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Geerts claims win in New Hampton mayor race

Longtime public servant tops Schwickerath, Schmitt and will take over city's top post at the begining of the year

By BOB FENSKE

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When the new year rolls around, New Hampton is going to have a new mayor.

Voters in Chickasaw County's largest city gave Steve Geerts a relatively easy victory in a three-candidate race during Tuesday's general election.

Unofficial results showed that

Geerts received 336 votes, or 44.2 percent of the votes, to oust incumbent Bobby Schwickerath, who was seeking a second term as New Hampton's mayor. Schwickerath garnered 217 votes, or 28.5 percent, while Melanie Schmitt was the choice of 203 voters, or 26.7 percent.

"It's going to be a new challenge," said the 68-year-old Geerts, who has been a lifetime resident of New

Hampton, "but it's one I'm really looking forward to. I think my experience was a big plus, and I'm happy and grateful that the voters put their trust in me. We have a great city, and I just want to do my part to keep it that way."

During the campaign, Geerts touted his leadership skills he has honed over the years in the Jaycees, as the owner and operator of a plumbing and

heating business, as a county supervisor for two terms and as the New Hampton fire chief for more than 24 years.

"I'm guessing that people saw all those things as a plus," he said, "and I know I have some training to do but I'm ready to go, I'm ready to help our city tackle the challenges we face."

What wasn't known Tuesday night, though, is who two of the three new council members will be.

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City told senior rate for garbage bins not OK

Council members vote to have city pick up costs for first two months that bins will be used

By BOB FENSKE

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New Hampton is still going to move to bins when it comes to garbage pickup, but the City Council learned Monday night that the city can't give its senior citizens a discount.

That led council members to approve having the city use its Solid Waste Fund to pay for the first two months of garbage collection once the bins replace the yellow trash bags on Dec. 1.

Mayor Bobby Schwickerath said that City Clerk Karen Clemens had talked to the State Auditor's Office and "was advised not to pursue this pricing method" because of concerns about the legality of offering a select group of residents a discount.

During the City Council's meeting on Oct. 2, Jendro Sanitation General Manager Chris Kehoe presented what he called a "unique agreement" to push the city to use bins for garbage pickup. Under his proposal, residents would receive a 64-gallon container and be charged \$15.09 a month, but those 65 and older would pay \$7.49 for the container. Council members voted to move ahead with the bin system that night.

But after receiving the news from the State Auditor's Office, Schwickerath and Clemens both reached out to Kehoe.

"I did receive an email from Chris late this afternoon," Clemens said, "because I threw out the option — actually the auditor at the state suggested it — possibly they do a twice-a-month pickup, thinking of those people who don't set out a lot of garbage. ... It got met with a pretty

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New Hampton grad's naval career soars

Riley takes over command of Navy Air Test and Evaluation Squadron ONE

By BOB FENSKE

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He's done it a million times — OK, to be a little more accurate, he's done it 630 times — but every time U.S. Navy Capt. John Riley lands on an aircraft carrier, he experiences a rush few of us can imagine.

"What's it like to land on a carrier? Well, let me tell you," Riley said, "it's pretty much like crashing a car. You're really moving, you hit the carrier and you come to a stop in two seconds. It's not for everyone, I know that, but it's an amazing experience for a guy like me."

Riley has come a long way from his days as a New Hampton High School student-athlete who played three sports for the Chickasaws before graduating with the Class of 1995. He has

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Veterans Day

COMMEMORATIVE EDITION

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Thanking vets

A Veterans Day we'll always rember

Flying high

Inside today's Tribune

We present our annual Veterans Day Commemorative Issue that includes thousands of names of Chickasaw County residents who have served our country.



Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy

U.S. Navy Capt. John Riley says growing up in New Hampton was one of the keys to his successful naval career.

TRIBE Trail's bid is good news for city

By BOB FENSKE

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The engineer who assisted the TRIBE Trail Committee with the bidding process for the third and final phase of construction on the trail delivered "fantastic" news to the City Council on Monday evening.

During a meeting in which the city awarded a contract to Wick's Construction for \$576,732, to complete the trail next summer, SEH's Becky Schwab told council members that Wicks "actually came in about 21 percent under the engineer's estimate, which is fantastic for

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How did the candidates in your hometown and school district fare? We have the results

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Sophomore becomes first New Hampton dancer to qualify for state

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Welcoming Rebel Diamonds to town!

New Horizons-Chamber members and city officials welcome Rebel Diamond owner Stacey Marr-Frahm and her business to the chamber during a ribbon cutting event that was held last Friday, a day before the jewelry store held its grand opening during New Hampton's Holiday Open House.

Holiday Open House gives shoppers plenty of options

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE: FROM 1

see how many people were out and about. A lot of the stores I went into were packed. The vendor shows were awesome. I even saw a ton of out-of-town people," said Zweibohmer.

The tradition in New Hampton to get a head start on Christmas shopping, get some great deals at the same time and check out what's new downtown went off with nary a hitch. A large contingent of shoppers – mainly women, mind you – soaked in the unseasonably warm weather and helped support their community by shopping locally.

That meant hundreds of shoppers broke out the pocketbook and had a good time in the process.

"It's a ladies day out," said Pat Weigel, who helped organize the first Pub Craft Crawl at various bars downtown about a decade ago. Weigel set up shop at Butch's Place to sell her goods and Dak's Tap also held a Pub Craft Crawl.

There was a whole lot more going on over the weekend than just a downtown shopping extravaganza for folks that even drove a considerable distance to experience just how vibrant and varied the downtown business district is.

"I always love this weekend. You start to get in the mindset of holiday shopping," said Zweibohmer.

The Maker's Market at the St. Joseph's Community School Parish Center featured a wide variety of vendors and even had live music. Ryne Lynn Owen, who sings for the Wapsi River Ramblers (a band out of Elma), strummed on his guitar and played many memorable tunes for the folks in attendance that strolled on through the gymnasium. They made sure to stop and purchase a whole host of different products as well.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Ryne Lynn Owen provides musical entertainment at the Maker's Market that was held at the St. Joe's Parish Center.

A fall and winter craft show took place at the Chickasaw Event Center. That venue held a breakfast and lunch fundraiser as well.

A make and take craft and cocoa event was offered at the New Hampton Public Library and the New Hampton Country Club – east of town – featured lunch specials that drew a decent out-of-town crowd according to Zweibohmer.

TWO STORES – REBEL

Diamonds and Pocketful of Posies – celebrated milestone moments that highlighted their historical significance to New Hampton. Pocketful of Posies – a full-service floral shop owned by Kayla Smith – saw their door constantly opening and closing during their grand re-opening. The business celebrated 40 years of operation on Oct. 1.

"We downsized our retail space. We were in the building next door. We just moved into this location two months ago, actually," said Smith, who has been owner since 2018.

Smith's business offered discount on store items, wine-tasting and handed out roses to mark the special occasion.

"That's just a thank you for sticking with us through our transition," said Smith.

Smith said she is the third owner of Pocketful of Posies in its long run of serving customers in New Hampton. She said the store has added wedding rentals where interested parties can use linens and separations for parties.

"The reason for moving was downsizing the retail. I want to be able to focus on flowers and plants more than the giftware – to hopefully extend more into wedding and event floral," said Smith.

Smith said the foot traffic was nice, but she was a tad concerned her new location might not handle all the people that made their way into her small, yet quaint store.

"I'm impressed with the amount of people that we have in here. We were afraid moving directly off of Main St. was going to hurt us, but today has proved that that's not going to happen," said Smith.

REBEL DIAMONDS – RUN

by owner Stacey Marr-Frahm – held its grand opening. The jewelry store – once owned by longtime New Hampton business owners Howard and Marty Wilshire – has been in operation in New Hampton since 1870. Wilshire's Jewelry Store was the previous business at Rebel Diamond's location. Two families had run a jewelry store in that exact same location prior to the Wilshire's taking over, making it the oldest retail operation in New Hampton.

"We opened in their same space, but this is much smaller," said Marr-Frahm, who like Smith, graduated from New Hampton High School.

Marr-Frahm lives in Stewartville, Minnesota and drives about an hour to New Hampton to open up the doors to her business that she started when she was working in Chicago. Rebel Diamond was born five years ago and was a private jewelry business, where Marr-Frahm met 1-on-1 with people to meet her customer's demands.

"At that time I was working in downtown Chicago for a diamond wholesaler," said Marr-Frahm. "I did Rebel in conjunction or on the side if you may."

While Rebel Diamond was created in 2018 – Marr-Frahm went on a sabbatical for two years when she worked at another jewelry store.

"We officially relaunched Sept. 19 of this year," said Marr-Frahm.

Marr-Frahm has returned to her roots with a business at a familiar location that is looking to remain strong in the community – just like it has done for over 150 years.

"My heart's been in jewelry for many, many years. I'm excited to be back in my hometown," said Marr-Frahm. "New Hampton is a diamond in the rough in my opinion."

How did the relaunch go on Saturday?

That was an easy answer. "Marty did say the traffic here today has been triple what it was in the past," said Marr-Frahm. "The community and Main St. of New Hampton is starting to grow and thrive."

Marr-Frahm summed up a day that means a lot to the businesses of New Hampton – not to mention its residents that support it.

"I've been around the block and the people here are one-of-a-kind," said Marr-Frahm. "The most important thing to me or what drives me is the relationship with the customer. I just love people. I love the human connection."

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Vendor Garland Koch (above) hands a customer some "change" while Pat Weigel (below) stands at her booth at Butch's, where she sold her crafty Christmas trees.



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Veterans Day is special for Navy captain

RILEY: FROM 1

seen the world and then some — flying more than 50 combat sorties — as he has risen through the ranks of the most powerful Navy in the world.

Yet, he takes a little — maybe a lot even — of New Hampton wherever he has gone — be in the skies above Iraq or as the new commander of an elite Navy unit, the Air Test and Evaluation Squadron One.

“I’m glad I grew up in New Hampton, and I can tell you right now, that growing up in a small town taught me a work ethic and an integrity that has helped me throughout my career,” the son of Steve and Deb Riley said. “I don’t think I’d be where I’m at today if I hadn’t grown up in New Hampton. No, scratch that, I know I wouldn’t be where I’m at.”

In some ways, Riley’s love of flying is in his blood. His grandfather, Al Riley, was one of the New Hampton residents who was instrumental in building the New Hampton Municipal Airport in 1946 and several of Riley’s uncles have also enjoyed piloting planes.

“I was 10, maybe even younger,” Riley said, “and I knew I wanted to fly. Grandpa, my uncles ... I guess I wanted to be like them ever since I could remember.”

AFTER GRADUATING from New Hampton High, he headed to Iowa State University with an ROTC scholarship, but make no mistake about it, the dream was to fly for the Navy.

After graduating in 2000, he was commissioned as an officer and pursued his dream of being a Navy pilot. His dream was realized after two years of training at Pensacola, Florida, and Norfolk, Virginia as he received his naval flight officer wings of gold in March 2002.

That began an adventure, if you will, that has lasted for more than 21 years and continues to this day.

He served on the USS Kitty Hawk during the American invasion of Iraq in 2003; in fact, he was in the air the night U.S. forces pounded Iraqi forces and positions at the beginning of the war.

“It was really shock and awe,” he said, “and there’s really no other way to describe it. ... I’ll be honest, I was nervous at first, but then we were flying all the time, eight hours a day, and after a while, I was too busy and too tired to be scared. You just do your job, you know?”

He has served numerous sea assignments during his career; in fact, he estimates he’s been “away from home” for what amounts to years.

RILEY, THOUGH, HAS been blessed by a supportive family. He married his wife, Tina, on Sept. 15, 2001, four days after the 9-11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The couple has three children — 15-year-old Logan, 13-year-old Mason and 10-year-old Grace — and Riley will be the first to tell you that he hit one out of the ballpark when it comes to his wife.

“She’s put up with a lot,” he said, “and I know I keep saying it, I wouldn’t be here without her. The unsung heroes of the American military are the spouses and children. Civilians just really don’t understand — they can’t understand — what military families have to deal with, and I’ll say it forever, I have the best wife and the best kids who have been right behind me the whole way.”

In addition to his five or six deployments, he has also had his share of shore assignments, and Riley particularly loves the one he is currently serving.

Veterans Day program set for Saturday

The American Legion Fae Stine Post 38 will hold its annual Veterans Day program on the 11th hour of the 11th month — in other words, at 11 a.m. this Saturday.

The program will be held at the Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial and will feature Pastor Scott Smith of the Fredericksburg UCC as the keynote speaker.

The program will also include music from the New Hampton High School Band, an invocation and benediction by Pastor Anthony Harris of the Harvest Church and the traditional salute by the Legion post’s Firing Squad.

On Sunday, the post will hold its annual Pork Chop Dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Pub at the Pinicon.

Tickets are \$15 and available at the New Hampton Municipal Utilities building that is located just across the street from the downtown Kwik Star.

Proceeds from the dinner will go to various Legion programs.

Station Patuxent River, which sits on the west shore of Chesapeake Bay in Maryland, as the chief operational test director, in 2022, and on Sept. 14 of this year, he took part in a change of command and retirement ceremony that made him the commander of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron One.

“I do feel like I couldn’t ask for a better assignment,” he said. “I get to command a great squad and I can put myself on the flight line at any time. I still love flying, and I don’t think that love is ever going to go away.”

VETERANS DAY is on Saturday, and Riley was asked what the holiday means to him as an active military member.

“It’s a huge day for me, really it is for a lot of the men and women who are serving,” he said. “We get to honor those who went before us. We know what they went through, we know the sacrifices they made, and it’s a day I hope most Americans will always cherish.”

One day, he will go from Navy officer to veteran, but Riley isn’t sure when that transition will take place.

“We’ll see when this assignment is over,” he said. “In a way, we negotiate the next assignment, and if it’s something I like, something I want to do ... we’ll see. When this assignment is over, Logan will be graduating from high school, Mason will be a sophomore and Grace will be getting close to high school. We’ll see what’s best for our family.”

And family is important to Capt. John Riley.

His parents and extended family expected hard work when he was growing up. While competing in football, track and baseball, he often had two jobs. That’s just what a Riley did, and he’s grateful for that.

“That Midwestern work ethic,” he said, “has taken me a long ways in the Navy. I had great role models — not just my family but teachers, coaches and everyone else in New Hampton — and like I said, without all those people to lead the way for me, my life would have been far different.”



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton resident Erin McGee checks in with poll worker Dixie Zeien Tuesday morning during the 2023 general election that included races for various city offices and school board seats.

Chickasaw County Election Results (unofficial winners in bold)

ALTA VISTA MAYOR Kevin Crooks 17 Kevin Hubka 11 ALTA VISTA CITY COUNCIL (Two four-year terms) Amy Laures 35 Kayla Pride 44 ALTA VISTA CITY COUNCIL (One two-year term) Adam Roethler 52 BASSETT MAYOR Jim Ashley 7 BASSETT City Council (Five two-year terms) Michelle Fischer 7 Ryan Idler 7 Sandra Idler 7 Carol Johnson 7 Pam Lore 8 FREDERICKSBURG MAYOR James Mitchell 132 FREDERICKSBURG CITY COUNCIL (Two four-year terms) Jade Dix 63	Dean Speicher 84 Kyle Wendland 132 FREDERICKSBURG CITY COUNCIL (One two-year term) Derek Nelson 141 IONIA MAYOR Randy Taylor 34 IONIA CITY COUNCIL (Three four-year terms) Richard Crooks 32 Derek Day 31 Ted Geerts Jr. 36 IONIA CITY COUNCIL (One two-year term) Jayson Holthaus 17 LAWLER MAYOR Mark Mueterthies 26 LAWLER CITY COUNCIL (Three four-year terms) Dale King 31 Jeremy Scheidel 32 Karen Wilson 28 NASHUA CITY COUNCIL (Three four-year terms)	Brandon Christensen 31 Beth Henningsen 43 Jacob Johnson 108 Samantha Johnson 88 Brittany McDonald 58 Allison Wesselmann 71 Dan Zwanziger 171 NASHUA CITY COUNCIL (One two-year term) Nick Henningsen 83 Harold Kelleher III 120 NEW HAMPTON MAYOR Steve Geerts 336 Melanie Schmitt 203 Bobby Schwickerath 217 NEW HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE Joe Denner 661 NEW HAMPTON PARK BOARD Megan Abbas 603 Brian Moore 624 NORTH WASHINGTON MAYOR David Geerts 21	NORTH WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL (Three four-year terms) Megan Baltes 24 Duane Nie 25 NEW HAMPTON SCHOOL BOARD District 1 (one four-year term) Nate Schwickerath 818 District 2 (one four-year term) Jay Matthews 807 NASHUA-PLAINFIELD SCHOOL BOARD District 1 (one four-year term) Laura Folkerts 207 District 1 (one two-year term) Lara Lawrence 202 TURKEY VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD At-Large (one four-year term) Jamie Hageman 53 District 2 (one four-year term) Donald Manderfield 52 District 3 (one four-year term) Jolene Steinlage 53
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Write-in votes will determine two City Council winners

went to press.

Ward 1 Councilman Cory McDonald did not seek re-election, but former Mayor Deb Larsen announced in October that she was seeking the seat that represents the city’s northeast quadrant as a write-in candidate.

In Ward 3, which includes the city’s southwest quadrant, Councilman Jason Speltz did not file nomination papers but in recent weeks, he asked the residents he currently represents to cast write-in votes for him.

New Hampton’s School Board races, meanwhile, lacked any drama as incumbents Jay Matthews and Nate Schwickerath ran unopposed.

And New Hampton’s Park Board also had an uncontested race as both Brian Moore and Megan Abbas ran unopposed for the two open four-year terms.

Tuesday’s votes won’t be official until the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors canvas the election, which is expected to take place next week.

ELECTION: FROM 1

Salvation Army to begin Red Kettle campaign, needs bell ringers

The Chickasaw County unit of the Salvation Army will begin its annual Red Kettle campaign on Wednesday, Nov. 15, and bell ringers are needed for the fundraising drive that runs through Christmas Eve.

The kettle will once again be at Fareway from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and those who want to volunteer to ring the bell can do so by calling Lros Markham at 641-229-0113.

Funds raised during the campaign are used to help county residents navigate emergencies and tragedies, and Markham said that “the more volunteers we have, the more we can help people.”

Public works director makes plea for surveys to be completed

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

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

If you have already completed the survey for your property, just disregard. This is mandatory for the city of New Hampton to complete.

As of to-date, according to Public Works Director Casey Maik only 659 properties out of 1,679 (39.24%) have completed the survey. Please go to the link at <https://arcg.is/KHKHz> or go to the city of New Hampton’s website (newhamptonia.com) and complete the short survey.

Failure to submit will result in a fine and City Staff having to enter your structure at a later date to verify. Please fill out a separate survey for each property you own within the City of New Hampton. There are hard copies of the survey, available for pick-up at City Hall if you don’t have the electronic means to complete.

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

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Service time: Sunday,
8 a.m.

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CONCEPTION CATHOLIC

Rev. Jerry Kopacek
Mass: Sunday, 7:15 a.m.

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

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

God is worthy of our thanks

Our table prayer reminds us to give praise to our Father

Family prayers are remembered and passed on down through the generations.

I still pray the nighttime prayer of my childhood prior to bedtime.

“Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take.”

My family also had a familiar table grace used by many folks.

“Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen.”

I heard a sermon recently based upon this mealtime prayer. During this month of Thanksgiving it seems appropriate to share just a bit from this message.

Come, Lord

Jesus: We rejoice this Thanksgiving especially that Jesus came to us on that first Christmas and that he will come again on the last day to take all believers in him to his heavenly home. We who live between his first and second coming are privileged to know his story from beginning to end.

Be Our Guest:

We remember at our Thanksgiving meal that Jesus is an honored guest at our table. We make room for him in our hearts and minds, and we feel his presence with us as we enjoy the company of our family and friends gathered together in love for one another.

And Let Thy Gifts to Us be Blessed:

Thanksgiving is a chance for us to recognize how

the gifts of God have been a blessing to us and to those around us. Gifts from God are designed to bring added blessings to our relationships, to our faith, to our communities and to our homes. God helps us to see day after day how his gifts to us can be used to glorify him.

Amen: We end our prayers with “Amen” without thinking much about what the word means. The term comes from the Hebrew word emuna, which has a wide variety of meanings, including, “let it be,” “yes,” “may it come to pass” and “praise the Lord.” Amen, then serves as a confirmation, an exclamation point, an expression of thanksgiving in what has just been said.

However you may



The Rev. Kevin Frey serves as the senior pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton. For more information about Trinity, visit the church website at trinitylutherannehampton.org.

choose to say grace or bless the food, it serves as a reminder to each of us that this food and time of fellowship is a time given by God the Creator, the one worthy of our thanks and praise.

Blessings on your family gatherings this month and season.



Photo courtesy of Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity confirmation class

Trinity Lutheran Church held confirmation for 19 students on Sunday, Oct. 29, a day in which Lutheran churches celebrate Reformation Sunday.

Pictures are Trinity Senior Pastor Kevin Frey and the confirmation class that included (front, from left) Benson Burke, Brenna Thronson, Sydney Laues, Kimber Dungey, Katelyn Savre, Addie Douglas, Journey Aegerter, Isabelle Broughton and Connor Stumme, (back row) Charlie Kriener, Ashton Pitz, Gatlin Hauser, Braden Manson, Tucker Reicks, Dylan Maloy, Peyton Erlandson, Jaxon Kuehn, Jaylen Shekleton and Colin Wilson.



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1 John 4:19

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1794 280th St., Ionia
Pastor Sarah Namukose
Service time: 10:30
a.m. Sundays.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

314 Brasher Street
Pastor Sarah Namukose
Service time: 9 a.m.
Sundays.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

300 Merrill St.
Pastor Todd Burrichter
Service time: 9 a.m.
Sundays.

CEDAR POINT CHURCH

310 Main Street
Pastor Darin Cerwinski
Service time: 6:30
p.m. Friday.

ST. MICHAELS CHURCH

602 Cedar Street
Father Tom Heathershaw
Service time: 6:30
p.m. Saturdays.

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10009 Union Ave.
Pastor Drew McHolm
Service time: Sunday,
9 a.m.

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UNITED METHODIST

404 2nd St.
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Pastor Roberta Robbins
Service time: Sunday,
8:30 a.m.

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3030 Highway 24
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Saturday, 4 p.m.

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2616 140th St, Lawler
Pastor Sue Cira
Service time: 9:30
a.m., Sundays.

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222 S. Washington Ave.
Pastor Ron Koch
Service time: 9 a.m.,
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221 Oak St.
Pastor Scott Smith
Service time: 9 a.m.,
Sundays.

WAUCOMA

ST. MARY CATHOLIC

218 3rd St. NW
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, Nov. 19,
8:30 a.m.

ST. LUCAS

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC

215 East Main
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, 10:30
a.m.

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124 N. Main St.
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, 8:30
a.m.

LITTLE TURKEY

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

3303 160th St.
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, Nov. 19,
10:30 a.m.

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31015 150th Street
Rev. Peter Wenzel
Service time: 10 a.m.,
Sundays.

What Should You Know About RMDs?

You may spend decades contributing to various retirement accounts. But for some accounts, such as a traditional IRA and 401(k), you must start withdrawing funds at a certain point. What should you know about this requirement?

To begin with, the rules governing these withdrawals — technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — have changed recently. For many years, individuals had to begin taking their RMDs (which are based on the account balance and the IRS' life expectancy factor) when they turned 70½. The original SECURE Act of 2019 raised this age to 72, and SECURE 2.0, passed in 2022, raised it again, to 73. (If you turned 73 in 2023, and you were 72 in 2022 when the RMD limit was still 72, you should have taken your first RMD for 2022 by April 1 of this year. You will then need to take your 2023 RMD by Dec. 31. And going forward, you'll also need to take your RMDs by the end of every year.)

Not all retirement accounts are subject to RMDs. They aren't required for a Roth IRA, and, starting in 2024, won't be required for a Roth 401(k) or 403(b) plan. But if your account does call for RMDs, you do need to take them, because if you don't, you could face tax penalties. Previously, this penalty was 50% of the amount you were supposed to have taken, but SECURE 2.0 reduced it to 25%.

When you take your RMDs, you need to be aware of a key issue: taxes. RMDs are taxed as ordinary income, and, as such, they could potentially bump you into a higher tax bracket and possibly even increase your Medicare premiums, which are determined by your modified adjusted gross income. Are there any ways you could possibly reduce an RMD-related tax hike?

You might have some options. Here are two to consider:



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- Convert tax-deferred accounts to Roth IRA. You could convert some, or maybe all, of your tax-deferred retirement accounts to a Roth IRA. By doing so, you could lower your RMDs in the future — while adding funds to an account you're never required to touch. So, if you don't really need all the money to live on, you could include the remainder of the Roth IRA in your estate plans, providing an initially tax-free inheritance to your loved ones. However, converting a tax-deferred account to a Roth IRA will generate taxes in the year of conversion, so you'd need the money available to pay this tax bill.

- Donate RMDs to charity. In what's known as a qualified charitable distribution, you can move up to \$100,000 of your RMDs directly from a traditional IRA to a qualified charity, avoiding the taxes that might otherwise result if you took the RMDs yourself. After 2023, the \$100,000 limit will be indexed to inflation.

Of course, before you start either a Roth IRA conversion or a qualified charitable distribution, you will need to consult with your tax advisor, as both these moves have issues you must consider and may not be appropriate for your situation.

But it's always a good idea to know as much as you can about the various aspects of RMDs — they could play a big part in your retirement income strategy.

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

Edward Jones, Member SIPC



Photos courtesy of Michelle Nystel

Exploring history in Dubuque

On Nov. 1, Turkey Valley students in Michelle Nystel's Iowa History class traveled to the National Mississippi River Museum to explore the history of Iowa's early settlers and the Mississippi River as a highway, and Addison Lutgen, Tucker Reicks and Braydin Rausch (left) stand outside the National Mississippi River Museum and the trio (right) interact with the stingray.

Students were able to explore the history they've been learning in class with some hands-on experiences. They heard about the early French fur traders and the necessities they would carry with them in their birchwood canoes, such as flint and hard tack.

They discussed Julian Dubuque and the lead mines known as the Mines of Spain and were able to explore the many exhibits the museum has to offer, including petting the sting ray. Nystel offered a huge thank you out to the Turkey Valley Education Foundation for the financial support to provide this opportunity for students.

City Council stays the course, wants county to pay for bigger pipe

CITY COUNCIL: FROM 1

cool response from Chris."

Kehoe had already told Clemens and Schwickerath that he would drop the rate for the containers from \$15.09 a month to \$13.99 a month, and he said he would still honor that offer.

Clemens told council members that it would cost the city about \$20,000 a month if it picked up those costs, and she pointed out that there is about \$81,000 currently in the Solid Waste Fund. She told the council she would recommend that the city pay for the first two months of bins.

"I like that recommendation of two months, just through the holidays," Councilman Cory McDonald said. "Like you said, not deplete, so if something else comes up, there's a cushion that the city has should there be a need just as important or greater."

His fellow council members agreed and approved Clemens' recommendation.

Currently, residents pay for their garbage pickup by purchasing yellow bags. The larger size bags are five for \$8.65 while the smaller size are five for \$5.55. Thus, residents who put out two larger size bags a week pay about \$14.98 a month in garbage fees, but for those residents who put out just one smaller size bag a week, fees are around \$4.81 a month.

"It is disappointing because I think Jendro and the city were really on to something when it came to the discount," Councilwoman Mindy Humpal said. "I think from being at the meeting, you know the city really went to bat for its residents. I know people aren't going to be happy, but we'll move forward and make this work."

Also on Monday, the City Council turned down a request from Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Kuhn to have the city pay a small part of the price tag to extend city water services to the Heritage Center, a county-owned building located just south of the city limits.

The county had agreed to pay for the project but balked when the city said it would only do so if an eight-inch water main was installed instead of a six-inch line. That bigger pipe added almost \$16,000 to the \$213,000 cost of bringing city water to the Heritage.

Supervisors have said they felt it was unfair that the county pay for the project because, as Scott Cerwinske put it at a recent meeting, "we get no benefit from having an eight-inch line; only the city benefits."

City Councilman Joe Denner at first expressed interest in having the city pickup the additional cost for a larger main, saying "when you're doing infrastructure, the bigger, the better" — pointing out that if there is growth to the south of New Hampton, a larger pipe would be beneficial for the city.

McDonald, though, said he couldn't support the city paying the extra money, and the rest of the council agreed — putting the project in limbo.

TRIBE Trail's final phase will be completed by next summer

TRAIL: FROM 1

the city. They're getting a really good deal on that."

The third phase will extend the trail from its current end on South Linn Avenue to the Character Counts Trail that begins near the Chickasaw Wellness Complex and runs through the west-side Industrial Park.

Longtime TRIBE Trail Committee member Megan Baltes said that the lower-than-expected bid means there will be some funds left over, which means "we will have a contingency remaining."

New Hampton Parks and Recreation Director Tara Perkins said that Wicks officials have said they will begin construction in the spring of 2024 and should wrap up the trail by the end of summer.

In early 2022, the City Council approved using \$200,000 of New Hampton's American Rescue Plan Act funds to help jumpstart fundraising on the final phase of the trail. The first phase of the trail, which ran from Mikkelson Park

to Garnant Park and ended at Logan Street was completed in 2017. The second phase, which ran from Logan Street to the south and then cut to the west to Linn Avenue, was finished in 2019.

When COVID-19 hit in 2020, TRIBE Trail Committee members put fundraising on hold, but thanks to an anonymous donation that was contingent on the city committing ARPA funds to the project, fundraising took off last year.

"We're extremely grateful for the donations we received and obviously the grants we've been awarded," Baltes said, "and it's really nice to know that a year from now, the entire trail will be completed. It offers a lot to our city and we're excited to get it finished."

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY R. MCAVOY, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003150 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Mary R McAvoy, Deceased, who died on or about September 22, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on October 6, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Mary R. McAvoy, deceased, bearing date of September 26, 2006, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Patrick J. Mahoney, Ann L. White and Susan J. Mahoney have been appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

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ALL FUNDS				
	Governmental (a)	Proprietary (b)	Total Actual (c)	Budget (d)
Revenues and Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	143,975		143,975	141,708
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	0		0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	143,975		143,975	141,708
Delinquent Property Taxes	0		0	0
TIF Revenues	0		0	0
Other City Taxes	59,719	0	59,719	51,124
Licenses and Permits	820	0	820	1,940
Use of Money and Property	1,492	4,425	5,917	0
Intergovernmental	90,980	0	90,980	5,028,498
Charges for Fees and Service	53,043	543,897	596,940	728,575
Special Assessments	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	1,937	-289	1,648	3,100
Other Financing Sources	66,944	61,508	128,452	0
Transfers In	66,944	61,508	128,452	5,021,286
Total Revenues and Other Sources	418,910	609,541	1,028,451	10,976,231
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	52,763		52,763	65,800
Public Works	128,375		128,375	194,534
Health and Social Services	0		0	0
Culture and Recreation	49,524		49,524	53,655
Community and Economic Development	2,550		2,550	3,000
General Government	55,237		55,237	63,023
Debt Service	16,897		16,897	16,944
Capital Projects	0		0	0
Total Governmental Activities Expenditures	305,346	0	305,346	396,956
BUSINESS TYPE ACTIVITIES				
Total All Expenditures	305,346	517,298	822,644	5,887,067
Other Financing Uses	61,054	67,398	128,452	
Transfers Out	61,054	67,398	128,452	5,021,286
Total All Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	366,400	584,696	951,096	10,908,353
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses				
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2022	52,510	24,845	77,355	67,878
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2023	72,873	402,057	474,930	365,779
	125,383	426,902	552,285	433,657

NOTE - These balances do not include the following, which were not budgeted and are not available for city operations:

Non-budgeted Internal Service Funds	Pension Trust Funds
Private Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds

Indebtedness at June 30, 2023	Amount	Indebtedness at June 30, 2023	Amount
General Obligation Debt	25,880	Other Long-Term Debt	0
Revenue Debt	690,000	Short-Term Debt	0
TIF Revenue Debt	0		
		General Obligation Debt Limit	1,072,170

CERTIFICATION
The foregoing report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief

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Thursday	50	23	--
Friday	51	32	--
Saturday	54	31	--
Sunday	59	48	--
Monday	63	35	--
Tuesday	52	34	--

Forecast

Thursday: Sunny and windy with a high of 49 and a low of 28.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 46 and a low of 26.

Veterans Day: Mostly sunny with a high of 47 and a low of 32.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high of 54 and a low of 32.

Extended forecast: Our great weather looks like it will stick around at the start of the work week with sunny skies highs in the 50s and lows around 30.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton Light Plant and Telecommunications board meetings, 5 p.m., New Hampton Municipal Utilities.

History

- In 1862, Gen. Ambrose Burnside assumes command of the Union Army of the Potomac following the removal of George B. McClellan.
- In 1938, in an event that would foreshadow the Holocaust, German Nazis launch “Kristallnacht,” a campaign against Jewish people and their homes and businesses in Germany and Austria.
- In 1965, one of the biggest power failures in history occurs as all of New York state, portions of seven nearby states, and parts of eastern Canada are plunged into darkness during what is dubbed the “Great Northeast Blackout.”
- In 1971, John Emil List slaughters his entire family in their Westfield, New Jersey, home and then disappears before he is finally arrested 18 yeaeers later.
- In 1989, East German officials open the Berlin Wall, and the following day, celebrating Germans began to tear the wall down.

Birthdays

- Spiro Agnew, the Nixon vice president who had to resign over corruption allegations, was born in 1918.
- American scientist, astronomer and author Carl Sagan was born in 1934.
- Mary Travers, who sang with the group Peter, Paul & Mary, was born in 1936.
- American golfer David Duval turns 52.
- Lou Ferrigno, who played the title character in TV’s “Incredible Hulk,” turns 72.

Corrections

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

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Timothy P. McDermott, 71

Timothy Patrick (Tim) McDermott, age 71, died while walking his beloved dogs on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, in Branson, Missouri, where he has resided since the death of his wife, Lori, in 2020. While crossing the street, he was struck by a truck and died instantly at the scene.

Tim was born on June 15, 1952 in New Hampton, to Ray and Lillian Speltz McDermott.

He graduated from New Hampton High School and attended St. Thomas University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

In addition to his parents and wife, Lori Bigler McDermott, Tim was preceded in death by two of his four brothers, Terry and Kevin.

He is survived by two sons, Adam (Branson, Missouri) and Alec (Omaha, Nebraska); his brothers, Pat (Laura) of New Hampton and Tom (Sandy) of Lansing; his sister, Connie of Des Moines; and several nieces and nephews.



Tim McDermott

Tim will be remembered by many who knew him as an intelligent, articulate and witty Irishman, with a love of politics, family and pets.

As he wished, Tim has donated his organs and body to science.

A private family remembrance will be held at a later date.

Claudia May Schueller, 86

Claudia May Schueller, age 86 of New Hampton, passed away Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with Father Jim Goerend presiding.

Interment will be held at a later date at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in New Hampton.

Friends may greet the family from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, at the funeral home prior to the service.

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

Property Transfers

Tracy Straw to Sanford Properties LLC; S69’ NEW HAMPTON FAIRVIEW ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: 11.

Tammy Straw to Sanford Properties LLC; S69’ NEW HAMPTON FAIRVIEW ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: 11.

Dean J. Lynch, Deanne Rose Lantow Agent, Deanne R. Lantow Agent and Karen Kay Wedekng Agent to Drew D. Dietz and Shannon R. Dietz; PARCEL 2023-10 NW NW 07-94-14.

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James Shatek and Kristy Shatek to James Shatek REV LIV TR, Kristy Shatek REV LIV TR, James Shatek TR and Kristy Shatek TR; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST N1/2 SE 30-97-12 NE SW 30-97-12.

James Shatek and Kristy Shatek to James Shatek REV LIV TR, Kristy Shatek REV LIV TR, James Shatek TR and Kristy Shatek TR; EX PARCEL A SW NW 11-96-13 N1/2 SW 11-96-13 SW 11-96-13.

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Randy J. Fisher EST and Susan Smith EX to Floyd M. Zimmerman and Marie M. Zimmerman; PARCEL C NE SE 09-95-14.

John A. Bartels EST, Jane Windhorst COEX and Phyllis Rademacher COEX to Kobliska LLC; S50’ N1/2 L1 & N25’ L1 EX PARCELS A & B NE NE 30-97-13 S50’ N228’ W54’ E219’ EX PARCELS A & B NE NE 30-97-13 L6 NE NE 30-97-13 S18’ N141-1/2 W153’ E372’ NE NE 30-97-13 W18’ E372’ N123-1/2’ NE NE 30-97-13 S25’ N178’ W54’ E219’ NE NE 30-97-13 PARCELS A & B NE NE 30-97-13.

Michael E. Mahoney and Brenda J. Mahoney to Kent Olsen and Tonia Olsen; PART OF S56.97AC EX NW 18-94-14 COMM AT CENTER LINE OF INTERSECTION OF US HWY 218 & NASHUA & CHARLES CITY RD NW 18-94-14.

Howard Campbell EST and Margaret Campbell EX to Margaret Campbell; NASHUA FIRST ADDITION TO NASHUA LAKE RESORT ADDITION Lot: 17 Block: 13

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Bryce W. Druvenga and Amanda A. Druvenga to John Flatjord and Joann Flatjord; N151’ OF PARCEL C NE 21-97-12.

Margaret Campbell to Gary Kruger and Debra Kruger; NASHUA FIRST ADDITION TO NASHUA LAKE RESORT ADDITION Lot: 17 Block: 13 NASHUA FIRST ADDITION TO NASHUA LAKE RESORT ADDITION Lot: 18 Block: 13 NASHUA FIRST ADDITION TO NASHUA LAKE RESORT ADDITION Lot: 19 Block: 13 NASHUA FIRST ADDITION TO NASHUA LAKE RESORT ADDITION Lot: 20 Block: 13 NASHUA FIRST ADDITION TO NASHUA LAKE RESORT ADDITION Lot: 21 Block: 13.

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The family of Bob Weigel would like to thank you for your support during the difficult time of his recent passing. Perhaps you sent food to the church, funeral home, or our personal homes, a card, flowers, or plant; perhaps you sat quietly and said the kindest words, or kept us in your thoughts and prayers. Whatever the part, your support at this difficult time did not go unnoticed and is truly appreciated and a great comfort to our family. Also, a special thank you to the staff at the New Hampton Nursing and Rehab Center, St Croix Hospice, Fr. Jim Goerend and the Holy Family Staff and Parish. We appreciate you.

Thank you!
Jolene, Jeff, Janell, Jody, Janeen and families.

Ila Rose Mihm, 100

Ila Rose Mihm, age 100 of New Hampton, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2023, at her home.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, at Holy Family Parish, New Hampton, with the Rev. James Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Interment was held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Cemetery, Lawler with Chris Douglas, Charlie Mihm, Connor Mihm, Adam Seiler, Sammy Seiler and Lindsay Brown serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Katie Hanson, Shanna Savageau, Callie Hover, Amy Ries, Jesse Mihm, Lisa Abe and the Catholic Daughters of the America’s - Lawler.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continued an hour prior to the Mass at the church on Tuesday.

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

Ila Rose Mihm’s very full life began on June 29, 1923. She was born to Anthony John and Katherine Mary Elizabeth (Doerr) Einck in Charles City. Ila attended school in Charles City until she was 8 years old, when the family moved to a farm outside New Hampton where she attended a one-room school house.

While she was working at Fliger’s Bakery, Ila met Charlie Mihm (who loved sweet rolls) and they were married on Dec. 27, 1945, at St. Joseph’s Church in New Hampton. They raised their eight children — Donna, Denny, Lorri, Jeanine, Charlie, John, Cheri and Jan on an 80-acre farm outside Lawler. They attended Mount Carmel Church where Ila joined the Catholic Daughters of America 44 years ago.

On the farm, Mom maintained a large garden, canned, baked bread and sewed clothes for her children. After Dad was



Ila Mihm

in a serious car accident Mom took over managing the farm chores. The family worked together milking cows and raising pigs and chickens.

In 1991, Mom moved to New Hampton and was able to remain in her own home with the loving care and support of her children along with the assistance of St. Croix Hospice Care for the last year and a half.

Mom had a wide variety of things she loved — her family, cardinals, roses, the color pink, poetry, gardening, raising flowers, reading, traveling and playing cards, especially Euchre. She played to win and if she did lose she called it a ‘pity win’ for her rivals (all in fun).

She was a passionate fan of Paul Harvey, Frank Sinatra, Tyrone Power, Barry Manilow, Gary Puckett, the Chicago Cubs, Tiger Woods and Bob Feller, the Royal Family, Zane Grey and “The Young and the Restless.”

Mom loved children and had a special place in her heart for those she babysat in later years; sharing and teaching them an appreciation for the world around them just as she had done with her children.

Her family and friends have described her as energetic, hard-working, fun-loving, always optimistic, youthful, loving, caring, welcoming and having a great sense of humor. Mom’s enthusiasm for life, her

Dorothy Ann Lansing, 94

Dorothy Ann Lansing, age 94 of New Hampton, died peacefully on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, at Linn Haven Rehab & Health Care in New Hampton.

Dorothy has requested that her body be donated to Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota, for educational purposes.

Burial will be at a later date at the New Hampton Cemetery. At that time, Dorothy requested that family and friends gather together to celebrate her life.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences for the Lansing family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy was born March 14, 1929, in Ossian, to Frank and Beatrice (Holien) Lansing.

She grew up in New Hampton, graduating from New Hampton High School in 1947.

Dorothy was employed at the New Hampton telephone com-



Dorothy Lansing

pany and later as a bookkeeper for the Firestone store, from which she retired. She continued living in New Hampton, being the caregiver for her parents.

Dorothy enjoyed roller skating and going to dances at Spillville. She enjoyed card playing with family and friends. She also enjoyed traveling with her brother and sister-in-law

Briefs

Fireman exhibit at Carnegie closing this week

Time to see the exhibit celebrating the history of Chickasaw County’s volunteer fire departments is running out as the exhibit will close after Friday.

All eight of Chickasaw County’s fire departments, along with one private donator, contributed to the project that opened during Fire Prevention Week last month.

Lettermen-sponsored food drive starting Nov. 17

Once again the New Hampton Lettermen are sponsoring a canned food drive to collect non-perishable food items for the Chickasaw County Food Pantry.

Starting on Monday, Nov. 20 and 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.

But kickoff day is earlier. On Friday, Nov. 17, during Meet the Team night, the group is asking those attending the event to bring a canned food item or items.

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

We the Ionia Fire Department cannot express how blessed we are to have such strong, caring and thoughtful community members, fire departments, EMS & police. Thank you for all that you all have done during this difficult time. Tony was such a strong heart for the fire dept. and for the community of Ionia. He will be greatly missed and always forever in our hearts.



love of knowledge, and her curiosity about EVERYTHING made our Mother a joy to be around.

Every day was an adventure and she was up for anything. Mom had an insatiable desire to travel. After 50 she traveled through most of the U.S. and several countries. She enjoyed her cruises too. She said “I was never on a trip I didn’t like.” (And she collected rocks to prove it.) In fact, at 99 she convinced us to roll her wheelchair down Main Street for RAGBRAI when it came through New Hampton in 2022. She said it was “the best day of her life.” She even made the RAGBRAI website! Mom always surprised us — she learned to like ice cream at 100.

Mom touched the lives of all those who were lucky enough to know her and we feel very fortunate to have had her as a mother.

Living family members include her five daughters, Donna Mihm of Vancouver, Canada, Lorri (Dave) Brown of Cleveland, Wisconsin, Jeanine (Ken) Douglas of New Hampton, Cheri (Gary) Thomas of Mason City, and Jan Dickson of Anita; three sons, Denny Mihm (Marilynn Anderson) of Mason City, Charlie (Shirley) Mihm of Denver, and John (Deb) Mihm of Lawler; her sister, Helen Einck of Charles City; sister-in-law, Marg Einck of Denver; along with 18 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charlie L. Mihm in 1979; two brothers, Donald, and Wayne Einck; four sisters, Vera Schmitt, Oril Schmitt, Ardis Wiltse, and Dorothy Carr; brothers-in-law, Matt Schmitt, Bill Schmitt, Bob Wiltse, and Clarence Carr; sisters-in-law Margie Einck and Lea Einck; sons-in-law, Jerry Falck, Ken Jones, Tony Seiler, Dean Dickson; and daughter-in-law, Sharon (Nuehring) Mihm.

Vic and Marilyn to Las Vegas and going on two cruises.

Several times she and her parents would join Vic’s family on Minnesota fishing trips being able to spend time “Up North.” Spending time with her friends at the casinos was a fun time for her.

Dorothy is survived by her sister-in-law, Marilyn Lansing of Stewartville, Minnesota; nieces, Sandra (Tom) Ellinghuysen of Stewartville, Minnesota, and Gwen (Greg) Wellik of Rochester, Minnesota; nephews, Jeffrey (Karen) Lansing of Rochester, Minnesota, and Tom Lansing of Spring Valley, Minnesota; as well as numerous cousins.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, and brother, Victor.

Dorothy’s family would like to express their gratitude for the kindness and care given to her by St. Croix Hospice, and the staff members at Linn Haven Rehab and Health Care.

Everyone Hurts scholarship applications now available

Everybody Hurts is a local nonprofit that helps bring mental health awareness and suicide prevention education to Chickasaw County. This nonprofit was established in 2020 and has been up and running strong since.

In October the nonprofit opened its third annual scholarship program. The nonprofit provides scholarships annually to deserving students who are attending an establishment in higher learning.

Students must have completed a year in the healthcare program (not general education). Anyone who is a Chickasaw County resident or former resident, but still residing in Iowa, is eligible.

If you are interested in this scholarship, please contact Dawn Heying at (319) 406-2508 or dawnhey@ gmail.com or visit our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/EverybodyHurtsCCIA>.

Lynch companies to honor veterans

The annual Lynch Family Companies’ Veteran’s Day Celebration will be held on Friday at the Winneshiek County Fairgrounds, 900 East Main Street in Decorah.

Lynch barbecue and beverages will be served from 4 to 6:30 p.m. to veterans, active military, National Guard and Reserves and their families, veterans will also receive a Lynch BBQ meat and seasoning gift package.

Twenty \$1,000 drawings will be held at 6:15 p.m. for veterans and active military, National Guard or Reserve members.

The winners decide which non-profit, military-based group their funds will be directed to.

Denise Ann Holcomb, 59

Denise Ann Holcomb passed away peacefully on Monday, Aug. 7, 2023, in New Hampton.

A funeral service will be held at Harvest Church, New Hampton, on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. with a gathering of friends and family after at the church.

Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, in Wetumpka, Alabama.

Born on April 7, 1964, in Alabama to the late Rowland and Betty (Chance) Holcomb, Denise's life was a testament to her resilience, creativity and faith.

Being born into a military family, Denise's early years were filled with adventure and a sense of purpose. She received her high school education in both Alabama and an American High School in Germany. This early exposure to different cultures and lifestyles instilled in her a sense of curiosity and a love for learning.

She carried this love for learning into her adult life, earning a bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina in Aiken. Denise also served in the United States Navy but was honorably discharged due to health reasons. Her military service was a source of pride and shaped her into the strong, determined woman she became.

After her military service, Denise's sense of adventure led her to move many times before



Denise Holcomb

finally settling in New Hampton in 2017. Each move was a new beginning, a new chapter in her book of life, and she embraced each with grace and optimism.

Denise was a woman of many interests and passions. The world spun around her grandchildren, and she relished every moment spent with them.

Her love for music was infectious, and she found pure joy in every note. She was a regular attendee at her local church, where she enjoyed the fellowship and the opportunity to socialize with her community. Denise also had a sweet tooth and was known for her love of desserts and candies.

Her collections of angels and Santa Claus items were a testament to her love for the whimsical and magical. Denise's zest for reading was insatiable, and

she could often be found with her nose in a book. She also had a knack for crafting, creating beautiful things with her hands that reflected her creative spirit.

Denise is survived by her son, Joshua Schuchhardt (Ashely) of New Hampton; daughter, Kaylin (Chris) Tynes of Alexandria, Louisiana; four grandchildren that were her world, Benjamin, Harper, and Olivia Schuchhardt of New Hampton, and June Ann Tynes of Alexandria, Louisiana; one brother, Charlie (Beth) Holcomb of Knoxville, Tennessee; one sister-in-law, Leslie Holcomb of Montevallo, Alabama; two nieces, Theresa Holcomb of Bath, Maine, and Lily Waters of Knoxville, Tennessee; and three nephews, Christopher (Sarah) Holcomb of Brunswick, Maine, Phillip Stotler of Birmingham, Alabama, and Zane Water of Knoxville, Tennessee.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Steve and David Holcomb.

Denise was a woman of faith, generosity, and creativity. Her life was a testament to her strength, her resilience, and her love for her family. She touched many lives with her kindness and her spirit, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Her memory will live on in the hearts of her loved ones, and in the many lives she touched throughout her remarkable journey.

Claudia May Schueller, 86

Claudia May Schueller, age 86 of New Hampton, passed away Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with Father Jim Goerend presiding.

Interment will be held at a later date at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in New Hampton.

Friends may greet the family 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023, at the funeral home prior to the service. Online condolences for the Schueller family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Claudia May Schueller — a woman known for her loving nature, friendly demeanor and generous spirit — was born on Jan. 30, 1937, in Iowa. Claudia lived a life characterized by deep familial bonds, steadfast work ethics and an unwavering love for sports and her local community.

Claudia was the beloved daughter of Thomas and Luella (Katz) Parks. Her education journey started in a country school in Fredericksburg, followed by high school in the same town.

The grit and determination she developed during these formative years would later serve as the foundation for her successful career. Claudia displayed an admirable work ethic, dedicating over 30 years of her life to various establishments. She worked at Cue Club for three years, at Fairview Nursing Home for eight years, and at Sara Lee for an impressive 20 years, which speaks volumes about her commitment and



Claudia Schueller

dedication.

Claudia was blessed with a beautiful family. She first married Buzz Beckman in 1953. After Buzz's passing, Claudia found love again with Lawrence Schueller, whom she married in 1977. Her sons, daughter and grandchildren remember her as a pillar of strength and a source of unconditional love.

Claudia was a woman of many interests that kept her active and engaged in life. She was an ardent sports fan, closely following local teams like the Chiefs, Vikings, and Hawkeyes.

She embraced the joys of being a grandmother, cherishing every moment spent with her grandchildren.

Claudia's love for animals was evident in the affection she showered on her dogs.

She was a meticulous housekeeper, taking pride in maintaining a warm and welcoming home, always including the best snacks. Her curious nature led her to keep up with local happenings through the police scanner.

Claudia also enjoyed the

simple pleasures of life, such as savoring a casual Captain and Coke drink, relishing fresh Walleye, and always being a busybody, engaging in one activity or another.

Claudia May Schueller was more than just the sum of her experiences and interests; she was a beacon of positivity and love to those around her.

Her loving nature made her a cherished member of her family, her friendly demeanor made her a dear friend to many, and her generous spirit impacted everyone she met. Claudia's life was a testament to the power of love, hard work, and community spirit. Her memory will continue to live on in the hearts of those she left behind.

Claudia is survived by sons, Ben (Aricia) Beckman of Denver, Mark (Diane) Beckman of New Hampton, and Matt (Brenda) Beckman of New Hampton; step-son John (Glenda) Schueller of Red Wing, Minnesota; daughter, Julie (Dave) Beckman of Cresco; step-daughters, Judy (Bill) Riley of New Hampton, and Jean Schueller of New Hampton; sister, Doris (Chet) Finnegan of New Hampton; sister-in-law, Gloria Parks of New Hampton; grandchildren, BJ, Jenny, Josh, Cory, Bridget, Sarah, Victoria, Jami, Jacob, Tyler, Melanie, David, Beth, Jim, Robert, Angie, Eric, Jared, and Samantha; 42 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Luella (Katz) Parks; husbands, Buzz Beckman and Lawrence Schueller; sister, Joan (Ray) Ball; brother, Donald Parks; and grandchild, Jesse Johnson.

and future business."

Patronage allocations are determined by the board of directors at the close of each fiscal year, predicated on the amount spent by each owner throughout the year.

As a member-owned business, the board members say they prioritize the well-being of the cooperatives' members over financial gains for investors, exemplifying their dedication to their members' success.

Five Star Cooperative is a farmer-owned agricultural cooperative spanning across 14 counties with 18 locations in North Iowa that provides agronomy, feed, grain, energy, and retail products and services.

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NOTICE OF SALE

The contents of Storage Unit #55
Located at: C Storage, 625 S Linn Ave, New Hampton, IA 50659

And rented in the name of: Brody Naquin

Will be sold at public auction sale on:
Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 12:00PM

Contents of said unit consist in part of: Personal, Household, and Misc Items

MINIMUM BILL WILL HAVE TO BE \$250 per unit.

If the tenant of the above storage unit pays rent due before the auction, the sale will be canceled without notice.

NOTICE OF SALE

The contents of Storage Unit #149
Located at: C Storage, 625 S Linn Ave, New Hampton, IA 50659

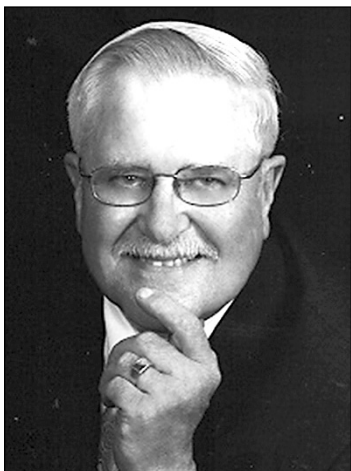
And rented in the name of: Sara Scobee

Will be sold at public auction sale on:
Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 12:00PM

Contents of said unit consist in part

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Donald 'Don' Ray Heck, 80



Don Heck

Donald "Don" Ray Heck, age 80 of New Hampton and formerly of Washington, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, at the Crestview Specialty Care Center in West Branch.

Don was born on February 18, 1943, in Washington, the son of Fred Paul and Naomi Bernadine (Moran) Heck. He graduated from Washington High School in 1961.

Immediately after high school, he joined the United States Navy as a flight engineer and proudly served in the Vietnam War. During his service, Don was deployed to every continent except Antarctica. He retired from the Navy after 20 years of serving his country.

Don was united in marriage to Ruth Ann Ernest, from this union five children — Tina, Todd, Teresa, Trent and Tiffany — were born. The couple later divorced.

Following his retirement from the Navy, Don moved his family back home to Iowa and went on to become a police officer for the Washington Police Department. He later went to Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa and earned his degree in major air frame and power plant aircraft maintenance.

Don was an active member in the Iowa Patriot Guard Riders, the American Legion of New Hampton, the St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in New Hampton and the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed his morning coffee with "the guys" at Klunder's Kafe and riding his Gold Wing regardless of the time of year. He recently took his final ride in September.

Don is survived by his children, Tina Krebs of Ainsworth, Todd (Eileen) Heck of Columbus Junction, Teresa (Becci) Heck of Hills, Trent (Ozge) Heck of Endicott, New York, and Tiffany

(Ike) Heck Heister of Lowden; his grandchildren, Kali Krebs, Logan, Mason and Connor Heck, Devrim Heck and Cooper, Mazey and Ivey Heister; one great-granddaughter, Zara; his sister, Barb (Dale) Thompson of Riverside; and several nieces and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Luke Matthew Heck; and his brothers and sisters, Fran Heck, Beulah Pacha, Mary 'Pat' Beenblossom and Ron Heck.

A celebration of Don's life will be held on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the American Legion in New Hampton.

Graveside services will be held on Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Adel.

Memorials in Don's name can be sent to Iowa Patriot Guard Riders PO Box 152 Cumming, IA 50061 or on their website.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of Murphy Funeral Home of Mt. Pleasant.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.murphyfuneralandmonuments.com.

Murphy Funeral Home of Mt. Pleasant, is caring for his arrangements.

Mary Ann O'Neill, 88

Mary Ann O'Neill, age 88 of Osage and formerly of New Hampton, died Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, at her home.

A private family service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton

with Father Jim Goerend presiding.

Interment will be held following the service at Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton.

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

Monica Marvin, 94

Monica Marvin, age 94 of Alta Vista, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

Arrangements are pending at Hugeback-

Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Elma, and for more information, call 641-393-2461.

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

Bernadette Crahan, 90

Bernadette Crahan, age 90, died Sunday Nov. 5, 2023, at the Cedar Ridge Village in West Des Moines.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, at Resurrection

Parish, Dubuque, with entombment in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Dubuque.

Arrangements are entrusted with Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in New Hampton.

Jackie Lee Cole, 71

Jackie Lee Cole, age 71 of Charles City, died Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, at his home.

A private service for the family will be held at a future time in Charles City. The family requests that remembrances be made in the form of contributions in Jack's honor to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (lls.org) or your local animal shelter.

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

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

David Cravens, 50

David Cravens, age 50 of Denver, died Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New

Hampton, and for more information, call 641-394-4334.

Online condolences for the Cravens Family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Compost and brush pick-up set for Nov. 18 in city

Compost and brush pickup will take place Saturday, Nov. 18 in New Hampton.

No barrels or bags over 50 pounds will be taken, brush needs to be less than 2 inches in diameter and less than 4 feet long and all materials must be out by 5 a.m. that morning.

Blood drive to be held Nov. 28 in New Hampton

LifeServe Blood Center, the sole blood provider to MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center, will make its monthly stop from noon to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the New Hampton Community Center.

To make an appointment, text LIFESERVE to 999-777, call 800-287-4903 or visit lifeservebloodcenter.org.

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

PATRICIA ELLEN KNOWLTON, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR003143
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Patricia Ellen Knowlton, Deceased, who died on or about August 23, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on September 14, 2023, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

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

Dated on 10/26/23
Justin Jay Elliott, Administrator of the Estate 1161 200th St Ionla, IA 50645
Jesse Marzen, ICIS#: AT0005039
Attorney for the Administrator Marzen Law Office, P.L.L.C., 108 2nd Street SE Waverly, Iowa 50677
Date of Second Publication: 11/16/23

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Read the Legals; It's Your Right to Know!

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT L. REISSNER, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003155
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Robert L. Reissner, Deceased, who died on or about September 13, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on October 17, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Robert L. Reissner, deceased, bearing date of December 4, 2020, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Martha Clancy was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated October 17, 2023.
Martha Clancy, Executor of Estate, 5906 Wycombe Ln, Indianapolis, IN46220

Kevin J. Kennedy, ICIS#: AT0004198, Attorney for Executor, Kennedy & Kennedy, 12 E. Main St., PO Box 406, New Hampton, IA50659
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reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated October 17, 2023.
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Kevin J. Kennedy, ICIS#: AT0004198, Attorney for Executor, Kennedy & Kennedy, 12 E. Main St., PO Box 406, New Hampton, IA50659
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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

October 30, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Terry Johnson, Custodian Dave Gorman, Veterans Affairs Service Administrator Keith Elenz, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Iowa Public Library India Watson, Nashua Public Library Heather Hackman, New Hampton Public Library Carrie Becker, Fredericksburg Public Library Jackie Kusch, Lawler Public Library Cathy Humpal, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, EMA/911 Director Jeff Bernatz

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for October 30, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the meeting minutes from October 23, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Discussed flagpole at the EMS Building with Custodian Dave Gorman and no action was taken.

Discussed light in carport with Veterans Affairs Service Administrator, Keith Elenz and consensus of the board to approve a motion light at the Heritage

Center where the carport is and to have it paid out of the Heritage Center budget.

There were no sealed bids for the retired election boxes.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve discarding or recycling the retired election boxes. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Chickasaw County Librarians gave a presentation, "What we do".

Chickasaw County Librarians requested for FY 24-25 Budget allocation a 6% increase from Rural Services Basic.

Discussed adding Sergeant positions at the Sheriff's office with Sheriff Ryan Shawver and it was decided to wait till Union Negotiations.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the 2023 Weed Commissioner's Report and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve HLW Engineering Group contract for services to Chickasaw County related to completion of the planned Environmental Covenant and on-going compliance services related to the future Environmental Covenant for the landfill dated October 24, 2023 and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to pay for the HLW Engineering Group contract out of fund 0033, Landfill Post Closure. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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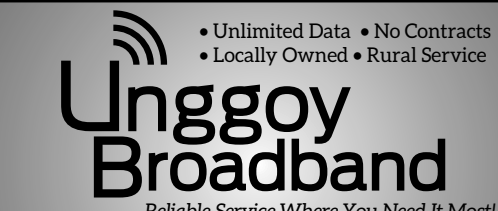
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team last year as a freshman that won a championship in prop dancing for the second-consecutive season – was also part of a group that were pioneers in a sense.

The state will hold its 48th annual state team and solo competitions at Wells Fargo Arena and Hy-Vee Hall from November 29-December 1. But this is the first year that solo dancers have had to qualify. There is still no qualifying round for teams that compete at state.

That meant the pressure was on for Kylee to advance from the regional round – which took place on Saturday, Oct. 28 at Newton Berg Middle School.

She passed with flying colors as she met the state criteria of a top-10 finish at the qualifier and vaulted herself into state. She'll also look to snare a fourth team state title in a row for New Hampton. New Hampton first won a state team title back in 2020 in the hip-hop category.

What does it take to be the best at a sport that involves a lot of dedication and devotion?

Support, for one thing.

That's where Kylee's mom comes in. Amber said once Kylee was all in to compete at dance, she would be too.

"I always said as long as she was committed, I would be committed," said Amber Junk.

The beginnings of Kylee's athletic career started with tumbling at around the age of three years of age. She actually incorporates elements and aspects of that sport into her routines – which she described as contemporary, with an artistic and emotional element to



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Kylee Junk joins her fellow New Hampton dance team members as they perform a routine during the Dance Showcase this past spring.

her choreography and dance composition.

"It's like a big mix," said Kylee.

Schwickerath said contemporary dance routines are a new style and weren't even around 10 years ago.

But it was Schwickerath – who literally and figuratively opened the door for Amber and Kylee – that helped pave the way for the newly-christened state soloist to march toward another possible state championship.

In order to achieve that dream – tumbling kind of took a back seat

to dance.

Amber said she'd drive Kylee to Waterloo to practice tumbling – often times that would entail four-hour long workouts away from home.

"Emma's like a godsend for opening up because it was a lot," said Amber.

Kylee practices dance right around when the sun first starts to come up out of the horizon at six in the morning. Then she goes off to school and comes back to the studio at night to teach kids and also has studio classes until about 8:15 p.m.

It's that work ethic to get better that has really impressed Schwickerath.

"Kylee is one of the hardest working kids I've ever coached. She's constantly in the studio," said Schwickerath. "This kid works really hard and she puts in a lot of hours. When she's not dancing, she's athletically training and working out. We're proud of her. She worked her butt off."

There were 73 dancers in Kylee's solo Class V division at the qualifier. That's where she also caught up with a friend she's gained from the

sport – sophomore Abby Pausley from Okoboji. Pausley also qualified for the state solo competition.

The two met when they were auditioning for the All-Iowa team and were competing right next to each other in a kick routine.

"That's kind of like a friendship that's grown, too, this year at a few events," said Kylee.

Olivia Horner and Emma Carpenter also competed at Newton at the qualifier. Horner earned a Div. I rating and Carpenter came up with a Div. II rating.

Schwickerath said the state has made the scoring more stringent in order to achieve a Div. I rating. The criteria used to be dancers had to come up with a score of 75 points out of 100. Now that threshold has been bumped up to 80.

Junk, Carpenter, Horner and Madison Shawwer were selected to the All-Iowa team – which will perform at the Iowa prep girls state basketball tournament in March. Schwickerath said roughly 500 kids auditioned with about 270 that made the prestigious team.

Schwickerath stated Iowa has the largest state dance competition in the nation. She also said Florida and Texas' state meets are big as well.

Schwickerath said New Hampton has had a dance team for 40 years. Her goal is obviously to take her squads to even greater heights than they've already reached.

"We are diligently trying to get dance more recognized as a sport," said Schwickerath. "I think New Hampton is getting better. It's something we've really had to work hard for."

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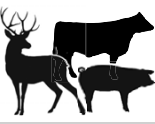
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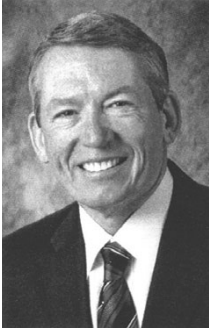
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Members of the New Hampton volleyball team included (front row, from left) Molly Wegner, Paige Steinlage, Hailee Pesek, Megan Picker, Jenna Heeren, Jayda Noehl, (second row) Kaylee Johnson, Marissa Cahoy, Claire Geerts, Allie Johnson, Autumn Tank, (third row) coach Cassie Hackman, Jackie Pickar, Aleah Eichenberger, Taylor Ries, Josie Speltz, Braelyn Rosonke, coach Laura Schwickerath, (back row) managers Maddie Schaufenbuel and Maycen Hackman and coaches Alexis Martinek, Kerigan Holthaus and Jess Geerts.



Members of the New Hampton cross country team included (front row, from left) Sophie Glaser, Rebecca Wickman, Zoey Dreckman, Megan Pickar, Natalie Nosbisch, Tegan Dungey, Ella Knutson, (second row) Israel Ortiz, Landon Bruess, Kassidy Meyerhoff, Kailynn Gebel, Alexis Nosbisch, Zoey Kellogg, Xander Meyerhoff, Colin Shatek, (back row) coach Jamie Ohrt, Eddie Arnold, Braiden Schaufenbuel, Easton Monteith, Ramon Conde, Jarrin Robinson, Carter Newbrough, Calyb Zeien, coach Bob Vorwald and Connor Stumme.



Members of the New Hampton cheerleading squad included (front row, from left) Caydence Phillips, Emma Carpenter, Baylee Rapsenke, (second row) Andi Gebel, Kassidy Meyerhoff, (third row) Silvia Perez, (back row), Adeline Hackman, coach Kyra Lewis, Alexis Rethamel, (not pictured) Claire Shackleton and AnnaRose Pauley.

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Adam Ewert was the lone Chickasaw underclassman to make the Class 2A, District 3 first team.

Resilient Chickasaws have 13 recognized by district coaches

NH FOOTBALL: FROM 13

Heideman gained in the early 1990s. McShane also finished his career with 53 touchdowns to eclipse Heideman's career mark of 51.

The senior was also a standout on defense, making 36 tackles and leading the Chickasaws with 7.5 tackles for loss. He also recovered a pair of fumbles.

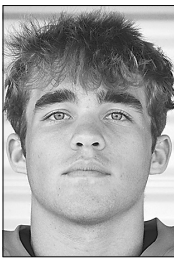
Leading the way up front for McShane was McCumber, who had a strong year on both sides. Along with his linemates — Zeien, Josephson, Reicks and Caleb Rochford — McCumber was a big reason New Hampton's running game came on strong late in the season, and he also finished with 23.5 tackles while playing end on the defensive line.

Laures caught 10 passes for 215 yards and three touchdowns and also was an excellent blocker as a tight end. The senior also had 26.5 tackles and an interception as a safety.

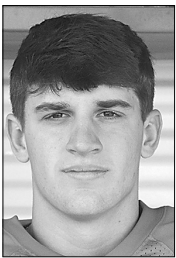
Ewert was second on the team in receptions with 13, and he was the lone player in Class 2A, District 3 who returned both a punt and a kickoff for touchdowns during 2023.

Zeien, meanwhile, made the move from tackle to center on offense and like Josephson was a three-year starter up front for New Hampton. Josephson also finished with 16.5 tackles while Zeien had 8.5. Josephson was also one of three Chickasaws to come up with an interception and he was the lone one to take it to the "house" as he scored on a 34-yard return in a game against Crestwood.

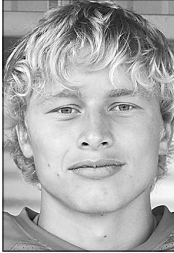
New Hampton's defensive selections were hard-nosed players who came into their own this past season. Robinson, who missed much of the 2022 season with a broken leg, led New Hampton with 36.5 tackles and also made two fumble recoveries. Bohaty finished with



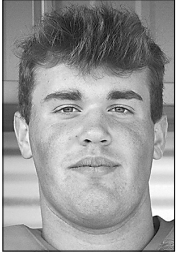
Eckley



Gilbert



Reicks



Shekleton

33 tackles while Swehla came up with 28.5 tackles, including 4.5 for losses. Swehla also had a strong year on the offensive side of the ball, especially as a lead blocker for McShane.

New Hampton's two second-team selections also gave the Chickasaws solid efforts on both sides of the ball. Gilbert completed 39 of 91 passes for 599 yards and five touchdowns, and the senior cornerback made 21.5 tackles. Eckley was New Hampton's second leading rusher with 283 yards on 75 carries while making 25 tackles and also was second on the team with 6.5 tackles for loss.

New Hampton's honorable mention selections included two lineman on opposite sides of the ball.

Reicks was a tough-nosed, albeit smallish, guard on the line while Shekleton finished with 13.5 tackles, five for losses, and recovered a team-high three fumbles.

The Chickasaws' 13 all-district players were key in turning around a season that got off to a dismal start.

New Hampton went winless and was outscored 173-52 during its first four games of the season, but righted the

CLASS 3A, DISTRICT 2 FOOTBALL		
OFFENSIVE MVP		
Braden McShane	New Hampton	Sr.
OFFENSIVE LINE MVP		
Gatlin McCumber	New Hampton	Sr.
DEFENSIVE LINE MVP		
Mac Mueller	Osage	Sr.
DEFENSIVE BACK MVP		
Jack O'Neill	Waukon	Sr.
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN		
Ledger Nehls	Osage	Jr.
Will Ludwig	Crestwood	Jr.
Layne Cleppe	North Fayette Valley	So.
Marshall Zeien	New Hampton	Sr.
Kam Josephson	New Hampton	Sr.
Preston McCabe	Crestwood	Jr.
Alex Machin	Osage	So.
QUARTERBACKS		
Jaxon Brinkman	Waukon	Jr.
Max Knudsen	Osage	Sr.
RUNNING BACKS		
Ayden Burrow	North Fayette Valley	Jr.
Aidan Skoda	Crestwood	Jr.
Ehtan Detemmerman	Oelwein	Sr.
WIDE RECEIVERS/TIGHT ENDS		
Carson Hager	Waukon	Jr.
Madden Hulen hopp	Osage	Jr.
Quinn Street	Osage	So.
Cael Reichter	North Fayette Valley	Jr.
Cael Laures	New Hampton	Sr.
KICKER		
Dylan Hogan	Waukon	Sr.
OFFENSE UTILITY		
Decklyn Harris	North Fayette Valley	Jr.
RETURN SPECIALIST		
Adam Ewert	New Hampton	Sr.
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN		
Isaac Erikson	Waukon	Sr.
Jake Clark	Osage	Sr.
Brady Schulmeister	Oelwein	Sr.
Nolan Lamphier	Oelwein	Sr.
Ethan Swehla	New Hampton	Sr.
Caiden Simiele	Crestwood	Jr.
LINEBACKERS		
Graine Curtain	Waukon	Jr.
Josh Ladeburg	Oelwein	Sr.
Logan Boehm	North Fayette Valley	Jr.
Ty Robinson	New Hampton	Sr.
Brock Voyna	Crestwood	Jr.
Brayden Thompson	Crestwood	Jr.
DEFENSIVE BACKS		
Brock Trees	Osage	So.
Jake Kresbach	Osage	Jr.
Lincoln Aeschliman	North Fayette Valley	Jr.
Talyn Bohaty	New Hampton	Sr.
Austin Hoppe	Crestwood	Sr.
DEFENSE UTILITY		
Matthew Bratten	Oelwein	Jr.
PUNTER		
Tucker Stangel	Osage	Sr.
SECOND TEAM SELECTIONS		
Crestwood: Dylan Shelton and Nolan Johnson.		
New Hampton: Ben Gilbert and Jaxon Eckley.		
North Fayette Valley: Tate Germann and Kyler White.		
Oelwein: Branedon Tournier and Andrew Kitchen.		
Osage: Beau Taylor and Sage Christensen.		
Waukon: Judah Johnson and Jacob Courtney.		
HONORABLE MENTION		
Crestwood: Brady Fett and Vason Vrba.		
New Hampton: Leander Reicks and Ty Shekleton.		
North Fayette Valley: Kenny Kerr and Ayden Turner.		
Oelwein: Ethan Anderson and Caleb DeTemmerman.		
Osage: Connor Thorne and Bradyn Blair.		
Waukon: Kyle McCormick and Zach Perkins.		

ship with a 35-6 road win at Oelwein.

The Chickasaws followed up with a 30-14 homecoming victory over North Fayette Valley and then went on the road and recorded a 35-6 victory over Crestwood.

That set up a showdown with Waukon for the district title, and after New Hampton came up just short in a 28-27 overtime loss, the Chickasaws rebounded in the opening round of the Class 2A state playoffs with a 41-21 victory over West Marshall before the season came to an end with a 48-6 loss at Spirit Lake, which will be playing in the semifinals this Saturday.

"This was a very resilient

Class 2A, District 3 Football

	Dist.	All
*Waukon	4-1	5-4
*New Hampton	3-2	4-6
*Crestwood	3-2	3-6
*North Fayette V	3-2	3-6
Osage	2-3	4-4
Oelwein	0-5	0-8
* Denotes teams that earned spots in the Class 2A state football playoffs		

group, one that stayed together and kept working hard even when things weren't going well," Frerichs said. "That's how I'm going to remember this group of boys, and they deserve this recognition."

COFFEE CUP BOWLING			
STANDINGS	W	L	MOST PINS OVER AVG. (SERIES)
Muscari, LLC	20.5	7.5	Linda Lechtenberg 121
Hugeback-Johnson	18	10	Oct. 25 RESULTS
D&K	17.5	10.5	Hugeback-Johnson 2, D&K 2
Geerts Plumbing	15	13	Geerts Plumbing 3, Muscari LLC 1
Vern Laures Auto	15	13	Vern Laures Auto 3, Rochford Insurance 1
Rochford Insurance	13	15	Mid-Tech Services 3, Dummy 1
Mid-Tech	9	19	
NOV. 1 RESULTS			
Hugeback-Johnson 1, Vern Laures Auto 1			
Geerts Plumbing 4, Mid-Tech 0			
Rochford Insurance 3, D&K 1			
Muscari, LLC 3, Dummy 1			
LEADERS			
High individual games: Diane Nehl 227, 225, 212.			
High individual series: Nehl 664, Rita Geerts 510, Linda Lechtenberg 478.			
High team games: Vern Laures Auto Center 449, Hugeback-Johnson 427, Vern Laures Auto 425.			
High team series: Vern Laures Auto 1,269, Geerts Plumbing 1,222, D&K 1,210.			
MOST PINS OVER AVG. (GAME)			
Linda Kapler (sub) 36			
MOST PINS OVER AVG. (SERIES)			
Mel Schmitt 44			
Karen Schmitt, Secretary			

Chickasaw Men's Pool

Week 4	Oct. 30	W	L
Rascals		26	10
HereZ 2 U		21	15
Dak's Tap 1		21	15
Big Willie's		20	16
Brite Spot		18	18
VFW		18	18
Dak's Tap 2		17	19
Butch's 2		17	19
Hide-A-Way		16	20
Bowlaway Lanes		16	20
Butch's 1		15	21
The Office		11	25
RESULTS			
Butch's 1 5, Dak's Tap 1 4			
Butch's 2 6, Hide-A-Way 3			
The Office 5, Bowlaway Lanes 4			
Dak's Tap 2 5, VFW 4			
Rascals 6, HereZ 2 U 3			
Big Willie's 6, Brite Spot 3			
THREE-GAME WINNERS			
Butch's 1: Matt & Craig			
Rascals: Marcus & Tony			
Dak's Tap 2: Gary & Danny			
Big Willie's: Les & Danny			
OCT. 23 RESULTS			
Dak's Tap 1 8, Hide-A-Way 1			
Bowlaway Lanes 5, Butch's 1 4			
Dak's Tap 2 5, Butch's 2 4			
Rascals 6, The Office 3			
Big Willie's 5, VFW 4			
HereZ 2 U 6, Brite Spot 3			
THREE-GAME WINNERS			
Dak's Tap 1: Lew & Jared, Dak & Jesse			
The Office: John S. & Noah			
Dak's Tap 2: Bill B. & Logan:			
TABLE RUN			
Dak's Tap 1: Dak			
HereZ 2 U: Tim			

Chickasaw Women's Pool

Week 3	Nov. 1	W	L	GB
Dak's Tap II		16	11	0
The Office		15	12	1
Butch's II		13	14	3
Schucky's		13	14	3
Bowlaway		12	6	4
Butch's I		12	15	4
Big Willie's		11	16	5
Dak's Tap I		10	8	6
Hide-A-Way		6	12	10
RESULTS				
Butch's II - 5, Dak's Tap I 4				
Bowlaway Lanes 7, Big Willie's 2				
The Office 7, Butch's I 2				
Dak's Tap II 6, Schucky's 3				
Hide A Way - Bye Week				
THREE-GAME WINNERS				
Bowlaway Lanes - Carrie				
Geerts & Emily Brincks				
The Office - Isabelle				
Sassman & Brenda Tenge				
Dak's Tap II - Cathy				
Knutson & Deanna Banwell				
OCT. 25 RESULTS				
Butch's I 5, Big Willie's 4				
Schucky's 6, The Office 3				
Dak's Tap II 6, Hide-A-Way 3				
Bowlaway Lanes 5, Butch's II 4				
Dak's Tap 1, Bye Week				
THREE-GAME WINNERS				
Dak's Tap II - Leslie				
Noehl & Cathy Knutson				
Schucky's - Barb McAvoy & Crystal Reddel				

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NH/TV girls wrestling at Central, 6 p.m.

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SATURDAY, NOV. 18
New Hampton girls wrestling at Independence tournament, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 20
New Hampton girls basketball at Riceville, JV at 6:15, varsity at 7:30 p.m.
Turkey Valley boys basketball Jamboree at MFL MarMac, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 21
New Hampton boys basketball scrimmage vs. St. Ansgar, 6 p.m.
Turkey Valley girls basketball vs. Kee High, JV at 6:15 p.m., varsity to follow

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New Hampton's Gatlin McCumber (above) and Braden McShane (right) earned MVP honors in balloting for the all-Class 2A, District 3 teams.

Chickasaws place baker's dozen on all-district

McShane, McCumber pick up MVP awards; New Hampton has 11 seniors cap careers with recognition from district coaches

By Bob Fenske
editor@nhtrib.com

New Hampton football coach Scott Frerichs watched his seniors make tremendous strides — both on and off the field — over the past three seasons, which is one reason he was happy to let them know they were ending their prep careers with all-district honors.

"These guys have come a long way since they first came up to the varsity," the veteran coach said. "They've grown a lot as football players and as individuals. They've made some really good contributions to our team, and the program will miss them."

After a season in which it went 4-6 but missed a district title by just one point and picked up its first playoff win since 2017, New Hampton had 13 players, including 11 seniors, receive all-district honors.

The Chickasaws postseason recognition was led by two Class 2A, District 3 most valuable players as Braden McShane was named the district's offensive MVP and Gatlin McCumber was tabbed as the offensive lineman MVP.

New Hampton was also represented on the first team by linemen Marshall Zeien

and Kam Josephson, receiver Cael Laures, return specialist Adam Ewert, defensive lineman Ethan Swehla, linebacker Ty Robinson and defensive back Talyn Bohaty. The Chickasaws' Ben Gilbert and Jaxon Eckley were named to the second team while Leander Reicks and Ty Shekleton were tabbed as honorable mention.

"We were one point away from being district champions," Frerichs said, "so I think all these kids deserve the recognition they received. I'm happy for all of them."

And almost all of them are seniors; in fact, the only two underclassmen to receive all-district honors were Ewert and Eckley, who are both juniors.

McShane was the obvious offensive MVP in a year in which the senior battled a hamstring injury that forced him to miss 3 1/2 games on the offensive side of the ball. Still, he led the district in overall rushing yards with 995 and in district rushing yards, picking up 573. He finished his stand-out career with 3,976 yards to become New Hampton's all-time leading rusher, breaking the mark of 3,775 that Curt

SEE NH FOOTBALL, 12



New Hampton seniors who were named to the all-district first team included (clockwise from top) Marshall Zeien, Cael Laures, Kam Josephson, Talyn Bohaty, Ty Robinson and Ethan Swehla.



A DANCE FOR HISTORY!

Kylee Junk becomes first New Hampton dancer to individually qualify for state

By Kelly Terpstra
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Emma Schwickerath vividly remembers Kylee Junk and her mother showing up at her brand new brick and mortar dance studio six years ago.

The prospective dancer — then about nine years old — wanted to give dancing a try after competing in gymnastics for several years.

The problem was Kylee and her mom Amber missed the registration deadline to begin to start taking lessons in a sport where athletes express a range of emotions though body movement.

No worries, though, as Schwickerath welcomed them with open arms and the rest is well, history in the making.

That was the fall of 2017 when Miss Emma's Dance Company opened its doors to the youth of New Hampton.

"She's one of the originals," said Schwickerath, a 2013 New Hampton High School grad, about Kylee's involvement with her dance team.

Now Kylee — a sophomore at New Hampton School — stands alone as the first ever solo dancer from New Hampton to qualify and eventually compete at the ISDTA (Iowa State Dance & Drill Team Association) state meet.

That's later this month in downtown Des Moines.

But first one must realize and recognize the effort and long hours that Kylee — and

her mom — logged in order to become one of the state's best for a dance program that has also risen to the top in a relative short amount of time.

"I know Kylee's a huge inspiration to these younger kids," said Schwickerath. "She teaches here at the studio and is working with a lot of our kids and putting that fire into them as well. They love watching Kylee dance. They love watching the big kids dance, they just think it's so cool."

Schwickerath talked about that very first day when Kylee's dance career first got off the ground.

"She registered late — even. I cut off registration and they showed up like a week later," said Schwickerath. "And I was like, 'yeah, sure, come on in and we'll take you.'"

Needless to say, Kylee took to dance like a duck takes to water.

"After the first week of class, Kylee came in and was like, 'I want to work on turns. I want to work on turns.' You were just constantly every week coming in and you had worked on stuff already on your own and you'd come in and showed me all the stuff you'd work on. That's how she still is now. She'll show up to practice and be like, 'look what I can do.'"

Junk — who was a member of New Hampton's state title

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Kylee Junk performs a solo at the New Hampton Dance Team's Dance Showcase that was held this past spring.

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"Oklahoma" cast members include:

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Ike: Xander Meyerhoff

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Jud Fry: Calyb Zeien

Ado Annie: Caydence Phillips

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Gertie Cummings: Skyler Bugenhagen

June: Ava Thronson

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Kate - Allie Johnson

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Cord Elam: Elena Federspiel



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Brenna Thronson - understudy

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way. Yes, the pictures often look the same, except the folks in them look just a tad older from year to year, but for at least this old reporter, the photos I take at the next program are as meaningful as the ones I took years ago when I first raised a camera to snap a picture.

The salutes, Taps and the firing squad are "must-take" photos — be it on Veterans Day or Memorial Day.

SEE THANK YOU, 3



Nashua-Plainfield High School students thank the men and women who have served following the Veterans Day program that was held at the school on Nov. 11, 2022.



“The future doesn’t belong to the fainthearted; it belongs to the brave.”

- Ronald Reagan

In my article for Veteran’s Day last year, I asked you a question, maybe some remember while others may not. The question was, “What do you see when you imagine a Veteran?” I had also requested that you thank them to make sure they knew you appreciate them. Veteran’s day is upon us again and I share with you a glimpse of my experience over the past year and a half as your Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs Administrator. These Veterans I serve are some of the most incredible people I have had the honor to meet! Some suffer from a past they cannot forget, some have stories I cannot forget nor would I want to. Some were never welcomed home while others were patted on the back for their sacrifice. Some spent months away from their families doing whatever it took to get through that life while others served from our lands to support their comrades. Some marriages were ruined during their sacrifices and military life, while others have lasted a lifetime. Some still suffer today and may be contemplating suicide even as you read this article, a very sad truth, that could possibly be avoided with some simple kindness and acknowledgement. Many Veterans continue to strive to make the world a better place and assist others although their service to our country may have been many, many years ago. In reading these glimpses of what I see and hear, I ask that you try a simple “Thank you for your Service”, a hand shake, or a little Iowa kindness, to show gratitude and recognize them. I implore you to be brave, to step out of your “comfort zone” and commend every Veteran that you know or see. We, as Iowans, take pride in how kind and giving we are, so consider also reaching out to help a Veteran with that thank you or by mowing a yard in the heat, raking leaves this fall, shoveling snow this winter, or taking them a warm meal that they didn’t have to prepare. This Veteran’s Day, make it a point to take a moment, we owe it to them as American citizens, they are our neighbors, our friends, our family and some complete strangers. They have sacrificed tremendously for us and our freedoms!

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If inclement weather, the event will be held in the New Hampton High School Competition Gym Lobby.

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THANK YOU: FROM 2

Yet, as impactful as I find those photos year after year, there is one that stands out above the rest, and on the day before Veterans Day 2023, I will get that opportunity to shoot the photo that for some reason means the most to me.

I'll be in the old gymnasium at Nashua-Plainfield High School, and I will shoot dozens — no, scores — of photos of the entire high school student body lining up to say thank you to the community's veterans.

It. Gets. To. Me. Every. Single. Time.

For a few minutes, kids ages 14 to 18 make their way past each veteran, shake his or her hand and express the gratitude of a grateful nation. What makes it so impactful to me is that many of the students stop and talk for a minute or two, and when I see the smiles on the faces of both the students and the veterans, it just warms my heart.

Veterans Day always falls on Nov. 11, which means it takes place during the month of Thanksgiving, and although I realize that the date for Veterans Day came from the day World War I ended in 1918, I

think it's fitting that in a month where we set aside a day for thanksgiving, we celebrate the men and women who have served our nation in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

And we should be thankful.

Look, I grew up in a home where we took Veterans Day seriously; after all, my father served our country in the Air Force for 20-plus years.

During that time, he saw the world. Dad's postings literally spanned the globe. He was stationed in places like England, Germany, Japan, Turkey, South Korea and Vietnam. In America, his postings took him to Texas, California, South Dakota and Alaska. He made lifetime friends — both with his fellow airmen and the residents of the states and countries where he served.

But Melroy W. Fenske, like every veteran listed in this special section, also sacrificed a lot. He went years without seeing his parents. He was gone for birthdays and other celebrations. When he was home, he packed a lot into a tiny bit of time.

Dad served from 1951 to 1972 — long before the advent of cell phones and the internet — and when he passed away in 2004, I found a box of letters that he had

received and sent during his long military career.

I read Grandma's letters updating him on how his little sister, Caroline, was doing in school and how Grandpa was showing off his multi-tasking skills.

"I'm writing this on a Sunday afternoon. Your dad and I went to church this morning, but I hope this makes sense because it's crazy loud in here," Grandma wrote in one letter she sent my dad in September 1964. "That darn TV was the worst thing we ever got because dad is listening to the Twins game on one radio, the news on the other radio and watching the Vikings on the tube. And he has all three turned way up. Good heavens, I hope it's more peaceful where you're at."

Both my mom and grandma also saved letters dad had written to them, and over the years, he added them to his box. I found one that he had written mom while he was in Vietnam in 1967, when he wrote about how much he missed his wife and his kids.

"I know I get extra pay being over here, but I'd give it all back to see you, Cathy and Bobby just for a few minutes," he wrote. "I hope they're behaving for you. Hopefully,

they take after you and not me, because if they're like me, Ma always told me I was the mischievous one out of the bunch."

A few paragraphs later, he wrote about Saigon and the people he had met.

"You know, when I was growing up back in Gibbon, I never thought I'd ever even get out of Minnesota, and here I am, in the middle of a city and a country that seems like it's all jungle. The South Viets are nice people, but in the back of your mind, you're always thinking are they VC and waiting for their chance to take you out. But don't worry, I'll be fine and I will see you soon."

Soon was a relative term, for Dad wrote that letter in August and wouldn't make it back to Rapid City until February.

Yet, as proud as he was to be a veteran, Dad always thought Veterans Day was for the other guys — as he put it, "the ones who really went to hell and back."

I think that's why those pictures of kids expressing their gratitude to veterans mean so much to me, because every veteran — my Dad, the ones who went to hell and back and the ones who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country — deserves a thank you.

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Tribune and Reporter photographer Dorothy Huber captured this shot from a "boom truck" of the Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial during the annual Veterans Day observance that was held on Nov. 11, 2013 and featured the unveiling of the new memorial that was funded completely by private donations.

A VETERANS DAY FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS

TEN YEARS AGO, VETERANS AND RESIDENTS CAME TOGETHER TO DEDICATE THE BEAUTIFUL AND MEANINGFUL CHICKASAW COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Virtually every day, Mick Gage's route from his home near Mikkelson Park to work at Mick Gage Plumbing and Heating takes him by the Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial that is located on the courthouse square in New Hampton.

And virtually every day, he can't help but smile about the warm thoughts he has of that cold, snowy day 10 years ago.

"It still means a lot to me to see it," he said, "and I don't think that will ever go away. So many people came together to make that memorial happen, and I still get shivers when I think of that day. Sometimes, it seems like yesterday, and

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— MICK GAGE, WHO SERVED AS THE CO-CHAIR
 OF THE CHICKASAW COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

honestly, it's hard to believe it's been 10 years."

There may never be another Veterans Day like that one, because everything — including the snow that had fallen overnight — was dang near perfect on Monday, Nov. 11, 2013.

A county-wide veterans memorial had

been talked about for years, but a committee — led by Gage and Joe Glaser — formed in early 2012 finally got the ball rolling. First up was raising \$350,000, a number that some cynics said was simply unreachable.

If there is a lesson in this tale, it is this: Don't tell folks like Gage, Glaser and their

fellow committee members that something is impossible, for that word is simply not in their vocabulary. In a year's time, they had raised the money — all from private sources — and work began on the memorial.

"We had a great committee," Gage said, "and Joe and I were just lucky enough to be the leaders. That group of people made a decision that this was going to get done, and by God, they got it done."

As the stones went up, they were wrapped. These presents were going to be opened on Veterans Day.

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Veterans Memorial dedicated on a cold, wintery day

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the ground — when Monday, Nov. 11, 2013, dawned. Overnight, temperatures had dropped into the mid-teens and a couple of inches of snow — the first of the season — had fallen, but in many ways, the snow added to the beauty of the scene. The contrast between the white snow and the black granite and the cobblestones was simply stunning.

"It's really one of the most beautiful scenes I've taken pictures of in my career," longtime New Hampton Tribune and Nashua Reporter employee Dorothy Huber said. "I mean it was cold, don't get me wrong, but it was worth it."

And people came from all over the county. That 2013 observance was easily the largest gathering of folks to attend a Veterans Day program in years, if not the entire history of the county.

Back in 2013, the Tribune usually went to press at 11 a.m. on Monday mornings, but Dave Stanley, the owner and publisher of the newspaper, told the printer that "we're going to be late." Stanley had backed the memorial by donating almost \$5,000 from the newspaper's 2012 and 2013 Veterans Day special section proceeds to the project.

He wanted it in the paper that came out the next day and told the writer of this story to make it happen. He covered the event from the ground while Huber provided aerial shots, thanks to a boom truck provided by the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant.

"One of the things I'll always remember is this young woman helping a veteran — her dad or grandpa — to his seat," Huber said, "and they were walking under the arch and I just think that picture really captured what the day was all about."

MEMBERS OF EVERY veterans post in the county took part in the program, and for the members of the

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During her long career as a newspaper photojournalist, Dorothy Huber says this photograph of a young woman helping a veteran to his seat before the 2013 Veterans Day observance and memorial dedication will always be one of her favorites.





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committee that was vitally important.

"We didn't want this to be just a New Hampton thing," Gage said. "Our towns have wonderful memorials, but we didn't have one that celebrated the veterans of all of Chickasaw County. To see all the posts there — I can still see them all there — was just wonderful."

The program included the invocation and benediction by Father Ken Glaser, Joe Glaser's son. Matthew Gage, Mick Gage's son, returned home to talk about the Eagle Scout Memorial he had built in 1989 that had been incorporated into the new memorial.

Harry Kerr, an Army veteran who served in both Vietnam and the Middle East, delivered a keynote address centered around the "cost of service" and reminded those in attendance to remember those who were still serving in America's armed forces.

"Today is about remembering who has gone before and who is serving today," said Kerr, who at the time was a college professor in Minnesota. "There are soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who are in harm's way."

Powerful words, yes, but the big moment came after Kerr spoke, when veterans spread out and removed the plastic from the archway and the granite stones that contained the names of 1,122 Chickasaw veterans and active military personnel.

Ten years later, Huber remembers that moment as if it was yesterday.

"I had goosebumps, and not just because it was cold," she said. "I've covered a lot of things at the paper over the years, but that ceremony is one that really stands out. It was just a wonderful day."

WHEN THE VETERANS Day observance ended, hundreds of residents made their way to the stones to find the names of their loved ones.

They found their dads, their grandfathers, their uncles, their sisters and more, and many fought a battle with their emotions. John Tiemessen, an attorney from Fairbanks, Alaska, was in New Hampton to honor his father, who grew up in the North Washington area, served during World War II and then moved to Alaska.

"This place is what made dad who he was," the attorney said, "and to be a part of



this day ... we'll never forget it."

Joe Glaser agreed.

"To be here today, to see all the people here, it's just really special," he said on that magical day 10 years ago. "I don't care about the snow or cold, it's a warm day in my eyes."

MUCH HAS CHANGED in 10 years — both here in Chickasaw County and the world, but the memorial continues to be a "must-see" for those traveling to the county's largest city.

The memorial received a major edition in 2015, when sculptor Scott Nelson and the Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial Committee unveiled a piece of art depicting a mother and child receiving the flag that covered the casket of a husband and father.

Names continued to be added to the memorial; in fact, there are now more than 1,300 on the 12 stones. And the additions will continue.

Bonnie Gage, Mick Gage's wife, said that those who are interested in having their names added can do so by filling out an application that includes a copy of a veteran's DD214 form and pay \$150.

"We've had years when the folks from



Shawnessy Lau (left) delivers a beautiful rendition of "America the Beautiful" at the 2013 dedication that included the Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial Committee co-chairs, Mick Gage and Joe Glaser, who deliver a few comments.

Lewiston [Minnesota] will come to put 20 names on it, some years, it might be three," Bonnie Gage said, "but it's something that will keep happening for years to come. That was something that we really wanted when we came up with the memorial idea, to keep adding those that would serve after it was built."

And the memorial has been home to New Hampton's Veterans Day and Memorial Day observances ever since that cold, snowy day 10 years ago. It has also provided the backdrop for numerous Quilts of Valor presentations over the years.

"It's really a beautiful memorial," said

Brian Quirk, the longtime commander of New Hampton's American Legion post, Fae Stine Post 138. "I think it adds to our observances, and we're grateful for all the people who put their time and effort and money into it."

So is Mick Gage, who will continue to drive to and from work via Prospect Street.

"I almost always think about the day we dedicated it," he said, "and the people who made it possible. We had big donations, small donations and everything in between. That memorial shows you what can happen when people work together for a common cause."



Eighteen months after the dedication, a sculpture was added to depict those left behind by military personnel who made the "ultimate sacrifice."

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Rotary Club excited to offer flag 'subscription' program

Service organization will put out and take down flags on five holidays for city residents

By **BOB FENSKE**
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For those who would like to get a little patriotic on the five "biggie" red-white-and-blue holidays, the New Hampton Rotary Club may have just the ticket — a flag subscription program.

Basically, it works like this: For 50 bucks a year, the club will install a "base" for a 7-foot flag pole and make sure Old Glory is flying on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day.

"It's a really cool program, and it's beautiful to see a neighborhood with all the flags flying on a holiday," Rotary Club President Carrie Becker said.

And she ought to know.

She lives in Charles City, where the local Lions Club has offered a flag subscription program for a number of years.

"They deliver the flags and the poles and pick them up," she said, "and that's exactly what we're going to do with our program. The best part of it is the base is always there, and it's sunk in the ground enough that, even when you're mowing, you just go right over it. Heck, you don't even know it's there until it's a holiday and you have a flag flying."

Longtime Rotary member Jennifer Monteith said club member Erin McGee made the suggestion at a recent meeting, and almost immediately, Rotary

decided to embrace the project as a fundraiser.

The program will only be offered within the city limits, and both Becker and Monteith said that the club may partner with groups like the Boy Scouts, the Interact Club or even high school seniors who want to earn "service hours" for scholarships.

Proceeds from the flag subscription program will be used to sponsor projects and youth programming, and will also benefit the club's scholarship program.

"If this takes off, we're going to definitely need the help," Monteith said, "but we all thought this would be a great way to raise some funds and also really brighten the community on holidays."

The program will begin with Memorial Day in 2024, and Becker said the hope is that the initial workload will be heavy.

"But once we get the bases in, it's really just about putting the flags up, picking them up and getting them in storage," she said. "We think it's a win-win. For us, it raises some much-needed funds so we can support the causes we care about and for the community, it's just a really nice way to present New Hampton not just to our visitors but also to our neighbors."

Club members are also hoping that the flag subscription program will be a great gift idea for that hard-to-buy-for relative, and it's



New Hampton Rotary Club President Carrie Becker and her fellow members of the service club say the are excited about a new flag subscription program the club will offer to residents on five holidays, including Veterans Day, each year.

one reason Rotary members were at the New Hampton Municipal Utilities building that was one of four sites for the annual Craft Crawl at the Pubz that was part of the Holiday Open House.

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Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial • Chickasaw County Courthouse Square

Post Colors Clark Budweg, Fae Stine Post 38
Armed Forces on Parade New Hampton High School Band
Star Spangled Banner..... New Hampton High School Band
Opening Remarks..... Brian Quirk and Clark Budweg, Fae Stine Post 38
Invocation Pastor Anthony Harris, Harvest Church
Keynote Speaker..... Pastor Scott Smith, Fredericksburg UCC
America the Beautiful..... New Hampton High School Band
Benediction Pastor Anthony Harris, Harvest Church
Salute..... Fae Stine Post 38 Firing Squad
Taps and Echo New Hampton High School Band
Closing Remarks Brian Quirk, Fae Stine Post 38
 * In case of inclement weather, the Veterans Day program will be held in the lobby of New Hampton High School's competition gymnasium*

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Legion post gives back to community in a variety of ways

By BOB FENSKE
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It's not exactly going to be a rest-and-relaxing kind of "holiday weekend" for the members of New Hampton's Fae Stine Post 38.

On Saturday, they'll put on the city's annual Veterans Day observance, and on Sunday, the Legion Post is sponsoring its Pork Chop Dinner. But both are vitally important to the members of the post.

The observance that will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial, of course, gives residents the chance to honor those who have

served and who are currently on active duty.

The dinner, which runs from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday at the Pub at the Pinicon, raises money for the post, and those funds are used to help organizations that provide much aid and comfort to veterans.

Brian Quirk, the longtime American Legion commander, said that the post has donated funds raised from the dinner to Quilts of Valor, Retrieving Freedom, Honor Flight and the Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs Office.

"Those are organizations that do a lot for veterans," Quirk said, "and we want to do our part to make sure they can continue to

do so."

Quirk said the American Legion isn't just an organization that lobbies on behalf of veterans but also one that understands the importance of giving back to the community.

"One of the things we do tout when we recruit new members is that, yes, the Legion is going to go to bat for you," he said, "but it's also a way to be involved in your community."

That means it's hard to miss Legion members when you attend the annual Heartland Days and Homecoming parades, for they are providing the color guard.

The Legion also joins local Boy Scouts

in presenting the colors at each home New Hampton Chickasaw football game.

Legion members also work on at least one community project — like the installation of a new flag pole at the football stadium — each year.

And they also serve as the honor guard and firing squad at funerals for their fellow veterans who have passed.

Quirk said Fae Stine currently has approximately 120 members, but more are always welcome.

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She signed up for three years and is still active 17 years later

Waucoma woman wanted adventure, but found life partner along the way

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It wasn't Lisa Roach's intention to make a career out of the service when she joined the Air Force after college, but after serving several two-year stretches here, a couple three-stints year there and a four-year term thrown in, she now finds herself on track for retirement in 2026. And she wouldn't change a thing about her time in the service.

The 2002 Turkey Valley graduate wanted adventure, to travel and see different cultures — which she did — but she also found a life partner along the way to share all those interests.

Growing up on a farm west of Waucoma, Lisa Scallan, along with siblings Kayla and Jeff, helped parents Frank and Therese Scallan with the long list of chores necessary to run a dairy and crop farming operation. She credits some of her success in the service to the early work ethic developed on that farm.

"Absolutely, I kind of prided myself on that," she said. "I established the work ethic early that I still employ to this day."

Now a Lt. Col., Roach joined the Air Force after completing four years at Iowa State University, where she obtained a degree in Agricultural Engineering.

"I've always been patriotic, but even more so after 9-11, I just felt a calling, and the job sounded unique, an opportunity to travel, to learn new skills."

So she signed up for three years, and her first job was at Offutt Air Force base in Omaha as a Bioenvironmental Engineer.

"I was responsible for preventive health of everybody on base. The industrial shop, for example, you identify, assess, and control hazards like chemicals, noise and radiation." She was HAZMAT operations qualified, to be able to go into a hazardous zone and advise what to do, and even though there were no major emergencies, she said they were always training for that scenario.

Going into the service after college, Roach signed up as an officer, so basic training might have been a little easier. "You see movies where they're yelling at you all the time.... it wasn't like that. I mean, I worked to make sure I could pass the physical fitness test, but the training wasn't life-changing."

When her three years was up, Roach signed on for two more years. "As officers, you have a little more flexibility so I was just able to do two more years."

Toward the end of Omaha, she deployed to Southwest Asia as an executive officer. "I was the support to the Commander, who was responsible for the security, communication, civil engineering and logistics on the base. I wanted the opportunity to do something else, but I worked really hard over there!"

Then came another two-year extension, where Lisa spent a year in South Korea, at Kunsan Air Base. She went hiking and



touring there, including a visit to the DMZ.

"Experiencing a new culture was pretty interesting, but the highlight was meeting Dan," she said of her husband-to-be, who was stationed at the same air base. "It was nice that we were able to do some of that stuff together."

That was the only time in her years of service Roach lived on-base. "We had a close-knit community, we had a lot of close friends."

In order to serve a year in Korea, Roach had to serve a year elsewhere. She went to Fort Collins, Colorado, where she obtained her master's degree in Health Physics, explaining that as "radiation health and safety for people and the environment."

As the service paid for that degree, Roach owed them three more years. After marrying Dan, the couple went to Dayton Ohio, to Wright-Patterson AFB. There she taught bioenvironmental engineers.

"I loved it, absolutely loved it, probably one of my favorite jobs so far," she admitted. "All the students wanted to be there and we have a really good team creating the program, trying to do things better and more efficiently."

Dan no longer was in the service and transitioned into work life with his degree in business administration with an emphasis on finance.

The next move took them to Rapid City, South Dakota, where they fell in love all over again - with rock climbing in the Black Hills.

"We loved that assignment, we started climbing in the gym and we went every weekend. We never had any bad falls, it can be done safely as long as you know what you're doing. But it's exhilarating and



Photos courtesy of Lisa Roach

Lisa Roach and her family (above, from left) brother Jeff Scallan, parents Therese and Frank Scallan, husband Dan Roach and sister Kayla Kellogg, pose for a photo in 2021 when Lisa received her promotion to lieutenant colonel. It was while being stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base near Rapid City, South Dakota, that Roach and her husband Dan fell in love with rock climbing.

a great feeling of strength and accomplishment!"

Work at the Ellsworth AFB there included planning the area to house the new B-21 bomber.

"They were still in the planning stage, things like planning the ventilation system, basically to design the area to protect the people that worked there."

She also deployed to Qatar six months while at South Dakota.

When the next assignment was to Washington D.C., the couple again took advantage of the surroundings. "We loved all the history, the Library of Congress, we observed a Supreme Court hearing, all the museums, we ran on the National Mall and I played on the softball team there."

Lisa also took a group of high school friends on a tour of the Pentagon. "That's not my regular place of work, but I had access to it."

The work in D.C. was more radiation-focused, managing radioactive material. "We permitted everybody and it was a fair amount of travel, I'd fly out to different bases and make sure they were in compliance."

In 2021 her promotion to Lt. Col. came up. She talks about that accomplishment much the same as making the peak of a big climb - rewarding.

"It was very humble and rewarding," she said of her promotion. "It took a lot of hard work and significant support from everyone around me."

Now the 39-year old finds herself back in Omaha. "I'm happy to come back full circle, and this assignment is something pretty different."

She is the Squadron Commander for

the 55th Medical Support Squadron at Offutt Air Force base. "I work inside the clinic and am responsible for eight diverse sections within the clinic." The clinic, with a 30 million dollar budget, takes about 50 or more hours a week of Roach's time on average. "I have 170 people in my squadron and there are 43 thousand people that can use our services to include the Pharmacy. Obviously I have other people managing the budget in the individual areas but I have to make sure they're accountable and that we're providing safe care."

Still a youngster, Roach still finds moving more of a challenge as time goes by. "It's hard, you establish roots and make friends but then you have to leave them. Without the support of Dan and family it would be extremely challenging. I really appreciate them."

In 2026 Lisa will hit 20 years in the service. Then what?

"We'll have some big decisions to make. I hope to go back to radiation-focused work."

Most options — including staying in the service — are open. The only option probably not on the table, again because of that work ethic, is retiring completely.

For anyone interested in going into the service, Roach offers some advice.

"Be selective in the job they're going to take. Some people take the first job that comes along but there are jobs that translate very well into civilian life and some that don't. Know what skills you want to cultivate. Know what your options are."

But it's a great opportunity," she concluded. "To get out there and see what's beyond Northeast Iowa.... but I will always consider Waucoma my home."

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