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Ambulance decision day arrives

Vote expected tonight at Ambulance Council meeting on two-year compromise deal

By **BOB FENSKE**
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The Chickasaw Ambulance Council will hold a meeting tonight (Tuesday), and all indications point to the members will vote on a proposed compromise agreement that was hashed out at a meeting held earlier this month.

Under the agreement, the Chickasaw Ambulance Service, which holds the

current contract that expires on June 30, would receive \$217,500 in the first year of the contract and \$228,402 in the second year of the deal.

The county will pay 40 percent of the cost — \$87,000 — while the cities located in the county would pay the remaining 60 percent.

The eight cities — Alta Vista, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler, Nashua, New Hampton and North

Washington — would have their payments based on population figures.

The agreement was reached during a meeting held on March 2 and Ambulance Council members voted to take the proposal back to their respective councils and boards before tonight's meeting.

The Fredericksburg City Council met last Tuesday and voted 3-2 to approve the contract. Both the New

Hampton and Nashua councils were expected to discuss the matter at their Monday meetings, which took place after this edition of the Tribune went to press.

Under the proposed contract, New Hampton's share of the first year of the contract would be slightly less than \$63,500.

The Ambulance Council has undergone major changes since it last worked on a contract in 2019.

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New Hampton students shine at state speech

Team caps memorable season with
eight Division I ratings at contest

By **BOB FENSKE**
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It's the little moments that mean the most to New Hampton individual speech coach Jason Speltz.

Sure, the eight Division I ratings his team garnered at Saturday's state speech contest were important, but the memory that may last the longest for Speltz is one that came after New Hampton students had delivered all of their 14 pieces, learned their fate from the judges and made the drive home from Postville.

"Oh my gosh, we're coming into town, they had the windows down and they just start singing 'Country Roads Take Me Home' at the top of their lungs," Speltz said with a laugh.

"It's that spontaneity, that family thing, that makes this such a rewarding job and why I look forward to the speech season every year.

Not that the "speeching" wasn't fruitful as New Hampton had itself a pretty solid day in Postville.

Joslyn Plagman, Sarah Eiler, Austin Geerts, Elliot Throdson, Jacob Reicks, Grace Burrett, Zoe Worpel and Catherine Pethoud all brought home coveted Division I ratings from a state contest that was much different than those held in previous years.

Because of COVID-19, the Iowa High School Speech Association limited state contest sites to a maximum of eight schools. In normal years, each of the four state contests consist of 60 to 70 schools and hundreds of kids gathered at one spot.

"I'm not going to lie, it felt a little weird — well, a lot weird," Speltz said, "but at the same time, we were just glad to have a season, to have a state contest."

A year ago, district speech contests were held but state contests were canceled because of the incoming pandemic.

In speech, competitors who receive a Division I rating from a judge at district advance to the state contest, where three judges hear and critique each piece.

New Hampton had two students — Elliot Throdson in after-dinner speaking and Zoe Worpel — receive "straight" Division I ratings,

SEE SPEECH, 10

Different, but still tasty

New Hampton Lions Club member Paul Hereid delivers a slew of breakfasts to a customer during the club's "drive-through" breakfast that was held on Sunday morning.

The 49th annual event didn't offer an "in-house" dining option because of COVID-19 concerns, but that didn't stop the Lions from putting on the club's biggest fundraiser of the year.

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Bob Fenske/Tribune



All-UIC hoop teams
Turkey Valley's basketball teams have eight players honored on the all-Upper Iowa Conference teams

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Finding gold!
Twins Ponds Nature Center will be the site of a unique nature hike this week

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TV departure
After a decade at the helm, Trojans' boys basketball coach Chris Sullivan resigns

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton teenager Kenzie Bouillon (above) removes a shet of monster cookies from the oven at the business, **Sweets by KeKe**, she started earlier this year in a garage she shares with another business, **Dee's Country Charms** (below), that is operated by her mother, Jenny.

SWEET ENTREPRENEUR

17-YEAR-OLD KENZIE BOUILLON APPRECIATES FAMILY'S HELP WITH HER IN-HOME BAKERY

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Let's get one thing out of the way, the reporter of this story did a thorough job on this story.

He asked the subject of the story a lot of questions. He asked the parents of said subject questions about having a 17-year-old daughter running her own business. And he, of course, checked out the products that the 17-year-old sells to the public.

The fact that the 17-year-old owns a bakery named "Sweets by KeKe" and the "menu" included monster cookies and a Butterfinger mini cheesecake had nothing to do with his due diligence. He was just doing his job ... for the good of the public.

SEE BAKERY, 10

Pool will open, but workers are needed

Parks and Recreation officials say they need more lifeguards, other workers for facility

By **BOB FENSKE**
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The New Hampton Municipal Pool will definitely be open this coming summer, but Parks and Recreation officials say they are still woefully short of applicants.

That led the Park Board last Wednesday to increase wages for lifeguards, water-safety instructors (WSIs) and others who will be employed at the pool when the facility opens on Saturday, May 29.

"We're short, no question about it," Parks and Rec Program Manager Tara Hackman said last week, "and it's really across the board. We need lifeguards, we need WSIs, we need swim-lesson aides and we haven't had anyone apply for the concession stand."

"Hopefully, the board's decision will help, but we also know that we have to get some of the kids back after last year."

SEE POOL, 3

There's a lot going on with county's Conservation Board

Naturalist will help families search for 'pot of gold,' prepare new camp sites

By DOROTHY HUBER
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On a daily basis, Chickasaw County Conservation Board Naturalist Matt Crayne may be rescuing an animal, educating students in the classroom or working on the upkeep and improvements of the 37 areas managed by the county.

But helping families search for a pot of gold ... well, that only happens on St. Patrick's Day.

The treasure mentioned in the event promotion has quote marks — “Pot O’Gold” — so no, it’s not really gold the conservationist will be hiding at the “end of the rainbow.”

Crayne doesn’t take credit for coming up with the unique event, which is scheduled for this Wednesday [March 17] at 4:30 p.m. at the Twin Ponds Nature Center.

“To be honest I may have borrowed that from another county — naturalists tend to share ideas, no need to invent the wheel twice.”

But he’s not sure, because, the event was one he’d initially planned for a year ago on St. Patrick’s Day. Right before..... well, you know that tune by now. The event was canceled.

“I’m not worried about that this year,” he said. “By now we all have adapted better hygiene and grown accustomed to distancing.”

And of course, it is an outdoor event, geared toward fam-

ilies, but open for anyone interested in GPS technology.

Each group will be loaned a GPS unit, but a limited number of units will be available, so they will be handed out on a first come, first serve basis. The GPS coordinates will lead participants to a number of “pots of gold,” none of which will be too far off the path.

Still, those attending should come prepared for the free event with Iowa’s spring weather in mind.

The next event is scheduled for April 8, that’s a kayaking and migration float at Sweet Marsh near Tripoli. Participants need to register in advance for that one.

Questions may be directed to Crayne at the nature center by calling 641-394-4714.

CRAYNE, LIKE the other members of Chickasaw County Conservation, are gearing up to another busy season. After high numbers of campers at the Airport Lake in 2019 and record numbers in 2020, 11 new campsites will be added to the park northwest of New Hampton.

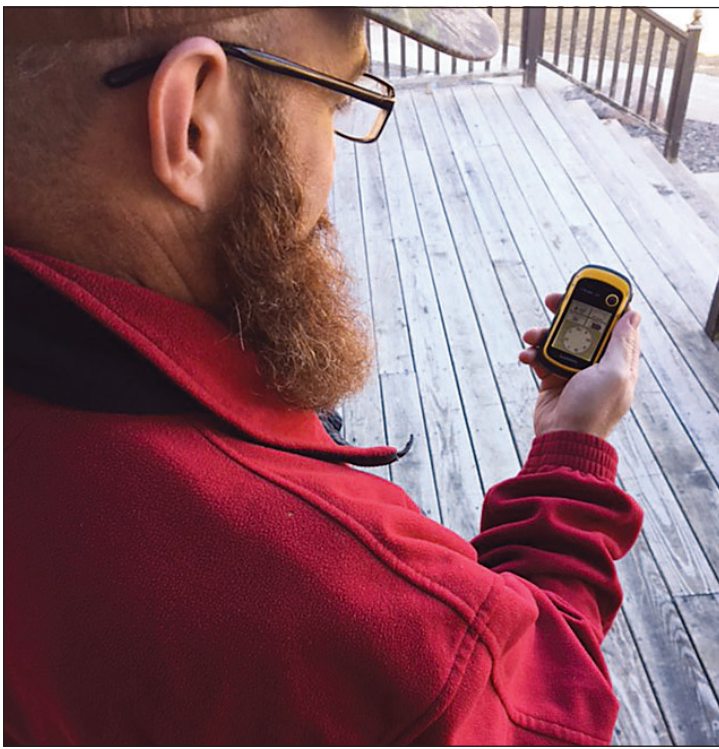
“We saw the need, and the supervisors agreed,” said Crayne. “There’s also an Eagle Scout project that will bring water to the rest of the campsites and we have our ‘loop’ which is the only area that can be reserved, that can hold up to six RVs or campers.”

ANOTHER PART of



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

Airport Lake (above) will soon be home to 11 new camping sites as the Chickasaw County Conservation Board gears up for a busy spring and summer. One of those events is set for this week when a GPS search hike will be held, and Naturalist Matt Crayne (below) shows off the technology that families will use during Wednesday’s “Pot O’Gold” event at the Twin Ponds Nature Center, beginning at 4:30 p.m.



Crayne’s job is protecting and rescuing wildlife. He recently helped detangle a great horned owl from a barbed wire fence — “the owl was not happy to see me” — and took the ani-

mal to the Blackhawk Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, where he expects it to make a full recovery.

He also made a trip to the old Tribune office after a former employee captured a bat in a mason jar.

“Bats are not always a loved creature but they’re so important to help control pests, even in farm fields. I like to teach kids that everything has a place in the world, bats are a vital part, even though they’re not going to be anyone’s pet,” he said with a smile.

The Chickasaw County employee hopes educating students will help bring about an appreciation toward wildlife, and toward conservation areas in general. A quote inspired Crayne when he was a youngster, and that was to “always leave a place better than you find it.”

“It’s frustrating, the vandalism that goes on,” he said. “I was just at Chickasaw Park and there was fresh paint on rocks

and trees. It’s very frustrating when people don’t walk over and throw their trash where it’s supposed to go or just take it with them. If that small population would stop littering we could spend less time and taxpayer money cleaning up. The money could be better utilized.”

WITH ONLY four full-time members on the county staff, Crayne says they each have a lot of ground to cover as the 37 areas encompass 2,137 acres. But his job takes him toward more of the educational aspect. He’s taught archery and gun safety among his countless programs.

“We also teach archery in schools, we do a lot of programs with school kids and assisted living communities. But then some days I’ll be running a chainsaw or clearing trees off prairie ground. There’s always more than enough work and it varies a lot. That’s one of the things I love about my job.”

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AMBULANCE: FROM 1
At that time, each city and the county had one vote on the council that agreed to a two-year contract that the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors approved.
Supervisors, though, then sued the county’s cities to help pay for the \$360,000 contract. That lawsuit was dropped ear-

lier this year after the two sides came to a settlement agreement that included dramatic changes to the Ambulance Council as well as spelling out how future contracts would be funded.

Under the agreement, a new Ambulance Council was formed that has just five voting members — one from the county, one from the city of New Hampton, one from the cities

owner ‘split the difference’
of Fredericksburg and Nashua, one from the four smallest cities in the county and one that would be a vote of all nine entities that make up the council.
The Chickasaw Ambulance Service first proposed a contract in which it would receive \$240,000 in the first year of the next contract and then lowered the asking price to \$228,000 for the first year and \$239,400 in the second year of the contract.
At the March 2 Ambulance Council meeting, the service’s owner, Jeremy McGrath, agreed to a proposal by Chickasaw County Auditor Stephanie Mashek to “meet in the middle.”
Mashek used the Ambulance Council’s original offer of \$195,000 and McGrath’s first offer and “split the difference” to come up with the compromise.
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For more on tonight’s Ambulance Council meeting, see the Tribune’s website at nhtrib.com and the March 23 printed edition of the newspaper.

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Pool putting out 'help-wanted' sign

POOL: FROM 1

In 2020, the pool remained closed throughout the summer because of COVID-19 concerns, and Hackman said Friday the facility will "definitely be open" in 2021.

The Park Board approved bumping up starting wages for lifeguards to \$9 per hour and WSIs will start at \$9.50 per hour. Board members also approved bumping up starting wages for concession stand workers and swim-lesson aides to \$8.50 per hour.

"Hopefully, that helps," Hackman said, "because obviously to be open for the hours that we normally are we have to be able to have the staff."

Parks and Recreation Director Rick Kramer said the annual "preseason" work to get the pool ready for swimmers will begin next month and that he's excited for what he called a "normal" summer.

"We're making a few chang-

es, we have the little playground area ready and things like that," he said, "but we missed having kids out there last year. It just wasn't the same."

Lifeguards must take a class while WSIs need to be certified, and the certification course can run anywhere between \$180 and \$250. Hackman said that she wants potential instructors interested in becoming WSIs that the department will work with them if the issue is the cost of the certification.

"We want them to know that if money is an issue, we don't want that to deter them," she said. "They just need to call us or stop in and we can figure it out."

Also, the department is continuing to seek a coordinator for the Little League T-ball program that is held in June and open to preschool and early-elementary school grades, and anyone interested in that position should contact Hackman at 641-394-5464.



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New Hampton Parks and Recreation officials say the city's pool will definitely be open this summer, but as of now, the facility is short of applicants for a variety of positions.



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What are five good chapters that we can read during really tough times in our lives?
What ones would you recommend?

The Confidence of our Calling: Romans 8

This might be one of my favorite chapters in all the Bible, whether things are going well or not. Here's why. This chapter has what has been called "the golden thread" or "chain" of salvation which is in Romans 8:29-30 "For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified." This gives us the knowledge that salvation is fully a work of God because it is God Who foreknew us, Who predestined us, Who called us, Who justified us, Who glorified us...notice it is all He Who has done these things in us... not we ourselves, thereby God receives all the glory. Doesn't He deserve it? He is the justifier Who justifies us.

This is what Paul means in Romans 3:26 "It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." This is why "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Rom 8:1).

- This chapter:
- Gives us perspective on life (Rom 8:28).
 - Gives us reason to endure the present (Rom 8:18).
 - Gives us a clear conscience (Rom 8:1).
 - Shows us Who is responsible for our salvation (Rom 8:29-30); and
 - Shows us that we are conquerors but only in Christ (Rom 8:37).

The Confidence of the Shepherd: John 10

John is my favorite of all the gospels and possibly chapter 10 is my favorite chapter in this book. It is so hard to narrow down only one chapter because I love chapters 3, 6, 14 and so many others but there is something special about chapter 10.

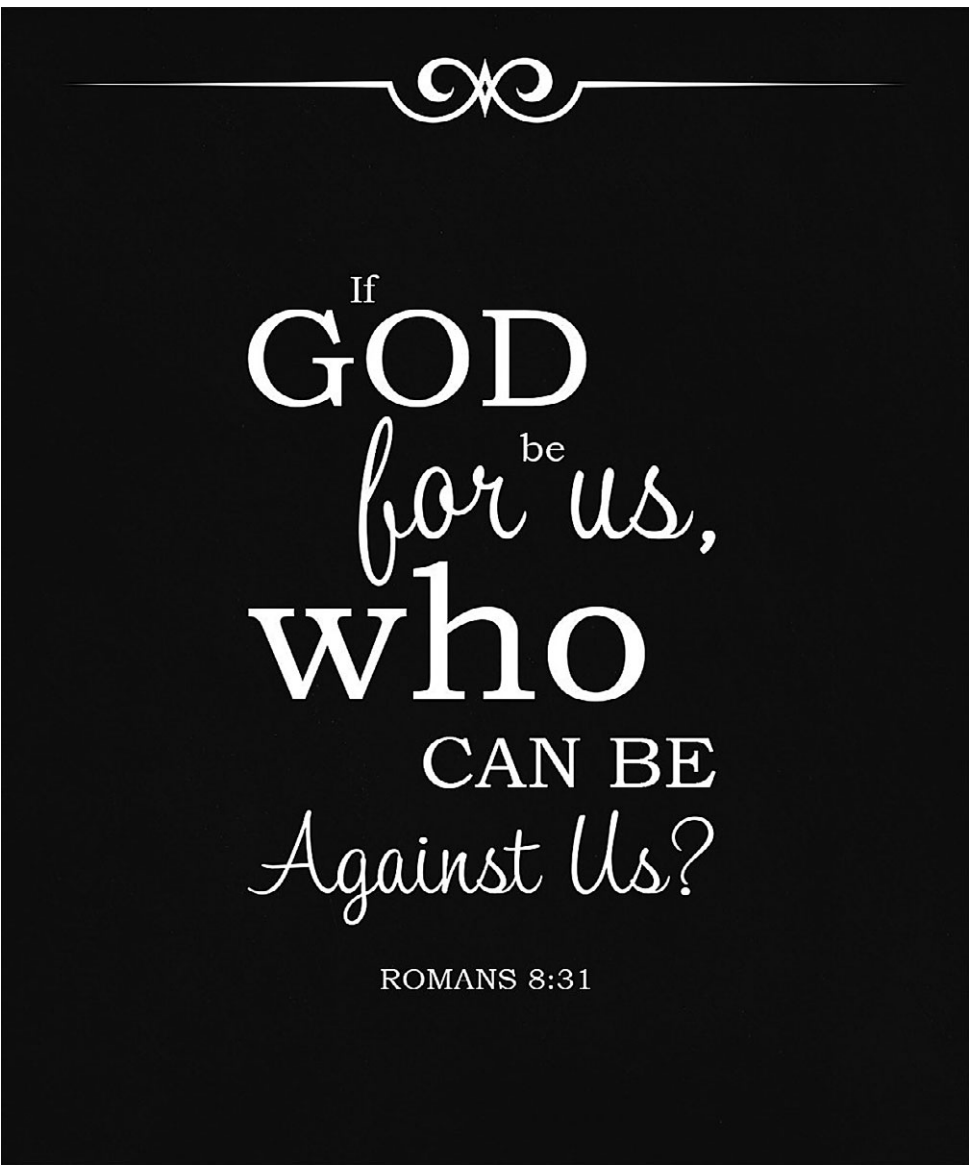
For one thing, we see Jesus being portrayed as the Good Shepherd and how good this shepherd is that will lose none of His sheep! Jesus says "And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd" (John 10:16). This shepherd is unlike any other shepherd there is and it is "For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again.

This charge I have received from my Father" (John 10:17-18). The shepherd voluntarily laid down His life for us, His sheep, who should have been headed to the slaughter; instead, the Good Shepherd that He is, He headed to the slaughter for us and was silent before the slaughters.

- Here are some reasons that I love John chapter 10, this chapter:
- Shows our security in Christ and in the Father (John 10:28-29).
 - Shows that Jesus Christ is truly God (John 10:30).
 - Shows that the Good Shepherd knows His sheep's voice and the sheep know His (John 10:3-5); and
 - Shows that the Shepherd voluntarily died so that we wouldn't perish (John 10:15).

The Confidence of our Faith: 1 John 3

I call this chapter to the litmus test of the Christian faith. I believe that if a per-



son professes faith in Christ and yet does not change their lifestyle, they are lying to themselves, to others and ultimately, to God.

John knew that many would come and profess Christ and many would even be part of the church but when they left the church, for whatever reason they gave, they weren't really a part of the church in the first place (1 John 2:19) so in the next chapter (1 John 3) he provides us with rational evidence of whether a person is just professing or confessing faith in Christ or if they are really possessing saving faith in Christ.

John clearly says that a person can talk all they want about whether they are a Christian or not but here is the evidence of whether that's true: "whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother" (1 John 3:10b). The real proof is the fruit of that person's life (John 15) and not the words out of their mouth because "Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness" (1 John 3:4).

- This chapter:
- Proves the fact that whoever does not sin really knows Christ (1 John 3:6).
 - Shows the fact that whoever does sin doesn't really know Christ (1 John 3:9); and
 - Establishes the fact that whoever sins is of the Devil and we know that whoever is truly abiding in Christ is abiding in Him because of their lifestyle of not living in sin (1 John 3:8-9).

The Confidence of our Calling: Ephesians 1

This chapter may contain the single greatest verses for evidence that God has called us and sealed us ahead of time... before we were born and even before the earth existed.

Here's why I can say that with assurance. God has said in His Word that He choose us before the foundation or creation of the world (Eph 1:4), He predestined or predetermined to have us adopted into His family (Eph 1:5), He revealed this mystery to us because it pleased Him (Eph

1:9), and it was by His predetermined counsel that we have already obtained an inheritance (Eph 1:11). None of this would be possible unless it was made so by Christ (Eph 1:20).

- This chapter:
- Shows that God planned to save us long before we or the earth even existed (Eph 1:4).
 - Shows that God planned all along to adopt us into His family because it pleased Him to do so (Eph 1:5); and
 - Shows that our inheritance as adopted children was all His idea (Eph 1:11).

The Confidence Our Father's Love: Psalm 103

I remember giving this chapter as a Bible study to the local nursing home residents and the tenderness of this psalm made one lady cry. Why?

It was because it made her think about her own father who had many years ago gone to be with the Lord and how much her earthly father loved her but as much as he loved her, her heavenly Father loves her even more.

We are reminded to contemplate all of God's wonderful benefits (Psalm 103:2). We should remember that He is very slow to anger but rich in mercy toward us (Psalm 103:8) and that He has graciously removed our sins as far from us as infinity (Psalm 103:12). God knows that we are very fragile and that He really didn't deal with us according to our sins in the way that we surely deserved (Psalm 103:10, 14).

- This chapter:
- Reminds me that God is greater than any loving earthly father (Psalm 103:13).
 - Tells me that God doesn't actually give us what we deserve because of our sins (Psalm 103:10).
 - Reminds me that God has taken our sins away from us so far that we cannot even imagine it in our finite minds (Psalm 103:12); and
 - Tells me that His mercy is upon those who fear Him for all time (Psalm 103:17).

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Virgil and Pam Pickar

Pickar 50th anniversary

Virgil and Pam Pickar of New Hampton are marking their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on Saturday, March 20, 1971 at Immaculate Conception Church in North Washington.

Virgil and Pam have lived in the New Hampton community all of their 50 years together. They are retired from farming.

Their family includes: Mike and Sarah, children Mitchel, Ryan, Karla and Beth of New Hampton, Kristen and Carl Reicks, children Samantha, Jeffrey, Jacob and Leander of New Hampton, Matt and Barb, children Preston, Megan, Jackie, Jay and Nicholas of New Hampton, Dan and Jen, children Carter and Kate of Marion, Brian and Valerie, children Paige, Kylie and Hope of Charles City, Steve and Jaralyn, daughter Cloe of Forest City and Jon and Kelsey of Omaha, NE.

A look back at Pickar-Schwickerath wedding day 50 years ago

Miss Pamela Schwickerath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Schwickerath, and Virgil Pickar Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Pickar Sr., all of New Hampton were united in marriage Saturday, March 20, at 10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, North Washington.

The Rev. Nestor Goedken officiated in the double ring ceremony. Bouquets of mint and white glads and poms decorated the altar. Gerald Pickar and Neal Schwickerath served the mass.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She chose a floor length gown of rayon organza and Venise lace. The bodice was accented with a bib of ribbed organza, centered with tiny covered buttons and framed with a lattice of Venise lace. The camoe neckline and bishop sleeves were edged with lace. Small Venise lace daisies dotted the A-line silhouette skirt which cascaded into a full chapel length train. A wide band of ribbed organza, bordered with Venise lace, edged the gown and train.

Her bouffant fingertip veil of imported bridal illusion was caught to a petal profile of Venise lace with seed pearl trim. Orchids centered the bridal cascade. Additional flowers in the cascade were white poms, baby's breath and stephanotis blossoms.

Miss Sharon Pickar, sister of the bridegroom, attended as maid of honor. Miss Sandra Schwickerath, sister of the bride, was a bridesmaid. They chose identical floor length gowns. White lace medallions accented the mid-empire waistlines above flow-away green chiffon A-line overskirts. The bodices and sleeves were of allover green satin stitch embroidered on white silk organza lined with green peau de soie. Mandarin collars of green satin highlighted the necklines and the full-length bishop sleeves ended in narrow band at the wrists. Their headpieces were of floral design satin ribbon loops and braid petal on combs. Each of the bridesmaids carried a cascade of yellow chrysanthemums.

Daniel Schwickerath, brother of the bride, attended as best man, and Leonard Sinnwell of Nashua was groomsman. The bridegroom and groomsmen wore dark, double-breasted tuxedos. Stephanotis blossoms formed the bridegroom's boutonniere; the groomsmen each wore a white pom.

Gary Ries of Elma and Thomas Houser of Ionia ushered the guests.

The mother of the bride chose a shrimp double-knit dress adorned with matching lace. A corsage of roses, stephanotis and baby's breath, and bone-colored accessories complemented her outfit. The bridegroom's mother chose a deep pink suit with matching accessories and a corsage of red roses.

A wedding dinner for 250 guests was catered by Mrs. Martin DeBettignies at the American Legion Hall in New Hampton. Dining room hostesses were Mrs. John Pontenberg and Mrs. Richard Helling. Mrs. John Lambert and Mrs. John Nosbisch served the cake. Guests were registered by Miss Carol Nosbisch. Mrs. David Christoph and Mrs. Robert Rosonke opened the gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickar are graduates of the New Hampton Community High School. The bride is a former student of the University of Northern Iowa and the bridegroom attended the North Iowa Area Community College at Mason City, and is currently completing Advanced Individual Training in the Army Reserves at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Turkey Valley to hold 2021-22 preschool registration Wednesday

Turkey Valley preschool registration for the 2021-22 school year is this Wednesday from 3:45 to 6 p.m.

Registration will be held in the lunchroom/commons area located right inside of the high school gym entrance doors.

Please bring your child's birth certificate as proof of birth date and his/her social security number.

If parents are unable to attend registration, they may may send a friend or relative who can register your child on your behalf.

Those attending the preschool registration are reminded that it is Turkey Valley's district policy to wear masks while inside the school building.

Those interested in purchasing Tribune photos should email editor@nhtrib.com

Turkey Valley grad receives loan repayment award

Three Iowa dentists, including one who attended high school at Turkey Valley, are the 2021 recipients of educational loan repayment awards from the Fulfilling Iowa's Need for Dentists (FIND) project, a collaborative public-private partnership.

This program engages dentists to establish dental practices in designated Iowa priority counties, and to devote at least 35 percent of their practice to individuals who disproportionately face barriers to access care. This includes children and adults enrolled in Medicaid, vulnerable older adults, people with disabilities, and other historically underserved populations.

Dr. Annalee Fencel of Northeast Iowa Pediatric Dentistry in Decorah was one of the dentists to receive \$100,000 in loan repayment funds from the FIND project in return for a five-year commitment. This includes \$75,000 from Delta Dental of Iowa and the State of Iowa and a combination of community match and other contributions from local organizations.

Fencel, who many knew as Annie Reicks in high school, is the daughter of John and Lynn Reicks of Lawler. She and her husband Cody reside in rural Decorah.

Fencel graduated from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics in 2013 and finished her pediatric residency there in 2015.

Following graduation, she purchased a building in Decorah and started a new solo pediatric dental practice. With the closest pediatric dentist 60 miles away, Fencel serves Winneshiek County families and also a large number of children from surrounding counties.

Primus Dental Construction, McFadden Insurance, and Honkamp Kruger, along with local banks provided support for her award. Iowa Area Development Group and rural utility companies also contributed toward community match.

Initial investments in a dental practice are significant. The average new practice can require close to \$475,000 for construction costs or remodeling of an existing facility, along with new equipment and technology. This is in addition to educational debt, which for most dentists averages more than \$290,000.



Dr. Annie Fencel

Food, shelter grant applications due by the end of the month

Chickasaw County has been awarded \$10,833 in federal funds to expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in the county.

The funds are made available through the Department of HomelandSecurity (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National (EFSP) Board Program.

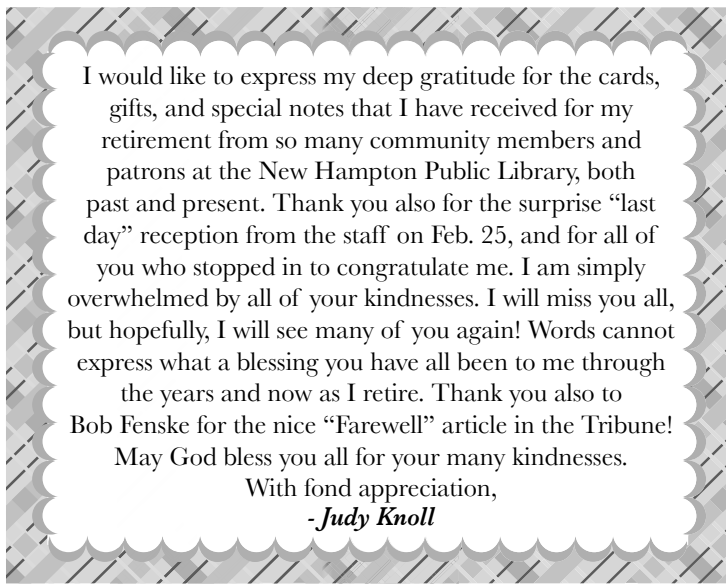
A local board will meet on April 7, to determine how the funds are to be distributed among emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the Chickasaw County area.

Under the terms of the grant, local agencies chosen to receive funds must:

- Be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government
- Be eligible to receive federal funds, have an accounting system.
- Practice non-discrimination.
- Have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs.
- Have a voluntary board if they are a private voluntary organization.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for EFSP funds should contact Sheri Alldredge at the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments by calling 319-235-0311 for an application.

Applications must be received by March 31 and award announcements will be made later this spring by the council of governments, which will be administering the grants that are part of the federal government's efforts to help those affected by COVID.



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Time for Some Financial Spring Cleaning

In just a few days, we will experience the vernal equinox – one of the two times in the year when the sun is exactly above the equator. Apart from this astronomical anomaly, though, the equinox is mostly known as the beginning of spring – a fresh beginning and the time to spruce things up. This year, as you tidy up your home and surroundings, why not also consider some financial spring cleaning?

Here are a few ideas for getting your financial house in order:

• **“De-clutter” your portfolio.** Over the years, many of us tend to pick up duplicate items that find their way into the nooks and crannies of our homes, gathering dust and remaining unused. Over time, your investment portfolio can also accumulate redundancies – that is, you might own several investments that are essentially similar. It might be appropriate to replace some of these and broaden your holdings.

• **Own your investments purposefully.** You own certain things for certain reasons – a broom to sweep the floors, a microwave to heat the food and so on. As an investor, you should be following a goal-based strategy that includes the matching of certain investments with certain objectives. For example, you might own stocks or mutual funds to eventually provide the capital appreciation potential you'll need to retire comfortably. But you might also own other vehicles, such as bonds or other fixed-income investments, to provide you with a source of regular income.

• **“Dust off” your investment strategy.** Over a long winter, your windows can get dirty and grimy, so, when spring arrives, you may want to get out the glass cleaner – and when you're done, you'll be able to see out more clearly. Over time, your investment strategy may get somewhat “dusty,” too, especially if you've experienced significant changes in your life, such as a new job, a new child or even a new plan for retirement. By periodically reviewing your investment strategy, you'll be able to clarify your vision for the future.

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hidden dangers. If you poke around your garage, shed or other storage area, you may well find some objects – gardening tools, paint thinners and engine fluids, leaning ladders and so on – that could be dangerous, either because they aren't stored properly or they're hard to see and can cause trips and falls. As part of your spring cleaning, you'd want to get these objects out of harm's way to safeguard yourself and your family. But when you think of your financial situation, are you also exposing yourself and your loved ones to risk? If something were to happen to you, could your family members stay in their home? Could your children still go to college? To help keep their lifestyle intact if you weren't around, you'll need adequate life insurance. And to avoid burdening your grown children with potentially huge expenses should you ever need some type of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay, you may want to talk to a financial advisor about protection strategies.

By taking some spring cleaning measures, you can brighten your living space for the seasons ahead. And by applying some of the same principles to your financial environment, you can help improve the prospects for meeting your important goals.

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Mobile Food Bank to distribute this Thursday

The Northeast Iowa Mobile Food Bank will make its monthly stop in New Hampton this Thursday.

Food will be distributed from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 221 S. Water Ave. Those who would like to volunteer to help should go to the church at 4 p.m.

The Tribune incorrectly reported that the Mobile Food Bank would stop in New Hampton last week and the newspaper apologizes to any residents who went to the church to pick up food last week.

When is the right time to move to Assisted Living?

This is one of the most common questions seniors and their loved ones face with advancing age. At New Hampton Nursing and Rehab Center – Kensington Place, we understand how difficult this decision can be. We are here to support you along the way and have provided information to help with the process.

Top five reasons it may be time to choose Assisted Living:

• **Forgetfulness.** If you or your loved one are noticing an increase in forgetfulness, it may be time for assisted living. This may include forgetting to take important medications, forgetting to turn the stove off, frequently misplacing important items, etc.

• **Difficulty completing household chores.** When keeping up with yardwork and housework become too much, it may be time for assisted living. We take care of the chores so you can enjoy your life.

• **Loneliness.** Having a supportive community around you becomes more important with age, and often harder to come by. Joining an assisted living community can bring social interaction and companionship to those who have lost close friends and loved ones.

• **Increased frequency of falls.** Falls are one of the most common accidents among the elderly and can become a life-threatening safety hazard. Staff are always around to help in assisted living facilities, providing a safer environment as well as immediate help when a fall occurs.

• **Increased need for medical attention.** When chronic conditions need more frequent monitoring, or an injury has a long recovery, assisted living may be the right choice. Staff assist with cares as necessary and a nurse is always available. This cuts back on the need for frequent doctor appointments or hospitalizations.

As you or your loved one consider the move to assisted living, think through the list above and what assisted living might mean for you. Here at Kensington Place, we provide a home-like environment allowing individuals to remain as active and independent as they desire, while receiving the assistance necessary. This gives individuals the opportunity to enjoy life instead of worrying about the pressures of daily tasks. Please reach out for more information, guidance, or support. We are always here to help.



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As the pandemic wanes, sports and arts will return to ‘normal’

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted everyday life for almost a year at this point. There is hardly anyone who would dispute the validity of that statement. In order to survive and continue moving forward during the past 12 months, we have been faced with finding new ways to accomplish our daily tasks. Instead of meeting face to face with a group of people, we converse with people in rectangles on computer screens.

Instead of sitting together with family and friends in crowded restaurants, we pay someone to bring the food to our homes.

Instead of those shopping sprees at the nearest mall, we order online and provide more business for the army of overnight delivery vehicles in our neighborhoods.

In high school sports and performing arts, everyone from the students to coaches, officials, parents and administrators have had to adjust to new ways of doing things. In many cases, students must wear masks even in competition and isolate from their friends away from school in order to continue playing.

And while students and others have been willing to do whatever it takes to provide participation opportunities, everyone is looking for that light at the end of the tunnel.

Hopefully, most of these protocols that limit interaction will vanish when the pandemic subsides, although some aspects of the “new norm” may continue, such as online meetings.

However, there is one thing in the world of high school sports and performing arts that we desire as soon as possible at high schools throughout the state of Iowa and across the country — stadiums and auditoriums with crowds of family, friends and other fans cheering for the 12 million-plus participants in high school activity programs.

While the cardboard cutouts and piped-in music have been creative attempts to make it feel like people are in the stands, nothing can replace parents, students and others in the community lending positive support to high school students involved in sports and performing arts.

We are grateful that the NFHS Network has allowed fans to watch high school events online during the past year.

Many schools have taken advantage of the NFHS Network’s High School Support Program that includes two free automated-production cameras (Pixellots).

And while these units will continue to be used going forward as an option for watching events, nothing can replace fans in the stands, gyms and auditoriums.

One of the key differences in education-based activities conducted within the school and out-of-school club sports is the support of fans in the community. Students in high school activities are playing for the love of the game and to be involved in positive programs with their peers.

On a normal Friday night prior to the pandemic, more than seven million fans attended high school football games weekly across the country. And it is estimated that about 350 million people attended high school sports annually prior to the pandemic.

While we recognize it may take some time before those numbers are equaled again, things are trending in the right direction.

Recently, several states have increased the number of spectators allowed for winter sports, such as basketball, being conducted indoors. In Tennessee, attendance at games is limited to one-third of the gym’s capacity; in Michigan, attendance is capped at 20 percent. In Arizona and West Virginia, however, the decisions can be made by individual schools with no set restrictions, although social distancing must be maintained.

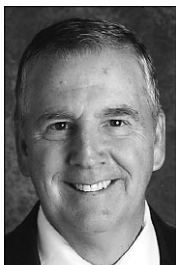
In Iowa, the Governor has asked that event organizers take reasonable measures under the circumstances of each gathering to ensure the health of participants and members of the public.

We have asked each school to continue social distancing and to require masks of our spectators.

These are great signs that we are moving the needle in the right direction regarding our return to a semblance of normalcy, and one day soon one of the tenants of education-based high school sports and performing arts — parents and other fans — will be back in full force throughout the state of Iowa to support high school activity programs. We encourage all school and their fans to continue to be diligent in their efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19 so that day comes sooner than later.



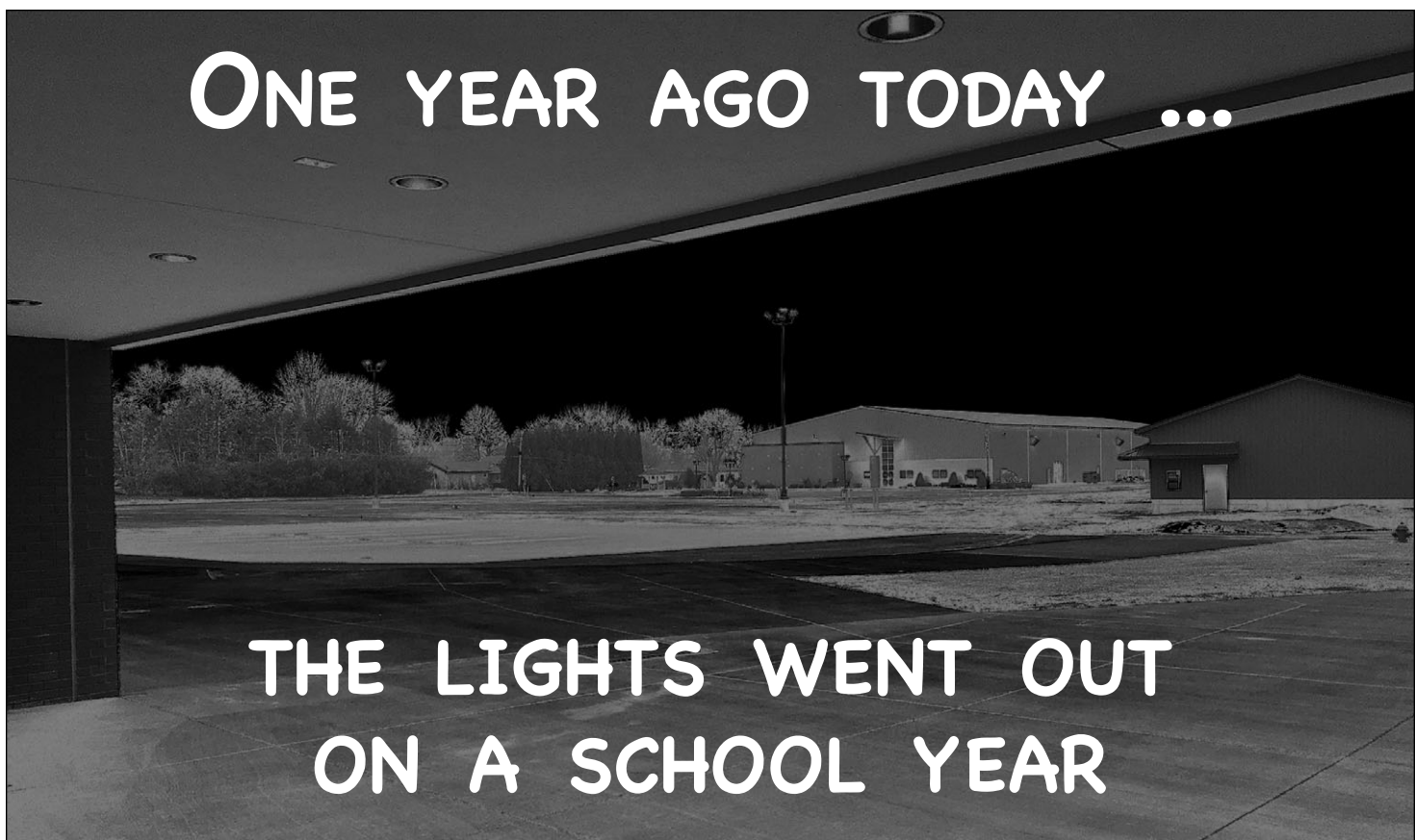
Jean Berger is the executive director of the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union.



Tom Keating is the executive director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association.



Karissa Niehoff is the executive director of the National Federation of State High School Associations.



Things the editor learned during a pandemic that has taken a toll

One year ago today, we were finishing up the last paper we would ever put out from our Chestnut Avenue building.

We had one desk left in the building on what was turning out to be one of the busiest deadline days in my tenure at the Tribune. For me, Monday, March 17, 2020, is the day the pandemic really started.

On her way into the office, Dorothy Huber stopped at New Hampton High School and took a picture of an empty parking lot. When she arrived, she joined our then-Sports Editor Nate DeBondt on the floor to “proof” pages.

In some ways, it seems forever ago.

The lead story on the page was headlined “Virus shutters schools.”

The lead feature story and photo on the page was a piece by then-New Hampton High School senior and Tribune student intern Lydia Gessner on the annual Elementary School Carnival, an event that turned out to be the last semblance of normalcy for a good, long while.

We all know the rest. The kids never did go back to school last year, events were canceled, no spring sports were held, social distancing became part of our everyday language, some of us bought enough masks to last through 20 pandemics ... look, I could go on and on, but honest to God, I began this column thinking it would be light hearted and I intend to get back on that track.

My No. 1 memory of the pandemic’s first day? It’s not the empty school parking lot, and it’s not the weirdness of sitting in an almost empty building putting out a paper. It’s watching poor Nate trying to vacuum the carpets in the old Tribune building.

Seriously, we learned one thing that day: Nate may have been a great kid, a good writer and a solid photographer, but that vacuum befuddled him. Look, I get cleaning is a boring job, but Nate looked like he was in agony the entire time and I told him that when he was done.

“Trust me, I was,” he said. And now a year later, so much has changed. Nate left us in late May to work for his brother, one of the best gamers in the nation. We’re settled into our new office; well, kind of, settled. I still have two boxes in the corner that I haven’t unloaded yet, but as my good pal Rick Kramer has always told me, “Put off today what you can do tomorrow.”

Seriously, though, we’ve learned a lot since that fateful St. Patrick’s Day a year ago, which in reality at times seems like a thousand years ago.

Granted, most of what I’ve learned is useless but fun. So for your amusement, I present all I learned during the pandemic:

- The memes have been fantastic. I have 3,000 pictures on my phone; I swear a thousand of them are COVID-19 memes, and when I need a laugh, I just go to my phone, call them up and scroll through.

My favorites? “You think it’s bad now? In 20 years our country will be run by people home schooled by day drinkers.”

The “after isolation” conversation between two women. One asks, where’s your husband? The other replies in the garden. The first says she was just out in the garden and didn’t see him. The response: “You need to dig a little.”

And then there’s the one last fall making fun of my favorite NFL team’s quarterback: “Just when you thought 2020 couldn’t possibly get any crazier, Kirk Cousins has won a Monday Night Football game.”

- America is beginning to “dress down,” which is good news for guys like me who test every workplace dress code they’ve ever encountered.

Take college basketball coaches, for example. Gone, for the most part, are the suits and ties, replaced by khakis, polos and even sweat pants and comfy pullovers.

A few weeks ago, I was watching Sportscenter, and a college coach I can’t remember was asked what he’s learned from the pandemic? His answer had nothing to do with COVID or basketball; instead, he said, “I guess the thing I learned is really a question — what possessed us to wear a suit to coach a basketball game?”

- Toilet paper is a commodity, a valuable one at that.

- Games with relatively few fans amplify the stupidity of some spectators. I swear if I heard “over the back” one more time, I was going to punch someone, consequences be damned.

One more time, people. There is no such foul as over the back. Period.

Thank God, they “opened up” the gyms by the end of the season or else I’d be writing this piece from Marty Hemann’s hotel, otherwise known as the Chickasaw County Jail.

- Working at home can be kind of cool. Again, it’s all about the dress code, and at my house, the only rule is you have to wear something.

- Zoom staff meetings are like face-to-face meetings. They last forever, and most of them deal with issues that could have been solved in a 15-second email.

- We adults love talking about how kids don’t get the education we did, but really, a lot of us evidently made it through school without learning how far 6 feet is and what the word “required” means.

- Finally, we learned that even the most introverted of us, at times at least, missed people.

The good news is we’re almost there. Most of our

If 2020 were a person.



The memes presented on the “Sarcastic Eccentricity” Facebook page have helped the column writer smile from time to time during the pandemic that really hit the area one year ago today, when schools were ordered by the governor to close because of COVID-19 concerns.

On average, the Panda feeds for 15 hours a day. This is the same as an adult at home under quarantine, which is why we call it a “Pandemic”



elderly population has received the COVID vaccine and we’ll soon be starting to vaccinate the rest of us. Granted, we’re about to start giving shots to those of us who have an underlying health condition. And if you’ve seen the list of those underlying conditions put out by the Centers for Disease Control, a lot of us — see “overweight” — qualify.

In the end, I want people to know I’d love to go back to March 17, 2020, and have a “do over” because as much as I joke about the memes, the dress codes and Zoom, the fact is that as of Friday, more than 530,000 Americans, including 5,622 Iowans, have died because of COVID. Would some of them have passed away anyway? Absolutely. But thousands — hundreds of thousands — of them would still be here today without COVID.

And the human toll, in my mind, goes far beyond those who are no longer with us. For example, millions of elderly Americans have been isolated from their family and friends

during this tragic year. For another, all those gatherings we lost, all those community celebrations that were canceled, I believe contributed to the decisiveness that was such a huge part of our country in 2020..

Seriously, think about it for a minute. At our city’s annual Heartland Days celebration, when musicians like the Vic Ferrari Band take the stage, the crowd isn’t just Republican or Democrat. It’s not just young or old. It’s not just factory workers or white-collar professionals. Maybe I’m making too much of a simple town celebration, but let’s be honest, it does bring us all together and reminds us that we have way more in common than we think we do.

So when I sit down to write my column for the March 15, 2022, Tribune, my goals — get you to smile and remind you that we really are all in this together — will be the same as they were when I pulled up a chair to the computer for this one.

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County experiences another ‘quiet’ COVID week

By BOB FENSKE
editor@nhtrib.com

The administrator of Chickasaw County Public and Healthcare Services sees a light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel, but Lisa Welter is also asking county residents to remain vigilant when it comes to the Coronavirus.

"The numbers look fantastic, and I get that," Welter said on Friday after a week in which the county had just five new positive tests for COVID-19, "and

that's great. At the same time, I'll say it one more time. Let's be smart, let's still do our part, let's make sure we don't have a spike. We are headed in the right direction and we don't need to take a detour now."

Welter said her nurses once again had a busy week with vaccinations, giving shots to 200 county residents and she said she expects by the end of this week to have all those 65 and older to either be fully vaccinated or at least have their first shot.

Meanwhile, she said she was a bit surprised by the number of calls a dedicated phone line for those under the age of 65 who have underlying health conditions, which are determined by the Centers for Disease Control.

"We didn't have the volume we thought we'd have," she said, "so [this] week we'll just have those people call our regular number (641-394-4053) for people to get on a list."

She said she appreciated the number of residents who have called to

tell Public Health that they were able to get the vaccine from a different provider and again asked residents who are on one of the department's lists to continue to let Public Health officials know they no longer need the vaccine.

"The amount of time that saves really does add up," she said, "and for people who called in and are on a list, as soon as we get the vaccine, we're going to call them. We're not going to forget you, OK?"

Since the first positive test last April, Chickasaw County has had 1,197 residents who have tested positive for the Coronavirus, and as of Friday, there were just three "active" cases in the county.

Fifteen residents who contracted the virus since the pandemic arrived have passed away.



Teenager's bakery is family affair

BAKERY: FROM 1

If you're buying all that, we've got some beautiful Florida swampland for you, but in all seriousness, this is the story of a young woman who began baking with her grandmothers and a great-grandmother years ago, found her niche, received great support from her family and opened a new business earlier this year shortly after graduating early from New Hampton High School.

This is the tale of Keke, a girl named Kenzie Bouillon.

COOKING, BAKING, heck, creating are in Bouillon's DNA.

When she was a young girl, she loved baking with her Grandma Eckenrod, Grandma Bouillon and Great-Grandma Eckenrod. Her mother, Jenny, was a nurse who loved to "craft" and refurbish furniture. Her father, Randy, had a flair for cooking. Her older sister, Chelsie, makes her own soap. Even her little brother, Carver, has a creative side, making what she calls "the absolutely best caramels you'll ever have."

When Jenny would hold a craft sale, Kenzie and Carver would hold a bake and caramel sale, and they'd sell out before mom did.

The dream of owning her own bakery began then, but it really took shape when the COVID-19 pandemic made its way to Iowa a year ago. Like every other student in Iowa, she went to school remotely.

And by this fall, she realized that she could graduate in January and open her home-based bakery.

"The more and more we thought about it, the more and more we thought let's try it," she said, "and obviously, without my parents, this would have never happened. I can't thank them enough, I can't thank my teachers that, I don't know quite how to say it, told me, encouraged me, to make my dream come true."

Her mother was already working at home. After more than 20 years working as a nurse in hospitals, care centers and schools, she turned her "stress reliever" into a career three years ago.

"I was burnt out," Jenny said, "and I knew I needed a break."

About the time Jenny hit "pause" on her nursing career, Randy had added on to the garage to add a kitchen. Not for his wife, not for his kids but for him.

"Dad is a really, really good cook," Kenzie said. "Really, he's like the best."

So everything was in place for the 17-year-old. She had a kitchen. She had a supportive family. She had her diploma (well, she'll get that in May but she had met all the requirements). She had passed the state inspection. She and her mom had received a home-based business permit from the New Hampton City Council.

It was time to go to work.

KENZIE AND JENNY both figured Sweets by Keke would slowly get off the ground; instead, it soared off the launch



Kenzie Bouillon (center) appreciates the support her parents — Jenny and Randy — have given her with her new bakery, Sweets by Keke.

“WE HAD NO IDEA HOW IT WOULD GO, BUT NOT IN A MILLION YEARS DID I THINK IT WOULD GO QUITE LIKE THIS. IT’S BEEN NUTS, BUT A GOOD NUTS, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?”

— NEW HAMPTON TEENAGER KENZIE BOUILLON ON HER HOME-BASED BAKERY, SWEETS BY KEKE, THAT SHE OPENED EARLIER THIS YEAR

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Kenzie delivered numerous samples to businesses around New Hampton and word quickly spread. This kid can bake.

"We had no idea how it would go," Kenzie said, "but not in a million years did I think it would go quite like this. It's been nuts, but a good nuts, you know what I mean?"

As she talked, her mother opened the organizer that serves as Sweets by Keke's ordering book for the week. It looked like the ink had gone wild.

"I know, right," Jenny said, "and it's been like that almost from the start. It just kind of took off."

Kenzie's specialty are those mini-cheesecakes and her cheesecake cupcakes, but she'll bake about just anything. She does cookies, cakes and almost anything else.

"The only problem is dad lost his kitchen," she said with a laugh. "Seriously, he's been awesome about it."

So why baking?

"I don't know, I've just always liked to do it," she said. "When I was little and with my grandmas, we had so much fun doing it, and I still have fun doing it. It's a lot of work sometimes, but it doesn't feel like it. I don't know if that makes any sense to you, but it does to me."

THE GARAGE THAT houses both

Sweets by Keke and Dee's Country Charms, Jenny's business, is not your typical garage.

Any one who enjoy cooking and/or baking would fall in love with the kitchen, which is located just behind Dee's Country, which is filled with the results of Jenny's creative talents.

There are three ovens, a convection oven, a stovetop and enough counter space to make, say, 20 dozen sugar cookies, which Kenzie baked on a Friday night for a Saturday party. Her recipes range from those she received from her grandmothers, including her Great-Grandma Hoey, to her own.

As her business grows, the teenage entrepreneur is finishing up her business associates degree at Northeast Iowa Community College. Fortunately, she doesn't have to drive to Calmar each day and instead is taking her classes online.

And thankfully, she has plenty of helping hands. Mom works with her; dad and siblings are willing to jump in and help out in a pinch.

It's truly a family affair, right down to the name of the business.

"Carver couldn't say Mackenzie or even Kenzie when he was little," she said, "so he always called me Keke."

Even her mom's business has a "nickname" moniker.

"Dee is the nickname my husband has

always called me," Jenny said, "and its stuck for 24 years."

At times, she misses school, misses hanging out with her friends, but those regrets are few and far between.

Because quite honestly, she's just so busy.

AS THE INTERVIEW continued, her father walked into his kitchen, or shall we say, his former kitchen.

Kenzie was asked if she had always had a flair for baking.

She laughed. So, too, did her parents. Out came the "cake story" from a few years ago.

"I made this cake, and I wanted them to try it," Kenzie said. "Mom took a bite and she said something like, 'Hmmm, this is interesting,' and I knew it wasn't very good ..."

And her dad?

"I took a bite, and I'm the brutally honest guy," he said. "I told her this sucks."

"Yeah, instead of one stick of butter, I had used four," Kenzie said. "Let's just say it was a little heavy. I mean I couldn't be really mad at him because I thought it was awful, too."

But, they say every pro learns from his or her mistakes.

And Kenzie Bouillon not only learned to avoid "heavy" cakes, she learned the value of having taste testers always at the ready.

"That isn't a problem at all," she said with a laugh. "I've got two right here, I've got my brother, I've got teachers like Mr. [Cory] McDonald."

And now she has one more — the reporter of this story — if she's ever in need.

Coach: Proud of students for speech efforts

SPEECH: FROM 1

meaning all three judges deemed their work as "superior."

"Obviously, Elliot and Zoe have been outstanding [throughout] their careers," Speltz said Sunday, "and they were yesterday, too. But all our kids did a great job. It's always hard because the kids who get a II are so disappointed, but I will tell them over and over and over again that in my mind they're winners because they were willing to put themselves out there."

Speltz gathered his team for one last time this season late Monday afternoon to find out if any New Hampton students had been nominated for the All-State Speech Festival that would usually be held at the University of Northern Iowa.

But that event has been scratched for this year because of the pandemic.

"Basically, they're going to mail the medals, and I'm sad for the kids because it's such a great event," Speltz said. "Even if we get one, everyone goes and it's such a celebration of speech. We're going to definitely miss that this year."

In the end, though, Speltz is proud of the program he has led for the last seven years after taking over for longtime coach Penny Perkins.

"You know, we're different than most schools in that usually the individual coach meets 1-on-1 with each kid," he said, "where we have the whole team there at practices. We think of ourselves as a team, as a family, and it's always tough to say goodbye to them when it's over."

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Lions Club members Nick Sanford (left) and Dustin Lewis (right) load up Bill Croell with pancakes during the club's annual breakfast that was held Sunday morning.

BREAKFAST IS SERVED!

NEW HAMPTON LIONS CLUB MEMBERS MAKE THE BEST OF IT

BY BOB FENSKE
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The 49th annual New Hampton Lions Breakfast will be remembered for a good, long time by the club members.

And probably not in like the twow-that-was-a-heck-of-a-year way, but then again, as Jim Gorman put it, at least the Lions didn't have to "skip a year" because of COVID-19.

A year ago, the Lions "cooked" to a full house at what was then the new cafeteria at New Hampton Middle School the week before the state pretty much shut down when the pandemic arrived in the Hawkeye State.

On Sunday, the club members returned to the kitchen, but the cafeteria was eerily quiet. Instead of a room full of folks catching up while eating a tasty breakfast, the only folks in the room were the Lions.

This year's affair was strictly a drive-through affair.

While the Lions manned the kitchen, another group of club members ran the "drive-through" lane at the school's back parking lot and radioed into yet another group that they had this many or that many orders. And then that last group would deliver the meals.

Granted, it's the New Hampton Lions Club.

The "boys" still had a lot of fun, flipping each other grief.

Take the "outdoor" pancake kitchen the Lions set up underneath an overhang and protected by a tarp.

The photographer showed up and in the midst of taking pictures, he was told to point his camera at longtime Lion Tom Sausser, who had taken a seat in a chair.

"You've got to get the picture of what Tom does best," one of the Lions said with a laugh.



Kevin Hassman and Virgil Pickar (above) prepare to serve up pancakes and sausages while fellow Lions Club member Tom Ryan (below) mans the panacke batter dispense.



Sausser, a retired educator, laughed.

"Hey, someone has to super-vise this circus."

But in all seriousness, the

Lions appreciated those who drove through Sunday morning; after all, the breakfast is the biggest annual fundraiser the club does.

"We had a few runs and you could tell when a church got out," Lion Matt Kuhn said, "but trust me, we can't wait for next year to have this place packed."

Briefs

Turkey Valley teacher to take part in National History Day program

Turkey Valley Community Schools instructor Michelle Nystel is one of only 120 teachers selected for a National History Day (NHD) spring professional development program.

This course focuses on using online Library of Congress resources to develop and support historical arguments and is a feature of NHD's membership in the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) Consortium.

The teachers chosen for this honor represent NHD's 58 affiliates across the country and around the world, and the National History Day program in Iowa selected Nystel.

"The skills and strategies Ms. Nystel is developing through this series will benefit their students over the course of their academic and professional careers," said National History Day Executive Director Dr. Cathy Gorn. "As a Library of Congress TPS Consortium member, NHD is incredibly fortunate to be able to offer this opportunity for teachers, especially now as teachers and students continue to address challenges of non-traditional learning settings required by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic."

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Students invited to submit artwork for 'Choose Iowa' calendar

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig invites school students to participate in the 2021 Choose Iowa Calendar Contest hosted by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

The artwork should feature at least one aspect of Iowa agriculture — food, livestock, crops or renewable fuels, for example. Submissions will be judged on creativity and the ability to connect agriculture to everyday life. Entries must be postmarked or emailed to the Department by June 1 to be considered for the 2021-2022 Choose Iowa calendar.

The winning artists will be honored by Secretary Naig during an award ceremony held on Tuesday, Aug. 17, in the Agriculture Building during the 2021 Iowa State Fair. Their submissions will also be included in the Choose Iowa calendar that will be distributed online at ChooseIowa.com and at the department's State Fair booth.

Students 18-years-old or younger are invited to participate. Pictures should be drawn in a horizontal orientation using only black lines on plain white, 8.5 by 11-inch paper. The pictures should not be colored in.

Entries can be emailed to communications@iowaagriculture.gov or mailed to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Coloring Calendar, 502 E 9th St., Des Moines, Iowa, 50319.

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LIHEAP customers will need to provide a form of identification (social security card or driver's license), and a copy of the most recent heating and electric bill. Customers will also need to provide proof of all household members' gross income.

The customer may elect to use the most recent 30 calendar days, the most recent 12 months, or the most recent calendar year as a qualification period. If the business where you worked has closed or your hours have been reduced, we may be able to help.

Eligibility for participation is established according to the following federal income guidelines:

Households of one are limited to gross income of \$22,330, households of two are limited to gross income of \$30,170, households of three are limited to gross income of \$38,010 and households of four are limited to gross income of \$45,850. For households with more than four members, add \$7,840 annually for each additional member

Due to COVID-19, your local Northeast Iowa Community Action Family Service Office is closed to in-person appointments. Bremer County residents can call 319-352-4532, Chickasaw County residents should call 641-394-2007, Winneshiek County residents should call 563-387-4958 and Fayette County residents should call 563-422-3354 for more information about the program.

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COUNTY BOARD MINUTES MARCH 1st & 3rd, 2021

The Board convened on Monday, March 1st, 2021, at 9:00 AM with all members present Byrne, Zoll, Kuhn, Holthaus, and Hackman in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Holthaus. Present were Stephanie Mashek, Auditor, Jeff Bernatz, Katy Kuehn, and Melissa Bierman. Call In: Aaron Flugum and Brannon Anderson.

9:05 AM No Public Comment
Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the agenda for March 1st & 3rd, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to approve Board minutes for February 22 & 23, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Lisa Welter called in at 9:08 AM. Brannon Anderson left at 9:09 AM. 9:10 AM Katy Kuehn and Melissa Bierman discussed increase of hours for Melissa Bierman to full time at 30 hours starting April 1, 2021.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to obtain a GSA Credit Card for the Veteran's Affairs Office and follow the GSA guidelines. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Melissa Bierman provided an update of the Veteran's Affairs. Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to set public hearing for County Budget for FY 2021-2022, for March 22nd, 9:15 AM in the Boardroom, located on the second floor of the Courthouse. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Dusty Rolando present at 9:57 AM. Shirley Troyna present at 10:00 AM. 10:05 AM COVID update from Jeff Bernatz and Lisa Welter.

10:35 AM Jeff Bernatz provided a Tower Project update.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to accept the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council's draft of proposed service agreement with Northeast Iowa EMS, INC county's share in the amount of \$91,200 with the change to #13 that the payment will be due to the Ambulance services on or before August 1st, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, and Holthaus. Kuhn abstained. Motion Carried.

Shirley Troyna and Dusty Rolando left at 11:00 AM.

Aaron Flugum left at 11:45 AM. Lisa Welter left at 12:28 PM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to rescind the motion made on February 22nd, 2021 to publish the Magistrate Appointing Commission positions on March 2nd with the New Hampton Tribune and March 4th with the Nashua Reporter. Applications due by March 26, 2021 at 4:00 PM. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Byrne, Zoll, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to appoint Colleen Kruger to the Magistrate Appointing Commission effective January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2027. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to appoint Scott McGregor to the Magistrate Appointing Commission effective January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2027. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Byrne to

appoint Brad Schwickerath to the Magistrate Appointing Commission effective January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2027. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to advertise Medical Examiner Investigator open position in the two County official papers being published March 9th and 11th, respectively, with applications due on March 26th at 4:00 PM due in the Chickasaw County Auditor's office. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Discussed LEMC renovation project located at 516 S. Linn Ave. New Hampton. No Action Taken.

Committee Assignment Updates

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve claims in the amount of \$72,068.26. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve claims in the amount of \$6,450.61. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Received and filed in the Auditor's Office MMP Short Form for Annual Updates for Randy Swestka Farm (ID #59070) located at 19415 Valley Ave Cresco, IA 52136.

Received and filed in the Auditor's Office MMP Short Form for Annual Updates for Poppe Farms (ID #57707) located at 1630 250th Street Ionia, IA 50635.

Received and filed in the Auditor's Office MMP Short Form for Annual Updates for KMAX Farms, LLC (ID #59490) located at 16259 Fir Ave. Elma, IA 50628.

Received and filed in the Auditor's Office MMP Short Form for Annual Updates for H.P. Wiley (ID #59391) located

at 2348 Quinlan Ave. Fredericksburg, IA 50630.

Received and filed in the Auditor's Office MMP Short Form for Annual Updates for Craig Kurtenbach (ID #67040) located at 3028 210th Street Lawler, IA 52154.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to adjourn at 12:45 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The Board convened on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021, at 9:00 AM with all members present Byrne, Zoll, Kuhn, Holthaus, and Hackman in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Holthaus. Present were Stephanie Mashek, Auditor.

9:05 AM No Public Comment

Dave Gorman present at 9:10 AM. Hackman left at 9:37 AM.

Duane Svoboda on the phone at 9:42 AM.

Duane Svoboda left at 9:53 AM. Change order at LEMC building located at 516 S. Linn Ave. New Hampton. Consensus of the Board was to approve the addition of Receptionist 119 in the amount of \$1,032.00, Door 110 in the amount of \$210.00, and Door 103 change in the amount of \$350.00. The change order will be acted on the next Board of Supervisor meeting on March 8th, 2021.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Byrne to adjourn at 10:15 AM. Roll Call: Ayes-Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Hackman absent. Motion Carried.

Rick Holthaus, Chairman Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Auditor

No. 20873
03/16/21 03/18/21



Randy Nosbisch reaches for some syrup to put into a "to-go" bag held by Matt Kuhn in what is an eerily quiet, at least by New Hampton Lions Club Breakfast standards, cafeteria Sunday morning.

Nashua-Plainfield teacher contributes to new book

Turner’s lesson plan on ADA part of book released in preparation of Declaration of Independence anniversary

By **BOB FENSKE**
editor@nhtrib.com

Nashua-Plainfield High School instructor Suzy Turner is one of 15 teachers from around the country to contribute to a new book that provides lesson plans and essays publishers says will advance civic education in preparation for the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Turner’s lesson plan — “The Americans with Disabilities Act: Taking action of Access” — is included in “Building a More Prefect Union,” which was released earlier this week. The book explores events, legislative accomplishments and civics action that have collectively moved the country toward what publishers call “a more perfect union.” The book is a cooperative effort between National History Day (NHD) and the National

Endowment for the Humanities. “Mrs. Turner has contributed to a collection of resources unlike anything we have ever put together at National History Day,” NHD Executive Director Cathy Gron said in a press release. “We have the unique opportunity both to further the NHD mission of improving the teaching and learning of history and to support the National Endowment for Humanities to support the NEH’s enduring commitment to tell America’s story.”

Turner has been a longtime National History Day coach and has guided scores of Nashua-Plainfield students and projects to the History Day state and national contests. She joined teachers from California, Indiana, Kansas, Korea, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia as contributors.



Turner



Winter makes a quick stop in Northeast Iowa

After storm brushes area, good news is warm up on the way and moisture needed by area farmers

By **BOB FENSKE**
editor@nhtrib.com

Iowa is where a tornado watch and a winter storm watch can both happen in the same five-day time span. So after last week’s 60s and threats of severe weather on Wednesday, it’s just natural that Chickasaw County residents awoke Monday to ice, wind and snow. They also learned that the winter weather advisory had turned into a winter storm warning. The good news for New Hampton Superintendent Jay Jurens is that he didn’t have to make “the call” as the school district was scheduled for a professional development on Monday. That, though, was called off because of the ice, snow, high winds and a forecast that said the area could get 5 to 7 inches of snow during the day on Monday. Still, the precipitation, though, was much needed as Chickasaw County remains for the most part “abnormally dry,” according to the latest report from the U.S. Drought Monitor. “I think if we get that rain, a lot of it is going to soak in,” ISU

Extension agronomist Terry Basol said last week. “We had enough of a warming trend that it’s definitely helped take some of the frost off the top. The worry sometimes is that it will all run off — and where it’s snow covered, it will — but I think this will definitely help.” Basol said area farmers should be OK when it comes to their soil moisture if Northeast Iowa has a “normal spring.” “It’s not like last year where we had a full compliment of moisture — both top and sub-soil — going into the growing season,” he said, “but if we get timely rainfall in the next couple of months, we’ll be fine. ... Even if it’s snow,” he said, “it’s not necessarily horrible if temperatures warm up fairly quickly.” And that’s this week scenario, as temperatures are expected to be in the 40s for most of the week, break 50 on Saturday and near 60 on Sunday. Basol said other areas of Iowa — especially the western parts of the state — are experiencing conditions much worse than the New Hampton area. “They’re dealing with a persistent drought,” he said, “and so, yes, we’re a little concerned going into this growing season, but it could be a lot of worse.”

Another reason to dislike Mondays!

Downtown New Hampton begins to fill up with snow Monday morning as a storm that also brought ice and strong winds moved into the area and led to the National Weather Service issuing a winter storm warning.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

Alta Vista Aces 4-H club

The Alta Vista Aces held their February meeting at the VFW in Alta Vista. The meeting was called to order on Feb. 14 by Hattie Miller. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gibson Haefflinger. The roll call question for the meeting was “Name a State?” It was answered by 9 members and 2 leaders.

The Secretary’s report was given by Samara Haefflinger. Josi Andera made a motion to approve the Secretary’s report, Olivia Horner seconded it. The Treasurer’s report was read by Emily Geerts. Ellette Haefflinger made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report and Samara Haefflinger seconded it.

Committee Reports: February’s committee for Valentine Cards to the Elderly and the Nursing home is Troy and Elena Federspiel. Our Easter Committee this year is Emily Geerts, Olivia Horner and Josi Andera.

Old Business: Thank You again to Alta Vistas Peoples Insurance who sent the Alta Vista Aces club a lovely Christmas card and gift certificate.

New Business: The 4-Hers are reminded to keep drawing pictures for our seasonal coloring book and get them turned in quickly. Clubbers gave a unanimous vote to sponsor the Senior High Points Horse Award. While discussing how to hold a socially distanced Easter Egg Hunt it was decided that this year the Alta Vista Aces will be hold a Easter Bunny Hunt instead. Clubbers are looking forward to trying something new and hopefully as exciting as other years. Fliers and posters will be up soon with all the information. Next club meeting 4-Hers will be having a pizza party and giving their presentations.

Upcoming Events & Dates: YQCA does not yet have a date and time but there will be multiple dates with small class sizes. Keep and eye out online for that to be posted.

May 15 – Animal IDs due online

June 15 – Animal entries are due on fairentry.com
July 1 – Static entries are due on fairentry.com
July 6 – 12 – 4-H and FFA Achievement Show
July 12–22 – Iowa State Fair
A reminder was given to check the Newsletter on Facebook or at Chickasaw 4-H online. The club will be hosting our next meeting and pizza party. Josi Andera made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Ellette Haefflinger. The 4-H Pledge was led by Emily Geerts.

— *Samara Haefflinger,*
Alta Vista Aces reporter

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IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
SUE MARIE OLSON, Deceased
CASE NO. ESR002943 **NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Sue Marie Olson, Deceased, who died on or about February 24, 2021:
You are hereby notified that on March 1, 2021 the Last Will and Testament of Sue Marie Olson, deceased, bearing date of July 31, 2019, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Arden Thomas Olson was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities

are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated March 1, 2021.
Date of second publication: 03/16/21
Arden Thomas Olson, Executor of the Estate, 803 N. Mesa Dr., Olathe, KS 66061

Kevin J. Kennedy, AT0004198, Attorney for Executor, 12 E. Main St., PO Box 406, New Hampton, Iowa 50659

No. 20853
03/09/21 03/16/21

CLIP & SAVE

Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Landfill Summer Hours

April 3rd - Floyd	August 7th - Mitchell
May 1st - Mitchell	September 18th - Floyd
June 5th - Chickasaw	October 2nd - Mitchell
July 17th - Floyd	

Our hours of operation on those days is 8:00am to 11:30am for large loads. Last small load on the scale at 11:45.

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Trojan boys have quartet of players named all-league

ALL-UIC BOYS: FROM 16

Langreck was a load to handle in 2020-2021 as he averaged over 16 points of scoring a game, 3.5 assists, 2.5 rebounds and two steals a contest. Langreck ranked in the top 5 in several league statistical categories.

"The stats speak for themselves but it was Calvin's growth from his junior to his senior year that put him in position to have such a strong season. Calvin has also been a gym rat but his commitment to the weight room and getting stronger was what put him in position to have such a strong senior year," said Sullivan.

Sullivan said Langreck was an impactful mentor for Trojans that could one day be scoring buckets like he did in 2021.

"Kalvin was the only senior on the team and was a great role model for the younger generation and will be greatly missed," Sullivan added.

Kurtenbach was a long-range threat with his 3-point shooting. He connected on 46 makes from beyond the arc - second most in the league. Kurtenbach averaged 14 points of offense and he also racked up 61 steals - a top 10 total in the league. He was also a league leader with his 6.9 rebound average.

"Garrett struggled early on in the season in finding his shot but was still finding ways to contribute to the team. In the second half of the season he really found his rhythm and this allowed for things to open up for himself and for others on the team," said Sullivan.

The sky is the limit for

Kurtenbach next year when his senior season could be one of the state's best, let alone the UIC.

"Garrett will be somebody who can take his game to a whole new level if he continues to put in the work in the gym and makes a real commitment to the weight room," said Sullivan.

Trojan sophomores Noah Hanson and Calvin Bodensteiner each were honored with a spot on the honorable-mention team.

Hanson was a force in the fast-break pace of Sullivan's team. He averaged eight points of offense and was second in the league in steals (55).

Bodensteiner scored at a clip of 10 points a game. He was very active down low for the Trojans, where, like Hason, he amassed around five rebounds a tilt.

Turkey Valley (14-7) finished third in the UIC with a 12-4 mark. The Trojans were gunning for a fifth-straight league crown this year. TV had graduated a very talented and large senior class headed into the 2020-2021 campaign. Sullivan said his team proved the doubters wrong this winter that thought his team couldn't finish near the top of the league standings.

"These are well-deserved honors for all four of these athletes. This group was written off by a lot of people but they all understood that they had different roles but the same team goals and with that mindset we put together a very strong year and I couldn't be more proud of all of our guys," said Sullivan.



Photo courtesy of Becky Babcock

Still perfect

New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Carson Babcock poses with his high school coach, Matt Paulus, after he kept his "perfect season" intact with a 7-2 win over Don Bosco's Cade Tenold during Saturday's TRUE event that was held in Sioux City.

The Chickasaw senior, who finished off an undefeated season in which he went 46-0 with a Class 2A state title at 170 pounds, took on Tenold, the Class 1A champion who went 31-0 during his junior season for the Dons, in one of the featured bouts during the inaugural event that was sponsored by iawrestle.com.

Babcock has indicated that he plans on continuing his wrestling career in college, but he has yet to decide where he'll attend school after graduating from New Hampton this spring.

BOWLING

ROLLAWAY LEAGUE

STANDINGS	W	L
Stanton Electric	162	78
The Blue Iris	138	102
Pocketful of Posies	128	112
Hulbert Carpentry	116	124
Pearson Trucking	104.5	135.5
ASO	71.5	168.5

MARCH 1 RESULTS

Pearson Trucking 8, Stanton Electric 22; Hulbert Carpentry 11, Pocketful of Posies 19; Blue Iris 19.5, ASO 10.5.

LEADERS

High individual games: D. Nehl 205-234, R. Geerts 200-203-214, J. Shatek 207.

High individual series: D. Nehl 618, R. Geerts 617, L. Novak 541.

High team games: Pocketful of Posies 882, Blue Iris 863, Hulbert Carpentry 824.

High team series: Pocketful of Posies 2511, Blue Iris 2474, ASO 2423.

SPLITS

R. Thronndson 3-10, L. Pullman 2-7-10.

K. Rosonke
Secretary

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
PROJECT M-2021-1
Chickasaw County will receive sealed bids for LIMESTONE RESURFACING until 10:00 A.M., CDT, on the 29th day of March 2021, at the Office of the County Auditor, Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Specifications and bidding documents may be obtained from the Office of the County Engineer, Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa 50659.

A certified check in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid, or satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable Surety, shall be submitted with the bid.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive technicalities, or to readvertise for bids, if the best interest of the County will be served thereby.

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Chickasaw County Ambulance Council February 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes 1928 Linn Drive New Hampton, IA 50659

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mark Mueterthies at 6:35 pm.

Ambulance Council members present were Amy Laures, David Geerts, Jacob Hackman, Scott Cervinshke, James Mitchell, Mark Mueterthies, Bobby Schwickerath, Randy Taylor

Absent: Jim Ashley
Guests present were Jeff Bernatz, Matthew Kuhn, Martin Hermann, and Nate Schwickerath

Motion by Jacob Hackman, seconded by James Mitchell to approve the agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried
Motion by David Geerts, seconded by Randy Taylor to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2021 Chickasaw County Ambulance Council meeting minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Jacob Hackman asked Jeremy McGrath if the copy they had was the current proposal, Jeremy McGrath confirmed that it was.

Discussion was held on three concerns with the proposal, confidentiality (HIPPA), exit clause, and the price.

Jeremy McGrath advised the council that his business was not comfortable with the language that any elected of-

ficial would have the right to see the information requested by the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council. Jeremy McGrath advised that if HIPPA is violated, he would get the \$50,000 fine for releasing the information. James Mitchell and Amy Laures both stated that they are not asking for patient information, just the numbers.

James Mitchell stated the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council wanted the same exit clause for both Chickasaw Ambulance Service and the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council. Nate Schwickerath explained the terms of notice.

Jacob Hackman brought up discussion about the new radio system being built and asked how use of said system would apply to a private business. Jeff Bernatz advised that he would prefer that use of the subscriber hardware be determined in the equipment transfer agreement and the use of emergency dispatch be dealt through the Sheriff.

Jacob Hackman advised Jeremy McGrath that the transfer of books on July 1 makes it very difficult to make the first payment on July 1. James Mitchell suggested changing the date to July 15.

James Mitchell stated that they talked about Chickasaw Ambulance Service becoming a Medicaid provider,

Sports Briefs

Minnesota's Blockhus earns 149-pound 14th seed for national tournament

Former New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling star Michael Blockhus will wrestle either Colorado State's Marcus Robinson or Navy's Casey Cobb Thursday morning in the first round of the NCAA Division I wrestling tournament.

The brackets for the three-day tournament that will be held in St. Louis' Enterprise Center were released last week, and Minnesota's Blockhus earned the 14th seed.

The tournament will conclude on Saturday night, and Iowa is the favorite to win its first national crown since 2010. The Hawkeyes have four of the top seeds — Spencer Lee (125), Jaydin Eierman (141), Alex Marinelli (165), Michael Kemerer (174) — in the 10 weight classes.

A year ago, Iowa was favored to win the team title in Minneapolis, but the tournament was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Blockhus had qualified for that tournament as a freshman at UNI but decided to transfer to Minnesota this past summer.

American Rivers tournament loss ends season for Wartburg, John

Wartburg's men's basketball team was one-and-done in the American Rivers Conference tournament as the Knights bowed out of the tourney in the opening round last week.

Buena Vista ended Wartburg's season with a 96-70 victory, ending what had been a breakout season for former New Hampton prep Keagan John, who had eight points, three rebounds and three assists in the loss.

The junior finished the season as the team's fourth leading scorer, averaging 8.1 points a game while shooting almost 58 percent from the field, including 37 percent from 3-point range, as a key reserve for his team.

Dubuque won the ARC title Saturday night with a 78-64 win over Buena Vista to finish the season 14-0.

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to the five-member vote if not all city councils approve?

Mark Mueterthies and amy laures stated that their councils are still going to want an audit.

James Mitchell asked if the prices changes if they just stick with the Statement of Understanding with no audit talk at all? Jeremy McGrath responded stating that auditing is in the by-laws so that's pretty much a done deal.

Mark Mueterthies asked how many people Chickasaw Ambulance Service hired in the last year? Jeremy McGrath advised that they hired one, but then left for a different job.

Next meeting scheduled for March 2, 2021 6:00 pm. All ayes, Motion carried

Motion by Bobby Schwickerath, second by Amy Laures to adjourn. All Ayes, Motion Carried

Mark Mueterthies, Chairman Chickasaw County Ambulance Council

Jeff Bernatz, Secretary Chickasaw County Ambulance Council

No. 20872
03/16/21

All-Upper Iowa Conference Boys Basketball

FIRST TEAM

Kole Johnson	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Dalton Dibert	Kee	Jr.
Caleb Helle	Clayton Ride	Jr.
Jacob Herold	South Winneshiek	Sr.
Trey Kreiner	South Winneshiek	Jr.
Kalvin Langreck	Turkey Valley	Sr.
Garrett Kurtenbach	Turkey Valley	Jr.

SECOND TEAM

Grant Stolka	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Caden Palmer	Clayton Ridge	Jr.
Aidan Nelson	West Central	Sr.
Hazen Loan	Central Elkader	Sr.
Collin Wiltgen	South Winneshiek	Sr.
William Spielbauer	Clayton Ridge	Jr.
Tanner Johnson	North Fayette Valley	Sr.

HONORABLE MENTION

Evan Pensel	Central Elkader	Sr.
Parker Vaughan	Central Elkader	Jr.
Drake Ostrander	Clayton Ridge	Jr.
Caden Helle	Clayton Ridge	Soph.
Tyson Cota	Kee	Jr.
Damon Weber	Kee	Jr.
Cayden Ball	MFL-Mar-Mac	Sr.
Gavin Meana	MFL-Mar-Mac	Sr.
Jonah Moore	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Ben Miller	North Fayette Valley	Jr.
Austin Schutte	Postville	Jr.
Brayden Lenth	Postville	Sr.
Cael Kuboushek	South Winneshiek	Sr.
Carson Wenthold	South Winneshiek	Soph.
Noah Hanson	Turkey Valley	Soph.
Calvin Bodensteiner	Turkey Valley	Soph.
Logan Wescott	West Central	Jr.
Hunter Kent-Thomas	West Central	Sr.

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IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY L. SCHORTAU, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR002940

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Gary L. Schortau, Deceased, who died on or about December 28, 2020

You are hereby notified that on February 23, 2021, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court,

as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated February 23, 2021
Date of second publication: 03/16/21
Ted Schott, Administrator of the Estate, 430 Ash St., Fredericksburg, IA 50630

David James Hanson, ICIS#: AT0003246, Attorney for the Administrator, Hofmeyer & Hanson, P.C., 231 S. Main St, PO Box 126, Fayette, Iowa 52142

No. 20850
03/09/21 03/16/21

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News Release

Gardiner + Company today released an audit report on the Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

The Agency had total operating receipts of \$1,349,014 for the year ended September 30, 2020, a 3.20% increase from the prior year. Operating disbursements for the year ended September 30, 2020 totaled \$1,232,636, a 15.03% increase from the prior year.

AUDIT FINDINGS:

Gardiner+ Company reported findings related to the receipt and disbursement of taxpayer funds. They are found on pages 25 through 30 of this report. The findings address issues such as lack of segregation of duties and financial reporting. Gardiner+ Company provided

No. 20887
03/16/21

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TV senior named to all-state team

Hoffert caps her standout career with Iowa Girls Coaches Association honor

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
sports@nhtrib.com

Try as they might, defenses just couldn't stop Ali Hoffert out on the basketball court this winter.

While a box-in-one or other gimmick ploys by hard-pressed opponents might have been able to contain the talented all-around Turkey Valley Trojan star – Hoffert would almost always somehow find a way to make her team better in the long run.

It's one of the reasons she was named to the Class 1A second team all-state squad released recently by the Iowa Girls Coaches Association. Hoffert was also selected as a member of the Class 1A all-district Northeast squad by the IGCA.

"Ali refuses to be denied...she digs deep...stays after it, and finds ways to overcome

it and do her part to help the team succeed," said TV head girls hoops coach Carla Nymeyer about the challenges presented to Hoffert by teams focusing on stopping her.

It was a season for the record books for Hoffert in 2020-2021, as she broke the Turkey Valley girls hoops career 5-on-5 scoring mark held by former Trojan stand-out Shelby Reicks. Hoffert finished with 1,346 career points, which topped Reicks' old mark of 1,266.

Hoffert averaged 18.7 points a contest this year and totaled 467 points her senior season. Her scoring clip per game was a top-10 tally in the small-school class. Hoffert also averaged over eight rebounds a game and swiped almost three steals a contest.

Hoffert was one of the better free-throw shooters in 1A. Her 79.5 percent charity-stripe proficiency was also a top-10

total in her class. Hoffert drained 43 shots from beyond the arc, equating to nearly 40 percent from 3-point range.

Hoffert scored just over 500 points of her prep career scoring total in her first two seasons at South Winneshiek. Hoffert then transferred to Turkey Valley for her remaining two years of prep eligibility. She was thankful the move was a smooth transition and she was received with open arms into the Trojan family.

"When I came here everyone was so welcoming and it's so fun to play with the teammates I have," said Hoffert. "They're amazing people to be around. It's just a really good experience and I love Carla. She's such a good coach."



Hoffert



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

Turkey Valley senior Jaycie Byrne puts up a layup during a Trojans road victory over Upper Iowa Conference rival South Winneshiek this past season.

Turkey Valley coach loved Trojans' team chemistry

ALL-UIC GIRLS: FROM 16

While Hoffert helped headline the first team, TV head coach Carla Nymeyer saw senior Jaycie Byrne earn second-team honors. Trojan juniors Jalyssa Blazek and Kara Reicks were featured on the honorable-mention team.

Hoffert was second in the league in scoring (18.7) behind Kee's Reagan Mudderman's 22-point average.

Hoffert averaged over eight rebounds a contest – also second-most in the UIC. Hoffert's all-around game was steady as a rock and she led the league in free-throw shooting with an almost 80 percent proficiency. Hoffert's 43 made 3-pointers was also second to Mudderman's 45 for the league leader in that category.

"She has put a ton of time and sweat into becoming the excellent player she is. Her determination and commitment are outstanding. She is a great person and carries a lot of self-pride ... no matter what she is involved in, she wants to do her best and help others be their best as well. We rely heavily on her court sense and consistency, as well as her outstanding leadership," said Nymeyer.

Byrne was one of the state's

best defenders and led the UIC in steals (122) – four better than Mudderman.

Byrne averaged 10.8 points and used her excellent footwork to excel down low amongst taller players.

Byrne was one of three senior starters for Nymeyer – including senior guard Kylie Wurzer.

"Jaycie Byrne, Ali Hoffert and Kylie Wurzer have given our program a great boost and we appreciate everything they have done and are doing for us. Those three are an awesome trio of young ladies!" Nymeyer added.

Blazek's floor presence and defense were key cogs in Turkey Valley's attack.

Along with Reicks, the duo formed an imposing force in Turkey Valley's pressure defense.

Blazek averaged 4.6 points of offense and Reicks netted almost seven points of offense a contest. Reicks drained 25 treys on the season.

Turkey Valley played to a 19-6 mark and lost to No. 3 St. Ansgar in the regional final.

The Trojans placed second in the league (13-3) behind conference champion North Fayette Valley (20-3, 15-0).

"It was a great group of girls to work with. They go hard each day – good attitudes. They real-

All-Upper Iowa Conference Girls Basketball			
FIRST TEAM			
Ali Hoffert	Turkey Valley	Sr.	
Jada Mitchell	Lansing Kee	Sr.	
Riley Moreland	MFL MarMac	Jr.	
Reagan Mudderman	Kee	Jr.	
Abby Reichter	North Fayette Valley	Sr.	
Delaney Scherf	Elkader Central	Soph.	
Kenlin Schmitt	North Fayette Valley	Jr.	
SECOND TEAM			
Jaycie Byrne	Turkey Valley	Sr.	
Alyssa Bohr	North Fayette Valley	Jr.	
Haley Frieden	Central	Soph.	
Kayden Gillitzer	MFL MarMac	Sr.	
Miranda Lang	MFL MarMac	Jr.	
Savannah Meyer	Clayton Ridge	Jr.	
Emma Ney	North Fayette Valley	Sr.	
Bryleigh Rouse	West Central	Sr.	
HONORABLE MENTION			
Josie Tieskoetter	South Winneshiek	Fr.	
Mary Frana	South Winneshiek	Sr.	
Kara Reicks	Turkey Valley	Jr.	
Jalyssa Blazek	Turkey Valley	Jr..	
Marlee Squires	West Central	Sr.	
Aaliyah Gordon	West Central	Jr.	
LaKota Morrissey	MFL MarMac	Jr.	
Ashley Shaw	MFL MarMac	Soph.	
Regan Griffith	NFV	Sr.	
Justine Cowley	NFV	Soph.	
Mackenzie Mohs	Postville	Sr.	
Sierra Mohs	Postville	Soph.	
Abby Cummer	Central	Sr.	
Hannah Asche	Central	Soph.	
Emilie Christianson	Clayton Ridge	Sr.	
Kayla Kelly	Clayton Ridge	Sr.	
Macy Manning	Kee	Sr.	
Haley Meyer	Kee	Sr.	

ly bought into the whole team aspect. We had good chemistry this year," said Nymeyer.

"They wanted to compete for each other and not against one another."

March Madness is back, and it's awesome baby

I've got two words for you – COLGATE RAIDERS. Let it ride!!! I'm all in, baby!!! I need my bracket and I need it now!!! Okay, that's enough exclamation points in one column to last a lifetime.

But I'm excited, can't you tell? It's March Madness. Let the insanity begin. I can't begin to explain how thankful I am, along with millions of other hoops fanatics, that the 2021 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament starts in a few days. This is a big deal for me.

It's sure been one long year without it. I was going to use a curse word in that sentence, but I'm better than that. We all are. Everyone's been frustrated because life isn't back to normal yet, but this COVID-19 pandemic is not over. So I'm thrilled we have basketball as a diversion – even if it's a bit of a watered-down model without fans.

Around this time a full calendar year ago, the hopes and dreams of countless college basketball players, coaches and fans were crushed after COVID-19 halted any and all hope of crowning a national championship in 2020.

The tournament was canceled – not postponed. The one thing I live and look forward to every year was kaput. Done. Gone.

Well, that's yesterday's news as the men's tournament is scheduled to get underway in Indiana later this week. All the games will be played in a centralized location in the "Hoosier State." All the women's NCAA tournament games will be played down in Texas, specifically in or around the Austin and San Antonio area.

But every year I pick a team that flies under the radar. We all need a Cinderella story. So if the glass slipper fits, slide it on and wear it.

That means you should always select a team that has long odds to make it deep in the tourney.

Now whether or not you strike gold with that prognostication and "cash in" on that sleeper pick as they zoom all the way into the Final Four is highly unlikely.

That's what makes it fun. That's why the Colgate Raiders are Final Four bound, baby!!! (yelled in an annoying Dickie V voice).

No, I'm not gambling, because I have enough vices and I don't need to be rolling the dice with my bank account.

But I am super-pumped and literally counting down the hours to Selection Sunday.

This is my "One Shining Moment." Real quick, I'd just like to throw out some interesting tidbits about the upcoming tournament that the Raiders, 14-1 on the year and winners over Loyola-Maryland in the Patriot League Championship game on Sunday.

Colgate is the second-highest scoring team in the nation (86.4 ppg) behind tourney favorite – undefeated and No. 1 Gonzaga.

Duke and Kentucky each won't be in the tournament at the same time. The void is glaring. That hasn't happened since 1976. Duke chose to end its run in the ACC Tournament after a positive COVID test. The Blue Devils won't be dancing for the first time since 1995. Kentucky hasn't had a losing record like they had this winter since 1989. That's only happened three times in almost 100 years of Kentucky bluegrass basketball.

Seems odd without those blue bloods, but the first couple rounds of March Madness are all about the small schools that don't get enough recognition and publicity. Cinderella is just begging for a date to the ball. Whether or not she gets there on time usually comes down to guard play and cutting down on the turnovers.

Loyola of Chicago is back in the tournament again. The Ramblers had a scintillating run in 2018 to advance to the Final Four for the second time in school history. They were an 11 seed that year.

Hoops fans should remember the tournament's darling that year – Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, the 101-year old chaplain for the Ramblers basketball squad.

It sounds like she won't be attending the games in person this March. But she will provide a lifeline to her loyal players. She was put through on speaker phone to talk to the team, say a prayer along with words of encouragement before games at the start of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament. She said she will be rooting on the Ramblers in prayer and in spirit if she doesn't travel with the team.

She's 101 years old. Remarkable. Thanks to technology, we will be able to hear her thoughts and wisdom about her team's performance in an interview. I have my fingers crossed. I would listen to her giving a take on pretty much anything, because she has to be one of my all-time favorite sports fans ever.

Loyola (Chicago) defeated Drake in the MVC Final to secure an automatic bid. Speaking of the Bulldogs, they got "in" on Sunday and will play in the "First Four" games.

They were definitely on the bubble. The Bulldogs, 25-4, have produced its best season since its memorable run to the tourney 15 years ago in 2008.

One last thing, it's good to see Dick Vitale still going strong. He'll be 82 years old in June.

Sure, he probably needs to retire, but what would he do? Basketball is his life. His work with pediatric cancer has been nothing short of amazing. It's become his life's obsession outside of basketball.

I get it, it's not 1989 anymore, Dickie V. Yes, he can be painful to listen to at times during the games he still broadcasts, but he's a legend anyway you slice it.

Without him, hoops just wouldn't be the same. I could say that about a lot of people, but there's only one P.T.P. (Prime Time Player) and it's not Bob Knight or Lou Holtz.

Let's tip this thing off already. Just Win Baby!!! Go Raiders!!!! I can't believe I just said that, I'm a Kansas City Chiefs fan. But that's March Madness.



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Chickasaws to head west for football

Turkey Valley’s district includes many of same teams from ’20

By Bob Fenske
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New Hampton’s football team is headed west for the next two years after the Iowa High School Athletic Association announced new districts for the sport that will see plenty of changes in 2021. The Chickasaws were placed in Class 2A, District 3 that also includes Clear Lake, Crestwood, Forest City, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura and Osage — all teams that have been in the same district as New Hampton at times since the Chickasaws dropped from 3A to 2A in 2010.

The IHSAA released the districts on Friday, a day after the association’s Board of Control approved them.

The 2021 football season will be the first with a new seventh classification (Class 5A), approved in January by the Board of Control to reduce the disparity in enrollment in the IHSAA’s largest class of football.

Following the one-year assignments in 2020, districts and Class 5A groups are effective for a two-year cycle.

Class 5A’s group and success model format is based on information outlined in February 2020, before COVID-19 related changes were made in July to the IHSAA’s football scheduling.

New Hampton coach Scott Frerichs said one positive with the new districts



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton defensive lineman Jacob Burgart puts pressure on Forest City quarterback Carter Bruckoff during a postseason game in 2020.

is the familiarity.

“We’ve seen all those teams at one time or another,” he said, “but coaches change and so that really only goes so far.”

The veteran coach was asked if he would prefer more “stability” when it came to district football, and his answer was quick.

“Honestly, I don’t think about things I can’t change,” he said. “They tell us who we’re going to play in our district and that’s that.”

Frerichs, who also serves as New Hampton’s activities director, said the school this week will submit up to five schools that it would like to play in

its three non-district games, and the IHSAA will announce full schedules for the next two years sometime later this spring.

Smaller schools in the state will play an eight-game regular season schedule although they will have the option of picking up a ninth game if they don’t qualify for the postseason.

Earlier this year, the ISHAA announced widespread changes when it comes to football and its postseason. Classes 5A, 4A and 3A will each have 36 teams, play nine regular season games and have 16 postseason qualifiers.

Classes 2A, 1A, A and Eight-Man will

each have 48 teams, play eight regular season games and have 32 playoff qualifiers.

Turkey Valley, meanwhile, will see many of the same district opponents it had a year ago as the Trojans were placed in Eight-Man, District 3.

The district includes Clarksville, Janesville, Riceville, Rockford, Tripoli, West Central.

In 2020, the Trojans played in District 2, and Clarksville, Janesville, Riceville, Rockford and Tripoli all made the move to District 3 for the upcoming two seasons.

Chickasaw Men’s Pool

Week 17 March 8

	W	L
The Pub	97 – 56	
Josie’s 2.....	90 – 63	
VFW	86 – 67	
HereZ2U	85 – 68	
Butch’s 1	78 – 75	
Brite Spot	78 – 72	
Josie’s 1.....	68 – 85	
Butch’s 2	63 – 90	
Hide-A-Way	63 – 90	
Quigley’s.....	57 – 96	

Results

Brite Spot 7, Butch’s 1, 2
Josie’s 2 7, Quigley’s 2
The Pub 5, Josie’s 1 4
HereZ2U 6, Hide-A-Way 3
VFW 7, Butch’s 2 2

THREE GAME WINNERS:

Josie’s 2: Darin & Marcus
HereZ2U: Jake & Brad
The Pub: Bruce & Ryan
VFW: Adam & Brad
Brite Spot: Justin & Randy, DJ & Marty

TABLE RUN

None

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WEDNESDAY

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MONDAY, MARCH 22

New Hampton, Turkey Valley track scrimmage at New Hampton, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

Turkey Valley track at North Fayette coed meet, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

New Hampton trap-shooting vs. Waverly-Shell Rock, 4 p.m.

New Hampton track at Waverly-Shell Rock Early Bird Coed, 5 p.m.

New Hampton soccer at Charles City, 5:30 p.m.

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players on the court, but even better people off of it.”

Turkey Valley and the sport of basketball first entered Sullivan’s life as a third-grader growing up in nearby Protivin when he said Clair Dietzenbach asked him to join a local AAU hoops team.

“I have never looked back since,” said Sullivan.

Despite graduating one of the better athletic senior classes Turkey Valley has ever produced in 2020, his Trojans played to a 14-7 mark this year and finished third in the UIC with a record of 12-4.

“There were many people who wrote us off this year but we were right in the mix for another conference championship up until the last week of the regular season. This team is a perfect demonstration of what I have been trying to do

since I have been here and that is to build a program that is constantly competing for championships and consistently reloading on a year-to-year basis,” said Sullivan.

Sullivan said his biggest regret – if you want to call it that – was not qualifying TV for the state tournament held down in Des Moines at Wells Fargo Arena.

“All these teams I have coached hold a special place in my heart because they would run through a wall for me and they know I would do the same for them. We may not have gotten to our ultimate goal of getting to “The Well” but we always went down swinging,” said Sullivan.

What does the future hold for Sullivan after a successful tenure at his alma mater?

His coaching talent may well land just up road in Cresco.

Sullivan announced his res-

ignation at TV the same day longtime Crestwood coach Lynn McCormick stated he was retiring after 20 years as the Cadet boys basketball coach.

While Sullivan would not say whether he was offered the job at Crestwood – where he has taught at since 2016 — it seems like a logical fit.

Regardless, Sullivan was thankful to have been allowed to instill life lessons and a desire to win that his players quickly picked up on.

“There is no better feeling then talking to my former players and seeing how successful they have become in the real world. I have been blessed with amazing assistant coaches and volunteers who have helped build this program into a contender every year,” said Sullivan.

Sullivan’s gratitude toward those he felt needed recognition for his team’s success is

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Trojans seeking new boys coach

Sullivan resigns after 10 years leading his alma mater's program

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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A decade's worth of winning basketball, but a bond that will last a lifetime. Chris Sullivan bleeds Trojan red and white.

So when he announced he was stepping down as the Turkey Valley boys basketball coach this past week after a successful 10-year stint, don't think the 2007 TV grad won't stay connected to his Trojan past.

Those roots were firmly planted years ago.

"I will always be a Trojan, deep down no matter where I am at," said Sullivan.

Sullivan took over the boys hoops program that he used to play in when

he was hired in 2011 and led the Trojans to four consecutive conference championships from 2016-2020. He guided TV to the district final in his first year at the helm — a season that produced a runner-up finish in the Upper Iowa Conference.

Winning records were just a fraction of his impact on the hoops players he helped mold into winners on the hardwood.

"When I was offered the job 10 years ago, I was on cloud nine and it was truly a dream come true to come back to my alma mater," Sullivan said. "During these past ten years it has been an absolute blast developing young student athletes into better

SEE TV COACH, 15

The Sully Era

Turkey Valley's overall record and UIC finishes during Chris Sullivan's coaching career:

2011-12	17-7	2nd
2012-13	5-16	10th
2013-14	9-13	7th
2014-15	9-14	9th
2015-16	6-15	9th
2016-17	14-9	5th*
2017-18	18-5	1st
2018-19	18-5	1st
2019-20	22-4	1st
2020-21	14-7	3rd
Total	132-95	

* Won UIC "small-school" title.
SOURCE: ia.varsitybound.com



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

Showing the intensity he was known for, Chris Sullivan coaches his Turkey Valley boys basketball team in the 2020 substate game.



Dorothy Huber and Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley's lone senior, Calvin Langreck (above), beats the South Winneshiek defense to score on a layup while teammate Garrett Kurtenbach (below) provides the pressure to a Lansing Kee player.

Trojan boys land two on all-UIC first team

Langreck and Kurtenbach on top squad; Hanson and Bodensteiner earn honorable mention

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Kalvin Langreck put a cap on a tremendous senior season.

Junior Garrett Kurtenbach proved his final year for the Turkey Valley Trojans may be just as impressive, if not even better.

Each starred for coach Chris Sullivan and the Turkey Valley boys hoops squad and each was honored with spots on the



Bodensteiner



Hanson

all-Upper Iowa Conference first team.

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Trojan girls place quartet on all-UIC

Hoffert named to first team; Byrne, Reicks, Blazek also honored by conference coaches

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Ali Hoffert rose to the top of the scoring summit this winter for the Turkey Valley Trojans.

The career scoring leader in 5-on-5 girls basketball at TV set a bar that will be tough to eclipse.

Hoffert's 1,346 points surpassed Shelby Reicks' old mark of 1,266.

But this 2020-2021 season for TV was a lot more than just numbers and Hoffert's record-setting season.

That's why Turkey Valley was honored with four players including Hoffert that were voted onto the Upper Iowa Conference girls basketball all-conference squads.



Byrne



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Reicks

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Ali Hoffert puts up a shot in traffic during Turkey Valley's regional final game against St. Ansgar.

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