1787, four years after the United States won its independence from England, 55 state delegates — including George Washington, James Madison and Benjamin Franklin — convene in Philadelphia to compose a new U.S. constitution on May 25, 1787.

• In 1935, Boston Braves’ outfielder Babe Ruth goes 4-for-4 and hits three home runs — the final ones of his storied career in which he finished with 714 “round-trippers” — but Ruth’s big day came in an 11-7 loss to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

• In 2020, white Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin kills George Floyd, a Black man, by kneeling on his neck for almost 10 minutes — setting off protests throughout the nation.

Birthdays

• American essayist and philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson was born in 1803.

• American Olympic gold medalist gymnast Aly Raisman turns 29.

• Canadian actor and comedian Mike Myers turns 60.

• English film and theatre actor Ian McKellan turns 84.

Corrections

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County attorney: Supervisors followed ambulance RFP

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new. It's new box, new chassis. This has a used component to it.”

The county attorney also said he had no issue with the price paid by the county for the ambulance, which will serve as a backup rig to the new rigs that were purchased last fall before Chickasaw County EMS went into service.

“I think both the bids you got interpreted the exact same way. That’s why when you got the bids, it was broken down between the price of the rig, the

price of the cot and the price of the power loader,” he said. “Had they interpreted it as, ‘Hey, the total price is no more than \$180,000,’ why would they be broken down that way? They would have submitted one bid, here’s the grand total price ... they broke it down because they interpreted it the same way I interpreted it.”

After the short discussion, Hackman made his motion, but after Board Chairman Matt Kuhn asked three times for a second, none was forthcoming and the motion died.

The decision to proceed with the purchase came on the same day in which supervisors again went into closed session to “discuss the potential sale or purchase of real estate” for a permanent home for the county’s EMS department.

But after meeting in closed session for about 45 minutes, supervisors, just as they did the week before, came back into open session and said no decisions had been made.

And board members also conducted the review for Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson, which was tense

at times, especially when Hackman questioned the director on why a county ambulance took part in a send-off to the state meet last week for the New Hampton girls track team?

Knutson replied that it was no different than sending an ambulance to events like Dairy Days in Fredericksburg, Alta Vista Days or any other community event in the county.

Board members also passed on giving Knutson a raise because his contract with the county isn’t up until the end of the calendar year.

NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

- Week of May 21 1948 (75 years ago)
- A group of local sportsmen and business places have volunteered to furnish funds necessary to provide a bounty of \$2.50 for every fox turned in to the Sport Shop between May 27 and June 27.
 - The bounty is in addition to the \$1.50 being paid for foxes by the county. Destruction of game birds, rabbits and even poultry and small pigs has been great this year. It is the interest to us all to cooperate with sportsmen and farmers to rid our territory of these pests.
 - Calvin Curtis of Hawkeye received the first award from the Hauth Drug Stores for hitting a home run at the New Hampton-Hawkeye game at East Park on Sunday. He has the choice of an Eversharp Pen or an Amity Billfold, not exceeding \$5 in value.
 - Hauth Drug Stores have offered this award for each homerun hit in the local park and if the homerun is hit will the bases full, they will receive both the pen and billfold. Jim O'Connor and Allan Johnson received \$1 each from Timm's Service for two base hits in the first game and Jim O'Connor also received \$2.50 in merchandise from the first two basehit of the season from Leuthold-O'Connor Co.
 - 1973 (50 years ago)
 - Two New Hampton men, whose combined years of custodians at the New Hampton Community School total over 30 years, were honored last week during the annual student Awards Assembly.
 - Clark “Red” Keating and Don Upham, who will both retire this summer, were presented engraved plaques “in appreciation for your services to N.H.H.S.-1973 Student Council.”
 - The presentation was made by Student Council President Robert E. Rigler. Keating has been a custodian at the school for a total of 21 years and Upham has worked at the school for 12 years.
- Jack Amble, a former New Hampton Community High three-sport standout, was awarded a major basketball letter during the annual William Penn College All Sports Banquet held recently in Oskaloosa.
- Amble was a sophomore starter for coach Taylor Hayes’ Penn cage team the past basketball season.
- The son of Mr. and Mrs. Alger Amble of rural Alta Vista, Jack starred in football, basketball and baseball while at New Hampton Community.
- 1998 (25 years ago)
- Memorial Day services at the three cemeteries in New Hampton no doubt benefited from the sunny weather. A large crown was at the New Hampton Cemetery where Bud Kestal gave the address. The program followed the parade through downtown New Hampton and included the Legion color guard, rifle squad, Legion Auxiliary embers, Scouts and the New Hampton High School Band.
 - The crowd also gathered at the St. Joseph’s Cemetery and St. Mary’s Cemetery for memorial services.
 - The New Hampton boys varsity golf team advanced to the district tournament after a runner-up finish in the Class 2A Sectional hosted by Waverly-Shell Rock. Decorah seized the title with a score of 320 while the Chickasaws were right on the Viking’s heels with a 322.
 - Decorah’s Matt Larson was the medalist with a 74. New Hampton’s leader in the meet was Dan Strum, who carded a 77, Alan Morris came in with an 80, Derek Sauser shot an 82 and Mitch Rosonke had an 83. Nick Wegner scored an 85 and Adam Geerts shot a 95 to complete the squad.
 - 2013 (10 years ago)
 - A powerful storm that moved through the area Sunday night uprooted trees, destroyed several garages and out-buildings and left many without power.

New Hampton Light Plant employees spent much of the night working to restore power.

The storm hit New Hampton around 9 p.m., and there were unofficial reports of wind gusts of up to 75 miles per hour. Numerous roads around the city were blocked by downed trees and power lines.

Members of law enforcement agencies and the New Hampton Fire Department were out in full force to help clear the streets of debris.

- The New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department and various contractors are rushing to finish projects at Mikkelson Park. The renovation projects at the park include a new varsity baseball grandstand, resurfaced tennis courts, new lights on the varsity softball diamond and a floor replacement in the band shell.
- Throw in the Wooden Wonderland renovation project that will be completed by the New Hampton Rotary Club later this summer and Mikkelson is receiving almost \$200,000 in upgrades.

- 2018 (5 years ago)
- New Hampton City Clerk Suellen Kolbet will be honored Thursday afternoon with a retirement open house at the New Hampton Community Center.
 - Kolbet, who has worked for the city for the past 40 years and has been the city clerk since 1993, is retiring and her last day will be Friday.
 - The New Hampton School Board awarded the final winning bids on the district’s \$19.415 million building project and added to its “surplus” in the process. School Board members accepted the low bids from Iowa Prison Industries for the project’s case-work and cabinets and from Wisconsin Terrazo and Tile for flooring in high traffic areas.
 - The bids came in about \$90,000 lower than estimates, which means the project is running about \$1.2 million under budget.

Rotary Club taking applications for scholarships

The New Hampton Rotary Club is accepting applications for the awarding of post-secondary scholarships for the 2023–2024 school year.

Local residents attending post-secondary education programs who have completed at least half of their program are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

Applications are available from Pauline Shatek — Fidelity Bank & Trust at 25 N. Chestnut Ave., PO Box 70; New Hampton, Iowa 50659; by calling 641 394-3021; or by e-mail at pshatek@bankfidelity.com.

Scholarship application forms are also available from Jennifer Monteith at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center by emailing monteithl@mercyhealth.com or from Suellen Kolbet by emailing des@district5970.org. Completed applications may be submitted at these addresses or by email. Completed applications must be received prior to midnight June 30, 2023 to be considered for the 2023-2024 school year.

Scholarships are awarded based on financial need, scholastic success potential, linkages

to northeast Iowa, and extracurricular involvement. To be eligible, students must have completed at least one-half of their educational program either at the undergraduate or graduate level. Scholarships are typically awarded in August with proof of college/program enrollment.

The Rotary scholarship and loan fund was established in 1959 when Ada Johnston gave the Rotary Club a gift of \$1,000, in memory of her husband, S.E. Johnston, “... for aiding young people to further their education beyond the high school level.”

Later, significant funding was added by Don Iverson, money that was invested by The New Hampton Rotary Club and comprises the principle from which the scholarships are funded. The New Hampton Rotary Scholarship has also recently been the recipient of additional funds from current and previous Rotary Club members and their families.

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When we work togeth-

er, the Lord gives us the ability to handle it and blesses us.

Jesus says, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”(Matthew 28:19-20, NIV)

I hope that you can broaden the scope of your mission and prayers.

When we go beyond the fence within ourselves, we can become



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

powerful Christians. The size of our mission and vision can renew us, because the Holy Spirit is with us and gives us power.



Photo courtesy of Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity celebrates high school graduates

Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton honored 16 graduating seniors from several high schools during its worship service this past Sunday. The graduates included Peyton Anderson, Jackson Brincks, Madeline Geerts, Sierra Hackman, Hayden Hauser, Treyton Hulbert, Kelli Jirak, Evan Knowlton, Carsyn Leistikow, Tierney Perkins, Catherine Method, Kirsten Reicherts, Carlee Rochford, Eadie Suhr, Ethan Wilson and Abigail Zabel.

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Jane Carol Finnegan, 78

Jane Carol Finnegan, age 78 of New Hampton, died Friday, May 19, 2023, at St. Marys Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 26, 2023, at Holy Family Parish in New Hampton, with the Rev. Jim Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton with Victoria Boyd, Nolan Boyd, Callie Speltz, Alex Troyna, Madison Dettmer, Matthew Dettmer and Coltin Craighton serving as pallbearers.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continues an hour before the Mass on Friday at the church.

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

In lieu of flowers, Jane requested donations to the family be given to the American Legion Auxiliary No. 38, American Legion No. 38 and Alpha Delta Kappa Teachers' Sorority in New Hampton.

Jane Carol Baldwin was born on May 4, 1945, in Marshfield, Wisconsin, the daughter of Dale and Marjoire (Freeman)



Jane Finnegan

Baldwin.

She was raised and educated in Ladysmith, Wisconsin, graduating in 1963. From 1963 to 1967, she attended the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire.

On April 8, 1967 she married Lawrence "Larry" Finnegan and shortly afterward, they moved to New Hampton and had one son, Michael and one daughter, Michelle.

She taught second-, fourth- and fifth-grade classes for 32 years in the New Hampton Community School system. After retirement in 2001, she was a substitute teacher for 11 years in several area schools.

Organizations she was active in were NEA, ISEA, and NHEA

Virginia Lou Baltes, 89

Virginia Lou Baltes, age 89, passed away peacefully on July 10, 2022.

Virginia was married to John Henry Baltes on August 8, 1954, in New Hampton. They made their home in Circle Pines, Minnesota, and later Heber City, Utah. They were blessed with four children. They celebrated 61 years of marriage.

Virginia worked at Centennial Senior High School in the library and later Honeywell.

She spent many years enjoying the needlework of counted cross stitch.

Virginia is preceded in death by her loving husband, John; her parents; brother, Rollis Snider; brothers-in-law, Robert Baltes and Bill Kennedy; and sisters-in-law, Lavone Snider, Mary Kay O'Dowd and Rosalie Owens.



Virginia Baltes

Virginia is survived by her children, Julie (Mark) Reese of Park City, Utah, Tim (Petra) Baltes of Germany; Barbara (Frankie) Pinto of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, and Nancy Baltes

Dana Karl Straw, 72

Dana Karl Straw, age 72 of Las Vegas, died unexpectedly from a heart attack on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at Centennial Hills Medical Center in Las Vegas.

A prayer service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2023, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton, with Pastor Kevin Frey Presiding.

Interment with military honors will follow in the New Hampton City Cemetery.

Friends may greet the family from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2023, at the funeral home.

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

Dana was born on Nov. 13, 1950, in New Hampton, Iowa, the son of Earl and Sarah (Steadman) Straw. Dana's life was marked by his strong work ethic, commitment to service and love for his family and friends.

Dana's early years were spent in Iowa, where he attended Lawler Public School and later graduated from Turkey Valley High School in 1969.

He married Denise Wickman and the couple welcomed their daughter, Tracy. The couple later divorced.

Shortly after graduation, he enlisted in the US Army on May 7, 1970. Dana proudly served his country as a radio teletype operator before receiving an honorable discharge on Jan. 19, 1972. His time in the military instilled in him a deep sense of duty and patriotism, which he carried with him throughout his life.

Upon returning to civilian life, Dana continued to work hard and contribute to his community. He initially found employment at Kohlmeyer and also Blazek Sand and Gravel,



Dana Straw

both in Lawler. Eventually, he began working for John Deere Component Works in Waterloo, where he gained valuable skills that would serve him well in his future endeavors.

In 1985, Dana made the decision to move to Colorado to attend Colorado Aero Tech's mechanics program. This decision proved to be a pivotal moment in his life, as it led to a long and fulfilling career with United Airlines.

After completing the program, Dana was hired by United Airlines to work on jet engines in San Francisco, a position he held until his retirement in 2007.

While living in San Francisco, Dana met Michiko Hodges. The two quickly became inseparable and remained together for the rest of Dana's life. Their partnership was marked by love, laughter, and a shared sense of adventure that saw them travel the world together.

Following his retirement, Dana and Michiko moved to Las Vegas, where Dana continued to stay active and engaged in his community. He owned several properties, which he managed and maintained himself, always taking pride in his

(national, state and local education associations), Alpha Delta Kappa Teachers' Sorority, and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 38.

In her spare time, she enjoyed attending her children's and grandchildren's school activities, reading, going out to dinner, music and spending time with family and friends.

One of her favorite quotes was, "May your day be touched by a bit of Irish luck, brightened by a song in your heart, and warmed by the smiles of the people you love."

Jane is survived by her husband, Larry; one daughter, Michelle (Chris) Speltz of New Hampton; one son, Michael (RaNay) Finnegan of Humboldt; four grandchildren, Victoria (Nolan) Boyd, Callie Speltz, Coltin Craighton, and Madison (Matthew) Dettmer; great-granddaughter, Tatum; two brothers, Roger (Deb) Baldwin of Holcombe, Wisconsin, and Brian (Rhonda) Baldwin and their daughter, Missy Baldwin of Minocqua, Wisconsin; five nieces; and one nephew. She was the oldest of 29 cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dale and Marge Baldwin; in-laws, Cornell and Nina Finnegan; and one brother-in-law, Robert Finnegan.

of Minden, Nevada; along with grandchildren, Kristin (Marty), Jennifer (Adam), Jillian, Robin (Taylor), Julia, Holly, Megan and Emily; and great-grandchildren, Madeline, Olivia, Quinn and Alexander. She is also survived by sisters-in-law, Ann Kennedy, Evelyn (Ron) Simon, Patti (Jerry) Rochford, Rose Baltes, and Debbie (Dave) Merrill; many nieces and nephews; and other family and friends.

The family of Virginia Baltes would like to express our deepest gratitude to all those involved in her assistance during the past years. Your loving care will never be forgotten.

Virginia will be buried in the Boyd Cemetery, also known as Saint John's Lutheran Cemetery, Fredericksburg, at some time in the future.

work and ensuring that his tenants had a comfortable place to call home.

Throughout his life, Dana remained connected to his roots in Iowa and was a proud member of the Lawler, Iowa American Legion Post No. 279. He always felt a connection to his fellow veterans.

Dana Karl Straw will be remembered for his unwavering commitment to his loved ones, his strong work ethic, and his dedication to service. His passing leaves a void in the hearts of all who knew and loved him, but his legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched and the many memories he created.

In honoring Dana's life, let us remember and celebrate the many ways he made a difference in the world.

Through his service to his country, his dedication to his work, and his love for his family and friends, Dana leaves behind a lasting impact that will not be forgotten.

He is survived by his life partner, Michiko Hodges of Las Vegas, a daughter, Tracy Straw of River Falls, Wisconsin; one brother, A.J. (Janelle) Straw of Protivin; five sisters, Karen (Rick) Huber of Lawler, Vickie (Randy) Mracek of Protivin, and Paula Kout, Diane (Bill) Gebel, Deb Straw, all of Lawler; and sister-in-law, Karen Straw of Lawler.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers — Danny Straw in 1968, Eddie Straw in 2004, David "Smokey" Straw in 2022.

Rita Renee Roberson, 70



Rita Roberson

Rita Renee Roberson, age 70 of New Hampton, passed away on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at Linn Haven in New Hampton.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 27, 2023, at Jerico Lutheran Church in Jerico, with Pastor Peter Faustgad officiating.

There will be a visitation from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the church on Saturday prior to the funeral service.

Burial will be held at a later date.

Rita was born December 11, 1952, to Oscar and Arlene Vikdal. She was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church and graduated from New Hampton High School.

She married her high school sweetheart, Steven Roberson on June 16, 1973, and they continued their love story all the way to the end. Complete opposites, but together they made the perfect team.

That perfect team welcomed a son named Derik on March 24, 1988, upon which Rita stopped working at TriMark. She stayed home with Derik until he started elementary school, then decided to volunteer at the elementary school just to see him.

She then followed him to the high school where she worked as a part-time cook until retiring in 2013. Words cannot describe how amazing of a mother Rita was. A perfect, irreplaceable mother from day one, the type of mother everyone should be lucky enough to have.

Not only was Rita the perfect mother, but she was also the perfect wife. She was trying to hold on a little longer as the happy couple were set to celebrate 50 years of marriage next month. What an accomplishment!

And what a life the two shared. From a farm in Jerico to the last 14 years back in New Hampton, what an adventure every step of the way.

Their greatest passion

together was traveling, and they made it to 48 of the 50 states, missing only Rhode Island and Hawaii. They had fun and made memories on every trip, but their favorite was when they ventured to Alaska. One road in, one road out. What an experience, what beauty!

They also enjoyed their three trips to Canada, eating clam chowder on the East Coast while taking in the changing fall colors and all their trips to Florida to escape the cold Iowa winters.

Recently they enjoyed trips to Las Vegas to see their son and the most special trip was in 2019 where on back-to-back nights they saw Lady A followed by Carrie Underwood. Rita was having the time of her life, while the lack of sleep almost killed Steven. He had to take a nap on Sunday while mother and son headed down the strip to find a Blake Shelton machine! Again, words can't express how much Steven will miss his travel partner and the best companion he could ever ask for.

Perfect mother, perfect wife, perfect everything.

In high school Rita worked at the A&W and the Main Diner and that led to her lifetime love of cooking. It was her way to decompress and anything she baked could have been served in the finest restaurants around

the world. These last few years she was able to cook more often with her son and he will always be grateful for the lessons handed down by his brilliant mother. Her favorite saying was the fondest memories are made when gathered around the table.

In her spare time Rita enjoyed reading. Nora Roberts was her favorite author and she loved getting lost in her books.

Another passion of hers was putting puzzles together, anything to pass time in the winter! She also enjoyed playing cards and any board game her son managed to bring home.

A Minute to Win It will always be a memory the family will never forget as it was a night full of awkwardness and lots of laughs. Any activity always involved music from the 60s and the 70s.

Inside during the winter and outside in the spring when the yard work began. She enjoyed landscaping and trying new creative projects and putting them on display in the yard. Her creativity was unmatched. That creativity trickled into the house as well. After her house was spotless and food was in the fridge, she would find new things to try, make, or bake. Such a talented superwoman gone much too soon.

Survivors include her two favorite men; her husband Steven and son Derik meant the world to her, and their lives will never be the same without their rock. She also leaves behind two sisters, Sharon Townsend of New Hampton and Judy Doyle of Bellingham, Washington, both of whom she was close to and a brother, Ron and Nita Vikdal of North Washington, who was her hero growing up. Lastly, she leaves behind many nieces and nephews and a ton of great friends who felt more like family over the years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Arlene Vikdal.

Kipp Elmer Jones, 71



Kipp Jones

Kipp Elmer Jones — a beloved husband, father and grandfather — passed away peacefully at his home in New Hampton, on Thursday, May 18, 2023, surrounded by his loving family.

Interment took place at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at New Hampton City Cemetery with Military Honors preformed by New Hampton American Legion Post No. 38 Fae Stine.

A funeral luncheon followed at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

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

Born on Jan. 11, 1952, in New Hampton to John and Irene (Hanson) Jones, Kipp was a friendly and hardworking man who touched the lives of many.

Kipp attended New Hampton High School and was a proud member of the graduating class of 1971.

Following high school, he bravely served his country in the US Army, enlisting in 1972. Kipp drove tanks in the Vietnam War and was awarded National Defense Service Medals for his sharpshooting skills with a Rifle M-16, .45 Cal. Pistol, and a Grenade Bar. His time in the Army showcased his dedication and commitment to protecting the nation he loved.

After his service in the Army,

Kipp became a general laborer and a man of many skills. He took great pride in being able to fix anything and was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. His work ethic and determination were truly inspiring and served as an example for those around him.

Kipp's interests included hunting, fishing, and ice fishing, passions he enthusiastically shared with his children, Michelle and Kipp. He taught them the ins and outs of these activities, creating cherished memories and bonding experiences that they will carry with them forever.

Kipp also enjoyed going on drives with his wife, Joanne (Conry) Jones, whom he married on Oct. 2, 1976, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. The couple met through a mutu-

al friend, and their love for each other only grew stronger throughout their years together.

In addition to his love for the outdoors, Kipp was a social man who enjoyed spending time with his friends and family, often over an Old Milwaukee. He was known for his friendly demeanor and ability to make those around him feel welcome and at ease.

One of Kipp's fondest memories was laying floor with his son and grandson, Jayden "nummy," as they worked together and playfully bickered, passing down the skills and knowledge he had acquired throughout his life.

Kipp's legacy will live on through the many lives he touched and the lessons he imparted to his loved ones.

Kipp is survived by his wife of 46 years, Joanne of New Hampton; one daughter, Michelle Pleggenkuhle; one son, Kipp (Jamie) Jones of New Hampton; and 13 grandchildren, Misha, Shawna Graham, Mercedes, Alexis, Wyatt Pleggenkuhle, Bailey, Jerzi, Cassidy Jones, Jordan, Jayden, Jaclyn Worple, Kayla, Kenzi Jones.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John "Jack" Jones and Irene "Rene" Hanson; in-laws, Dale and Margaret Conry; three brothers, Milton "Jonesy" Jones, Brian Jones, Don Jones; and one sister, Sandy (Paul) Perkins.

Gary Edwin List, 76

Friends may greet the family from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. prior to the service at the funeral home on Saturday, May 27, 2023.

Gary Edwin List, age 76, of Waucoma, died Thursday, March 9, 2023, at Shell Rock Healthcare Center in Shell Rock.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 27, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

the service at the funeral home on Saturday, May 27, 2023.

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The family of Ben Ryan would like to extend a very big thank you to everyone for their support and kindness given during Dad's illness and celebration of life. A special thank you to all the nurses and staff at the New Hampton Nursing and Rehab and St. Croix Hospice, you are all so very special to us. Thank you to the Markham family at Conway-Markham Funeral home, Fr. Jim Goerend, everyone who prepared the wonderful meal by Lynch BBQ, Klunder's, Rosary Society, alter servers, singers, and all who helped in any way. The American Legion did an amazing presentation at the graveside service... thank you all so very much. We have an amazing community, and your support was overwhelming.

Thank You

Thank you to all our family and friends for your support during this difficult time losing Duane's brother Richard. We really appreciate all the memorials, cards and phone calls. Duane & Pat Lynch

Randle Livingston, 58

Randle "Randy" Livingston Jr., age 58 of Spirit Lake and formerly of Nashua, died unexpectedly at his home.

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

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

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Are Your Goals ‘Must Have’ or ‘Nice To Have’?

Like everyone, you may have a lot of financial goals. But are they all of equal importance? Probably not. And do they share a similar timeline? Again, it’s unlikely. So, your first step may be to prioritize your goals — and then follow a process that can help you achieve them.

This process should include the following steps:

• **Identify your goals as “must have” or “nice to have.”** Making sure you can retire comfortably and won’t outlive your resources is a “must have” goal. For this goal, you can’t compromise — you need to be certain of achieving it, or at least as certain as possible. But if you want to someday own a vacation home by the beach, and you can’t ever quite afford it, you might find an acceptable substitute, such as renting. So, it seems fair to say that achieving this goal would be “nice to have.”

• **Prioritize your investment dollars.** Unless you have unlimited sums to invest — and very few of us have that luxury — you’ll probably need to prioritize where your investment dollars are going. For your main “must have” goal — retirement — you’ll be helped by the ability to automatically invest through your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you’re on track toward this goal, and you budget carefully and potentially receive salary increases over the years, you may also find space to keep contributing toward the “nice to have” goals.

• **Put “price tags” on your goals.** You need to know what your goals will cost. Of course, you may need to estimate the costs for some goals based on different factors. For example, when you think about your goal of retiring comfortably without outliving your money, you’ll need to consider some key questions, including these: When do you want to retire? What sort of retirement lifestyle do you envision? Do you see yourself downsizing your living arrangements? For other goals, though, such as purchasing a vacation home, you could get more specific on how



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much money you’ll need.

• **Follow an appropriate strategy.** The nature of your goals, and their estimated cost, along with your appetite for risk, should drive your investment strategy — but another key factor is time. So, for a long-term goal like retirement, you’ll likely need a reasonable amount of quality growth-oriented investments in your portfolio. While these investments — such as stocks and stock-based mutual funds — will fluctuate in value over shorter periods of time, your hope is that, over several decades, they will ultimately provide the growth you need to meet your retirement goal. However, to achieve a goal you want to meet in a year or so — perhaps you’re paying for a wedding or planning a long vacation — you may want to consider more stable investments, such as certificates of deposit (CDs), short-term bonds or even cash or cash equivalents. They may not provide much in the way of growth, but you can essentially count on them to provide the amount you need when you need it. You’ll need to regularly review the performance of your investment strategy for each goal to assess your progress.

Achieving any goals — whether they’re “must have” or “nice to have” — can be challenging. But by identifying and prioritizing these goals, following an appropriate strategy to meet them, and consistently reviewing your approach, you can

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Fredericksburg student to speak at Wartburg commencement Sunday

Chandler Njus of Fredericksburg will deliver one of the student messages at the Wartburg College Commencement on Sunday, May 28.

Based on nominations from their peers and in consultation with faculty and staff, Wartburg College President Rebecca Neiduski invited Njus to give the remarks on behalf of the Class of 2023 at the ceremony beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Hoover Fieldhouse & Track in the Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center.

Njus, an elementary education major with endorsements in reading, math and middle school, will teach fourth grade at North Fayette Valley Schools in Elgin, beginning this fall. At Wartburg, he served as a percussion section leader for the Wind Ensemble. He also served as treasurer of the college’s Drumline and was a member of Ritterchor, a tenor and bass ensemble.

DK Wood tournament in June

The 20th annual DK WOOD Scholarship Golf Tournament, named for the late Chickasaw athlete Darron Kobliska, will be held on Saturday, June 17.

The tournament — a 4-person best shot — will be held at the Jackson Heights Golf Course, across from the Turkey Valley schools. Entry fee is \$140 per team, with proceeds going toward the scholarship fund. The shotgun start is 9 a.m.

Prepayments are appreciated, checks are payable to Darron William Memorial Scholarship and may be mailed to 3249 County Road V64, Jackson Junction, Iowa, 52171. Golf carts are available and must be reserved when a team is registered.

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Assessor highlights homestead exemption change

Chickasaw County Assessor Ray Armel announced that on May 4, Gov. Kim Reynolds signed House File 718, establishing an additional homestead exemption for claimants 65 years of age or older.

In addition to the existing homestead tax credit, eligible claimants who own the home they live in and are 65 years of age or older on or before Jan. 1 of the assessment year are now eligible for an additional homestead exemption.

For the assessment year beginning on Jan. 1, 2023, the exemption is for \$3,250 of taxable value. For assessment years

beginning on or after January 1, 2024, the exemption is for \$6,500 of taxable value. An exemption is a reduction in the taxable value of the property rather than a direct reduction in the amount of property tax you pay.

The Iowa Department of Revenue has amended the Homestead Tax Credit Exemption (54-028) form to allow claimants to apply for the new exemption. Applications are due July 1 to your local assessor.

If the exemption is granted, the exemption will be allowed for future years without

future filing as long as the claimant continues to qualify.

Application forms can be found on the Chickasaw County Assessor’s page of the county web site, then go to credits and exemptions, then under homestead tax credit click on application form, or simply visiting the Chickasaw County Assessor’s Office.

If you have any questions, please contact the Assessor’s Office at 641-394-2813 or by email at r.armel@chickasawcounty.iowa.gov.

The annual deadline to apply is July 1.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

A fun day to celebrate EMS!

MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center Chaplain Sister Vicky Arndorfer gives Alex Heim the “medical report” on his stuffed animal elephant during Tuesday night’s EMS Open House that was held in the hospital’s Emergency Department parking lot. Meanwhile, Markavion Peterson (below left) enjoys a freezy while his brother Markell has just found out that “two” is enough, and Madison Stange and Lyndi Maurer (below right) pose for a picture with “Percy” in front of Chickasaw County EMS’ new ambulances.



Briefs

Vendors are needed for the Farmers Market in New Hampton

The New Hampton Farmer’s Market that was to take place today (Thursday) has been canceled due to lack of available vendors for that day.

The city’s first official Farmers Market date will now be Thursday, June 8 and will be held next to Riley’s.

Additional vendors are still needed, anyone interested in attending a few dates or the whole season contact the New Hampton Chamber of Commerce.

Breakfast on the Farm celebrates Dairy Month June 24

Iowans of all ages will have the chance to experience modern dairy farming this June, as the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach dairy team celebrates dairy month across the state.

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On June 24, the public can enjoy Breakfast on the Farm, held from 8:30 a.m. until noon at Iowa’s Dairy Center south of Calmar.

Organizers will serve a wholesome breakfast complete with Dad’s Belgian Waffles, sausage and delicious dairy products including milk, cheese, yogurt and ice cream — all locally produced and processed. Visitors can take a guided tour of the farm and there will be activities for all ages, including hand-milking a cow, a petting zoo, story time with a local dairy princess, cow inflatables and educational exhibits.

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DAIRY DAYS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

7-9 pm Night Swim SI Entrance

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

10-1 pm Scratch Cupcakes at City Hall

4:30 pm Kiddle Tractor Pull

4-9 pm Food Truck Frenzy

5-10 pm Scotts Carnival

6 pm Street Sports Featuring Tyler Staker

7 pm Old Timer’s Softball Game

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

10:30 am Parade

11-10 pm Food Stands; Funnel Cakes & Sumner-Fred. FFA Ice Cream

Noon-10 pm Scott’s Carnival

Noon Gaga Tournament

12-6:30 pm BINGO

1-4 pm Face Painting

2 pm Money in the Hay

3 pm Kickball Tournament

4 pm Rubber Cow Races

Taekwondo Performance

Pizza Palace Free Take and Bake Pizza for kids

5 pm Expressions Dance Studio Performance

7 pm Parade

8-11 pm BINGO

8 pm Gates Open for Concert Staker Complex

9 pm-1 am Concert Featuring Birdchild

Staker Complex \$10 cover charge

Beer Garden & Food Truck

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

7 am Moo 5K Run/Walk

10 am - 5 pm National Guard Inflatable Obstacle

10:30 am Dairy Show at the Bus Barn

Hightail Ice Cream

Cow Pie BINGO

11:30 am Play Fore! Tomorrow Alive &

Running Golf & Games Fundraiser

Noon-10 pm Scott’s Carnival

Food Stands; Funnel Cakes

Sumner-Fred. FFA Ice Cream

12:30-930pm BINGO



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2 pm Cake Walk

2:30 pm Pie Auction

3 pm Car Show

5:30 pm Milking Contest

6 pm Coronation

7-9:30 pm Teen Dance

Age 13-19 DJ Blackout

Hightail Ice Cream

10 pm Fireworks

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New Hampton seniors receive scholarships and awards

Peyton Anderson

- Dr. James & Mary Kay Carr Wrestling Scholarship
- The William & Marlene Weigel Family Scholarship
- Willis & Patricia Hansen Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- Bernie Saggau Award
- Lettermen’s Scholarship
- Lions Club Scholarship
- New Hampton Education Association Scholarship (NHEA)

Jackson Brincks

- American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship
- Donald Beck Healthcare/ Agriculture Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- Leah Schwickerath Scholarship
- Athletic Scholarship- Men’s Volleyball

Carter Cahoy

- Duane & Ramona Gerhardt Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- AIB College of Business Scholarship

Mallory Cleveland

- Donald Beck Healthcare/ Agriculture Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- Bank Iowa - Spirit of Chandy Scholarship
- Lions Club Scholarship
- Vianna Holschlag Nursing Scholarship

Bailey Cox

- John Phillip Sousa Award

Ashlee Crawford

- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- Rural Grant Award- Allen College

Kandice Eggerichs

- Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship
- Chickasaw Hoops Club Scholarship
- Conway-Markham Funeral Home Scholarship
- FFA Alumni Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- E. Wayne Cooley Award
- First Security Bank & Trust Scholarship
- Friends of MercyOne Healthcare Scholarship
- Mi Energy Cooperative Scholarship
- New Hampton Education Association Scholarship (NHEA)
- Peoples Savings Bank/Elma Area Scholarship

Annala Elliott

- Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship

Cherish Elliott-Larson

- Dick and Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship

Logan Fettkether

- Dollars for Scholars Chapter Work Scholarship

Josie Fuerstenberg

- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship

Emily Gaytan

- Dr. James & Mary Kay Carr St. Joseph’s Academic Improvement Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship

Sierra Hackman

- Donald Beck Healthcare/ Agriculture Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship

- Friends of MercyOne Healthcare Scholarship
- Lions Club Scholarship

Isaac Howe

- Arthur J. Koenigsfeld Memorial Scholarship
- Virginia (Ginny) Laures Memorial Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- Lettermen’s Scholarship
- Lions Club Scholarship

Kelli Jirak

- Donald Beck Healthcare/ Agriculture Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- National School Choral Award

Evan Knowlton

- Luana Savings Bank Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship

Campbelle Kolbet

- Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship
- Letterette’s Scholarship
- Luane Frank Educational Excellence Scholarship
- Richard P. TeKippe Memorial Scholarship
- Virginia (Ginny) Laures Memorial Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- Academic All-State
- Friends of MercyOne Healthcare Scholarship
- Iowa State Forever Scholar
- Iowa State Honors Program

Kyler Kruse

- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship

Koryn Lane

- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship

Carsyn Leistikow

- Boeding, Speltz and Wernimont Family Dentistry Scholarship
- Chickasaw Hoops Club Scholarship
- Leo & Elizabeth Kuennen Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- KIMT Scholastic All Star
- New Hampton Education Association Scholarship (NHEA)
- Iowa State Merit Scholarship

Emily Manweiler

- Arthur J. Koenigsfeld Memorial Scholarship
- Class of 1962 Scholarship
- Don & Arlene Boeding Family Scholarship in Honor of Arlene Boeding
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- New Hampton Education Association Scholarship (NHEA)
- Midwest Dairy Scholarship
- Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship

Maritza Martinez

- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship

Tanner Njus

- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- Fredericksburg Sportsmen’s Club/Al Baxter Memorial Scholarship

Lydia Olson

- Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Leadership Scholarship
- Letterette’s Scholarship
- P.E.O. Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- First Security Bank & Trust Scholarship
- New Hampton Rotary Club Scholarship
- New Hampton Women of Today - Student Achievement Scholarship

Treyce Orr

- Duane & Ramona Gerhardt Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship



Photo courtesy of Dustin Lewis/Dollars for Scholars

New Hampton High School seniors who received scholarships and awards last week pose for a group picture following the ceremony put on by the Dollars for Scholars chapter.

Daniel Orthaus

- Reggie D. Nelson Memorial Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- Five Star Coop Scholarship
- Fredericksburg Sportsmen’s Club/Al Baxter Memorial Scholarship

Norah Orthaus

- Chickasaw County Cattlemen’s Scholarship

Anthony Ortiz-Garcia

- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- NICC Heritage Scholarship

Logan Peterman

- Bank Iowa Scholarship
- Don & Arlene Boeding Family Scholarship in Honor of Don Boeding
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship

Catherine Pethoud

- Donald Beck Healthcare/ Agriculture Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- Friends of MercyOne Healthcare Scholarship
- Iowa Bandmasters Association Award of Merit
- Iascoe Scholarship
- U. of Minnesota Scholarship

Kirsten Reicherts

- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship

Gracie Reicks

- Donald Beck Healthcare/ Agriculture Scholarship
- FFA Alumni Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship

Quinten Reicks

- Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship
- Conway-Markham Funeral Home Scholarship
- FFA Alumni Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Special Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship

Ashley Rosonke

- Donald Beck Healthcare/ Agriculture Scholarship
- FFA Alumni Scholarship
- Reggie D. Nelson Memorial Scholarship

- Laura Stolz Memorial Scholarship
- Mi Energy Cooperative Scholarship
- New Hampton Education Association Scholarship (NHEA)

Aydin Ries

- American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Leadership Scholarship
- The William & Marlene Weigel Family Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Special Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- Governor’s Scholar
- Instrumentalist Musicianship Award
- Lions Club Scholarship
- Mi Energy Cooperative Scholarship
- New Hampton Rotary Club Scholarship
- NHMU Scholarship in Memory of Marge Quirk

Aiden Roberson

- Darron William Kobliska Memorial Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- New Hampton Education Association Scholarship (NHEA)
- Wartburg Presidential Scholarship
- Wartburg Legacy Scholarship
- Wartburg Academic Day Scholarship
- Wartburg STEM Scholarship

Carlee Rochford

- Letterette’s Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Special Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- KIMT Scholastic All Star Scholarship

Lucero Rodriguez

- Alpha Zeta Scholarship
- Class of 1962 Scholarship
- Richard P. TeKippe Memorial Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- Mary Frese Memorial Scholarship
- New Hampton Education Association Scholarship (NHEA)

Vanessa Rodriguez

- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship

- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- Agriculture Future of America Scholarship
- Chickasaw County Cattlemen’s Scholarship
- Five Star Coop Scholarship
- Outstanding Senior Choral Award
- Jackrabbit Guarantee Scholarship (SDSU)

Elaina Rosonke

- Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship
- FFA Alumni Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Special Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- Knights of Columbus Scholarship
- Mi Energy Cooperative Scholarship
- American Legion Auxiliary 4th District Merit Award

Ali Russler

- Darron William Kobliska Memorial Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- First Security Bank & Trust Scholarship
- Instrumentalist Award of Merit
- Wartburg Legacy and Worth It Week Grants
- Wartburg College Academic Award

MaryJane Schmitz

- Donald Beck Healthcare/ Agriculture Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship

Joshua Scott

- Fredericksburg Sportsmen’s Club/Al Baxter Memorial Scholarship

Hunter Serie

- Boeding, Speltz and Wernimont Family Dentistry Scholarship
- Gerald & Marilyn Johnson Memorial Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- Families Feeding Families Scholarship
- Lettermen’s Scholarship
- Lions Club Scholarship

Gannon Shekleton

- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship

Mason Sobolik

- Ryan Holschlag Memorial Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- Louis Armstrong Jazz Award

Brady Speltz

- Treyton Robinson Kindness Project Scholarship
- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Carter Steinlage

- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship

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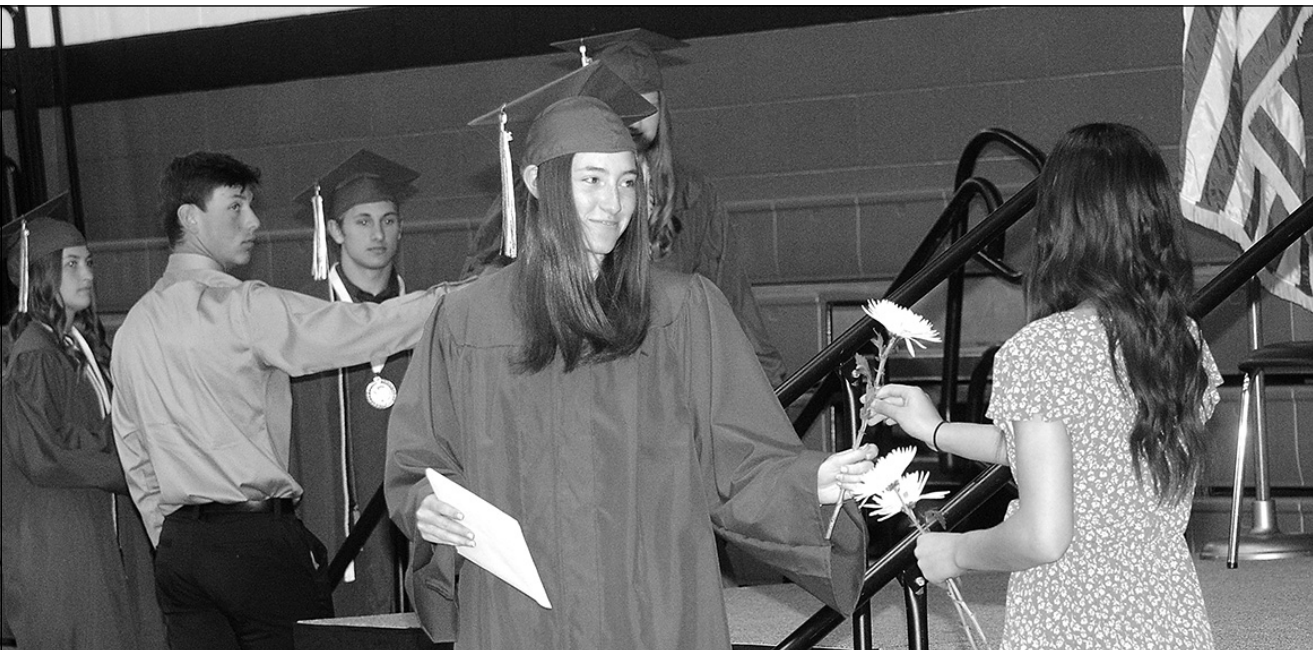
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- Lettermen’s Scholarship
- Reicks View Farms Scholarship

Izabel Willadsen

- Dick & Marie Heying Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship

Alivya Wisner

- Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship
- Leta Ann Erickson Nursing Scholarship
- Letterette’s Scholarship
- Treyton Robinson Kindness Project Scholarship
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- Dollars for Scholars Work Scholarship
- Dollars for Scholars GPA Scholarship
- Bank Iowa - Spirit of Chandy Scholarship



After receiving her diploma, junior escort Ryann Schmitt hands Abigail Schmitt a flower. Jacqlyn Schmitt is coming up the steps, with Troy Schmitt in the background — and junior escort Oliver Schmitt. It is Turkey Valley, after all.



One of the great traditions at Turkey Valley’s graduation is the senior video, which apparently has brought up some good memories for Clare Courtney and her classmates.

Turkey Valley celebrates its grads



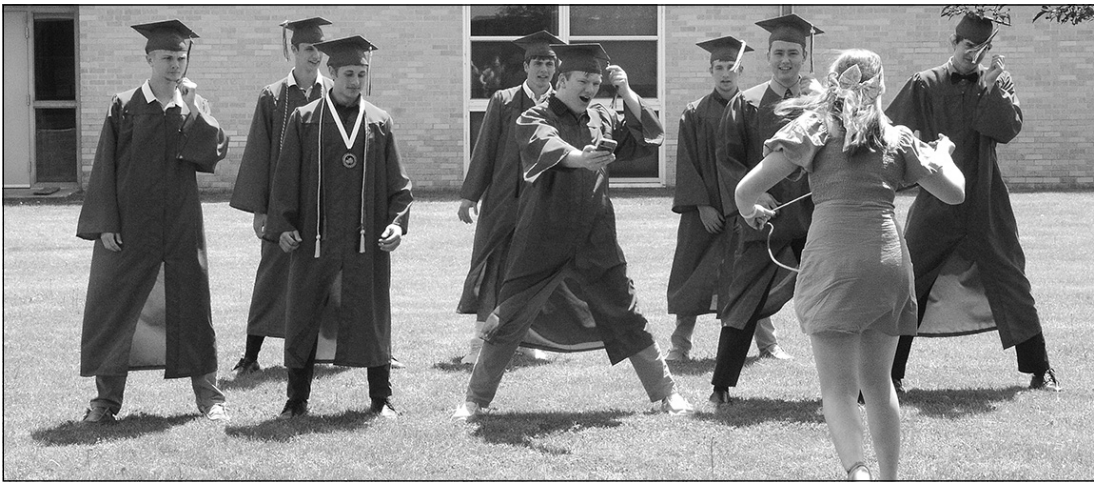
Madalyn Langreck and Kale Kuennen (left) give a thumbs up moments before entering commencement, Gabrielle Scheidel (above) gets a post-graduation hug in the courtyard and there were plenty of proud parents, including Steve and Tara Hoffert (right), in the crowd.



Commencement photos by Dorothy Huber



With a large contingent of seniors, the Turkey Valley Concert Choir (above) sings “The Way We Were” while the Trojan football offense (right) — or at least most of it — come together for one last “snap.”



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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

May 15, 2023
The Board convened on Monday, May 15, 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 Laudner, Bridget Edson, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Terry Johnson, Engineer Roman Lensing, Joan Knoll, Kathy Shekleton, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, BCS Farms Brian Sipley, Environmental Health Director Penny Andorf, Public Health Administrator Lisa Welter, RN, Ann Knutson, RN, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Recorder Shirley Troyna, Pioneer Cemetery Commission Diane Murphy, Assessor Raymond Armal, Tyler Technologies Ron Pieracci
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for May 15, 2023 with 11:00 AM appointment canceled. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the meeting minutes from May 8, 2023 with changes. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
No public comment
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to acknowledge new hire,

Patricia Macomber, for motor vehicle/tax clerk in the Chickasaw County Treasurer's Office starting May 25, 2023 at \$16.50 per hour. Roll Call: Ayes; Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Abstained; Breitbach Motion carried.
Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to acknowledge new hire, Kylie Lantz, for motor vehicle/tax clerk in the Chickasaw County Treasurer's Office starting June 12, 2023 at \$16.50 per hour. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to recommend the Construction Permit application for the Northwood Creek LLC, Section 8 Utica Township as per the recommendation of the Environmental Health Director. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to recommend the Construction Permit application for the BCS Farm Site, Section 1 Dresden Township as per the recommendation of the Environmental Health Director. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Discuss county office locations and buildings. It was tabled.
Discussion of department updates by EMS Director Joel Knutson.
Opened RFPs for used ambulances. 1 Arrow MFG, INC Price used 2015 Chevrolet G4500 Type3 Lifeline Ambulance with a 6.0L gasoline engine and approx. 144k miles. Includes

options and features as listed and shown on website truck listing #00964 option Supply a new Stryker Power Pro XT Power Cotw/mid confix. \$24,990.00 option Supply and install a new Stryker Power Load system \$28,900.00 Total \$143,790.00 2 Klocke's Emergency Vehicles used 2013 Life Line Superliner Type III on a 2013 Chevy G4500 Chassis with roughly 250,000 miles. \$22,500.00 New Stryker Power Load system \$27,793.00 New Stryker Power Pro XT Power Cot-1 \$26,622.00 Total \$276,915.00 3 Klocke's Emergency Vehicles used 2009 Life Line Superliner Type III on a new 2023 Chevy G4500 Chassis \$150,000.00 New Stryker Power Load system \$27,793.00 New Stryker Power Pro XT Power Cot-1 \$26,622.00 Total \$204,415.00 Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to purchase used 2009 Life Line Superliner Type III on a new 2023 Chevy G4500 Chassis from Klocke's Emergency Vehicles for \$204,415.00 to be kept in Fredericksburg. Roll Call: Nay; Cerwinski, Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn. Motion Failed.
Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by

Breitbach to purchase used 2009 Life Line Superliner Type III on a new 2023 Chevy G4500 Chassis from Klocke's Emergency Vehicles for \$204,415.00 pending budget amendment. Roll Call: Nay; Cerwinski, Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn. Motion Failed.
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to purchase used 2009 Life Line Superliner Type III on a new 2023 Chevy G4500 Chassis from Klocke's Emergency Vehicles for \$204,415.00 to be paid for out of ARPA. Roll Call: Aye; Breitbach, Cerwinski, Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn. Motion carried.
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to go into closed session under section 21.5(1)(J) to discuss the potential sale or purchase of real estate at 11:01 AM. Roll Call: Aye; Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski, Hackman, Kuhn. Motion carried.
No action taken out of close session. Discussion on building locations for the EMS was tabled.
Discussed Tyler Technologies software with representative Ron Pieracci
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the selling of un-

used equipment for Pioneer Cemetery through advertising in county papers, sealed bids to the auditor's office by 4:00 PM on May 26, 2023 and unsealed at the Board of Supervisors meeting May 30, 2023. The board pay for advertising and reserve the right to reject a bid. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Discussed department updates with Engineer Roman Lensing.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve entering into a lease agreement with the City of Fredericksburg, IA for a portion of Fredericksburg Municipal Garage located at 151 W. Main Street for Secondary Roads to use and store equipment starting July 1, 2023 for \$1.00 for the term of the lease. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to direct auditor to put counties' portion from Ambulance Council Seed money of \$1,195.69 into fund (0011) Rural Services Basic. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to refund fund (4020) 28 E Ambulance money totaling \$11,209.59 back to the eight cities and county. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to direct auditor to put counties' portion from fund (4020) 28 E Ambulance money totaling \$4,483.84 to be split \$2,241.92 into fund (0011) Rural Services Basic and \$2,241.92 into fund

(0025) Chickasaw County Betterment . Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for The Balk Tank Bar & Grill to expire May 15, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Discuss Opioid money settlement and Auditor Shekleton will be attending a class May 24 and 25 on how to use the money and how to report the money.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the purchase of election equipment. Eleven units for \$50,578 from Adkins Election Service to be paid by December 31, 2023 pending budget amendment. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Committee Assignments
Supervisor Cerwinski-Pathways-May 10, 2023 and FMC Land-fill-May 9, 2023
Motion by Hackman seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 12:25 PM. Roll Call: All Aye. Motion carried.
Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

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Board Proceedings

The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in regular session, Monday, May 15, 2023, in the High School Media Center. President Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with Directors Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath, Superintendent Jurens, and Board Secretary Roethler present.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the agenda. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to open the public hearing on the New Hampton Community School District FY22 Budget Amendment. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director Denner moved to approve the FY22 School Budget Amendment. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director Denner moved to approve the consent agenda items with the change of tabling the first readings of Board Policies 300 to the June Meeting. Approve minutes of the April 17, 2023, regular session. Approve the April monthly financial report and the May 2023 bill listing. Accept the resignations from Shannon Maas (High School Guidance Counselor and Varsity Co-Ed Soccer Coach), Joanne McAvoy (Elementary Guidance Counselor) and Laura Roberts (High School English) effective at the end of the school year. Approve the following hires for the 2023-24 school year: Leo Dowd (Bus Driver), Michelle O'Donnell (High School Guidance Counselor), Raquel Schmitt (2nd Grade Teacher), Joslyn Evanson (Elementary Guidance Counselor), Terry Bohr (Elementary Special Ed Teacher), Josh Fenske (JV Baseball Coach), Megan Boeding (volunteer Softball Coach), Ryan Anderson (volunteer Baseball Coach), Jade Fye, Cassie Hackman and Kerigan Tenge (volunteer Volleyball Coaches). All new hires pending obtaining suitable licensure and passing appropriate background checks. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve 9th-12th Math Curriculum Purchases from McGraw Hill in the amount of \$46,700.83 with the addition of online access from Cengage in the amount of \$15,568.61. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director A. Schwickerath moved to approve the 7th-12th Spanish Curriculum Purchase in the amount of \$6,452.09. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the negotiated settlement with the New Hampton Education Association Support Group.
Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
AGREEMENT BETWEEN NEW

HAMPTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND NEW HAMPTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SUPPORT GROUP
Both Parties agree to the following:
1. \$1 per hour raise for all hourly support staff employees except food service who will be addressed below.
2. \$2.15 per hour for food service workers to bring them to the level of others. \$3. \$80 increase to base pay for bus drivers
4. \$3 per hour increase to \$18 per hour for activity trips
5. An extra \$1 per hour for each staff member of any group who gets their Bus Driving license and takes at least 15 trips per year.
6. An extra \$1 per hour for each staff member of the para group who obtains their sub authorization
7. An extra \$1 per hour for each secretary who obtains his/her medication management certificate.
8. An extra \$1 per hour for each paraeducator who works in a level 3 therapeutic classroom with a physically behavioral student who is violent, i.e. assaulting behavior
The district will be providing professional development for paraeducators in the fall to present a variety of topics relevant to being a successful paraeducator.
Director Denner moved to approve the Districts Career and Academic Plan. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the placement agreement with Luther College. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director Denner moved to approve the FFA Club to Wisconsin on June 5th to attend an officer's retreat. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve a year's contract with Orkin for the High School Lunch area. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director Denner moved to approve the 5.25% raise increase for the Administrative, Superintendent's Office staff, Technology, Maintenance, and Food Service directors. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Superintendent Jurens annual evaluation will be held at the end of the Regular June meeting in a closed session.
Next regular meeting will be Monday, June 19, 2023, at 6:30 pm.
Director Denner moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Monthly Bills May 2023
General Fund (10)
Vendor Name , Amount
AFLAC 90.27
Ag Vantage FS 2,009.96
Amazon Capital Services 2,488.07
Blackhawk Automatic Sprinkler 290.00
Chickasaw Chassis 186.00
Chickasaw Wellness Complex 300.00
Circle K Communications 188.43
City Laundering Co. 1,105.84

City of New Hampton 11,246.77
Counseling & Family Centered Services, Inc. 9,495.00
D & M Asphalt Services Inc. 110.00
Decorah Mobile Glass, Inc. 296.50
Demaray, Cheri 36.32
Eberly, John 75.00
Fareway 3,888.21
Five Star Cooperative 6,425.19
FM Controls, Inc. 115.00
Fritcher, Katie 978.12
Geerts Plumbing & Heating 776.30
Hanson Tire Service 2,820.00
Herff Jones, Inc. 16.48
Huber's 31.74
Interstate All Battery Center 74.40
Iowa Department of the Blind 367.25
Jendro Sanitation Services Inc 1,290.60
Kakery LLC 400.0
Keystone Area Education 924.75
Kwik Star 1,170.11
L & R Manufacturing, LLC 685.53
LS Supply & Rental 205.12
Lunch Fund 162.50
Madison National Life Insurance 1,918.78
Martin Bros. Distributing 125.98
MHMU Fiber 300.00
Orkin 200.00
Principal Life Insurance Company 871.71
Pub at the Pinicon, The 674.91
Rieman Music, Inc. 173.00
Riley's Inc. 99.95
Rockford Fossil Park 66.00
Roethler, Christy 125.34
Schmitt, April 215.85
School Specialty, LLC 210.72

Schuth Ace Hardware 576.37
Screen Print To Go 486.84
Scrubber City Inc. 30.94
St. Joseph's School 32,611.83
Stanton Electric 3,110.66
Story Jumper Inc. 77.91
Superior Welding Supply 72.52
Sweets by Keke, LLC 208.50
Sweetwater Sound 441.76
Wehla, Janell 177.94
Swisher & Cohrt, P.L.C. 186.40
Telecom Services of Iowa 270.00
thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation 174.93
Timberline Billing Service LLC 2,517.77
Vern Laues Chev-Buick 780.55
VISA 1,086.94
Vorwald, Bob 327.71
Wagoner Bros. Repair 8,460.52
Warburg College 325.00
Washington National Ins. Co. 1,022.14
Waterloo Center for the Arts 20.00
Waverly Shell-Rock School 8,341.45
Wayne's Truck Equipment & Parts, Inc. 250.00
WEX BANK 363.66
Windstream 1,983.30
Winters, Angela 464.43
Zeien, Tom 98.60
Ziegler CAT 492.52
Fund Total: 124,215.99
Physical Plant & Equipment (36)
Marco, Inc. 1,659.46
PowerSchool Group LLC 1,371.49
Fund Total: \$3,030.95
Attest: May 15, 2023
Jay Matthews
Board President
Christy Roethler
Board Secretary

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Bowling perfection

Earlier this bowling season, Dave Van Oort rolled a 300 game during the Wapsie League at Bowlaway Lanes in New Hampton.

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New Hampton's Jonathan Condon (foreground) takes aim out on the shooting range earlier this spring.

Swehla fires another perfect round

Chickasaws continue to fire away with precision out on trapshooting range

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Ethan Swehla was perfect again in a dual versus South Winneshiek last week Friday in a meet near Jackson Junction on Turkey Valley's home shooting range.

Swehla did not miss in 50 attempts at trying to take down as many clays as possible.

That perfect score by Swehla helped his NH Red trapshooting squad take home top team honors with a 233. That was nine clays better than runner-up NH Black (224). Third-place South Winneshiek shot a team total of 202.

Isaak Schwickerath, Jonathan Condon, Trinity Schwickerath and Tate Schwickerath all fired rounds of 48, respectively, for head coach Jay Matthews' Chickasaws.

The top girls scorers from New Hampton were Josie Fuerstenberg and Kendra Pickar – who each tallied 40s.

Last week Thursday New Hampton squared off against Turkey Valley at the same shooting range. NH Red (232) was the top team, while NH Black (227) was second and TV Red (220) was third.

Chickasaw senior Joshua Scott only missed one clay as he

was the individual winner of the meet with a 49. New Hampton's Layne Nehl (47-20-20) topped TV's Hunter Nelson (47-20-15) in a sudden-death shoot-off for second place.

Jaiden Fettkether was the girls' No. 1 scorer with a 46.

Nehl, Swehla, Aaron Holschlag and Daniel Orthaas all finished their rounds with 47s.

New Hampton Gold tied with Don Bosco on Tuesday, May 16 at the Janesville Invite.

Each squad notched team scores of 236. New Hampton Red wasn't far behind in third with a 233.

NH senior Teigen Howe accumulated a 49 in his round, followed by Nehl (48), Isaak Schwickerath (48) and Trinity Schwickerath (48).

Fuerstenberg (46) and Tori Bearman (46) were each top shooters on the girls side.

TOP SQUADS

New Hampton Gold 236, Don Bosco 236, New Hampton Red 233.

TOP BOYS

Ty Moudry (TV) 50, Cade Bradfield (JANE) 49, Cale Backes (DB) 49. Elliott Erhardt (Cedar Valley) 49, Oliver Henning (WSR) 49, Teigen Howe (NH) 49.

TOP GIRLS

Keira Myers (TV) 47, Evelyn Erhardt (Cedar Valley) 46, Josie Fuerstenberg (NH) 46, Tori Bearman (NH) 46.

NEW HAMPTON SQUADS

NH Gold (236) - Howe 49, Daniel Orthaas 46, Layne Nehl 48, Fuerstenberg 46, Joshua Scott 47.

NH Red (233) - Nick Brincks 46, Isaak Schwickerath 48, Trinity Schwickerath 48, Ethan Swehla 46, Ashton Venem 45.

NH White (216) - Hunter Humpal 38, Ricky Pauley 45, Aaron Holschlag 46, Devon Snyder 40, Jonathan Condon 47.

NH Black (210) - Bearman 46, Grace Maloy 42, Karla Pickar 41, Kimberly Jordan 45, Rhiannon Ellingson 36.

NH Platinum (193) - Chase Humpal 41, Ben Douglas 39, Carson Burke 36, Nolan Swehla 37, Emmett Kuehner 40.

NH Silver (153) - Noah Eichenberger 34, Jaiden Fettkether 41, Kendra Pickar 37, Tanner Njus 41. NH Bronze (120) - Jake Schwickerath 21, Caleb Utley 37, Aleah Eichenberger 38, Kelly Thronsdon 24.

TOP SQUADS

New Hampton Red 232, New Hampton Black 227, TV Red 220.

TOP BOYS

Scott (NH) 49, Nehl (NH) 47-20-20, Hunter Nelson (TV) 47-20-15.

TOP GIRLS

Cadyn Huber (TV) 47, Fettkether (NH) 46, Alexis Elsbernd (TV) 45.

NEW HAMPTON SQUADS

NH Red (232) - Howe 45, I. Schwickerath 44, Nehl 47, E. Swehla 47, Scott 49.

NH Black (227) - Brincks 46, Holschlag 47, T. Schwickerath 46, Orthaas 47, Njus 41.

NH Gold (209) - Fuerstenberg 41, Ka. Pickar 39, Pauley 47, Ellingson

39, N. Eichenberger 43.

NH White (207) - Bearman 38, H. Humpal 40, Fettkether 46, Maloy 42, Venem 41.

NH Platinum (203) - C. Humpal 42, Douglas 36, Burke 45, N. Swehla 41, Kuehner 39.

NH Silver (158) - Utley 40, Condon 37, Snyder 36, J. Schwickerath 8, Ke. Pickar 37.

NH Bronze (104) - Jordan 39, A. Eichenberger 37, Thronsdon 28.

TOP SQUADS

New Hampton Red 233, New Hampton Black 224, South Winn White 202.

TOP BOYS

E. Swehla (NH) 50, I. Schwickerath (NH) 48, Condon (NH) 48, T. Schwickerath (NH) 48.

TOP GIRLS

Hailey Thuenete (SW) 42, Kenna Hageman (SW) 42, Fuerstenberg (NH) 40, Ke. Pickar (NH) 40.

NEW HAMPTON SQUADS

NH Red (233) - Howe 44, I. Schwickerath 48, Nehl 44, E. Swehla 50, Scott 47.

NH Black (224) - Brincks 44, Holschlag 43, T. Schwickerath 48, Orthaas 42, Njus 47.

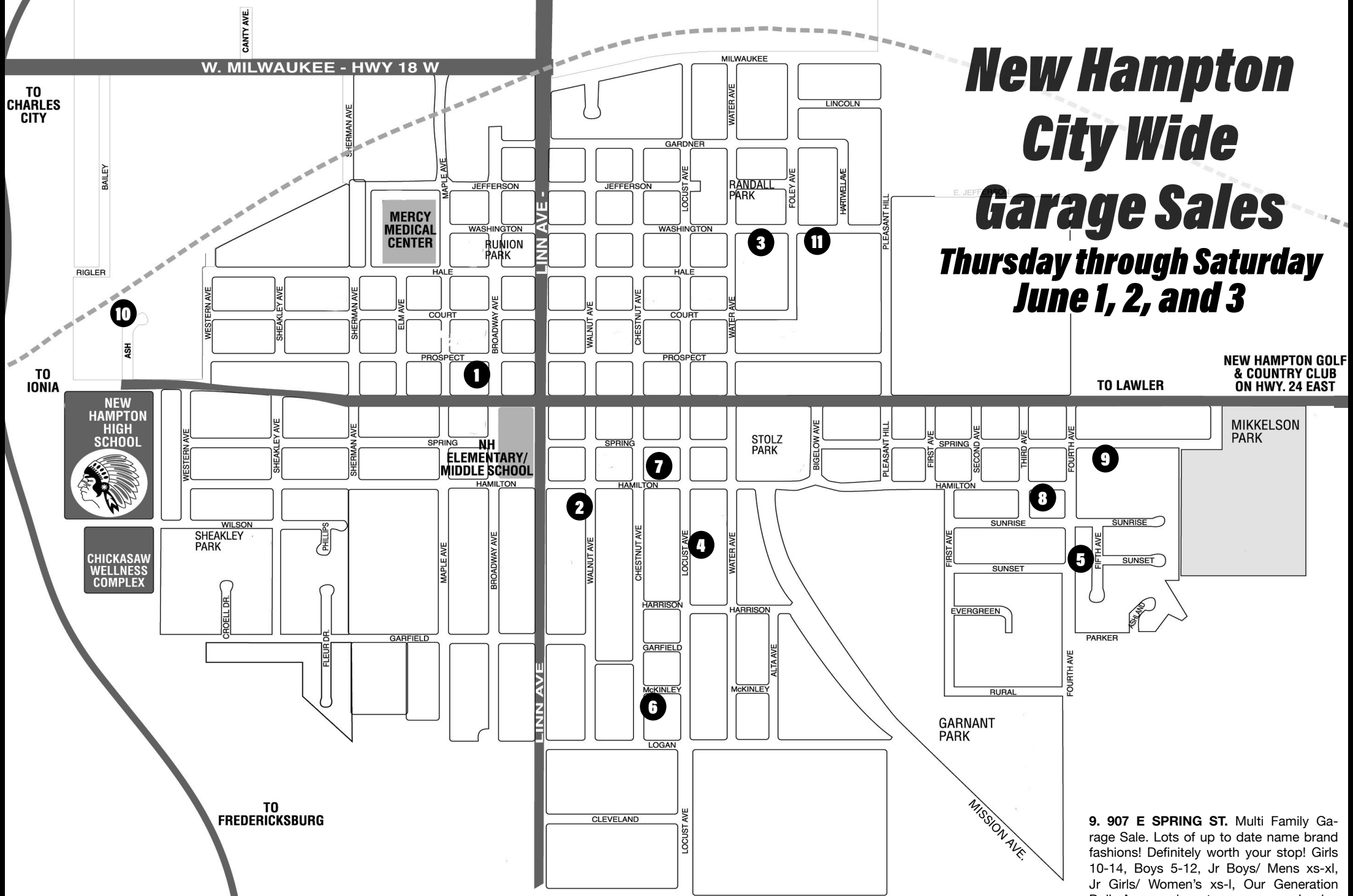
NH Silver (193) - Utley 43, Condon 48, Snyder 39, J. Schwickerath 23, Ke. Pickar 40.

NH Gold (190) - Fuerstenberg 40, Ka. Pickar 35, Pauley 44, Ellingson 28, N. Eichenberger 43.

NH Platinum (183) - C. Humpal 40, Douglas 28, Burke 42, N. Swehla 41, Kuehner 32.

NH White (159) - H. Humpal 40, Fettkether 37, Maloy 35, Venem 47.

NH Bronze (101) - Jordan 37, A. Eichenberger 36, Thronsdon 28.



New Hampton City Wide Garage Sales

Thursday through Saturday
June 1, 2, and 3

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1. 14 NORTH BROADWAY Thursday and Friday 8am to 5pm Saturday 8am to 12pm. Home decor, kitchen items, mason jars, baby, kids, women's clothing and shoes, kids toys, bouncer, high chair, baby gates, treadmill, lot of misc. 3 families.

2. 203 SOUTH WALNUT Kennedy's 10am to 6pm Thursday only. Large area rugs, vacuums, 9 Rotan chairs, mini fridges, antique beds, chairs, tables, rockers, mirrors, frames, sled wagon, bench, lamps, stool, Rotan wash stand, ice maker, space heater, fireplace set, ceiling fixtures, travel rack, old cupboards, doors and knick knacks.

3. 211 E WASHINGTON ST, NEW HAMPTON Multi Family Garage Sale Thursday June 1st 8am to 5:30 and Friday June 2nd 8am to 12pm. Men's and Women's Name Brand clothing large to xxl, Chickasaw, Hawkeye, Vikings Gear, Men's Coats, Chickasaw Coat, Precious Moments figurines, Tupperware, Kitchen items, Snowblowers(gas and electric), Dog Playpen, Holiday items, Portable Air Conditioner.

4. 228 SOUTH LOCUST Thursday and Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 to 12:00 pm. Misc, kitchen items, electric wall fireplace, Christmas and home decor craft items, bedding Oreck, vacuum, books, adult clothing, Barnett cross bows something for everyone.

5. 315 S 5TH AVE NEW HAMPTON June 1st, 2nd and 3rd 8am to 5pm. White Milk Glass, flowerpots, fruit jars, vases, craft books, small bassinet, small women's clothing, chairs, laminate flooring, china table dish sets, misc, odds and ends. Check us out. We look forward to seeing you.

6. 326 SOUTH CHESTNUT AVE June 1st and 2nd 8:30 to 5:00 and June 3rd 8:30 to 12:00. Clean sorted golf balls, wooden benches roof rake, lawn mower, fluorescent ceiling lights, cabinet hardware, radio/record player, lamps, clocks, Christmas tree with lights, games, books, jewelry, picture frames, lots of decor and miscellaneous.

7. 8 EAST SPRING STREET Eye Care Associates Parking lot. Multi family sale 8am to 5pm Friday June 2nd only. Dog Kennel, bike rack, wood splitter, tent, women's clothing, household items, wedding decor, misc.

8. 807 EAST HAMILTON Thursday and Friday 8 to 6 and Saturday 8 to 11. Lawn mower, clown collection, bar stools, Baldwin organ, picnic table, youth sports equipment, Dream side collection, stamp'in up collection, two exercise bikes, baby and toddler clothes, baby swing, high chair, jumper, women's clothing.

9. 907 E SPRING ST. Multi Family Garage Sale. Lots of up to date name brand fashions! Definitely worth your stop! Girls 10-14, Boys 5-12, Jr Boys/ Mens xs-xl, Jr Girls/ Women's xs-l, Our Generation Doll Accessories, toys, games, books, bar stools, fire pit, home decor, household items. Lots of misc. Thursday June 1st 7-5 and Friday June 2nd 8-Noon.

10. 937 ASH DRIVE Thursday 8:30 to 5:50 Friday noon to 4 and Saturday 9 to 1. Kid clothes newborn through 8, toys, games, bicycles, lawn mower, breast pumps, double stroller, books, bedding and much MUCH more. Many items on our "FREE" table as well.

11. 307 E WASHINGTON STREET Thursday, June 1st - Saturday, June 3. 9am-2pm No early sales. Lots of kids items 3T and under. Womens items size medium-xl, Mens items, home furnishings, popcorn machine, cotton candy machine, Scentsy, and lots more.

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Annala Elliott (above) delivers her “senior speech” while Kirsten Reicherts (right) is all smiles as she is handed a flower during New Hampton High School’s commencement ceremony that was held Sunday afternoon.

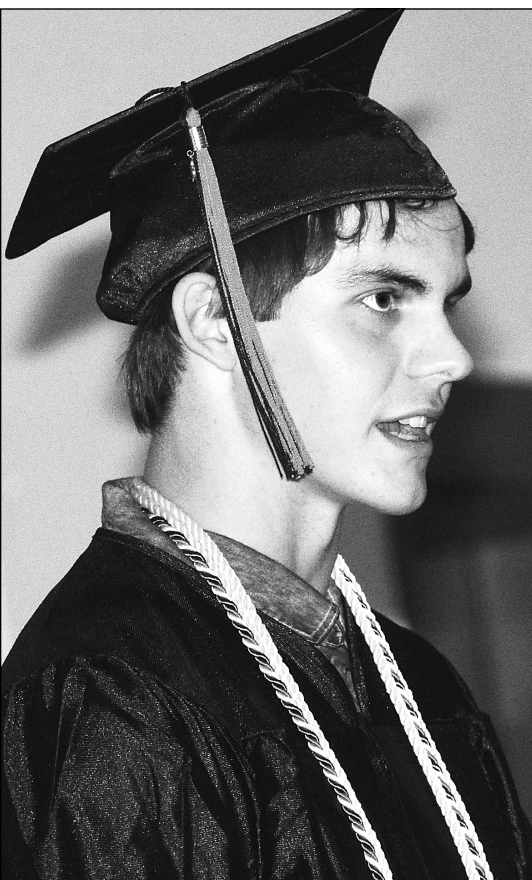
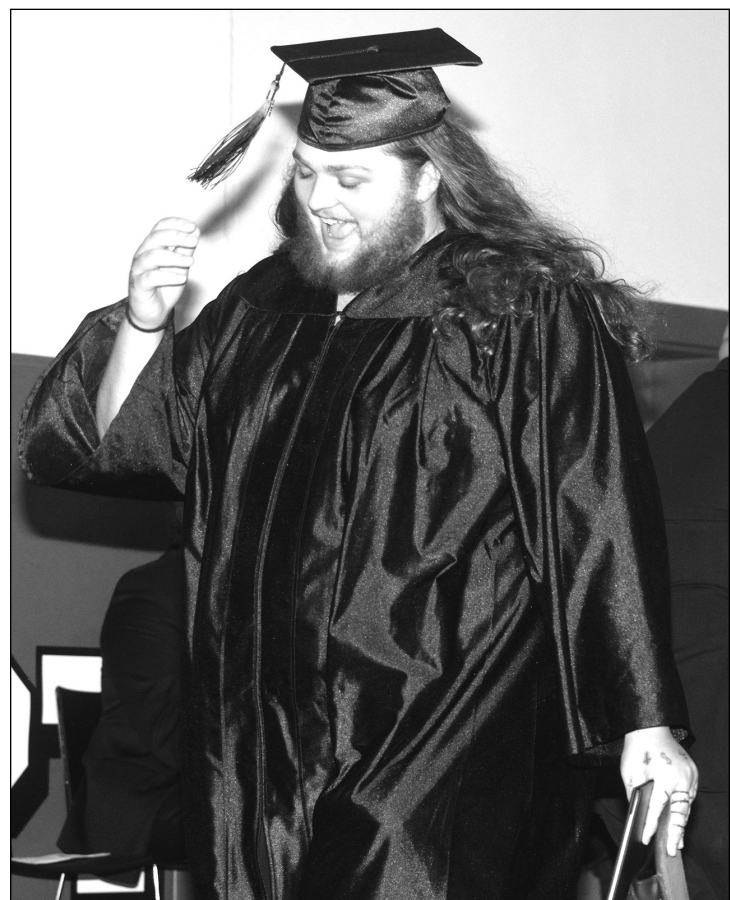


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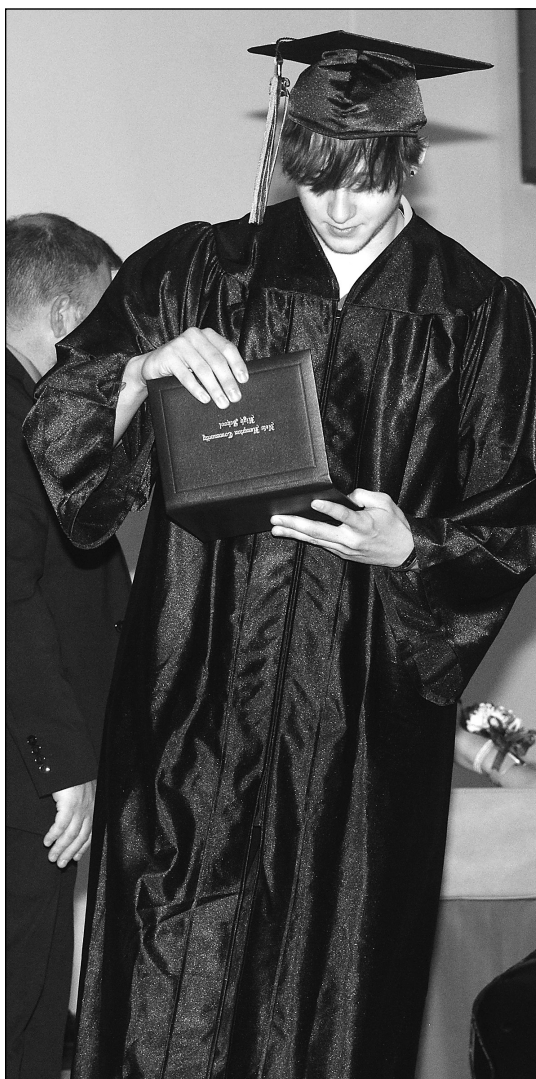


Kendra Pickar (left) plays her clarinet with the Concert Band, Cherish Elliott-Larson and Hailey Erdman (above) share a light moment and Corbin Lewis (right) looks like he’s on top of the world after receiving his diploma.

Commencement photos by Bob Fenske



Aydin Ries (above) recounts some of the fun memories his class has, Logan Fekkether (above) checks to make sure his diploma is signed and considering he gave his family a “thumbs up,” we’re guessing it was.



Ashley Rosonke, Kelli Jirak and Koryn Lane join their fellow choir singers in performing the traditional “senior song” during Sunday afternoon’s commencement.



Carver Bouillon (above) accepts a flower from Taryn Smith while following the ceremony, Gracie Reicks and Sierra Hackman (right) pose for a photo.



Grandparents are a big part of the lives for many graduates, and while Gary and Jeanne Olson live in Nashua, they’ve spent a lot of years commuting to New Hampton to watch their granddaughters’ activities — including Lydia’s graduation Sunday,



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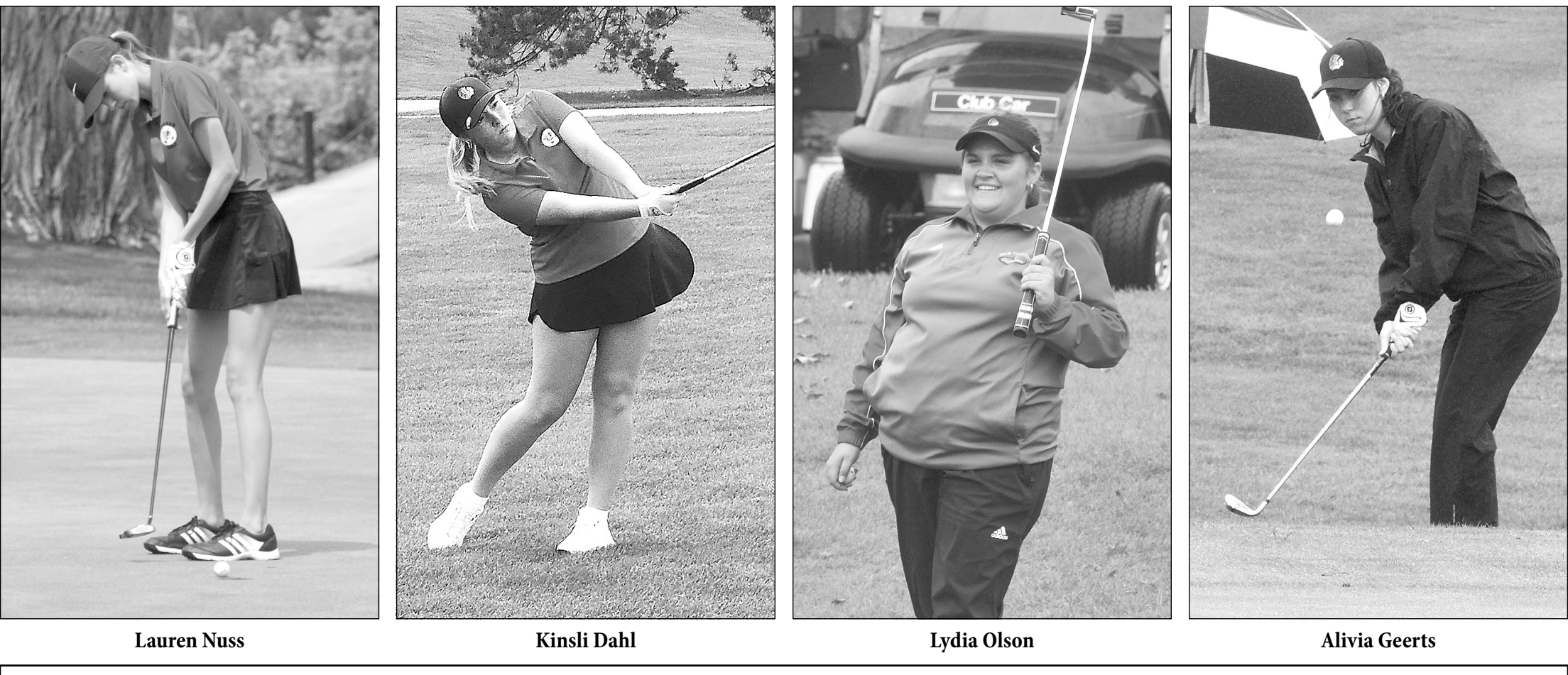
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Turkey Valley's Moudry can't miss with a pair of 50s

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Ty Moudry was locked in out on the shooting range for his Turkey Valley Trojans earlier this month in a dual at Oelwein.

Moudry nailed all 50 of his targets as his TV Red (234) won the meet over the Huskies on Tuesday, May 9. Ethan Orvis, Hunter Kruse and Landon Huber all fired 48s for TV.

The Trojans swept the top girls spots as Haylee Hanson also fired a 48, followed by Alexis Elsbernd, Ashley Fischer and Cadyn Huber – who all shot 47s.

TV Red (221) won a dual versus Echo at home on Wednesday, May 10.

Tristan Pullman, Kruse and Moudry all shot 45s.

Brady Fischer was also perfect at the Waverly Invite on Saturday, May 13. He led all scoring with a 50 at the meet that featured over 50 squads.

Turkey Valley competed in the Janesville meet on Tuesday, May 16.

Moudry was perfect a second time in as many weeks with a 50. His TV Red (223) squad lost by a single clay to TV White (224).

Turkey Valley took on New Hampton in Fredericksburg on Thursday, May 18. NH Red (232) won the meet, while TV Red was third with a 220.

Hunter Nelson and Cadyn Huber each shot 47s.

The Trojans host South Winn tonight (Thursday) in a dual on their home shooting range near Jackson Junction.

TOP SQUADS
TV Red 234, TV Black 222, OTC 1 220.

TOP BOYS

Ty Moudry (TV) 50, Ethan Orvis (TV) 48, Hunter Kruse (TV) 48, Jett Treat (OEL) 48, Landon Huber (TV) 48.

TOP GIRLS

Haylee Hanson (TV) 48, Alexis Elsbernd (TV) 47, Ashley Fischer (TV) 47, Cadyn Huber (TV) 47.

TURKEY VALLEY SQUADS

TV Red (234) - L. Huber 48, Moudry 50, Kruse 48, Hunter Nelson 40, Hanson 48.

TV Black (222) - C. Huber 47, Brady Fischer 45, Brennen Drilling 46, Tanner Tlusty

39, Kale Kuennen 45.

TV Orange (209) Jonathan Redfern 43, Boden Toussaint 42, William Diers 38, Wade Petersen 39, Elsbernd 47.

TV White (206) - Orvis 48, Parker Reicks 42, Traejin Keel 42, Jonah Orvis 29, Tristan Pullman 45.

TV individuals - A. Fischer 47, Calen Franzen 40.

TOP SQUADS

TV Red 221, TV Black 208, TV Orange 201.

TOP BOYS

Jacob Freitag (ECHO) 46, Pullman (TV) 45-2, Kruse (TV) 45-1, Layne Kleppe (ECHO) 45, Moudry (TV) 45.

TOP GIRLS

Keira Myers (TV) 47, Hanson (TV) 45, C. Huber (TV) 44.

TURKEY VALLEY SQUADS

TV Red (221) - C. Huber 44, Moudry 45, Kruse 45, L. Huber 44, Elsbernd 43.

TV Black (208) - Hanson 45, B. Fischer 39, Drilling 40, A. Fischer 43, Kuennen 41.

TV Orange (201) - Redfern 40, Toussaint 43, Diers 37, Reicks 42, Petersen 39.

TV White (197) - E. Orvis 38, Nelson 39, Keel 39, J. Orvis 36, Pullman 45.

TOP SQUADS

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TOP BOYS

B. Fischer (TV) 50, Cale Knight (CR) 50, Mason Vrba (CR) 50.

TOP GIRLS

Avery Johnson (CR) 48, Mikayla Sisneros (Cedar Falls) 48, A. Fischer (TV) 46, C. Huber (TV) 46.

TURKEY VALLEY SQUADS

TV Red (221) - L. Huber 49, Moudry 48, Kruse 44, Hanson 43, Elsbernd 37.

TV Black (218) - C. Huber 46, B. Fischer 50, Drilling 44, Kuennen 34, Myers 44.

TV White (215) - E. Orvis 41, Keel 43, Nelson 45, A. Fischer 46, Pullman 40.

TV Orange (199) - Redfern 40, Toussaint 46, Diers 33, Petersen 42, Franzen 38.

TOP SQUADS

New Hampton Gold 236, Don Bosco 236, New Hampton Red 233.

TOP BOYS

Moudry 50 (TV) Cade Bradfield (JANE) 49, Cale Backes (DB) 49, Elliott Erhardt (Cedar Valley) 49, Oliver Henning (WSR) 49, Teigen Howe (NH) 49.

TOP GIRLS

Myers (TV) 47, Evelyn Erhardt (Cedar Valley) 46, Josie Fuerstenberg (NH) 46, Tori Bearman (NH) 46.

TURKEY VALLEY SQUADS

TV White (224) - E. Orvis 44, Nelson 47, A.

Fischer 44, Pullman 42, Myers 47.

TV Red (223) - L. Huber 46, Moudry 50, Kruse 46, Tlusty 38, Hanson 43.

TV Black (217) - C. Huber 44, B. Fischer 41, Drilling 45, Kuennen 43, Elsbernd 44.

TV Orange (203) - Redfern 39, Toussaint 43, Diers 41, Reicks 37, Keel 43.

TV individuals - Franzen 40, J. Orvis 43, Petersen 41.

TOP SQUADS

New Hampton Red 232, New Hampton Black 227, TV Red 220.

TOP BOYS

Joshua Scott (NH) 49, Layne Nehl (NH) 47-20-20, Nelson (TV) 47-20-15.

TOP GIRLS

C. Huber (TV) 47, Jaiden Fettkether (NH) 46, Elsbernd (TV) 45.

TURKEY VALLEY SQUADS

TV Red (220) - L. Huber 45, Moudry 45, Kruse 46, Myers 43, Hanson 41.

TV Black (219) - C. Huber 47, B. Fischer 45, Drilling 45, Kuennen 37, Elsbernd 45.

TV White (218) - E. Orvis 43, Nelson 47, Tlusty 45, Pullman 40, A. Fischer 43.

TV Orange (218) - Franzen 45, Toussaint 43, Diers 44, Petersen 43, J. Orvis 43.

TV individuals - Redfern 40, Reicks 36, Keel 41.

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Coach: Have fun and contend at state

Olson says New Hampton girls have handled the ‘self-induced’ pressure well this season

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Eric Olson is taking his seventh New Hampton girls golf team to the state tournament today (Thursday), and it begged the question: Does it get old?

“Every year is different, every year is exciting,” the veteran coach said. “It’s not a ho-hum thing to make a state tournament. Never, ever is it that. As a coach, to see your athletes and their excitement about making it state, trust me, that’s a pretty cool thing to see.”

And as the Chickasaws — fresh off a second-place finish at a Class 2A regional final — take the American Legion Memorial Golf Course for the state tournament, the expectations are high.

“We want to contend for a state title,” Olson said. “Our goal is to win it, and if we don’t win it, we want to place as high as we

can. One of the things that has made our program what it is is the fact that we don’t shy away from high expectations.”

To get to state, the Chickasaws had to survive a Bear Creek Golf Course that always plays tough, but during the regional final, it was brutally challenging.

“Some of the pins ... they were just really tough for anyone,” he said. “Our score didn’t look good, Sumner-Fred’s didn’t look good, but that was the course. I give our girls credit, they had to really battle out there, really stay on top of it mentally. There were some holes where it felt like survival.”

But as much as Olson would like to add a second state championship trophy to the case, his No. 1 goal for his Chickasaws is to enjoy the experience.

“We’ve met all of our goals so far — we won conference, we won our [first round] regional, we qualified for state,” he said.

“Now, let’s go have some fun and play. That’s how I look at it.”

New Hampton has become a mainstay at the state meet. The Chickasaws qualified in 2015, missed out in 2016 and began its current run of state appearances in 2017. And more often than not, they’ve contended, winning the state championship in 2019. It’s hard to fathom New Hampton wouldn’t have won the 2020 title, too, but COVID-19 canceled the season.

Does all that success add up to pressure? “Our pressure is self-induced,” Olson said. “No one wants to be in the class, on the team, when we don’t make it, but our girls handle it really well, at least I think so. That’s why I want them to enjoy this.”

Not that he’s going to give his girls a “pass” on their golfing games.

“We feel like we’re one of the contenders,” he said. “If we can put together two good rounds, we’ve definitely got a shot.”

Chickasaws show plenty of grit at 2A regional final

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was kind of scared at the middle of the season. I didn’t even know if I’d be playing with them, and I appreciate that my teammates stepped up to the challenge and people played where they needed to play.”

She paused, wiped away a tear and smiled.

“It never gets old. It really doesn’t.”

The Chickasaws earned their trip to next week’s state meet with a gutty, gritty performance on a Bear Creek course that was, in a word, tough. New Hampton’s 379 was good for second, five strokes behind Sumner-Fredericksburg, at a Class 2A final-round regional meet. Garner-Hayfield-Ventura finished third with a 388.

More importantly, it was good enough to send the Chickasaws to the American Legion Memorial Golf Course in Marshalltown next week for the state tournament that begins its two-day run on Thursday.

“A win’s a win, it doesn’t matter,” Olson said. “Top two teams go, we’re in the top two, and we get to keep playing.”

But it took work on a day when Bear Creek just didn’t want to give up any strokes. New Hampton beat Sumner-Fredericksburg, 344-346, at the first-round regional last Friday, but even though the weather was perfect in Forest City Wednesday, low scores were hard to come by.

The Cougars’ sensational sophomore, Chloe Bolte, fired a 75 to win medalist honors by three strokes over New Hampton’s own standout soph, Lauren Nuss. Only one other player, Crestwood’s Cameran Moellers broke 90.

“The greens were super fast,” Nuss said, “and you didn’t want to run any putts by holes because it felt like they would roll forever.”

Nuss’ 78 was highlighted by a wonderful par save on the 17th hole. After placing her drive right where she wanted to, the Chickasaw star saw her second shot heading out of bounds, but as it rolled over the cart path, it hit the beginning of a retaining wall that can’t be more than an inch high. The ball caromed off the wall, rolled back across the path and settled next to a tree.

She then hit a gorgeous chip shot to within a foot of the hole before tapping in the putt for a hard-earned par.

“When I hit that [second]



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton senior Lydia Olson (above) chips the ball on to the green while Chickasaw freshman Alivia Geerts (below) intently watches her putt head toward the hole at the final round of a Class 2A regional tournament last week.



shot, I thought to myself ‘uh oh,’ but after that, I just focused on making a good chip shot,” she said. “That’s what you have to do in golf. You can’t think about the last shot; you have to focus on the next one.”

It’s a lesson junior Kinsli Dahl has taken to heart this year as she has become a solid No. 2 player for New Hampton. She was at it again on Wednesday, carding a 96 to finish sixth in the individual standings.

“Oh my gosh, a couple of years ago, I know I let a bad hole bother me for a long time,” she said. “I mean like a really long time. I think the biggest thing this year for me is I’ve finally kind of learned to move

on and forget about it.”

Olson shot a 102 and freshman Alivia Geerts finished with a 103 to round out the “scorers” for New Hampton while Maycen Hackman had a 105 and Molly Wegner finished with a 113.

“This is a hard, hard course,” Olson said, “and Alivia’s playing it for the first time, in a meet at least, so it says a lot about how tough that girl is.”

And now it’s on to state for the sixth-consecutive time. New Hampton finished second in both 2017 and 2018 before winning the state title in 2019. There’s little doubt that the Chickasaws would have went back-to-back in 2020 but the

season was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chickasaws returned to state in 2021 and took third before finishing second in a shootout with Sumner-Fredericksburg last spring.

Yet, year after year, New Hampton handles the tournament golf pressure.

“I get a little more nervous, but once we start playing, I keep telling myself it’s just a day on the golf course,” Nuss said. “Once you start playing, you forget about the pressure.”

Olson, the lone senior on the team, admitted that she and her teammates feel a “little bit” of pressure, but she added that it works both ways.

“At the same time,” she said, “when we got here and one of the other teams, they were like, ‘We should make it fair and blindfold all your girls.’ ... They feel pressured by us.”

The goal for next week? Olson didn’t hesitate. Win it all.

And the Chickasaws know that it could very well be that the top two teams in the state are the two Northeast Iowa powers — Sumner-Fredericksburg and New Hampton.

“We’ve beat them twice,” Olson said, “and now they’ve beaten us once. We’re there, they’re there. ... It’s going to be fun.”

REGIONAL TEAM SCORES
Sumner-Fredericksburg 374, New Hampton 379, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura 389, Estherville 428, Crestwood 437.

STATE INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS
Chloe Bolte (SF) 75, Lauren Nuss (NH) 78, Cameran Moellers (Cr) 86, Audrey Overgaard (GHV) 87, Sydney Helgeson (GHV) 89, Kinsli Dahl (NH) 96.

NEW HAMPTON SCORES
Nuss 39-39 - 78, Dahl 47-49 - 96, Lydia Olson 54-48 - 102, Alivia Geerts 49-54 - 103, Maycen Hackman 50-55 - 105, Molly Wegner 55-58 - 113.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Carlee Rochford sprints out to an early lead in a 100-meter hurdles preliminary race at the Class 2A state track and field meet.

Rochford comes up with ‘one big jump’ to win title

STATE CHAMP: FROM 1

years of racking up medal after medal in field events and her hurdles race at Drake Stadium.

“I’ve worked really hard for this. This was me and my grandpa’s event, so I knew he was watching over me today — taking that jump,” said Rochford, a New Hampton senior.

But this state meet was much sweeter on her final-go round on the big stage in Des Moines at the big, blue oval.

Rochford bested Davis County’s Kallie Greiner. The senior from Bloomfield led Rochford before the Chickasaw came up with her best leap into the sand of the day.

“It takes just one big jump,” said Rochford.

Greiner was in line for a state title with a final jump of 17-7.5. Then Rochford went and got her gold by besting the Mustang’s best leap by two-and-a-half inches.

Rochford had the best 2A state-qualifying leap in Class 2A with a 18-0.5.

Rochford remembers wishing her grandfather well before he went into surgery not long before he passed. His words stuck with Carlee. Her close relationship with Jerry is also one of the reasons she sports a tattoo of the name of her late grandfather on the inside of her arm.

“The last time we ever talked, we were talking about the long jump. He was going to open heart surgery ... and he said ‘you need to make sure you get your foot on the board. If your left foot is too far ahead, take a step back.’ This was our event and I know he was with me today.”

Rochford’s state title is the first for a New Hampton girls athlete in any field events and the first won by the Chickasaws at the state meet since Michelle Snyder won the 800 and the distance medley and 4x800 relays captured state crowns in 1996 — the year New Hampton won its only state team title.

And Rochford wasn’t quite done yet, either, despite suffering a heel injury on the jump that gave her a state championship.

The New Hampton senior broke her own school record in the 100 hurdles preliminaries Friday afternoon, competed in the high jump and then helped the Chickasaws qualify for the 4x400 finals.

And while the heel injury no doubt cost her higher podium finishes — she finished 14th in the high jump and fifth in the 100 hurdles while New Hampton took eighth in the 4x400 final — no one will ever be able to take that clutchest of jumps that produced a state title away from her.

ON TAP FOR CHICKASAWS, TROJANS

THURSDAY

New Hampton girls at Class 2A state golf tournament, American Legion Memorial Golf Course, Marshalltown, 9 a.m.

New Hampton trapshooting vs. Waverly (100 targets) 3:30 p.m.

Turkey Valley baseball varsity doubleheader at North Fayette Valley, 4 p.m.

Turkey Valley trapshooting vs. South Winn, 4 p.m.

Turkey Valley softball vs. Decorah, JJV at 4 p.m., JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

New Hampton 9th baseball doubleheader at South Winneshiek, 5 p.m.

New Hampton baseball varsity doubleheaders vs. Charles City, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

New Hampton girls at Class 2A state golf tournament, American Legion Memorial Golf Course, Marshalltown, 8:30 a.m.

Turkey Valley JV baseball doubleheader vs. North Fayette Valley, 10 a.m.

New Hampton baseball vs. North Fayette Valley, JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

New Hampton and Turkey Valley trapshooting at South Winn invite, Sportsman’s Club, Boyd, 8 a.m.

Turkey Valley baseball at New Hampton varsity baseball invite, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY

New Hampton JV baseball doubleheader at Charles City, 10 a.m.

New Hampton JJV softball vs. Decorah, 4 p.m.

Turkey Valley varsity baseball doubleheader vs. Clayton Ridge, 4 p.m.

New Hampton varsity baseball doubleheader at Crestwood, 5 p.m.

New Hampton 9th baseball doubleheader vs. Waverly-Shell Rock, 5 p.m.

New Hampton varsity softball doubleheader vs. Decorah, 5:30 p.m.

Turkey Valley JV/varsity softball at Springville, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Turkey Valley JV baseball vs. Clayton Ridge, 10 a.m.

Turkey Valley JJV softball at South Winneshiek, 10 a.m.

TV JV/varsity baseball vs. Wapsie Valley, 4 p.m.

TV JV/varsity softball vs. North Linn, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

New Hampton 9th baseball doubleheader at South Winneshiek, 10 a.m.

New Hampton JV baseball doubleheader vs. Crestwood, 10 a.m.

Turkey Valley baseball vs. Postville, varsity at 4 p.m., JV at 6 p.m.

New Hampton baseball at Denver, JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

New Hampton softball at Charles City, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

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New Hampton's Hailee Pesek (left) races toward the finish line in the 100 dash prelims on Thursday at the state track meet in Des Moines while Ella Knutson (right) runs a leg of the 4x800 relay for the Chickasaws at Drake Stadium.

Chickasaws pick up more hardware

New Hampton girls team places in a tie for 16th place in Class 2A

By Kelly Terpstra
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The end of the season for a lot of track teams in the state of Iowa is about overcoming adversity with the challenges presented before them.

The New Hampton Chickasaws did that and more in 2023.

Jeanette Laures' girls track squad competed in 10 events at the state meet last week held at Drake Stadium in Des Moines.

And just like last year – the Chickasaws came home with their fair share of hardware. New Hampton placed in a tie for 16th place overall with Sumner-Fredericksburg (15 points).

New Hampton rose to the occasion and proved its mettle.

There was senior Carlee Rochford's gutty performance in the 100 hurdles – where she placed fifth overall and cemented her place in Chickasaw lore with another top finish at the blue oval. Rochford broke her own school record in the prelims (15.16) on a bruised heel to advance to the finals – this a day after winning a state title in the long jump.

"Carlee has been working hard on the arm action of her hurdle race, and that showed. Even with a bruised heel, she was able to take the focus off that and put it on her arm action and break her own hurdle record again," said Laures.

Rochford last jump of 17-10 on Thursday won her the 2A crown – but it also came with a cost. The bruised heel came on that last championship jump, which clearly affected her in the high jump. Rochford did not place in that event after finishing fourth last year and sixth as a sophomore.

Rochford ran second leg in the 4x800 in Friday's evening session and helped the Chickasaws medal for a second-consecutive year in the event. New Hampton ran a 4:11.29 with the squad of sophomore Kinsley Hackman, Rochford, sophomore Taylor Ries and junior Hailee Pesek.

"The 4x400 has been determined to run in the finals at the state meet since last year. It has been a goal all season, and they each did their part in getting there. Kinsley ran an incredible lead-off leg to put the



New Hampton sophomore Natalie Nosbisch breaks from the starting line in the 4x800 relay at Drake Stadium on Thursday during the state track meet.

team in good position," said Laures.

Pesek has been running on the big stage at state since her freshman year when she ran in the 200 dash (16th place) and 400 dash (10th place). She did double duty once more in individual events this past week as she placed 15th in each the 100 dash (13.12) and 200 dash (26.52, PR). Pesek ran in the 400 dash last year as a sophomore and placed 13th overall.

Pesek anchored the 4x400 and the sprint medley – which New Hampton ran Saturday morning. The squad of Hackman, freshman Madison Shawver, Ries and Pesek came close to another medal – crossing the tape in the 10th position (1:53.12) – a season PR.

"Hailee had a heck of a weekend! She ran under 60 seconds a couple times in the sprint med and 4x400. She is just so competitive and will try to chase anyone down," said Laures.

New Hampton saw all underclassmen run on the 4x800 relay on Thursday – which placed 12th in 10:13.39, also a season-best. Natalie Nosbisch, a sophomore, made her return to Drake Stadium in the

opening leg, followed by state newcomers Megan Pickar (sophomore), as well as freshman Ella Knutson and Tegan Dungey.

Ries ran for the first time on the blue oval in the 400 hurdles – where she finished 20th in 1:10.19. Ries ran in the sprint med and 4x400 last year as a freshman.

"To qualify in an individual event is so difficult. This experience will give her a lot of confidence moving into next year!" said Laures.

Perhaps the most inspiring and profound story of New Hampton's state track meet came in the shot put as junior Claire Geerts placed 19th overall with a throw of 33-11.75.

Geerts is competing after being diagnosed with a brain tumor last year and like most of Laures' young squad – will be aiming to get back to state next spring.

"We are so thrilled for Claire! She has really worked hard at getting back to the same strength and form as last year," said Laures. "Her left side was noticeably weaker, but as she threw and ran throughout the year, we could see her getting back to her old self!"

Trojan seniors finish out season strong at state

By Kelly Terpstra
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Noah Hanson and Ryan Franzen gave it all that they had in Des Moines last week at the state meet.

The Turkey Valley seniors ended their prep track and field careers at the best place possible – the blue oval at Drake Stadium.

"The one thing I'm trying to remember is this is it for me," said Franzen after running in the open 400 on Thursday. "Soak it in – enjoy it – and leave it all out there, man. There's no reason to hold anything back. If you've got more to give – give it."

Franzen might not have medaled, but he did PR in that 400 dash (51.33) as he placed 10th overall.

"I wanted to be about 50 flat. Today I was super nervous coming into it," said Franzen. "It wasn't my day today."

While Franzen may be his own toughest critic, his head coach – Mark Scott – gave props where props were due for his Trojan senior in that Class 1A race that sees competitors race around the entire track one time.

"Ryan ran really well in the 400, I thought," said Scott.

Franzen also anchored the 4x400 relay on Friday and the sprint medley on Saturday morning.



Chase Hayek (left) gets ready to receive the baton from Noah Hanson in the 4x400 relay at state on Friday. The Trojans placed 10th in the event in 3:30.

TV medaled in the 4x400 last year (seventh place) and missed out on the finals (top eight after preliminary round) by fractions of a second. The Trojans team of Hanson, senior Chase Hayek, junior Burke Busta and Franzen ran a 3:30.99.

The heavy traffic on handoffs didn't give Franzen a chance to explode after the exchange.

"Ryan kind of let guys cut him off and get boxed in, so he couldn't get out and go like he needed to," said Scott. "He wasn't used to that being at the state meet. Usually it's one or two people, not eight all at

the same time. Overall, it was a good experience for them. The kids did what they could."

The all senior sprint medley squad of Troy Schmitt, Hayek, Hanson and Franzen placed 20th in a time of 1:38.59.

Hanson was running in the 100 dash at state for the first time in his athletic career. Hanson placed 23rd in a time of 12.03.

Miscommunication from the loud speaker that announces check-in times for events may have also played a role in his second-to-last finish. Hanson ran in lane eight, right

up against the wall at Drake Stadium.

"Before the race, I was the last one to check in. They called boys, I thought they called girls. I had to just throw my spikes on and get ready," said Hanson.

Hanson said the wind was also a factor.

"The wind was awful down there. I think we all ran about a half second slower than we usually do," said Hanson about the preliminary round field. "Nobody even went sub-11 today."

Hanson said his start out of the blocks wasn't the best. He talked about that start – which he said is one of the most critical elements in the fast-paced race that is also one of the most exciting events in track and field.

"I think it's the first three steps – just really getting out," said Hanson. "Once everybody gets up to speed, there's nothing you can do, really. You're just going stride for stride with everybody. At that point, it's just whoever has it and who doesn't have it."

Scott talked about his seniors, which represented TV well at the state meet – regardless of finish.

"They worked hard the whole time. They did the things they're supposed to do to get better," said Scott. "It takes time to get better. It showed up by putting them down at state."

Chickasaw gets first taste of state track

Zeien places 19th in the discus

By Kelly Terpstra
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A commitment to excellence often involves more than just showing up and practicing your craft.

There's extra work put in and countless hours of overtime if you want to be the best.

New Hampton junior Marshall Zeien understands that process to a tee.

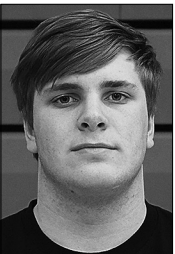
It's one of the reasons he competed at the state meet in the discus this spring and became a Drake Relays qualifier last April.

Zeien threw against the best of what the state had to offer in Class 2A last week in Des Moines and came away with a 19th-place finish with a toss of 136-6.

"I know Marshall wanted to throw better, but honestly he would have needed a PR to qualify for the finals and place. So many guys were really throwing well down there," said NH boys track coach Scott Jenkins.

Zeien's PR of 162-2 came at the New Hampton Invite this spring. That was a New Hampton Hall of Fame toss. That's almost an exact throw – within one inch – of what eighth-place finisher Justin Loseke of Southeast Valley tossed (162-1) at state on Friday in a loaded Class 2A field. The Jaguar senior snared the final medal in the field event that takes place just a stone's throw north of Drake Stadium near the famed blue oval.

Jenkins said seven of the top 10 placers in the 2A state discus field threw personal bests.



Zeien

"Which is the way it should be when you're competing at state. It just wasn't Marshall's day that day, but once he realizes what he accomplished this year and how much he improved, I think he'll be able to feel like he had a successful season!" said Jenkins.

Zeien improved by leaps and bounds this year as he recorded a personal best by over 35 feet from his previous PR in the discus. It goes without saying that it was definite breakout year for the Chickasaw – who also excels on the offensive line in football for head coach Scott Frerichs.

"He earned it!" said Jenkins.

Jenkins said Zeien started throwing last summer with Chickasaw senior Carsyn Leistikow and picked back up the sport after football. That fine-tuning of his throwing mechanics was honed in at camps over the winter and spring.

"He earned every bit of his season. There isn't a better example of the "this is what happens when you put the time in outside of practice." I think that's becoming a frame of mind that's lost on younger kids today. If you want to be successful at something, you need more than the two hours of practice during the season," Jenkins added.

Zeien also qualified for the prestigious Drake Relays last month, where he placed 23rd (133-4).

The future is bright for Zeien in the discus and don't count him out for a chance to earn a medal at state his senior season.

"The sky is the limit for Marshall and the best thing about him is this: I know he'll do whatever it takes to get better before next spring," said Jenkins.



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State snapshots

Turkey Valley's Noah Hanson (above) runs in the 100-meter dash, New Hampton's Megan Pickar (below) and the Chickasaws' Tegan Dungey anchors the 4x800 at the state track meet last weekend.



Saluting Our Servicemembers



Bob Fenske/Tribune

For the column writer, this picture of U.S. Army Veteran Ben Ryan saluting during the playing of "Taps" at New Hampton's Memorial Day program in 2020, sums up what should be a sacred holiday to all Americans.

Photo sums up the importance of Memorial Day

It is not the best photo I've ever taken; in fact, it's not even close.

It's not sharp. I shot it "against" the light. I did a lot of things we're taught not to do when we first pick up a camera.

But the picture that accompanies this column is — hands down, no questions asked — my favorite Memorial Day photograph I've ever taken.

Maybe it's because the lone solitary veteran in the photo is Ben Ryan, one of the first people to greet me when I moved to New Hampton. Maybe it's because it was taken on Memorial Day, a holiday that holds special significance in my heart. Maybe it's because it was taken in 2020, the year of COVID and the year our veterans held a program that was closed to the public. Maybe it's the salute, one that, at least to my eye, is full of conviction. Maybe it's all of the above.

But I do know every time I see it, I

get a shiver and the goosebumps magically appear on my arms.

It is, for me, Memorial Day — a holiday that is too often confused with Veterans Day. On the latter, we celebrate all those who have served our country. Memorial Day isn't Veterans Day, my father taught me long ago.

Memorial Day is sacred.

It is the day we remember those who died serving our country, those who put the truth behind the words "freedom is not free." Hundreds of

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Take a moment Monday and remember the reason

Members of the Fae Stine Post 38 Firing Squad take part in the 2022 Memorial Day program, and this year's program will be held at 10 a.m. this Monday at the Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial.

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'I can't miss a Memorial Day'

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thousands of Americans have died in far-off places — Europe, the Pacific, Korea, Vietnam, the Middle East, just to name several — to protect not only our freedoms but also to rid our allies of the yoke of tyranny.

It was a rare year that Mel Fenske and I didn't attend a Memorial Day observance or two or three or ... you get the idea.

Dad's best friend died on a hill in Korea in 1951. We went to Memorial Day programs to remember the ultimate sacrifice Archie made so long ago. We went to Memorial Day programs to remember all those like Archie.

My father died in 2004. The Memorial Day tradition, though, did not end with his death.

So three years ago, I asked American Legion Fae Stine Post 38's commander, Brian Quirk, if "closed to the public" meant "closed to the media."

Even if it did, he said with that wry smile Brian has given me countless times over the

years, would it matter?

Nope.

That 2020 program was simulcast on our local radio station and broadcast by the Tribune on its Facebook page. The veterans were there, but the band wasn't; instead, the music was played via tape.

As I walked around the Veterans Memorial taking pictures, I spotted Ben standing on the road near his car. During Rotary Club meetings years before, he had told me about serving in the armed forces, and almost always, he'd tell me how he was a special agent in the U.S. Army's Counter Intelligence Corps.

Almost always, he'd end the story with a mischievous grin. "The Army put me in intelligence," he said. "Can you believe that?"

But there was no doubt that Ben Ryan was proud of his service. He may not have walked around telling everyone what a patriot he was.

But he was.

He, like so many before and after, answered the call of

his country. Ben came home, thankfully, but so many didn't.

On that gray, dreary Monday morning back in 2020, we talked for a few minutes, trying to practice this new-fangled thing called social distancing.

"I can't miss a Memorial Day," he said. "Too many fellas didn't come home, and if we can't remember them at least one day a year, it wouldn't say much about us, would it?"

It wouldn't.

Ben Ryan did come home and led a wonderfully successful life.

He was a wonderful husband to Mary for decades.

He was a fantastic father to Ron, Tom and Ann.

I'm sure he was a great grandfather before he officially received the title.

And he did so much for our community. He wasn't just a stellar businessman, he was the consummate volunteer.

As his obit said, "There wasn't a parade, fish fry, pancake breakfast, or church supper that Ben would miss."

Ben passed away on May 6 at the age of 94.

In some communities, the veterans group that puts on the Memorial Day program not only honor those who died serving our country but also read a list of names of the veterans who passed away in the preceding year.

So on Monday, as I do my job at the Veterans Memorial, I will take a moment to remember Ben Ryan, the man who reminded this old reporter why Memorial Day is much more than just a holiday.

Memorial Day 2023

Monday, May 29, 2023

Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial
10 a.m.

The Program

Post Colors	Fae Stine Post 38
Armed Forces on Parade	New Hampton High School Band
National Anthem	New Hampton High School Band
Opening Remarks	Brian Quirk, Fae Stine Post 38
Invocation	Pastor Dong Hun Shin, First United Methodist and UCC
Laying of the Wreath	Cub Scout Pack 3048
United States Flag History	Marine Master Sgt. Clark Budweg
Flag Burning Ceremony	Cub Scout Pack 38
To the Colors	Dr. Todd Becker
Guest Speaker	Sgt. Chad Wendel
America the Beautiful	New Hampton High School Band
Legion Honors	William Riley, 50 years
Benediction	Pastor Dong Hun Shin, First United Methodist and UCC
Salute	Fae Stine Post 38
Taps	Hayden Hauser, New Hampton High School Band
Closing	Brian Quirk

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A little Memorial Day history

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2023 will occur on Monday, May 29.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

The Birthplace of Memorial Day and Early Observances

The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries.

By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. And some records show that one of the earliest Memorial Day commemorations was organized by a group of formerly enslaved people in Charleston, South

Carolina less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

Waterloo — which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866 — was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

Decoration Day

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed.

The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Civil War soldiers buried there.

Many Northern states held similar commemorative events and reprised the tradition in

subsequent years; by 1890 each one had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. Southern states, on the other hand, continued to honor the dead on separate days until after World War I.

History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date General Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order

to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

Memorial Day Traditions and Rituals

Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year, often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans' organizations. Some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C.

Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. Some people wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war—a tradition that began with a World War I poem.

On a less somber note, many people take weekend trips or throw parties and barbecues on the holiday, perhaps because Memorial Day weekend unofficially marks the beginning of summer.

— history.com



Memorial Day program set for Chickasaw County towns Monday

• Members of the Nashua's Ralph Nicholson VFW Post 6792 have announced the times and sites for the programs they will hold to observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 29.

The veterans will begin their day with a program at Riverton Cemetery at 8:45 a.m., move to Veterans Park for a program at 10 a.m. and then hold their third and final program at Oak Hill Cemetery at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Nashua-Plainfield High School student Caleb Sinnwell, a two-time National History Day champion, will speak at both the Veterans Park and Oak Hill programs.

• Lawler veterans will hold their Memorial Day program at 11 a.m. at Veterans Park, which is located just off of Highway 24 near the Bank Iowa location.

Refreshments will be served following the program at the Starlite Ballroom.

• Alta Vista will hold its "flag raising" at 9:50 a.m. at the VFW and then have a service at Linden Park, with the rain location at Memorial Hall. The New Hampton Middle School Band will perform at the program.

• Fredericksburg will have its ceremony at Rose Hill Cemetery, beginning at 10 a.m. The rain location will be at the Fredericksburg Community Center.



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New Hampton's Lauren Nuss (above) hits her tee shot on the 17th hole at Bear Creek Golf Course last week at the final round of a Class 2A regional tournament and then joins her teammates and coach for the traditional selfie after the Chickasaws earned a trip to the state tournament for a sixth-straight time.

This never gets old!

Chickasaws battle way back to the girls state golf tournament

By BOB FENSKE
editor@nhtrib.com

Look, it's always rewarding to qualify for a state tournament in any sport, but the tears that ran down Lydia Olson's face showed just how meaningful punching this ticket was for the New Hampton senior.

She's been through a senior season that she never imagined — dealing with a variety of issues that took her out of the Chickasaws' girls golf lineup for a couple of weeks — yet here she was Wednesday afternoon at Forest City's Bear Creek Golf Course celebrating with her teammates yet another trip to state golf for New Hampton.

"I'm not going to lie," she said, "I

SEE GIRLS GOLF, 17



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New Hampton's Marshall Zeien (above) throws the discus while fellow Chickasaw Taylor Ries (right) competes in the 400 hurdles at the state meet last weekend.



Turkey Valley's Ryan Franzen (left) gets out of the blocks at the start of the 400-meter dash while New Hampton's Kinsley Hackman (right) kicks off the Chickasaws' 4x400 relay team's run to the finals at the state track meet.

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