

GOP presidential candidate says his young children are enjoying campaign

DeSANTIS: FROM 1

something that lifts people up.”

The governor, his wife Casey, along with their three children — ages 2 to 6 — took part in the worship service that included the singing of the song, “The Church in the Wildwood,” that figuratively put the little church on the map and into the American conscience.

DeSantis, who served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and was elected governor of Florida in 2018, is part of a relatively crowded field seeking the GOP nomination. Former President Donald Trump continues to hold a large lead in polls leading up Iowa’s first-in-the-nation caucuses that are set for Jan. 15, while DeSantis and former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley are in a tight race for second.

On Sunday, DeSantis said he and his family will spend the bulk of the next two months in Iowa and joked with Little Brown Church members that “as the governor of Florida, normally when I want to talk to Iowans in winter, I just go to southwest Florida because half the state is there.”

But he said he is looking forward to presenting his case to Iowans, and he’s excited about the chance for his children to experience the winter season. “I have three young kids as you see,”

he said, “and none of them have seen snow before. Something tells me we’re going to be able to correct that in the next two months.”

During his five minutes in the Little Brown Church pulpit, he focused on one of the major themes — religious liberty — of his campaign.

“There is a strain in our society which says bottle it up here, don’t actually live as a Christian in civil society; in fact, when there is a conflict between what a lot of the secular leaders want and your faith demands you to do, they expect you to bend a knee,” he said. “That is not religious liberty as our founding fathers understood it.”

DeSantis added that his faith is how he conducts himself as a leader.

“I think you have to have that solid foundation, you have to understand that there is ultimately a higher power because every single day when you’re out there, people shoot at you, they throw arrows at you, they attack you, they do all this,” he said. “How do you keep that sail set to true north with all the choppy seas that come from living in this world on a daily basis? For me, that solid foundation is faith in the Lord.”

He paused for a moment and then talked about one of the questions he is often asked: What is his recommendation for those who want to be a leader



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis shares some thoughts with worshipers during Sunday’s service at the Little Brown Church.

in 21st century America?

“What I tell them is first put on the full armor of God,” he said.

After spending their morning at church just outside of Nashua, DeSantis and his family visited MBS Family Farms near Plainfield, and

during a short interview following the church service, DeSantis said that he thinks one of the lesser-known things about his home state is the importance of agriculture to the “Sunshine State’s” economy.

“It’s a huge industry for us,” he said,

“and here in Iowa, it’s not only an important industry, but it’s really the backbone of these communities — just like it is for a lot of our small cities and towns. ... We’re going to be very supportive of that as president. We’ll get the bureaucracy off their backs — the EPA and these agencies — [and] we’re going to eliminate the death tax so that family farms can stay together.”

As he finished his thought, one of his daughters told him it was “time to go” and he was asked about having them with him during the campaign.

“We campaign together as much as possible,” he said, pointing out that schools in Florida have Thanksgiving week off and that he and his wife work with their children on their homework while they’re traveling in his campaign bus. “We don’t want to be absent parents, so we know this is a weird situation, but at the same time, they’ve had a good experience, they’ve had a lot of fun.”

He pointed out that all three of his children still talk about their visit to the Field of Dreams and various county fairs this past summer.

“We really appreciate the hospitality of the people of Iowa,” DeSantis said, “we appreciate the decency of the people of Iowa, and we appreciate that people in Iowa love this country and love the Lord, our God.”

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City receives grant that will help with existing housing stock

Economic Development director says applications for Housing Preservation Grant will be accepted through the end of the year

By **BOB FENSKE**
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It may not be a new housing development, but a grant that will help low-income residents do needed repairs on their homes is still a positive step for the city.

So says New Hampton Economic Development Tammy Robinson about the \$100,000 that the city will be able to distribute thanks to a Housing Prevention Grant (HPG) the city recently received.

"It's important to take care of our current housing stock," Robinson said. "Everyone would love to see new houses going up, and I understand that, but

at the same time, this is important, too. It will help people do the repairs they need to do but may not be able to afford at this time."

The grant application process for the HPG Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program opened recently and runs through Dec. 31.

Eligible repairs include roof repair or replacement, installation of new siding, window repair or replacement, furnace or water heater replacement, plumbing or electrical upgrades, foundation repair, adding insulation and accessibility improvements like installing ramps, widening doorways and installing handicap accessible toilets, just to name a few.

The maximum grant award for each homeowner is \$20,000, and residents who apply for the grants must meet income guidelines. For a one-person household, that means they can't earn more than \$31,650 a year, and for each additional person who lives in the home, the income guidelines go up by \$4,500.

Robinson said the grant applications will go through the Iowa Northland Regional Center of Governments (INRCOG), and those that have questions about the grant program can contact INRCOG's Rose Phillips at 319-235-0311 or by email at rphillips@inrcog.org.

"Applications are available here at City Hall," Robinson said, "but one of

the reasons we go through INRCOG is that people don't have to worry that we, the city, sees their information."

Robinson said the City Council will make the final awards.

The HPG is the latest in what Robinson considers "wins" for the city and its employers.

She said industries in the city have been appreciative of the new day-care opportunities that came with the opening of Little Sprouts Daycare in June 2022. Additional slots were created when Little Sprouts and New Hampton Community Schools partnered to open an in-school daycare at New Hampton Elementary at the beginning of this school year.

On the housing front, Robinson said the opening of a new apartment complex just to the south of Fareway has gone well and that there is the potential for another new building to be constructed in 2024 in the city. She also said there is a movement from the new owner of the Hale Street Apartments to remodel them and open that building back up.

"If you look at the big picture," she said, "we are making progress. Housing, as we know, just doesn't pop up overnight, and the difficult part right now is getting a development to cash flow. But it's a huge priority for us, and we're going to keep working on it."



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Celebrating 50-year members of the Lawler Legion

Lawler American Legion Commander Eric Fibikar presents 50-year membership awards to the family of Dana Straw — (above, from left) AJ Straw, Diane Gebel, Paula Kout, Vickie Mracek and Karen Huber — and to Robert Shurtleff (right) during the Legion's recent Fall Banquet that was held at the Starlite Ballroom.

The banquet also included the POW/MIA "Empty Table", a donation to Turkey Valley Community Schools and the Auxiliary's Carol Bohaty recognizing Mark DeSloover for his work as the commander of the Legion and Gene Blazek for his work as the commander of the sons of the American Legion.

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City Council votes to OK settlement with Precision

Unanimous vote comes a week after judge gives both city, manufacturer 'wins' in New Hampton's lawsuit filed last year

By **BOB FENSKE**
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A year-long legal battle between the city of New Hampton and a manufacturer based in the city's west-side Industrial Park may have come to an end on Monday night as the City Council unanimously approved a settlement agreement with Precision of New Hampton.

The action came a week after a Chickasaw County district court judge came up with a "split decision" in a lawsuit that was filed by the city against Precision in November 2022 over the construction of a an "add-on" to a building owned by Precision that city officials said violated the terms of a storm sewer easement.

City officials contended that Precision's building violated the terms of the agreement and on Nov. 22, 2022, the city issued a stop-work order alleging violation of the conditions of a building permit that had been issued earlier that fall. The city specifically cited that the building permit required that "no concrete be poured in the stormwater easement area."

Judge Laura Parrish agreed that the city had the right to deny the issuance of the building permit, but she also ruled that Precision was not guilty of a "municipal infraction."

"To the extent that the language of the easement is inconsistent with the terms of the City Code," Parrish wrote, "and, the cement footings do not appear to interfere with the City's access

to the easement, the Court does not find Defendants committed a municipal infraction."

During Monday night's meeting, City Attorney Todd Prichard said he talked to Kit O'Donohoe, the attorney for Precision after the court ruling was issued and that they had come to what he called a "verbal agreement" to resolve the dispute.

Prichard said that the agreement would have the city and Precision, at Precision's expense, to "remove and relocate the storm sewer pipe that cross the landowner's land to a mutually agreeable location either to the south of landowner property or to an adjoining property owned by a third party."

The agreement also states that the parties will attempt to salvage and reuse the existing pipe "to the extent reasonable and possible," but if that any section of the pipe requires replacement with a new pipe, such cost will be paid for by Precision.

Once the easement and pipe relocation have been completed, the city will issue a building permit to Precision for the construction of the new building as long as it "abides by and meets any and all relevant building code and zoning requirements."

Although Precision had not signed the agreement, Prichard advised that the council go ahead and approve the agreement.

"It will be in their hands then," he said, "and we'll go from there."

NICC board votes to proceed with president 'termination procedures'

The Northeast Iowa Community College Board of Trustees took action Monday night to move forward with possible termination of Dr. Riedel's contract.

The trustees unanimously voted to move forward with the process of terminating the employment contract of Dr. Herbert Riedel, pursuant to Iowa Code 279.24.

The action came after the Board of Trustees went into closed session to held a closed session to discuss performance-related concerns of Riedel.

In a press release, NICC officials said they continue to consider this a confidential personnel matter and declined to provide further comment about Riedel's employment at this time.

Riedel was placed on paid administrative leave on Oct. 9, and David Dahms, NICC vice president for administration and finance, has been serving as acting president since then.

In the press release, college officials stated that "under [Dahms'] leadership, the college continues to serve its mission to provide higher education and career programming for the community."

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Gratitude is a must as we embark on the holiday season

But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.

— Matthew 13:16

They say confession is good for the soul, so I'll start this column with an admission: I do not know the Bible like the back of my hand; the fact is I found that Bible verse through a Google search.

You see, it's Thanksgiving week, the official kickoff to the holiday season. Christmas is now just 32 days away, and New Year's Day and the start of 2024 comes soon after.

So as I sat down at my computer this morning, I knew where I wanted to go with this column, but since it's going on our weekly Church page, I wanted to tie in a verse from the Good Book so I typed in "gratitude Bible verses."

I skimmed through them, looking for one that would remind me of the importance of appreciating the little things in life, and as I scrolled through the verses, Matthew 13:16 literally jumped out at me and smacked me in the face.

Mind you, it was a good smack.

I can see. I can hear. I also have a roof over my head, food to eat, a steady job that for the most part I enjoy, a family that loves me, and friends that care about me.

And I will have to keep reminding myself of those facts over the next few weeks, for I, to be brutally honest and frank, am not a holiday person. And I

know I am not alone when it comes to feeling melancholy when it comes to Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.

I'm writing this on Tuesday morning — deadline day here at the Tribune — and yesterday marked the ninth anniversary of learning the awful fact that my step-daughter, Samantha Jo Vining — took her own life. Her visitation was on Monday and her funeral was on Tuesday of Thanksgiving Week 2014, and quite honestly, Thanksgiving has never quite been the same since.

Much has changed since that fateful Thursday evening when Teresa and I learned the devastating news that Sam was gone. I am no longer married. My boys have grown into young men. I am older, slower and grayer.

On Nov. 20, 2014, Josh was a freshman at New Hampton High School and Noah was an eighth-grader at St. Joseph Community School. On Nov. 20, 2023, Josh headed into work at Decorah High School, where he teaches social studies and coaches football and baseball, and Noah attended class and took part in football practice at Southern Illinois University.

That's change, folks, and over the past nine years, if I'm being honest, I haven't always adapted to change with grace and dignity.

Sometimes, it's because I'm just not very good when it comes to change. Sometimes, it's because I struggle with depression and anxiety, which, long before Nov. 20, 2014, seemed to rear their ugly heads during the holiday season.

Stress and pressure, at least for me, only add to the maladies, and when my depression and anxiety are at their worst, I tend to shut down — pushing off things I know I must do to fix the problems in my life. It's as if I double down with my spade

as I dig the hole deeper.

And Christmas is just a stressful time. There's never enough money for presents. Finding a day where all four of us — Josh, Noah and his girlfriend Taylor and me — can get together seems a Herculean task. Work is busy with meetings, sports, winter concerts and Christmas events to cover.

The holidays are exhausting and sometimes never seem quite fulfilling, or at least that's how I perceive it.

If there is good news, it is this: We who struggle during the holidays are not alone.

If there is even better news, it is that there are avenues we can take to at least quell some of the uneasiness that begins on Thanksgiving and doesn't end until we wake up on the morning that a new year has dawned.

In short, there is gratitude — a wonderful tonic for the blues.

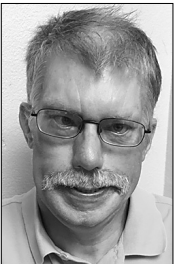
I've written this before and I absolutely, positively will write it again, but years ago, when I was a "newbie" in Alcoholics Anonymous, I had a sponsor named Jim C., who would listen to me whine for a few minutes — sometimes less for Jim was far from a patient man — and hold up his hand.

"Stop, you need to do a gratitude list."

I swear by it. Sometimes it works wonderfully. Sometimes, it just works OK, but there are days where OK is good enough.

So as I gear up for another holiday season, I'll remind myself to drive through Mikkelson Park and look at the Christmas lights, to read a good book, to watch a great game and to enjoy the time I do get with my family and friends — all things that bring me joy and, for a while at least, put my depression and anxiety to rest.

And if that doesn't work, I will remember Matthew 13:16 and know that I can see and hear.



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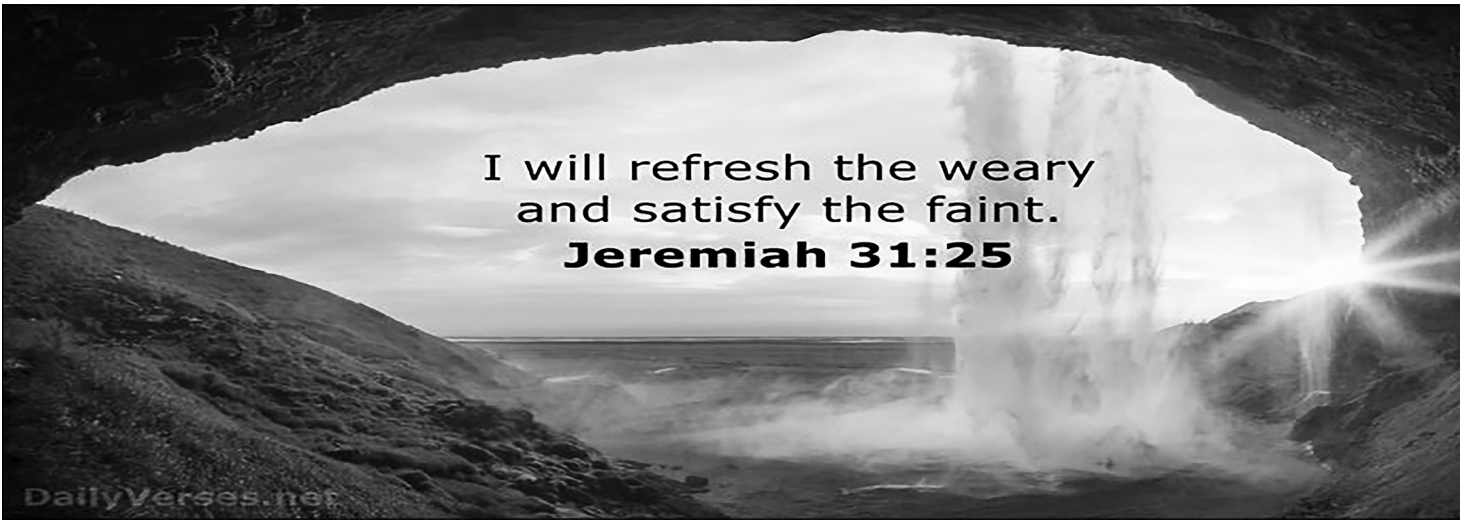


Jayden Burke/Good Shepherd Cluster

Good Shepherd confirmation

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Pictured are (front row, from left) Cora Schwickerath, Taylor Ries, Josie Speltz, Kinsley Hackman, Yarethzy Garcia-Camarillo, Zoey Dreckman, Gibran Aispuro, Colton Ashley, Kyler Meyers, Bryce Flugum, Jamison Porath, Rogelio Gonzalez-Urabe, Bryar Usher, Anthony Parra-Guevara, Ethan Rapenske, (middle row) Braelyn Rosonke, Dylan Carter, Irelynn Bodensteiner, Elena Federspiel, Maycen Hackman, Beth Pickar, Karla Pickar, Gabriel Macon, (back row) Jake Schwickerath, Father Jim Goerend, Carrie Schwickerath, Edward Arnold, Manuel Guevara, Kody Kleen, Beau Serie, Jayden Burke, Caleb Rochford, Landon Marr and Adam Waddell.



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As you know, the gig economy has been booming over the past several years. If you’re thinking of using your skills to take on a side gig, what should you do with the money you’ll make?

There’s no one right answer for every- one, and the decisions you make should be based on your individual situation. And of course, you may simply need the extra income to support your lifestyle and pay the bills. But if you already have your cash flow in good shape, and you have some freedom with your gig money, consider these suggestions:

- Contribute more to your IRA. If you couldn’t afford to contribute the maximum amount to your IRA, you may find it easier to do so when you have additional money coming in from a side gig. For the 2023 tax year, you can put in up to \$6,500 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$7,500 if you’re 50 or older. (Starting in 2024, this extra \$1,000 “catch-up” contribution amount may be indexed for inflation.) The amount you can contribute to a Roth IRA is reduced, and eventually eliminated, at certain income levels.
- Look for new investment opportunities. If you’re already maxing out your IRA, you might be able to find other investment possibilities for your side gig money. For example, if you have young children, perhaps you could use some of the money to invest in a 529 education savings plan. A 529 plan offers potential tax advantages and can be used for college, qualified trade school programs, and possibly some K-12 expenses. Please keep in mind that potential tax advantages will vary from state to state.

- Build an emergency fund. Life is full of unexpected events — and some can be quite expensive. What if you needed a major car repair or required a medical procedure that wasn’t totally covered by your health



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insurance? Would you have the cash available to pay these bills? If not, would you be forced to dip into your IRA or 401(k)? This might not be a good move, as it could incur taxes and penalties, and deprive you of resources you might eventually need for retirement. That’s why you might want to use your gig earnings to help fund an emergency fund containing several months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. To avoid being tempted to dip into your emergency fund, you may want to keep it separate from your daily spending accounts.

- Pay down debts. Most of us will always carry some debts, but we can usually find ways to include the bigger ones — mortgage, car payments and so on — into our monthly budgets. It’s often the smaller debt payments, frequently associated with high-interest-rate credit cards, that cause us the most trouble, in terms of affecting our cash flow. If you can use some of your side gig money to pay down these types of debts, you could possibly ease some of the financial stress you might be feeling. And instead of directing money to pay for things you purchased in the past, you could use the funds to invest for your future.

As we’ve seen, your side gig money could open several promising windows of opportunity — so take a look through all of them.

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New Hampton mayor lobbies City Council to stand behind 2022 vote on TRIBE Trail

TRIBE TRAIL: FROM 1

the council want to consider the ARPA funds,” Councilman Cory McDonald said, “and re-evaluate them?”

During its Nov. 6 meeting, the City Council awarded the contract for the third phase of the trail to Wick’s Construction for \$576,732, which was about \$154,000 under the projected cost.

But New Hampton Parks and Recreation Director Tara Hackman said that returning even a portion of the ARPA funds to the city would be “premature” — pointing out that there’s always the possibility that costs could increase during the construction of the phase that will run from Linn Avenue to near the CWC, where the trail will “hook up” with the Character Counts trail that runs through the city’s west-side industrial park.

More importantly, Hackman said that the city’s money was a condition of a \$100,000 anonymous donation and was also used to gain REAP and Enhanced Iowa grants.

“With the REAP and the Enhanced Iowa grants, those were committed to us based on the city’s pledge, the county’s pledge,” she said. “For us to go back and do our final evaluations and say by the way, the city didn’t give their \$200,000, that would not be a good thing moving forward with all of these grants that we know we are going to have to use in the future. We use grants continuously for Economic Development and Parks & Rec ... I don’t think that’s the right avenue.”

She also pointed out that if the bids had come in at the engineer’s price, “we’d be short \$60,000,” referring to the TRIBE Trail Committee’s fund-raising efforts.

Councilman Joe Denner, who opposed using the ARPA funds for the trail, said it was his understanding that “we would get it returned ... if there was excess. We are in a situation where we could use it.”

Hackman, though, said that she doesn’t believe that was the case.

“We could never have said that ... because the grants that we have through the state were

contingent on the city funds, the county funds,” she said, “so that’s not something we could have said.”

She said if there were excess funds after construction is completed, they would be used to fix a portion of the trail in the Industrial Park that has deteriorated over the years, pegging the cost for that at \$30,000. The rest would go into a maintenance fund.

Mayor Bobby Schwickerath lobbied for the council to stand by its April 2022 vote.

“For how hard the TRIBE Trail has worked for getting to finally having bids for Phase III,” he said, “it would be tough to pull the rug out from under this and start over again. ... I know as a city we have some tough years ahead, but I hate to see us shoot ourselves in the foot and backpedal even more.”

Councilwoman Katie Fisher agreed.

“I feel like if we are going to pull funds right now,” she said, “we would lose a lot of credibility about what we have committed to with too many questions up in the air, without even starting that phase of it. ... We committed to this. I think we follow through with this and see how it comes out in the end.”

After discussion about the anonymous donation — \$50,000 of which has already been received and \$50,000 which will be given once construction starts on the project — the council let the matter come to a rest without any motions or resolutions to change the commitment made in 2022.

Counting interest, the city has received \$510,711.14 from ARPA, a federal law passed to help states and local government entities to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to a worksheet provided by City Clerk Karen Clemens, the city has committed all but \$743.14 to projects. In addition to the TRIBE Trail, the city has used the federal funds for roof repairs at the Community Center, a study on a combined county and city law enforcement center and holding facility, traffic light controllers, sanitary sewer cleaning and other Public Works Department projects.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Chickasaw County Board of Health members want Public Health and Homecare Services, along with the county’s Environmental Health director, to remain at its current location in the Community Services Building.

Board chair: Supervisors have been transparent about possible move

PUBLIC HEALTH: FROM 1

Welter, though, said that Public Health does have access to a generator at its current location.

“You have a standby; that one [at the Heritage] transfers automatically,” Hackman replied.

Welter also added that the Board of Health believes that other projects the county is considering should have a higher priority than moving her department.

“We did discuss the current projects,” she said, “and we feel like that there are projects that have been started that should take precedence over our move to be respectful of the taxpayer money.”

The Heritage is currently home to the Veterans Affairs office and a number of non-profits also call the building home. Hackman said that during a June 19 meet-

ing, the Board of Supervisors on a 4-0 vote approved hiring a consultant to do a study on how much it would cost the county to move Public Health.

Supervisors reached a consensus during its Nov. 13 meeting to get an estimate on how much it would cost to remodel a portion of the Heritage to accommodate Public Health, pointing out that the cost to get that estimate would not cost the county any extra funds.

During that same meeting, Board of Health member Jeremy McGrath took issue with what he perceived as the lack of communication between supervisors and the Board of Health.

“As a board member,” he said, “I wished someone would have come down and said, ‘Hey, this is what we’re going to look at doing. We’re going to spend \$10,000 or whatever it was on this study to do this.

What are your guys’ thoughts?’ That didn’t happen.”

On Monday, though, Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Kuhn bristled at comments that had been made that supervisors had not toured Public Health or reached out to board members.

“It was stated at our previous meeting that nobody’s toured the building, that nobody’s toured, nobody’s talked to board members,” Kuhn said. “I know that I’ve toured the building a few times. I know that I’ve talked to a few different board members so I don’t think that comment that was made was entirely factual.”

Hackman, meanwhile, said that while he understood “that people can change their opinion, but there was a vote by the board [on June 19]. I appreciate the Board of Health opinion, but that’s all it is, an opinion.”

Supervisors worry about how new law will impact county’s budget

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

approval — the vote was approved 49-0 in the Senate and 94-1 in the House — is designed to keep counties and cities from tapping into skyrocketing home assessments, and supporters say it will save Iowans \$100 million in property taxes each year.

But the bill, which in reality takes effect with the fiscal year that begins on July 1, also will impede cities and counties from raising the amount of revenue they receive from year to year without a “new property value” added to the tax rolls.

In short, state lawmakers said the goal of the bill they passed was to make sure that cities and counties weren’t

allowed to keep the same levy rates and rely on large increases to property assessments to generate more revenue.

Hackman said he also believes the county should consider instituting a hiring freeze to deal with the effects of the new law.

“If you look at the [ISAC] survey again, we have a lot of staff compared to our neighboring counties,” he said. “We’ll see what happens with House File 718 and everything else going on. I’d agree that there needs to be a wage freeze, but I think they’re should be a hiring freeze, too, but we’ll talk about that at a later date.”

None of the other supervisors expressed their opinions on a hiring freeze; instead, they want

to see what the Compensation Board recommends after it meets.

Under Iowa law, each county has a compensation board that includes representatives of the elected officials in the county. Supervisors have two representatives on the board while the other offices — attorney, recorder, auditor, treasurer and sheriff — have one representative.

The board will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, who can either accept the board’s recommendation or reduce the salary increase suggestions by the same rate. The only exception is the supervisors, who can cut their recommended salary increases by more than the other five offices.

A year ago, on a 5-2 vote, the Compensation Board agreed to recommend across-the-board 20 percent pay increases for elected officials. Board members who supported the recommendation say the county needs to have competitive wages to offer elected officials who can earn more in the private sector.

Supervisors then cut the recommendation by 55 percent, which meant elected officials received a 9 percent pay increase when the new fiscal year began this past July 1.

“If what I’m being told is true,” Hackman said later Monday, “then the state is really going to be setting our levy rate. In effect, that’s what’s going to happen, and we’re going to face a very, very challenging budget year.”

Waucoma residents face drug charges after search warrants executed

The Fayette County Sheriff’s Office — along with West Union Police Department, Iowa State Patrol, Northeast Iowa Task Force members, Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Office, Winneshiek County Sheriff’s Office, Decorah Police Department and Postville Police Department — executed five drug-related warrants on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17-18 in Fayette County that resulted in the arrests of nine individuals and 90 drug related charges.

According to a press release from the Fayette County Sheriff’s Office, addresses that warrants were executed on were: 202 S Walnut St. West Union, 317 E Plum St. West Union, 5261 Great River Rd. Clermont, 118 1st Avenue NE Waucoma, and 103 3rd St. NE Waucoma.

During the execution of the warrants approximately one pound of marijuana, including THC oils and edibles, multiple grams of methamphetamine,

numerous types of pills, paraphernalia and 22 firearms — including rifles, shotguns and pistols — were found and seized.

Individuals from the area arrested included Nicole Alissa Kleppe, 42 of Waucoma, who was arrested and charged with distribution of illegal substances to a person under 18 year of age, a Class B felony; two counts of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, both C felonies; and possession with intent to deliver marijuana, possession with intent to deliver canibidoil, gathering where controlled substances are being used and two counts of drug tax stamp violations, and delivery of a controlled substance-marijuana, all Class D felonies.

Kleppe was additional-



Kleppe

ly charged with a number of aggravated, serious and simple misdemeanors — including two counts of child endangerment.

Two juveniles — one age 17; the other age 16 — were also arrested, charged and transported to juvenile detention. Both have been charged with felonies and misdemeanors.

In its press release, the Fayette County Sheriff’s Office said more charges are pending.

The Fayette County Sheriff’s Office was additionally assisted by Gunderson Ambulance Service, a West Union K-9

Officer, and the Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Office K-9 Deputy.



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Forecast

Thanksgiving Day: Mostly sunny with a high of 37 and a low of 18.

Friday: Partly sunny with a high of 31 and a low of 21.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 34 and a low of 23.

Sunday: Snow possible in the morning, turning partly cloudy in the afternoon; high 35 and low 16.

Extended forecast: We head back to work under sunny skies but it will remain cool with highs in the 30s and lows falling into the teens.

Meetings

MONDAY

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

History

- In 1922, in Egypt’s Valley of the Kings, British archaeologists Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon become the first souls to enter King Tutankhamen’s tomb in more than 3,000 years.
- In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs a bill officially establishing the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.
- In 1941, Adm. Chuichi Nagumo leads the Japanese First Air Fleet, an aircraft carrier strike force, toward Pearl Harbor, with the understanding that should “negotiations with the United States reach a successful conclusion, the task force will immediately put about and return to the homeland.”
- In 1942, “Casablanca” premieres in theaters.
- In 1950, In some of the fiercest fighting of the Korean War, thousands of communist Chinese troops launch massive counter-attacks against U.S. and Republic of Korea (ROK) troops, driving back the Allied forces before them and putting an end to any thoughts for a quick or conclusive U.S. victory.

Birthdays

- Franklin Pierce, the 14th president of the United States, was born in 1804.
- Billy the Kid, famed American West outlaw, was born in 1859.
- American actress and singer Miley Cyrus turns 31.
- Major League Baseball player Justin Turner turns 39.
- “Good Morning America” anchor Robin Roberts turns 63.

Corrections

- The Tribune wants to make sure all information it presents is accurate and correct.

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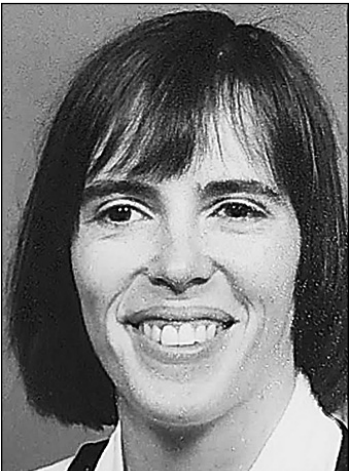
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Maureen T. Goss, 65



Maureen T. Goss, age 65 of Sumner, died Monday evening, Nov. 13, 2023, at Tripoli Nursing & Rehab, following a lengthy illness.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sumner with the Rev. Ralph Davis officiating.

Burial followed at Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery, rural Sumner.

Visitation was held held from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and for one hour preceding Mass at the Church on Tuesday. A Rosary was recited at the church on Monday at 3:45 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the family for later designation. Becker & Son Funeral Home in Sumner is assisting Marueen’s family. Online condolences may be left at www.beckermilnesret-tig.com.

Maureen Theresa, daughter of Thomas Sr. and Rita (Meier) Smith was born July 16, 1958, in Sumner. She was baptized and confirmed at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sumner.

Maureen received her education in the Sumner School System and graduated from Sumner High School in 1976.

On Jan. 30, 1982, she was united in marriage with William Goss at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. To this union three children — Michelle, Christopher and Robert — were born.

She began her professional career in 1976 at Sara Lee in New Hampton, working there until 2000, when the plant closed.

Maureen returned to school at Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar, earning her associates degree in accounting.

After completing her education, she worked at B.P.I, in Evansdale, first in the H.R. Department prior to becoming the safety director.

Maureen was devout in her faith and was a very faithful member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sumner.

She enjoyed sewing, reading, cooking, puzzles (jigsaw and crossword) and Sudoku.

Maureen is survived by her

husband, Bill of Sumner; three children, Michelle (Nathan) Van Winkle of Cedar Falls, Chris (Lindsey) Goss of Groton, Connecticut, and Robert (Katie) Goss of Moline, Illinois; seven grandchildren, Sophia and Parker Van Winkle, Owen, Cullen, and Declan Goss, and Gertie and Gus Goss; mother, Rita Smith of Sumner; three sisters, Kathy (Melvin) Smith of Harpers Ferry, Marcella (Steve) Corcoran of Sumner, and Rose (Martin) Dawson of Platte City, Missouri; seven brothers, Larry (Jan) Smith of Cedar Falls, Rick (Carol) Smith of Decorah, Kevin (Julie) Smith of Milford, Minnesota, John (Enny) Smith of Katy, Texas, Norbert (Dena) Smith of Swisher, Joe (Robin) Smith of Sumner, Randy (Jennifer) Smith of Sumner; sisters-in-law, Cheryl (Vern) Ostrander of Des Moines, Jan Summers of Ankeny and Sue Muth of Arizona.; brothers-in-law, Jim (Teresa) Goss of Columbus, Ohio, and Mike Goss of Arizona; a foreign exchange student who lived with the Goss family, Gereon Lake of Germany; a foreign exchange student who lived with Bill and the Goss family while they were growing up, Roland Schmitt of Germany; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Maureen was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Smith, Sr; brother, Thomas Smith, Jr; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Signora and Joseph Goss; brother-in-law, Eugene Goss; and a foreign exchange student who lived with Bill and the Goss family while they were growing up, Ed Nunes.

Helen Bray, 92

Helen Bray, age 92, formerly of New Hampton, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, at her home in Zimmerman, Minnesota.

Graveside service was held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, at New Hampton City Cemetery in New Hampton.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory was entrusted with Helen’s arrangements.

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

Judith Ann Griffin, 83

Judith Ann Griffin, age 83, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, at her home in New Hampton.

No formal services will be held at this time.

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

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

Marilyn Scholle, 92

Marilyn Jeanne Hoeft Scholle, age 92 of Charles City, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, at her home surrounded by family.

No formal services will be held at this time.

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

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

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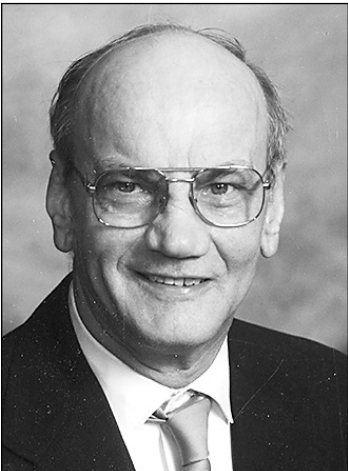
The Family of Ila Rose Mihm would like to thank everyone who supported us following the loss of our Mother. Thank you for your kind words, thoughts, prayers, cards, visits, memorial gifts, flowers and food.

Special thanks to St. Croix Hospice for their loving care and support; Fr. Goerend and Pastor Al for their spiritual comfort to Mom; Fr. Goerend and the Staff of Holy Family for the beautiful Celebration of Life; Dennis and Michelle Lau for sharing their lovely musical talents; U-2 BBQ and Catering for their delicious meal; the Church Circle for their service and generous food contributions; and the incredible Staff at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home for their professional guidance.

Your love and kindness has been a blessing to us and will always be appreciated.

The Ila Rose Mihm Family

Cletus ‘Clete’ Leo Laures, 79



Cletus “Clete” Leo Laures, age 79, of Ionia, died Friday, Nov. 17, 2023, at the New Hampton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023, at Holy Family Parish in New Hampton with the Rev. James Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Interment will follow at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in North Washington.

Friends may greet the family from 2 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 24, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton where there will be a 1:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Rosary and a 5:00 p.m. Parish Scripture Service. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass on Saturday at the church.

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

Clete left behind a legacy of love, courage, and unwavering loyalty. Born on Nov. 7, 1944, in New Hampton, Iowa, Clete was the son of Vince and Ida (Schueller) Laures.

Clete’s formative years were spent in North Washington, where he attended Immaculate Conception Catholic School before proudly graduating from New Hampton High School in 1963.

Following his graduation, duty called, and Clete answered by enlisting in the Navy shortly thereafter. His dedication and skill were quickly recognized, and he achieved the rank of equipment operator first class during his seven years of active duty. Clete served with distinction in the Vietnam War, under-

going two tours of duty.

After his honorable discharge in 1970, he moved his family back home to Iowa and fulfilled a commendable 26 years of total service in the Navy as a reservist.

It was during his assignment at the naval station in the Twin Cities that Clete’s path intersected with that of Mary “Jeanne” Atchison. The two forged a deep connection that culminated in marriage on June 17, 1967, at the Immaculate Conception Church in North Washington. Their journey together led them to various places before finding a permanent home in Ionia.

Clete’s work ethic was a testament to his commitment to his family. He juggled roles as a Navy activist and reservist, a line support mechanic at Sara Lee, a school bus driver, a truck driver for Rausch Bros. Trucking and a provider for Farm Service, where he filled anhydrous tanks.

Clete was a devout member of the Knights of Columbus and the VFW for many years. His dedication to keeping busy was

matched only by his passion for and fierce competitiveness in playing cards, earning him the well-deserved title of the “King of Cribbage.”

Outside the realms of work and play, Clete found joy in family road trips across the country and cherished moments spent fishing with Jeanne. While he may have been a man of few words, each utterance carried value and respect, reflecting his character as a loving, selfless, courageous and faithful individual.

Clete Laures leaves behind a legacy defined by the love he showered upon his family, the courage he exhibited in service to his country, and the unwavering loyalty he demonstrated throughout his life.

He may be gone, but the impact of his presence will be felt in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know him.

Clete is survived by his daughter, Tracy (Kevin) Geerts of New Hampton, sons, Mike Laures of Rochester, Indiana, and Tom (Sara) Laures of Waterloo; seven grandchildren, Karla Rae Defee Barlow, Bethany Geerts, Abby and Emma Laures, Vincent Price, and Seger and Sage Laures; one sister, Diane (Dave) Brandt of Charles City; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vince and Ida; wife, Jeanne on Oct. 4, 2023; son, Kenny in 1997; grandson, Mason Geerts; and siblings, Virgil (Kathleen) Laures, Virginia in infancy, Rita (Gerald) Burgart, Marlene (Bill) Weigel, Kenny Laures, Elaine (Roger) Wedeking and Dale Laures.

Lois Straw, 82



Lois Straw, age 82 of New Hampton, died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023, at the New Hampton Nursing and Rehab Center.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in New Hampton with Pastor Kevin Frey presiding.

Interment was in the New Hampton City Cemetery.

Friends greeted the family — beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 20, 2023 at the funeral home.

If so desired, in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to SNAP of Chickasaw County, P.O. Box 150, New Hampton, Iowa. Online condolences for the Straw family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Lois was born on Aug. 14, 1941, in New Hampton, the cherished daughter of William and Eva (Holmes) Hill.

Lois’s journey through life was marked by a deep sense of community and a passion for both work and play. She laid the foundation for a life full of love and accomplishment during her formative years in New Hampton.

Lois graduated from New Hampton High School in 1959, leaving behind a legacy as the Sweetheart Dance queen and the proud holder of the title of Miss New Hampton. It was during this time that she caught the eye of fellow New Hamptonite Larry Straw.

After a few initial attempts, Lois gave Larry a chance, and their love story began to unfold. They were united in marriage on June 11, 1960, and from this union, two daughters — Tammy and Tracy — were born. The couple initially settled in Waterloo before making Mt. Vernon their home.

In Mt. Vernon, Lois served as the high school secretary while Larry taught P.E. and served as the school’s wrestling head coach. They were a formidable team in the school system, working together seamlessly.

In 1978, the couple returned to New Hampton and embarked on a new venture by joining the Carney/Schnurr/Carney Insurance agency. Lois, as the secretary/bookkeeper, skillfully ran the office alongside her husband. Eventually, they became proud owners, renaming the agency Carney/Straw Insurance. Their dedication and hard work were evident in the success of their business.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Lois was a woman who knew how to enjoy life. Her love for card games was legendary, and she passed down this passion to her family. Tuesday nights meant Ladies Night at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club, where Lois engaged in spirited games of rummy with her friends. Poker, bridge, and 500 were also among her favorites.

Lois’s love extended to her canine companions — Molly, Bart, Babe, and Boots — whom she cared for with unwavering devotion.

Family was at the core of Lois’s existence. Gatherings with the Straw family were marked by intense card games and joyous socialization. Her fun-loving spirit and warm presence will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Lois is survived by her husband of 63 years, Larry Straw of New Hampton; two daughters, Tammy Straw of Tampa, Florida, and Tracy Straw of Euclid, Ohio; brother-in-law, Tom (Connie) Straw of New Hampton; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Robert (Ellie) Hill; and one brother-in-law, William (Ruth) Straw.

NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of Nov. 19 1948 (75 years ago)

- The Fae Stine Post of the American Legion will hold their annual football dinner on Dec. 2. Paul Brechler, athletic director at Iowa State University and Leonard Raffensperger, freshman coach, will highlight the after-dinner program. The varsity team, freshman-sophomore team and coaches will be special guests. All fans are welcome, the cost for dinner is \$1.00 per plate.
- A state-wide S.O.S has been issued by the American Legion Auxiliary for new or used dolls which will be sent to the Veterans hospitals. The veterans who will be unable to spend Christmas with their families can choose one of the dolls to send home to their daughter as a gift from him.

1973 (50 years)

- The Christmas season will get underway this weekend, Friday, Nov. 23 and Saturday, Nov. 24 as area merchants and the Chamber of Commerce kick off the Official Christmas Opening. The Chamber announced that this year’s Christmas promotions will include drawings for \$800 bonus bucks, a drawing for a \$729 color television, three free shows at Firemen’s Theatre on Saturday, special visits by Santa and free parking during the month December sponsored by the City of New Hampton.

1998 (25 years ago)

- Fourteen Chickasaws earned all-district awards. The Class 3A, District 3 First Team Offense included offensive linemen Tyler Kalishkek and Shane Adams and Jason Reicks, offensive back. The First Team Defense included Casey Tierney, linebacker, and Chris Winter and Scott Moudry, both defensive backs. Named to the Second Team were David Leichtman and

Austin Collins, both defensive ends, and defensive backs Neal Stone and Nate Kellogg.

Named to the Academic All-District Team were Derek Sauser, Ryan Utterback, Nick Noehl and Jason Huffman.

2013 (10 years ago)

- Nancy Kriener knew almost from the start of her teaching career that she would end up as a school counselor. For the past 17-plus years, Kriener has worked with students who face issues that impede learning at New Hampton Elementary School. Last month she was honored with the Iowa School Counselor of the Year Award.

Over the years Kriener has worked with many teachers, paraeducators and administrators and she thinks of this award as not an individual honor but a team one.

- Many Nashua citizens were quite shocked when they received a letter in the mail informing them that the Nashua Pharmacy would be closing its doors, Dec. 7, and the rest of the store following suit by Dec. 31. The owners, Randy and Joan Moad of Allison, are ready to retire.

Nashua isn’t the only store that will be closing. The Greene, Clarksville, Dows and Dumont stores will also be closing.

2018 (5 years ago)

- Workers placed the wall panels for what will be New Hampton High School’s new vocational agriculture and industrial technology building on Tuesday afternoon. Superintendent Jay Jurrens said all the wall panels for the new middle school have been placed and just a couple remain for the competition gymnasium.

All three buildings are expected to be ready by the start of the 2019-20 school year.

Chickasaw Men's Pool		
Week 6 Nov. 13		
	W	L
Rascals	34	20
Brite Spot	32	22
HereZ 2 U	30	24
Dak's Tap 1	29	25
Big Willie's	29	25
VFW	29	25
Bowlaway Lanes	27	27
Butch's 1	25	29
Butch's 2	25	29
Dak's Tap 2	23	31
Hide-A-Way	21	33
The Office	20	34
RESULTS		
The Office 6, Dak's Tap 1 3		
VFW 5, Butch's 2 4		
HereZ 2 U 5, Butch's 1 4		
Brite Spot 7, Hide-A-Way 2		
Bowlaway Lanes 6, Big Willie's 3		
Rascals 5, Dak's Tap 2 4		
THREE-GAME WINNERS		
HereZ 2 U: Cory and Nolan		
Bowlaway Lanes: Kyle and Jamie		
Brite Spot: Randy and Justin, Russell and DJ		
Butch's 2: Derek and Trent		
TABLE RUN		
Rascals: Stretch		

Chickasaw Women's Pool		
Week 5 Nov. 15		
	W	L GB
Bowlaway	24	12 0
Schucky's	22	23 2
The Office	22	23 2
Butch's I	20	25 4
Dak's Tap I	20	16 4
Dak's Tap II	20	16 4
Big Willie's	19	26 5
Butch's II	17	19 7
Hide-A-Way	16	20 8
RESULTS		
Butch's 15, Dak's Tap II 4		
Hide A Way 5, Big Willie's 4		
Dak's Tap I5, The Office 4		
Bowlaway Lanes 6, Schucky's 3		
Butch's II - Bye Week		
THREE-GAME WINNERS		
Butch's I - Kristy Kirkus and Linda Noelh		
Dak's Tap I - Jean Wiemann and Irene Frantzen		
Bowlaway Lanes - Maria Roethler and Carrie Geerts		

Briefs

Waucoma resident accepted at Palmer

Karissa Schmidt of Waucoma has been accepted for enrollment for the 2023 summer trimester in the Doctor of Chiropractic degree program at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Florida Campus in Port Orange, Florida.

Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, San Jose, California and Port Orange, Florida.

New Hampton students to put on concerts

New Hampton students in

grades K-12 will be performing three concerts next month, beginning with the annual Elementary School Winter Concert on Monday, Dec. 4.

New Hampton Middle School band and choir students will perform a week later on Monday, Dec. 11.

New Hampton High School's Concert Choir, Nu-Hi Chorale, Concert Band and Jazz Band will wrap up the "concert season" on Monday, Dec. 18.

All three concerts will be held in the competition gymnasium and will begin at 7 p.m.

Lettermen food drive runs through Dec. 6

The New Hampton Letter-

men are sponsoring a canned food drive to collect non-perishable food items for the Chickasaw County Food Pantry.

Continuing through Wednesday, Dec. 6, items may be dropped off in any of the school offices between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Items needed include canned vegetables, fruits and soups, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, beans, sugar, laundry soap and pasta.

Monetary donations are also accepted.

New Hampton blood drive set for Nov. 27

Area residents have the opportunity to save local lives. Your donation can make a difference and ensure the local hospitals have the life-saving resources they need this season.

The New Hampton Community Blood Drive will be held pm Tuesday, Nov. 28 at the New Hampton Community Center.

Blood will be collected from noon to 5:30 p.m.

Schedule a blood donation appointment` online at lifeserve-bloodcenter.org or call 800-287-4903.

LifeServe provides blood to hospitals in three states — Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska — and is the sole blood provider for MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

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TRUST NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE Amended and Restated Louis D. Sostak Revocable Trust:

To all persons regarding Louis M. Sostak, deceased, who died on or about October 2, 2023. You are hereby notified that the trustee listed below is the trustee of the Amended and Restated Louis D. Sostak Revocable Trust dated on December 29, 2014. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Chickasaw County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to the spouse of the decedent settlor, and to all heirs of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Dated on November 21, 2023.

Lisa M. Schildroth, Trustee 2604 Union Avenue Fredericksburg, Iowa 50630

Attorney for estate: Brian R. McPhail, ICIS#: AT0005344 P.O. Box 360 Osage, IA 50461-0360 Briangmp@osage.net

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ON TAP FOR CHICKASAWS, TROJANS	
MONDAY	
New Hampton girls and boys basketball at Turkey Valley, girls JV at 4 p.m., boys JV at 5:15, varsity girls at 6:30 and varsity boys at 7:45 p.m.	
TUESDAY	
Turkey Valley girls and boys basketball at South Winneshiek, girls JV at 4 p.m., boys JV at 5:15, varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:30 p.m	
NH/TV wrestling vs. Central Elkader, Clear Lake and South Winn at Turkey Valley, 5:30 p.m.	
THURSDAY, NOV. 30	
NH/TV girls wrestling at Iowa City tournament, 9 a.m.	
NH basketball vs. Osage, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys at 5:15, varsity girls at 6:30 and varsity boys at 7:45 p.m.	
FRIDAY, DEC. 1	
NH/TV girls wrestling at Iowa City tournament, 9 a.m.	
NH/TV boys wrestling at Independence tournament, 2 p.m.	
NH bowling vs Grundy Center, 4 p.m.	
TV basketball vs. NFV, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys at 5:15, varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.	



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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

November 13, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cervinske, 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, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Northeast Area Agency on Aging Mike Donohue, New Hampton Transfer & Storage Jonas Schwickerath, PNE John Nielsen, Board of Health Jeremy McGrath, Public Health Director Lisa Welter, Public Health Ann Knutson, Assessor Raymond Arnel, Engineer Roman Lensing, EMA Director Jeff Bernatz, Custodian Dave Gorman.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for November 13, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cervinske to approve the meeting minutes from November 6, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

No public opinion

Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging, Mike Donohue went through his agencies 2023 updates and had a budget request for FY24-25.

Discussed drawings for the Public Health relocation to the Heritage Center. There was a consensus of the Board of Supervisors to get a cost estimate from Martin Gardner Architecture.

Discussion and consensus of the Board of Supervisors to go out for bids for the city water hookup at the Heritage Center.

Discussed Secondary Roads updates with Engineer Roman Lensing.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cervinske to approve final plans for Pavement Marking Project FM-CO19(114)—55-19 and authorize Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors' signatures on cover sheet. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve Final Plans for Highway Safety Improvement Program Project HSIP-SWAP-CO19(112)—FJ-19 and authorize Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors' signatures on cover sheet. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 11-13-23-78 WHEREAS, Chickasaw County completes an inspection of all bridges and structures on the Secondary Road System of Chickasaw County and WHEREAS, part of this inspection involves the recalculation of the safe load capacity of any structure showing remarkable deterioration of the structural components of that structure and WHEREAS, that structural evaluation has resulted in the recommendation to reduce the safe load capacity that can be supported by certain structures, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on this 13th day of November, 2023 as provided in Sections 321.471, 321.472, and 321.473, Code of Iowa to erect and/or maintain weight limit signs in advance of the following bridges located on the Local Secondary Road System as follows:

Passed and approved this 13th day of November, 2023. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, Chickasaw County, Iowa /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairman, Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cervinske, Kuhn./ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor. The full text of the resolution can be obtained at the Auditor's Office or online on county's website https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov under Departments, Board of Supervisors, Resolutions.

Discussed Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) with New Hampton Transfer and Storage, Jonas Schwickerath, and Assessor Raymond Arnel will assist in the paperwork.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to appoint Renae Carey of Secondary Roads and Luanna Brit of the Auditor's office as Chickasaw Counties Safety Coordinators. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cervinske to open Closed Session under Iowa Code 21.5(K) REF IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DISCUSS SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 10:11 A.M. Roll Call: Aye: Hackman, Cervinske, Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cervinske to exit Closed Session under Iowa Code 21.5(K) REF IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DISCUSS SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 10:41 A.M. Roll Call: Aye: Hackman, Cervinske, Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn. Motion carried.

No action taken after close sessions.

No Committee Assignments

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 10:44 A.M. Roll Call: All Ayes.

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

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FY 2022/2023 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -- Actual and Budget

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023

County Name: CHICKASAW COUNTY County Number:19

		General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Permanent	Actual Totals	Budgeted Totals	
Revenues & Other Financing Sources									
Taxes Levied on Property	1	4,000,248	1,905,842		438,958		6,345,048	6,694,445	1
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2		0		0		0	21,203	2
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3		0		0		0	325,850	3
Net Current Property Taxes	4	4,000,248	1,905,842		438,958		6,345,048	6,347,392	4
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	9,450	0		12		9,462	500	5
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	28,707					28,707	10,200	6
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	139,539	1,235,506	0	15,118	0	1,390,163	915,093	7
Intergovernmental	8	1,213,143	4,784,120	0	30,337	0	6,027,600	7,114,293	8
Licenses & Permits	9	30,285	127,777		0	0	158,062	23,233	9
Charges for Service	10	1,024,424	167,682	0	0	0	1,192,106	871,971	10
Use of Money & Property	11	365,245	97,644	22,652	8,626	0	494,167	66,927	11
Miscellaneous	12	201,618	57,446	221,156	0	0	480,220	294,305	12
Subtotal Revenues	13	7,012,659	8,376,017	243,808	493,051	0	16,125,535	15,643,914	13
Other Financing Sources:									
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Operating Transfers In	15	800,000	2,307,868	0	0	0	3,107,868	3,212,868	15
Proceeds of Capital Asset Sales	16	103,355	501	0	0	0	103,856	0	16
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	7,916,014	10,684,386	243,808	493,051	0	19,337,259	18,856,782	17
Expenditures & other Financing Uses									
Operating:									
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	3,559,592	427,692			0	3,987,284	4,624,311	18
Physical Health Social Services	19	1,489,048	0			0	1,489,048	1,653,131	19
Mental Health, ID & DD (Polk County only)	20	0	0			0	0	0	20
County Environment and Education	21	447,868	309,546			0	757,414	873,139	21
Roads & Transportation	22	0	6,930,486			0	6,930,486	7,719,618	22
Government Services to Residents	23	499,590	0			0	499,590	562,108	23
Administration	24	1,713,437	0			0	1,713,437	2,307,023	24
Nonprogram Current	25	6,224	0			0	6,224	5,000	25
Debt Service	26	0	0		478,060	0	478,060	478,060	26
Capital Projects	27	33,908	493,677	517,514		0	1,045,099	3,259,356	27
Subtotal Expenditures	28	7,749,667	8,161,401	517,514	478,060	0	16,906,642	21,481,746	28
Other Financing Uses:									
Operating Transfers Out	29	805,000	2,302,868	0	0	0	3,107,868	3,212,868	29
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	8,554,667	10,464,269	517,514	478,060	0	20,014,510	24,694,614	31
Changes in fund balances	32	-638,653	220,117	-273,706	14,991	0	-677,251	-5,837,832	32
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2022	33	5,953,647	5,177,980	745,559	32,959	0	11,910,145	12,010,098	33
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budget)	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	2,453,467	5,398,097	471,853	47,950	0	8,371,367	3,637,144	36
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	82,639	0	0	0	0	82,639		38
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	2,778,888	0	0	0	0	2,778,888	2,535,122	39
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2023	40	5,314,994	5,398,097	471,853	47,950	0	11,232,894	6,172,266	40

Additional details are available at: https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov/, CHICKASAW COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 8 E PROSPECT STREET, NEW HAMPTON, IA 50659

Notes to the financial statement, if any: -

Telephone : (641) 394-2100

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Public Notice
City of Alta Vista
Accepting Sealed Bids
Pickup Box/Bed

The City of Alta Vista is accepting sealed bids for a 2018 Ford F250 8ft aluminum box/bed, white in color. Please contact City Hall at (641)364-2975 or by emailing clerkaltavista@iowatelecom.net to set an appoint to view. Bids must be submitted by Monday, December 11th, 2023 by 3:00 pm for consideration

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR Chickasaw COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
Janice Steege, Deceased
PROBATE NO. ESPR003162
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF
WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF
EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Janice Steege, Deceased, who died on or about September 21, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on November 1, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Janice Steege, Deceased, bearing date of June 6, 1985, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Troy Steege and Connie Steege were appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Troy Steege, Executor of Estate
318 Mechanic Street Fredericksburg, IA 50630

Connie Steege, Executor of Estate
318 Mechanic Street Fredericksburg, IA 50630

Tori A. Beyer, ICIS#: AT0015570
Attorney for Executor, Dillon Law PC
209 E. 1st Street Sumner, IA 50670

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS
UTILITY BOARD ROOM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023
5:15 P.M.

The members of the Telecommunications Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. in the Telecommunications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton. Board members present were Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, Cantu. Dahl was absent. General manager Brian Quirk, Attorney Kit O'Donohoe and City Clerk Karen Clemens were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anderson at 5:20 p.m. Moved by Hendricks; seconded by Cantu; that the agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; that the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 9, 2023, be approved as presented. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

Moved by Hendricks; seconded by Babcock; that claims in the amount of \$124,863.09 be approved as presented. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; that the Finance Reports for October, 2023, be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

General Manager Quirk presented the annual renewal of the health/dental insurance effective January 1, 2024. Quirk has requested the employee contribution dollar amount stay the same as 2023, which is \$301.10 family/\$118.32 single. Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Cantu; that Resolution No # 60 A RESOLUTION TO SET THE HEALTH & DENTAL INSURANCE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATE AT THE CURRENT RATE OF \$301.10 FAMILY/\$118.32 SINGLE, be approved. Ayes - Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock and Cantu. Nays – None. Absent –

Dahl. Resolution – approved
Quirk presented a revised 28E Agreement with Cedar Falls Utilities regarding financial arrangements. Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; that Resolution No # 61 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WHOLESALE INTERNET BANDWIDTH SERVICES 28E AGREEMENT WITH CEDAR FALLS UTILITIES, be approved. Ayes - Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, Cantu. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Resolution – approved
General Manager Report:
1. 920 Signups
2. Allen Media has acquired KWVL and there may be changes to subscriber fees; the consortium is monitoring the situation to maintain the existing price structure
3. West Union Boring has completed project on Kenwood Ave.
Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; that the meeting adjourn at 5:46 p.m. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, CMC City Clerk
GRANT ANDERSON, Board Chair
TELECOMMUNICATIONS NOVEMBER 13, 2023 5:15 P.M.
State of Iowa, Sales & Use Tax October \$..... 1,378.93
New Hampton, City of, Utility Bill \$747.66
Waverly Utilities, Transport \$899.95
Aureon, Transport Service.... \$2,685.00
Cedar Falls Utilities, Wholesale Bandwidth \$1,110.00
US Cellular, iPad Service & Device Payment.....\$65.57
Black Hills Energy, Gas Service \$37.73
Madison National Life Ins, Term Life, AD&D, Supplemental..... \$73.85
Visa, IAMU Conference, Grommets, Shelf \$520.30

Payroll Account, Salaries October \$20,150.07
Smith Dawn, Customer Reimbursement \$14.07
Finnegan, Logan, Customer Reimbursement..... \$39.29
Crooks, Sherry, Customer Reimbursement \$25.79
Cedar Falls Utilities, October 28E Agreement Fees \$1,179.51
Five Star Coop, Gas \$142.33
Aureon, Transport Service.... \$2,685.00
Reimbursement, Medical Reimbursement..... \$340.38
Bank Iowa, Series A & B Bond Interest (37.5%)..... \$19,031.85
BIG Network, Digital Base, Total Base, BTNQ \$315.21
Butler Bremer Communications, Voice & Internet \$750.14
Butler Bremer Communications, Wholesale Voice \$8,204.29
Calix, Inc., Cloud Support \$349.40
CardConnect, Monthly Fee \$983.81
Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust, Series C & D Bond Interest (37.5%) \$24,011.72
FARR Technologies, Network Monitoring \$2,195.00
Graybar, Cable \$253.94
High Plains Technology, Inc., Microsoft 365 \$74.50
Innovative Systems, Monthly Fee, Printing, Mailing \$5,054.12
Iowa One Calls, One Calls \$65.70
Karr Creative, LLC, Marketing \$26.57
National Cable TV Coop, Video Programming \$9,202.46
National Cable TV Coop, Faceplates, Module \$142.99
New Hampton Electric, Wire, Bushings, Supplies \$95.47

NIMECA, Disability Insurance .. \$78.27
Patriot Communications, LLC, Underground Contract Work \$ 9,982.00
Schueth Ace Hardware, Batteries, Bracket, Ext Cords, Building Supplies \$172.48
SmartSource Consulting, Broadband Consulting June- Oct..... \$1,020.00
Terry-Durin Co, Vaults, Tracer Wire \$6,460.13
VISA, Clips, Postage \$297.61
TOTAL TO BE APPROVED \$124,863.09
PAYROLL CHECKS WRITTEN SINCE OCTOBER 9, 2023
AFLAC, Supplemental Insurance \$48.12
Ameritas Variable Life Insurance, Deferred Comp \$90.00
Ameritas Variable Life Insurance, Deferred Comp \$90.00
Ameritas Variable Life Insurance, Deferred Comp \$90.00
EFTPS, FICA & Federal Taxes \$1,643.13
EFTPS, FICA & Federal Taxes \$1,643.14
EFTPS, FICA & Federal Taxes \$1,643.08
Iowa Dept of Revenue, State Withholding Taxq \$543.10
Treasurer, State of Iowa, IPERS \$2,398.48
Wellmark, Health & Dental Insurance \$2,885.80
TOTAL PAYROLL \$11,074.85

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public library \$90,000.00
2. Christmas lights and banners were put up this week \$179.03
3. Craig is working on all the fuel pumps & repairs the pumps in house
4. Planning on pouring concrete pad over the fuel tanks for additional protection
5. Staff inspecting lines
Moved by Cantu, seconded by Babcock; that the meeting adjourn at 5:19 pm. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.
LIGHT PLANT NOVEMBER 13, 2023 5:00 P.M.
NIMECA, September Power Bill, CTS Improvement \$313,656.86
State of Iowa, Sales & Use Tax October \$11,765.38
USPS, Postage for Utility Bills \$126.31
New Hampton, City of, Utility Bill \$113.83
Rapid Printers, Utility Billings, Disconnect Door Hangers \$328.76
US Cellular, iPad Service \$39.48
USPS, Postage for Utility Bills \$145.44
Madison National Life Ins Co, Term Life, AD&D, Supplemental Life \$98.88
Visa, Fuel Pumps, Broadband Forum, Prime Fee \$1,901.82
Black Hills Energy, Engine Fuel, Heat..... \$1,488.06
Rapid Printers, Stamped Window Envelopes \$633.94
USPS, Postage for Utility Bills \$136.89
New Horizons- Chamber of Commerce, Payments on Utility Bills ... \$509.34
Five Star Cooperative, Gas & Diesel..... \$1,512.21
Rapid Printers, Utility Billings \$233.36
USPS, Postage for Utility Bills \$127.12
John Deere Financial, Breaker, Battery, Motomix, Engine Supplies \$504.19
Viafield, Engine Fuel \$27,830.00
Bank Iowa, Telecom Series A & B Bond Interest (62.5%)..... \$1,719.73
Bodensteiner Implement, Motomix \$146.58
BOKF, NA, 2019 Revenue Bond Interest & Fee..... \$144,372.50
BOKF, NA 2020 Revenue Bond Interest & Fee..... \$39,218.75
Bond Transfer, Monthly Transfer.....

CarQuest of New Hampton, Battery, Lamp \$179.03
Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust, Telecom Series C & DB Bond Interest (62.5%) \$40,019.53
City Laundering, Industrial Laundering Services \$261.96
Distribution Improvements, Stolz Substation \$33,152.00
Annual ArcGIS Online Mobile. \$206.74
Fletcher-Reinhardt Company, Meter Seals, Guards..... \$2,218.61
IAMU, OSHA Safety Training \$1,508.57
Iowa One Call, One Calls \$61.20
Iowa Utilities Board, IUB & OCA FY2023 Assessments \$1,506.00
Jendro Sanitation, Refuse Pickup \$90.00
L & R Manufacturing, Trailer Repairs \$26.75
Lessin Supply, Radiator Belts \$638.31
LS Supply & Rental, Plywood, Torx Screws \$114.28
Mercy Medical Center -- New Hampton, Drug Screening \$30.00
Mick Gage Plumbing & Heating, Inc., Screws, Ball Valves, Pipe, Tape \$1,454.87
MidAmerican Energy, November WS-4 Payment..... \$77,000.00
Mitko, Service Bobcat, Fuel Cap \$903.61
NAPA Auto Parts, Filter, Seals, Soldering Gun, Fuel Hose, Clamp..... \$343.63
New Hampton Auto Body, Receiver & Pin \$146.48
New Hampton Electric, Inc., Flex Coupling, Sealatie, Wire, Connectors \$3,728.66
NHMU, Phone Service \$132.20
NHMU, Joint Expense Reimbursement..... \$13,229.01
New Hampton Tribune, Publications \$132.00
NIMECA, Substation Property Insurance \$90.70
NIMECA, Disability Insurance \$250.47
Reimbursement, Medical Reimbursement..... \$636.82
Rapid Printers, Print Cartridges, Work Orders, Meter Books \$293.48
Riley's Inc., Print Cartridges, Stereo

Cable \$715.09
Schueth Ace Hardware, Tools, Pipe \$825.19
Reimbursement, Medical Reimbursement..... \$248.05
Seiler Instrument, Annual GPS Mapping, Trimble..... \$4,330.74
Reimbursement, Medical Reimbursement..... \$2,797.36
Stuart C Irby, Transformers \$499,476.00
Unity Point Clinic, DOT Labs ... \$42.00
Wayne's Truck Equipment, Service 06 Chevy, replace brake lines, starter \$1,840.40
Wesco Receivables Corp, Risers, Bushings \$1,484.05
Wheeler World Inc, Engine Repair \$4,194.80
Total \$1,366,668.02
Less Transfers \$90,000.00
TOTAL TO BE APPROVED \$1,276,668.02
PAYROLL CHECKS WRITTEN SINCE OCTOBER 9, 2023
AFLAC, Supplemental Insurance \$131.62
Ameritas Life Insurance, Deferred Comp \$796.10
Ameritas Life Insurance, Deferred Comp \$797.16
Ameritas Life Insurance, Deferred Comp \$773.68
EFTPS, FICA & Federal Taxes \$5,226.71
FICA & Federal Taxes..... \$5,266.40
EFTPS, FICA & Federal Taxes \$5,142.91
Iowa Dept of Revenue, State Withholding Tax \$1,871.44
Treasurer, State of Iowa, IPERS \$7,207.28
Wellmark, Health & Dental Insurance..... \$9,403.27
Total Payroll..... \$36,616.57
ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, CMC City Clerk
GRANT ANDERSON, Board Chair

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City of Alta Vista
Council Meeting
Monday, November 13, 2023

The regular meeting for the City Council of Alta Vista convened on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Dean White, Rick Heying, Adam Roethler, Samantha Slick, and Amy Laures in the Alta Vista City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Crooks.

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

October 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes were discussed. Laures made a correction. The following statement she made at the October meeting was not "why and when the City started depositing in New Hampton bank rather than Elma", but "When did the council vote to move the handling of the money to the New Hampton bank". White made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the October 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes with the correction. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitor concerns were discussed.

S White Avenue and W Weber Street project was discussed. Roman Lensing, John Hjelte, and Steve Breitbach were present to go over the Form of Agreement of Professional Engineering Services. This agreement is for the preliminary design of the project, which will be 20%, \$28,800.00, of the total design sum of \$144,000.00 to Erdman Engineering. This sum will be paid over the months of December 2023 to March of 2024. The county will be responsible for 40% of the cost and the City is responsible for 60%, \$17,280.00, which was previously agreed upon. The City will need to pay \$5,184.00 for December, January, and February, and \$1,728.00 in March. Slick asked if the grant is not approved, if this preliminary design could be used in the future or if there will have to be a whole new one. Hjelte and Lensing stated that the design could be used mostly in the future, but there may be some minor changes to it. After discussion, Roethler made the motion, seconded by White to approve the Form of Agreement of Professional Engineering Services. Roll call vote. Ayes: Laures, Slick, Heying, White, Roethler. Motion carried.

Nuisance properties were discussed. The party interested in 302 S White must go through their attorney to obtain property. 110 S White was discussed. Clerk was informed that the house will be removed by April 2024, weather permitting. Consensus of Council is to give the owners until November 30 to board up the doors and put up "keep off property"

signs up and until April 2024 to have house torn down.

Sheriff's drive thru services were discussed. Sheriff Ryan Shawver was present and answered all questions the council had regarding what ordinances the sheriff will enforce.

Vicious animals were discussed. Linda Kobliksa was present along with Chris and Larina Heying to discuss the claim that their dog was classified as a vicious dog and must be removed from city limits. Linda thanked the council for allowing Chris and Larina to be heard at a meeting and not going through with the municipal infraction notice that was sent out. Linda asked the council what proof they had that the dog accused of biting a resident was Chris and Larina's and what deemed the dog "vicious." The council read ordinance 55.09, which states: It is unlawful for any person to harbor or keep a vicious dog or cat within the City. A dog or cat is deemed vicious when it has attacked or bitten any person without provocation, or when propensity to attack or bite persons exists and is known or ought reasonably to be known to the owner. Council also went off of the word of the person bitten, Burt Ostert, and a resident, Joe Durnan, who stated they were cornered by a dog. Linda reviewed Iowa caselaw and presented the following of what has been deemed to be a vicious dog in other Iowa cases: 2 or more bite or clawing a person within a 12 month period, a bite or clawing that occurred above the shoulder, attacked a domestic animal or fowl on 3 or more separate occasions, or the bite resulted in a fracture, muscle tear, disfiguring lacerations or injury resulting in corrective or cosmetic surgery. Kevin and Kim Hubka, and Jason and Abby Lechtenberg were also present in support of Chris and Larina, claiming that the Heyings' dog has never shown aggression to them, children on their property, or to their animals. They informed council that there are roughly 5 black dogs at large in their neighborhood and stated that one dog they have seen exhibiting aggression was not Chris and Larina's. Chris also presented photos and a video to the council of a black dog on his property that was not his. Burt Ostert was present and stated that the dog came from near Chris and Larina's garage when it came and bit him. After discussion, Slick made the motion, seconded by Heying to rescind the letter to Chris and Larina Heying requesting them to remove the dog from city limits. Roll call vote. Ayes: Laures, Slick, Heying, White, Roethler, Motion carried. City will continue to look into what animals are at large within the City and enforce Ordinance 55.06: At Large Prohibited to make sure no other resident is bitten.

Fences were discussed. Koesters removed their fence from the City alley. The clerk and Roethler informed the Council that they received complaints the Council that they fence posts were still up after agreeing to remove them at the September meeting. Slick stated that they will be removed before winter.

Livestock in town was discussed. Roger and Margaret Dunn were present to discuss the Council's decision not to allow them calves on their property. Dunn's explained that they have had calves on the property for nearly 20 years and are wondering why it is now an issue. Council informed them that they were not grandfathered in to have calves on the property and that the council received a complaint from the neighbor, Bryan Marvin. There are currently no calves on Dunn's property, but they would like to have some again in the spring of 2024. After discussion, it was determined by the council to have a public hearing with the neighbors at the February meeting to determine if they will allow the livestock on Dunn's property in the future.

Potential property sale was discussed. Mike Hidding is interested in some of the City's property on Washington St. The City is discussing selling roughly 50.5' x 147.5', or roughly 7,160 sqft. The council stated that this will have to be sold by sealed bids. Laures made motion, seconded by White to put the land out for sealed bids with a \$3,500.00 minimum reserve and buyer paying for half of the survey, and also allowing all parties to increase their bids at the December 11 meeting. Council also reserves the rights to accept or reject any and all bids. Sealed bids will be opened at the December 11 meeting. Roll call vote. Ayes: Laures, Slick, Heying, White, Roethler. Motion carried.

Library was discussed. Library's budget was presented. They are requesting \$12,774.58 from the City, which is a 3% increase from last year. Council has tabled the budget until more budgets and figures come in.

Fire Department was discussed. The utility truck is almost done. Chief Laures asked the council what they would like to do with the old truck bed. Laures made the motion, seconded by Roethler to put the truck bed out for sealed bids with a \$500.00 minimum reserve and the council reserving the rights to accept or reject any and all bids. Bids will be opened at the December 11 meeting, pending approval from the Washington and Deerfield Trustees. Roll call vote. Ayes: Laures, Slick, Heying, White, Roethler. Motion carried.

Grants were discussed. Slick left meeting at 7:47 pm. Budget was discussed.

Health insurance for Dale was discussed. Dale's insurance premium is increasing to \$778.67, which is a 9.16% increase. After discussion, White made the motion, seconded by Heying to pay the insurance increase, with the option of Dale paying the difference for a better plan. Ayes: Laures, Heying, White, Roethler. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried.

AV Express liquor license was discussed. Laures made the motion, seconded by White to approve the AV Express liquor license. Ayes: Laures, Heying, White, Roethler. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried.

Office equipment was discussed. Consensus of council is to allow clerk to get a new chair and mat.

Clerkbooks were discussed. Still in the process of updating.

Delinquents were discussed.

Water was discussed.

Sewer was discussed.

Streets were discussed.

Sanitation was discussed.

Laures made the motion, seconded by Heying to remove the fuel surcharge from the residents bills starting in December. Ayes: Laures, Heying, White, Roethler. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried.

Parks were discussed.

Municipal Hall was discussed.

Electric was discussed.

Financial reports were not present due to ClerkBooks not being fully setup.

Roethler stated that the applicant was inexperienced, but willing to learn. City will continue to advertise for a treasurer in Cresco Shopper and New Hampton Tribune.

Disbursements were discussed.

White made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the disbursements. Ayes: Laures, Heying, White, Roethler. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried.

October Disbursements

Check, To Whom..... Amt, Purpose

3839.....VOID

840, 3E..... \$155.00, Battery Charger

3841, All Flags, LLC ... \$ 217.77, Flags

3842, AV Express \$75.00, Fuel

3843, AV Shopper \$93.75, Publications

3844, ClerkBooks \$900.00, Support

Hours

3845, Cooley Pumping.... \$95.00, Toilet

Rental

3846, Iowa DNR ... \$115.00, Water Use

Fee

3847, Jendro Sanitationq \$1,358.48, Garbage

3848, John Deere Financial \$93.94, Key, Wasp Spray, String, Chainsaw, Paint, Brush

3849, Leisure Time ... \$15.19, Shipment

3850, NAPA \$166.99 Battery- Generator

3851, New Hampton Tribune \$ 176.04, Publications

3852, Northeast Iowa Community Action..... \$227.00, Dues

3853, O'Brien Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling..... \$579.40,

Water Heater Repair

3854, USA Blue Book ... \$110.54, Hach

DPD, Tubes

3855, Microbac Laboratories \$15.50,

Drinking Water Analysis

3856.....VOID

3857, AV Firefighters Association \$323.00, Association Dues

3858, Stanton Electric \$18,889.11,

Electric Repair- Accident

ACH1001, Wellmark ... \$713.30, Health

Insurance Premium

ACH1003, Windstream..... \$211.91,

Telephone/Internet

ACH1005, Buchholtz, Dale W \$1,346.72

9/17-9/30

ACH1005, Holthaus, Jarrett..... \$492.10

9/17-9/30

ACH1005, Alliant Energy .. \$13,279.73

Electric Purchase

ACH1009, City of Alta Vista..... \$39.50

Utilities

ACH1009, Holthaus; Jarrett..... \$100.64

Paper, Class Reimbursement

ACH1009, Alta Vista Public Library..... \$6,201.25, 1/2 Allocation

ACH1009, State of IA..... \$855.00,

Withholdings

ACH1009, State of IA.... \$193.13, WET

Tax

ACH1009, State of IA.... \$358.52, Sales

Tax

ACH1009, US Treasury \$1,663.48

Withholdings

ACH1009, IPERS \$1,003.81

Withholdings

ACH1019, Buchholtz, Dale W \$1,180.98, 10/1-10/14

ACH1019, Holthaus, Jarrett..... \$555.75,

10/1-10/14

ACH1019, Kevin Crooks.. \$92.35, 10/9

Meeting

ACH1019, Rick Heying.... \$46.17, 10/9

Meeting

ACH1019, Amy Laures \$46.12, 10/9

Meeting

ACH1019, Adam Roethler \$43.02, 10/9

Meeting

ACH1019, Dean White \$46.17, 10/9

Meeting

ACH1019, Samantha Slick \$46.17, 10/9

Meeting

ibrary Account

ACH1004, VISA \$423.44

Supplies

ACH1005, Flatjord, Christina.. \$249.32

9/17-9/30

ACH1005, Taylor-Griffen, Crystal..... \$300.15, 9/17-9/30

ACH1005, Pat Halvorson \$47.32,

Reimbursement

ACH1005, Pat Halvorson \$39.00, Wage

ACH1005, City of Alta Vista.... \$39.39,

Utilities

1971, AV Shopper \$40.00, Advertising

ACH1009, City of Alta Vista... \$516.93

Payroll Liability

ACH1019, Pat Halvorson \$33.00, Wage

Chickasaws get a break to regroup

GIRLS WRESTLING: FROM 11

Another state qualifier last year for NH/TV was sophomore Keira Myers. Myers went 2-1 in the Chickasaws' duals. She pinned Central's Audrey Palas in just 57 seconds at 145 pounds.

A shoulder injury that the Chickasaw coach staff is closely monitoring kept Myers out of the Indee Invite.

"Her shoulder injury is a little bit worse than what we previously had thought," said Ciavarelli. "We're just going to kind of play it by ear.

Sophie Glaser (135 pounds), a freshman, took on some top-notch competition at Indee. Glaser is the little sister of Noah Glaser – a 2018 NH grad that placed third at state his senior year. Noah Glaser would go on to wrestle at the University of Northern Iowa.

Glaser lost by major decision, 10-0, to Vinton-Shellsburg's Chloe Sanders in the quarterfinals. Sanders is the defending state runner-up at 130 pounds. Glaser also locked horns with Morgan Strief of Bettendorf – a third-place state finisher at 105 pounds last year as a freshman. Strief won that match over Glaser by decision, 8-3

Glaser is 5-4 on the year. She earned a pin at Central and won two matches by medical forfeit at Independence. Ironically, Glaser did not wrestle in her fifth-place match versus Makana Miller of Waverly-Shell Rock because of a medical forfeit.

"She wrestled really, really well for her first big tournament like that," said Ciavarelli.

Two new faces out this year are sophomores Ella Knutson (130) and Brooklyn McShane (140). Each Chickasaw placed 15th in their respective weight class at Indee. McShane is the younger sibling of Chickasaw senior Braden McShane – who placed third at state last year at 220 pounds.

McShane pinned teammate Olivia Hoy, a junior, in her placing match in 2:55.

"She's just kind of getting into it and having fun with it – just learning along

the way," said Ciavarelli. "She's kind of a little toughie and likes to scrap. She's doing good so far. We just gotta get her taught up a little bit."

Knutson pinned Savannah Talyat of Cedar Rapids Kennedy in her placing match in 4:00. Knutson is tall for a wrestler – which Ciavarelli is hoping she can use to her advantage.

"Her and Sophie (Glaser) are cousins, I believe. She's just in kind of the same boat as Brooklyn – just willing to try something new and have fun learning it," said Ciavarelli. "We got her a few wins. She's kind of a taller girl, so we were kind of able to teach her a cradle right away and she's been able to put a couple girls away with that cradle."

Knutson is inquisitive – which is what coaching staffs want when you're just learning the ropes in a new sport.

"She asks a lot of question. It's all brand new," said Ciavarelli about Knutson. "We gotta take that into consideration a little bit – just try to help her."

Hoy, who is 1-6 overall, is looking to gain some momentum early on the season that will help her gain some confidence. She placed 16th in her 140-pound weight class.

"Olivia's technique has come a long way already," said Ciavarelli. "We're at a hump right now and we gotta get her over that hump and start winning matches. Her wrestling is there. She's been leading in three or four matches already this season that just haven't come out our way."

NH/TV will have an extended layoff before they take off to compete in the Dan Gable Donnybrook on Thursday, Nov. 30 in Coralville.

"We've got a little bit of a break here to regroup and move forward," said Ciavarelli.

ALBURNETT 42, NH/TV 30

100 - Taelynn Bass (NHTV) pinned Azra Wagner, 1:07. 105 - Carly McGraw (A) won by forfeit. 110 - Brandi Stewart (A) won by forfeit. 115 - Hallie Portwood (A) won by forfeit. 120 - Zoey Dreckman (NHTV) won by forfeit. 130 - Ella Knutson (NHTV) pinned Claire Willett, 2:39. 135 - Lynn Gusick (A) pinned Sophie Glaser, 3:54.

140 - Lilly Steen (A) pinned Olivia Hoy, 0:55. 145

- Addy McGraw (A) pinned Keira Myers, 5:09. 155 - Marie Candler (A) won by forfeit. 170 - Raelynn Manderfield (NHTV) pinned Zoe Steen, 0:43. 190 - Aleah Eichenberger (NHTV) pinned Mya Heather, 0:17.

Extra: Aubrey Barta (A) pinned Kelly Thronndson, 5:27.

CENTRAL ELKADER 39, NH/TV 30

235 - Eichenberger (NHTV) won by forfeit. 100 - Bass (NHTV) won by forfeit. 105 - Savannah Orr (C) won by forfeit. 110 - Brynn Meyer (C) won by forfeit. 115 - Dreckman (NHTV) won by forfeit. 125 - Reese Berns (C) won by forfeit. 130 - Taylor Moser (C) pinned Knutson, 0:50.

135 - Mayleigh Medberry (C) dec. Glaser, 8-3. 140 - Maci Keppler (C) pinned Hoy, 2:36. 145 - Myers (NHTV) pinned Audrey Palas, 0:57. 155 - Alyssa Schmitt (C) won by forfeit. 170 - Thronndson (NHTV) won by forfeit. 190 - Manderfield (NHTV) won by forfeit.

Extra: Brooklyn McShane (NHTV) pinned Maddi Schmidt, 0:19.

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY 54, NORTH BUTLER/CLARKSVILLE 18

105 - Savannah Pierce (NBC) pinned Bass, 1:44. 115 - Dreckman (NHTV) won by forfeit. 125 - Savannah Fisher (NBC) won by forfeit. 130 - Knutson (NHTV) won by forfeit. 135 - Glaser (NHTV) pinned Nadelyn Stanbrough, 1:10. 140. Hoy (NHTV) won by forfeit. 145 - Myers (NHTV) won by forfeit.

170 - Manderfield (NHTV) won by forfeit. 190 - Eichenberger (NHTV) pinned Alexa Gott, 0:52. 235 - Sydney Lovrien (NBC) won by forfeit.

Extra: Thronndson (NHTV) pinned Nora Miller, 0:49.

INDEPENDENCE GIRLS INVITATIONAL TEAM SCORES

Bettendorf 426, Vinton-Shellsburg 310, Waverly-Shell Rock 275, Cedar Rapids Prairie 268.5, East Buchanan 264, Independence 151, Cedar Rapids Kennedy 239, Osage 227, Mason City 219, Williamsburg 182, West Delaware 181, Solon 174, Linn-Mar 171, West Liberty 151, Denver 132, North Scott 128, Sumner-Fredericksburg 124, Oelwein 111, Western Dubuque 102, Waterloo West 98, NH/TV 67, Marion 57, Union 55, Cascade 39, Clear Creek-Amana 35, Iowa City West 28, Center Point-Urbana 23.

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

100 - Bass placed 11th. Round 3 - Abby Kennis (B) pinned Bass, 0:17. Cons. Round 1 - Bass pinned Belle Weets (VS), 1:09. Cons. Round 2 - Wynter Morgan (MAR) pinned Bass, 1:49. Cons. Round 3 - Bass pinned Elyse Brown (OS), 2:41. 11th Place Match - Bass pinned Weets (VS), 2:35.

130 - Knutson placed 15th. Round 3 - Kaylin Becker (WILL) pinned Knutson, 1:41. Cons. Round 1 - Melanie Brusewitz (OS) pinned Knutson, 3:07. Cons. Round 2 - Isabel Christensen (SF) pinned Knutson, 1:01. 15th Place Match - Knutson pinned Savannah Talyat (CRK), 4:00.

135 - Glaser placed sixth. Round 1 - Glaser pinned Sierra Metcalf (NS), 3:08. Round 2 - Glaser won by medical forfeit Elsie Flexsenhar (EB). Round 3 - Glaser won by medical forfeit Gabriella McDermott (WD). Quarterfinal - Chloe Sanders (VS) maj. dec. Glaser, 10-0. Cons. Round 2 - Glaser pinned Shannon Dolan (CRK), 1:58. Cons. Round 3 - Morgan Strief (B) dec. Glaser, 8-3. 5th place match - Makana Miller (WSR) won by medical forfeit Glaser.

140 - McShane placed 15th. Round 3 - Alexis Anderson (S) pinned McShane, 1:41. Cons. Round 1 - Abigail O'Rear (WD) pinned McShane, 1:40. Cons. Round 2 - Nellie Stagg (WL) pinned McShane, 2:17. 15th Place Match - McShane pinned Hoy, 2:55.

140 - Hoy placed 16th. Round 3 - Nora Barnett (NS) pinned Hoy, 0:29. Cons. Round 1 - Kaylie Havig (OS) pinned Hoy, 4:37. Cons. Round 2 - Alexis Howell (WD) pinned Hoy, 0:50. 15th Place Match - McShane pinned Hoy, 2:55.

170 - Thronndson placed 21st. Round 2 - Sydnie Miller (CRK) pinned Thronndson, 2:10. Round 3 - Dakota Cornell (VS) pinned Thronndson, 1:20. Cons. Round 1 - Makenna Brissey (CPU) pinned Thronndson, 0:55. Cons. Round 3 - Manderfield (NHTV) pinned Thronndson, 1:49.

170 - Manderfield placed 19th. Round 2 - Parker Robinson (WD) pinned Manderfield, 2:17. Round 3 - Mya Ellsworth (U) pinned Manderfield, 4:14. Cons. Round 2 - Leah Schwenker (CAS) pinned Manderfield, 2:24. Cons. Round 3 - Manderfield pinned Thronndson (NHTV), 1:49. 19th Place Match - Manderfield pinned Brissey (CPU), 0:33.

190 - Eichenberger placed 11th. Round 3 - Ellie Fangman (IND) pinned Eichenberger, 3:53. Cons. Round 1 - Kennedy Burk (DEN) pinned Eichenberger, 0:54. Cons. Round 2 - Eichenberger pinned Jordynn Fink (CPU), 0:29. Cons. Round 3 - Eichenberger pinned Ashley Lantz (MAR), 1:10. 11th Place Match - Eichenberger pinned Madison Andrew (NS), 0:20.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Wartburg head coach Chris Winter talks with his coaches in the press box during the first half of Saturday's Division III playoff game.

Wartburg coach wants players to compete both on and off the field

WINTER: FROM 1

pushed Wartburg's record to 11-0 and sent the Knights into the "round of 16" on Saturday, when the Knights play host to Whitworth University out of Spokane, Washington.

That first-round victory also gave Winter a gaudy 31-4 career record at a college that has been such a big part of his life. After a standout career as a Chickasaw, Winter played both football and baseball for the Knights and was named to the Wartburg Athletics Hall of Fame in 2017.

After graduating, he was hired as an assistant coach and worked his way up to serving as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator, a position he held for eight years before being named head coach before the 2021 season.

Much has changed since Winter walked across the stage to receive his New Hampton High School diploma in May 2000. He's married, he and his wife Tara have two children, Emmery and Maddox, and he admits that he may not move quite as well as he did back in the day.

One thing, though, hasn't. He's still a competitor.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

have always been a part of Winter's life.

"When I played in high school, whenever you stepped onto the field, the court, the diamond, whatever," he said, "we had high expectations. It wasn't just from our coaches, either, because we wanted to represent our school, our community, the best of our abilities."

And today, Winter, the coach, has the same high expectations of his players. Coming off that historic season in 2022, his Knights knew they'd have a target on their collective backs this season.

"Last year was different, no question about it," said Winter, who was recently named the ARC coach of the year for a second consecutive season. "No one expected us to make

that run to the semifinals, but this year, a lot of people — me included — expected a lot out of us. So is that pressure? Maybe, but it's a good pressure. They embraced it, they worked hard and that's what you want."

Winter, though, said wins and losses are only part of the story of Wartburg's remarkable run the past two years.

"Everyone who's ever known me knows I'm a competitor and, yes, I like to win," he said, "but it's more than just what happens on the football field. I really mean that. If you're going to work this hard on football, why not do it in class? Get there, sit in the first three rows, that kind of thing. To me, that love of competition is important for our guys. It means they're going to compete to be the best husband, the best father, the best employee."

IT IS THANKSGIVING

week, and for football players in Division II and Division III that means the hope is that it's a little messed up.

For most teams that don't compete at those levels, the 2023 football season ended on Nov. 12, and for 16 Division III teams and 12 Division II teams, their campaigns ended with first-round losses this past Saturday.

"There's nothing better at our level than having to practice on Thanksgiving morning," Winter said. "I know that sounds weird because our families have to sacrifice a lot, but it means we're still playing."

He paused and laughed before pointing out that the Division III national championship game, the Stagg Bowl, is on Dec. 15, in Salem, Virginia.

"And if we mess up some [early] Christmas plans," he said, "that's good, right?"

But on Monday, he was focused on the Pirates of Whitworth.

"There's nothing better than late November football," he said, "except one thing — December football. And that's our goal, get a win and keep playing."

GIRLS HOOPS: FROM 11

New Hampton was playing without senior guard Megan Pickar. Pickar played in nine games last year as a junior. Jackie Pickar played in six games last year and sophomore forward Jordan Thronndson played in two games. The rest of New Hampton's squad has not played in a varsity game.

"We have a lot of kids that haven't played varsity minutes — stepping into some new roles," said Leichtman. "I think that's a big deal."

New Hampton (0-1) travels to play area rival Turkey Valley on Monday in the last game before Thanksgiving break. Then the Chickasaws get back at it in the home opener versus

Chamber hoping for more Parade of Lights

HOLIDAY EVENTS: FROM 12

said. "I remember last year talking to some people, and almost all of them said something to the effect that they didn't know this business or that business offered so much."

The chamber hosted the Holiday Open House early this month and also has two events — Live Windows on Thursday, Dec. 7, and Panic Saturday on Dec. 16 — on its calendar.

Osage on Thursday, Nov. 30.

RICEVILLE 57, NEW HAMPTON 33					
NH	4	13	6	10	- 33
Riceville	17	12	11	17	- 57
Tegan Dungey	0-0	0-0	0	0	Ava Leichtman 4-7 0-0 11, Sydney Laures 0-0 0-0 0, Taylor Ries 3-8 2-3 8, Kayme Hackman 0-2 0-0 0, Jordan Thronndson 0-2 1-2 1, Molly Wegner 0-16 6-7 6, Jackie Pickar 2-2 0-0 4, Caycee Crawford 0-1 1-2 1, Cora Schwickerath 1-6 0-0 2, Chloe Weigel 0-6 0-0 0, Amiya Kellogg 0-0 0-0 0.
Totals	10-50	10-14	33.		
3-point field goals	-	Leichtman 3-5, Ries 0-2, Wegner 0-7, Schwickerath 0-3.			
Rebounds	-	Ries 6, Thronndson 5, Pickar 5, Schwickerath 5, Weigel 4, Leichtman 3, Dungey 1, Hackman 1.			
Assists	-	Schwickerath 2, Thronndson 1, Ries 1.			
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Chickasaws pick up valuable experience during opening week

New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling team that features several new competitors, picks up dual meet victory at Central

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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It's early, so give these Chickasaws some time.

They're going to make some waves this season if Caleb Ciavarelli has anything to say about it.

His New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling squad has already made some noise during the first week of the 2023 campaign.

As the temperature drops outside, expect the action to heat up out on the mat in a sport that is in its second year

of sanctioned competition.

"Compared to last season at this time, we're practicing longer and we're getting more out of practice. These girls are hopefully going to be ready to go right as soon as break hits. January should be a good month for us," said NH/TV head coach Caleb Ciavarelli.

Ciavarelli's Chickasaws opened the season on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at Central Elkader – where they took on the host Warriors, Alburnett and North Butler/Clarksville.

NH/TV hung tough with Alburnett (42-30) and Central (39-30) – both

losses. The Chickasaws earned its first win of the year over NBC, 54-18.

"For our first dual out, I thought we did really well," said Ciavarelli. "We had almost every girl win a match. We were really close to Central and Alburnett. It just kind of came down to a couple matches that we ended up losing."

After those opening-season duals, then it was off to the Independence Invite – a meet that featured defending state champ Waverly-Shell Rock and state runner-up East Buchanan, as well as several other quality squads

from across the state.

NH/TV placed 21st overall among 27 teams with 67 points.

"It's a great opening tournament because every girl hopefully will be able to find a win somewhere down the line in the bracket – no matter their skill level. That's why we like that tournament. From a competition standpoint it was definitely an outstanding tournament," said Ciavarelli.

Back this year for the Chickasaws is 190-pound junior Aleah Eichenberger – who qualified for state last year at 170 pounds. She placed 11th in

her weight class at Independence. She pinned Madison Andrew of North Scott in her placing match in just 20 seconds.

Eichenberger is 6-2 overall on the season. Five of her wins so far this year have come by pin. Eichenberger went 28-20 as a sophomore last winter.

"It's still early in the season, so she's still making some mistakes here and there – getting out of position," said Ciavarelli. "She'll be ready once we get to the prime of our season."

SEE GIRLS WRESTLING, 10

New Hampton senior caps short, yet productive, career at all-star meet

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Jamie Ohrt cut right to the chase when talking about her talented senior Chickasaw cross country runner – Megan Pickar. "I wish I had a team of Megan



Pickar

Pickars. We would dominate," said Ohrt. New Hampton's head cross country coach for the past 11 seasons. Pickar – in her one and only season as a harrier for the Chickasaws – proved she had what it takes to run with the state's best this fall. Pickar – a

standout long-distance runner for Jeanette Laures' NH girls track team – gave cross country a go this season. She had never competed in the sport prior to this year. It was not only Pickar's success in finishing races and improving her times in her first foray at cross country that mattered, but it was her passion to run that rubbed off on her teammates that also had a big impact according to Ohrt.

"She's that teammate that everybody wants," said Ohrt. "She's that teammate and coach that everybody's looking for to either play with or coach – or just be part of something great."

Although Pickar came up just short in her quest to qualify for the state tournament in Fort Dodge last month, she ended up finishing her running season in fine fashion as she competed in the IATC (Iowa Association of Track Coaches) Senior All-Star race at Pella on Nov. 4.

"I wish I would have had her in middle school and any years before her senior year," said Ohrt. "She was a helluva leader regardless of what grade she was. That's just the kind of person she is."

Pickar finished in a time of 21:41 – good for 20th place out of the 25 girls that competed in the meet at Pella Sports Park.

In order to be able to run at the senior all-star meet – senior girls runners must have had to run at least a time of 21:50 or faster. The senior entrants also had to meet the requirement of having completed the cross country season and be in good standing with their high school.

Pickar's season-best time of 20:56 took place at the state qualifier in Dike last month. She finished in 20th place. The state took the top 15 individual runners to the state meet.

"I know that she was disappointed, as was I. I probably cried just as much if not more than she did about it," said Ohrt. "I wanted it so bad for her."

But it was also how Pickar dealt with that disappointment that impressed Ohrt, perhaps the most.

"Her grace and poise is impeccable," said Ohrt. "She always had a smile on her face and it was awesome."

Ohrt was also happy that a contingent of Pickar's Chickasaw teammates made the trek down to south central Iowa in Pella – a drive of over two-and-a-half hours – to see her run in her last race as a New Hampton harrier.

"I was really proud of the kids that went down to support her," said Ohrt. "There was a half dozen kids that still practiced with Megan until the end."

IGCA honors pair of Chickasaws with academic all-state honors

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Molly Wegner and Hailee Pesek finished their senior volleyball careers in outstanding fashion.

They also hit the books in the classroom.

The Chickasaw seniors were each named to the academic all-state team released recently by the Iowa Girls Coaches Association (IGCA).

"Molly and Hailee clearly were both standout athletes for us. These two have played huge roles in Chickasaw volleyball the past four years and will be greatly missed," said NH head coach Jess Geerts.

Wegner and Pesek were key cogs in a New Hampton season that saw the Chickasaws play to a mark of 31-6 overall and reach the Class 3A regional final. New Hampton also won back-to-back regular season and postseason Northeast Iowa Conference championships.

Wegner recorded her 1,500th assist in her successful prep career out on the volleyball court. She led New Hampton in assists in 2023 with 502 and came up with 154 digs. Wegner was also a top server for the Chickasaws, as evident by her 17 aces and 92.5 percent serve efficiency.

"Molly is a four-year letter-winner and three-year first-team all-conference selection. She has been a great leader for us on and off the court," said Geerts. "In addition to her leadership, she obviously excels in the classroom. Molly did a nice job working her way into a six-rotation player this year."

Pesek was second on the team in kills (190) and produced 259 digs, just one off Marissa Cahoy's team-leading 260. Pesek was stellar in the serve game as well with 22 aces



Pesek



Wegner

and an 89 percent serve efficiency.

"Hailee is a three-year letter-winner and earned first team all-conference this year. She worked her way into a six-rotation player and was hard to stop on the right side. She too exemplified great leadership on and off the court and excels in the classroom," said Geerts.

The criteria to be selected on the academic all-state volleyball squad is one must be a senior and sport a cumulative GPA of 3.75 and an ACT score of 27 or higher.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton's Ava Leichtman drives to the basket while teammate Jackie Pickar (below) throws a bounce pass during Monday night's season opener at Riceville.

Chickasaws run into 'pawsaw' in opener

Chickasaws get looks they want but shots won't fall in a 57-33 road loss to Class 1A sixth-ranked Riceville

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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It was the "Paws" versus the "Saws" on Monday night in Riceville.

These ranked Wildcats broke out their sharp claws and were able to hold off the Chickasaws in the New Hampton girls basketball team's season opener on the road by a score of 57-33.

Riceville, rated No. 6 in Class 1A, forced 22 New Hampton turnovers and held the Chickasaws to just 20 percent shooting from the field in a physical game where the round orange ball was loose on the floor repeatedly.

While New Hampton couldn't seem to buy a bucket during stretches of the non-conference tilt – there were still plenty of positives for a New Hampton team that is now one season removed from playing without its all-time leading scorer in Carlee Rochford.

Gone are the 24 points that Rochford averaged her senior year last winter. Rochford – an all-state basketball player that graduated and now runs track for the University of Iowa – is missed, but there's plenty of new faces on Chickasaw head coach David Leichtman's squad that will try to help fill that void during the 2023-2024 campaign.

"We got a lot of looks at the hoop that we wanted. They weren't falling for us," said Leichtman. "I'm really excited about a few of those things that we can clean up that are crucial to a game."

New Hampton shot just 10-50 from the floor, but did



hit on 10 of its 14 free-throw attempts. The Chickasaws encountered a stretch of over 13 minutes where it did not make a field goal.

Riceville – which returned three starters from a squad that went 23-2 last year and lost to eventual state champ Algona Garrigan in the regional finals – went on a 14-0 run to close out the first quarter of play.

Then New Hampton responded.

Down 17-4 after one period of play, freshman guard Ava Leichtman – the daughter of the New Hampton head coach – drilled a 3-pointer from the right wing in the first 10 seconds of the second quarter to stop the bleeding.

NH junior Jackie Pickar's coast-to-coast drive for a bucket down low sliced the Wildcat's lead down to eight at 17-9.

Leichtman once again drilled her second 3-pointer from the wing and New Hampton had closed to 17-12 after the 8-0

run. Riceville's Kylie Dvorak responded right back with a 3-pointer of her own on the next possession to build the Wildcat's lead back up to eight points – New Hampton down 20-12 with 5:52 remaining before halftime.

If there was any doubt left to what kind of player Leichtman could become in her career as a Chickasaw – one only needed to watch the fluid and explosive guard line up a 3-pointer from the top of the key and bury it Caitlin Clark style. The long-range bomb was drained from at least 25 feet and crept New Hampton to within seven – at 22-15 with just over five minutes to play.

"There were stretches in this game where, wow, we can really play," said David Leichtman.

Then the well ran dry for the Chickasaws – which played to a 9-13 mark last year.

New Hampton's only basket the rest of the half came from

junior Taylor Ries' bank-shot in the lane with just under two minutes to play.

"We just couldn't crawl our way back into it," said David Leichtman. "I think as we grow with this squad, we can really do some nice things on the court."

New Hampton's leading returning scorer – senior guard Molly Wegner – nailed two free throws to start the second-half scoring for either team. Then Riceville went on a 9-0 to seize control of the contest – now up 38-19 with 3:35 remaining in the third period.

New Hampton did not convert a field goal in the third quarter and broke that scoreless field-goal streak after Cora Schwickerath's fast-break bucket found the bottom of the net with 4:20 left in the game.

"I feel really good about what we can do as were forced a lot of turnovers, but couldn't turn them into points. We got to the hoop like we wanted and didn't convert some baskets that will fall as we go through the season," said David Leichtman.

Ries and Wegner are New Hampton's returning starters. Wegner averaged over eight points a game her junior year, but was off in the opener. She finished with six points – all free throws – on 0-16 shooting. Ries, a junior guard, hit for eight points and led the team in rebounds with six.

Leichtman said New Hampton forced 18 turnovers but only converted one of those turnovers into points.

Riceville's full-court pressure

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BLACK FRIDAY DEALS

& SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Saturday has become a big deal for small-city merchants

Chamber also looking for more entrants for Dec. 7 parade

By BOB FENSKE
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It's not that Black Friday isn't important to retailers in small cities like New Hampton, but in some ways, for the family-owned stores that dot the city's Main Street and west-side shopping districts, Small Business Saturday has become the "big deal" of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

"It's a chance for our businesses to show off all they have to offer," New Horizons-Chamber Director Liz Zweibohmer said, "and it's a chance for shoppers to enjoy an experience they're not going to get standing in line at a big-box store on Friday morning. I think what Small Business Saturday does is show how important customer service still is."

Zweibohmer's organization and its members are going all out on the second of the chamber's four holiday events. The first 100 shoppers who stop in at the New Horizons' office will receive "goodie bags," and they'll also get a reminder to check out the retailers in the city.

"I think it's a great event

because we not only have the people who live here but also the people who are coming back home for Thanksgiving and the people who are visiting," she

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