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Ambulance Council pulls the plug

With county service starting on Jan. 1, members vote 7-0 to disband council

By Bob Fenske
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The Chickasaw County Ambulance Council expired at 7:43 p.m. on Tuesday night, when the seven members in attendance voted to adjourn a meeting in which they agreed to disband the entity that consisted of the county and the eight cities in the county.

Technically, it will remain in existence until 11:59:59 on Dec. 31, but Tuesday's vote all but ended a council that was formed as part of a legal settlement reached in late 2020 between the county and the cities of New Hampton, Alta Vista, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler, Nashua and North Washington.

It was the Ambulance Council that awarded a two-year contract with Chickasaw Ambulance Service that began on July 1, 2021, but when the service's owner, Jeremy McGrath first opted out of his contract, effective June 30, 2022, county and city leaders explored other options.

That led to the launching of Chickasaw County EMS, a county-owned ambulance service that includes six of the eight cities. Only Nashua and Alta Vista did not sign 28E agreements with the county, but with the new service set to launch on Jan. 1, the Ambulance Council seemed to be a council without a purpose.

Still, at least one member of the council, Fredericksburg Mayor Jimmy Mitchell, wasn't quite sure at the beginning of the meeting that disbanding was the correct course of action.

Mitchell said he has concerns that technically the 28E agreements the

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Supervisors start down rural road for EMS funding

Director presents budget; board asks county attorney to prepare resolution for county's portion

By Bob Fenske
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Monday took the first step to using its Rural Services Basic fund to pay the county's portion for a new ambulance service that is scheduled to be up and running Jan. 1.

It took a lengthy discussion — one in which County Attorney David Laudner proposed supervisors taking the "cleanest" route — before the board passed a motion directing Laudner to draw up a resolution that will state not only that the board will transfer almost a quarter of a million dollars from RSB to the new ambulance department but also justify the county's decision.

"Ultimately, you're just directing me to do it," Laudner said, "[but] you're going to have to vote on it. ... The motion isn't entirely the be all, end all."

The motion to have Laudner draw up the resolution for the supervisors to consider next week passed unanimously, but it should be noted that Supervisor Jake Hackman — who has been an outspoken critic of using RSB to fund, along with money from six cities in the county, Chickasaw County EMS — was on vacation and not at Monday's meeting.

It also came after supervisors discussed the proposed budget of the service and directed County Auditor Sheila Shekleton to begin working on a budget amendment for the final six months of the fiscal year that will end on June 30, 2023.

Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson and Chickasaw County EMS Advisory Committee member Bridget Edson presented a budget that called for the service to spend $516,428 for the final two quarters of this fiscal year and a little more than $1 million in the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2023.

Knutson told supervisors that he erred on the cautious side when it came to the number of hours that the "second crew" would actually be on calls.

"We wanted to make sure we weren't undershooting these numbers. With that being said,

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Ryan Pickar, a 2021 New Hampton High School graduate, says that it's important for young people to understand that the "trades" are a viable career option.

A PITCH FOR THE TRADES

2021 New Hampton High alum already well on his way in career

By Bob Fenske
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Maybe the best way to tout the trades is stories like Ryan Pickar's.

Less than two years out of high school and the young man is already making bank.

OK, maybe that's an oversimplification, but the 2021 New Hampton High School graduate doesn't mind being an example for others when it comes to the trades — careers ranging from electricians to plumbers to heating and air conditioning.

"There's all kind of good jobs here and really everywhere that you don't need to go to four years of college for," the New Hampton Municipal Plant lineman said. "We have three electrical shops in town, we have plumbers, we have a lot of things people can go to school for a year or two and then get to work. There's pressure to go to a four-year college, but you don't have to, to make a good living."

Numerous studies have shown that the United States is experiencing an acute shortage of trade workers. As the ranks of electricians, plumbers, construction workers, etc., continue to "gray," the replacements can't be trained quick enough to fill the growing need.

And one of the best ways to generate interest in the trades, at least according to Pickar and his boss, Light Plant General Manager Brian Quirk, is to "expose" students to them.

"The more kids get a chance to see what we do, what the plumbing shops do, all that, the more they see that this might be the path for them," Quirk said. "Some of the issues with the

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Director excited about his deep candidate pool

By Bob Fenske
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If all goes well, come next week Joel Knutson won't be the "lone ranger" with Chickasaw County EMS.

The director of the county-owned ambulance service that will be off and running on Jan. 1 told the Board of Supervisors on Monday that he would begin interviewing job applicants the following day and hoped to be able to have the supervisors acknowledge some hires at its next meeting this coming Monday.

And both Knutson and Chickasaw County

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New Hampton's newest police officer, Nick Sylvester, is sworn in by Mayor Bobby Schwickerath during Monday night's City Council meeting.

New Hampton police soon to be at full strength

By Bob Fenske
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New Hampton's newest police officer would not be here without a City Council decision made several months ago.

Shortly after he was "sworn in" during Monday Night's City Council meeting, Nick Sylvester was asked about a decision made this past summer to extend the "radius" where city employees can live from 10 to 50 miles.

"That was the deciding factor no question about it," said Sylvester, a 2017 Central Elkader High School graduate who will officially join the

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Director says second crew will be key to service revenue

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we think those numbers are a little high," he said, but he also added that until the service is up and running, the numbers presented Monday were just his best educated guesses. "I'll be able to tell you a lot more a year from now."

He said payroll numbers for the second crew, which will be "on call" consisted of 18 hours of $4 per hour pay they receive for being on standby and six hours a day for the higher "run time" wages EMTs and paramedics make.

The big unknown question with the new service is how much revenue it will generate, but Knutson told supervisors he hoped that during its first year, Chickasaw County EMS would generate from $400,000 to $600,000 in revenue.

But he said having that second crew available at all times will help, and Edson agreed.

"That second crew it looks like a lot of money on paper," he said, "but they are the ones that make you the money because when you have your second crew in place, that allows you to take the inter-facility transfers that otherwise we couldn't do."

Edson said that MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center officials have told the Advisory Committee that the hospital had to either "downgrade" care plans or call other services between 60 and 70 times in the last year.

While the "start-up" costs for the county-owned service are coming from the county's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, supervisors have yet to determine how, or even if, it will pay for the county portion of the operating budget.

Technically, the individual 28E agreements the county signed with New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington do not explicitly say that the county has to provide funds but it must provide service to the cities.

And that means the county would be on the hook if the cost of running the service is more than expected.

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn once again said he felt the county should follow through on its commitment to provide 40 percent of the funding and that it should come from RSB funds, and Supervisor Jason Byrne agreed, making a motion to do earmark $243,606.88 of those funds to be used for the ambulance service during its first six months of operation.

Laudner, though, cautioned board members.

Earlier this month, the county attorney had sent a memo to the board saying that he believes the county can legally use RSB funds for its portion of the ambulance service but not for any additional costs.

He told board members that from a "legal perspective ... there needs to be a resolution presented to you guys to be voted upon — No. 1, to declare that your factual finding that the money can and should be spent from RSB and then also transfer the money from RSB to the new ambulance department."

Kuhn, though, once again pointed out that the county portion of the current ambulance contract is paid for by RSB and County Betterment funds.

"I guess the part I don't understand," Kuhn said, "is that we're already taking money from Rural Basic for the ambulance service. I don't ... I don't know why this has been blown out of the water when we're already using Rural Service Basic to pay for the ambulance now, a portion of it. Now, that it's a county service, now it's an issue?"

Laudner, though, stood by his recommendation, and in the end, the board voted to have him draw up a resolution and debate it at next week's meeting.

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Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson hands out copies of a first draft of a budget for the new ambulance service during a meeting of the Board of Supervisors Monday morning.

Service has plenty of applicants; some may be hired by next week

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EMS Advisory Committee said the county has reason to be excited when it comes to the number of applications it received.

"Like I've said in our newsletters," Knutson said, "I am blown away by the amount of people who want to come and work with this county. It's pretty spectacular — not something a lot of other places have."

Edson added that the number of applications — covering the first wave of those interested in full-time work, as well as a second wave of those interested in just working part-time — may allow the service to reach one of its main goals earlier than expected.

"Our dream had been to have 24-hour ALS coverage," she said, "and when the first batch of applications came in, I wasn't quite sure we'd be quite there but we've had quite a few more trickle in and I think we're going to be very, very close to that so that's a good thing for our community."

Later in Monday's meeting, Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said he felt it was important for applicants to know that hiring for the service will begin soon, especially in light of rumors that have persisted that Chickasaw County EMS has already finished hiring.

"They're saying people who haven't been interviewed won't be hired," he said, "and that's just simply not true. Like Joel said [earlier], the interview process doesn't start until tomorrow. I just think that needs to be cleared up with the public."

Chickasaw Heritage Building Center ... now , it's official

The editor of the New Hampton Tribune took a little grief during Monday's Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors meeting and for good reason.

The editor, the writer of this blurb, jumped the gun in last week's paper, so when Board Chairman Matt Kuhn brought up the agenda topic "Discuss name for building" during discussion about the Heritage building, Supervisor Jason Byrne couldn't help but joke, "Well, I read in the paper we already did it."

Well, truth be told, the Board of Supervisors talked about it during their meeting on Nov. 14 but didn't actually vote on the name change to the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center that currently offices five county offices and non-profits.

So on Monday, the board officially voted on the name change and the motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

The building, which had been on the county books as the "County Care Center," currently houses Community Action Corp./Chickasaw County General Assistance, Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs, Iowa Child Care Resource and Referral and Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Supervisors have also discussed moving other offices and possibly housing the new ambulance service at the facility located just to the south of New Hampton.

— By Bob Fenske

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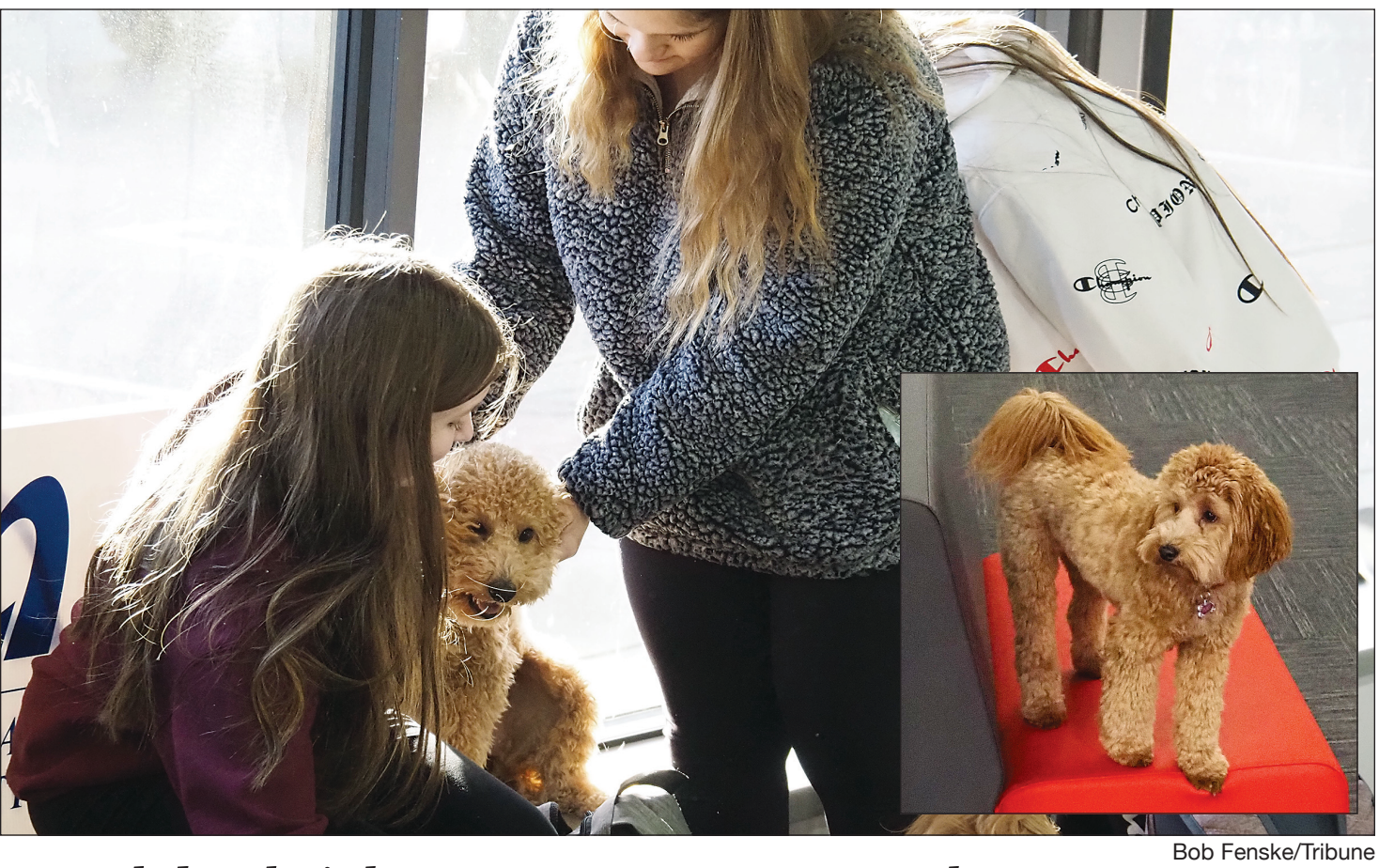

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A real day brightener at Iowa BIG North

New Hampton High School students Erin Tierney and Briana Mangrich take a little time to give Ruby a little loving as they arrive at the Iowa BIG North space that is located at the New Hampton Municipal Utilities building on Monday afternoon. Ruby and Josie (inset) belong to New Hampton Light Plant and Telecommunications General Manager Brian Quirk and often come to work with him. And as NHMU's Becky Babcock put it, "those two dogs are the most popular people — well, you know what I mean — in the building."

City of Nashua puts brakes on county's tower project

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

The proposed construction of a 300-foot radio tower right next to the Avenue of the Saints near Nashua will have to wait – at least for the foreseeable future.

Whether or not the $250,000 land mobile radio communications tower that would be used by local law enforcement would be built at all is now up in the air after nearby property owners addressed the Nashua City Council on Monday.

Chickasaw County is wanting to purchase approximately a quarter of an acre of a small triangular piece of non-farmable ground owned by Michael and Debra Franke.

The county submitted an application to the City of Nashua for a special permit to begin the process of construction on the three-legged tower that is located near Amherst Boulevard.

A vote could have taken place on that matter as a public hearing was held, which saw Delane Muller speak as to why she and her husband, Wendel, do not agree with the potential county project that would provide a clear and transmittable signal to Waverly.

"This tower will forever change the development path of the neighborhood and diminish the property values of the immediate area," said Delane. "Real property is forever and that tower will be there for decades."

The Muller's live on Asherton Avenue, close to the small parcel of land that the county is seeking to transform. They also own 16 acres of property that is a distance of 150 feet from the proposed location of the tower – which would be utilized by police, the sheriff's department, EMS, secondary roads, city workers and state agencies using the ISICS (Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System).

Delane said she and her husband believe the tower should be in the country or in an industrial park, not next to a residential neighborhood near a park where children play. Nashua wants to develop a park in that particular part of the city where the tower could be built.

"For an R-1 District, this application does meet the allowed uses, the height restrictions and we don't know if it meets the setbacks because the application does not include the required drawing of a plot diagram to show dimensions or exact location of the proposed construction," said Delane.

The Council decided to table this agenda item after further discussion and hearing from Chickasaw County Attorney David Laudner and Chickasaw County Emergency Management Coordinator Jeff Bernatz.

Both were present at the meeting. Bernantz explained why the county wants to build a tower along the highway and near a cul-de-sac that is situated right next to a sub-access road. The tower would create a network so all county, state and local city workers could communicate on. The creation of a new tower would eliminate dead spots with the current tower that city, county and state workers use presently.

"It's not radio waves, like the old system," said Bernatz. "So we have to be able to get to Waverly and there's a hump in between us and Waverly that we have to get up and over. That was one of the spots the city thought about planning on abandoning that road. That's a corner that can't be farmed efficiently. That was one part of the reason why we picked that spot."

Nashua Mayor Alex Anthofer mentioned that anyone wanting to build a tower over 75 feet high within the city limits needs to obtain a special permit from the city.

Laudner stated the county does have a signed purchase agreement with the property owners (Franke's) contingent on approval of the permit.

"In my opinion we're allowed to file an application because we have an equatable interest right now in the property, even though it hasn't been deeded to us yet," said Laudner.

Laudner also said the Muller's have been approached by the county to sell part of their property so a tower could be built on that land.

"At one point the county was looking at building a tower either on the east or the west side of the road and the east side of the road would be the objector's property," said Laudner. "We did discuss at one point buying the property from the objectors to build a tower there."

All four council members in attendance agreed that they need more information before a decision can be made about the permit.

City Council to hold public hearing on budget Dec. 5

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force on Dec. 5. "My wife and her mom run a business together in Elkader and so without that 50-mile radius, I don't think I would have even applied."

Sylvester has spent the past four years working as a guard at the Anamosa State Penitentiary, but he said his goal since high school has always been to be, as he put it, "a small-town cop."

"I grew up in Elkader, and I just like helping people and doing my part to make a community safer," he said, "and I'm really excited Chief [Zach] Nosbisch is giving me this opportunity."

His swearing in was part of an exceptionally short council meeting, one that lasted all of nine minutes.

After Sylvester received his badge from Nosbisch, the police chief told the council that earlier in the day, he had filled the final open position in the department, which means for the first time since June, it will be back at full strength.

Nosbisch said the new officer would be sworn in at the council's Dec. 5 meeting and begin work the following Monday.

That will be the same night that the City Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed 2022-23 budget amendment. Council members voted earlier in Monday's meeting to set the date of the hearing because it needs the amendment to cover a little more than $190,000 that was not in the original 2022-23 budget.

A large portion of that amount — $150,000 — is for the added expense of joining the county-owned ambulance service that will begin operation on Jan. 1, but City Clerk Karen Clemens said the amendment also will cover funds that were "encumbered," or carried over, from the 2021-22 budget year and spent this year.

The budget amendment will also include the New Hampton Public Library paying back $424.97 to the Chickasaw County after it overpaid area libraries earlier this year.

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Ringing the bell for the Army

Kris Markham poses with a couple of young children last week during the first day of bell-ringing for the annual Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign. Markham said that as children came into Fareway, she asked them if they'd like to take a turn to ring the bell and almost all of them took her up on her offer. But Markham and her family's business, Conway-Markham Funeral Home, that serves as the Chickasaw County unit of the Salvation Army need more people to sign up to ring the bell, and they can do by calling Liz at 641-394-4331 or Kris at 641-229-0013.

EMT class in Ionia to begin Dec. 6

An EMT certification course will be offered this winter at the Ionia Fire Station and still has openings.

An orientation will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 6, and classes will be held each Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m., beginning on Dec. 13, and the classes run through March 9.

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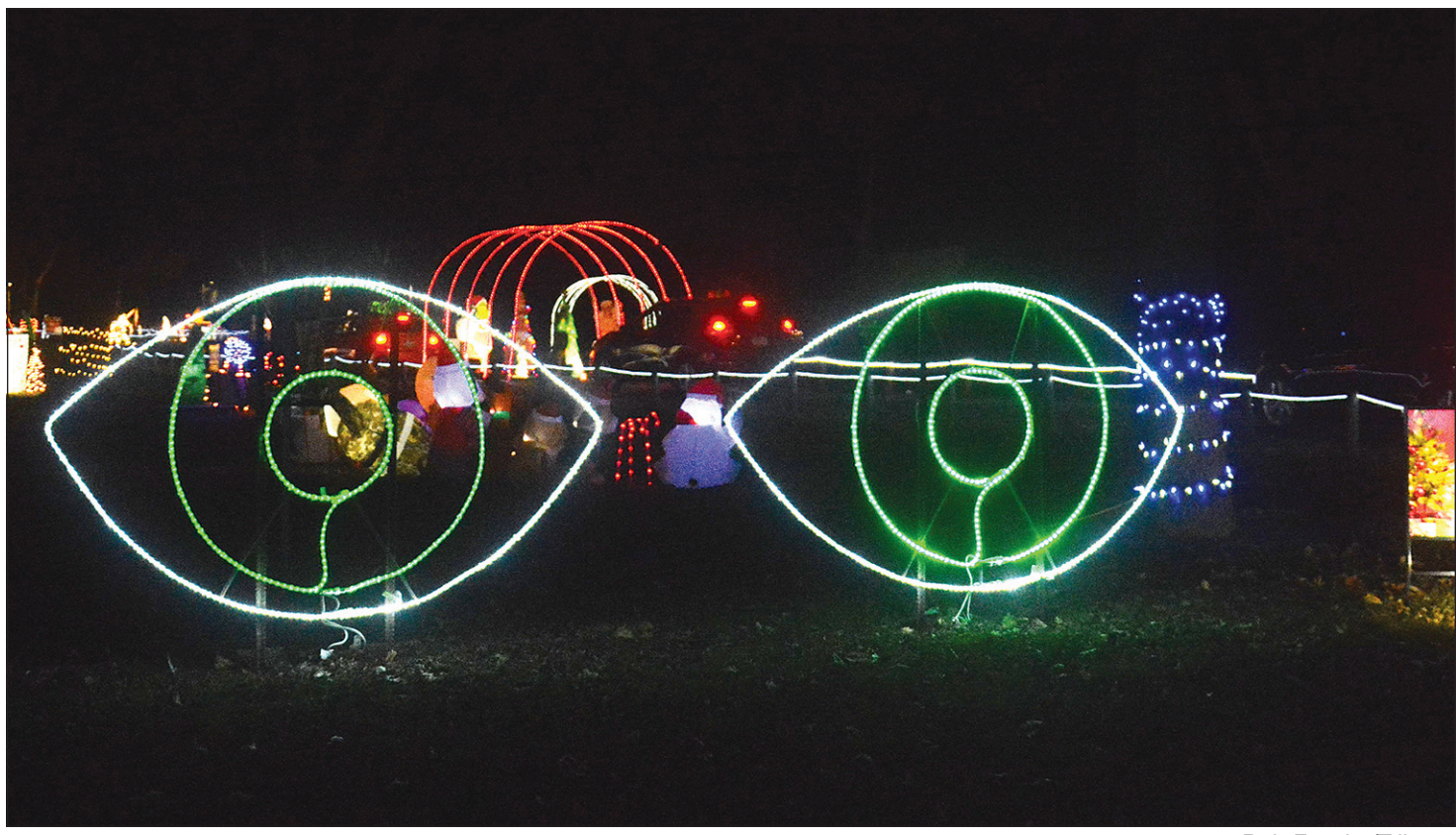

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The lights are turned on this Friday!

Little Light of Mine's 2022 edition will be turned on this Friday evening, and the holiday light display at Mikkelson Park is a must-see in New Hampton during the holiday season. Little Light of Mine Committee members have two special events planned as wagon rides through the park on Dec. 2-3 and a visit by Santa Claus and a fireworks show on Dec. 17. The display will remain on through the end of the year, and admission to Little Light of Mine is free but freewill donations — all of which go to purchase more displays and lights — will be accepted.

Lineman: Trade careers are good options

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trades is it can be a little cyclical. But with where we're at now, with the shortages you see, it's not a guarantee but it's a pretty stable profession to consider."

Pickar's initial exposure to the Light Plant came during a Future Prep class at New Hampton High School when he spent a day job shadowing at the utility.

He then was offered an "internship" during the summer between his junior and senior years.

"I did everything that summer but obviously the high voltage stuff," he said, "and the more and more I thought about it, the more and more I thought this is for me. No two days around here are the same. Some people look at the trades and say 'you do the same thing day after day.' That's just not true."

After graduating, he returned to the plant for one more summer before heading to Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon to earn his lineman certification.

"It's a year-long program, and man, it's one of the best schools in the country for this," Pickar said. "I learned a lot, you know, because about half the time you're in a classroom and the other half you're out there doing the things you learn in the classroom."

After graduating from Northwest Iowa, Quirk offered him a job, one with the internship label removed, and he started working at his hometown utility in late July.

"The classes I took were important, they pound the math into you and things like that," he said, "but it's the experience that makes you a better lineman. And I still have great teachers in the older guys that work here. I'm learning every day from them."

Quirk said bringing Pickar on board in a way accomplished a couple of goals. First, the former New Hampton High School student provides proof to those still walking the halls of the high school that the trades might be an option to consider. Second, it brought home a former Chickasaw.

"It's nice to have a young person say, 'Hey, I want to be here,' and it's nice to give someone like Ryan that opportunity," the Light Plant general manager said. "To me, it's been a win-win situation."

Pickar, meanwhile, may be able to soon offer a real-life course in finances, too.

He lives at home with his parents, Mike and Sarah Pickar, and his two younger sisters, Beth and Karla. His older brother, Mitch, lives in Forest City, where he works in at a 3M distribution center and also works for an uncle who runs a construction business.

"I'm saving money, that's for sure," he said with a laugh when he was asked about living at home. "It's a good way for me, though, to get started on the right foot."

At 20, he's got a career, one that he thinks is misunderstood too often.

"You know, here's what I'll say about the trades," he said. "I know the guys here, I know plumbers, electricians and all kinds of people doing stuff in the trades and it's not a boring job. You're problem solving, you're doing something different every day. It's good, man, it's really good."

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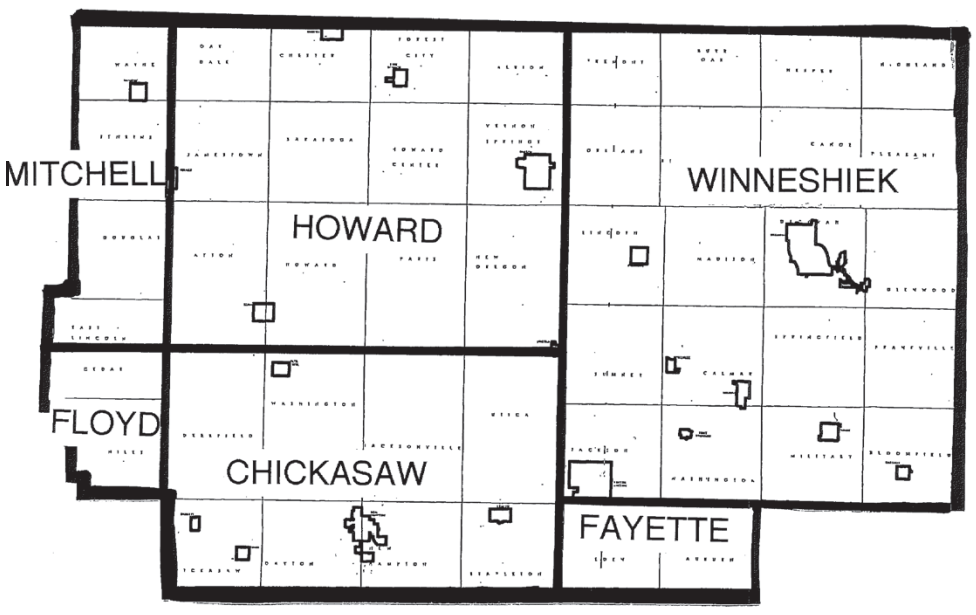

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Church Services

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Trinity Lutheran
223 S. Water
trinitylutherannewhampton.org
641-394-2552
Pastors Kevin Frey and Dan Christensen
Service time: 9 a.m. Sunday.

Holy Family Catholic
202 N. Broadway
641-394-2105
Father James Goerend
Mass times: Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

First United Methodist & United Church of Christ
at First United Methodist
201 N. Locust Ave.
Pastor Dong Hun Shin
Service time: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. at United Church of Christ.

Redeemer Lutheran
611 W. Court St.
saudejerico.com
Pastor Peter Faugstad
Service time: 4 p.m. Saturday Divine Service

Harvest Church
481 S. Linn Ave.
harvestcares.com
641-394-4380
Pastor Doug Harvey
Service time: 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Prairie Lakes
234 S. Linn Ave.
prairielakeschurch.org
641-456-6880
Pastor Cory Orr
Service times: 9 a.m., Sunday

Jerico

Jerico Lutheran
2512 120th St., New Hampton
saudejerico.com
Pastor Peter Faugstad
Service time: 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. Sunday Divine Service (check website).

Saude

Saude Lutheran
2949 Stevens Trail, Lawler
saudejerico.com
Pastor Peter Faugstad
Service time: 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. Sunday Divine Service (check website).

Ionia

United Church of Christ
firstumcnewhampton.com
Pastor Dong Hun Shin
Service time: Sunday, 8 a.m.

St. Boniface Catholic
Father James Goerend
Mass time: Saturday, Dec. 3, 6 p.m.

Lourdes

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic
Rev. Jerry Kopacek
Mass time: Saturday, 4 p.m.

Alta Vista

St. Bernard Catholic
Rev. Jerry Kopacek
Mass time: Saturday, 6 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church
Student Pastor Sue Cira
641-364-2115
Service time: Sunday, 8 a.m.

Elma

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

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

North Washington

Immaculate Conception
Father James Goerend
Mass: Saturday, 6 p.m.

Jesus says 'come to me'

In a life filled with ups and downs, God has a plan for all of us

We experience favorable or unfavorable situations that occur by chance in our lives.

It's like a life full of ups and downs and out of control.

Have you ever heard this? "Shared sadness makes it bearable, and shared happiness is that much sweeter."

It means that shared joy is a double joy, and shared sorrow is half sorrow.

It may be foolish to say that we understand others, since we cannot experience the experiences of others.

But sometimes you can give them comfort by being with them.

A sincere heart and deed can give them the experience of being understood.

Silence may come as a gentle consolation. This is how Jesus came to us.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."(Matthew 11:28-29, NIV)

In any situation, there is one thing for sure, that is His endless love toward you.

He wants to take care of you.

He wants to heal you, and

He has a plan for you because God is so good.

Let us encourage one another to stand firm in Jesus Christ. Amen.

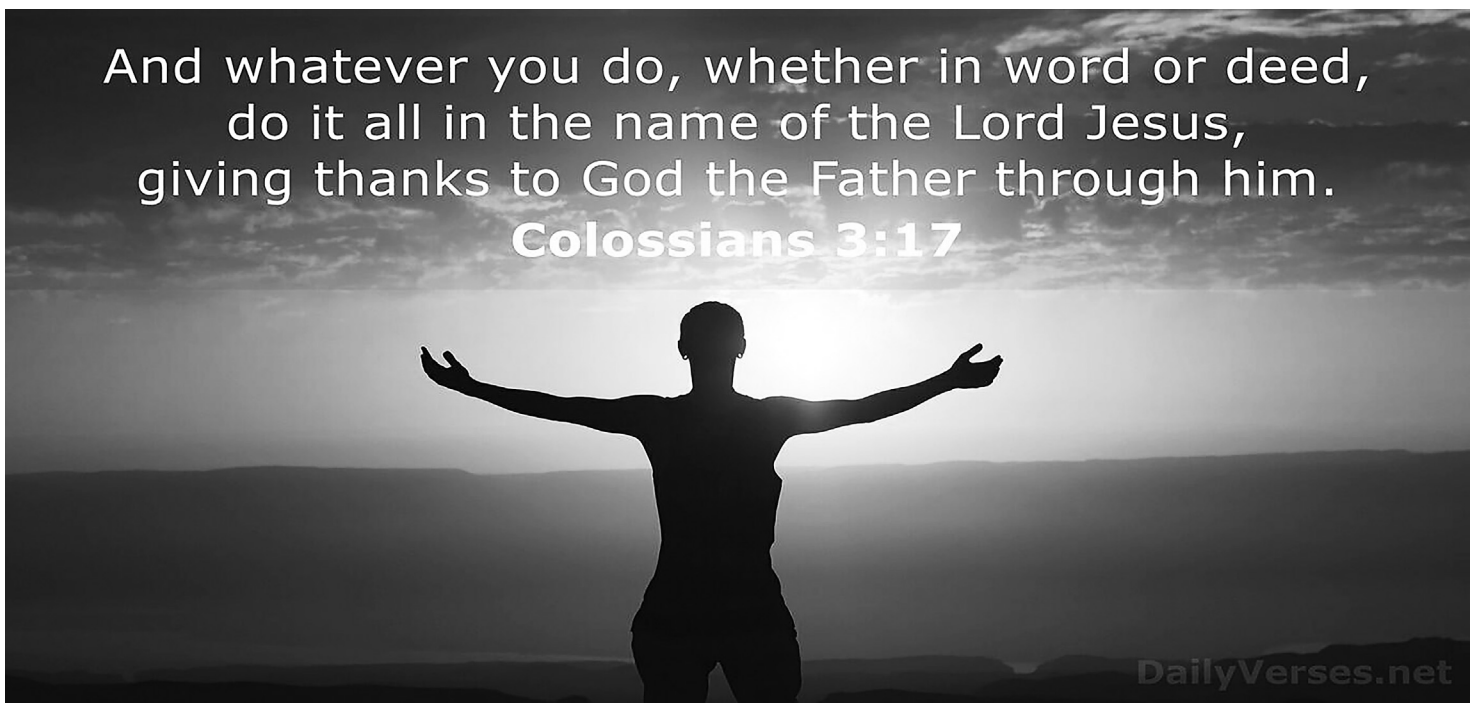
Dong Hun Shin is the pastor for the First United Methodist Church in New Hampton and United Church of Christ in both New Hampton and Ionia.

Photo courtesy of Jayden Burke

Holy Family Parish celebrates confirmation

Holy Family Parish in New Hampton celebrated confirmation at Mass this past Sunday morning and Archbishop Michael Jackels and Father Jim Goerend led the service.

Pictured are (front row, from left) Father Goerend, Jayden Burke, Quinlan Mahoney, Ty Robinson, Hunter Humpal, Joana Neri, Madison Dreckman, Reagan Schwarze, Caydence Phillips, Taryn Smith, Ben Gilbert, Rylee Schwarze, (middle row) Kenneth Zweibohmer, Elliott Adams, Molly Wegner, Kinsli Dahl, Claire Geerts, Hailey Klassen, Marissa Cahoy, Addison Trower, Trinity Schwickerath, Kael Meyers, (back row) Leonardo Morales, Calvin Bodensteiner, Aidan Holthaus, Ty Shekleton, Cael Laures, Tori Bearman, Kira Tenge, Ashton Venem, Archbishop Jackels. Absent from the photo is Jared Parra.



Church Services

Nashua

Little Brown Church
littlebrownchurch.org
Pastor Drew McHolm
Service times: Sing-A-Long Service, 10:15 a.m., Sunday; Traditional Service, 10:30 a.m.

Republic Church
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 Cerwinske
Service time: 10 a.m. Sundays.

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

St. John's UCC - Pleasant Hill
10009 Union Ave.
Pastor Drew McHolm
Service time: Sunday, 9 a.m.

Plainfield

United Methodist
404 2nd St.
319-276-3195
Pastor Roberta Robbins
Service time: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Lawler

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church
3030 Highway 24
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Saturday, 4 p.m.

Immanuel Crane Creek Lutheran Church
2616 140th St, Lawler
Student Pastor Sue Cira
Service time: 9:30 a.m., Sundays.

Fredericksburg

St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
222 S. Washington Ave.
Pastor Ron Koch
Service time: 9 a.m., Sundays.

Peace UCC Church
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, Dec. 4, 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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Holy Trinity
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, Dec. 4, 8:30 a.m.

Clarksville

First United Church of Christ, Pleasant Valley
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Forecast

Thanksgiving Day: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of drizzle; high 42, low 25.

Black Friday: Sunny with a high of 40 and low of 26.

Small Business Saturday: Sunny with a high of 43 and low of 27.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high of 39 and low of 24.

Extended forecast: Remaining relatively mild after the holiday weekend with highs in the mid-30s and lows near 20.

Meetings

MONDAY

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

History

• In 1960, Philadelphia Warrior Wilt Chamberlain snags 55 rebounds in a game against the Boston Celtics and sets an NBA record for the most rebounds in a single game.

• In 1963, in the basement of the Dallas police station, Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy, is shot to death by Jack Ruby, a Dallas nightclub owner.

• In 1970, a hijacker who became known as D.B. Cooper parachutes from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 into a raging thunderstorm over Washington State, and Cooper and the $200,000 in ransom money are never seen again.

• In 1974, he fossils of an early human ancestor are discovered in northeastern Ethiopia. Soon nicknamed "Lucy," the remains showed that human species were walking upright over 3 million years ago.

Birthdays

• Zachary Taylor, the 12th president of the United States, was born in 1784.

• Infamous serial killer Ted Bundy was born in 1946.

• Todd Beamer, one of the heroes on Flight 93 on 9/11, was born in 1968.

• TV actress Sarah Hyland of "Modern Family" turns 32.

• Katherine Heigl, one of the stars of "Grey's Anatomy," turns 44.

• Oscar Robertson, the only NBA to average a "triple-double" for a season, turns 84.

Corrections

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Jeanne Catherine Miller, 82

Jeanne Catherine Miller, age 82 of Ionia, died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, at the Perry Lutheran Home in Perry.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 28, 2022, at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Ionia, with the Rev. Jim Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Interment will follow at St. Boniface Cemetery in Ionia with Jeanne's grandchildren serving as pallbearers.

Friends may greet the family from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass on Monday at the church.

Jeanne was born on March 11, 1940, to Norbert and Catherine Schwickerath in New Hampton and grew up on a farm between Ionia and New Hampton.

The oldest of the Schwickeraths' 10 children , Jeanne received her education at the Catholic school in Ionia, and helped her parents on the farm. In some ways, she was the "second mother" to some of her younger siblings, beginning a life in which she always put others before herself.

After graduating from high school, she married the love of her life, Leon Miller, on Feb. 10, 1959, and the couple settled in Ionia, where they welcomed their seven children — Jack, Cindy, Cathy, Mike, Janet and twins Jim and Jerry. They had a wonderful mother who taught them to be social, be kind, how to have fun, to have God in their lives and that family was everything. She loved all seven of her children unconditionally and always supported them. Jeanne loved to listen to her kids tell her about their lives and their adventures and was always there for them in their times of sorrow.

She was a stay-at-home mom for many years, but once all of her children were in school, Jeanne worked at the Ionia Elevator, was the city clerk of Ionia, spent time at Beatrice in Fredericksburg and then took a job at CUNA Mutual, where she worked until retirement. For many years, she was also a Mary Kay consultant.

Everyone loved Jeanne. She was just so much fun to be around throughout her life. Her daughters remember playing Barbies in the dining room and hearing Mom singing along with the radio in the kitchen. Jeanne loved decorating for the holidays, and she had lights up throughout the year.

Family always came first. She hosted the Schwickerath reunion for a couple of years at her house, which was like a small city within a small city with all her relatives gathered!

Jeanne was an outstanding baker, and we're all going to

Jeanne Miller

miss her cinnamon and pecan rolls. She loved playing cards, and she so enjoyed teaching her kids and grandkids how to play Euchre, which was always played by "Ionia rules!"

She was a big fan of the Chicago Cubs and Iowa State Cyclones, enjoyed country and Christmas music and camping, where she and her friends were always singing around the campfire.

This remarkable woman who loved so fiercely will be so missed by all those that knew her. She had a big heart, but she is now reunited with Leon, her husband of more than 63 years, and we're sure they're smiling down upon us and probably back to making cool craft items, like they did for so many years.

Jeanne is survived by four sons; Jack (Cathy) Miller of California, Mike (Heidi) Miller of Urbandale, Jim (Michelle) Miller of Waukee, and Jerry (Shannon) Miller of Waukee; three daughters, Cindy (Bill) Flesch of Waukee, Cathy (Dale) King of Lawler, and Janet Kovalsky of Waukee; 12 grandchildren, Abby (Rafal) Kuchta, Erica (Mike) Wadas, Brooke Miller, Mackenzie Flesch, Hunter Flesch, Madison Flesch, Steph (Adam) Bowersox, Holly (Chris) Hulke, Christopher Kovalsky, Justin Kovalsky, Brandon Miller and Ashlee Miller; five great-grandchildren, Jase Bowersox, Cooper Bowersox, Maya Kuchta, Zoey Kuchta and Lucy Hulke; eight brothers; Ken (Marilyn) Schwickerath, Dan (Herminda) Schwickerath, Andy (Mary Ann) Schwickerath, Steve Schwickerath, Tom (Carol) Schwickerath, Keith (Penny) Schwickerath, Roy (Deb) Schwickerath and Al (Dana) Schwickerath; two sisters, Mary (Mark) McDermott and Teresa (Terrence) Pratt; and two sisters-in-law, Carolyn Schwickerath and Florence Flugge.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Leon on April 29, 2022; son-in-law, David Kovalsky; one brother, Charlie Schwickerath; three brothers-in-law, Dennis Miller, Jerome (Catherine) Miller and Alden Flugge; and sister-in-law, Brenda Schwickerath.

Jacob Kenneth Sievers, 18

Jacob Kenneth Sievers, age 18 of Plainfield, died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, near Hampton.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton, and for more information, call 641-394-4334.

News Bits From Our Past Compiled by Terri Josephson

Week of Nov. 20

1947 (75 years ago)

• During the current pheasant hunting season, new reports have come in of more than one bird being hit with a single shot.

While hunting north of New Hampton in the company of Sheriff George C. Murray, Donald Barnett, County Clerk of Court bagged two pheasants with a single shot from a 410 shotgun. Mr. Barnett saw a pheasant in the brush at the end of the cornfield and fired his gun.

When he went over to pick up his bird he found that he had killed two pheasants, and in addition a third flew away from the spot. This is the second incident of this kind that has come to our attention.

• The Miller Hotel dining room and kitchen have been rented to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dunham of New Hampton who plan their formal opening early in December to be ready for the holiday festivities.

Workmen are redecorating the dining room and installing indirect interior lighting fixtures. The equipment and furniture throughout will be the newest and best. The dining room will be open at 5:30 each evening and popular priced meals will be served. Sunday dinners will be served at noon and a la carte service for Sunday night suppers. A special feature offered will be catering to wedding, banquets, clubs, family dinners and all kinds of parties.

1972 (50 years ago)

• New Hampton Attorney and former State Rep. Michael K. Kennedy was elected president of the New Hampton Chamber of Commerce for 1973 at the organization's annual dinner meeting at Roger's Famous Foods.

Some 200 Chamber members, wives and guests were present. Kennedy, who is a partner in the law firm, Kennedy and Kennedy, succeeds Wayne Moetsch as Chamber president. Newly elected board members are Bob Babbit, Harry Gilbert and Leon Hugeback, and Mrs. Bill (Edna) Long serves as Chamber secretary.

• Wayne Moetsch, president of the New Hampton Chamber of Commerce, and Larry Helling, chairman of the Future Farmers of America Sponsored Farm-City Potluck, met to symbolize the joint Farm-City effort in urging all area residents to attend the annual potluck set for Monday, Nov. 27, at St. Mary's Hall.

Area farm people are urged to invite residents of the town in the county to be their guests. The farm people are asked to bring a potluck meat dish and another potluck dish along with eating equipment for their party. Donald McDowell of the National FFA Sponsoring Committee will be the after dinner program.

1997 (25 years ago)

• Jeffrey Friedhof, a sophomore at Luther College in Decorah, is a member of the 1997-98 Luther wrestling team. Freidhof is a 1996 graduate of New Hampton High School.

Head coach Dave Mitchell, in, his second year at the helm, will rely on leadership of co-captains, Joe Grider (Sr. Osage) and Freidhof (So. Elma) in the Norse quest for an 11th IIAC title. Freidhof is the son of George and Julie Freidhof, Elma.

• On Sale at Fareway: Ground Beef, 99 cents per Lb.; Bananas, 4 Lbs. for a $1.00; Coke products,12-packs, 3/$6.99; Hellman's Mayonnaise, $2.39/jar; Kraft Salad Dressings, 2/$4.00; Coors Light 18-pack, $7.99; Hormel Chunk Chicken, 99 cents/5oz. can; and Banquet Pot Pies, 5/$2.00.

2012 (10 years ago)

• The Chickasaw County's Sheriff's Office is looking for community support to add a dog to its ranks once again. The county's previous K-9 deputy, Ringo, died about a year ago. He was paired with Reed Palo.

The Chickasaw County Supervisors gave approval for the Sheriff's office to start fundraising. Deputy Ryan Shawver has agreed to be the handler.

A dual-purpose animal has been requested, that will assist with tracking, narcotics searches and patrol. The dog can be helpful in searching for a missing child or a person with dementia. It is also a huge public relations tool for the Sheriff's Office.

• Sister Vicki Arndorfer arrived in New Hampton about a month ago as Mercy Medical Center-New Hampton's new chaplain and brings a wealth of experience that included teaching and working with people with disabilities.

She hopes she can provide the comfort to the patients and staff at Mercy Medical Center. A member of the Sisters of Mercy, Arndorfer will fill a role that has been vacant for about a year since the retirement of Father John Harpel.

2017 (5 years ago)

• Captain Justin Foote, a Nashua native was a first lieutenant and Reconnaissance Platoon Leader, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT), 34th Infantry Division ("Red Bull Division) Iowa Army National Guard.

After a year-long deployment, he returned home to his wife, Laura, and children. Foote received the General Douglas McArthur Leadership Award this past summer at the Pentagon.

• New Hampton's Carnegie Cultural Center (CCC) received a boost in prestige on Nov. 10, as they ere named as this year's "Outstanding Partner Site," a the 13th Annual golden Silo Awards, presented by the Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area.

Jill Eike, CCC director and former long-time director Juanita Anderson, currently the group's archivist, were present to receive the honor.

Property Transfers

Rita A. Rasing EST, Kenneth Rasing COEX and Karen Schwickerath COEX to Rasing Family Farms LLC; L1 N1/2 EX PARCEL A 20-95-13 L2 N1/2 EX PARCEL A 20-95-13 L3 N1/2 EX PARCEL A 20-95-13 L4 N1/2 EX PARCEL A 20-95-13 L1 EX PARCELS 20-95-13 PT W RIVER & S L4 SW NW 20-95-13.

Roger A. Clement and Janet R. Clement to Russell Clement, Roger A. Clement LE and Janet R. Clement LE; NEW HAMPTON LEICHTMANS ADDITION Lot: 1 Block: 3.

Lavern R. Brummond and Joy M. Brummond to Lavern R. Brummond; S84' N219' W1/2 L11 NE SE 12-95-13.

Keith W. Suhr and Lanet M. Suhr to Clint J. Pietan; E1/2 FREDERICKSBURG NO ADDITION Lot: 9 Block: 16 W1/2 FREDERICKSBURG NO ADDITION Lot: 8 Block: 16.

Terry T. Meier and Dawn R. Meier to Ryan T. Meier; LOT F NW NW 34-95-12.

Miller Coop. Inc. to NH16 LLC; EX W7' NEW HAMPTON NO ADDITION Lot: 8 Block: 11 N86' NEW HAMPTON ORIGINAL PLAT (NH) Lot: 1 Block: 11 N65' E24' NEW HAMPTON ORIGINAL PLAT (NH) Lot: 2 Block: 11 S21' N86' E4' NEW HAMPTON ORIGINAL PLAT (NH) Lot: 2 Block: 11.

KSM Apartments LLC to NH16 LLC; EX S50' NEW HAMPTON ORIGINAL PLAT (NH)Lot: 2 Block: 34 NEW HAMPTON ORIGINAL PLAT (NH) Lot: 1 Block: 34.

Leslie B. Parker III and Beth Parker to Leslie Buryl Parker IV, Leslie Parker IV, Carly Joan Parker and Carly Parker; PARCEL A NE NW 33-94-13.

Sandra R. Schueth to Mitchell D. Kellogg and Kayla A. Kellogg; NEW HAMPTON CROELLS FIRST ADDITION Lot: 3.

Steege Investments LLC to Bruce A. Babcock and Janine A. Babcock; PARCEL 2021-82 IN NEW HAMPTON CROELL SECOND ADDITION Lot: 8.

Chickasaw County Iowa to RNAJNN LLC; PT RD ROW IN PARCEL 2021-41 NW SW 32-94-14.

Chickasaw County Iowa to RNAJNN LLC; PT RD ROW IN PARCEL 2021-42 NW SW 32-94-14.

Chickasaw County Iowa to RNAJNN LLC; PT RD ROW E RIVER SE 31-94-14.

Chickasaw County Iowa to RNAJNN LLC; PT RD ROW SW SW 32-94-14.

Curtis D. Jacobs and Jessica Jacobs to Christopher J. Rivers; FREDERICKSBURG NO ADDITION Lot: 6 Block: 34.

Croell Inc. to Renae A. Parker; LAWLER CROELLS FIRST ADDITION Lot: 8.

Donald E. Rosenbaum and Amiee L. Rosenbaum to Gretchen Hanson; S289' W225' SE SW 12-94-12.

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BOARD ROOM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022
5:15 P.M.

The members of the Telecommunications Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. in the Telecommunications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton.

Board members present were Babcock, Cantu, Hendricks and Anderson (via telephone). Dahl was absent. Attorney Kit O'Donohoe, General Manager Brian Quirk and City Clerk Karen Clemens were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Pro Tem Babcock at 5:18 p.m.

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

Moved by Hendricks; seconded by Cantu; that the minutes of the regular meeting minutes of October 10, 2022, be approved as presented. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion – carried.

Moved by Hendricks; seconded by Cantu; that claims in the amount of $184,423.13 be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion – carried.

Moved by Anderson; seconded by Hendricks; that the Finance Reports for October, 2022, be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion – carried.

Attorney Kit O'Donohoe informed the board that the mediation with MP NexLevel is scheduled for December 14, 2022. He is waiting for information from Farr Technologies.

Brian Quirk shared his concerns with uncollectible accounts.

General Manager Update:

1.Staff is working on installs, usually 6-7 per week; assisting with new customers

2.Completed Fall maintenance on transport route from Waverly

3.Updated tracer wires ; a remedy for potential problems (rodents)

Moved by Cantu, seconded by Hendricks; that the meeting adjourn at 5:29 p.m. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion – carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, City Clerk

JANINE BABCOCK, Board Chair Pro Tem

TELECOMMUNICATIONS
OCTOBER 10, 2022 5:15 P.M.

State of Iowa,Sales & Use Tax September 2022 ..... $1,070.93
Huinker, Kelsey,Refund Final Account Balance $70.35
Mason, Dylan,Refund Final Account Balance $74.88
Visa,Travel, Conference, PVC, Cable, Annual Fees $1,768.59
Waverly Utilities,Transport $899.95
Aureon,Transport Service $2,685.00
US Cellular,iPad Service & Device Payment $65.57
Black Hills Energy,Gas Service.. $37.73
Madison National Life Ins,Term Life & AD&D, Supplemental Life ... $73.85
Payroll Account,October Salaries $20,452.57
Bank Iowa,Series A & B Bond Semi Annual Interest Payments ... $53,687.50
Reimbursement,Medical Reimbursement $308.69
BIG Network,Digital Base, Total Base, BTN $270.18
Butler Bremer Communications Voice Service $6,669.63
Butler Bremer Communications Internet $728.99
CardConnect,Monthly Fee $574.41
Cedar Falls Utilities,28E Agreement $1,259.88
Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust Series C & D Bond Semi Annual Interest Payments $66,687.50
FARR Technologies,Professional Fees $2,843.44
Five Star CO-OP,Gas $106.65
Goldfield Telecom,Office Supplies, Outside Equip $2,495.00
Graybar,Precision Reel Cable & Supply $782.62
High Plains Technology, Inc. Agreement Microsoft 365 ..... $74.95
Innovative Systems,Printing, Mailing, Monthly Software Fee $4,002.11
Iowa One Call,Email $105.30
Jendro,Refuse Pickup $66.99
L&R Manufacturing, LLC,Outside Plant Supplies $177.56
M.T.S., Inc.,Window Washing ... $34.24
National Cable TV Coop,Video Programming $7,333.91
National Cable TV Coop,Diamond Drop Wire Clamp $30.78
New Hampton Electric,PVC Elbows, Conduit $313.23
New Hampton Tribune,Legal Publication $95.16
New Hampton, City of,Utility Bill $671.20
NIMECA,Disability Insurance .. $75.38
Patriot Communications, LLC,Conversions, Outside Plant Underground Work $7,153.00
Perry, Cindy,Refund Final Account Balance $9.09
Rapid Printers, Office World,Door Hangers $219.35
Schueth Ace Hardware,Tools, Building Supplies $176.78
SmartSource Consulting,Consulting $216.17
The Gathering Place,Refund Final Account Balance $51.84
David Weise,Refund Final Account Balance $2.18
TOTAL TO BE APPROVED $184,423.13

PAYROLL CHECKS WRITTEN SINCE SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

AFLAC,Supplemental Insurance $48.12
Ameritas Variable Life Insurance Deferred Comp $90.00
Ameritas Variable Life Insurance Deferred Comp $90.00
Ameritas Variable Life Insurance Deferred Comp $90.00
EFTPS,FICA & Federal Taxes $1,653.28
EFTPS,FICA & Federal Taxes $1,486.00
EFTPS,FICA & Federal Taxes $1,486.02
Iowa Dept of Revenue,State Withholding Tax $634.99
Treasurer, State of Iowa,IPERS $2,454.01
Wellmark,Health & Dental Insurance $2,851.37
TOTAL PAYROLL $10,883.79

No. 22493
11/24/22

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Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency
Unapproved - Full Board Minutes
November 10th, 2022

On Thursday November 10th, 2022 in the Meeting Room at the Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Landfill at 5:30 p.m. the regular meeting of the Full Board of the Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency was held in person and by Zoom.

Chairman, Tim Zoll was in the chair. Full Board members Al Anhorn, Rick Bodensteiner, David Geerts, Dave Swenumson, David Bublitz, Dean Speicher, Doug Kamm, Jerry Joerger, Jay Uhlenhake, Randy Thoren, Steve Smolik, Terry Byrnes, Tracy Merfeld, Trevis O'Connell, Keith Horgen, Marguerite Ashley, and Rhonda Dean were in the BoardRoom. Kevin Crooks and Karen Damjanovic were presented by Zoom.

Absent: Bobby Schwickerath, Roger Brumm, Jeff Buland, Jeff Wright, Pam Wendel, Scott Johnson, Representative for McIntire.

Employees Present: Christian Fox, Director. Lori King, Office Manager.

Guests Present: None

A motion was made by Bodensteiner, second by Smolik to approve the consent agenda as presented. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Financial Report- Joerger presented the Financial Report. Joerger stated that we were already one month into the new fiscal year budget and are going on the right track. He also mentioned that the current budget showed the convenience area payment in this budget, but it was actually paid for out of last year's budget. After some discussion, a motion was made by Kamm and second by Anhorn to approve the Financial Report. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

The Counties did their caucus to appoint the At Large Executive board members: The results are as follows- Floyd County- Trevis O'Connell; Mitchell County- Al Anhorn; Chickasaw County- Marguerite Ashley. A motion was made by Geerts to approve and accept these appointments, second by Swenumson. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Election of Board Officers- After some discussion, a motion was made by Ashley and second by Dean to table the election of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, and Financial Committee until the January meeting and to amend the By-Laws to how they were previously written. Fox stated that in this case with several board members not returning back on the board after this year, it makes it difficult to elect the proper board officials. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Determine Dollar Amount of Equipment Purchases by Executive Board, per By-Laws, presently $70,000.00. After little discussion, a motion was made by Geerts and second by Joerger to set the Dollar Amount of Equipment Purchases by Executive Board, per By-Laws, to $70,000. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Determine Dollar Amount of Asset Sales by Executive Board, per By-Laws, presently $40,000.00. After little discussion, a motion was made by Geerts and second by Anhorn to set the Dollar Amount of Asset Sales by Executive Board, per By-Laws, to $40,000.00. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Old Business- None

There being no further items requiring board action, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m. with a motion by Rick Bodensteiner and second by David Geerts. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

December minutes will be published in the Charles City Press. A copy of these minutes can also be found on our website fmclandfill.org.

Oct 22

Air Diffusion Systems 7,690.50
Alliant Energy 1,995.24
Anhorn, Alan 61.91
Bobby Schwickerath 35.00
Bodensteiner Implement Co. 64.99
Bodensteiner, Rick 56.06
Cardmember Service 1,898.63
Carolina Software 400.00
cedar Valley Repair LLC 28.27
Charles City Press 210.00
City Laundering 144.52
Collin Brinkman 163.66
Culligan 109.70
E & E Welding 194.40
Ed Shindelar 380.04
Enterprise Journal 76.55
Farmland Hardware 23.50
Fox, Christian 358.97
Heartland Insurance Risk Pool 516.00
HLW Engineering Group 2,396.00
IA Dept. of Ag & Land Stewardship 84.00
Innovative Ag Services 3,651.80
Jendro Sanitation 370.00
Joerger, Jerry 233.01
Kamm, Doug 56.06
Keystone Laboratories 1,366.50
Larson's Hardware Hank 60.24
Lori King 272.33
Midwest Electronic Recovery 1,896.80
Mitchell County - Health/Dental 5,350.00
Nolts Custom Concrete 75,572.00
NORTH IOWA BROADCASTING 650.00
O' Connell, Trevis 56.06
Omnitel Communications 227.43
Rapid Printers 90.00
Riley's Inc 23.62
Smith AG., INC. 7,437.30
Steve Smolik 56.06
Tyler Wright 147.26
US Cellular 82.96
Ziegler Inc 15,817.34
Zoll, Tim 321.25
TOTAL 130,625.96

No. 22498
11/24/22

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ELECTRIC UTILITY - COMMUNICATIONS
BOARD ROOM
MONDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2022
5:00 P.M.

The Board of Trustees of the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant met for a regular meeting on Monday November 14, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the board room at the Communications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton, IA.

Board members present were Babcock, Cantu and Hendricks. Dahl and Anderson were absent. General Manager Brian Quirk and City Clerk Karen Clemens were also present.

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

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Cantu; That the agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Three. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl and Anderson. Motion carried.

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Cantu; That the minutes of the October 10, 2022 regular meeting minutes be approved. Ayes – Three. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl and Anderson. Motion carried.

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Cantu; That claims in the amount of $359,810.84 be approved. Ayes – Three. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl and Anderson. Motion carried.

Board member Anderson arrived at 5:06 on the telephone.

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Cantu; That the Finance Reports for October, 2022, be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

Moved by Cantu, seconded by Hendricks; that the annual renewal of the health insurance policy with Blue Cross Blue Shield be renewed effective January 1, 2023. Ayes – Four. Nays - None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

Attorney Kit O'Donohoe arrived at 5:13 p.m.

General Manager Update:

1.The reel trailer has been delivered

2.Staff is working on one calls, cut overs; installing water system at the plant

3.Assisted with Little Lite of Mine at Mikkelson; Christmas lights on Main & Linn are up

Moved by Cantu, seconded by Hendricks; that the meeting adjourn at 5:17 pm. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, City Clerk

JANINE BABCOCK, Board Chair Pro Tem

LIGHT PLANT
NOVEMBER 14, 2022
5:00 P.M.

State of Iowa,Sales & Use Tax October $11,812.86
NIMECA,Monthly Power Bill, CTS Improvement $262,965.15
Five Star Coop,Gas $1,177.46
Larsen Lawn & Landscaping,Weed Control $214.00
New Horizons Chamber of Commerce Payments on Utility Bills $457.68
Tornero, Hugo & Rachel,Refund Final Account Balance $43.36
USPS,Postage for Utility Bills .. $141.71
Rapid Printers,Utility Billings Sept 2022 ..... $244.56
US Cellular,iPad Service $54.16
Black Hills Energy,Engine Fuel, Utilities $1,047.87
Iowa One Call.One Calls $41.40
Jendro Sanitation,Refuse $66.99
Madison National Life Insurance Term Life & AD&D, Supplemental Life $90.25
Visa,Operation & Distribution Supplies, Conference $5,695.40
USPS,Postage for Utility Bills .. $130.03
New Horizons Chamber of Commerce Payments on Utility Bills $457.68
Xalamihua, Irene Tlehuactle Refund Final Account Balance $190.07
Windstream,Fax Line $50.15
John Deere Financial,Supplies, PPE, Vehicle Repairs $735.94
Trinidad, Juan,Refund Final Account Balance $25.26
USPS,Postage for Utility Bills .. $118.99
Rapid Printers,Utility Billings Oct 2022 ..... $243.64
Adams, Mary,Refund Final Account Balance $34.44
Ahlers Cooney Attorney Contract Proceedings -Electric Distribution $1,971.50
Amaril Uniform Company,PPE $928.23
Bodensteiner Implement Company Fuel, Trimmer, Bolt Cover $604.13
Bond Transfer,Transfer $59,000.00
CarQuest of New Hampton,Battery $29.94
City Laundering Co.,Industrial Laundering Service $124.29
DGR,Distribution Improvements- Phase 2 ..... $9,847.00
FARR,Distribution Underground Project $1,389.06
Five Star Cooperative,Gas, Pipe $1,731.07
Fletcher-Reinhardt Company,Harness, Meters, Connectors $5,274.74
Garratt Callahan,Engine Repairs $20,614.62
Geerts Plumbing & Heating Replace Drinking Fountain, Water Filter System $3,797.63
Iowa One Call,One Calls $105.30
Iowa Utilities Board,IUB & OCA FY22 Industry Direct Assessment $4,216.00
Jendro Sanitation,Refuse $66.99
Josephson Construction LLC Pea Gravel $276.27
LS Supply & Rental,Joint Compound $185.34
NHMU,Joint Expense (L&R, Black Hills, Patriot) $4,211.41
NHMU,Phone Service $88.52
New Hampton Tribune,Publications $277.24
New Hampton, City of,Utility Bill $76.67
NIMECA,Disability Insurance $235.32
OMEGA Machine Tool, Inc.,Impact Auger Adaptor $149.80
Schueth Ace Hardware,Saw Blades, Vacuum, Supplies $400.48
Reimbursement,Medical Reimbursement $1,316.55
Stanton Electric,Distribution Project Materials $831.20
Stuart C. IRBY,Switchgear Box $7,704.00
Superior Lumber,Trim Boards .. $326.95
Reimbursement,Medical Reimbursement $120.00
Wesco Receivables Corp,Distribution Supplies $5,480.54
Wheeler World, Inc.,Tube Assembly, Fuel Line $1,391.00
Total $418,810.84
Less Transfers $59,000.00
TOTAL TO BE APPROVED $359,810.84

PAYROLL CHECKS WRITTEN SINCE OCTOBER 10, 2022

AFLAC,Supplemental Insurance $131.62
Ameritas Life Insurance,Deferred Comp $684.55
Ameritas Life Insurance,Deferred Comp $690.59
Ameritas Life Insurance,Deferred Comp $704.16
EFTPS,FICA & Federal Taxes $4,557.52
EFTPS,FICA & Federal Taxes $4,831.21
EFTPS.FICA & Federal Taxes $4,579.94
Iowa Dept of Revenue,State Withholding Tax $1,750.83
Treasurer, State of Iowa,IPERS $6,398.13
Wellmark,Health & Dental Insurance $6,883.71
Total Payroll $31,212.26

No. 22494
11/24/22

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NOTICE OF SALE

The contents of Storage Unit # 15

Located at: C Storage,625 S Linn Ave,New Hampton, IA 50659

And rented in the name of: Victoria Dugan,Will be sold at public auction sale on: Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 1:00PM, 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.

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In non-emergency situations, contact either the County Engineer's Office, 641-394-2321, or the County Garage, 641-394-4413.

Expectant mothers are encouraged to let us know their locations so we can direct our plows to open the roads leading to their homes as soon as possible after a storm.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET
City of NEW HAMPTON
Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

The City of NEW HAMPTON will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023

Meeting Date/Time: 12/5/2022 07:00 PM | **Contact:** Karen Clemens | **Phone:** (641) 394-5906

Meeting Location: Community Center, 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing.

REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	1,973,711	0	1,973,711
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax	3	1,973,711	0	1,973,711
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	300,000	0	300,000
Other City Taxes	6	579,208	0	579,208
Licenses & Permits	7	40,375	0	40,375
Use of Money & Property	8	76,600	0	76,600
Intergovernmental	9	864,284	0	864,284
Charges for Service	10	8,994,675	0	8,994,675
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	49,600	0	49,600
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	1,419,126	0	1,419,126
Total Revenues & Other Sources	15	14,297,579	0	14,297,579
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	862,826	160,048	1,022,874
Public Works	17	727,700	1,790	729,490
Health and Social Services	18	1,660	75	1,735
Culture and Recreation	19	822,749	24,325	847,074
Community and Economic Development	20	551,182	3,272	554,454
General Government	21	479,401	1,850	481,251
Debt Service	22	366,021	0	366,021
Capital Projects	23	293,000	0	293,000
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	4,104,539	191,360	4,295,899
Business Type/Enterprise	25	8,069,243	0	8,069,243
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	26	12,173,782	191,360	12,365,142
Transfers Out	27	1,419,126	0	1,419,126
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	13,592,908	191,360	13,784,268
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	704,671	-191,360	513,311
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2022	30	22,442,355	0	22,442,355
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2023	31	23,147,026	-191,360	22,955,666

Explanation of Changes: Five items encumbered from 2021-2022 Budget; Reimbursement of expenses; Ambulance Fee Increase

No. 22485
11/24/22

HELP WANTED

The City of New Hampton is accepting bids for a custodial service to work approximately 20 hours per week. The service must be available to work varied hours and will clean several city buildings. The City is accepting bids thru **Monday, November 28th, 2022 by 5:00pm.** You may contact City Hall for the details of the service at 641-394-5906 or on the City of New Hampton website. Deliver or mail your bid to City Hall, 112 E. Spring Street, New Hampton or via email to nhcityclerk@gmail.com.

Trust us, this was a pretty good 'war' to judge!

Sweets by Keke's Jenny Bouillon and New Horizons-Chamber Executive Director Liz Zweibohmer (above) join Blue Iris owner Julie Winter-Havel (right) in judging a unique contest at New Hampton High School while student Whitnee Wahl (below) talks about the cake she and her teammates made during "Cake Wars."

The contest was the brainchild of family and consumer science instructor April Schmitt, and on Veterans Day afternoon, the students in her Baking I class squared off with a sweet, but fierce, war.

Each student had a representative that spoke for their group and explained how they made their cakes and answered the judges' questions, and the cakes were judged on a rubric that included wow factor, taste, frosting, decorations and overall unique design.

And the winner was ... the trio of Kylee Bucknell, Maritza Martinez and Norah Orthhaus for their cake "Oreo Dream." The winning cake's frosting — a vanilla with crushed up Oreos — was made from scratch, and the cake was decorated with chocolate ganache and mini-Oreos on top. It was delicious, but then again, as Schmitt put it, they all were.

Photos courtesy of April Schmitt/New Hampton High School

Briefs

Home for the Holidays, Live Windows highlight busy week

For those who want to get in the Christmas shopping season, New Horizons-Chamber has a couple of big events coming up.

A day after Black Friday, the chamber will celebrate Small Business Saturday with Home for the Holidays, and officials put the finishing touches on goodie bags that New Horizons will hand out to the first 100 people who stop at the Chamber office, which opens at 9 a.m. Saturday.

The businesses that are taking part in the "goodie bag" program include Addicted 2 Stitchin, Chickasaw Wellness Complex, Dungey's Furniture & Flooring, Fidelity Bank & Trust, First Citizens Bank, Janey Lynn's Designs, Inc., Mark's Jewelry, Miss Emma's Dance Company LLC. New Hampton Tribune, Pocketful of Posies, Quilter's Window, Rapid Printers & Office World, Real Goods Clothing Boutique, Schueth Ace Hardware, Tattoo Salon - By Abbott Artistry, TRIBE Trail, Volare' Esthetics Med Spa and Zombie Ink.

New Horizons then will usher in December with the annual Live Windows event that will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the downtown area.

Holiday Lights Display Contest kicks off on Dec. 8

The New Hampton Holiday Lights Display Contest is back for another year, but this year, it comes with a twist as the winners will be determined by the residents of New Hampton and not a panel of judges.

The annual contest is sponsored by the New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department and includes five divisions — most traditional, most whimsical, best theme, Clark Griswold's best and Best Use of Lights.

The contest will also include the Shining Star Neighborhood Award.

Those who want to take part in the contest must have a residential address in New Hampton, give permission to have their name and address on the New Hampton Holiday Lights! Facebook page and must have the display lit from 5:30 to 9 p.m. each night from Dec. 8 to Dec. 15.

Those who want to enter the contest should email Tara Hackman at tara.nhpark@gmail.com or register online at www.teamsideline.com/newhamptonia by Dec. 8.

Winners will be determined by residents who cast votes n the Holiday Lights! Facebook page.

Those with questions about the contest can call 641-394-5464.

Highway 18/218 eastbound traffic to start using elevated interchange

Half of the traffic driving past Floyd on the Avenue of the Saints should get to start experiencing the new elevated interchange beginning next week when the eastbound lanes of U.S. 18/218/Iowa 27 are opened.

Pete Hjelmstad, District 2 field services coordinator for the Iowa Department of Transportation, said if the weather cooperates and pavement marking can be completed, the eastbound traffic will begin using the new bridge and ramps on Tuesday, instead of the two-lane head–to-head situation that has existed since construction of the first interchange bridge began in the spring.

For several days, drivers on the Avenue of the Saints coming from both directions toward Floyd have been notified that the eastbound side of the new elevated interchange at Floyd will be opened, and traffic will again be divided through the winter. Press photo by Bob Steenson

Westbound traffic will continue to be affected by the construction, with the inside lane past Floyd being closed, Hjelmstad said.

"The main through lane will be for through traffic as well as traffic wanting to turn left on T44," he said. "There will be a right turn lane into Floyd. The traffic lights will remain in place, so that will affect westbound traffic, as well as north and southbound traffic."

Hjelmstad said the main thing left to be completed is painting.

"We need dry pavement, and we need coordinating crews. The painting crew that's going to be up here has a big job down at the I80/380 huge interchange project," he said. "They're hoping to be up here Monday, hoping to have dry pavement – the weather's supposed to be decent – and get it open Tuesday."

He said the pavement markings can be painted in cold weather, but not wet weather.

"They have different types of paint they can use in the colder temperatures," he said.

Hjelmstad reminded motorists to "take it easy through there."

"There's still going to be the traffic lights. It's going to be a new driving situation," he said, but "it should be an easier, safer driving situation with the interchange open for eastbound/southbound traffic."

— Bob Steenson, Charles City Press

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Picked a good meeting to attend!

New Hampton High School students take notes during the New Hampton City Council meeting Monday night, and let's just say this: They picked a good meeting to attend as part of an assignment in New Hampton High School teacher Cory McDonald's civics class. McDonald, who serves on the City Council, has students attend School Board and/or City Council meetings with the stipulation that they stay for at least the first hour of the meeting, and since Monday's meeting lasted all of nine minutes, it was a light night for these students.

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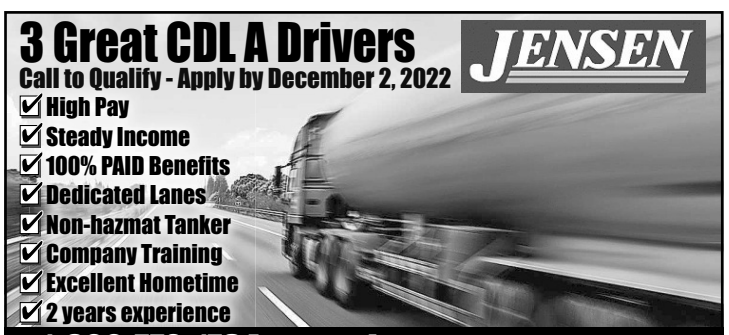

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Turkey Valley announces first quarter honor roll students

The first quarter honor roll for the Turkey Valley high school was released recently and includes the following students:

3.75-4.0 — Whitney Acord, Courtney Ball, Brynlee Hayek, Mya Ives, David Acord, Nicholas Bernhard, Gavin Berst, Ellaney Bodensteiner, Grace Bouska, Mitchell Kriener, Ava Kuennen, Jadeyn Mueterthies, Karsyn Reicks, Bree Balk, Hunter Kruse, Karstyn Lukes, Larry Vrba, Maici Weber, Kinsey Reicks, Bode Balk, Mariah Throndson, Halle Weber, Calvin Bodensteiner, Aubrey Hoffert, Jacqlyn Schmitt and Troy Schmitt.

3.50-3.74 – Caleb Kriener, Treyton Franzen, Theresa Hanson, Emersyn Hoffert, Kaden Jirak, Jordan Kriener, Cale Langreck, Mckenna Looby, Hazel Nieman, Anna Reicks, Bree Balk, Annika Bodensteiner, Logan Busta, Traejin Keel, Addison Steinlage, Jenna Throndson, Karen Ventura, Delaney Busta, Brooklyn Kuennen, Morgan Vsetecka, Megan Blong, Burke Busta, Russell Nieman, Oliver Schmitt, Ryann Schmitt, Carson Busta, Brennen Drilling, Ashley Fischer, Brady Fischer, Noah Hanson, Treyton Hulbert, Kale Kuennen, Alison Leibold, Victor Nava Montiel, Gabrielle Scheidel, Olivia Snyder and Savannah Solheim.

3.25-3.49 — Honora Chicken, Jocelynn DeSloover, Cole Fencl, Alexis Gruenberg, Levi Kruse, Jacob Wurzer, Brady Blong, Ella Ives, Kendall Kuennen, Raelen Manderfield, Isabella Stika, Tyler Forbes, Brayden Hoffert, Addison Lutgen, Wyatt Maklenburg, Emma Brincks, Alexis Elsbernd, Calenn Franzen, Autumn Maklenburg, Sofia Rivera, Alayna Kuennen, Tanner Tlusty, Garrett Dietzenbach, Presleigh Eich, Will Hurd, Breanna Moudry, Lillian Rausch and Abigail Schmitt.

3.00-3.24 — Elizabeth Hyer, Kaden Schmidt, Tucker Tlusty, John Forbes, Maria Klimesh, Tucker Reicks, Aidan Berst, Andrew Brown, Ashlyn Busta, Ethan Orvis, Luella Reicks, Isabella Gruenberg, Cadyn Huber, Tristan Pullman, Adriana Tiedt, Clare Courtney, Chase Hayek, Sierra Morris and Bailey Poor.

Briefs

The Santa Store will return to New Hampton Community Center Dec. 3

The New Hampton Women of Today will open its annual Santa Store on Saturday, Dec. 3, and families are invited to check out the great gift ideas before they head over to the Carnegie Cultural Center to see Santa.

All items in the store will be priced for $10 or less, and the store offers a chance for kids and adults to have fun shopping for gifts for family members.

The store will be located at the Community Center and will be open from 9 a.m. to noon.

Local musicians to perform at UNI concert next month in Cedar Falls

The UNI Community Music School will present a concert by the New Horizons Band at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the Catherine Cassidy Gallagher Great Hall of the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center on the UNI campus.

Admission is free for the concert, which will feature a selection of band favorites, including a medley of Judy Garland songs and holiday tunes. A reception will be held following the concert.

Members of the New Horizons Band is include musicians ages 50 and older with various musical backgrounds, who travel from all over Iowa, including Cedar Falls, Waterloo, Waverly, New Hampton and Grundy Center to attend weekly rehearsals at the University of Northern Iowa.

New Horizon Band members from Chickasaw county include Kathleen Ayers, Nancy Morris, Sandra Buhre, Gary Griffin, Keith Kreun, and Fran Mattke.

The New Horizons Band is sponsored by the UNI School of Music and the UNI Community Music School.

Turkey Valley seeking volunteers for January district speech contest

A district large-group speech contest will be held at Turkey Valley on Jan. 21, and the school is looking for volunteers and sponsors to help make the contest a success.

Those who would like to volunteer or would be interested in sponsoring the event should call the school at 563-776-6011.

Lettermen Club's Canned Food Drive runs through Dec. 7

The New Hampton Lettermen's Club kicked off their annual Canned Food Drive this past Friday during the annual Meet the Teams Night for Winter Sports, and the drive will run through Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Items needed include canned meats, veggies, fruits and soups, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, beans, sugar, paper products, laundry soap and pasta. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

Items may also be dropped off at any of the school offices.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

Chickasaw County Ambulance Council members meet for what turns out to be the final time Tuesday night, when they voted to disband the council at the end of the year.

Fredericksburg mayor wants cities to have input

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cities signed do not require the county to provide funds for the service unless the amount the cities provide doesn't cover the costs.

"I've heard it referenced [at supervisor meetings] how many times, 'Well it doesn't say in there or specify that we have any responsibility to [contribute] any funds.' That's a little troublesome to us," Mitchell said. "There's no protection for us. At least give us a platform that we can [give] feedback to you guys what we're thinking. I mean you agreed to act in good faith in these agreements. ... I can't just leave work every Monday and go to your meetings."

Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Kuhn, who represents the county on the Ambulance Council, reminded Mitchell that it was the cities who didn't want to set up an "advisory council" when the 28E agreements were being hammered out.

"I know, but I've flipped," Mitchell said.

County Attorney David Laudner said he understood and sensed Mitchell's frustration, and said there was always the possibility that the Board of Supervisors could hold quarterly or bi-annual meetings to meet with the cities who are receiving services from the county-owned ambulance service.

Kuhn said he would agree to do so, but he also conceded he is just one of five votes on the board.

"I guess I don't know how else to address that because ultimately it's up to those five people in those chairs," Launder said of the five supervisors. " And sadly I guess — I don't know if that's the right term — whatever comes down to it, it's going to be lobbying those five members to do what's best for the community at large, including everyone in the county."

Kuhn said another reason to disband was so that the Ambulance Council could get an early termination of its lease with the city of New Hampton so that the county can park its ambulances in the garage used by the current service.

He said — and New Hampton Mayor Bobby Schwickerath agreed — that the city would accept an early termination and sign a lease with the county to use the space until more permanent quarters are found or constructed.

"We have a consensus," Schwickerath said.

Laudner also told the council members that he wasn't sure what the purpose of the council would be if it voted not to disband.

"By law, it almost ceases because there's no budget, there's no money, there's no contract for any ambulance. You're not providing any services. You're just a shell. What purpose does it have then?"

In the end, Nashua's representative, Samantha Johnson, made a motion to distribute the remaining money the council has, pending final claims and publications, by per capita, based on the 2020 census and to disband the service on Dec. 31.

Kuhn earlier in the meeting had said that, as of Tuesday, there was $14,269.53 remaining in the account.

At first, just the five voting members of the council approved Johnson's motion, but Laudner asked that all members of the council weigh in on the motion, which passed unanimously. Bassett and Lawler did not have representatives at Tuesday night's meeting.

The council members then voted 7-0 to approve sending a letter to the city of New Hampton asking to get out of its lease.

Before the meeting ended, though, McGrath asked for a moment to thank the Ambulance Council, saying he appreciated the amount of hours council members put into providing ambulance service to the county.

Council members, in turn, thanked McGrath for the work he has done throughout the county through the years.

A few seconds later, the vote to adjourn was taken, passed unanimously and the final meeting of the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council ended.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
November 14, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 9:00 am with members Breitbach, Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Terry Johnson, Kennan Seda, Scott Cerwinske, Bridget Edson, Public Health Lisa Welter, Environmental Health, Penny Ardorf, Engineer Roman Lensing, Sheriff Marty Hemann, Sheriff's Office Ryan Shawver, Jordan Gansen, Police Department Zach Nosbisch, Kathy Shekleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, Samuel's Group Greg Wlyrz and Dan Roarty, Iowa Department of Corrections Delbert Longley

Motion by Zoll, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for November 14, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Byrne to approve the meeting minutes from November 7, 2022 with changes. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Byrne, seconded by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from November 8, 2022 with changes. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Byrne, Kuhn. Abstain-Hackman, Zoll Motion carried.

Public Comment

Bridget Edson discussed website.

Kennan Seda discussed Veteran's Day

Discuss Public Health updates.

Discussed the Water Supply Operation Permit at the Heritage Building. The Heritage Residence is classified as a transient non-community public water supply with a groundwater source. The supply must have a certified operator, Environmental Health, Penny Ardorf, in the direct responsible charge of its treatment and distribution systems holding the appropriate classification(s). This supply is classified as a Grade A system.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to accept Iowa DOT Contact Construction Progress Voucher for Chickasaw County Pavement Markings Project FM-CO19(108)--55-19 with Vogel Traffic Services and authorize Board Chair signature. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to approve Heartland insurance from the November 8 meeting and authorize Board Chair Signature. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Discussed Chickasaw County Ambulance Council 28 E Membership and decided to have the Attorney David Laudner look at it.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Byrne to direct Attorney David Laudner draw up the lease agreement between Chickasaw County and City of New Hampton for the garage that the ambulances will use. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Discussed feasibility study and jail updates.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to continue with Jendro, with a 3% increase from $26,586.36(FY 2023-2024) to $27,384.00 (FY 2023-2024) starting July1, 2023 with two changes; First. Jendro will no longer go to the Dept of Human Services Building instead they will go to the Chickasaw Heritage Building. Second. A name change for North Washington Farmer's COOP to North Washington Five Star. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Discussed key policy for Heritage Building and decided to wait till next week.

Discussed mail delivery for the Heritage Building.

Discussed budget amendment for the EMS.

Committee Assignment

Supervisor Zoll – FMC Landfill 11-10-22

Motion by Hackman, second by Breitbach to adjourn at 11:08 AM. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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last year to this year would just be how much more I realize I was capable of doing and how much more effective I was playing my role on our team. I definitely do feel like I have improved, but I will be working to come back for my final year to contribute as much as I am able to, to make my team even better and help take us to the state tournament," said Cahoy.

Cahoy managed 125 kills that first year of varsity competition as a ninth grader and she'll look to crack the century mark her final season at New Hampton next fall when the calendar flips to 2023.

She currently sports 729 career kills – 297 slams her sophomore season and 310 putdowns to the hardwood just this past year.

"Marissa was one of 29 athletes to be named to a class 3A all-state team. She deserves this honor of third team for many reasons. She is a six-rotation player who plays a lot of volleyball. She finds ways to contribute in all rotations on the court. She ranked with the top attackers in class 3A," said Geerts, who just put a wrap to her 17th season, which included sweeping conference regular and postseason NEIC titles.

Cahoy was one of the state's most complete players – as evidence by her team-leading 218 digs and 29 ace serves. She also realizes she couldn't have had the individual success she did without her teammates.

"I feel that this year we worked together more than we ever have the past couple of years I have been on varsity. I felt closer with my team and made new and better friendships with my teammates. I believe that treating your teammates as a family and with respect is just as important as being a part of the team itself," said Cahoy. "We have truly become a family. I get along with everyone and know that I can talk to them on and off the court. I have a good relationship with everyone on the team."

Cahoy is determined to get her Chickasaws down to Coralville and the state tournament. Coralville hosted the state tourney at the Xtream Arena for the first time in 2022.

Hard work in the offseason and getting plenty of touches on a volleyball is just part of the recipe to do just that. Cahoy said she also wants to play Division I volleyball, but is undecided on a school as of yet.

"For my last year, I am going to do my very best to partake in getting my team to the state tournament. Obviously, that is my biggest goal in my high school career and I would love to achieve this goal," said Cahoy. "I will be improving my skills for not only myself, but for my team as well.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton's Marissa Cahoy unleashes her jump serve during a Class 3A regional match against Crestwood last month.

There is nothing I want more than to experience the state tournament with my volleyball family."

Cahoy was also named to the Class 3A Northeast Iowa All-District team.

Coach likes leadership senior shows

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went 3-2 at last year's state tournament, and her season got off to a solid start as she went 2-1 and picked up two pins.

"We knew the girl from Center Point was good and, you know, I think if we see her down the road, we can win that match," Ciavarelli said. "Ali needs mat time, and what I really liked is after she lost, she didn't get much time before her last match and she went out and showed that senior leadership and took care of business."

Wertz, meanwhile, had one of the more exciting matches on the day as she topped Makenzy Holt of Linn Mar 9-7 in her final bout of the day to finish second in her bracket.

Even those that didn't find a lot of success in the win-loss column had solid days. Ciavarelli pointed out that Aleah Eichenberger and Olivia Hoy were in most of their matches.

"Again, it's mat time, and once they get that, we're going to be fine," he said. "It was a really good start for our girls, and now we'll get back in the room and get better."

The Chickasaws are off until this Monday when they head to Elkader for the Central Elkader Scramble before they head to Coralville for the Dan Gable Donnybrook that is set for Dec. 1-2.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

Aleah Eichenberger placed fourth: Justyce Dominick (Vinton-Shellsburg) pinned Eichenberger, 2:27; Addie Hodgson (Western Dubuque) pinned Eichenberger, 1:08; Reece Shrader (Bettendorf) pinned Eichenberger, 1:23; Eichenberger pinned Joscelyn Stricker (CR Kennedy, 1:40.

Allie Johnson placed first: Johnson pinned Livvy Petlon (West Delaware), 1:09; Johnson pinned Madelyn Rose (North Scott), 1:37; Johnson pinned Ivory Lesly (Davenport), 1:04.

Kaylee Johnson placed second. Johnson pinned Kendra Lux (West Delaware), 1:01; Tayla Stiefel (East Buchanan) pinned Johnson, 0:58; Johnson pinned Lily Jeynes (CR Washington), 1:55; Johnson pinned Abby Barnes (Independence), 0:26.

Ali Russler placed second: Russler pinned Alexys Petersen (Bettendorf), 1:32; Moorea Brown (Center Point-Urbana) pinned Russler, 2:19; Russler pinned Lucy Hangartner (Marion), 0:29.

Olivia Hoy placed fourth: Kallie Gibbons (Mason City) dec. Hoy, 5-4; Kaitlyn Markley (Anamosa) pinned Hoy, 1:41; Irelan Brown (Center Point-Urbana) pinned Hoy, 4:00.

Keira Myers placed first: Myers pinned Gia Blaser (Ankeny), 0:17; Myers pinned Melena Garcia (Linn-Mar), 0:35; Myers pinned Mercedes Brockert (West Liberty), 1:23.

Maycen Hackman placed fourth: Kayla Clark (Ankeny) pinned Hackman, 1:53; 1st Place Match - Shannon Dolan (CR Kennedy) won by forfeit over Hackman; Sylvia Brofitt (IC West) won by forfeit over Hackman.

Zoey Dreckman placed fourth: Noemi Vital (Bettendorf) pinned Dreckman, 2:00; Adrianna Hitchcock (Bettendorf) pinned Dreckman, 0:40; Ashley Heine (Waverly-Shell Rock) pinned Dreckman; 3:31.

Kaylee Wertz placed second: Wertz pinned Madison Fury (Mason City), 1:25; Layla Phillips (Mason City) pinned Wertz, 0:50; Wertz dec. Makenzy Holt (Linn-Mar), 9-7.

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Rochford Insurance	4	0
Mid-Tech	4	0
Hugeback-Johnson	3	1
Elma Gals	3	1
ExSalont	1	3
Geerts Plumbing	1	3
Vern Laures Auto	0	4

NOV. 16 RESULTS

Beginning of second round

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home 3, ExSalont 1

Rochford Insurance 4, Dummy 0

Mid-Tech 4, Vern Laures Auto 0

Elma Gals 3, Geerts Plumbing 1

LEADERS

High individual games: Rita Geerts 268, Lorraine Pullman 213, Kristy Kirkus 195.

High individual series: Geerts 570, Kirkus 532, Pullman 531.

High team games: Geerts Plumbing 493, Elma Gals 458, ExSalont 441.

High team series: Elma Gals 1,315, Hugeback/Johnson Funeral 1,270, ExSalont 1,250.

MOST PINS OVER AVERAGE (GAME)

Geerts 84

MOST PINS OVER AVERAGE (SERIES)

Pullman 111

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Chickasaw Men's Pool

Week 5 Nov. 14

	W	L
Dak's Tap 1	26	19
Big Willie's	24	12
HereZ 2 U	23	13
Brite Spot	22	23
Dak's Tap 2	21	24
VFW	21	24
Butch's 1	20	16
Butch's 2	18	27
Hide-A-Way	18	27
The Pub	17	19
The Office	15	21

RESULTS

Butch's 2 5, Dak's Tap 1 4

The Office 5, Butch's 1 4

Hide-A-Way 5, VFW 4

The Pub 5, HereZ 2 U 4

Brite Spot 7, Dak's Tap 2 2

Big Willie's, bye

THREE-GAME WINNERS

VFW: Eric & Clint

Brite Spot: DJ & Justin

Butch's 2: Trent & CJ

The Pub: Bruce & Sem

Chickasaw Women's Pool

Week 7 Nov. 16

	W	L	GB
Butch's II	33	21	0
Bowlaway	30	24	3
Butch's I	28	26	5
Dak's Tap II	28	26	5
Dak's Tap I	27	27	6
Schucky's	22	32	11
Hide A Way	21	33	12

RESULTS

Butch's II 7, Dak's Tap II 2

Bowlaway Lanes 5, Hide A Way 4

Dak's Tap 1 6, Butch's I 3

Schucky's, bye

THREE-GAME WINNERS

Butch's II - Karen Schwier & Sue Matthews

Bowlaway Lanes - Ann Crook & Krissy Anderson

Dak's Tap I - Sheila Schwickerath & Pat Halvorson

Bob Fenske/Tribune

Notice anything different in this photo? If you said "shot clock," you nailed it as Monday night's game against Riceville was the first to be played with the 35-second clock that will be used for varsity basketball games this season.

Third quarter proves Chickasaws' undoing

NH Girls: From 14

Riceville used a 1-2 punch of 3-point shooting from Joy Beran and strong offensive rebounding to score four second-chance baskets.

The 18-4 margin in the quarter gave Riceville a 41-35 lead going into the final period, yet Leichtman said he felt that for the most part his team played well in the decisive third quarter.

"Obviously, defensively we needed a few more stops," he said, "but we had some really good looks. I mean we had three, maybe four, wide-open 3s that just didn't fall during that run. If we hit a couple of those, it's in my mind a whole different game."

But when the Wildcats scored the first five points of the second half and built an 11-point lead, with seven minutes to go, the hole was just too deep for the Chickasaws.

"I loved the way we fought, the way we battled, and you know what, you need that first game sometimes just to figure out where you're at," Leichtman said. "I saw a lot of good things, and yes, I saw a lot of things we obviously have to get better at but that's a good team over there."

Senior Carlee Rochford's first game of her final prep campaign was, in a word, brilliant. The senior hit 11 of 20 shots, scored 36 points, grabbed six rebounds, dished out four assists, blocked four shots and made three steals.

But the rest of the Chickasaws combined for just 11 points and Leichtman said he knows his team must find players to share the scoring load.

"I thought we took good shots, I thought we took them in a rhythm and I thought we didn't force a lot," he said. "We've got to get those shots to fall, and when they do, we're going to be a different team."

New Hampton will remain at home next Monday when the Chickasaws host Turkey Valley in a girl-boy doubleheader, which will be the season opener for the New Hampton boys.

RICEVILLE 56, NEW HAMPTON 47

Rice	9	14	18	15 -	56
NH	11	20	4	12 -	47

NEW HAMPTON STATS

Kirsten Reicherts 0-3 2-4 2, Carlee Rochford 11-20 10-14 36, Kandice Eggerichs 0-7 1-4 1, Elaina Rosonke 0-1 0-2 0, Gracie Reicks 1-3 0-0 2, Molly Wegner 1-7 1-2 3, Taylor Ries 1-2 1-3 3, Cora Schwickerath 0-1 0-1 0, Totals 14-44 15-30 47.

3-point field goals - Rochford 4-10, Reicherts 0-1, Reicks 0-1, Wegner 0-5.

Rebounds - Rochford 6, Ries 5, Schwickerath 4, Reicherts 2, Eggerichs 2, Rosobnke 1, Wegner 1.

Assists - Rochford 4, Ries 1, Schwickerath 1.

Steals - Rochford 3, Wegner 2, Ries 2, Rosonke 1, Reicks 1.

Blocks - Rochford 4, Reicherts 2.

Lions to hold their annual youth wrestling tournament Dec. 10

Saturday, Dec. 10 is the date for the annual Lions Wrestling tournament, the 44th year for the event.

There will be four age divisions with four-wrestler brackets being determined by weight. Champions in each bracket will receive a trophy, while medals will be awarded for second, third and fourth places.

The junior division, for wrestlers in fifth and sixth grade, will weigh in from 8 to 8:45 a.m., with competition beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wrestlers in the pee wee division, for third and fourth grade, will weigh in and compete at the same time as the juniors.

The younger ages — wrestlers in first and second grade are "midgets" and pre-K and kindergarten are "tots" — will weigh in from 9:15 to 10 a.m. and will begin wrestling about 11 a.m.

Early entries must be postmarked by Tuesday, Dec. 6, and the registration fee for early entries is $15.00 per wrestler.

Walk-in entries will be accepted the day of the tournament, but the entry fee will be $20.

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Rochford happy that recruiting stress over

ROCHFORD: FROM 14

three-sport athlete for the Chickasaws.

In volleyball, she was a three-year starter and a first-team all-conference selection this year.

In basketball, she has led New Hampton in scoring the past three seasons and, without an injury that cost her more than half of her sophomore season, she'd already be a 1,000-point scorer.

And after not getting a chance to compete in track as a freshman because the season was canceled at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, she's shown her tremendous versatility and found plenty of success — qualifying for the Drake Relays in five events and the Class 2A state meet in eight events.

She is one of the most decorated track athletes in New Hampton history — medaling seven times at state. In 2021, she was fourth in the long jump, sixth in the high jump and seventh in the 100 hurdles. This past spring, she was third in the long jump, fourth in the high jump, sixth in the hurdles and ran a leg on the Chickasaws' fourth-place 4x400 relay.

"I've always been around track," she said, "but last season, it really hit me how much I really loved it."

So this summer, she competed in a number of big national meets and finished eighth in heptathlon at the Nike Nationals last June before claiming the "hep" title at the AAU Junior Nationals in late July.

All of a sudden, college coaches came a calling, and on Friday, she chose Iowa.

"It's super exciting, and we are super proud of her," New Hampton girls track coach Jeanette Laures said. "We knew when she got into high school that she had a bright future. ... Her versatility is amazing. There are not that many kids in the country who can run, jump, throw and hurdle, and people have to understand she's put in a lot of work to get to this point."

But Laures said what makes Rochford a generational athlete is not just what she does on the track and in the field; instead, she called her a role model for younger Chickasaws.

"One of my favorite Carlee memories is from last year's state meet when someone asked her about her day," Laures said, "and the first thing she said was how excited she was for Natalie [Nosbisch] and her medaling in the 3,000. She's a great teammate, always cheering her team members on."

Rochford said she will focus on the heptathlon in college, an event held over two days.

On the opening day of the hep, athletes compete in the 100 hurdles, the high jump, shot put and 200 before concluding the event on the second day with the long jump, javelin and 800.

During the indoor season — let's face it, no one wants a javelin flying around in a fieldhouse — she will compete in the pentathlon that consists of the 60-meter hurdles, the high jump, shot put, long jump and 800.

And while Rochford is less than a year away from being a Hawkeye, her coach is happy she still has two more "seasons" as a Chickasaw. New Hampton opened its basketball season on Monday, and, of course, Rochford will put on the black and red of New Hampton track this spring.

"The one thing that's challenging with Carlee is trying to decide where to put her," Laures said with a laugh. "She can probably score points in almost any event in a track meet. But trust me, that's a good problem to have."

Rochford said she's ecstatic to close the book on her recruiting.

"It's stressful," she said. "It really is, trying to decide where the best place to go is not easy.

"I'm not saying it wasn't fun, because there are fun parts, but mostly I was stressed. Now, I can just relax and go out and enjoy the rest of my senior year here at New Hampton."

Bob Fenske/Tribune

Carlee Rochford, family members and New Hampton coach Jeanette Laures enjoy a light moment before the New Hampton senior signs her letter of intent to attend and compete in track and field at Iowa.

ON TAP FOR CHICKASAWS, TROJANS

MONDAY

Turkey Valley girls and boys basketball at New Hampton, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys at 5:15, varsity girls at 6:30 and varsity boys at 7:45 p.m.

New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling at Central tournament, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 29

Turkey Valley girls and boys basketball vs. South Winneshiek, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys, varsity girls and varsity boys to follow

New Hampton/Turkey Valley wresting at South Winneshiek, 5 p.m.

New Hampton JV Esports, TBD

THURSDAY, DEC. 1

New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling at Dan Gable Donnybrook, Coralville, 9 a.m.

New Hampton JJV girls basketball vs. Waverly-Shell Rock, 6 p.m.

New Hampton boys basketball at Mason City, JV at 6:15 p.m. and varsity at 7:30 p.m.

New Hampton 9th boys basketball vs. Waverly-Shell Rock, 7:30 p.m.

New Hampton varsity Esports, TBD

FRIDAY, DEC. 2

New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling at Dan Gable Donnybrook, Coralville, 9 a.m.

New Hampton/Turkey Valley varsity wrestling at Independence tournament, 2 p.m.

New Hampton boys bowling at Grundy Center, 4 p.m.

Turkey Valley girls and boys basketball at North Fayette Valley, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys, varsity girls and varsity boys to follow

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling at Independence tournament, 9 a.m.

New Hampton/Turkey Valley JV wrestling at Wapsie Valley tournament, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 5

New Hampton/Turkey Valley JV wrestling at Waverly-Shell Rock, 4 p.m.

On banner day, there's only one person missing

I am a child, no matter what my birth certificate says.

So the first thing I did when I walked into the commons area at New Hampton High School last Friday was make sure my camera was ready.

The reason? Because there was Joel Rochford ... wearing a ... gulp ... Iowa Hawkeyes shirt. It was something I thought I would never see on one of the biggest Nebraska Cornhuskers fans I know.

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"Hey let me get a picture of you in that shirt," I said as I lifted by camera.

Well, I got the picture ... and the No. 1 sign, if you know what I mean.

Rochford was one of the first people I met in New Hampton way back in 2009 when the Fenskes relocated to the City of Expanding Horizons.

We've been giving each other grief for almost 13 years now, but Joel and his family have been exceptionally good to me and my boys over the years.

I met his mom and dad, Jean and Jerry, and, they, too, were great fun to be around, especially when the Rochford kids — Conner and Carlee — started playing middle school sports, some of which I refereed.

Jerry and Jean were always there, and Jerry always loved to give me grief after a basketball game.

"That was the worst officiated game I've seen since the last time you were here," Jerry would say. He was joking. Or at least I think he was.

We would talk sports, and that's how I came to find out that Jerry Rochford loved track, and as my boys — as Jerry once joked with me — overcame their father's genes to turn into pretty decent track athletes, we talked "track" more than a few times.

A couple of months ago, I shared the story of how Jerry "borrowed" a few towels from a hotel, and those towels — one of which Noah still has — were instrumental in helping my youngest son to win the state discus title in a pouring rainstorm.

But the truth is that Jerry would help anyone when it came to track and field, although he definitely had a favorite track athlete — his granddaughter Carlee.

The Rochfords — (from left) Cade, Conner, Carlee, Joel, Andrea and Jean — pose for a photo by the Chickasaw Legacy Pathway that was dedicated this past fall in memory of Jerry Rochford.

Jerry passed away during Carlee's freshman year of high school, and after his death in March 2020, Jean, Joel and his brothers shared with me the story of being at a track meet and coaching kids from this school and that school.

There was the state qualifying meet where he offered tips to one of his grandson's friends, and by the end of the meet, he was offering tips to kids not only from his grandson's school, Edgewood-Colesburg, but also from kids who attended MFL-Mar-Mac, Turkey Valley and others.

Just a couple of weeks before he passed, Carlee competed at the Dickinson Relays, and Jerry was in Rochester getting ready for open-heart surgery so grandpa coached granddaughter over the phone.

On Friday, that granddaughter signed a national letter of intent to attend and compete in track and field at the University of Iowa.

After giving Joel the required grief he so richly deserved, I did my real job. You know, being a reporter and a photographer.

But as I snapped the photo of Carlee signing the letter of intent, I looked up to the ceiling of the large room that serves as a study hall and cafeteria by day and the lobby of the competition gym by night.

I literally just saw, well, a ceiling, but figuratively, I could see Jerry Rochford wearing the biggest and proudest smile looking down on his granddaughter.

It was a big deal; after all, a New Hampton female student-athlete hadn't "signed" with a D-I school in 15 years; for the record that was Megan Lehman, a Chickasaw volleyball player who went on to become a standout at the University of Northern Iowa.

And now here was Carlee signing to compete in track, Jerry's favorite sport, at Iowa.

For a moment, I was enveloped by sadness — the same sadness I felt a few years ago when my boys signed letters of intent and my dad wasn't there to see it.

But then I remember sitting in a cold and empty stadium at the University of Minnesota eight months after Jerry passed and watching Noah making his first college football snap.

It was a kneel-down play, but it was the best kneel-down snap I had ever seen.

"I wish Grandpa was here," I said to Josh, "because he'd be going crazy right now."

Josh smiled and gave his old man a hug.

"Dad, Grandpa has the best seat in the house. Trust me, he's seeing it and telling everyone up there that Noah is his grandson."

After all the pictures were taken, Joel asked me if I would be willing to go outside and get a quick family picture by the Chickasaw Legacy Pathway bell tower that was dedicated in Jerry's honor in September.

I whined about the cold and the wind, just because if I didn't moan or groan, he'd think my mental health had went all to hell and he'd commit me.

For Jerry, I would have went out and walked 10 miles in a blizzard for the photo.

We lined everyone up, snapped a few pictures under the sign that says "In Loving Memory of Jerry Rochford, Forever a Chickasaw."

And Jerry Rochford had the best seat in the house.

Chickasaw star heading to the Hawkeyes

Rochford inks letter of intent to compete at University of Iowa

By Bob Fenske
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Even a year ago, Carlee Rochford's thought was she'd be a hoops player in college, but a lot can happen in 365 days.

And last Friday morning, she became the first New Hampton High School student-athlete to sign a Division I letter of intent to attend and compete in track and field for the University of Iowa.

"I really like training for track," Rochford said, "and I don't know, being a heptathlete, there's so much variety, the more and more and more I thought about it, the more and more track kind of took the lead."

And now, she's a Hawkeye ... or at least will be next season.

A three-sport gem

Carlee Rochford has been a standout three-sport athlete throughout her entire career at New Hampton High School. Here's a look at some of her athletic highlights:

Volleyball: Three-year starter, helped Chickasaws to sweep of the NEIC regular season and tournament titles this past fall and named first-team all-conference as a senior.

Basketball: Set to begin her fourth year as a starter, has scored 898 points and averaged 18 points a game and three-year all-NEIC pick.

Track and field: Five-time Drake Relays qualifier, eight-time state track qualifier, medaled in all four events at state in 2022 and school record holder in high jump, long jump and 100-meter hurdles.

The Chickasaw senior also took official visits to Mississippi State, Iowa State and Nebraska, and when asked why Iowa, her answer came quickly.

"I really loved the coaches and the facilities are nice, too," she said. "I don't know, there was just a vibe about Iowa that hit me. I knew that's where I wanted to go."

Rochford has been a standout

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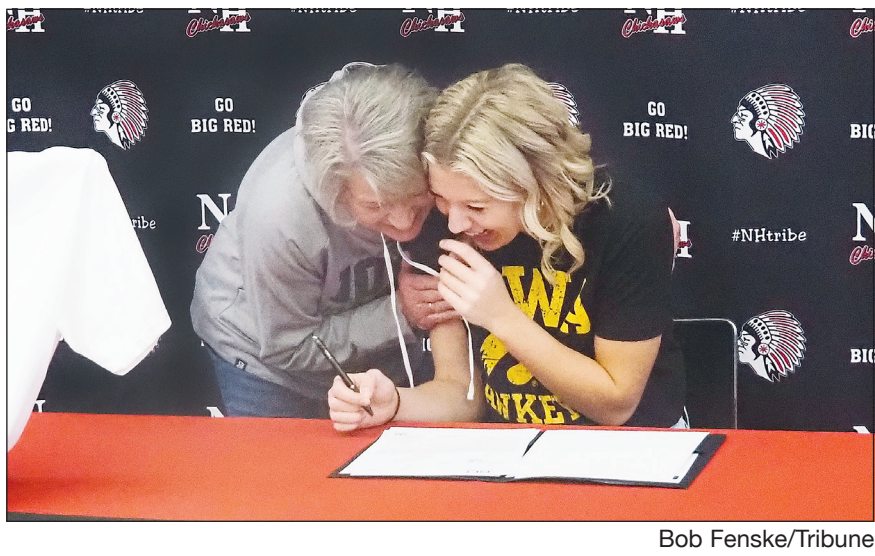

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New Hampton High School senior Carlee Rochford shares a laugh with her grandmother, Jean Rochford, during a ceremony in which she signed her national letter of intent to compete in track at Iowa.

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New Hampton's Molly Wegner (above) drives to the basket while teammate Elaina Rosonke (below) tries to find an opening in the lane during Monday night's game against Riceville.

Riceville spoils Chickasaws' opener

After New Hampton puts together solid start, Wildcats rally to pick up the win

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It wasn't the W that New Hampton girls basketball coach Dave Leichtman craved, but it's definitely a building block for the Chickasaws.

Or at least it's a half of a building block.

New Hampton showed off plenty of potential in the opening 16 minutes of the 2022-23 basketball season as it overcame a slow start and raced out to an eight-point halftime lead before a veteran Riceville team roared back in the second half to secure a 56-47 victory.

"I know they're disappointed, but I told them in the locker room that we have to take that first half and put an entire game like that together," Leichtman said. "Riceville's a good team, a substate finalist a year ago with a lot of kids returning. To score 31 points in a half and hold a team like that to 23, it shows I think that we're building this thing right."

It took New Hampton three minutes to get on the board and the Chickasaws didn't get their first field goal of the game until 1:57 left in the first quarter yet still found a way to take an 11-9 lead into the second quarter.

And that frame was New Hampton's best as the Chickasaws outscored Riceville 10-4 over the final four minutes of the quarter to take a 31-23 lead into the break.

But the third quarter was a nightmare for the Chickasaws, who managed just one field goal and two free throws while

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New Hampton's Cahoy named to all-state team

Iowa Girls Coaches Association names Chickasaw junior to Class 3A third team

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Marissa Cahoy has some lofty goals.

As a two-time all-state middle/outside hitter for her New Hampton Chickasaws – that goes without saying.

Cahoy – who has started for Jess Geerts' Northeast Iowa squad since her freshman season – might not have known it back then as a ninth-grader, but her climb near the ranks of the elite in the state of Iowa has made her one of Class 3A's brightest stars.

She's far from done in her quest to reach even greater heights – individually and team-wise.

"I feel that I have come a long way from starting as a freshman. As a freshman, I definitely felt intimidated playing at that level being younger than others. I knew being on varsity meant that I needed to step up and play my role for the team so I did just that," said Cahoy.

"Now as a junior, playing my third year on varsity, I feel that I have gained so much more confidence and can do even more for my team. I feel that confidence is super important when it comes to performing at your best."

Cahoy was named to the third team Class 3A all-state squad recently released by the Iowa Girls Coaches Association. Last year Cahoy was tabbed as a member of the honorable-mention team.

"It is such an honor to be able to receive this award. I have worked very hard this year and think it is definitely paying off. I feel the difference from

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Chickasaws land a pair on all-state football squads

Coming off its best season in five years, New Hampton's football team hauled in a couple more honors this week as running back Braden McShane and linebacker Ben Tenge were named all-state by the Iowa Print Writers Association.

McShane, a junior who led Class 2A in both rushing and all-purpose yards, was named to the first team while Tenge capped his prep career by being named to the second team.

— For more on all-state football, see next week's Tribune

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New Hampton's Marissa Cahoy finds a hole in the Osage defense to record a kill in a regional semifinal game.

Wartburg gives Winter first Division III playoff win

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Former New Hampton High School star athlete Chris Winter added to his coaching resume on Saturday when his Wartburg football team pulled off an upset — at least if the rankings are a barometer — in the first round of the Division III national playoffs.

Winter

The 12th-ranked Knights knocked off No. 7 Wisconsin-La Crosse 14-6 on a cold and windy day in Waverly.

"Super proud of our team for pushing through. There was a lot of challenge today with the conditions," Winter said in his postgame press conference. "Obviously, with the team we're playing, finding a way to play Wartburg Football. That's what we've been talking about... is going out and competing and playing tough, physical football."

Wartburg improved to 11-0 and will travel to Collegeville, Minnesota, this Saturday to take on St. John's in a game that will kick off at noon.

Against La Crosse, Wartburg used a 2-yard scoring run by quarterback Nile McLaughlin in the first quarter and a 57-yard touchdown scamper from running back in the third quarter and then relied on a stout defense to turn back the Eagles.

Claussen finished the game with 200 rushing yards while Preston Rochford led the defense with 12 tackles.

It marked the first time since 2008 that Wartburg beat a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opponent and also stretched the Knights' home winning streak to 18. The last time a Knights team lost at home was on Sept. 29, 2018, when they fell to Simpson 37-36 in overtime.

It marked the first playoff win as a head coach for Winter, a 2000 graduate of New Hampton who played on the Chickasaws' 1999 Class 3A state championship football team.

And it capped a week in which he earned his first American Rivers Conference coach of the year award.

New Hampton/Turkey Valley kicks off girls wrestling era with two champs

Johnson, Myers claim bracket title, three Chickasaws finish second as first-ever girls season kicks off at Independence tourney

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The wins were nice, the losses were lessons but what New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling coach Caleb Ciavarelli liked best about the first-ever official tournament for Chickasaw girls wrestling team was the team-first attitude his girls showed.

"Our girls when they weren't wrestling were there for the other girls," Ciavarelli said, "and win or lose, what we saw was that team aspect really coming together. That's really important when we're getting the program up and running."

A. Johnson

And New Hampton/Turkey Valley left the Independence tournament Saturday with some success.

Sophomore Allie Johnson and freshman Keira Myers both won their brackets while Ali Russler, Allie's twin sister Kaylee and Kaylee Wertz all took second.

The Independence tournament wasn't a traditional one with weight classes; instead, Ciavarelli said the tournament was organized into four- or five-girl brackets, and team scores were not kept.

"It was the first one, and I think what they were thinking was let's get kids matches," he said, "and that's what we wanted. ... We have a lot of new girls to wrestling and what they need more than anything is mat time."

Allie Johnson picked up three first-period pins to claim her bracket title, and Myers did the same. The two champs, though, come from different wrestling backgrounds.

Myers

"Kiera has been around wrestling her whole life," Ciavarelli said, "and she's had some mat time."

The Johnson twins, though, are out for wrestling for the first time ever; still, their coach wasn't surprised at their success in the first tournament of the season.

"They both have that wrestling mentality," Ciavarelli said, "and they're sponges in the room. They have that aggressiveness you need in wrestling, and we saw that at Independence."

The Chickasaws' lone returning wrestler this winter is Russler, who

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